



The Eildon Twilight Market, held on Saturday, November 20, was a huge success with around 1400 people attending. More images on page 14. -AR

Senior Achiever award for Greta Vallance

THE wonderful contributions of older Victorians have been celebrated with the announcement of the 2021 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

For more than 25 years, the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards have recognised the volunteer work and community contributions of older Victorians. This year's awardees highlight the resilience, compassion and commitment of senior Victorians across the state.

Alexandra resident, Greta Vallance has been awarded a Council on the Ageing (COTA) Senior Achiever of the Year Award for her significant contributions to the local community and Victoria.

Greta is continually making significant contributions to Murrindindi East U3A where she has been secretary and is now president. She organises the catering for the interstate bus trips, and has secured grant funding that has made Murrindindi East U3A the largest community-based organisation in the district.

She has also risen to the challenges encountered during the pandemic, helping to keep people involved in their interests and connected to each other, by switching appropriate courses to Zoom-based interactions.

Greta has had a long involvement with Alexandra Quilters as secretary, and was the initiator of the Quilt Walk for the 150th

Anniversary of Alexandra celebrations, where quilts hung from hotel verandahs and decorated Grant Street businesses and historic buildings throughout the town. Greta is the special events organiser, and runs the yearly quilters retreat, with fastidious attention to detail and the finer pleasantries such as flowers, place names, gifts, and the total wellbeing of fellow quilters uppermost in her mind.

When it became clear that the annual ANZAC parades and associated social events could not proceed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Greta collaborated with Sasha at the Embassy of Ideas to reach out to RSL members and senior citizens at the Alexandra, Yea and Eildon retirement homes with 382 packages of volunteer homemade ANZAC biscuits. Greta's energy didn't stop there. With further determination to help people needing extra support during such isolating times, she and Sasha devised the Pick Me Up Pandemic Care Packages.

It is typical of Greta to establish such connections between community groups to achieve an outcome beneficial to so many people.

Greta is also a volunteer at the Alexandra Visitor Information Centre, and has increased her involvement in the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea, gradually taking over the organisation

and coordination of the event from the wonderful Thelma Lucas.

The Victorian Senior of the Year Awards are presented annually as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival. Award recipients will be celebrated in-person with a ceremony at Government House in early 2022.

Congratulations to all awardees. You can read more about the awards and 2021 awardees on the Seniors Online website at seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards

Veronica Hendrickson gave a speech at Greta's afternoon tea at the Embassy of Ideas after being informed that Greta had won a Seniors Award.

"What is consistent in each of these testimonials in support of you receiving a Victorian Senior of the Year Award, is your caring and inclusive style, your support and guidance, the way you bring out the best in people, the compassion you show to others, your attention to detail, your thoughtfulness, the way you put the welfare of others above all else, the contributions you make to the health and wellbeing of senior citizens, your warm, bright personality and your 'can do, will do' attitude," Veronica said.

"Greta, we congratulate you on your award, and we thank you sincerely for contributing so much to our community. We hope the award you receive will always remind you of our gratitude, respect and love. Thank you, Greta."



Greta Vallance. -S

Greta was delighted to receive the award. She commented, "Way back in early October I was truly surprised to be told that I'd been nominated for one of the 2021 Victorian Senior Awards. What a joyous afternoon that was. I truly appreciate Veronica's generosity and that of Ian Mckaskill (U3A) Wendy Wernicke (Alexandra Quilters) and Sasha Burrow (Embassy of Ideas) who supported the application which put my name forward.

"I felt very moved to be chosen as a deserving person for getting this recognition. This led to being awarded a COTA Victoria Senior Achiever Award for significant contributions to local communities and Victoria. Thank you all for your very generous congratulations and kind words. These I will treasure."

Rotary Encouragement Award for Ashley Johnston



Sandra Bishop, Glen Johnston, Katie Richardson, Ashley Johnston and John Cannon. -S

MARYSVILLE Primary School student Ashley Johnston has been selected as the worthy recipient of this year's Rotary Encouragement Award.

Principal Sandra Bishop said that Ashley has been a charismatic member of the Marysville Primary School community for all of his primary years.

He has maintained good grades in all curriculum areas despite a challenging journey through the COVID-19 remote learning. He transitioned from onsite to offsite learning with extreme competency.

His loyalty and empathy towards others have earned the respect of those around him. The Marysville Primary School values are Responsibility, Respect and Community, and the school ensure that they demonstrate pride in all that they do, and nurture each other. Ashley lives these values and is a role model for them to all members of the school and broader community.

The school community has watched Ashley care for all students, from the youngest in their first year of school to his peers in year six. Ashley has a knack of relating to everyone and making them feel comfortable and cared for. Ashley takes initiative and responsibility for getting things done and to the best of his ability. He

does not fuss. He just focuses and sets his mind to doing what needs doing.

Academically, Ashley always tries his best. He is not afraid to ask questions or to put forth his opinion. Ashley enjoys hands on tasks and learning new things.

Mrs Bishop said, "We are all fortunate to know Ashley and to have him around sharing his positivity and his great sense of humour. People like Ashley motivate others to be the best they can be. Ashley is an honest, fair sportsman and a valued member of the team, both in the school and wider community.

"When it comes to the wellbeing of others, Ashley goes above and beyond to make sure they are safe, happy and feeling as though they belong. These skills and abilities will take Ashley a long way in life. We are so very proud of him, and we are confident that this award will go a long way towards encouraging Ashley's self confidence in his abilities to inspire and believe in himself.

"He does this for others, it is his turn now to have his efforts and abilities recognised and celebrated as he faces the next chapter in his life, secondary school. We commend Ashley on being the person he is, dependable, reliable and an excellent ambassador for Marysville Primary School."

Symptoms change depending on vaccination status

ZOE, an organisation funded by the UK Department of Health and Social Care, has been studying the symptoms of COVID-19 in people who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated and fully vaccinated. There are some variations in the top five symptoms which you should be aware of.

For people who are unvaccinated, the most common symptoms, in order of prevalence, have been found to be a headache, sore throat, runny nose, fever and a persistent cough,

For people who have had one vaccination dose, the most common symptoms, in order of prevalence, have been found to be a

headache, runny nose, sore throat, sneezing and a persistent cough.

For people who have been fully vaccinated, the most common symptoms, in order of prevalence, have been found to be a runny nose, headache, sneezing, a sore throat and a persistent cough.

It is worth noting these differences as sneezing did not previously occur at all in the list of common or less common COVID-19 symptoms. If you have been sneezing a lot lately and it's not the result of persistent hayfever, it might be a good time to get tested.

Police officer assaulted

AN EILDON man received a \$1200 fine with convictions recorded for charges relating to the assault of a police officer and cannabis possession. He faced the Mansfield Court last week.

Police prosecutors alleged that in November 2019 the accused and his de facto partner were involved in a loud verbal altercation at a property in Eildon.

The argument was reported as a family violence matter and police attended the scene.

When they arrived, the police stopped the argument on the front porch and separated the parties. One officer took the accused male onto the lawn to get his version of events, and the other officer remained with the female on the porch.

After police advised the accused he would be required to accompany them to the station for breaching a Family Violence Safety Order, the accused voiced his refusal.

The officer then told the accused he was under arrest, and when the accused resisted, the officer attempted to physically restrain him. The accused refused to comply and continued to fight with the officer.

The second officer assessed the situation as serious and deployed capsicum spray to defuse the situation. They continued to wrestle with the accused until he was brought to the ground.

The second officer had their hand on the accused man's shoulder when the man shrugged violently and thrust his arm back in an attempt to strike the officer.

Both officers wrestled with the accused until he was handcuffed and the second officer sustained an injury to their thumb. This later required surgery.

Additional police and ambulance officers attended and the remaining member of the household consented to a search of the premises.

The accused was taken to Alexandra hospital and was subsequently interviewed and bailed to appear at court.

Upon searching the premises police located a piece of wood fashioned to look like a firearm, a bowl containing cannabis, and in the backyard were a large number of cannabis plants which allegedly belonged to the accused.

The defence said the accused had a hernia in his stomach at the time of the incident which caused him significant discomfort on the ground, and said that this was why he was thrashing around.

Defence also noted the accused was on WorkCover payments due to back injuries sustained from working as a carpet layer.

The accused pleaded guilty to both the drug charges and assaulting police.

"Police are off limits as far as these things go," the magistrate said. "This got completely out of hand. Police don't go to work expecting to be assaulted. I understand you were in discomfort, but that still doesn't justify what happened, it merely explains it. I know there was an argument, but you in a sense took it out on police and an officer had to have surgery to rectify the injury, which is not acceptable.

"I'm imposing convictions and a penalty for \$1200, which is a lot of money on a WorkCover arrangement, I appreciate that, but you've put yourself in that position."

Further orders were made with regards to the forfeiture of the drugs and paraphernalia, and the accused had an unrelated intervention order against him extended for six months.

ABC's local radio programming reduced

THE ABC has announced that locally produced radio content will be reduced next year. They stated that the aim is to create more dynamic programming and boost digital and on-demand services.

Murrindindi is within the ABC Goulburn-Murray region, with the content produced in Wodonga.

Under the plan, local radio presenters in Wodonga, Sale, Ballarat, Bendigo, Horsham and Mildura will have their breakfast shows

reduced by one hour from January. The programs will now run from 6.35am to 9am, and the 10am to 11am shows will be dropped. The 9am to 11am will be filled with Victoria-wide programming.

The ABC stated that there would be no job losses resulting from the change, and said that the axed morning presenters would be deployed as field reporters, hosts of outside broadcasts, act as fill-in presenters and creators of digital content.

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Out & About

WHAT'S ON?

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

details in this weeks' edition.

Murrindindi Shire Pools will be opening this weekend. Saturday, November 27. Entry will be free for the full season. See full

Darlingford Upper Goulburn Nursing Home AGM will be held via Zoom tonight, November 24 at 4pm. RSVP to jbrookes@dughn.com.au to receive a Zoom meeting invitation.

Alexandra Historical Society AGM will be held on November 25 at 2pm at Dove Cottage.

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

Y Water Discovery Centre AGM will be held on Friday, November 26 at 5pm at the discovery centre. RSVP association@ywatercentre.com.au. Proof of vaccination will be required.

Free community film screening with in Alexandra, Toolangi and Yea. Meet the filmmaker Q&A. *Happy Sad Man*. See this edition for full details.

Healthy Hectares Pest Plants and Biodiversity at Taggerty Community Centre Saturday, November 27 9am-1.30pm. \$30

Letters to the Editor

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Tom's Volcanoes

AS for Mr Collins' views on current education standards or climate change, they are his to hold, hopefully not for our grandchildren to bear. He said, "The Mount St Helens eruption [1980] released more greenhouse gases than the whole industrial revolution." I don't see it in the data, gml.noaa.gov/ccgg/trends/ Obviously they didn't emit a great deal of greenhouse gas during the industrial revolution (approximately 1760 to 1830) compared to now.

Ray Wynn, Devils River

Council

IN recent weeks you have published letters from readers who were unable to gain information from the Murrindindi Shire.

In 2020, my wife and I contacted the planning department several times regarding a planning issue affecting our area. Despite numerous promises, nobody contacted me.

In desperation in August 2020, I emailed the mayor and our local member Cr McCauley asking if she would obtain an answer for us.

She responded saying that she had forwarded my enquiry to the CEO and the planning department.

By December i had heard nothing, so once again I emailed Cr McCauley. This time no reply.

In January of this year my wife emailed Cr McCauley and she replied saying she had forwarded her enquiry to the CEO and the planning department.

We still have received no communication from the planning department or the CEO as promised.

After 15 months what are we to assume? Does the CEO and the planning department have something to hide or are they just incompetent?

How does a ratepayer obtain information from the planning department?

Grant Stinear, Buxton

Logging injunction until December 13

ON Wednesday, November 17, the Victorian Supreme Court yesterday ordered that state logging agency VicForests halt logging in 27 areas of forest across East Gippsland and the Central Highlands until December 13.

There are currently 10 court cases underway against VicForests. The two new cases have been launched concurrently by community groups Environment East Gippsland (EEG) and Kinglake Friends of the Forest (KFF), concerned about the protection of the greater glider and the yellow bellied glider. The southern greater glider is now listed as a threatened species.

