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Forestry injunction details

ON Friday, November 11, the Supreme Court of Victoria announced the details of the injunction on logging in Gippsland and the Central Highlands.

It was determined that surveys must be carried out to detect any greater gliders and yellow-bellied gliders that may be present in forests scheduled for logging, excluding coupes that have been clear-felled since 1939 as it is presumed forest this young are hostile to these hollow dependent species.

In coupes containing greater gliders VicForests must exclude the greater gliders' located home ranges from timber harvesting operations, exclude from timber harvesting riparian strips at least 100 metres wide located along all waterways in the coupe, and retain at least 60 per cent of the basal area of eucalypts in the harvested area of the coupe.

In coupes containing yellow-bellied gliders, VicForests must exclude from timber harvesting riparian strips at least 100 metres wide located along all waterways in the coupe; and retain at least 60 per cent of the basal area of eucalypts in the harvested area of the coupe, including all identified feed trees and hollow-bearing trees within the coupe.

The judge ordered that VicForests pay the plaintiff's costs of the proceeding, including any reserved costs, on the standard basis, to be assessed by the Costs Court if not agreed.

The orders do not restrain VicForests from felling or cutting trees or parts of trees in order to address a serious risk to human safety or as otherwise advised, ordered or directed by a responsible authority, including the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning or Parks Victoria; or removing and/or selling timber already felled as at November 11, or felling trees or parts of trees for the maintenance of any road, or cutting limbs of trees for the purposes of seed collection, or regeneration activities after permitted logging, or undertaking any work within a coupe to manage or prevent environmental degradation, whether on the instruction, recommendation or direction of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning or as otherwise required to comply with the code.

Kinglake Friends of the Forest representative Aawa White said, "Australia leads the world in mammal extinctions and Victoria is the most cleared state in the country. We have environmental laws for a reason, to protect what is left. Today's court orders show that VicForests have been breaking these laws. No industry should be allowed to operate if the cost is the extinction of species.

"As a result of these orders greater gliders and yellow-bellied gliders will now get some protections, but other endangered species that live in our forests still get nothing. It's a ridiculous scenario that volunteer community groups are having to fight the state government every step of the way to stop endangered species being killed by logging."

A wonderful gift to Alexandra



Jenny Fisher, Tom Farrell, Ross Thompson, Kim Pammer, Melinda Jackson, Noel McIlwraith, Margie Creighton, John Sharwood, Bob Flowers, shire CEO Livia Bonazzi, Sharon Fox, Helen Gibb and John Cannon were all involved in the project through their associations with Alexandra Open Gardens or Alexandra Rotary. -AR



Murrindindi Shire Council CEO Livia Bonazzi unveiling the plaque. -AR

ON Tuesday, November 11, members of Alexandra Open Gardens, Alexandra Rotary, Murrindindi Shire Council and Goulburn Valley Water gathered to unveil the plaque marking the start of a project which will transform Alexandra.

The project was funded through the jubilee tree-planting fund, marking Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne. Despite the Queen's passing, various towns around Australia are making use of the fund to improve their area, to celebrate the Queen's legacy.

Locally, the funding will help to support a three stage project. The first stage is the planting of an Illawarra flame tree, the launch and the plaque installation in Rotary Park. The second stage will be the planting of an avenue of 60 red maples at the entrance to Alexandra, near the water treatment plant. The third stage will be the planting of a red oak in the Jack Shiel Gardens.

The jubilee funding for the project is \$8000. This is supplemented by \$3000 from Alexandra Open Gardens and \$2000 from Alexandra Rotary, as well as in-kind support from Murrindindi Shire Council and Goulburn Valley Water. The shire arborist also provided advice on tree selections.

Congratulations to all involved in the project, which will create a wonderful legacy for future generations.

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CWA report for Redgate Alexandra

by Jane Laws

THE CWA Redgate Alexandra branch recently held their annual general meeting and it went extremely well. Thank you to Councillor Damien Gallagher who opened the meeting with a very supportive message. Thank you to group president Sarah Hensell, secretary Kaye Ashe, and treasurer Maureen Holohan who enthusiastically supported and guided our branch throughout the year, with updates from head office and upcoming events.

For the next year, the branch executive committee are president Sue Wynn, secretary Holly Wal, treasurer Maureen Holohan, and vice president Jane Laws. The CWA cake stall at the Alexandra Spring Fair was a big success with all cakes being sold.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 24 at 1pm at the clubrooms in Perkins Street, Alexandra. The hostesses are Martine Sloan and Jane Laws who will cook up a Malaysian feast. The competition is Flower of the Month. Jane will also give the final chapter of her *Malaysian Memories, Going Home*.

Craft mornings at the clubrooms are on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am. All crafts welcome. If you would like any information, please call Sue on 0412 435 946 or Maureen on 0402 804 517.

Alexandra Seniors report

by secretary Mike Jennings

WITH the changing weather, the river goes up and down, but the senior citizens keep up their activities. The committee have begun rearranging the office space and store room and were surprised at some of the things they found. The carpet bowlers had a good session on Tuesday afternoon.

This week's social meeting on Friday afternoon was well attended and the singing voices got a bit of a workout with the meeting opening with the club song and then serenading Jean with *Happy Birthday*.

The main business discussed was the arrangements for the Christmas lunch which will be held at the Rubicon Hotel, Thornton, at noon on Wednesday, December 14. Full details can be obtained from the committee. Transport has been arranged from the Bailey Street clubroom to the hotel.

New members Bev and Louis Dikman cleaned up in the Chocolate Raffle. The singing voices were back in action, being Remembrance Day. The members, led by Ian Weeks on violin and vocals, assisted by myself (Mike) on ukulele, sang some songs from the wartime era.

The members then retired to the tea room for a cuppa, cakes and a chat before settling down to a few hands of 500 and UNO. As always a reminder that new members are always welcome so come along to the club rooms in Bailey Street on a Friday afternoon at 1pm or call Mike on 0456 456 263 for details.



On Friday, November 11, the annual Victorian Country Press Association awards night was held in Melbourne. The Alexandra Standard won the 2022 Best News Photo Award with a picture of the Alexandra Primary School Colour Run, photographer Anne Richey. -AR

Eildon Craft Group wins at the show

THE Eildon Craft Group won prizes in a wide variety of categories at Saturday's Alexandra Show. Prizes were won in the rug sections, knitting and crocheting, cross-stitching, knitting of jumpers and cardigans, cactus and succulents, and the club entry. The group entered to encourage everyone in the community to participate.

The group has also spoken to one of the organisers about the possibility of including new categories next year, so if anyone has ideas, perhaps you could put them forward.

Anyone interested in joining the Eildon Craft Group or finding out more about it should contact Pam on 0419 543 600. The group would like to thank the show committee for the huge effort they put into preparing and setting up all aspects of the show this year.



