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## Regional healthcare access in a pressured system

FOR more than a month, the Victorian Department of Health were asked questions by Alexandra Newspapers about regional people gaining timely access to health care when they have a serious COVID-19 infection.

They were initially sent the following email, "Murrindindi is a small regional shire, and our health services aren't equipped to deal with health provision for serious COVID-19 cases. What actions are being undertaken by the state government to ensure equal access to healthcare for regional people, particularly as the state opens up and there are significantly more cases? Students being back in the classroom is also likely to have an impact on case numbers. It appears likely that there will be significant pressure on the ambulance service moving forward, meaning that delays are likely, both due to resourcing and access to the relevant health services (the closest being around two hours away)."

They were asked this question by Alexandra Newspapers on September 30 and October 8, but there was no response.

A rephrased version of the question was asked by us on October 19.

"I am concerned that people with serious COVID-19 in small regional areas will be disadvantaged in terms of accessing timely healthcare, due to: travelling time (the nearest COVID-19 hospital being around two hours away), limited ambulance numbers in regional areas, ambulances being ramped at hospitals (and therefore not available to other people in the regional area, and delays for the people inside the ambulance), the lack of respiratory clinics in the local area, and local hospitals in the area not being equipped to deal with serious COVID-19 cases

"It seems possible (likely?) that a serious COVID-19 case in our regional shire might need to wait for a long time for an ambulance, followed by around

two hours of travelling time, and then likely hours of ramping at a hospital before being admitted. A metropolitan person may also face ramping, but would be likely to access medical care sooner than a regional person. What is being done to address this?"

Again, no answer was forthcoming from the Victorian Department of Health.

The question was sent for a fourth time on October 22, again rephrased.

"Given the pressures on the health system due to COVID-19, what is being done to ensure provision of timely healthcare for regional people?"

"How is the government ensuring that regional people are not being time-disadvantaged compared to metropolitan people in accessing hospital care? This particularly relates to serious COVID-19 cases, but also stroke and heart attacks, etc, under the current COVID-19-impacted circumstances.

"Is the amount of time, from initial ambulance call to hospital presentation, factored in at the health service? What other measures are being put in place to ensure equivalent and timely access for regional people?"

### The answer

A Department of Health spokesperson responded on Thursday, October 28. "We've been working to keep all Victorian's safe throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

"As well as providing Victoria's health services with the beds, resources and equipment they need to care for patients, care and support is also provided to people who test positive in the comfort of their home, freeing up beds at health services.

"The best way people can protect themselves, their family and their community from coronavirus is by being vaccinated."

### Further information

All hospitals, including Alexandra and Yea have the capability to

provide initial care to COVID-19 positive patients until they are able to be safely transferred if necessary or be discharged home.

The vast majority of the people who have been hospitalised with COVID-19 have not been vaccinated, with a smaller proportion of the patients only having had one jab.

Most people who test positive for COVID-19 are able to receive their care at home.

People who test positive for COVID-19 are able to be assessed and offered support through the COVID Positive Pathway program (C+P program). As part of the C+P program, people are contacted by a triage and assessment (intake) provider for their geographic catchment area.

Cases are triaged into one of three pathways: low, medium, or high severity, based on clinical risk, severity of illness and social needs. Health services, community health and primary care providers

combine to support this severity-based approach.

Some GPs and health professionals provide support and monitoring as part of their service to their regular patients, while other health professionals are assigned to the program. The program provides clinical care, monitoring and regular check-ins to manage symptoms and ensures patients who are at risk of deteriorating are identified early and are transitioned to higher levels of care.



Alexandra Commonwealth Bank staff members Georgia, Tash, Maureen and Danielle on their last day in the branch on Friday, October 29 before shutting the doors for the last time. The staff held a farewell that evening, with dinner and drinks. We wish the best for the future. -AR



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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun Alexandra RSL. CLOSED due to COVID. Ph 0409 950 913  
 4<sup>th</sup> Tue Yarck CWA Meeting, 10.30am Yarck Hall.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Thu Alexandra Redgate CWA Meeting 1pm, Ph 0402 804 517  
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## Letters to the Editor

### Council

I READ in Wednesday's paper how council is addressing climate emergency. I then read the letter from Leanne Alexandra can't get a reply from the council about the Resource Recovery Centre and local vaccination hubs.



**THUMBS UP:** Many, many thank yous to the wonderful, honest person who handed my Vanuatu bag with mobile phone and purse into Harcourt on November 25, and to Jacqui who then took it to the police. I was so stressed when I lost it and was so relieved when the police rang to say it had been handed in. From Val.

**THUMBS UP:** To the lovely man who helped us put a drum full of petrol into the boot of our car, and then paid for it. What a kind gesture and big surprise for us. It happened on my 85th birthday.

**THUMBS DOWN:** To the shopkeepers in Grant Street for not ensuring that people either scan in or check in manually. A huge amount of people were just walking straight in on Friday afternoon, totally ignoring the rules.

**THUMBS UP:** To Leanne Mouro for her letter in the *Alexandra Standard* on October 27. I understand your frustration. Still waiting for a reply from council to my email of August 29.

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### RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	9.00am Mon	0.85^	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	9.00am Mon	0.65	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	8.01am Mon	1.03	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	8.21am Mon	0.26	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	7.49am Mon	0.72	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	9.27am Mon	1.27	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	9.00am Mon	3.51	steady	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	9.00am Mon	0.73^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	9.00am Mon	1.20^	steady	below minor
Sunday Ck at Tallarook	9.00am Mon	0.37^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	9.00m Mon	1.51	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	9.31pm Mon	1.17	steady	

**\*\*ISSUED AT 10.15PM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021\*\***

Just a few weeks ago council was talking about making Murrindindi more welcoming for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

Let's compare these two issues to rubbish, roads and rates, which used to dominate council time.

It may well be fashionable to declare a climate emergency but weather has its cycles and Australia is a hot dry continent punctuated by flash floods. Australia has been like that for thousands of years. Unfortunately this fact is now distorted by people with political aspirations, which I won't go into now but be aware they are indoctrinating not educating our young.

I read that one of the targets is helping farming make the transition to renewables. Where has the council been when scores of farms were forced to the wall having to walk off the land. Why didn't council intervene in the middle of the severe drought we had when our farmers' water being flushed out to sea to make a tidal estuary on the coast, a brackish swampland. One volcanic eruption can release more toxic gases in 24 hours than Australia has in the last 100, including bush fires.

As for migrant friendly, unless it's a drive by council to get investors and skilled persons into the area, I fail to see what their role is in migration. Once their passport is stamped by Immigration, they have been welcomed into the country.

Now let's look at neglected rubbish roads and rates. In the five years I've lived in the area there has never been a hard collection of garbage. To dispose of a mattress or armchair

costs big money and not everyone has access to a trailer. There are many elderly in the area. How much garbage is being stored in garages and back yards?

If this alone was addressed, which definitely falls in the sphere of council, it would go a long way to caring for the environment. As for roads and rates, make your own mind up when driving on the local roads and looking at your rates bill.

Council would be well advised to stick to bread and butter topics than emulate Darebin and other woke-style councils in Melbourne.

Tom Collins, Alexandra

### SIEV X

I FELT very offended by an assertion, in *Alexandra Remembers SIEV X* in last week's *Alexandra Standard*, by Reverend Dalzell. The statement of "likely to be from Australia" is to me inaccurate and deeply offensive. Having served for 30 years in the military, I know that an Australian Navy or Border Force vessel would not turn it's back on drowning people.

Henry Andrews, Yarck

### Gordon Street upgrade

ALEXANDRA and District Speedway Inc committee and members wish to thank Councillor Damien Gallagher for his contribution and advice on the much-needed upgrade of Gordon Street, Alexandra. The speedway, residents and local community will greatly benefit from the approved upgrades.

Alexandra and District Speedway Inc

## On Taungurung Land wins history award

THE book, *On Taungurung Land: Sharing History and Culture*, written by Jennifer Jones and the late Indigenous elder Uncle Roy Henry Patterson has won a Victorian Community

History Award.

Presented by Public Record Office Victoria and the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, the book was awarded the Community Diversity Award, which recognises the work of

individuals and organisations that preserve and share Victoria's history.

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**Weekly Weather**  
 November 3, to November 9, 2021  
 Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	14	22	Wednesday	13	22
Thursday	12	22	Thursday	12	21
Friday	14	22	Friday	14	12
Saturday	13	22	Saturday	13	23
Sunday	11	21	Sunday	10	20
Monday	9	21	Monday	8	20
Tuesday	7	17	Tuesday	7	17

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**DISTRICT RAINFALL**

Alexandra\* ..... N/Amm  
 Buxton..... N/Amm  
 Eildon(AWS)..... 5mm  
 Flowerdale..... 12mm  
 Kinglake..... 21mm  
 Lake Eildon ..... 6mm  
 Marysville ..... 20mm  
 Strath Creek ..... N/Amm  
 Taggerty ..... 9mm  
 Yarck ..... 7mm  
 Yea..... 7mm  
 Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday  
 \*Alexandra totals supplied from www.alexandraweather.org

**LAKE EILDON**

Height above sea level this week.....284.85m  
 Capacity as at 9am Monday.....84.5%  
 Metres below full supply.....4.05m  
 Daily inflow .....4000ML  
 Release.....400ML  
 Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....52%

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## Blue Gums to Eildon Recreational Trail

MURRINDINDI Shire Council is excited to present to the community the detailed design for the Blue Gums to Eildon Recreational Trail Project, which is the first stage in a long-term plan to connect Alexandra, Thornton and Eildon via a shared trail.

Council is currently seeking community input on some important elements before finalising the detailed design for the project.

The current stage of the project will see the construction of a 2.6 kilometre walking and cycling trail between the Eildon town centre, the Pondage and the Breeze Bluegums Riverside Holiday Park.

Following extensive planning and community consultation in 2016, council received funding under the Victorian State Government's Regional Tourism Investment Fund stimulus round, which is underpinned by the Visitor Economy Recovery and Reform Plan. Council was successful in receiving funding of \$1.77 million to deliver the project.

Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes said this will deliver a boost to the visitor economy as regional Victoria continues to recover from the global pandemic.

"Many people already know that Eildon is an amazing part of Victoria in which to live, work and visit, and with new investment to capitalise on its natural assets, that number will grow significantly. These works will provide crucial jobs in construction while bolstering our region's tourism appeal and bolstering jobs into the future," Ms Symes said.

Council's Eildon Ward Councillor Karine Haslam said the construction of the Blue Gums to Eildon Recreational Trail (the trail) will provide a range of economic benefits to the Eildon community and local businesses.

"There is currently no safe off-road link between the Breeze Bluegums Riverside Holiday Park and the Eildon town centre," Cr Haslam said.

"The park attracts around 2000 visitors during its peak season so it will be fantastic to have a direct link from the park to Eildon's local shops, businesses and tourism operators. The trail will provide safe, off-road access for day and over-night visitors along the picturesque Back Eildon Road and Goulburn River, and it will encourage greater use of Eildon's parks, playgrounds and facilities.

"We're really pleased to present the detailed design to the community. A lot of work has gone into this project in recent years. The design includes ideas and input gathered from the local Eildon community, local businesses and community groups in 2016 when the design was initiated," Cr Haslam added.

"Before we finalise the detailed design, we're keen to hear your thoughts on some important landscaping and seating elements.

"If you'd like to provide your input, head online to The Loop, where you can use an interactive map to select where you think trees should be planted and seating should be installed. We need your feedback by November 19.

"The next steps for this project involve tendering for the construction of the trail, appointing a successful contractor and commencing works early next year. If all goes to plan, we're aiming to have the trail completed by the middle of next year.

"I'd like to thank the Victorian Government, which has contributed \$1.77 million to supplement council's \$190,000 investment in this \$1.96 million project. We are very grateful for their vision and commitment to the future of Eildon," Cr Haslam said.

For more information about this project and to get involved, please visit The Loop at [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au) or call council on 5772 0333.

## Lake Eildon's blue-green algae warning removed

GOULBURN-Murray Water (GMW) has removed the blue-green algae warning for Lake Eildon following a significant decline in blue-green algae levels.

GMW Water Quality co-ordinator Bianca Atley said the lake was a popular spot for visitors and the local community and it was great it would be safe for everyone to enjoy ahead of the Melbourne Cup long weekend.

"We acknowledge the importance of Lake Eildon in the community, as an iconic

tourist spot and a popular recreational area, and we are pleased it is now safe to remove the warning," she said.

The warning for Lake Eildon was first put in place in July 2020 and was the longest on record for the lake.

"There have been five warnings for blue-green algae at Lake Eildon since monitoring first began. The first warning was for 26 days in late 2004," Ms Atley said.

"This warning was significantly longer and was in place for 467 days. We thank everyone for their patience during this time."

GMW undertakes frequent water quality monitoring at storages and waterways across the region, and will issue warnings if blue-green algae reach levels deemed unsafe by national health guidelines.

Warnings remain current for other locations in the region. Keep up to date with current blue-green algae warnings at [gmwater.com.au/news/bga](http://gmwater.com.au/news/bga) or phone the GMW blue-green algae hotline on 5826 3785.

Customers are reminded that water supplied by GMW is not suitable for human consumption without first being properly treated.



Testing the blue-green algae at Lake Eildon. -S



Alexandra's Albert Edward Lodge was pleased to present a cheque for \$5358 to Kellock Lodge, for the purchase of two trollies. The lodge successfully applied for a grant from the Victorian Freemason for Kellock Lodge. Pictured at the presentation were the district coordinator for the Grand Master, Stephen Norris, and from the Albert Edward Lodge Raymond Norris, Bob Hocking and Steve Wheatland. Kellock Lodge was represented by departing CEO Jo Cavill, Alison Doyle and Donna Arrocena. -AR

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For Remembrance Day services across Murrindindi Shire, see ad in this week's edition.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Alexandra Senior Citizens will hold their AGM on Friday, November 5 at 1pm at the Seniors Hall, Bayley Street Alexandra.

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St Luke's Anglican Church Yea, Fete. Saturday, November 6.

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Yea and District Open Gardens will be held on Saturday,

November 6 and Sunday, November 7 commencing at 10am.

\*\*\*\*\*  
To celebrate National Recycling Week, council has organised a free online recycling tour and trivia night. Tuesday, November 9, at 7pm. For more information or to register visit [recycling.eventbrite.com.au](https://recycling.eventbrite.com.au)

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Yea Wetlands Committee of Management will hold their AGM on Tuesday, November 9, at the Y Water Discovery Centre Yea at 7.30pm. If not possible to have face to face meeting, Zoom will be the option. Details can be obtained by contacting Corinne on 0418 407 462 or email [corinne.border@bigpond.com](mailto:corinne.border@bigpond.com)

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Alexandra RSL will hold their next meeting on Sunday,

November 14 at noon, followed by a light lunch.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Alexandra & District Netball Association will hold their AGM on Monday, November 15 at the Corner Hotel at 7pm.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Foundation and Year 7, 2022 parent information evening will be held at St Mary's College Seymour on November 16. Foundation 5.30 to 6.30pm and Year 7, 7 to 8pm.

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Book now for the Grand Italian Feast at Holmesglen at Eildon on Sunday, November 21 at noon. A long lazy afternoon of feasting with traditional Italian fare and live music. Bookings are essential due to limited numbers. Contact 5774 2631.

Alexandra and District Kindergarten AGM will be held on Monday, November 22 at 5.30pm at the kinder. Full details available from Sally on 5772 1387 or email [alexandra.kin.admin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:alexandra.kin.admin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au)

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Darlingford Upper Goulburn Nursing Home AGM will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, November 24 at 4pm. RSVP to [jbrookes@dughn.com.au](mailto:jbrookes@dughn.com.au) to receive a Zoom meeting invitation.

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Friends of Kellock and Kellock Lodge AGMs will be held on Thursday, November 25 at 5.30pm and 6pm.

## Australians to receive COVID-19 vaccine booster shot

TO provide even greater protection against COVID-19, Australians aged 18 and over who have received two doses of a vaccination at least six months ago will be eligible to receive a booster shot from Monday, November 8.

The decision to allow booster shots follows advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) and approval from Australia's medicines regulator, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

The Australian Government has accepted ATAGI's advice that the Pfizer vaccine is recommended for the booster dose, irrespective of the primary COVID-19 vaccine used.

The booster shot is not mandatory; however it provides further protection against the worst effects of COVID-19.

Those first eligible for a booster, based on when they completed their two-dose course, will be people in high priority groups who were prioritised early in the roll out of the vaccine program. This includes Australians aged 50 and over, residents of aged care and disability facilities, people with underlying medical conditions, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, and people at increased occupational risk of COVID-19.

The booster program will roll out directly to people living in residential aged care facilities and people with a disability through an in-reach program.

Frontline workers are strongly encouraged to book in to get a booster dose, if six months has passed since their second dose.

The Australian Government will consider the possibility of other vaccines being used for booster shots if successful applications are submitted to the TGA, and pending advice from ATAGI.

The Pfizer COVID-19 booster shots are free and will be available through the primary healthcare network (GPs, community pharmacies, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, and Commonwealth Vaccination Clinics) and state and territory vaccination hubs.

Australia's COVID-19 vaccination program is now one of the most successful in the world, with more than 75 per cent of Australians aged 16 and over being fully vaccinated.

## Nominations sought for the Australia Day Awards

DO you know someone in your community who has made a difference? Show your appreciation and nominate them for an Australia Day Award.

Murrindindi Shire Council is putting the call out for community members to support the 2022 Australia Day Awards and nominate an outstanding local achiever.

Council's Mayor Sandice McAulay said that after another tough year of 'on and off' COVID-19 restrictions, they are keen to bring the community together this Australia Day to celebrate the efforts of everyone across the shire and especially those who have gone above and beyond.

"If you know someone outstanding in your community, please don't hesitate in nominating them for an Australia Day Award, so we can recognise the important contribution they have made to our community.

"We're calling on nominations from individuals, community groups, schools, social clubs and service organisations. There are three different award categories: Murrindindi Shire Citizen of the Year, Murrindindi Shire Young Citizen of the Year and Murrindindi Shire Senior Citizen of the Year.

"There will be a number of Australia Day events happening across the shire next year and the Australia Day Awards are a great way to show our appreciation and recognise those who help make Murrindindi Shire so great. Be sure to get your nominations in by 5pm on Monday, January 3, 2022," Cr McAulay added.

For more information and to submit a nomination, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/australiaday](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/australiaday) or pick up an application form from the Library and Customer Service Centre in Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake.

## Alexandra Seniors report

by Philip Smith

IT was so wonderful to have the hall buzzing with chatter and laughter once again after so many months of relative isolation. When the meeting got underway, we wished happy birthday to the 13 members who managed to get one year older since July.

Due to the long break we spent a little time on updating members on what's been happening in their absence. The AGM is on Friday, so we brought forward some matters usually covered at the monthly business meeting so as not to interfere with the AGM format.

We also covered what we are planning up to Christmas. It was agreed that another bus trip to Mooropna Golf Club for lunch would be a good starting point. We'll finish the year off with our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 14 at the hall.

With all the boring stuff out of the way, jokester David took the floor and, with jokes supplied by Jean, Stefanie and Josie, showed that he has lost none of his joke-telling ability during the layoff. Ron then spun the bats wheel and Barbara, Stefanie and Mike got lucky.

With afternoon tea waiting in the lunchroom, and the Card Sharks and the UNOists anxious to get to their respective tables for the rest of the afternoon, the meeting was declared closed and the mob let loose.

With the washing up finished and the Card Sharks quietly going about their games, the UNOists got the hall rocking with their usual rowdy session of banter around the relative abilities of concentration and fairness so often displayed around the table. If it was not for my steady hand as dealer, things could get ugly.