On behalf of the two groups, barrister Jonathan Korman argued that Vicforests is failing to adequately survey for these animals prior to logging, and failing to avoid risk of serious, irreversible damage to the environment when conducting logging operations.

Sue McKinnon, president of KFF said, "It is known that logging kills Greater Gliders. They can't just move on. When their trees are cut down Greater Gliders are very unlikely to survive. Other Gliders and Possums are also killed by logging operations. This causes a domino effect with reductions in these species causing declines in predators including the Sooty and Powerful Owl."

Contacted for comment, a VicForests' spokesperson said, "VicForests are unable to comment on matters currently before the court."

Fifteen of the coupes in question are located in the Central Highlands, and 12 of the coupes are in East Gippsland.

The Supreme Court heard both interim injunction applications on November 17, pending a substantive hearing, an 'interlocutory injunction' on 13 December.

The effect of the interim injunction is that 27 coupes have been enjoined until at least December 13, when the matter returns to court.

Lily Morrow joins Kpop group

MARYSVILLE-raised Lily Morrow has been announced as part of a yet to be named Kpop group from the JYP company in Korea.

Lily previously sang at many events in the shire before shooting to fame in South Korea on the television show, *KPop Star* in 2015. She has since been in training.

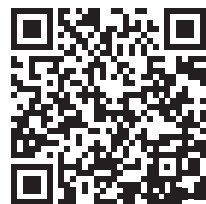
A new song and film clip were released as part of the announcement. In the clip, Lily covers the song *Finesse* by Bruno Mars. It can be found at [youtube.com/watch?v=DNZHwZIU9W0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNZHwZIU9W0)



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Sue Carpenter appointed mayor

MURRINDINDI Shire Council elected Sue Carpenter as the new mayor, and Damien Gallagher as the deputy mayor, at their meeting on Wednesday, November 17. Mayor Carpenter replaces Sandice McAulay in the mayoral role.

Sue Carpenter was asked what she hopes to achieve in the role. Her response was, "I'd reflect on the fact that we've worked really hard to develop a community plan, after having lots of engagement with the community. If we can work to the road map that it gives us, I'll be happy."

The five areas of the community plan are, resilient communities, beautiful townships and rural settings, growth and opportunity, protecting the environment and transparency, inclusion and accountability.

"If we can stick to those areas, I think we'll be doing well," Ms Carpenter said, adding that they're huge topics.

"They're what we feel, and the community is telling us, is what's important about our part of the world."

She suspects that there will be challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, "and if we can communicate with our community, let them know what's going on, the reasons behind what's going on, that will be valuable for all of us."

She plans to bring an approachable, communicative approach to the role. "Communication, between the councillors, between the council officers, we want it to be really sound. We want to be able to make sure that there's no ambiguity, that we really understand what we're saying. I want to give all the councillors the opportunity to be heard. We're all different. We're a wonderful blend of councillors but we're all different, and some people are more willing to discuss and some people a little bit more hesitant. I want to make sure that those that are more hesitant are still given the opportunity. I really want robust, constructive dialogue, so that we really fully understand the issues we're having to deliberate on, and

that we can make the best decisions for our communities, reminding ourselves that we still have to be fiscally responsible."

Asked what she has learnt from watching others in the role, Ms Carpenter replied, "Councillor McAulay has led us with a very calm, considered and respectful approach. I believe her experience has been invaluable in encouraging the rest of the councillors to settle into our roles. Four of us were newbies, so it has been a pleasure to be her deputy. She has been very encouraging. She really has."

"I could also say that the acting CEO, Michael Chesworth, delivered a most comprehensive induction program at the start of our term, and I am so grateful for the

depth of understanding that we gained from that program under his guidance. There's so much to get into your head and under your belt, and we were guided very, very capably. It was terrific," she said.

"The new CEO, she has also been very supportive of my role as deputy mayor, and I really value her insights and clear thinking. When she responds to something, she's concise but relevant and constructive. Even the language that she uses is in some ways new to me, and so I'm learning from her as well."

Ms Carpenter has been living in the Murrindindi Shire community for 30 years now. When her children were in primary school, she was involved in the parents

and friends group before finding herself as president. It was her first experience of chairing a meeting. She learnt through the role that good communication is vital. "The more you communicated with your community, the better off everyone was," she said.

She was also a member for the Rotary Club of Yea for 20 years. She said, "I was so shy when I first joined that club that if I was asked to chair a meeting or hold a microphone, I just wouldn't even go to the meeting, I was so nervous. I couldn't public speak to save myself. But there have been so many wonderful role models within that club and they have helped me to develop my confidence so much. In 2018/9, I was asked to be president, and that just took it to another level again, because I felt I was really steering the shire. I learnt to delegate, I felt that I could respect and encourage and trust my fellow members, and we can build each other up and not judge people. I think all those experiences within the club really helped to shape me to be able to take on this role."

She is much more comfortable with public speaking now, as a direct result of her experiences with the club.

She wanted to let the community know that in the role of mayor she will do her best. "Can't do any better than that," she said.

At the November 17 meeting, council also resolved to establish the following portfolios and councillor appointments: Corporate and Governance, Cr John Walsh; Resource Recovery and Environment, Cr Karine Haslam; Community Assets and Emergencies, Cr Sandice McAulay; Planning and Compliance, Cr Eric Lording; Community Engagement and Wellbeing, Cr Damien Gallagher; and Tourism, Events and Business Support, Cr Ilona Gerencser

Council has historically had a portfolio system in place to enable councillors to focus and provide input on specific areas of council.



New mayor Sue Carpenter and new deputy mayor Damien Gallagher. -S

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Deer spotlighting charges

SEVEN people are expected to be charged on summons following a three night police operation to detect deer hunters illegally spotlighting in the Mansfield and Jamieson areas last weekend.

Mansfield and Jamieson uniform police officers, supported by staff from Game Management Authority (GMA) and Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), led overnight patrols in a number of illegal spotlighting hotspots between Thursday, November 11 and Saturday, November 13.

During the operation officers apprehended seven people who they allege were committing numerous offences against the Firearms Act, including prohibited person possess firearm; possess loaded firearm in public place; fail to store Category A or B longarm correctly; store firearm or ammunition in an insecure manner; possession of spotlight and firearm in recognised deer habitat.

A number of other charges are likely to be laid in relation to offences against various Wildlife Game Regulations.

Police seized six firearms, seven spotlights and ammunition during the operation.

Six of the seven alleged offenders have had their firearms licences suspended while the seventh person was unlicensed. The following people are expected to be charged on summons: a 48

year old man from Noble Park, a 27-year-old man from Mooroolbark, a 33 year old man from Mooroolbark, a 58 year old man from Mooroolbark, a 54 year old man from Guildford (NSW), a 68 year old man from Hadfield, and a 51 year old man from Dallas

Anyone with information about illegal spotlighting is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Mansfield Acting Senior Sergeant Geoff Hutchison said, "Local police along with specialist units and our partner agencies braved the rain and horrible weather conditions last weekend, however it was undoubtedly worth spending three nights in the challenging high country conditions to apprehend seven hunters allegedly committing a multitude of offences.

"Illegal spotlighting is not only against the law, it is dangerous, unethical and reduces recreational hunting opportunities for law-abiding hunters.

"We will continue to collaborate with our partner agencies, share intelligence, and act on reports from the local community to crack down on illegal hunting practices, and protect the community.

"Hunters should be reminded that illegal hunting activity is likely to result in immediate suspension of firearms licences, seizure of firearms, and the facing of charges."



Water police testing for drugs this summer

BOAT and jet ski operators will be tested for drugs across Victoria in a major trial this summer.

The trial will see tests conducted at boat ramps statewide. Key locations include Patterson River, Williamstown, St Kilda and Lake Eildon. It will be the first time members of the Water Police Squad have conducted drug testing.

Tests will be conducted between November and March, with the first operation scheduled for November 20.

Operators found with illicit drugs such as methamphetamines, MDMA or cannabis in their system will have their marine licence cancelled for three months and face a fine of up to \$2180. Water police can also ban them from driving a motor vehicle for up to 24 hours.

The drug testing trial is the result of more than a year's planning involving Victoria Police's Water Police Squad and Road Policing Command. Victoria was one of the first jurisdictions in the world to introduce roadside drug testing,

with the trial a major step towards greater safety on waterways. An evaluation will be completed mid next year. Testing could become permanent if the trial is successful.

Police have had power to drug test boat and jet ski operators for several years however it is the first time water police have conducted testing. A preliminary oral fluid test will be conducted with a secondary sample sent to a lab for analysis, mirroring the existing system for roadside drug tests.

Water police already test vessel operators for alcohol.

Inspector Greg Barras, Water Police Squad said, "Boat and jet ski operators with illicit drugs in their system are not only a risk to themselves but to all water users.

"This trial sends a clear message that this type of behaviour will not be tolerated.

"Water police will be out at boat ramps across the state this summer testing for drugs so there's a high chance we'll be at one near you.

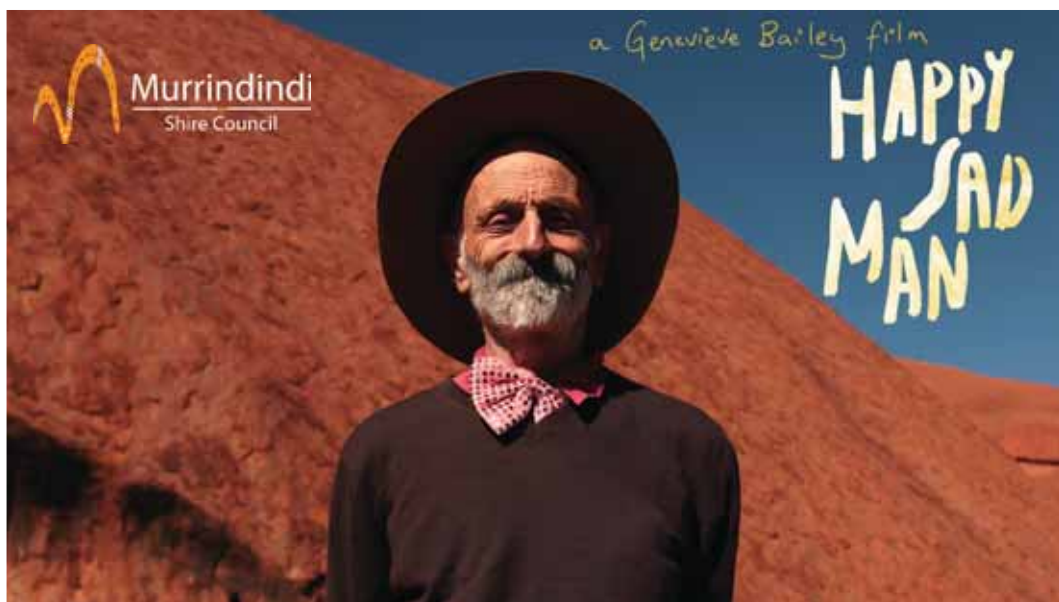
"The penalties for anyone caught are severe and you may well find your ability to drive a motor vehicle sunk too."

Inspector Brenda Bagally from the Road Policing Drug and Alcohol Section added, "Drugs are a huge problem on Victoria's roads and it's a sad reality there will also be use among boat and jet ski operators.

"Road police provided their expertise in this trial because we know the trauma drugs cause on our roads and we don't want the same tragedies playing out on our waterways.

"Be it on land or water, drugs impair judgement, slow reaction times and increase risk-taking behaviour. That's why this trial is so important."

An Eildon Police member said, "We're pleased the Water Police will be here doing the operation. It will deter people from doing the wrong thing, and make the lake safer for everyone."



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**Alexandra
Seniors report**

by Philip Smith

IT was a busy week for yours truly, with two trips to Lilydale for medical treatments, a massive win at bowls on Tuesday, ferrying a bus load to Mooroopna Golf Club for lunch on Thursday, and then trying to keep the UNO ladies under control on Friday.

The social meeting on Friday was well attended with the Trading Table doing a roaring trade. When all the items on offer were finally cleared, with much pushing and shoving to get the best possible choice, President Gai got the meeting underway with the club song.

As no one got any older last week, we got on to dissecting our first bus trip since May, and the feeling was that the lunch was great, and SPC and Cheap as Chips certainly enjoyed having their shelves stripped. It was lucky we had the bigger bus to carry everything.