Members of the Eildon Craft Group. -S

POLICE REPORT

ON Tuesday, November 8, police received reports about a silver Holden Commodore performing burnouts in the vicinity of Alexandra Secondary College. Police located the vehicle and interviewed a male regarding several hoon driving offences. The vehicle was impounded for a period of 30 days at a cost of \$1410. Any witnesses to the hoon driving behaviour are urged to contact Senior Constable Ben Broadway or Senior Constable Shane Stephens at Alexandra Police on 5772 1040.

ON Sunday, November 13, local resident had his bicycle stolen from the Lucky Mine lookout area. The bicycle is a blue or grey Norco Threshold gravel bike. Please contact Senior Constable Brad Howell at Alexandra Police if you have any information on 5772 1040.



The stolen bike. -S

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Eildon Action Inc special general meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17 at 4pm at the information centre. Agenda is election of committee. Enquiries to 0417 053 109.

Market @ Yarck will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 9am. Pick up some CWA Christmas goodies.

Garden Design Fest will be held in Euroa on Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20. Beautiful landscape designed homestead gardens open. Single entry \$12, children under 16 free. 10am-5pm both days. gardendesignfest.com.au

Pool season is upon us. Murrindindi Shire pools will open on Saturday, November 19. This season will again be free of charge.

Thornton Eildon District Football Netball Club AGM will be held on Saturday, November 19 at the football club. For further information contact 0467 977 450.

Glenburn Community Planning Program, November 19 from 6pm at Glenburn Hall. This is a family friendly event. A free dinner will be provided. RSVP necessary. Come along and learn more about the program and identify your town's strengths and priorities for the future.

The next general meeting of the Alexandra RSL will be held on Sunday, November 20 at noon, followed by a light lunch.

Yarck hall to get a
splash of colour

THE original Yarck Hall building has not been painted for more than 20 years and is looking very tired and flakey.

Using markets and other functions and with the special help of the Yarck CWA, the hall committee worked hard to slowly amass a hall painting fund.

Unfortunately it all came to nought two years ago when a massive storm ripped off half of the 134 year old roof and dumped it on Maroondah Highway. With the help of the shire and insurance the damaged roof was replaced but the committee decided it was necessary to replace the entire roof given the age of the supporting beams.



Victorian Attorney General and Member for Northern Victoria, the Hon. Jaclyn Symes, with Jane Judd, Labor Candidate for Eildon, meeting the Yarck Hall Committee members Sharon Fox, Geoff McPherson and Graham Halliburton at Yarck Hall to officially announce a grant for the long awaited repainting of Yarck's grand old hall. -S

Grand Italia Feast, Sunday, November 20 at Holmesglen at Eildon. Traditional Italian fare, house made pasta, wood fired pizza, tiramisu and much more. Bookings essential 5774 2631.

Alexandra and Eildon Lapidary Club AGM will be held on November 22 at 2pm at the club rooms. All welcome.

Alexandra & District Netball Association AGM will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm at the Corner Hotel. Enquiries to Kylie Cairns 0409 932 761.

The AGM of Murrindindi Community Enterprise Ltd - Yea and District Community Bendigo Bank will be held on November 22 at the Yea RSL at 11am. Morning tea will be at 10.30am. Nomination forms for positions on the Board of Directors may be requested by emailing admin@mcclcommunitybank.com.au or by visiting the branch.

Darlingford Nursing Home will hold their AGM on Wednesday, November 23 at 1.30pm via Zoom. RSVP for a Zoom invitation to darlingford@dugnh.com.au by November 20.

Alexandra Ladies Probus next meeting will be held on November 24. Christmas lunch will be held on December 6.



After the storm, dreams of repainting the hall fell into disarray, like the roof, as precious funds were spent on reroofing. The new roof is wonderful but the need to repaint the hall became increasingly urgent.

The Yarck Hall Committee was forced to seek funding elsewhere. Months ago the committee sought help from philanthropic groups and local state and federal members of parliament.



Geoff McPherson President of the Yarck Hall Committee explained the history and events that led to the need for the grant. The Hon Jaclyn Symes and Candidate for Eildon Jane Judd, Councillor Walsh, Yarck Hall secretary Sharon Fox and committee members Graham Halliburton and Robyn Walsh listened intently. -S

Remembrance Day in Alexandra



Henry Andrews leading the service with help from president Bob Benghamy and Reg Savage. -S



Alexandra Secondary College students. -S



St Mary's Primary school students. -S



Ex-serving members. -S



Alexandra's finest paying respects and keeping watch over assembly. -S

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Alexandra Rotary finds out about extra bins



Grace Davis Williams and Geoff Proctor. -S

REGIONAL waste educator, Grace Davis Williams, spoke to Alexandra Rotary last week. The discussion was about the current project for implementing a state mandated four bin system for waste, to come into effect in 2025.

Glass will be collected in a bin with purple lid, most likely a 120 litre bin, collected monthly, at a cost \$2 to \$3 per month. A drop off service would also be available at Resource Recovery Centres (RRC) which is free for shire residents. This will produce a cleaner waste stream than at present. Most residents find monthly collection more accessible.

The state government is also introducing a container deposit scheme in March 2023 for beverage containers only, not including wine or pasta sauce bottles.

Food or Garden Organics (FOGO) will have a green lid. A collection will be harder to deliver in Murrindindi Shire due to the smaller number of households and greater distances to commercial composting facilities. There is mandated kerbside collection of garden waste, lawn clippings, pet droppings and all food scraps including dairy and meat. Options will include weekly or fortnightly collection, 120L or 240L bin with optional kitchen caddy with liners. A fortnightly collection will be less expensive to run, but bin contents will be more smelly in warmer weather. Diverting green waste to composting rather than landfill could potentially halve greenhouse gas emissions. The recycle (yellow bin) and general waste (red bin) will still be used in this new four bin system.

Larger households or people with medical needs can obtain a free upgrade to a larger bin if needed. 80 per cent of ratepayers pay a waste charge, which also covers waste education, Resource Recovery Centre running costs, e-waste, event bins, street litter and dumped rubbish. Cost of recycling glass may decrease under the new system with cleaner waste stream.

You can use this link to get to the survey and more information at theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/circulareconomy. All residents are encouraged to have their say by completing the survey.

The Alexandra Rotary members were pleased to have the changes explained in such detail.

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Remembrance Day in Marysville



The Marysville Remembrance Day service. -S



The Marysville cenotaph. -S



Students from Buxton Primary School. -S



Cr Sandice McAulay laying a wreath. -S



Students from Marysville Primary School paying their respects. -S

by John Jessop, President Marysville RSL Sub-Branch

Attendees at the Marysville Remembrance Day service were very lucky with the weather on the day, in what has been a very rainy spring. Everyone could hear the sound of the rushing river.