Everyone enjoyed a great day back at the hall and hopefully future days will always be as good. Don't forget to be at the AGM on Friday to find out who will be running your lives for the next eight months.

**Bowls report:** Joyce's black team celebrated our return to the mats on Tuesday with an 8-6 win over Marion's yellows. On Thursday, Ron's blacks held off a fast finish from my yellows to eventually win 11-6.

Some quotes:

"The desire to appear clever often prevents us being so."

"The majority of mankind always has been and always will be composed of imbeciles."

"The nice thing about meditation is that it makes doing nothing quite respectable."

We are always happy to welcome new members to join in bridge, bowls, 500 or UNO. If you want a good laugh, contact president Gai or myself on 0429 590 076 for more details.





The entry to the nursery. -OT

## Goulburn Valley Nurseries now open in Alexandra

GOULBURN Valley Nurseries has made the move to Alexandra, and their doors are now open at 35 Grant Street.

Owner Jacky Gilbee has over 35 years of experience in the plant nursery industry, and is looking forward to welcoming new customers.

Jacky has been operating her own nurseries from the age of 19 including Goulburn valley Nurseries in Yea from 2000. Since then she has acquired extensive experience in owning and managing nurseries including Plantmark, a large multi wholesale nursery.

Jacky also designed and completed the garden layout for the Yea and District Memorial Hospital in 2001, and in 2005, the contract extended to supply over 45,000 forestry tubes and complete maintenance regularly.

She has also designed and maintained many large gardens in the local community.

When you walk through the gate of the white picket fence, you can immerse yourself in not just a nursery but a gorgeous garden.

Jacky's entire team is professionally trained in horticulture. They can provide you with quality plants at good prices, as well as a range of unique products that you won't find anywhere else in the area.

Goulburn Valley Nurseries stock high-class indoor plants, a variety of potting mixes and composts, a great range of water plants, and the highest quality bunches of flowers at great prices you just can't say no to.

To complement your outdoor space, Goulburn Valley Nurseries also stocks fire pits, garden arches and benches.

You can't look past the Western Australian Southern Cross windmills, varying in sizes from 30 centimetres to three metres tall. How about a lounge chair to admire your windmill and garden? Look no further than the Italian Adirondack chairs, available in the full colour range.

Inside the nursery shop, you'll also find the full range of Black Dog dry food products, which are Australian made and Australian owned.

If you're looking for a gift, the nursery stocks the full range of Tilley Essences scented soaps, soy candles, diffusers and bath bombs.

Gift boxing is Goulburn Murray Nurseries specialty, so ask in store to have your Tilley Essences products, or any other plants and products of any size you have purchased beautifully gift wrapped.

Goulburn Valley Nurseries is open Wednesday to Friday from 9.30am to 4pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 9.30am to 3pm.



Jacky Gilbee. -OT

## Positive cases in Alexandra and Marysville

ON Tuesday, October 26, Murrindindi Shire Council announced via Facebook that they had become aware of a possible COVID-19 exposure at the Alexandra Library.

A person, who later tested positive, visited the library and spoke to a staff member at the entrance. They did not enter the library building.

When they became aware of the exposure, council made the decision to close the library for deep cleaning. They re-opened on Wednesday, October 27.

They asked that people who visited the library on Monday, October 25 from 9am to 10pm monitor for symptoms.

Shortly afterwards, Alexandra District Health

(ADH) provided a further update. They stated that the case was active in the community from Friday, October 22 to Monday, October 25, and was later treated at ADH. A transfer to another hospital was arranged, following the appropriate protocols.

People were seen cleaning the public toilets in Rotary Park in full personal protective equipment (PPE) on Tuesday, October 26.

Council's Director of Assets and Development told the *Alexandra Standard* back in July 2021, "Under the directions of the Chief Health Officer Victoria, stand-alone public toilets do not require a QR code check-in. Regardless, we are in the process of expanding use of QR codes

to all public toilets in our shire."

ADH emphasised that people in the community should be on the lookout for symptoms including fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny nose or loss of sense of smell, and advised them to get tested and stay home until receiving a negative result. Two cases were also recorded in Marysville during the week.

Testing is available at The Cottage, set up at the old ADH, every day from 1pm to 4pm. No appointment is necessary, but people are asked to follow the signage to ensure a smooth flow of traffic.

For testing out of hours, call the nurse in charge at ADH on 0418 589 131.

## Regional Victoria's drug problem

SEWAGE testing has been underway to work out the type and consumption level of drugs people are using. A report was released by the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission on Thursday, October 28, and it appears that drug use in regional Victoria is much higher than in metropolitan Melbourne in many areas.

It found that people in regional Victoria have been drinking significantly more than people in metropolitan areas, with regional people consuming over 1200 standard drinks per 1000 people each day during June 2021. In metropolitan Melbourne, the consumption was at around 800 standard drinks per day per 1000 people.

People in metropolitan Melbourne were well ahead of regional Victoria in terms of cocaine usage. Although the consumption dropped from a high of almost nine doses per 1000 people per day in Melbourne in June 2020, to around 3.5 in June 2021, it was still significantly higher than in regional Victoria, with around 2.5 doses per 1000 people.

Fentanyl is much more popular with people in regional Victoria compared to their metropolitan counterparts. Fentanyl is a powerful opioid used as a pain medication, and is sometimes used recreationally, including in combination with other drugs. In April 2018, it was close to 16 doses per 1000 people per day in regional Victoria, however this is now at a little over three doses. In metropolitan Melbourne, it's less than 2 doses per 1000 people per day.

Heroin continues to be used at higher levels in Melbourne, with just over nine doses per 1000 people per day in the June data. In regional, it was just over two doses per 1000 people in April.

MDMA (ecstasy) skyrocketed in regional Victoria in December 2018 and December 2019, with over five doses per 1000 people per day. Usage has been reducing however, and in April 2021, it was under one dose per 1000 people. The popularity of the drug has also reduced in Melbourne, likely due to the lack of parties and festivals during the lockdowns.

Cannabis consumption was also higher in regional areas. Regional Victorians have been consuming around 25,000mg of THC per 1000 people per day, while people in metropolitan Melbourne were consuming just under 15,000mg of THC per 1000 people per day.

Australia had the seventh highest consumption of all 24 comparison countries, in terms of cannabis and ecstasy use.

Methylamphetamine (ice) use has been moderately higher in regional areas. In April 2021, there was a massive 45 doses per 1000 people per day, however at its height in April 2019, there were over 65 doses per 1000 people per day. In Melbourne, there were around 35 doses per 1000 people per day in June 2021.

Australia-wide, there were 48 doses per 1000 people per day in April 2020. Australians are the second-biggest ice users in the world, behind the USA.

Nicotine usage is also much higher in regional areas. It's estimated that over 2000 cigarettes per 1000 people are consumed every day, while in Melbourne, it's below 1500.

Oxycodone use is also far more prevalent in regional areas of Victoria, with almost seven doses per 1000 people per day in April 2021. In Melbourne, it's around three.



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### ALEXANDRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the week



**PAIGAN LAMPE 3/4A**

Paigan shows the values of Care and Respect daily in the way she takes care of our chickens. It is Paigan's responsibility to feed the chickens and ensure they have clean water. She does her job with care and pride. We thank you and the chickens thank you. We are proud to have you in our learning community, Paigan. You are a STAR.

### MARYSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the week



**Kayla Barr-Sullivan**

Kayla is a social caring student who is an absolute delight to have in our classroom. She enjoys our literacy groups and is a great leader in these groups. Well done Kayla.

### BUXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the week



**Connor**

Connor shows, respect, initiative and leadership during our Taungurung Language Program. Congratulations Connor

### EILDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Students of the week



**Oliver, Seth and James**  
for their achievements in class,  
listening, reading and writing.  
Well done.

### ST MARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Students of the week



**Serah, Hayley and Matthew**

Not Pictured: Tameika, Bradley, Scarlett, Jack, Ashlee, Phraser, Hamish, Chloe and Fletcher.

## Student of the Week

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## St Luke's Anglican Church Yea

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10am-2pm Saturday, November 6

**St Luke's Hall and Grounds**  
**Pelissier Street, Yea**

- ★ Books
- ★ Craft
- ★ Collectables
- ★ Cake stalls
- ★ Pre-loved clothes  
(including many sought after brands)
- ★ Bric-a-Brac
- ★ Sausage sizzle
- ★ Plants (Including some ferns)
- ★ Scones jam and cream
- ★ Tea and coffee

Do your shopping, visit local gardens and then join us for a sit down, free tea and coffee and things to eat. look at and buy.

**Cash preferred. EFTPOS available. BYO bags**

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## Beautiful gardens to enjoy

THE Rotary Club of Yea's annual Open Gardens will be held over the weekend of November 6 and 7. There will be 10 delightful gardens to explore as we all enjoy more freedom, and what a glorious time of the year to see these treasures in our own district.

The Yea Garden Club annual Plant Sale will also be held in conjunction with the Open Gardens weekend and, as usual, there will be hundreds of potted plants for sale at bargain prices. The plant sale will be held at 'Abutlon', 5 Welch Street in Yea and all COVID-19 restriction will apply there, as in all the gardens. Only double vaccinated people will be admitted.

Two beautiful gardens will open in Whittlesea Road, just a few kilometres from Yea. 'Glenowrie' has been open before and many will want to re-visit this lovely garden. The word 'serene' best describes this shaded, restful setting, a place to linger over long lunches or drinks on the deck as you watch the evening settle after a long hot day.

An ornamental dam is a spectacular feature with a lovely walk around the bank. Wander around meandering paths and enjoy a peaceful rest in the gazebo overlooking the water. Koalas often visit this garden.

'Our Little Country Farm Garden' is a small but delightful country garden and is open for the first time. An avenue of capitol pears will welcome you into the garden and they will be a spectacular feature when they reach maturity. A lovely 'olde world' fountain is also a feature at the end of the drive.