With the bus trip being the only subject of interest to discuss jokester David took the floor to tell half a dozen great jokes, supplied by Jean of course, before Ron spread the bats and spun the wheel for Val (again), Ian (again), me (again) and Roma (again) to win. People are beginning to think the wheel might be rigged.

President Gai closed the meeting and afternoon tea was then enjoyed by all. Once well fed, the Card Sharks and the UNOists got to it, to finish off a pleasant afternoon.

Bowls report: Due to Thursday's bus trip, we only played on Tuesday, which was enough for my magnificent team to have a convincing 19-2 victory over Joyce's sorry lot.

A quote from, would you believe, Publilius Syrus: "There is no profit in having learnt well, if you neglect to do well."

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.

**Welcoming visitors back
with steam train rides**



Alexandra Timber Tramway and Museum's steam train. -S

AFTER such a long time with COVID-19 requirements, weather events and no tourism visitation, the Alexandra Timber Tramway and Museum's steam train was happy to welcome visitors on Sunday, November 14.

Family groups, couples and older folk were excited by the new QR codes placed on most of the displays showing the history of the display with photos. New educational signs are being printed and these will be displayed on the museum's artefact.

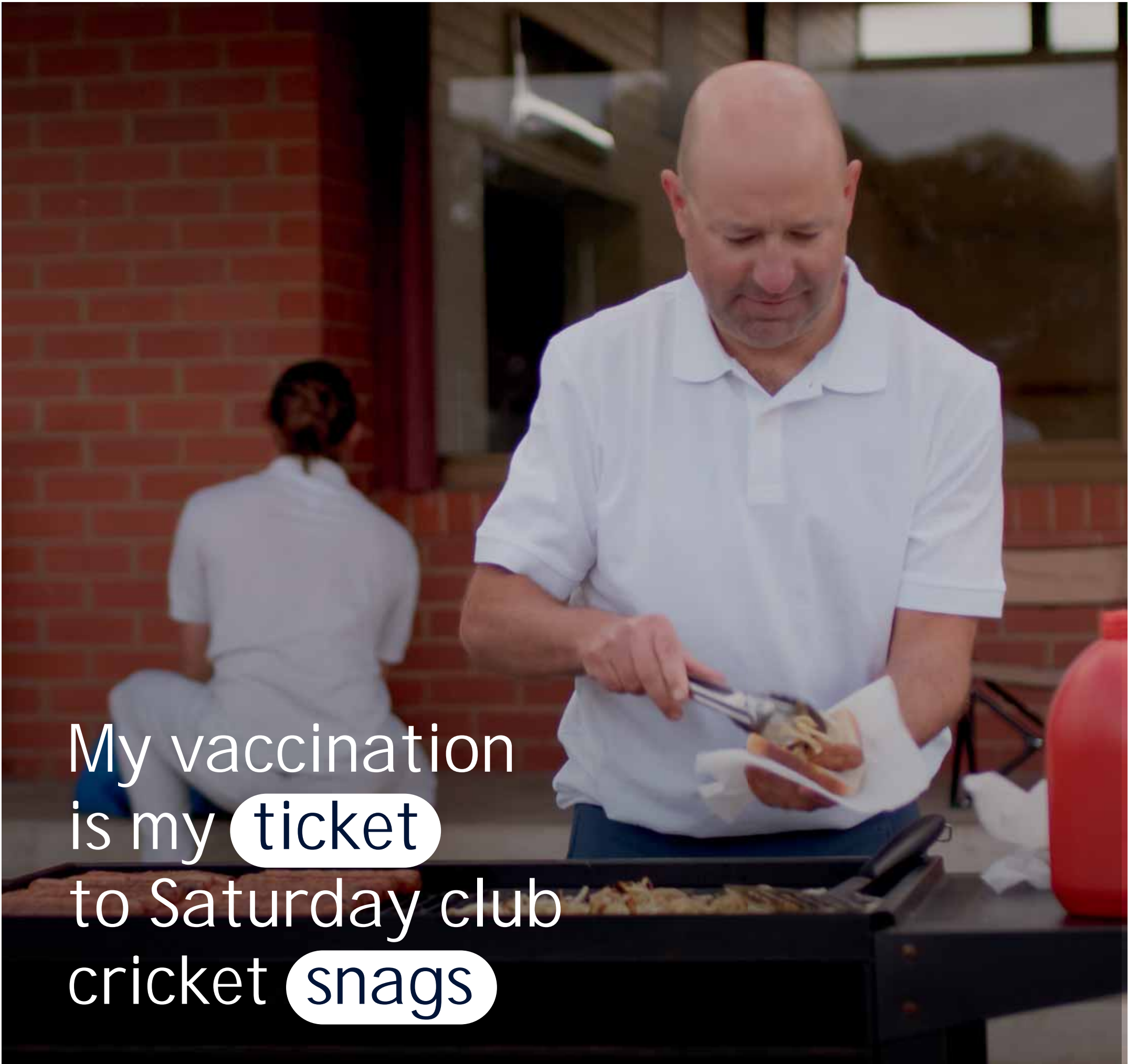
The next open day will be this Sunday, November 28, from 10am with a heritage train taking passengers. The museum rooms will be open which showcases local history of the Rubicon area and Victorian Railway history of broad gauge line to Seymour and Melbourne. For everyone to enjoy there will be a barbecue lunch menu and snacks and children's activities on the platform.

The Alexandra Christmas Market will be held on Saturday, December 11. More stalls are very welcome, and Sunday, December 12, there will be steam train rides and Christmas specials.

The organisers can now take bookings for groups, schools and clubs. Please call the information line on 0427 509 988 to discuss your personalised visit with a volunteer.

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More capacity and a faster fleet

VICTORIA will have 50 aircraft strategically placed across the state over the summer season to assist fighting fires and help keep communities safe.

Minister for Emergency Services Jaclyn Symes has announced the 2021/22 aircraft fleet arrangements, which includes a mix of firebombing aircraft, air supervision and airborne information gathering aircraft.

There is greater flexibility and firebombing capacity in this year's fleet compared to previous years, with higher speed aircraft and increased carrying capacity. These enhancements provide a more modern fixed-wing and helicopter fleet, with technologically advanced systems.

There are several new additions to the fleet this summer, including a CH47 Chinook with a capacity of 11,000 litres, and a larger capacity Aircrane capable of holding 9000 litres, and a Super Puma with a tank of up to 4000 litres.

Victoria will have two Large Air Tankers (LAT) based at Avalon Airport, one of which will be shared

with Queensland and will be based in Victoria for our peak summer period.

The new LAT Q400 can carry 10,000lt of water or retardant and has fast dispatch and turn around times. It also has short take off and landing capabilities making it more agile to move around the state, in line with changing risk.

It can also operate from smaller regional airports as it requires less room for take-off and landing, making it more agile to move around the state, in line with changing risk.

The Night Fire Aviation Program will continue this summer with the Chinook, the highest capacity helicopter, with a continued focus on initial attack and keeping small fires small. The Chinook can operate through the hottest part of the day and can continue into the night, to give firefighters the best chance to put fires out.

The Victorian fleet will continue to provide immediate response in the early stages of fires and support firefighters on the ground to keep communities safe.

New forest firefighters ready to respond to fires this summer

SIXTY-seven of Forest Fire Management Victoria's (FFMVic) newest firefighters are completing an intensive training program to learn the skills needed to protect communities and the environment from bushfires.

The program covers the fundamentals of firefighting including fire behaviour, fire suppression, planned burning, safety and survival techniques.

Forest Fire Management Victoria's Deputy Chief Fire Officer Aaron Kennedy said, "Our new firefighters are completing a mix of theory and field-based activities to prepare them for the varied role of a forest firefighter."

"Forest firefighters rely extensively on dry firefighting techniques as water is often scarce in the middle of the bush."

"The course covers hands-on training in how to use rakehoes and other tools to construct a mineral earth control line, as well as skills such as four-wheel driving, use of chainsaws and water pumps, working around heavy machinery and aircraft, and engaging with the community."

"Recruits will not only respond to bushfires across the region and state, they'll also be undertaking important risk reduction and preparedness work such as planned burning, slashing and track clearing."

"Once they've successfully completed the program, the recruits



will work alongside our experienced firefighters where they'll continue with on-the-job learning while undertaking bushfire preparedness and response work."

This year FFMVic has recruited 124 seasonal project firefighters in north east Victoria to help keep communities safe. Last year FFMVic responded to more than 530 fires across the region in forests and reserves.

Project firefighters complement the existing workforce during the bushfire season, responding to fires and undertaking planned burning during the peak autumn period.

They are based at 19 depots across north east Victoria including Corryong, Tallangatta, Eskdale, Ovens, Bright, Beechworth, Mount Beauty, Benalla, Yarrowonga, Wangaratta, Whitfield, Mansfield, Shepparton, Nathalia, Alexandra, Toolangi, Broadford, Kinglake and Marysville.

All FFMVic crews are adhering to appropriate COVID-19 restrictions and hygiene guidelines to ensure operations and training can safely continue across the state.

Feel Good, Look Good



Indoor pool officially opens



The attendees at the event. -S

MEMBERS of the Alexandra Indoor Heated Pool Inc held an official thank you day on Saturday, November 13.

President Sam Hicks thanked the team involved in the creation of the pool, including vice president Jason Krijt, secretary Tiffinie Reeves, members Jacqui Caswell, Marg Rouse, Rod Falconer and Linda Watkins in Queensland, and co-ordinator Magenta Connolly. They also acknowledged past

team members Mel Heard, Michelle Cowley and Meg Dunn.

They also thanked the funders, State Government of Victoria and FRRR, and unveiled plaques.

Sam also said, "Behind our team are our children, spouses, and partners who we acknowledge as they are often asked to assist in all sorts of areas. Saying no to a team so driven wasn't really an option, just ask any of the other halves that are here

today such as Bernhard, Phil, Scotty, Gail, and Alan."

They also thanked Jas Reid, a swimming instructor from Mansfield, who became involved when Linda went to Queensland, and local tradespeople and the local community, many of whom assisted after hours and often donated their time, expertise or just getting in and getting a job done.

The pool was declared officially open when the giant pool noodle was cut.



The entrance to the pool. -S

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Don't drive under fallen trees

AT around 4.30pm on Thursday, November 18, Marysville SES were called to the Maroondah Highway near Dom Dom Saddle after three trees fell in close proximity, blocking the road. Afternoon peak hour made for long queues of traffic while they worked.

The largest of the trees had to be safely lowered from the top embankment before being cut and rolled into a nearby pull over bay. The SES were grateful for assistance from Victoria Police, who stopped traffic at Fernshaw, and Regional Roads Victoria who helped them to clear the debris. An excavator was called to continue the clean up and ensure any other unstable trees in the impacted area were made safe.

After several hours, the crews returned to headquarters to sharpen their saws and clean their equipment. They wanted to thank all the passing motorists for their patience and friendly waves. It was lovely to hear locals in particular saying hello to SES members as they passed.

The SES would like to advise motorists to never drive under or over fallen trees, powerlines, or other hazards. Trees can move or fall further at any time, suddenly and without notice. Anytime a tree has fallen on the road, there is also the risk of further trees or branches being disturbed and falling in the area.

If motorists come across a hazard, particularly on heavily treed roads such as the Maroondah Highway or Woods Point Road, SES recommended they stop a safe distance back from the tree. If the tree is leaning or stretching from a higher embankment, a distance of at least one and a half times the length of the tree is a good rule of thumb, although this may not always be possible.

Pull over to the left if there's room, or stay in your lane. Turn your hazard lights on, and make your vehicle visible to cars approaching from behind. Remember your headlights may make the hazard difficult for oncoming traffic to see.

Once you are parked, call the road authority or emergency services for assistance as soon as possible.

The driver and any passengers should stay in the car while they wait for crews to attend. It is not safe to walk or stand on the road, even if traffic is stopped. Emergency services may be using the other lane for access, and further branches or trees may fall. Follow the directions of emergency services or traffic controllers once they arrive. Remember not to exceed 40km/h when passing workers on the road. Slower is better.

Do not use your phone to take photos or check social media when driving, even at low speeds. The SES appreciates your friendly waves as you pass, but help keep crews safe by staying off your phone and focused.