Members of Marysville RSL Sub-Branch were delighted to welcome the wider community, including Buxton and Marysville Primary Schools, Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish and Councillor Sandice McAulay. This Remembrance Day was particularly poignant for the Marysville Sub-Branch as we mourn the death of one of our members, Carl Nobelius, who died very recently from illness attributable to military service.

There are four things upon which we might reflect on Remembrance Day. An obvious observation is that the effects of war and conflict are long-lasting and affect not only those killed or injured on active service but their families and friends, often for generations.

Secondly, many returned service men and women suffer from hidden injuries. This will be brought into sharp focus by the Royal Commission into Veterans' Suicide. War has a brutalising and traumatising effect which is not always readily apparent or acknowledged. This is particularly so in the case of conflicts involving terrorists who operate from within the civilian population. In earlier wars it was called 'shell shock'.

The third point starts with a question. Who knows where Egypt is? Who knows where Afghanistan is, or Iraq or Turkey? How long do you think it would take to fly to Egypt in Airbus A380? The point is, that most wars are fought on distant shores so our service men and women are a long way from home and from their familiar surroundings and those they love.

This brings us to the final point. Egypt was mentioned because November 11 was the 80th anniversary of the end of the

second battle of Alamein which took place in the Western Desert of Egypt and was a key turning point in the Second World War. As a mark of this anniversary, military representatives of Britain and Germany met at El Alamein on October 22 in solemn remembrance of all those who died or were injured in the battle.

On Monday, November 7 some of us gathered at Buxton Primary School to acknowledge the planting of a 'lone pine' as a mark of friendship between Australia and Turkey. The lone pine is an actual link to the bitter fighting that took place in Gallipoli 107 years ago. Wars do not end unless there is ultimate reconciliation.

Although Remembrance Day is very much about the military services, we also acknowledge members of civilian organisations who put their lives on the line in support of the communities of which we are part, the police and the fire services, in particular, not to mention the recent work of the SES. Thank you.

Finally, the RSL is very grateful for the generous support of its work in helping to support veterans and their families.

The following reading, Two Kinds of Wisdom (James 3:13-19), was read by Jamie and Luke from Marysville Primary School.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

More buses between Alexandra and Eildon

From Monday 21 November, the Alexandra to Eildon bus service will be extended within Eildon and operate every weekday, giving residents better access to public transport.

The Alexandra to Eildon service will be known as Route V63 Alexandra-Eildon via Thornton and will complement the existing Route 684. Together, these services will provide three return trips each weekday between Alexandra and Eildon.

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Eildon Primary School students laying wreaths at the Cenotaph. -S



Some of the attendees at the Eildon service. -S

Remembrance Day in Eildon

RAIN threatened and started but held off for the Eildon Remembrance Day service, which was well attended by Eildon's primary school students and approximately 120 people viewing from all around Eildon Village.

Mark Howard led the service and also spoke about the animals that played an important part in the war.

Wreaths were laid from Eildon Primary School, Lions Club of Eildon, Murrindindi Shire Council and Eildon RSL Sub-Branch. Councillor Eric Lording also added a sword salute to the Cenotaph.

Morning tea was served after the service back in Eildon's Information Centre which is adjoined with the Eildon Dam Walls Museum where a number of people were shown through to view the history of Eildon. Thank you to all the helpers for making it a special day.



Students from Eildon Primary School at Remembrance Day in Eildon. -S



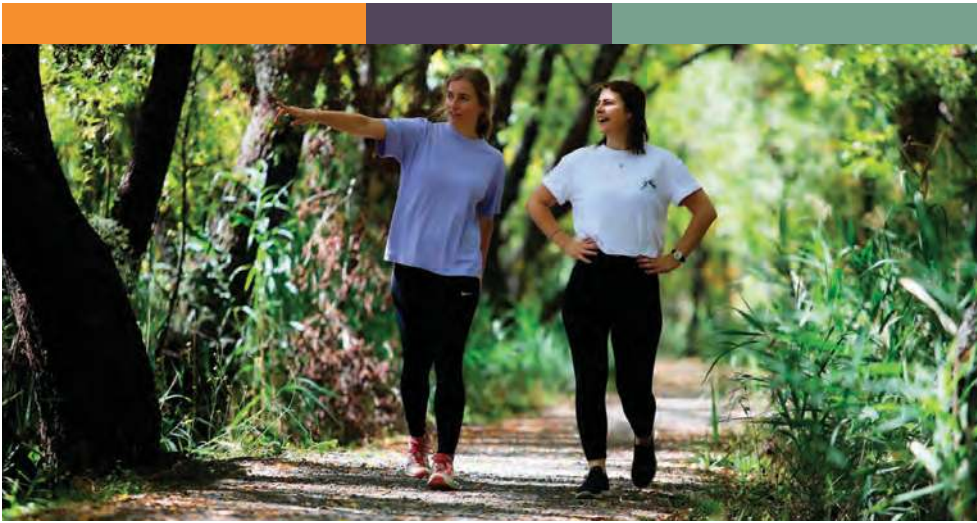
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Have you heard of Chilean Needle Grass? It's a perennial tussock-forming grass and is one of 32 declared Weeds of National Significance (WoNS) in Australia. It's commonly mistaken for native spear grass, but has potentially disastrous economic and environmental impacts.

Now is the time to identify Chilean Needle Grass while it is in flower and there is a small window of opportunity to treat between flowering and seed set. Given the weed's ability to create persistent seed, it is important to act quickly and collectively to remove any known sites as well as newly-established infestations.

Council is commencing its Rural Roadside Weed Control Program to treat many of our roadsides for noxious weeds, including Chilean Needle Grass. We're asking everyone to keep their eyes peeled for this weed. If you find Chilean Needle Grass on public land or on your own property, please get in touch with Council.

If you suspect you have this weed on your property but are unsure and would like help with identification of this pest, please also contact Council on 5772 0333 to discuss before treating to avoid the inadvertent removal of Australian native spear grass.



BLUE GUMS TO EILDON RECREATIONAL TRAIL

Construction of the Blue Gums to Eildon Recreational Trail will soon be underway! We have appointed a new contractor, following the withdrawal of our original contractor, and we're aiming to make a start this week, weather depending.

We'd like to thank the community for their patience. Council is excited to deliver this project, which will see the construction of a 2.6 km walking and cycling trail between Eildon Town Centre, the pondage, and the Blue Gums Caravan Park. The trail will provide off-road, safe access for day and overnight visitors along the picturesque Back Eildon Road and Goulburn River. It will link the popular Park with and encourage greater use of Eildon's parks, playgrounds, facilities and businesses.

For more information about the Project, please visit [The Loop at theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/blue-gums-eildon-recreational-trail](http://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/blue-gums-eildon-recreational-trail) or give us a call on 5772 0333.