The garden is still a work in progress but already has a great variety of plantings and shrubs including roses, bromeliads, natives and many spectacular feature trees and shrubs. Donna is inspired by the French country style and this garden will be one you will want to revisit in a few years.

In the township, the Ireland garden is a beautiful garden which perfectly complements the period style home. Although a large town block, the garden has been deliberately kept to a 'retirement' size. A formal planting of white iceberg roses outlines the front garden beds which are full of old fashioned and much-loved cottage plants. Massive photinia hedges give absolute privacy as well as spring flowers and autumn colour.

The rear garden is a delight. There is a high trellis supporting a Boston ivy, as well as ferns, succulents and several outdoor seating areas giving the option of sun or shade.

The Ralph-Simon Garden has an exposed setting on Racecourse Road and most of the township has watched with great interest the spectacular garden being created here in just two short years. Four mature trees and a great variety of camellias remained from the original garden but lawns have disappeared under beds full of wonderful colour and variety and the thriving 'kitchen' gardens developed.

Both owners are very creative and this shows in the design, not only of the gardens, but also the outdoor entertaining areas. Vegetable and herb gardens, orchard and poultry run are as much a feature as the flower beds. A very new dry-creek bed and pond have been dug out and planted in the past month.

The Yea Open Gardens are open from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7.

The cost is \$5 per garden or \$35 for a composite weekend ticket for all gardens. Tickets are available at each garden gate. Full descriptions and maps can be found on the website [yearotary.org.au](http://yearotary.org.au)

Please note that COVID-19 marshalls will be on each garden gate and only double vaccinated persons will be admitted. All COVID-19 regulations are to be observed.

# Changes ahead for the Lower Hume PCP

BIG changes are about to take place in the Victorian primary care field, with the state government making the decision to cease their funding from April 2022. But is it as dire as it sounds?

Victorian Primary Care Partnerships is a statewide coordinating group representing all primary care partnerships (PCPs) across Victoria. Chair Gregg Nicholls explained that the secretary of the Department of Health advised the PCPs four weeks ago that the existing program would be folded into the new public health units which have been established across the state.

"The guarantee is that what the department is calling the 'high value functions' of the PCPs will continue to be provided through the public health units, and all the existing staff will be transferred from their current employment to the public health units."

PCP programs have been operating for 21 years. They were originally started in response to the Kennett Government's competitive tendering process, which tended to create barriers between service providers. PCPs were tasked with instilling a sense of partnership, as the name suggests, between organisations, providing both health and community services.

"After 21 years, you'd hope that has been successful," Mr Nicholls said. "In addition to that, the health system has changed dramatically in the last 21 years, and so, the reasons why the PCPs were formed. The government really has learnt a lot of lessons from the COVID-19 situation. It's really looking to create a better network of primary prevention and public health, hence the decision to merge the PCPs in with the new public health units."

Asked about the proudest achievements of the PCPs, Mr Nicholls explained that each PCP will have different claims, with different circumstances in different parts of the state. "But as a general rule, I think the major achievement is our leadership in terms of primary prevention and our capacity to create partnerships to solve local problems in a way which is better, because the more people are involved who are trying to solve things normally get a better result," Mr Nicholls said.

In terms of changes to the functions of the PCPs, Mr Nicholls said, "There's a Department of Health Transition Reference Group that I'm a member of, as are other members of PCPs, and its task is to sort out how everything's going to work in the future. It's all the transfer arrangements, etcetera. There will no doubt be changes, but those changes are still being thought about."

The final form and functions of the local Public Health Units are still being finalised, however the catchment for the Lower Hume PCP is most likely to be included in the Goulburn Valley Public Health Unit attached to Goulburn Valley Health.

"I think generally, across the state, PCPs are generally seen as being a good change. Obviously, it's beneficial in terms of local areas with the staff continuing to be guaranteed employment by the Department of Health, and I think the move to strengthen primary prevention and public health is a good thing. I think we learnt a lot from the roll out of the vaccination program with COVID-19, particularly with hard-to-reach groups in the community, who may be more disadvantaged, and I think the PCP program will continue to kick goals under the new public health unit," he said.



## ONLINE BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Do you own or operate a business in Murrindindi Shire? Are you looking to take your business online? Or maybe you're wanting to advance your existing online presence? Council is partnering with Business Victoria to bring you the following virtual workshops in November.

### Workshop 1 - Taking your business online

- 5.30 to 8.30 pm on Wednesday 3 November
- This workshop will assist you in launching your business online. During the session you'll learn how to make informed choices about websites and social media, including search engine optimisation and online advertising.

### Workshop 2 - Strategies to advance your online business

- 5.30 to 8.30 pm on Tuesday 23 November
- This workshop will help you ensure your online content is working for your business, your brand and is speaking to the customers you want to reach. You'll find out how to ensure the way you communicate with your customers online - whether by website, blog or social media - is not only compelling, but is also aligned to your business goals.

For more information about these workshops and to register to attend, please visit [business.vic.gov.au](https://business.vic.gov.au) and click on the 'workshops & mentoring' tab at the top of the webpage.

## NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

To celebrate National Recycling Week, Council has organised a free online Recycling Tour and Trivia Night on Tuesday 9 November at 7.00 pm. The virtual session will be hosted by Banyule City Council's Rethink Waste Education Centre.

During the 75 minute session, you will learn the 'dos and don'ts' and the 'hows and whys' of recycling. Whether you're a recycling novice or guru, the session will be fun and informative for all participants.

For more information and to register, please visit [recyclingtrivia.eventbrite.com.au](https://recyclingtrivia.eventbrite.com.au)

## JOBS AT COUNCIL - LIBRARY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICERS

Council is seeking talented and motivated individuals to join our customer and library service team (including Council's Customer Contact Centre).

As the first point of contact with Council's customers, you will be keen to find solutions and handle enquiries from beginning to end. You will be an active listener, have a positive 'can-do' attitude and be able to provide prompt and friendly customer service for the full range of Council and Library Services.

For more information about the role, please visit the 'jobs' section of our website or give us a call. Applications close at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 10 November.

## TENDERS

### 2021-2022 Sealed Roads Renewals Program

Murrindindi and Mansfield Shire Councils invite suitably-qualified contractors to submit a tender bid for Council's 2021-2022 Sealed Roads Renewal Program. These works will take place in various locations across both shires and will involve the resealing of bitumen roads and line-marking works. Tender bids close on Friday 26 November 2021.

### Rehabilitation works - Yea Closed Landfill

Council invites suitably-qualified contractors to submit a tender bid to carry out civil and conservation works to finalise the rehabilitation of the Yea Closed Landfill. Tender bids close on Tuesday 12 November 2021.

To download the tender documents or make an enquiry about either of these tenders, please visit [eprocure.com.au/murrindindi](https://eprocure.com.au/murrindindi)



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 To celebrate National Recycling Week (8-14 November) we have organised a FREE online Recycling Tour and Trivia Night with the Rethink Waste Education Centre.

**When:** 7.00pm, Tuesday 9 November 2021  
**Bookings essential:** <https://recyclingtrivia.eventbrite.com.au>

During the 75min virtual session you can learn the 'dos and don'ts' and the 'hows and whys' of recycling. Multiple prizes will be awarded on the night so if you are a recycling novice or guru come and join us!







Judy packing a box. -TM

## Share the Dignity's #ItsInTheBag is still on

WHILE there will be no local collection points this year, Share the Dignity's #ItsInTheBag campaign will be held from Friday, November 19, to Sunday, November

28. All Bunnings stores are collection points for bags.

If you are making a trip to Bunnings, consider donating a bag filled with essentials that will

be gifted to local women and girls in need this Christmas.

For more information visit [sharethedignity.org.au/itsinthebag](http://sharethedignity.org.au/itsinthebag)



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## NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

### Live Virtual Tour of 'Living Memory' exhibition

Through portraiture, the National Portrait Gallery (NPG) cultivates understanding and appreciation of the Australian people – our identity, history, culture, creativity and diversity.

Murrindindi Library Service is partnering with the NPG to facilitate a guided live, virtual tour of the 'Living Memory' exhibition, which features portraits selected from a national field of entries acknowledging the seismic events of 2020. Join us at the Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake Library for this exciting event!

Wednesday 10 November | 2.30 pm

Please RSVP at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/libraryevents](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/libraryevents)

You can also give us a call on 5772 0333 or drop in and let us know you'll be attending.



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# Operation Christmas Child

THE Oasis Community Church at Alexandra has again been helping to bring smiles to children this Christmas. They have been packing shoeboxes full of goodies as part of Operation Christmas Child, an initiative by Samaritan's Purse.

Throughout the year, the Oasis Community Church purchases and collects donations of products including clothing, stationery, hygiene items and toys to fill the boxes which are sent overseas to children living in vulnerable situations.

With Judy Peters at the helm of the operation, and an infectious desire to help support the children, boxes packed this year by the Oasis Community Church will be donated to children in Cambodia.

Nola Arnold, area coordinator for Goulburn Valley Samaritan's Purse, said that packing boxes opens people's eyes to a world that many have little understanding

of, as we take our own day-to-day life for granted.

"It really opens your eyes especially to those stuck in this world," Nola said.

Nola has many special memories of being involved in Operation Christmas Child, with a very special one involving her daughter, Jessica, who has also packed boxes.

"My daughter packed a box and wrote a letter that went into the box saying her name was Jessica. It went overseas, I think it was Thailand that particular year, and there was someone filming the reactions of all the children receiving the boxes," she said.

"It just happened that Jessica's box was among the boxes delivered, and the boy filming caught an over the shoulder shot of the child opening Jessica's box and reading the letter.

"It just makes you realise that it's all real, and these boxes are going to real children."



Phil and Nola, area coordinators of Goulburn Valley Samaritan's Purse (left) and volunteers Holly and Liam (right). -TM

## 2021 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES IN MURRINDINDI SHIRE



The following Remembrance Day services will be held throughout Murrindindi Shire to commemorate the loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts.

### THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2021

#### Alexandra

10.30 am private service for residents of Kellock Lodge.

10.50 am assembly for a service at 11.00 am at the Alexandra Cenotaph in Leckie Park.

#### Flowerdale

11.00 am private service for Flowerdale Primary School students and the school community, which will be held on-site at the School.

#### Eildon

10.50 am assembly for a service at 11.00 am at the Eildon Cenotaph.

#### Kinglake

No service at Middle Kinglake Primary School or St Peter's Church this year.

#### Marysville

10.50 am assembly and welcome for a service at 11.00 am at the Marysville Cenotaph, corner Murchison Street and Steavenson River. Please register at the Cenotaph if you wish to lay a wreath.

#### Yarck

10.00 am wreath laying service at the Yarck Hume & Hovell Memorial, 6592 Maroondah Hwy, Yarck.

#### Yea

10.45 am assembly for a service at 11.00 am at the Yea Cenotaph, The Semi Circle, Yea.

**Please note, these events are subject to change. Please check Council's website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au) for the most up to date information or give us a call on 5772 0333.**





*Do Noble's Warm Horizon won the Family of the Late Joy and Lloyd Gould Award. -AR*

# Marysville Art Show

THE Marysville Art Show, held from Friday, October 29 to Tuesday, November 3, showcased the works of both local artists, and artists from further afield. The event was hosted at MiRa in Marysville, and although smaller than previous years due to the COVID-19 restrictions in the lead-up, there was no reduction in quality.

The Competing artworks filled the main gallery space in MiRa, while art created by local children was showcased in another room, and Acheron artist Marian Rennie showed her art in the green room.

Fortunately, the limits on crowd numbers were been increased on Friday at 6pm, however due to the uncertainty around this in the planning stages, there was no opening night event this year.

The winners of this year's Marysville Art Show were:

Best in Show – Phillip Brady

Family of the Late Joy and Lloyd Gould Award – Do Noble

Community Bank Upwey and Marysville Award – Ron Muller

Professionals Real Estate Prize – Lindsay Hussey

Booknest Award – Bev Aisbett

Foundation Murrindindi Award – Pauline John

Triangle Arts Group supporters prizes went to Joan Denner, Vida Pearson, Rhonda Justus, Margaret Rea, Merryl Crabtree and Juliet Corkhill.

The Marysville Art Show was held in conjunction with Marysville Artsfest, which hosted pop-up art workshops, the launch of the Booknest art book collection, a film screening, and music in a variety of venues throughout the festival. Artfest 2021 was organised by the Triangle Arts Group and Marysville's Cultural Community.



*Phillip Brady's artwork, Mountain Storm, won Best in Show. -AR*



*Pauline John's Red Tailed Black Cockatoo won the Foundation Murrindindi Award. -AR*



*Bev Aisbett's All the Little Souls painting won the Booknest Award. -S*



*Ian Enting speaking at the launch of the community browsing art library at MiRa. -AR*

## Community browsing art library

THE Marysville BookNest launched the new community browsing art library on Sunday, October 31, as part of Marysville's Artfest.

Speaking at the launch, Ian Enting explained that the new library is comprised of books donated by painter Rosemary Mangiamale. The browsing library is envisaged as a community resource to strengthen engagement with arts in the Triangle community.

The decorative frames on the shelves were produced at the

Men's Shed, mainly by Bob Macnamara.

People are invited to visit MiRa to browse through the books and immerse themselves in the wonders of art next time they are in Marysville.

The Marysville Booknest is a second-hand book shop, run by volunteers, raising funds for literacy projects, as well as writing-associated workshops and author events. More volunteers are always welcome. For more information, visit [marysvillebooknest.com](http://marysvillebooknest.com)



*Part of the book collection now hosted at MiRa. -AR*

## PUT YOUR GARDEN IN THIS PICTURE

Entries close November 15, 2021

We have decided to run our photo competition with a difference this year to show off the beautiful gardens in our shire.

This is a competition for people's enjoyment only; without prizes.

If you have been working hard in your garden during lockdown, why not share a photo of it with us.

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With parcel volumes already setting records in 2021, this December is predicted to surpass last year's 52 million parcels and customers are encouraged to send their presents and Christmas cards as early as they can, to give them the best chance of reaching loved ones in time.

For most sending within Australia the key dates to remember to send parcels by are Monday, December 13 for Parcel Post and Monday, December 20 for Express Post. For some locations, including Perth, Darwin and outside of metro areas, it's recommended that you send earlier. Check the Australia Post website for details.

Christmas cards should be sent by Thursday, December 16, and customers sending overseas are encouraged to do so as soon as possible as cut-off dates vary depending on the destination.

Australia Post Executive General Manager, Business and Government Gary Starr said preparations for the

peak season were already well underway, including recruiting a record of more than 4000 Christmas casual team members.

"We're seeing record parcel volumes with more than 5.9 million households shopping online a month. That's more than half of all Australian households, and it's showing no signs of slowing as we head into the online sales season and Christmas," Mr Starr said.

"That is why we've planned ahead with extra air freight capacity, weekend deliveries and recruitment of thousands of new team members to ramp up our delivery services, parcel sorting and customer care, and we'll be delivering right up until Christmas Eve.

"We encourage people to make a note of these important delivery dates, because although we'll deliver items sent after these dates as quickly as we can, they may not arrive until after Christmas."

The Australia Post app is the best way to keep across deliveries, choose the best place to receive parcels, and to stay updated about impacts to the network. For more information visit [auspost.com.au/sending/christmas-sending-dates](https://auspost.com.au/sending/christmas-sending-dates)

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## Murrindindi ineligible for Homebuyer Fund

ALL of Murrindindi Shire is excluded from the Victorian Government's Homebuyer Fund.

The eligible locations are largely metropolitan based, with some of the larger regional centres also included.

The Homebuyer Fund provides eligible homebuyers with a contribution of up to 25 per cent towards the purchase price of their property, in exchange for a share of the property, reducing their minimum required deposit to five per cent and avoiding the need to pay Lenders Mortgage Insurance.

Shadow Treasurer David Davis MP called it discrimination and said, "Many, many Victorian families seeking a quieter life in a smaller country town will have been bitterly disappointed that their dream location was excluded."

"The Treasurer appears to have got his Home Buyer Fund criteria wrong or else it was a nasty, deliberate tactic to discriminate against some country people and families."

"The criteria for this scheme are a slap in the face for country Victorians. An arrogant city-based Treasurer couldn't care a hoot about Victorians outside Melbourne."



"The scheme is closed now slamming the gate shut."

When contacted about the issue, a government spokesperson said, "We're playing our part in making home ownership more accessible for Victorians, by providing

significant investments and tax support to help Victorians into homes. The Victorian Homebuyer Fund will be the key to get many Victorians into their homes sooner."

"The fund will be a sustainable scheme where homeowners can

buy out the government's share at market value over time if they choose, and those funds will then be reinvested to help other aspiring homebuyers get into the property market."

"The list of eligible regional locations has been expanded from the pilot to now include 42 locations spanning 524 suburbs."

The government is believed to have based its selection of available locations on areas with higher populations, forecast population growth and healthy property markets.

Bendigo, Mildura, Shepparton, Ballarat, Daylesford, Warragul, Sale and Gisborne are among 42 eligible regional locations.

The \$500 million VHF is expected to support more than 3000 Victorians to become homeowners. The VHF will be delivered over multiple years as detailed in the 2020/21 State Budget.

The Victorian Homebuyer Fund is a separate initiative to the First Home Owner Grant.

Participants are still eligible for other Victorian Government housing schemes, including the First Home Owner Grant and first home buyer stamp duty concessions or exemptions, if applicable.

Case studies explaining in further detail how the system works can be found by visiting [sro.vic.gov.au/homebuyer-fund-case-studies](http://sro.vic.gov.au/homebuyer-fund-case-studies)

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## Vaccination requirements at Council's services centres

LIKE businesses across Victoria, councils are rolling out changes to how they offer services so they can meet their obligations under COVID-19 Health Directions issued by the Victorian Government.

From 6pm on October 29, Murrindindi Shire Council is obliged to limit access at some of their facilities to those who can prove they have been double-vaccinated against COVID-19, or who have a medical exemption. Unvaccinated customers will only be able to access 'essential' council services, such as the resource and recycling centres, maternal and child health services and limited customer services.

Council CEO Livia Bonazzi said this was a difficult thing for both councils and customers to navigate, but there are good public health reasons for this change. As the shire opens up to metropolitan Melbourne, it is likely that there will be an increase in COVID-19 cases locally. As at October 24, 94.4 per cent of the community has been single-vaccinated and 76.6 per cent were double-vaccinated. There are hopes the vast majority of community members will be double-vaccinated very soon.

"Limiting access to most of the in-person services to those people who have been double-vaccinated means people can visit the facilities with a greater sense of confidence," Ms Bonazzi said.

"Services like attending library programs or browsing the library bookshelves will now only be available to those with double-vaccination as these are deemed 'non-essential' services. We have got alternatives in place though. You can give us a call and we can provide you with a 'click and collect' service instead, so you don't miss out on reading material.

"However, if you plan to visit one of the facilities and can't prove you are double-vaccinated or you don't hold a vaccination medical exemption, please visit council's website [murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au) or call 5772 0333 to check if council is able to offer you the service in person.

"In addition, if you haven't yet managed to download your vaccination certificate on your phone just yet, please give us a call. We are rolling out some sessions to help you do just that. We will also be offering assistance to those who would like to print up their vaccination certificate.

"Please be kind to council staff, and to staff in businesses and organisations across our shire, when they ask you to check in and show your vaccination status. I have heard some awful stories about staff being abused by customers when they are simply doing their jobs and enforcing a Victorian law. This is simply unacceptable," Ms Bonazzi said.



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## Half a century of community care

IT was 1971 when Graeme Robb, a fourth generation beef farmer from Eildon, decided to volunteer for the Alexandra District Ambulance Service (ADAS).