They also encourage motorists to use the VicEmergency or VicRoads Apps to check for road updates before starting on a trip. Never to rely on social media for updates or to report incidents. Several weeks ago, the SES attended a potentially serious rescue event which was reported



The SES clearing the three fallen trees on the Black Spur. -S

on social media before being called in to 000. We highly recommend downloading the EmergencyPlus app to help you alert emergency services to hazards you come across.

While we're talking about road safety around emergency services, it's always timely to remind road users of what to do if a vehicle with flashing lights or sirens is approaching. By law, if a police, emergency, enforcement or escort vehicle has its red, blue or magenta lights flashing or its siren on, you must get out of its way. Give way and stop if necessary. They have noticed many motorists seem to be confused about what to do when emergency vehicles approach from behind, particularly along the highway.

Firstly, stay alert to your surroundings when driving. They notice many drivers fail to hear sirens. Keep an eye in mirrors for lights approaching and pull over early if you can, well before the emergency vehicle reaches you. Otherwise, move as far left on the road as you can to give the vehicle room to pass. If you can't move left safely, stay where you are and let the emergency vehicle overtake you when safe to do so. Importantly, make sure to use your indicators and signal your intentions. If it's unsafe to pass the emergency vehicle would rather stay behind you until it becomes safe, and using your indicator is a great way to show them you've seen them and will pull over when possible. Slowing down in an area where overtaking isn't possible doesn't help, travel ahead and move over as soon as it's safe to do so. They may deactivate our sirens to let you know they are willing to wait.

It was a busy few days for Marysville's SES members. Earlier in the week they also assisted Ambulance Victoria with an injured bushwalker on a track near Marysville. In very slippery conditions, they were able to help the patient to the waiting ambulance by using their 4WD, saving crews a carry-out via stretcher.



SWIMMING POOL SEASON KICKS OFF THIS WEEKEND

Murrindindi Shire's swimming pool season commences this Saturday 27 November! With entry free-of-charge again this season, we hope you take the chance to cool off at one of our swimming pools in Alexandra, Eildon, Marysville or Yea.

Like last year, the pool season will look a little different due to COVID-19 restrictions. This means that all patrons over 12 years and 2 months of age will need to be double-vaccinated (unless you have a medical exemption) and you will be required to check-in and show proof of vaccination each time you visit one of our pools. Please be understanding about these requirements and be kind to our staff, who will be working hard to keep us all safe.

A friendly reminder that our pools will be closed to the public on days forecast to be below 23 degrees (although lap swimming will run as usual). From Friday 17 December 2021 to Saturday 5 February 2022, all pools will be open until 8.00 pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

For the latest information, including opening hours and updates to services, please visit our website and search 'pools'. You can also keep an eye out on Council's Facebook page for the latest information on activities and pool closures throughout the season.

TENDER - 2022-2025 CLEANING CONTRACT

Council invites suitably-qualified and experienced contractors to submit a tender bid for the delivery of cleaning services for Council buildings and facilities.

To download the tender documents or make an enquiry, please visit Council's online tender portal at eprocure.com.au/murrindindi

Tender bids close at 3.00 pm on 8 December 2021.

JOBS AT COUNCIL

Coordinator Community Engagement

Are you passionate about supporting communities to drive change and enhance wellbeing? Do you have experience delivering community planning and engagement projects? This could be your next career move!

The Coordinator Community Engagement will play a key role in leading and supporting key priorities in Council's 2021-2025 Council Plan to support healthy, connected and inclusive communities. We're looking for someone with communication and leadership skills, project management and community engagement capabilities, public presentation skills and the ability to work with people from a range of backgrounds.

Applications close Friday 10 December 2021.

Strategic Planner – Murrindindi Shire and City of Whittlesea Councils

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Applications close Sunday 28 November 2021.

For more information about these roles and to apply, please visit the 'jobs' section of our website or give us a call.



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Winners of the garden photograph competition

ALEXANDRA Newspapers ran a garden photograph competition again this year. Although we had no prizes, winners were given a copy of the popular book, *Journey of 150 Years from the Alexandra Times to*

the Alexandra Standard.

There were many entries in the competition and it was a difficult decision to pick the winners. Thank you to everybody who entered.



First place in the Open division went to Anne Norris from Alexandra.



Second place in the Open division went to John Tullock for his photo of the Glenburn garden, 'Boonabaroo'.



Third place in the Open division went to Linda Carter from Alexandra.



Second place in the Produce division went to Louise Flowers from Alexandra, with this picture of David Flowers.

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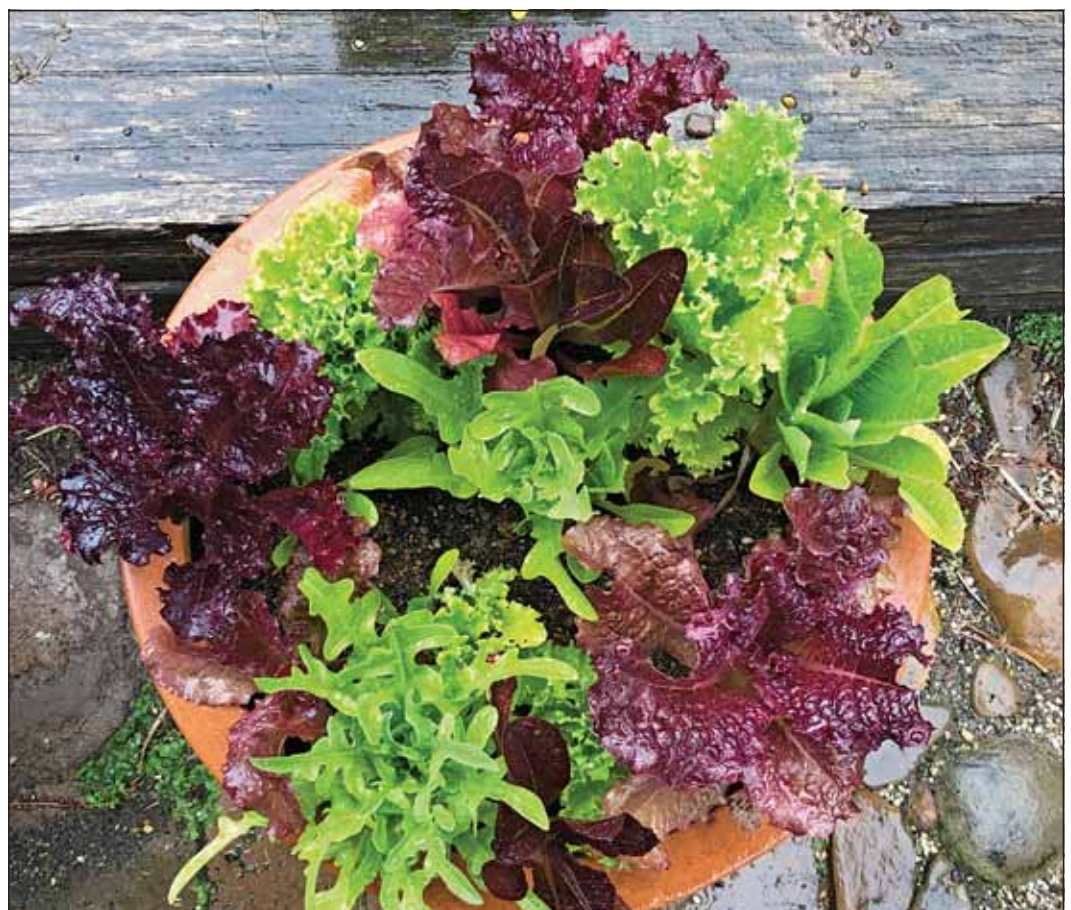
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For more information and conversation starters check your local council website.

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16 Days of
 Activism



RESPECT WOMEN:

CALL IT OUT

Community Bank Wallan, Kilmore and Broadford support the **Respect Women: Call it out** Campaign to end domestic violence in our community.

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Respect is growing

Mitchell Shire Council is calling for the community to stand united for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence.

The 16 Days of Activism starts on November 25, the International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women, and ends on December 10, Human Rights Day.

The 2021 campaign theme, led by Respect Victoria, Domestic Violence Victoria and the Domestic Violence Resource Centre, is 'Respect Is ...' with people to complete the sentence with their own thoughts and opinion.

The positive message aims to support Victorian communities to engage in conversations about respect – what respect means to people, what respect looks like and how to put respect into practice, especially in the context of gender equality.

There is no single cause of violence against women. But current international evidence, outlined in 'Change the Story: a shared framework for the primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia' demonstrates that higher levels of violence against women are consistently associated with lower levels of gender equality in both public life and personal relationships.

This year, council, partner agencies and community groups across the region have planned a range of activities, workshops and opportunities to learn about the gendered drivers of violence, so people can act collectively to make an impact and take a stance.

Mitchell Shire Mayor Bill Chisholm said respect came in many different forms.

"Respect is equality. Respect is equal pay for equal work. Respect is being treated how you want to be treated," he said.

"We will once again stand with our community by taking part in the 16 Days of Activism campaign to highlight our stance as an organisation against violence."

Cr Chisholm said the campaign was an opportunity to partner with agencies

across the shire and beyond to collectively make an impact and stand united.

"As a shire with significantly high family violence rates, we want to send a clear message – violence will never be tolerated or accepted in our community," he said.

"We all have to work together to acknowledge the problem and find practical and worthwhile solutions."

As Mitchell Shire has high family violence rates, council is making it clear that it is not tolerated or accepted within our community.

Council is offering a free packet of native flower seedlings from libraries and community centres across the shire – fitting into its theme of 'respect is growing', and aiming to spark conversations about how to grow respect in the workplace, with family and friends or in the community.

Mitchell Shire is ranked 11th of the 79 Victorian councils for family violence incidents.

New data shows that 2020 was the first year in which all of Mitchell's townships experienced a family violence incident rate higher than the state average.

One of council's priorities for the upcoming federal election is securing funding for the Seymour Integrated Health and Community Hub.

Council's previous advocacy work led to the establishment of the recently completed Wallan Community Services Hub, which includes an Orange Door access point.

The Orange Door helps people speak to workers from specialist family violence, child and family, Aboriginal and men's services.

The Orange Door is a free service for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence and families who need extra support with the care of children.

Contact the Orange Door on 1800 634 245 or visit www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au.

RESPECT WOMEN CALL IT OUT

Gender-based violence continues to grow at alarming rates with one in six women in Australia having experienced physical and/or sexual violence by a current or former partner.

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DAYS OF ACTIVISM

CALLING ON MEN TO

'call it out'



Zonta Club of Mitchell supporter Richard paints orange lady figures ahead of this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

Zonta Club of Mitchell will mark this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence campaign with a series of community events, art displays and social media posts.

The club will kick off the campaign on Thursday with an orange walk, where members and supporters will walk from their homes or workplaces while wearing orange shirts emblazoned with a 'Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women' slogan.

This weekend the club will host a community art and craft show at Broadford's Gavan Hall, from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and 10am to 1pm on Sunday.

Zonta will also post messages and images designed to raise awareness about family violence on Facebook and Instagram during each of the 16 days, and will put displays of domestic violence survival stories, titled 'Walk in My Shoes' in Mitchell Shire libraries.

The club will conclude the campaign with an brunch of all-orange food and drink on December 10.

An orange lady silhouette, which featured in the club's award-winning social media campaign for last year's 16 Days of Activism, will also make appearances across the shire.

Zonta Club of Mitchell president Robin Audehm said a focus of this year's campaign was getting men to call out family violence.

"This year's theme is 'call it out' and we're trying to get men involved in activism against family violence," she said.

"[On social media] we'll do posts using men in our community, each one of them with a personal message about saying no to family violence or calling out violence if they see it."

Ms Audehm said family violence was a problem across the region, and men needed to play a role in reducing it.

"Family violence in the Mitchell community is at a fairly alarming rate, but family violence throughout Victoria and Australia is higher than it should be as well," she said.

"We're trying to raise awareness for men to call it out if they see something, like any of their colleagues or family members who might be saying things or acting in a way that is not acceptable. We want them to stand up and say something about it."

"We're also trying to raise awareness for those people who are victims and support anyone who is a victim. We want them to know there are places where they can make connections and get help."

Zonta is an international organisation dedicated to advancing the status of women through service and advocacy.

People can follow Zonta Club of Mitchell's 16 Days of Activism campaign on social media by visiting www.facebook.com/zontaclubofmitchell, following @zontamitchell on Instagram or emailing zontaclubmitchell@gmail.com for more information.