A fabulous day at the Alexandra Show



Some unusual visitors at the Alexandra Show. -S



A robot entertaining young and old at the show. -MP



Sheep ready for shearing. -MP



Some of the beautiful flowers on display. -MP

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Children's artwork at the show. -MP



Children at the show were entertained by the enormous gnomes. -MP



The Champion Bird in Show, from the waterfowl category. -MP



Paul Dalzell at Rural Australians for Refugees stall. -S

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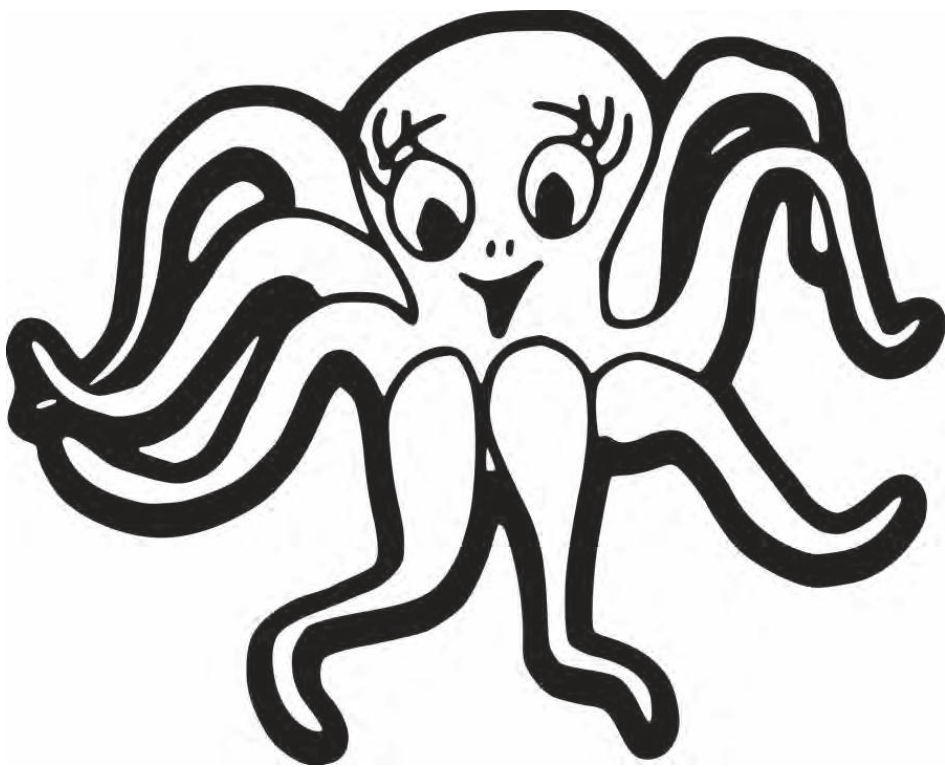
Ewenice. -MP



There were also pony rides for children. -MP

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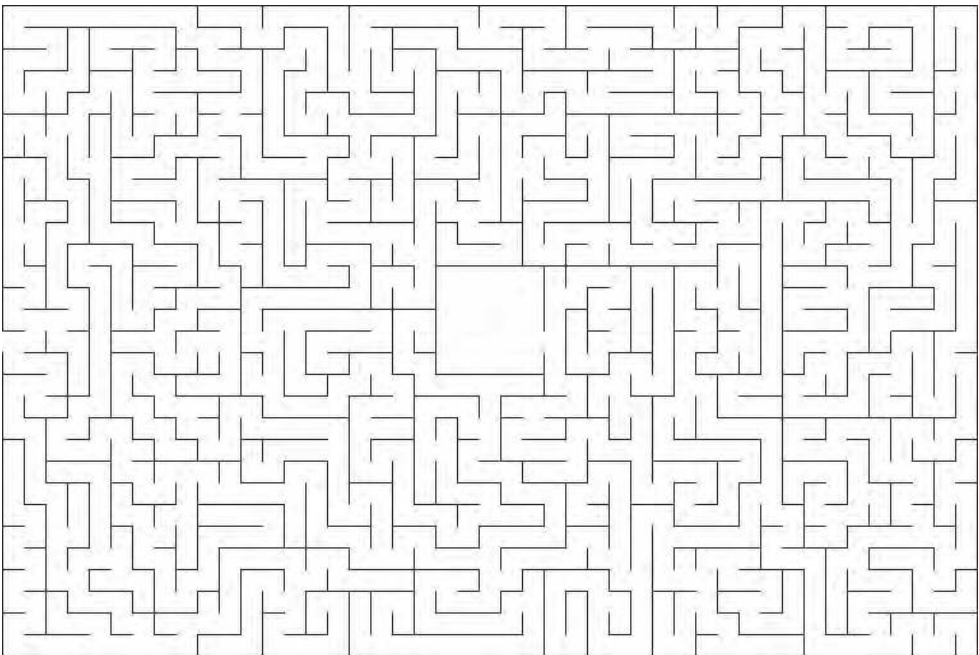


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Jokes

- Q:** What do you call an elephant in a phone box?

A: A tusk.
- Q:** What do you call a man with a seagull on his head?

A: A bird-brained fellow.

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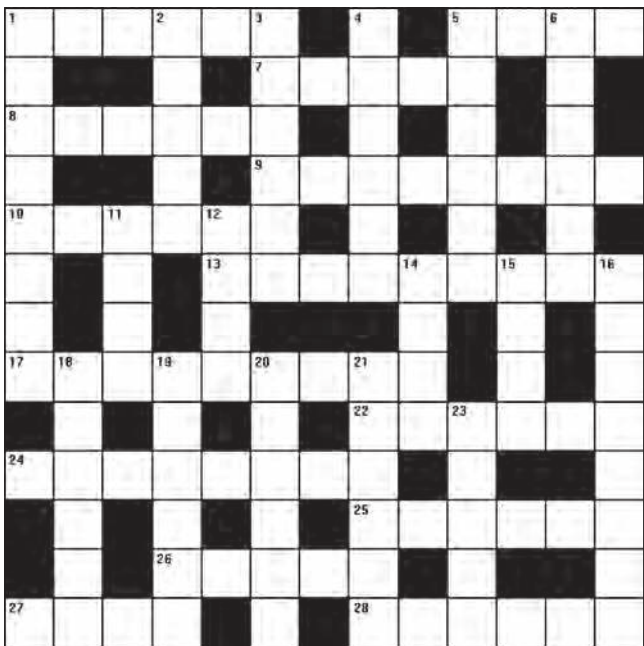
Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. A narrative song.
- 5. A stunted tail.
- 7. Take on a certain form.
- 8. A religious retreat.
- 9. In a frugal manner.
- 10. A Scottish design.
- 13. A favourable position.
- 17. Person who arrives before others.
- 22. Land mass surrounded by water.
- 24. Reflected brightly.
- 25. Fire breathing mythical beast.
- 26. Strip of water made for boats.
- 27. Small casks.
- 28. The full amount.