"In those days it was all people in other careers doing volunteer work. We never got paid or anything. But having worked by myself, the opportunity to be part of a team was a change that I enjoyed," Graeme said.

"The ADAS was a group of people who came together in the late 1940s because there really wasn't a service like it for the community. They got a bit of training from the local doctors and it continued from there."

Five decades of service later, Graeme has certainly been pivotal in continuing to champion the community's legacy in pre-hospital care.

Now in his 50th year, he is still a familiar face at the Ambulance Victoria (AV) Eildon branch, assisting locals in need through his role as an Ambulance Community Officer (ACO).

"I suppose you don't think that far ahead when you start out, but I never thought I'd quit and I don't have any plans to. I never gave it any thought at all, I just kept doing what I'm doing," Graeme said about his 50 year milestone.

In rural communities, Ambulance Victoria paramedics are assisted by ACOs who are first responders employed on a casual basis. ACOs have life-saving skills that they develop and maintain every year.



Graeme Robb. -S

ACOs operating at a community branch work in pairs and are responsible for providing first response emergency care in response to a Triple Zero (000) call. They may be 'backed up' by the arrival of a paramedic crew but may also be required to treat and transport the patient to hospital.

Graeme said a highlight of his career was having a front row seat to the service as it evolved, with the Metropolitan Ambulance Service, Rural Ambulance Service and ADAS merging in 2008 to become the state-wide Ambulance Victoria service of today.

Graeme has seen many changes in the local ambulance service's equipment, medications, protocols, and vehicles.

"There's a local family and I remember carting a baby boy home in a humidity crib. He's an adult now. I've carted three generations of people around

with assistance when it was needed," Graeme said.

"Many people in the community know me and of course when an ambulance arrives they feel comforted as well."

As the service evolved, so to have the jobs that Graeme has responded to. He recalls everything from rescuing a group of scouts from the top of Mount Cathedral after they were struck by lightning, to using a water ambulance to assist in boating accidents on Lake Eildon.

"There's always something different or new to learn," Graeme said.

"At the moment I'm doing training, which is mostly all online. It has all changed so much, but I hope to keep going with it all."

Ambulance Victoria Acting Senior Team Manager Murrindindi Phil Irving said Graeme was a "stalwart in the

Eildon community" and while many ACOs had served their community for a long period of time, no-one had come close to Graeme's 50 year achievement.

"When I first came to Alexandra from metropolitan, Graeme had already been an ACO for decades," he said.

"He was always there offering to cover shortfalls and do what he can to keep the Eildon team going.

"He's got a long and colourful history with stories of how much pre-hospital has changed over the years.

"Thinking of all the jobs he would have gone to over the decades, it would be almost impossible to calculate the amount of coverage and service that the community would have received from Graeme looking after Eildon, Marysville and surrounds."

Graeme said he loved seeing younger people come into the service because "they take it up with such enthusiasm."

"My advice would be to tell them to have a go and not be afraid," he said.

"It's a great thing to become involved within your local area. A lot of people find it difficult to meet the time and meet the clinical demands of it all, but I'll tell you now, it's one of the most rewarding things I've ever done.

"Being able to provide comfort to people in their most dire moments is something that you never forget."

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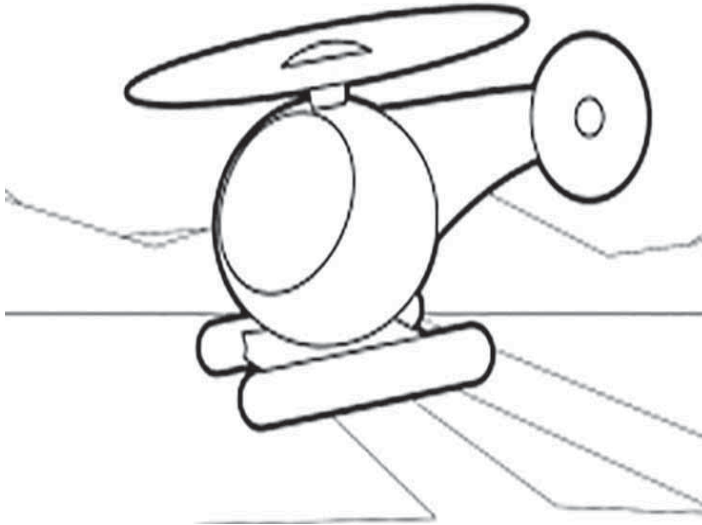
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## Word Search: Horses

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## Jokes

**Q:** How do you turn Soup to Gold?

**Q:** What do librarians take with them when they go fishing?



## Sudoku

### Difficulty: Easy

Fill in the boxes using the numbers 1 to 4. Every row and column and every group of 4 boxes inside the thicker lines must contain each number only once.

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1	3	4	

# PUZZLES

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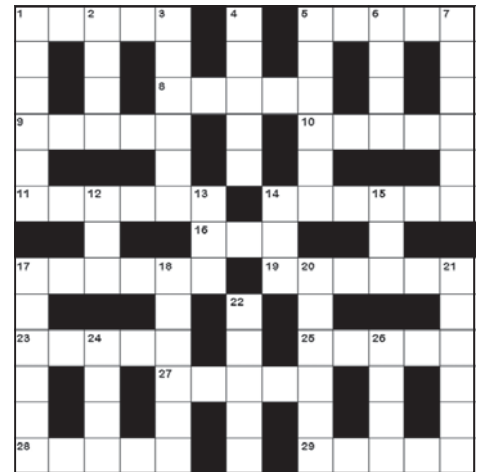
## Crossword

### ACROSS

- Type of paper printed with a network of small squares.
- Lacking in any liveliness, animation or interest.
- Mother-of-pearl from any shelled mollusc.
- Sew material together loosely with large stitches.
- Not appropriate for a purpose or occasion.
- A measure of the gap between two places.
- Playfully frivolous in character or content.
- Strong anger aroused by a real or supposed wrong.
- Experienced a series of events whilst sleeping.
- A substance believed to have the power to cure all ills.
- A lotion for cleansing the skin and contracting the pores.
- Increased in size and reached maturity.
- A small drum, one of a pair, played with the fingers.
- Gracefully slender, moving and bending with ease.
- Made a brief record of facts, topics and thoughts.

### DOWN

- Influencing, or relating to the entire earth.
- Money or goods given as charity to the poor.
- Free of deceit and untruthfulness, sincere.
- The brother of your father or your mother.



- A device for looking at film transparencies.
- A game similar to hockey played on horseback.
- Small boat powered by sail, oars or outboard motor.
- Indicates the maiden name of a married woman.
- A strike with a blow or a missile.
- A fixed charge for professional services.
- A semiformal evening dress for men.
- A crew of workers selected for a particular task.
- A small ball of glass that is used in children's games.
- Body of water cut off from the sea by coral reefs.
- Having the disagreeable smell of rank stale fat.
- Someone who is critical of the motives of others.
- Shelter made by a bird out of twigs to hold its eggs.
- Leave undone, fail to include or fail to mention.

## Word Search: Localities

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S	J	I	M	R	U	N	G	E	D	P	O	F	J	L	BUXTON
Z	J	W	G	G	U	Y	I	G	T	T	W	E	R	A	CATHKIN
I	W	F	Z	H	W	B	O	K	N	U	R	B	U	D	FLOWERDALE
D	K	Y	X	L	L	M	I	A	H	U	S	P	F	R	GRANTON
N	O	T	X	U	B	A	R	C	S	T	N	U	F	E	HAZELDENE
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R	G	H	L	C	P	R	A	L	L	E	I	R	O	K	MURRINDINDI
R	Y	T	R	V	O	H	A	Z	E	L	D	E	N	E	PHESANT CREEK
U	V	E	U	N	N	H	X	Z	L	N	I	M	X	W	RUBICON
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## Trivia

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



## Sudoku - Squiggly

### 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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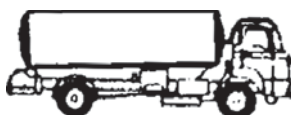
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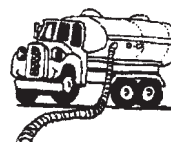
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## MEETINGS



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING via ZOOM

7pm, Tuesday, November 16, 2021  
Yea Community House, 15 Semi Circle, Yea  
Only members are eligible to  
nominate and vote.

Membership applications and committee  
nomination form as are available at the Yea  
Community House

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### Annual General Meeting

The Alexandra & District Netball Association AGM will be held on Monday, November 15, 7pm at the Corner Hotel (Goldfields Room). We encourage and welcome all players, parents, coaches and umpires to attend. We need your support and involvement to run, develop and ensure we keep our competitions going.

If you have any questions please contact the  
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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS Thursday, November 25, 2021

FRIENDS OF KELLOCK INC.

Reg. No. A 0103606P  
at 6pm

KELLOCK LODGE ALEXANDRA INC.

Reg. No. A 0037078E  
ABN 82 586 866 464

at 6.30pm

Residents, families and members of the  
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Alexandra Incorporated

To be held at Kellock Lodge,  
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\*\*\*Please RSVP for the meeting/s you will  
be attending by **Thursday, November 18**  
as numbers will be limited due to covid  
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by request.

#### BUSINESS

1. To confirm the minutes of the previous  
Annual General Meetings held on  
November 12, 2020
2. To receive the Annual Reports for year  
ending June 30, 2021
3. To receive the Audited Financial Statements  
for the year ending June 30, 2021 (KLA Inc.)
4. Questions and general business

Membership of KLA Inc. is welcomed, with  
forms available from reception on 5770 2100 or  
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#### APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

Applications are invited from KLA Inc. members  
interested in joining the Board of Management  
as a Director. The position is honorary, and  
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board meetings and committees. Expressions  
of interest including a cover letter and brief  
resume close on Wednesday, November 24,  
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Chair, Kellock Lodge 15 Bon Street Alexandra,  
Vic. 3714 (or by email to: info@kellocklodge.  
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## MEETINGS



Registration No: A0018756R

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 30th Annual General  
Meeting of Darlingford Upper Goulburn Nursing  
Home Inc will be held via Zoom  
4pm Wednesday, November 24, 2021.