Zonta says No is a campaign to raise awareness of violence against women and girls around the world. Over 30,000 Zonta members in 67 countries are committed to this cause. Support this year's walk against gender based violence.

JOIN US: Wear Orange and WALK FROM YOUR HOME by yourself or with a friend on 25 Nov 2021

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Working in partnership with our community to generate a unified response in working toward the prevention of family violence.

Promoting a culture within our Health Service that is gender-equitable, non-discriminatory and encourages respectful relationships.

Supporting staff and volunteers both professionally and personally in order to promote their wellbeing and safety.

Providing family violence education to all of our staff and volunteers.

ONGOING **Walk in my shoes display**

The Zonta 'Walk in my Shoes' display will be travelling across Mitchell's libraries during 16 Days of Activism, appearing at Kilmore, Seymour, Wallan and Broadford libraries, featuring stories of women and children victim-survivors of family violence.

Zonta Club of Mitchell

THURSDAY 25 NOV **SafeSteps Walk Against Family Violence**

Join people across Victoria to raise awareness and walk in solidarity with victim-survivors of family violence and violence against women, at the 13th Annual Walk Against Family Violence. A 'walk from home' event.

Register your walk at: www.safesteps.org.au/2021-wafv

THURSDAY 25 NOV **Respect is Growing in Mitchell and Murrindindi shires**

From November 25 to December 10, community members can pick up a free packet of native flower seedlings from libraries, kindergartens and community centres across Mitchell and Murrindindi Shires. We encourage you to plant your seedlings and start a conversation about how 'Respect is growing' in your shire. Your conversation might be about how you will grow respect in your workplace, with family and friends or in our community.

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www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Home

THURSDAY 25 NOV 9:00 AM **Orange Walk**

Everyone is invited to join in and wear orange to undertake a walk with a friend or your pet. Post photos on social media or private message Zonta Mitchell to post.

For more information: Zonta Club of Mitchell Facebook page

THURSDAY 25 NOV 9:10 AM **16 days presentation on Upper Goulburn Community Radio**

Listen in to Andrew and Lee's Community radio discussion of the 16 days campaign, why it's important and what as a whole community we can do.

To listen in, click here <http://right-click.com.au/rcPlayer2/index.php?c=ugfm>

THURSDAY 25 NOV 12:30 PM **NEXUS Walk Against Family Violence**

Each Nexus location will host a lunchtime walk as part of the Safe Steps Walk Against Family Violence event – for staff only. Staff will wear orange to support the campaign. This can be from a simple hair tie to completely dressed in an orange suit.

Nexus Primary Health

SATURDAY 27 NOV 10 AM - 4 PM **Zonta Club of Mitchell Community Art and Craft Show**

Featured at the show this year is the Zonta 'Walk in my Shoes' display with stories of women and children victim-survivors of family violence. Gold coin donation, all proceeds support Zonta service projects.

Venue: Gavan Hall, High St, Broadford

For more information: Zonta Club of Mitchell Facebook page

TUESDAY 30 NOV **North Central Review goes orange**

The North Central Review will change the colour of its front page masthead from blue to orange to mark the 16 Days of Activism campaign.

Pick up a copy of the North Central Review across the Mitchell Shire or visit www.ncreview.com.au

TUESDAY 30 NOV 10 AM - 12 NOON **Coffee with a Cop**

Coffee with a Cop is a collaborative event between Victoria Police, Mitchell Shire Council, and local cafe vendors. The event encourages the community to attend the cafe for a free coffee, chat about issues and build positive community relationships.

Venue: Flavour Gourmet Foods, High Street, Broadford
 Victoria Police, Mitchell Shire Council

Visit 'Eyewatch-Mitchell Police Service Area' on Facebook for more information.

WEDNESDAY 8 DEC 1 PM - 4 PM **Working with Dads**

Join this free online workshop for professionals and service providers who want to engage dads and families. The online workshop is part of the Support for Fathers project, which aims to develop healthy relationships for dads. Hosted by Women's Health Goulburn North East and Murrindindi Shire Council, supported by Lower Hume Primary Care Partnership and Respect Victoria.

To register, email supportforfathers@rav.org.au.

ONLINE EVENT

If you or someone you know needs help or support, the following services are available to help:


- The Orange Door: 1800 634 245 www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au
- Safe Steps (24/7 Family Violence Response Line): 1800 015 188
- 1800 RESPECT (24/7 sexual assault, domestic and family violence counselling service): 1800 737 732
- Nexus Primary Health: 1300 773 352
- Men's Referral Service: (24/7 professional support and information service for Australian men): 1300 466 491
- Seniors Rights Victoria: 1300 368 821
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Be careful of the potholes

MEMBER for Eildon Cindy McLeish has called for the Minister for Roads to visit the region.

She said roads across the region are in a deplorable condition and only getting worse due to the lack of serious repairs made by the Victorian Government.

Ms McLeish called on the minister to personally drive up the Melba Highway and onto the Maroondah Highway to Mansfield. On the way back the minister needs to head to Alexandra and take the trip over the Black Spur to Healesville to see for himself the dire need for serious road repairs and ensure these repairs are actioned.

Ms McLeish said, "I have previously called on the minister to drive Heidelberg-Kinglake Road between Kinglake and St Andrews. The minister can't do it from behind a desk in the city, he needs to see the road conditions for himself."

"I receive complaints from residents almost on a daily basis about how poor and dangerous the roads are, and the damage potholes cause to vehicles. People are fed up, and rightly so."

The Melba Highway is a serious concern, easily receiving the largest amount of complaints from drivers. It is full of potholes, crumbling shoulders and uneven road surface.

Ms McLeish continues, "I drive along the Melba Highway almost daily and it is no surprise that



Cindy McLeish. -S

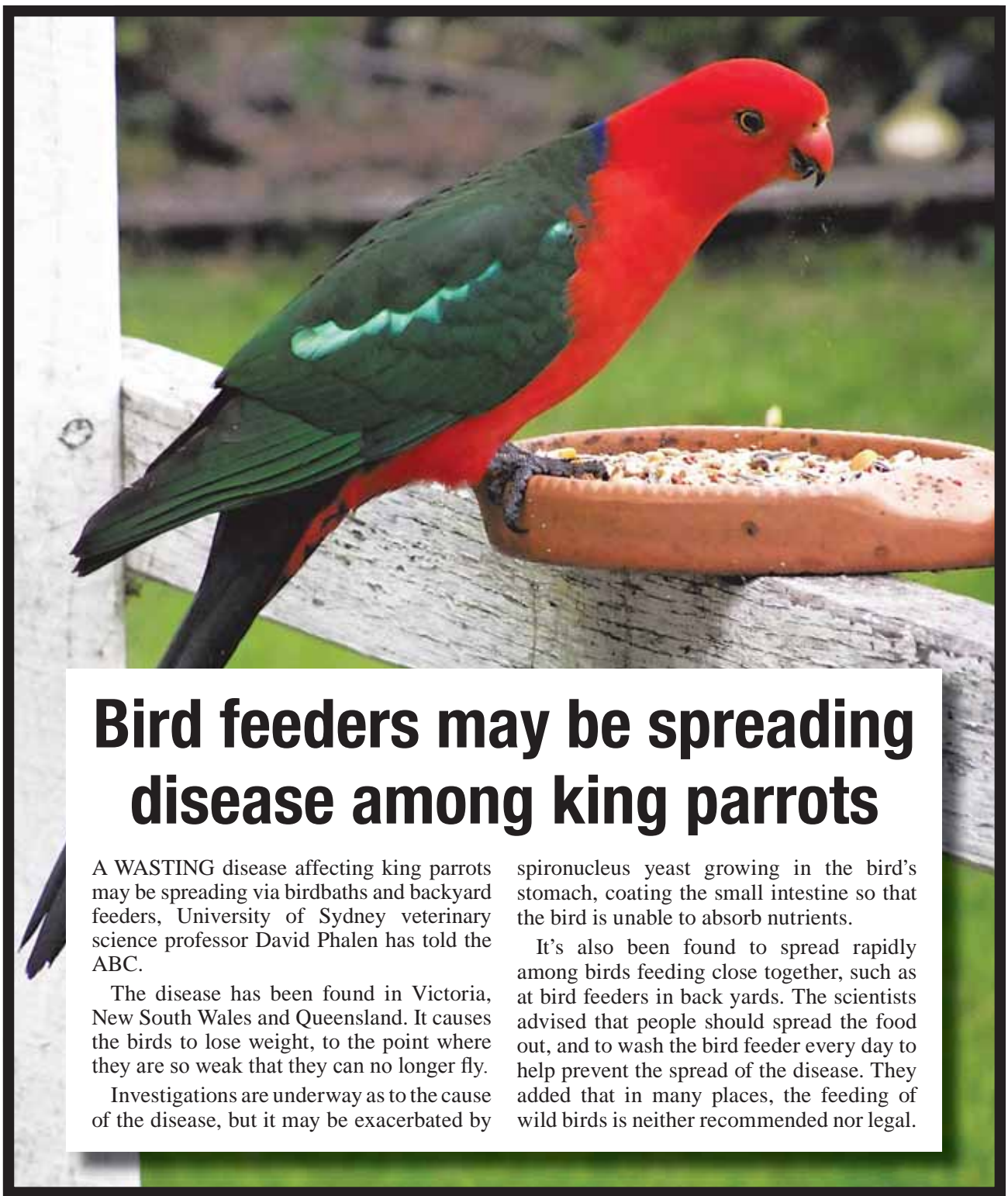
residents are concerned about this road in particular. It has been an issue for years and is only getting worse with band aid fixes that don't last."

"I continually address the concerns of locals with the minister, who told me I raise more road issues with him than any other Member of Parliament."

Other major roads that the community are concerned about include the Warburton Highway, the Black Spur, the roads in and around Woods Point and the Maroondah Highway from Healesville all the way to Mansfield.

"The State Labor Government needs to stop ignoring regional roads. Repairs need to be made now," Ms McLeish concluded.

Under parliamentary guidelines the minister has 30 days to respond to Ms McLeish's request.



Bird feeders may be spreading disease among king parrots

A WASTING disease affecting king parrots may be spreading via birdbaths and backyard feeders, University of Sydney veterinary science professor David Phalen has told the ABC.

The disease has been found in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. It causes the birds to lose weight, to the point where they are so weak that they can no longer fly.

Investigations are underway as to the cause of the disease, but it may be exacerbated by

spironucleus yeast growing in the bird's stomach, coating the small intestine so that the bird is unable to absorb nutrients.

It's also been found to spread rapidly among birds feeding close together, such as at bird feeders in back yards. The scientists advised that people should spread the food out, and to wash the bird feeder every day to help prevent the spread of the disease. They added that in many places, the feeding of wild birds is neither recommended nor legal.

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Eildon Twilight Market a huge success



People were delighted to be out and about on such a perfect day, and once again able to catch up with their friends and neighbours. -AR

THE Eildon Twilight Market was the brainchild of Karine Haslam, as a community member rather than as a member of council, and she was delighted with the first event.

“All the ducks lined up for us,” she said. “Everyone’s has had such need to be able to get out.”

Around 1400 people attended the market, held on a warm and sunny late-spring day on Saturday, November 20. Some people called it the busiest market they had ever been to. Most of the food vendors had run out of food by 6.30pm.

Prior to the event, one of the Eildon Lions Club members suggested that if 200 people came along, it would be a good day, so when they passed the 1000 people mark, Karine started to choke up.

She estimated that around \$30,000 would have turned over at the market, helping to stimulate the Eildon economy.

Karine, along with the Eildon Lions and Eildon Action, are already planning the next market, and they are hoping to have even more stalls, including an ice cream van. They have five markets planned to run on December 18, January 15, February 19, March 19 and April 16. Karine expects that the December and January markets will be particularly large, and she’s hoping that eventually the market will stretch all the way along Riverside Drive.

As well as being very successful, the first market is being viewed as a learning experience. They are trying to keep the products local and handmade, and while they can be from anywhere in Australia, products created in the nearby area are particularly welcomed.

They are also likely to provide a disabled parking area at the next market, and additional entry points to avoid the bottle

neck caused by the COVID-19 requirements. Children’s games may also be included in the future. Dogs are permitted at the market as long as they are on leads and their owners carry a bag to remove doggy doos.

They are certainly open to feedback from the community about how to make the market even better.