DOWN

- 1. Endurable though unpleasant.
- 2. Truck designed to carry heavy loads.
- 3. Blocked off to passage.
- 4. A musical composition.
- 5. A thoroughfare.
- 6. Free from obstruction.
- 11. A toothed wheel.
- 12. A polite name for a woman.
- 14. Signs of assent.
- 15. A song for a solo voice.



- 16. The basis for belief.
- 18. Living above the timber line.
- 19. Words to a song.
- 20. Arranging into stacks.
- 21. A difficult problem.
- 23. Jumped out.

Number Squares

Fill in the missing numbers

The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 16.

Each number is only used once.

Each row is a math equation.

Each column is a math equation.

Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

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Sudoku

Difficulty: Easy

Fill in the boxes using the numbers 1 to 9.

Every row and column and every group of 9 boxes inside the thicker lines must contain each number only once.

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Brain Teaser

- Q:** How far can a deer run into the woods?



Fair Forestry Transition forum

ON Sunday, November 13 at the Alexandra Shire Hall, community members were invited to discuss a Fair Forestry Transition that centres caring for local people and the environment.

Alexandra, Taggerty, Buxton and Marysville have been identified as a region impacted by the transition away from native timber harvesting.

Local organiser, Kim Croxford, said Sunday's forum was not a government event. It was put together by nine local people from different backgrounds and with a variety of opinions on the issue.

Ms Croxford said the aim of the event was to connect people who are directly and indirectly affected by the transition with existing government support and to start conversations as a broader community about what else is needed to move forward together.

She said, "No one should be forced to leave their community, or travel long

distances, in search of work. Everyone deserves meaningful, local work that recognises and values their particular skill set. It's in our common interest to make sure our small towns include people with a diversity of skills and it's our responsibility as a community to make sure no one is left unsupported in times of change."

Ms Croxford said the way the forum was run was informed by conversations with a variety of people in the community. She hopes this can be an ongoing conversation and that more people, especially those directly affected by this change, will come forward to share their views and hopes for the future, as well as to help determine the direction of ongoing gatherings.



Attendees at the meeting about forestry, held on Sunday, November 13 in the Alexandra Shire Hall. -MP



Senior rock band Hot Blue Day members Ky Hughes, James Whybrow, Anthony Lee, Amy Morrow, Bryan Rooney at a recent performance on the same stage. -S

Alexandra Secondary College's upcoming concert

THE Alexandra Secondary College Music Department will hold their semester two concert on Tuesday, November 29 from 6pm, showcasing the wide variety of talent the students have been developing over 2022.

Entry is a gold coin donation and it will be held in the Alexandra Secondary College Student Shelter. There is no need to register and attendees can rock up on the day.

With everything from solo items all the way through to full rock and concert bands, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

The concert will also feature the final performance of year 12 student James Whybrow, who has just completed his exams, including a very successful music performance study.

The night is planned to run like a music festival with staging outside and the audience can bring their own chairs or picnic rug to enjoy the music

on the newly landscaped area on the Nihil Street side of the school.

Attendees can also bring their own food and drinks so pack a picnic and enjoy some entertainment with your dinner as you watch the various performances from the students.

Over the previous years when this event has been attempted the weather has unfortunately forced the event to either move inside the hall or to face the performers in towards the school where there is shelter for the audience.

Everybody involved is crossing their fingers and hoping for some incredible weather to accompany the awesome performances expected.

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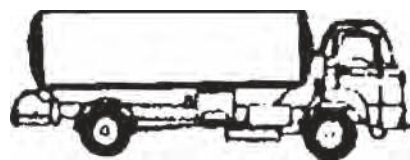
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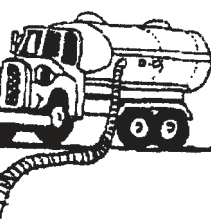
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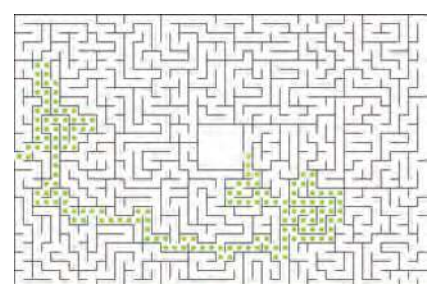


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MEETINGS

MCLEISH, Ron
Very saddened by the passing of a great mate, family friend for over 35 years. Many great memories. Keep on trucking. Gary and Julia Skiller and family.



NOBELIUS, Carl Axel
The Marysville RSL Sub-Branch is sad to report that their esteemed member and friend, Carl, passed away on November 3. We extend our deepest sympathy to Alyson, family and friends.
LEST WE FORGET

REDDROP (Shea).
Margaret Mary
12/02/1940-08/11/2022
Margot (Mutti) left the world unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 8. Beloved wife and long life teammate of Norm. Cherished and beautiful mum of Michael and Kim. Loving mother in law of Tina and David. Devoted, cheeky and adored Mutti to Jack, Ruby, Sophie, Tom and Charlie. She was so loved by her family and we can't imagine our lives without her. My darling wife of nearly 57 years. My guiding star, my angel and boss. If anyone deserves to be in Heaven, it is my Margot.

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MEETINGS



THE next general meeting for the Alexandra RSL, will be held on Sunday, November 20, at noon, followed by a light lunch.

ALEXANDRA & DISTRICT DARTS
Association AGM will be held on Wednesday, November 30, at the Alexandra Bowls Club at 7pm. Can all team captains try to attend or send a representative. We will be selecting a new committee as well as discussing the new season and how to get more teams for a bigger comp. Let's all try and get there to support the league.

CHANGE OF DATE
THE FRIENDS OF KELLOCK Inc. Annual General Meeting has been changed to Thursday, November 24 at the Alexandra Library at 9.30am. Please feel welcome to attend.

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Alexandra CFA awards



Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO) Steve Keating and ex-captain Gordon Simpson, who was presented with a 45 year service medal. -MP



Ex-captain Gordon Simpson's acceptance speech, on receiving his 45 year service medal. -MP



Acting ACFO Steve Keating with ex-captain (Eildon) CFA Bruce Luckman. Bruce was presented with a 55 year service medal. -MP



Acting ACFO Steve Keating presenting ex-captain (Upper Ferntree Gully) Mike Coward with a 40 year service medal. -MP



John Rogers being presented with a 30 year service medal and brigade life membership by acting ACFO Steve Keating. -MP



John Rogers during his acceptance speech. -MP



Acting ACFO Steve Keating presenting Bob Flowers with a 35 year service medal. -MP



Acting ACFO Steve Keating presenting Ken Argent with a 55 year service medal. -MP



Acting ACFO Steve Keating presenting Rod Hanscomb with a 40 year service medal. -MP

Questioning the candidates

THE Victorian election is set to occur on Saturday, November 26. In the lead-up, we have asked the candidates for the electorate of Eildon a series of questions, which they have answered in their own words. They have been included here in the order in which they were received.