Please RSVP to jbrookes@dugnh.com.au  
To receive a Zoom meeting invitation

Business of the Meeting:

- to confirm the minutes of the previous annual  
general meeting
  - to receive and consider:
    - (a) the annual report of the Committee on the  
activities of the Association during the preceding  
financial year
    - (b) the financial statements of the Association for  
the preceding financial year
  - to elect the members of the Committee;
  - Appointment of Auditor
- Applications for a position on the Board  
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We are currently seeking the following positions to join our team:

- **Handyman (Trade) – 20 hrs per week- negotiable**
- **Gardener (Non-Trade) – up to 12 hrs per week- negotiable**

Position descriptions available via [yeahospital.org.au](http://yeahospital.org.au)

Both positions are required to keep the hospital, community services, nursing home and hostel service areas functioning through the maintenance of equipment used within the associated service areas, and oversee the quality of work of any external contractors alongside maintenance of the organisation grounds.

If either of these roles sound of interest and you have the required experience, we'd definitely love to hear from you.

Please forward your resume and cover letter by COB Friday, November 12, 2021 to: Louise Sharkey Director Clinical Services / General Manager [Louise.sharkey@ydmh.org.au](mailto:Louise.sharkey@ydmh.org.au)

## BIRTHDAYS

**HUNTER, BRITTNEY.**  
Happy 21st birthday to an amazing young lady. Love Nan and family and Aunt Joy and crew.

## DEATH NOTICES



**BETT, John**  
Members of the Molesworth Rural Fire Brigade regret the passing of their respected member John, whose volunteer service spanned more than 50 years. John also gave generously of his time for the benefit of the wider Molesworth community. John will be sadly missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. Captain and members of the Molesworth Rural Fire Brigade.

## FUNERAL NOTICES

**STEPHENS, Kathryn Anne** (nee Uren)  
Sadly passed away October 21, 2021 aged 69 years. Loved and loving wife of Ed. Loving mother of Debbie and Amanda, mother-in-law to Darren. Adored nan of Cassandra, Tiegna, Jaclyn and Jake. Great nana of Aleisha and Marley. Beloved sister of Bill, Peter, Tony and Julie (dec).  
Kathy you will never be forgotten.

Rest in Peace.

The funeral service was live streamed on Friday, October 29, 2021 at 11am and Tributes can be left on Kathy's Memorial Page along with the link to view the funeral service at [funeralguide.net/obituaries/3370?branded](http://funeralguide.net/obituaries/3370?branded)



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## MEETINGS

**NOTICE OF AGM**  
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### Member vacancies - Victorian Class B cemetery trusts

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Being appointed to a cemetery trust provides successful applicants with a unique opportunity to develop their competencies as a board member. The Department of Health provides free governance training to all trust members.

Current members whose terms of office are due to expire may apply for reappointment as part of a competitive selection process.

More information about the role of cemetery trust members is available at: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/cemeteries-and-crematoria/cemetery-trust-appointments/class-b-cemetery-trust-appointments>

To register your interest please refer to the trust contact details below and provide your expression of interest to the applicable trust within two weeks of the date of this advertisement:

Victorian Class B cemetery trust	Contact details
Marysville Cemetery Trust	5963 3335
Gobur Cemetery Trust	5821 8028

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Applications are being sought for the above positions starting in 2022. If you have the necessary skills and attributes to undertake one of the roles and wish to join our wonderful college community, then your application will be welcome.

Please refer to <https://www.smseymour.catholic.edu.au/our-school/employment-opportunities/> for the role description and application form. For enquiries please contact the Business Manager, Mrs Felicity Melville on 0407 354 960.

Please forward a resume, covering letter addressing the selection criteria and a completed application form to the Principal, Mr Wayne Smith at [employment@smseymour.catholic.edu.au](mailto:employment@smseymour.catholic.edu.au) by 5pm Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

St Mary's College promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

# Council meeting wrap up

THE Murrindindi Shire Council held its October scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 27 via Zoom, and was livestreamed to council's Facebook page. All councillors were present for the meeting.

## Annual report 2020/21 and 2017/21 council report

The annual report 2020/21 for the period of Wednesday, July 1, 2020, to Wednesday, June 30, 2021, was presented to council for its endorsement.

It outlined the significant achievements of council including objectives and activities made in the period.

A detailed summary of the report can be found on the Murrindindi Shire Council website, however some highlights of the annual report 2020/21 include: council keeping its promise to inform the community of changing restrictions due to COVID-19 and advised businesses of the various COVID-19 support available, over \$210,000 was awarded across the community as part of the grants and contributions scheme, with Mitchell and Mansfield Shire Councils, a \$1.2 million grant funding was awarded from Regional Development Victoria to create large-scale art installations along the Great Victorian Rail Trail, the commenced creation of Rethink, Reduce, Re-use, Recycle; a waste and resource recovery strategy, with the goal of making the shire a low-waste municipality and commencement of important capital works across the shire, to the value of \$10.7 million.

The 2017/21 council plan was presented also to councillors, and the report's aim focused on the projects, activities and achievements delivered through the plan.

As part of the plan, council made aware and adhered to four priority areas: our place, our people, our prosperity, and our promise.

Council acknowledged and made note of the report.

To view both the annual report 2020/21 and the 2017/21 council report, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Councillors-and-Council-Meetings/Agendas-and-Minutes](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Councillors-and-Council-Meetings/Agendas-and-Minutes)

## Adoption of future council plans

Council have adopted its 2021-2025 Council Plan, Year One Priority Action Plan and 10-Year Financial Plan.

"The plan outlines our shared goals and aspirations for the future and provides concrete and achievable actions for council to deliver," Mayor McAulay said.

"While developing the Council Plan, we distilled five main themes from what you told us and these form the backbone of the Plan. These themes will provide important strategic direction for council's work over the next four years."

Council has determined its five themes to be resilient communities, beautiful townships and rural settings, growth and opportunity, our protected environment and transparency, inclusion and accountability.

Mayor McAulay said that the plans reflect the needs of the shire's community and what they have asked for from its council.

"You want Murrindindi Shire to be an even better place to live and one in which we preserve the rural character and natural beauty of our towns and countryside. You want to protect our natural environment, to be environmentally sustainable and move toward net-zero emissions no later than 2035," she said.

"And you want councillors and our organisation to listen, be transparent and responsive and to innovate while we help deliver great services to our communities."

To view a copy of the 2021-2025 Council Plan, 10-Year Financial Plan, Year One Priority Action Plan and the MPHWP, please visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/councilplan](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/councilplan) or visit one of the shire's Library and Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake.

## Draft of Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-25

Feedback received to council from the public exhibition of the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) was presented to councillors in preparation for its adoption at council's November 2021 meeting.

Vito Albicini said that the plan was endorsed for public feedback at the July council meeting, and the submission received was mostly, in favour of the plan.

"Generally, this feedback was supportive of the draft DAMP. As such, no amendments to the draft DAMP have been made however some minor changes have been made," he said.

Four written responses were received to council, and an additional 17 submissions were made via The Loop.

Some questions were raised among the written submissions, however, were responded to satisfactory and needed no amended to the draft.

During the open forum, the Alexandra and District Dog Obedience Club brought up concern of an off-leash park for dogs, something that Mr Albicini said was generally supported among other submissions.

Further to this, Cr Walsh asked if it would be 'anticipated that any use of such facility would necessitate the owners and the dogs undergoing some sort of safety related training as proposed by the Alexandra and District Dog Obedience Club'.

In response, Mr Albicini said that 'it would be ideal', but something that may be hard to force upon owners and their dogs.

## Application for liquor license, 3 Back Eildon Road, Thornton

A notice of decision was presented to council to grant a permit be issued for a General Liquor License for the Schoolhouse café at 3 Back Eildon Road Thornton.

During open forum, Angelina Bell spoke on the matter, highlighting the importance that the liquor license would be granted for the café, which is an approved use of the land it is situated on.

"We're not proposing to change that use of the land, the existing use of the land for a café is to continue. The liquor license sort, it is required to expand this approved and existing business and to expand what's on offer," Ms Bell said.

The café has been operating with a limited liquor license for the last six months to which Ms Bell said has all run smoothly, and no fights, arguments or other disruptions have been caused due to alcohol being on the premises.

Three objections were received to the planning permit, with major concerns surrounding the use of the land will change from a café to a pub or bottle shop, impact of other businesses in the township and traffic impacts because of increased numbers given the sale of packaged liquor.

Despite the objections, council officers are satisfied that the application proposal is consistent with the provisions of the Murrindindi Planning Scheme.

Subject to some minor amendments to the 14 conditions stated in council's October meeting agenda to improve clarity, a notice of decision to grant a planning permit for the General Liquor License was passed.

## Gordon Street, Alexandra: proposed cooperative works

Mr Albicini presented the proposal to council that is contributes \$20,000 of gravel road surfacing material to upgrade the approximately 700 metres of unsealed road on Gordon Street, Alexandra, primarily used as an access point for the Alexandra and District Speedway Inc.

"The current unsealed section of Gordon Street is quite poor, and this particular section of the road is not listed in council's road register or covered under council's road nations programs," he said.

Alexandra and District Speedway Inc have been successful in attracting a new large event including the National Junior Sedan Titles. This event is expected to provide a significant economic benefit to the shire via hotel accommodation bookings as well as food and entertainment.

"Alexandra and District Speedway Inc is seeking approval from council to undertake road repairs using suitably skilled and equipped club volunteers. They propose to rip the road surface, use a vibrating pad-foot roller to break up the large stones and then re-shape the formation to a standard six per cent crossfall including table drains."

After his presentation, the motion was moved by Cr Lording and Cr Gallagher.

## Open forum: Alexandra Timber Tramway and Museum

Gerry Laws spoke to his submission regarding the Council Plan 2021-2025, on behalf of the Alexandra Timber Tramway and Museum Committee.