The November market certainly highlighted the community’s need to get together again, and many commented on how lovely it was to see people’s smiles after so long in masks.

As always, volunteers are needed. It doesn’t need to be for the whole event. Even just an hour would be a terrific help. Contact Karine on 0400 715 319 or email karine.haslam@gmail.com for further information.

Overall, the feedback has been very positive, and it bodes well for successful markets in the future.



Members of the Lions Club selling tickets for the wood raffle. -AR



Members of the Eildon and District Woodworkers Guild and Alexandra Community Shed. -AR



JD and Gerri Delves. JD was one of the performers at the market. -AR



Cynthia and Marian with their wares at the market. -AR

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Chris and Jo from Mount Evelyn and Jacqui and Trace from Box Hill. Both couples have holiday houses in Taylor Bay. Chris commented about the event, “How good is this.” -AR

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Building to rent

THE Victorian Government is ensuring more people have the stability of a home and significant value increases from government rezoning decisions are shared with the community, due to reforms which have passed in parliament.

Victorians will have access to more affordable rental housing through the Build to Rent scheme, which will provide incentives for investors to build rental properties.

Build to Rent provides a new approach to residential housing, where properties in a development are designed to be held for rental over the long term.

Eligible developments completed and operational between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2031 will receive the 50 per cent land tax discount and full exemption from the Absentee Owner Surcharge (AOS) for up to 30 years.

The Windfall Gains Tax also passed through the Legislative Council, meaning significant value increases from rezoning decisions will be shared and Victorians will see greater transparency in the process.

The total value uplift from a rezoning decision will be taxed at 50 per cent for windfalls above \$500,000, with the tax phasing in from \$100,000,

ensuring most land holders of rezoned land won't be affected.

Residential land which includes a home, including holiday homes and investment properties, will be exempted from the tax. It will not apply to any other increases in value, such as appreciation in property value over time.

The new system will mean developers will pay taxes on properties which have sharp value rises overnight after planning decisions to rezone land. The profits can then be shared with Victorian communities and are used to fund the services and infrastructure these communities need.

Primary production land that contains a home will also be exempted up to two hectares. Rezoning to most rural zones, or to a Public Land Zone, will be exempted.

Exemptions will also be provided for charities if the land continues to be used for charitable purposes for the next fifteen years after a rezoning. The tax will start on July 1, 2023.

The windfall gains tax will be calculated based on valuations undertaken by the Valuer-General on the pre-rezoning and post-rezoning capital-improved values of land.

Victoria hits record levels of building permit approvals

BUILDING permit approvals in Victoria during the last financial year were at their highest level in the past decade, new data reveals.

Building permit data collected by the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) shows that approvals totalled 123,330 in 2020/21, an increase of 18 per cent from the previous financial year (104,560) and 13 per cent more than 2018/19 (109,396).

The largest increase in approvals was in regional Victoria, which saw a 32 per cent spike in the number of building permit approvals.

Of all permits issued, those for domestic building increased more than 22 per cent, with about 19,500 more permits issued in 2020/21 than in 2019/20.

The VBA's CEO Sue Eddy said the building and construction sector remained strong throughout the pandemic.

"It has been a challenging time for all Victorians, however the resilience shown

by the building and plumbing industries, and its ability to adapt, has meant Victoria has continued to grow," Ms Eddy said.

"With continued cooperation, collaboration and safety front of mind, we will hopefully see this positive trend continue through 2021/22 and beyond."

New building work accounted for more than 62 per cent of all building permits in 2020/21, with the number of permits issued for this work 24 per cent greater than a year ago. The number of permits issued for residential, retail, hospital and healthcare, and public buildings each decreased more than 10 per cent.

By region, the Gippsland area had 9560 building permit approvals in 2020/21, compared to 6859 in 2019-20, a 39 per cent year-on-year increase.

The north east, north west and south west regions all saw their building permit approval

figures rise by more than 30 per cent in the space of a year.

There was also plenty of building activity in outer Melbourne, with 51,422 building permit approvals in 2020-21, a 17.7 per cent increase compared to 2019/20 (43,680).

As the number of building permits issued increased, so did the cost of building works. In Victoria, total cost of works increased from \$39.1 billion in 2019/20 to \$41.9 billion in 2020/21.

By building use, the cost of works for new building work was valued at \$34.6 billion, an 11.6 per cent increase compared to 2019/20.

Extension (\$1.8 billion) and demolition (\$577 million) cost of works increased 14 and 20 per cent respectively in 2020/21 compared to 2019/20.

The Federal Government's HomeBuilder Grant Scheme further supported the building industry, generating more than 35,000 applications from Victoria, with more than 29,000 of these for new builds.

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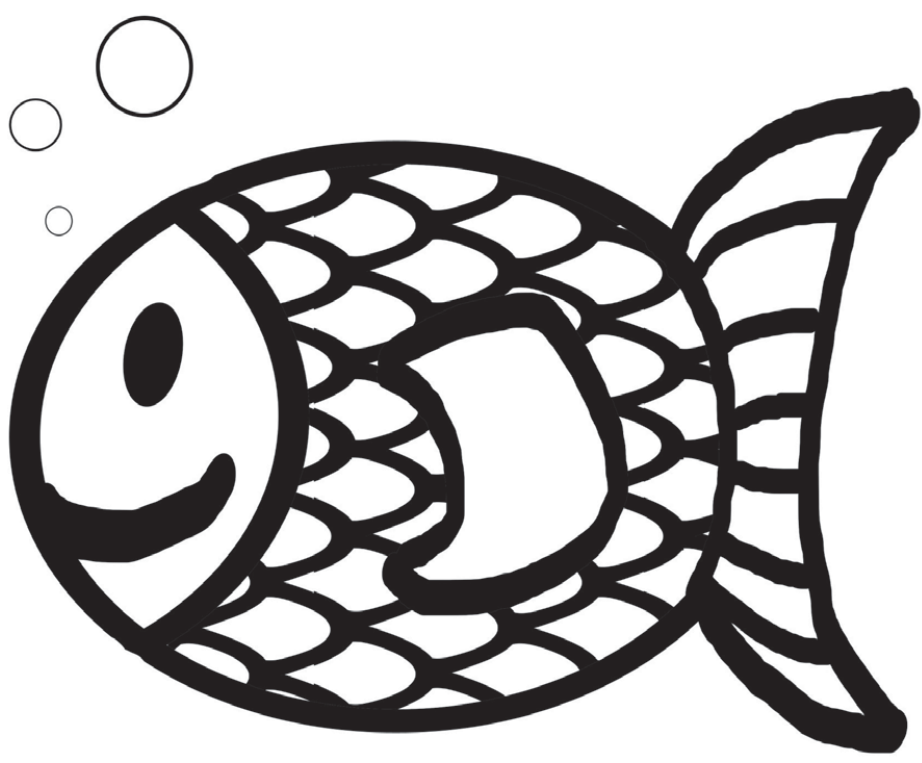
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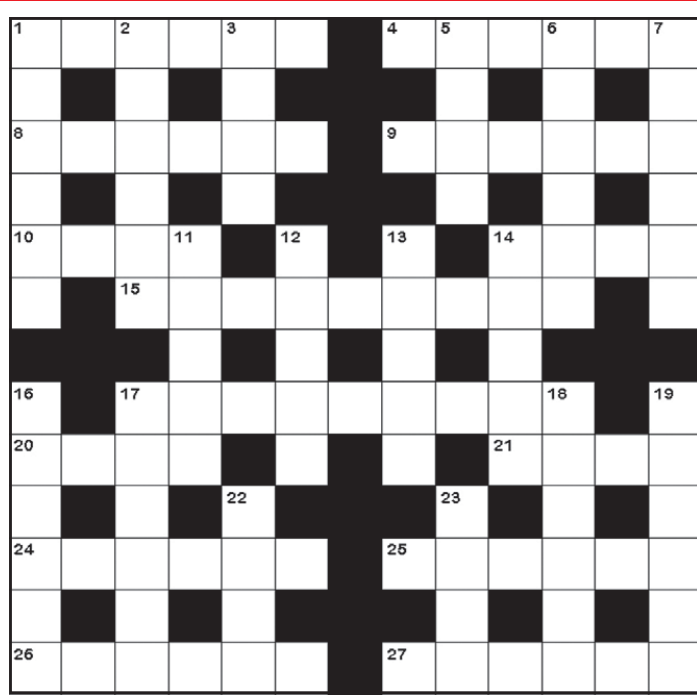
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Crossword

ACROSS

1. Liable to sudden unpredictable changes.
4. Having a common national or cultural tradition.
8. A band worn to keep a sock or stocking up.
9. To expel breath or tobacco smoke from the lungs.
10. To sound a horn or whistle in short blasts.
14. A tenant's periodical payment to their landlord.
15. Brought a blade to a thin edge capable of cutting.
17. Gave acceptance to something planned by another.
20. The front part or bow of a vessel or aircraft.
21. A narrow passage between walls hedges or fences.
24. A touring company of actors singers and dancers.
25. A dangerous or threatening thing or person.
26. Something done produced or occurring once a year.
27. A means of counteracting anything undesirable.



DOWN

1. Bundles of sticks and branches bound together.
2. Things that are unusual perhaps worthy of collecting.

3. White cylindrical bulb with flat dark-green leaves.
5. A book prepared for use in schools or colleges.
6. Drew closer and closer to the desired object.
7. Act in a role in the first production of a play.
11. Deliberately lose a fight a contest or a game.
12. Take or force away by violent pulling or twisting.
13. A reddish brown dye used particularly on hair.
14. To take part in noisy festivities and make merry.
16. An absence of interest or enthusiasm in general.
17. Any structure that resembles a crown in shape.
18. Harm that impairs the usefulness of something.
19. A belief that rejects the orthodox tenets of a religion.
22. Australia's most famous and loved gemstone.
23. Gala or bazaar held outdoors in aid of charity.

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Jokes

- Q:** What is fast and loud and crunchy?
- Q:** What is brown, hairy and wears sunglasses?



Sudoku

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

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Brain teaser

Q: You are a cyclist in a cross-country race. Just before crossing the finish line, you overtake the person in second place. In what place did you finish?



Sudoku

Difficulty: Easy
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- Must be reliable and self-motivated

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To apply for this position, please complete the application via the website, <https://www.lakemountainresort.com.au/careers/>.

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DEATH NOTICES



McCORMACK, John
Members of the Molesworth Rural Fire Brigade regret the passing of esteemed member John, whose volunteer service to CFA spanned more than 65 years – a remarkable effort. John will be sadly missed by the Molesworth community. We extend our deepest sympathy to Tom, Mary, Jack and family.
Captain and members of the Molesworth Rural Fire Brigade

McCORMACK, JOHN
09/07/1935-16/11/2021
Passed away peacefully with family by his side. Adored husband of Margaret (dec). Loving father of Tom, Mary and Jack. At peace and now reunited with mum.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

ROBERTSON, Lorraine (nee Ward). Thinking of our beloved sister on her 80th birthday on November 27, 2021. Memories last a lifetime. Love Brian (dec.), Val, Judy, Jeff, David and Dot.

FUNERAL NOTICES

McCORMACK, JOHN
A service to celebrate the life and love of Mr John McCormack will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yea on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 commencing at 11.30am. Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

In accordance with COVID-19 mandatory regulations, physical distancing will be in place and proof of double vaccinations for persons 16+ will be required.



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ESSENTIAL SELECTION CRITERIA

- Experience with office cleaning preferred
- Ability to work in a team environment
- An understanding and willingness to comply with occupational health and safety policies

Apply by email to info@valleyseeds.com or by written application to 295 Maroondah Link Highway, Yarck Victoria 3719.

Applications close December 3, 2021

MEETINGS

ALEXANDRA HISTORICAL Society AGM. November 25. 2pm. Dove Cottage.

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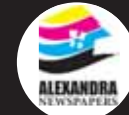
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The successful applicants for catering roles require a food handler's certificate.

Carers will require a successful NDIS worker check clearance whilst catering and environmental teams require a current police check. Evidence of COVID-19 vaccination is required for all staff. Hours may include weekends and public holidays.

Enquiries / applications in writing or by email may be forwarded to Mrs Linda Dover, CEO/DON, Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street Alexandra Vic 3714, Ph 5770 2100 or info@kellocklodge.com.au by COB Monday, November 29, 2021.