Unfortunately, we didn’t receive a response from Robert Thornton (Independent), Joshua Rusic (Freedom Party) or Tim Lacey (Family First).

Chloe Bond - Animal Justice Party

1. My name is Chloe Bond and I live in Wesburn with my husband, daughter, horses, dogs, chickens, and ducks. I am standing as your lower house candidate for Eildon on behalf of the Animal Justice Party. My election platform is simple; I stand for animals, people, and our planet. I have spent the last 18 months working as a victims of crime lawyer where day in and day out I would stand in court for the victimised, marginalised, and silenced. I have vowed to always stand unapologetically for the voiceless. This election, I vow to stand for animals by ending cruel and morally unacceptable practices, I vow to stand for people

by introducing subsidies that ease the burdens of everyday living, and I vow to stand for our planet by committing to ambitious climate targets.

2. The reliance on fossil fuel industries for power needs and the regulation of water being determined in accordance with commercial interests.

3. I believe that habitat preservation is imperative to protecting biodiversity. Further, protecting our native forests is a low-cost and effective method of taking real, immediate action on climate change. Trees have the amazing ability to absorb carbon

dioxide from the atmosphere and store it long term, indefinitely, if left undisturbed. However, when forests are logged, this stored carbon is released back into the atmosphere. Although forests do regrow after logging, it can take centuries to re-capture the emitted carbon. We do not have centuries to wait. I therefore propose the protection of Victoria’s native forests and the introduction of plantations for all of our timber needs. With the proper investment, plantations have the ability to meet all of the country’s wood needs while retaining employment in the sector.

4. I recently had the pleasure of reading the Election Platform of the Victorian Public Tenants Association which advised of the significant existing waitlist of families and individuals in need of public housing in my electorate. Both short-term and long-term solutions were addressed to reduce this waitlist. Further, they proposed to recognise the human right to housing in legislation. This will entrench Victoria as Australia’s leading jurisdiction in social housing reform. As somebody who has experienced homelessness, I understand that appropriate housing is not always attainable. This is why I will



Chloe Bond. -S

prioritise liasing with the VPTA and other relevant organisations to ensure a safe and secure home for all people and companion animals in my electorate.

Wil Mikelsons - Greens

1. I live in Launching Place in the Yarra Valley. I grew up on a small family poultry farm. My parents worked that farm successfully for 30 years, despite some hard times. My working life was as a school teacher for 35 years. Most of that time I worked with disadvantaged young people either in a last chance community school or running a program to integrate students with disabilities into the mainstream education system. I have been doing CRT work at Upper Yarra Secondary College this year. The main aim of the Greens is to get

strong action to mitigate climate change.

2. Infrastructure priorities include maintaining our roads. Local roads underpin local economies and communities. Local roads should be the focus of our expenditure when it comes to looking at where we are spending money on roads. Upgrading hospitals/clinics so that more services can be provided. Upgrading the transmission network to unlock a renewables boom, and expanding the number

of Electric Vehicle charging stations in regional areas to encourage the uptake of EV’s.

3. Protecting native forests will help meet our climate obligations. Native forest logging in Victoria produces about 3 million tonnes of carbon emissions each year, equivalent to the pollution from 700,000 medium-sized cars. Ending logging now would reduce emissions by an estimated 24 per cent in Victoria. Science also tells us that logging our native forests is contributing to an

extinction crisis of native flora and fauna and increases the fire risk to communities. The Greens will legislate to end native forest logging in 2023, with a transition plan to move workers into new jobs

4. There is a housing shortage in our townships. A dozen applications for every advertised rental is common. Part of the problem is that governments have sold off social housing in the area and affordable housing stock is in short supply. More social housing



Wil Mikelsons. -S

is a big part of the answer and the Greens plan includes building 100,000 new public homes across Victoria over the next 10 years.

Jane Judd - Labor

1. I am a local living in Healesville in the Eildon electorate for 38 years. As a trained social worker and teacher, I am driven by social justice and am a passionate change agent. I am standing because I think it is time for a change. I worked in education, community health and community welfare, including seven years at Alexandra District Health, with a short stint in Eildon at Darlingford residential aged care. I have been active in the community, establishing services for Anglicare, Maroondah City Council and Eastern Health, building community groups to advocate for what is important. I like to be effective and make a difference. I am grateful for so much in my life. My free tertiary education, a wonderful family and simply the best jobs. I am blessed to live on bushland, teeming with

wildlife.

2. Infrastructure investment in Victoria has been unprecedented under the Andrews Labor Government. In 2016, six years ago, the Labor government released a 30 year Infrastructure Strategy. Literally more of our money has been invested in bricks and mortar, in schools, world class cancer centre, new children’s hospitals, kindergartens, 150 new child care centres, new roads, linking up parts of the broken transport network, building public transport hubs, committing to social affordable house and removal of 85 level crossing projects that stopped traffic. We can see these improvements. I have accessed the extensive record of funding announcement across Murrindindi groups and these have

clearly been highly successful. The downside is clearly the roads. There are roads badly impacted from unprecedented unrelenting water damage. Water under or on road surfaces causes potholes, add heavy freight vehicles and there is a recipe for damage. As soon as we have optimal conditions, large chunks of money will need to be spent bringing roads up to standards we need.

3. I am very pleased that the Andrew Labor Government has developed a Forestry Plan that supports the transition of the native timber industry to a future based on plantation supply while protecting as many jobs in the timber communities as possible. If elected to represent Eildon I will support the Andrews Government policy transition away

from native forests to plantation timber, work hard to see that local communities are strongly supported by the government as part of the transition plan, and work hard to ensure that the transition plans are fully supportive of our contractors and workers.

4. We need Dan Andrews to initiate a housing summit, in partnership with the Albanese Labor Government. We need the best brains around the table to look for solutions. We need private industry, business bodies, social housing providers, regulators like VHA, unions, local, state and federal government. There are lessons to be learned overseas too. Labor plans 30,000 affordable houses a year but 250,000 are needed according to some advocacy groups. Shared equity



Jane Judd. -S

schemes have been mooted. The \$100m building fund is a great start. Maybe superannuation funds can be encouraged to invest in innovative housing projects. Housing accessibility and affordability are major issues. If elected, I will be an advocate for government to take the lead in developing an integrated collective approach to this nationwide problem.

Kammy Cordner - Independent

1. I live in Mansfield. I worked here as a jillaroo while a university student, then got my first job teaching (science and maths) in Mansfield in 1986. I have been politically active for about 30 years, starting with being a Mansfield Shire Councillor, and then being involved with lobbying and policy making, always on environmental issues, climate action and integrity

2. The loss of our railway system was short-sighted, so needs to be replaced with effective public transport. This gives us an opportunity to bring in small, nimble electric buses. Rolling

out an electric vehicle charging web across regional Victoria will enable the state to transition away from fossil fuels for transport, and we could pilot that in Eildon electorate. Today’s tourists and travellers are looking for charging stations. Our roads have really suffered from the extreme weather events. Victoria was once famous for its high quality roads, which had been a priority for funding in the past. I note with dismay the decline, and with wet conditions it is becoming almost third world in places. We need to get our priorities right and direct funding

where it is needed, and trim all the other waste.