Mr Laws said, "We can make a significant contribution to the goals in your draft plan."

He made two suggestions to council during his discussion, that councillors should consider specialised funding outside the grants and contributions program to help secure the museums operations in the longer terms, and to see a much clearer statement in the draft plan concerning the vital role of heritage operations.

Cr Gerenscer asked Mr Laws if the committee have looked into other state government funding for the railway, to which he responded that the railway is: "In a period of redevelopment at the site, but we are fairly constrained as a not-for-profit and where we can go for funding."

"We are looking at additional sources and constantly talking to people like the shire support officers in tourism and grant funding."

Cr Haslam further asked if the committee has an idea on how much this specific funding should be and is it a consistent amount or for a specific item. Mr Laws said that: "We have several projects in planning and one of them involves a beautification project for the ground which would allow clearer access for mobility challenged visitors."

## Letters to Santa

WITH less than two months to go, Australia Post is calling on all families and kids to put pen, pencil or crayon to paper to let Santa know just how nice they've been this year and tell him what they wish to see under the Christmas tree.

Children of any age are encouraged to take part and letters should be addressed to Santa, North Pole 9999 with a 65c Christmas stamp affixed to the front of the envelope, and a name and return address on the back so Santa knows where to send his reply.

Parents and children who have low vision can opt-in to receive a large text reply from Santa by sending their letters to Santa Mail (large text), North Pole 9999.

Santa Mail letters can be placed in any red street posting box, and families are encouraged to post letters before Friday,

December 3, so Santa can reply before loading up his sleigh.

For more information on how to address letters to Santa, lesson plans, letter templates, and writing tips visit [auspost.com.au/santamail](http://auspost.com.au/santamail), where you can also track the letter's progress with the Santa Mail Tracker.



## PUZZLES SOLUTIONS

### TRIVIA

The Lapidary Club in Alexandra



### CROSSWORD

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### KIDS - JOKES

A: Add 24 Carrots

A: Bookworms

### KIDS - SUDOKU

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# Murrindindi Little Athletes having fun in the sun

MURRINDINDI Little Athletics have been training hard, waiting for competition to begin.



## A backflip over Little Athletics

MEMBER for Eildon Cindy McLeish said parents were left outraged after their children were turned away and barred from participating in little athletics, due to the state government's double COVID-19 vaccination mandate for parents.

Ms McLeish believes that the last-minute mandate was heartless and came without warning for families who were forced to pack up and go home.

Speaking in Parliament recently, Ms McLeish said, "I was horrified to hear that children

were excluded from participating in little athletics on their first weekend back because of their parents' vaccination status.

"This massive overreach by the state government is despite little athletics being held outdoors with social distancing in place,

on public land and centres able to adhere to COVID-safe procedures."

The state government finally backflipped on their controversial decision after receiving backlash from angry parents and little athletic officials.

Ms McLeish said, "Unfortunately, Daniel Andrews' backtrack was not soon enough before the kids who were excited to return to sport were turned away. Parents are owed an apology, not just a backflip."



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## Alexandra football update

*Alexandra Football Netball Club report by Ray Steyger*

THE Alexandra Football/Netball Club met on Wednesday, October 27, for the Annual General Meeting. After presentation of the club's 2021 Financial Report and President's Report all executive positions were declared vacant with the following appointments subsequently made: President, Ray Steyger, Senior Vice President, Sam Kidd, Junior Vice President, to be confirmed, Treasurer, Ray Steyger and secretary, Kylie Cairns.

A big thank you to Peter McKenzie who stepped down from the executive due to work commitments after having made a significant contribution to the club. A number of enthusiastic people have pledged to assist the club on several committees and if anyone is interested in joining the club in any capacity, please don't hesitate to contact Ray Steyger on 5772 2627, everyone is welcome.

The club was also pleased to have a number of coaching applications which were discussed and the following appointments made for the 2022 season: reserves coach Scott Ferrier and senior coach Nick Wal had already been re-appointed, under 17 football and senior netball coaches are pending while junior netball coaches appointed were under 13 Emma Kidd and under 15 Penny Van Lierop re-appointed. Junior football coach appointments were for under 9 Sam Kidd, under 11 Cameron Gysberts, under 13 Rebecca Clark re-appointed, under 15 Daniel Crane and Brad Howell.

In late 2015, the Alexandra Football/Netball Club commenced an aluminium can recycling project. The key aim of the project is to reduce the amount of material going into landfill, as well as providing some income for the club. As at September, 2021 the project has collected over 8,500 kilograms of aluminium cans which have been recycled. The project is ongoing, organised by Ray 'Fox' Chanter, Richard Jack, Michael Harper and Ray Steyger.

You will find wheeler bins with red lids marked cans only near the entry gate at the Alexandra Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve. If you have aluminium cans (crushed if possible), please deposit them in the bins. If you have any questions, please contact Ray Steyger. Thank you and spread the word.

The Rebels' growth into the future is dependent on everyone getting involved as we intend to make a positive impact on and off the field with juniors and seniors' football and netball in 2022, so if you would like to assist in any capacity, please let us know.



*Metropolitan club members, back for good. -S*

## Marysville Golf Report

*Marysville Golf Club report by Lesley Rundle*

LAST Saturday it was a pleasure to welcome back the metropolitan members and all the grey nomads after the long lockdown and the interstate travels. The competition was a stableford round and was played in excellent conditions. A number of members commented on the amount of work which had been carried out on the course during their absence. They thanked Kellan Fiske and the course volunteers for their efforts. Even as late as Friday the team had to remove a number of fallen trees as a result of the ferocious overnight storm. While Kellan was cleaning up the course Jillian Chandler spent time clearing the debris from around the clubhouse. Many thanks Jillian.

The ladies' winner was Gail Leigh (11) with 37 points followed by Heather Jenkins (20) with 33 points. The men's

winner was Richard Clark (15) with 36 points on a count back from Brian Worcester. The nearest pins were won by Paul Martin, Richard Clark and Ross Ansell. Next Saturday, both the men and the ladies will play a stroke round for the November monthly medal.

Last Thursday a number of Marysville ladies played a 3-person ambrose game with ladies from Yea at the Yea Golf Club. Gail Leigh, Miranda Gill and Vicky Butler were the winning team and after play all those who played enjoyed a BYO lunch on the decking. Many thanks to the Yea ladies for their hospitality. On Thursday a number of ladies will play a social game at the Mansfield Golf Club.

Last weekend as part of the Marysville Arts Fest. the club served food platters and wine on the decking overlooking the course. On Sunday Jackson Harris entertained the diners with his singing

and guitar playing which all those present enjoyed. Our thanks to Colin Davies for co-ordinating the event and to Lorna Davies and Bev Fraser for producing such delicious platters. Thanks also to Steve Coker, Miriam Page, Kerryn McIver, Richard Clark and Ann and Glenys for their assistance.

Under COVID-19 restrictions a number of Dalhousie events can now take place and will be advertised at a later date. The annual Marysville Men's tournament will be held on November 12 to 14 and Alan Howard and Colin Davies are now taking entries. The first round of the Murrindindi Masters will be held at Eildon on Saturday, November 20. Those interested in playing in this event are asked to register with their club captains.

Members are reminded that the club AGM will be held on Saturday, November 27 at 9am followed by a stableford game.

## Back on tee

*Alexandra Golf Club report by Elizabeth Goss*

THE twelve Tuesday players were able, not just to compare their scores, but once again run a competition and declare winners. The winner being Russell Purcell with (17) 32 points and the runner up Colin Long with (20) 31 points. Brad Newton was nearest the pin on the 17th and Graeme Emmerson on the 18th. Names in by 11.30am for a noon hit off.

The ladies playing Par last Wednesday found the course rather heavy going, as the scores reflect. Marion Williamson was the A Grade winner with (27) -2 and the runner up was Judy Pearson (23) -3 on a count back from Ruth Worland (18) -3.

The B Grade winner was Pauline Brooks (33) -2 and the runner up was our new member Sue Malcomb having her first win with (54) -3. The nine-hole winner was Ruth Worland with +1. Nearest the pin on the fifth was Marg Fahey, on the 12th Barb Doyle and on the 18th Pauline Brooks. Next Wednesday, November 10, is the second

round of the championships. Names in by 8.30 for 9am hit off.

A great turnout for Saturday's Stableford round. The A Grade winner was Sam Creighton with (14) 40 points and the runner up was Dylan Jack (8) 37 points.

The B Grade winner was Jarrod Williamson with (18) 37 points. The runner up was Ben Jack (26) 35 points. The ladies winner was Marg Fahey (17) 30 points. Nearest the pin on the second was Dylan Jack. On the fifth Luke Heard and Marg Fahey, on the seventh and 12th Peter Vallance and on the 18th Toby Ward.

Ball rundown; James Kidd, Ross Thompson and Ben Jack. Raffle winners; Brad Newton and Ross Thompson. Next Saturday, November 6, is the first round of the championships. Names in by 11.30am for noon hit off.

Once again thank you to our volunteers with many extra hours needed while the fairways mower was out of action. And you are out again this Sunday doing a general clean up before the championship?

## Good bookings for races

*by Denis Smith*

AS bookings continue to pour in for the Yea and St Pats meeting on November 13, the club can announce that the popular Kelly Sports group will be back on course for the Yea FoodWorks Sister Olive handicap on Saturday, December 18.

This meeting is ideal for a family Christmas get together and end of year work function that the whole family can attend.

As COVID-19 restrictions ease, followers of picnic racing at Yea should keep an eye on the Yea and St Pats Facebook site for any changes.

The club has been assured by authorities that the onus is on patrons to prove their COVID-19 double vaccination status will remain for the entire 2021/22 racing season.

While bookings are strong for November 13, there are still several umbrella packages available. The umbrellas run down the front straight and are in a premium position. Bookings can be made by visiting the clubs page at [country.racing.victoria.com](http://country.racing.victoria.com)