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Maintenance Trade Assistant – Full Time

Koala Cherries Pty Ltd is a grower, packer and marketer of sweet cherries in Australia. We currently have an exciting opportunity for motivated and reliable Maintenance Trade Assistant to join our team. The position is based at our packhouse in Yarck, Victoria.

Working as part of a small team, you will assist with maintenance and repairs of mechanical/automotive assets on the farms and at the packhouse including cars, tractors, RTV/ATV's, forklifts, motorbikes and other assets as required.

The role offers a great deal of variety and would suit someone with an automotive trade qualification plus, a minimum of two years' experience, ideally in an agricultural setting. A current driver's license is required.

This position is full time, with overtime hours available during our busy harvest period. (Nov-Jan) The successful applicant will have great communication skills; a high level of attention to detail; value working in a team environment and; be keen to assist in other areas of the business when required.

Skills and experience in maintaining and repairing farm equipment would be an advantage, but not essential as training will be provided to the successful applicant.

Please email your resume and cover letter to the Maintenance Manager: admin@koalacherries.com.au before close of business on Monday, December 6.

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FOODWORKS CASUAL SUPERMARKET STAFF REQUIRED

FoodWorks Yea & FoodWorks Alexandra are looking to fill a number of positions across multiple departments.

All applicants must be polite, hard working and honest, with good communication skills and reliable. In line with the Victorian Government mandate, all applicants must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

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Due to company expansion, the Reddrop Group is looking for a full time **Finance Officer to join our Finance Team based at Alexandra FoodWorks.**

We are looking for a person with good computer skills, who is adaptable, literate and numerate and can communicate well with team members, suppliers and the public. Someone who is reliable and understands and demonstrates the importance of integrity and confidentiality would fit the position.

Relevant experience with computerised Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, GST and General Ledger functions is required.

The trainee position is an opportunity for the successful candidate to kick start their career and gain a valuable qualification.

As this position is in a small team, the successful candidate must be able to multi task, stay organised, be able to work efficiently and accurately, have a great sense of humour and have the ability to work with and for a variety of personalities.

In line with the Victorian Government mandate, all applicants must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

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LOST - RED framed prescription glasses on Monday, November 15, near St Johns' Church, Alexandra.
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WANTED gardener for gardens at Taggerty, 4 weeks full time initial and then 2-3 days per week, prefer person with ABN.
Ph 0404 373 916

A pause to reflect and remember

by Steve Joblin

PASSERS-BY on Station Street, or using the rail trail in the heart of Yea on Sunday morning, may have wondered about the activities and the gathering at Yea Railway Station. Close to 100 people had come together to take part in a walk. Not just any walk, this was the inaugural Walk for Suicide Awareness, created through months of planning, to offer a grass roots mental health initiative for our region.

Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Group was formed back in February, through the inspiration and drive of Jacky Gilbee. Jacky brought together a team of passionate people who really cared about mental health. The team focussed on offering an opportunity in Goulburn Valley communities and beyond, for people suffering the loss of loved ones, family, colleagues and friends, through suicide, to walk together.

Walk together we did, with guest speakers Jane and Jacky, both mothers who have lost their children, Jessica and Russell to suicide, sharing their thoughts. Kerry, one of our volunteer counsellors, emphasised the community support and symbolism of the day. MP supporter and advocate Cindy McLeish read the honour roll of our remembered and loved to be carried with us on the walk. Then we walked, carrying stones with personal messages and names.

Several extra special guests walked with us as well, canine friends who give us so much



The gathering in Yea prior to the event. -S

love and support. The most poignant part of the day for me was meeting Russell Stacpool's dog Timtim (also referred to as Tim Tim the Dim Sim).

So many dedicated volunteers made this walk possible. Thanking people enough is never possible in a short report, but to every sponsor, community organisation, business, media group and individual volunteer, thank you.

To all who gathered, it's about you and your loved ones and walking together to remember and support. See you again in 2022 on the second Sunday of September. Keep in contact through gvsag.org.au or follow on facebook at Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Group.

If through reading this you feel the need for support, please contact Beyond Blue 1300 224 626, Lifeline 131 114. Don't forget your GP, who is there to help you and is the first step in your 'Walk' to healing.



Rickey East and Jacky Gilbee with Jill and walk mascot Tim Tim the Dim Sim. -S

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KIDS - JOKES

A: A rocket chip
A: A coconut on holiday

Community survey to help improve council communication

DO you live, work or own a property in Murrindindi Shire? Then you are invited to complete a short Communication Preferences survey to help council improve the way it communicates with its community.

Council currently uses a range of methods to share news and information, including updates about pools, libraries, community events, road and infrastructure projects, environmental programs and waste and recycling services, and they want to understand how you want to receive this information.

Council's Deputy Mayor Damien Gallagher said it's important that council communicates with the community in ways which work best for the community.

"Last year we talked about how best to engage in two-way conversations with our community, and now we're interested to know a bit more detail about your preferred

method for receiving council news, information about our services and any important announcements.

"Maybe you prefer to receive council news on social media, or maybe you'd prefer to receive council's newsletter by email rather than by mail. You might like reading about council news in your local newspaper or community newsletter, or maybe you'd prefer a noticeboard in the main street of your town? You may also feel like you're hearing from council too much or even too little? This information is really valuable to us in tailoring our approach", Cr Gallagher added.

"The feedback we receive will help us understand how to best approach our future communications activities and to ensure we get the right message to you, at the right time, using your preferred communication method.

"If you have a few minutes spare, I encourage you to head online to The Loop and complete a short Communication Preferences Survey. If you'd prefer to complete a paper survey, drop in to one of the Library and Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake to fill one out, or give council a call on 5772 0333 and the team can fill out a survey for you on your behalf.

"Council officers will also be popping-up at local supermarkets in Alexandra, Eildon, Yea, Marysville and Kinglake. They will be using these opportunities to chat to you about the project and gather your feedback on how we can improve the way we communicate with you," Cr Gallagher added.

Feedback closes on December 24. For more information and to complete the online survey, please visit theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/communication

Foundation Murrindindi announces grant recipients

FOUNDATION Murrindindi is delighted to announce the successful applicants for their recent Connecting Communities Small Grant Program.

Foundation Murrindindi's chair Melinda Burgess said, "The grant program was established to bring people together after experiencing isolation and disconnection through the pandemic. We were really pleased with the creativity of ideas and the quality of applications we received."

Successful projects and applicants are Out of Lockdown (Rotary Club of Kinglake), Community Christmas Lunch (Flowerdale Community House), Let's Catch Up (Alexandra Football and Netball Club), Tuesday Chat Summer Outdoor Program (Marysville and District Lions

Club), Resident's iPad (Darlingford Upper Goulburn Nursing Home), Community Christmas Day Gathering (Embassy of Ideas), Alexandra Community Picnic and Movie Night (Rotary Club of Alexandra), Age Positively with U3A (Murrindindi East U3A), Eildon Twilight Market (Eildon Action Inc), The Fawcett Muster (Fawcett Mechanics Institute), and Come and Try days (Marysville and Triangle Community Men's Shed).

Community groups were invited to apply for small grants of up to \$500 to support community led initiatives, activities, projects or events that build connection, reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation, increase social participation and inclusion, and enhance a sense of belonging.

"Each of these projects and events contribute to our aim to bring people together to build social capital and strengthen our communities," Ms Burgess said. "We congratulate these applicants for their commitment to their communities."

This small grant round builds on the platform that Foundation Murrindindi has been working on since it changed its name from Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation. Foundation Murrindindi's vision is for thriving, vibrant and connected communities within the Shire of Murrindindi.

For more information about Foundation Murrindindi and its areas of impact, contact Robyn Hill, Executive Officer on 0488 007 688 or robyn@foundationmurrindindi.org.au

SPORT

Ruth Worland new Club Champion

by Elizabeth Goss

A BIG day for the Alexandra golfing ladies last Wednesday when they played the final round of the 2021 Championships and the challenge for the 2021 Medal of Medallist. Congratulations to our new Club Champion Ruth Worland with a score of 275 over three rounds. Her wonderful score of 84 off the stick in the first round put Ruth well up in the running. Congratulations also to our B Grade Champion Judy Pearson with 305 and our C Grade Champion Pauline Brooks with 347. More congratulations to Ruth Worland for winning the 2021 Medal of Medallist with 94(17)77.

The division one winner for the day was Judy Pearson with 99(24)75 and the runner up was Ruth Worland 94(17)77. The division two winner was July Lyon 106(27)79 on a count back from Brenda Lopez 106(27)79. The nine hole winner was Helen Findlay

with 40 net on a count back from Rita Mitchell. Nearest the pin on the fifth was Helen Findlay, on the seventh Rita Mitchell and on the 18th Barb Doyle. On Wednesday, December 1, it will be Stableford. Names in by 8.30 for 9am hit off.

The FoodWorks Murrindindi Masters had a good start on Saturday in ideal weather with a field of 80 men and 22 ladies. The sponsorship for this series of tournaments gives golf in Murrindindi such a wonderful stimulus and all golfers are very grateful to the Reddrop family for their strong support.

A thank you also to Eildon Golf Club who hosted the first round. The course was in excellent condition for the day and the newly renovated club house looking so open and spacious. Congratulations to all the winners but especially to the Alexandra winners. Michael Bossonnet won A Grade with (10) 37 points, Dylan Jack was the A Grade runner up with (6) 35 points on a count back from Wayne Haggis (6) 35 points and Helen Findlay was runner up in the ladies A Grade with (22) 32 points on a count back from the winner. Make sure Saturday, January

15 is kept free for the second round of the Murrindindi Masters at Alexandra.

There was just a small group playing in last Tuesday's cold and wind. The winner was Peter Vallance (8) 35 points and the runner up was John Greatorex (17) 31 points. Names in by 11.30am for noon hit off for Tuesday's game.

Saturday, November 27 is the final round of 2021 Championships. Names in by 11.30 for 11.45am hit off.

The Thursday chook run has started, names in by 5pm.

Cricket back at MCG after four years

by Rohan Berriman

MERTON Cricket Club has returned to the MCG after a four year absence where they hosted Beechworth in the WDC C Grade match played in perfect conditions at Merton.

The visitors won the toss and sent Merton in, making a slow but steady 6/99 off 36 overs. Daryl King played his first game in many years in the district made 19 along with young gun James Benton, 18 not out. Jarrod Cummins and Luke Berriman got starts to make 15 apiece.

Beechworth steady bowling and a lush out field restricted Merton's scoring opportunity. The match ended up being a tight battle lead predominantly by the too captains with Dylan pool smashing the Merton attack with 63 with no other batsmen making double figures.

MCC thanks the home sides captain Berriman taking a career best of 7/25 off 8 overs.

Beechworth won the match nine wickets down in a tight finish ending all out for 109.

Cummins, Luke Benton and Jed Murray both taking their first wickets for the club were the other wicket takers.

Merton will have to up the run rate next week when they host Greta at the G.



B Grade champion Judy Pearson, C Grade champion Pauline Brooks and club champion Ruth Worland. -S

Marysville Golf Report

by Lesley Rundle

IF Marysville golfers were lucky enough to have an early tee off at the Eildon FoodWorks Murrindindi Masters last Saturday they were able to park close to the clubhouse. Those who had a late tee off had to park at the bottom of the hill and puff their way up to the clubhouse to register.

The car park was full to capacity as 102 golfers and some volunteers attended the event. This was the first round of the 2021/22 FoodWorks sponsored tournament and the 13th year since the event was instigated by

popular Alexandra golfer Norm Reddrop. Unfortunately, Norm was not able to attend the day, but he would have been thrilled to see so many golfers participating. His son Michael travelled to Eildon to personally deliver the generous trophies. Many thanks to Norm and Michael.

The course was beautifully prepared by the volunteers and the weather was perfect. The scores however mainly reflected the lack of tournament play but all players were thrilled just to be out playing and catching up with their golfing friends.

Marysville had 29 golfers playing and the winner of the Ladies Eildon Mini Master with the best ladies score of the day was Gail Leigh (9) with 35 points. Other Marysville winners were Paul Martin (30) who was the C Grade runner up with 35 points and Brian

Worcester who won the nearest the pin on the 14th hole. Congratulations to all the Marysville winners and those from other clubs.

Our thanks to all the Eildon members for their hospitality and for organising such a successful day. The ladies who coordinated the catering also deserve many thanks.