3. For reasons of the climate crisis and species preservation, I am in favour of an immediate cessation of native logging. I recently met with members of the local logging industry, and they are people who really connect to the forest that has been their livelihood for generations. Their skills and knowledge are very valuable to Victoria, and they have the energy to contribute and participate. We have to make the most of the attributes they can offer, creatively and profitably, as

we transition away from native forestry.

4. There is a housing and rental crisis across the electorate exacerbated by the gig-economy (AirBnB) and urban exodus during COVID-19. At the last census, 1.4 million homes in Australia were vacant. There are too many incentives and rewards for property owners to remove their assets from the rental market, affecting critical aspects of our communities (schools and hospitals). We need a strong commitment to tackle this trend and create solutions, including



Kammy Cordner Hunt. -S

looking at how the same problem has been successfully addressed overseas.

Continued.

Cindy McLeish - Liberal

1. I was born and went to school in Yea. I grew up on a farm and my mum owned and ran a local pub. I moved to the city for university and earned degrees in science, education, psychology, and business administration and am now back living on the farm. Prior to entering Parliament in 2010, I worked as a consultant in leadership development and organisation effectiveness, been the CEO of a sports association, worked as a psychologist and a secondary school science teacher. The Liberal's Real Solutions Plan will fix the healthcare crisis, put an end to Daniel Andrews' era of spiralling debt, reward

hard working Victorian families by cutting taxes and easing the increasing pressure on the family budget and help small business.
2. A Liberals and Nationals Government will implement a Regional Infrastructure Guarantee, committing 25 per cent of all new government capital investment for infrastructure projects in regional Victoria, up from the current 13 per cent. Everyone knows our roads are in a deplorable state. That's why the Liberals have committed \$10 billion to road maintenance over ten years, delivering better and safer roads. The Liberals

and Nationals are committed to fixing the current health crisis by shelving Labor's \$35 billion rail line from Cheltenham to Box Hill and put that money into health care, including a redevelopment of Mansfield District Hospital, which is key to many people in Murrindindi Shire as a maternity unit.
3. Forestry is a legitimate and important industry that has a strong place in Victoria. The IPCC supports sustainable harvesting, and their most recent report confirms younger trees absorb carbon at much greater rates than more mature trees. We have 7.8

million hectares, of which 3.1 million is within the scope of state forests on public land. Of that there are three trees in 10,000 that are harvested, 0.03 per cent. Greater certainty and support for the industry needs to be provided.
4. A Liberals and Nationals Government have committed to unlocking 150,000 extra lots of land across Melbourne and regional Victoria and has a long-term economic plan to ensure it can be done without introducing any new taxes. This follows our plan to slash stamp duty for first home buyers, saving Victorians up to \$55,000 on the purchase



Cindy McLeish. -S

of their first home. Our plan to cut red tape, speed up planning reforms and deliver 150,000 new housing lots in the first two years of a Matt Guy-led government is a real solution to address housing affordability.

Cassandra Fraser explains the nurse practitioner role

CASSANDRA Fraser is currently undertaking a Master of Advanced Nursing: Nurse Practitioner course at Monash University. She is currently employed at Mansfield District Hospital in the acute and urgent care areas.

Interprofessional education is a compulsory component of the Monash Masters course and includes spending time working with a clinician from another discipline observing, critically analysing, and then reflecting on the practice. Cassandra chose to spend time with local pharmacists Cinoj and Leisha Thomas.

On completion of her Masters in July 2023 she will apply to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Nursing and Midwifery Board) for endorsement as a nurse practitioner specialising in primary, acute and emergency care.

Currently nurse practitioners make up 0.7 per cent of Victoria's nursing workforce.

A nurse practitioner is a registered nurse with the experience, expertise and authority to diagnose and treat people of all ages with a variety of acute or chronic health conditions.

They have completed additional study at a Masters degree level and are the most senior and independent clinical nurses in the Australian healthcare system. Only a person who has been endorsed by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia can hold the title of 'nurse practitioner'.

Nurse practitioners abide by national standards for practice to ensure that they can provide high quality patient centred care within their scope of practice. They are also capable in clinical research, education and leadership as applied to clinical care and health service development.

In their role, nurse practitioners collaborate with other nurses and healthcare professionals including GPs, medical and surgical specialists, physiotherapists, dieticians, occupational therapists, social workers, and many others. They also work in a variety of locations, both in hospital and community settings or private practice. They don't replace the role of doctors.

Throughout their training and experience, nurse practitioners have the skills, experience, and qualifications to provide holistic health care through



Cassandra Fraser (centre), with Cinoj and Leisha from Alexandra Pharmacy. -S

diagnosis and treatment of a variety of health-related conditions, construction and implementation of therapeutic regimens for patients, carers, and families, initiating and receiving appropriate referrals from health professionals, ordering and interpreting the

most appropriate tests to assist in diagnosis and management, prescribing appropriate and necessary medications with access to PBS medicines, and can provide patient rebates through Medicare.

SPORT

St Mary's state sporting achievements

ON Wednesday, November 2 three students from St Mary's Primary School competed at the Athletics State Championships.

They described the day as being very busy and nerve wracking but fun overall.



The three students representing the school at the state athletics competition. -S



The student athletes had their names on the back of their state athletics jumpers. -S

Marysville marathon races through

by Dr Lachan Fraser

A LOVELY spring day on Sunday, November 6 saw the return of the Marysville Marathon Festival.

After a spring of flooding rains, the sun returned for the weekend. The closure of Lady Talbot Drive at the picnic grounds due to the rains and a possible cancellation meant that the longer courses were rerouted in the last week to the Marysville forest south of Woods Point Road thanks to the endeavours of race director Brett Saxon and his team from Trails Plus, aided with track

clearances and planning by Peter Cobb of DELWP.

It's widely acknowledged that the Marysville Marathon festival provides Victoria's most challenging marathon course to conquer along with several other distances equally as challenging for their length. With the changes, it got even tougher.

A grinding climb of several kilometres or more up Yellow Dog Road challenged the 21km, 42km and 50km runners.

This was the 14th year of the event, including the virtual run in 2020, and 2021 with over 200 runners in Marysville as COVID-19 limitations had been

eased. This year, there was a good crowd of 500, including the 4km, 4km Junior and 10km runs, with 167 participants as the biggest group.

Runners supported by family and friends flocked to Marysville, and the organisers are looking to expand the festival with greater sponsorship and advertising.

The organisers would like to thank all of the volunteers, who enjoyed raising money through their help for various clubs and groups in the region, as well as to SES for traffic management and parking, plus Marysville Lions Club for assistance with the marquee.