The second round of the Masters will be held on Saturday, January 15, at Alexandra and hopefully they too will have a full field and a car park at capacity.

The Murrindindi Masters is a major fundraiser for each club and it is important that golfers support all their local clubs.

At Marysville next Saturday, November 27, the Annual General Meeting will be held at 9am and a game of stableford will follow the meeting.



Marysville winners Paul Martin, Brian Worcester and Gail Leigh. -S

Murrindindi Masters Cup match report

by Puttamatic

THERE were plenty of big smiles and lots of laughter as old friends and competitors, were finally able to catch up for the first Murrindindi cup for 2021/22 at the Eildon Golf Club on Saturday, November 20, which is gratefully sponsored by the Reddrop Group.

After a difficult period for golf and local sport in general, the day saw a fantastic turn up with 102 players on a near perfect day for golf, all eager to take on the course that was presented in fantastic condition.

Eildon Golf Club thanks all clubs and players who supported this event, especially all of the volunteers who cooked and prepared the food, sold raffle tickets, served at the bar and all of the jobs that need to be done to make these days a success.

The day produced some very worthy winners, recording some very impressive Stableford scores on the day.

Over all men's winner: R Haack 38 points. Over all Ladies winner: G Leigh 35 points. Ladies A grade winner: V Clements 32 Points. Ladies A grade

Runners Up: H Findlay 32 points. Men's A grade winner: M Bossonnet 37 points. Men's A grade runners up: D Jack 35 points. Ladies B grade winner: S Grogan 35 points. Ladies B grade runners up: S Aurisch 34 points. Men's B grade winner: G Nicholls 35 points. Men's B grade runners up: B Chenhall: 34 points. Men's C grade winner: W Kupe: 37 points. Men's C grade runners up: P Martin: 35 points.

Closest to the pin winners: Fifth hole: M Richards. 11th: L Wischer. 12th: G Leigh and 14th B Worcester.

Mansfield Clay Target

THE Mansfield Clay Target Club monthly shoot was held on Sunday, November 21, in perfect weather, fine and sunny with a slight breeze. The day attracted a good turn out with a field of 43 shooters making up nine squads.

This shoot comprised the delayed Mansfield versus Woods Point Shield, being a 25 target handicap event which was conducted along with a 75 target mixed event and commencing with an eye opener.

Competitors from other clubs made up the attendance and included shooters from Alexandra, Euroa, Woods Point, Wangaratta, Melbourne, Corowa, Albury, Werribee, Bendigo and Yarrawonga.

Things kicked off at the scheduled start time of 10.30am with squad one shooting on ground one for the 10Target Points-Score eye opener, immediately followed by the other eight squads. Sharing the cash in AA Grade with perfect scores were Bob Leita (Boarder CTC), Michael Ward (Woods Point), Cameron Ford (Corowa), Darryl Hunt (Yarrawonga). A Grade by himself Darren Clarke (Mansfield), B Grade; Kirsten Chinn (Woods Point), Phil McDonough (Mansfield) and C Grade Jason Foster (Mansfield).

The big event for the day was 75 mixed targets comprising 25 double barrel, 25 single barrel and 25 point score with a maximum score of 125. The eye opener on layout one lead straight into the first leg, at the completion of which it was over to layout two for the single barrel. After all shooters cycled through it was back for the points component with a first barrel break being awarded three a second barrel two.

Coming out on top was junior shooter Cameron Ford with a perfect score, taking overall and AA grade. Hot on his heels was local Mick Ward on 124 after dropping a single target in the single barrel component. A Grade saw two locals sharing the spoils with Marty McLachlan 121 and Laurie Durham 120. Goughs Bay local Zac Lambevski returned a great result with 112 closely followed by three others, Kirsten Chinn, Sean Wood and Geoff Foster requiring a decider shoot-off which was taken out by Geoff after a further 25 points. C Grade first were Ryan Adams on 111 and Jason Foster 109.

A lunch break followed with all competitors and visitors partaking in delicious roast



Cameron Ford, Danial Chinn, Anthony Kirley, Marty McLachlan, Ryan Adams, Kirsten Chinn, Mingo Diaz. -S

chicken and salad put together by Pam Kirley and helpers. Following the break, the sun was shining and everyone was ready for the final handicap Shield event.

25 targets were presented with shooters standing at various distances based on handicap grading. Three competitors came in with perfect scores requiring a shoot-off to determine placings, Mingo Diaz (Mansfield) shot another 18 to win over Kirsten Chinn (Woods Point) with 17 and Darryl Hunt (Yarrawonga) dropped off after five. As this was a first to fourth prize event a shoot off was also required to determine fourth place with four shooters hitting 24 targets in the main round. Marty McLachlan took out that place after a further 18 targets over Geoff Foster, Darren Clarke and Bob Leita.

The Shield is calculated by taking the top five scores for each of the attending Mansfield and Woods Point shooters in the handicap event. The winning team this year was Mansfield team comprising Mingo Diaz, Geoff Foster, Marty McLachlan Darren Clarke and Jason Foster with 120 out of a possible 125 over Woods Point 116.

A great day was had by all with special thanks to attending shooters and family members who participated with scoring and generally helping out to ensure a successful day. Co-ordinating the shoot and results John Winters and Marty McLachlan ran the office to deliver a smooth program.

Mansfield Clay Target Gun hosts the North East Zone shoot the third Sunday



Mansfield President Anthony Kirley attempting to pry the Mansfield v Woods Point Shield from the grip of Woods Point President Daniel Chinn. -S

of each month; the next program will be the annual Christmas shoot on Sunday, December 19 at 10.30am. Always a fun day with a full program of novelty events, Christmas lunch and lots of Christmas hams and other prizes on offer. Spectators and new shooters who wish to attend and try out are always welcome.

The club is family focused with lunch provided and all junior shooters competition fees sponsored by the club. If you are interested in attending or want to come along and try, just turn up to the club, Pikes Road Mansfield, or come and try any Thursday throughout daylight savings when the club is open for practice from 4.30pm, for more information telephone Marty 0490 702 083.

Local rifle team wins the McAuliffe Shield for 2021

by Leigh Enfield

ON Friday, November 19, East Central shooting team members attended the presentation dinner for the regional pennant competitions between seven active clubs in the district association.

We will leave it to the reader to count how long the McAuliffe Shield has been contested. This competition is now handicap based, like the golfers, which gives advantage to the teams that have shooters of a bygone era continuing competition using contemporary equipment. This means their often-failing eyesight is less of a disadvantage, and their wisdom remains on the range to assist younger shooters to build their skillset. East Central has prevailed over the seven regional clubs in straight succession since 2010, excepting one narrow loss, and the hiatus of 2020.

Naturally, the most avidly contested competitions are

straight merit based (in shooting the term is 'off rifle') and again the Katandra Rifle Club took the prized Parker Cup for those competing in the traditional Target Rifle discipline which has direct provenance to the 303 service rifle matches that spawned all the rifle clubs from the 1880s. Katandra Rifle Club boasts membership of a good number of shooters who have been represented in state, national and international competition

The competition is scored using the Mixed Category Score Index which allows the different shooting equipment categories to compete on equal terms. Katandra Rifle Club proved this year that they are the true champion team on the big stage, on a tie break with Karramomus Rifle Club.

Each of the 15 individual matches has a top scorer recorded, but it is essential that we record two performances by national team representatives that set absolute



The presentation of the shield. -S

range records. On June 26, at the match against East Central on the Nathalia Rifle Range, David Black of Shepparton Maroon Rifle Club recorded a Target Rifle Score of 150 with 26 centres. On July 10, at the match against East Central on the Katandra Rifle Range, Peter

O'Dwyer of Katandra Rifle Club recorded a Target Rifle Score of 150 with 25 centres.

Next Saturday's shooting is at Nagambie Rifle Range, which will follow a Violet Town complex site governance meeting at the Violet



The Avenel Shield trophy. -S

Town facility from 8.30 to 10am. Members are reminded Saturday, December 18 is the East Central Annual General Meeting, at Violet Town, which will be followed by an end of shooting year shoot and celebration.

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Alexandra cricket report

THIS week finally saw the official start of the cricket season, and what a start it was for Alexandra Cricketers. Friday night saw the first session of Woolworths Cricket Blast. Brook Carter and Scott Whitehead ran our first session for cricket loving under 10s. From the numbers from the first hit out, it was a pretty good start. These sessions are at 4.30pm on Friday nights at Leckie Park. Any parents wishing to have a look can take the kids along or call Brooke on 0459 774 042 to register your child. It's fun for the kids and for the parents so we will see you there.



Batting skills. -S

Under 14

by Darren Waixel

T'WAS the beginning of the season of the under 14s for Alexandra this weekend, with the boys heading over to Yea High School on a perfect morning for cricket. Yea won the toss and sent Alexandra into bat, with Josh Crane and Callan Howell opening. Cal unfortunately was caught early off the bowling of Andrew Bree, however Luke Wal came to steady the ship, with the two boys exhibiting a masterclass knock of 30 and 32 respectively before both retired.



Training drills. -S

Yea employed the efforts of their wile leg spinner E Waghorn, deceiving the captain Matt Wal who was caught. Matt Waixel blasted a quick 30 to retire and left Jaidon Snyman not out with nine to his name, closing the innings at 2/140.

Alexandra consolidated early, having Yea at 2/8 from the bowling of the skipper. Josh Crane picked up two wickets in his first over, just missing out on a hat-trick. A Bree and S Crosbie fought hard for a terrific partnership before a magical delivery by Lucas Crane, bowled Bree through the gate and dismissed him for 12.

S Crosbie later fell for a well played 13, with Yea being bowled out for 59. All the boys played terrifically, with the Captain's Man of the Match going to Josh Crane for his efforts. Good start to the season boys.

B Grade

by Bradley Waixel

SATURDAY was the second attempt at the first game of the season for the now B Grade Redbacks, as they took on Pyalong.

Losing the toss, the boys got sent in to bowl, with James Southam striking early and getting a Pyalong opener out for zero.

His opening partner, Justin Leary, was pick of the bowlers finishing with 3/8 off his nine overs, with five maidens. Young Luke Wal in his B grade debut, bowled four overs, finishing with figures of one wicket for no runs.

Everyone bowled well, with Pyalong being bowled out in the 41st over for 66 runs. Shane Parker and Bradley Waixel went out to open the batting and started the chase solidly seeing off the openers and scoring 12 and 15 respectively. Jake Bourke and Jason Fishlock saw the team home, picking off loose balls and chasing down the runs in the 25th over. Jake finished on 16 not out and Jason with 18 not out. B grade has the bye next week, meaning C grade will be at Leckie Park.

C Grade

by Jacob Bourke

C GRADE travelled to Pyalong with a bit of a throw together team. Nick Wal and his son, Matt Wal, Neil and Gavin Waixel also joined with their brother Darren and nephew Matt Waixel. Chris Mawson, brother to Michael Mawson, it was a real family game.

Making up the rest of the team was Ben Geldart, Jaidon Snyman and Callan Howell, playing their first senior match. Martin Donohue, a new addition to the club, made up the 11th player, his first game in 25 years. The president arrived late to the game due to work.

Alexandra won the toss and elected to bat. Gavin and Neil Waixel, the brothers, opened to put on 10 for the first wicket on a very slow ground. Wickets fell regularly as the score ticked over, with Martin being the shining light with a wonderful 27 runs. Alexandra finished all out for 68.

The president and Martin opened the bowling with Martin picking up a wicket in his first over, happy boy. The president picked up a wicket. Chris Mawson and Nick Wal bowled next with Chris picking up a wicket and Nick breaking down at the end of his second over with a serious old age injury (the dodgy knee). At this stage Pyalong were 3/42, chasing 68 and looking good. Then began the carnage. The ball was thrown to our young lads, Matt Wal and Ben Geldart. Both kids bowling magnificently and picking up three wickets a piece. Callan Howell, in his first senior game kept brilliantly and ended with one catch, no byes and a magnificent, throw down the stumps, run out. Our man of the match, Martin, also took three great outfield catches to help secure a three run victory. Fantastic effort boys.

Just on a side note, the senior members of this team had a collective age of over 350 years experience was somewhat shown up by juniors collective age of 60. Word has it that a couple of dads of these young blokes will be making a comeback to the game. Go Redbacks.



Ball handling skills. -S



Coach Scott Whitehead. -S