Each year, the marathon makes a donation to Marysville SES and CFA, as well as supporting kids with cancer through the Canteen group. There were great prizes for the placegetters as well as random giveaways, thanks to our sponsors.

Come along next year if you missed out, or come back. Be inspired to take up a run or a walk, and support the town by patronising local businesses on the weekend.

For full results, with photos to be added in the next weeks, visit marysvillemarathon.com.au and for more events put on around Victoria by Trails Plus visit their website.



The Marysville Marathon was conducted on Sunday, November 12, in fine conditions after weeks of rain. There were a variety of distances, with a distance to suit every keen competitor. -AR



Competitors taking off in the 4km event. -AR



Dr Fraser crossing the finish line. -S



Gavin Ma finishing his 100th marathon. -S



Dr Fraser with his sister and her husband, who both did 10km event. -S

Eildon golf match report

by Rod Taylor

AT last the Eildon Golf Course was able to host its members for a much needed game of golf. With the course being close for the best part of the last three months, the club said it was great to be able to get on the course, catch up with members and have a hit.

With the wet conditions mowing of the course has been challenging. Fortunately for the 16 players most of the course had been mowed, however, some of the remaining rough bit was challenging. But sprites were high and everyone finished with a smile regardless of their result.

Golfers played a stableford round and the winners this week were M. Mackwell 38 points, R. Taylor 34 points, K. Power 33 Points, G. Knight 31 points, and C. Carnegie, L. Munro, R. Haack all with 30 points.

Other winners were M Williamson with the entry draw, and K. Collier scooped the pool taking home both the Swindle and the Joker draw. The club congratulates all the winners.

The next game will be governed by the weather and unfortunately there is more rain in the forecast so it is recommended to keep an eye on club communications for course updates.

Marysville golf report

by Lesley Rundle

THE Marysville golfers were pleased to be back playing on their course after the wet weather and fallen trees created hazards around the fairways. The club said the green keeping team did a marvelous job to make the course playable and for that all members are very grateful.

The leader of the Thursday winter nine hole competition was Keith Atwell but unfortunately due to a recent injury Keith was unable to play in last weeks final. The overall winner of the winter competition was Bob Emblin followed by Ray Jones. The club extends their congratulations to Bob and Ray.

Next Thursday as a fun event between the winter and summer competition there will be a 12.00pm sausage sizzle followed by an Ambrose event.

On Saturday in warm and sunny conditions a mixed 4BBB stableford event was played.

The scores were very close with three pairs consisting of Robert Coleman and Steve Berry, Lesley Rundle and John Norfolk, and Gail Leigh and Richard Clark all scoring 43 points.

However, that score was beaten by the winners Heather Jenkins and Jim Bisset

with 45 points. Gail and Richard were the runners up on a countback. The nearest the pins were won by Peter Lilley, Steve Berry and Richard Clark who also won the golden shot. The club extend their thanks to Richard who, in the absence of the men's captain, ran the presentation.

Next Saturday the Marysville players will play the delayed November monthly medal.

A number of Marysville ladies are hoping to travel to Romsey on Thursday to play in their annual tournament.

The first round of the Foodworks Murrindindi Masters due to be held on Saturday, November 19 at Alexandra has been postponed due to the wet condition of the course. The Alexandra round will now be played on February 18, 2023.

The club will be busy on Friday, November 25 when during the morning and afternoon the Building Industry Golf/Cycling event will be held. In the evening members will host an Emergency Services Sports Night when all members of the emergency services from Buxton, Marysville, Narbethong and Taggerty will play barefoot bowls, and have a putting and nearest the pin competition before nibbles and drinks at members prices. All Marysville members are invited to attend and assist at the sports night.

Round five squash results

by Kristelle Leary

BEN v Jodie: Lacking opponents, Ben and Jodie filled in against each other. Ben played some lovely deep shots, but Jodie's diverse style won the game 59 to 45.

Fox in the Outhouse v Steakhouse

LEVEL FIVE. Mick v Blake: Blake's game continues to improve. However, with tight serves and powerful drives Mick took the match 52 to 25.

LEVEL FOUR: Kelly v Kristelle: Kristelle put in a valiant effort, managing to bring about a draw in the last game but Kelly took the first three for the match, 71 to 51.

LEVEL TWO. Simon v Stuart: A tied first game had viewers on the edge of their seats. Stuart came out on fire to take the next three and the match 70 to 53.

LEVEL ONE. Ruth (fill in) v John: Taking a quick lead John won the first three games. Ruth managed to take the fourth, but John was too far ahead. John took the win 63 to 56.

Chop Suey! v Fried Rice

LEVEL FIVE: Beth v Lee: Beth put up a good fight, however Lee proved too strong for her and won the match 68 to 49.

LEVEL THREE: Justin v Donna: This was a close game. Justin took game two, game three was tied and Donna scraped a one-point victory winning games one, four and the match 62 to 61.

LEVEL TWO. Michael M v Ruth: Despite being quite one sided, it was a very entertaining match for the viewers. Ruth won all four games to win 71 to 49.

LEVEL ONE. Michael v Jim: Jim played hard and Michael held his ground to take hold of game one and drew in game three. But he lost his hold in game two and four with Jim taking the match, 64 to 45.

Merton cricket report

by Rohan Berriman

MERTON cricketers finally played their first match in the B grade competition after the first four rounds were called off due to the rain affected grounds in the district.

Merton hosted Beechworth Wanderers at the surprisingly well presented Merton Cricket Ground and the club extends their thanks to the Mansfield Shire and the club volunteers who get the oval up to standard for the first game of the season.

Beechworth won the toss and batted, making only 34 all out off 19 overs.

Last season's club champion Luke Benton destroyed the top order taking 5/16 off eight overs. He was well supported by Jai Lerch-Mckinnon with 3/11 and James Benton with 1/6 rounded out a top bowling performance.

Wanderers' captain D. Cogger was the only batter to make double figures with 12.

Merton's batters were looking a little rusty, passing the visitors score of four wickets down in the 14th over with opener Luke Berriman seeing off the opening bowlers.

Merton continued to play out their 36 overs finishing on 8/112 with youngster James Benton top scoring with 26 not out. Mark Noye 15 and captain Ross Mackinnon 13 were the other players to get a start.

Merton travel to Wangaratta next Saturday to take on the Wangaratta Magpies

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C grade cricket goes ahead

THE Alexandra Cricket Club tried in vain to get some games up this weekend.

Once again they had a good turnout for the Woolworths Cricket Blast training on Wednesday with Brooke Carter and her enthusiastic players.

Unfortunately due to the rain the under 13s and 15s games were called off. All B grade games within the association were also called off.

Fortunately for the club their C grade team were able to get a game in against Eastern Hill which was played at the Seymour High School ground.

Alexandra won the toss and chose to bat first against Eastern Hill. The Redbacks got off to a good start with Scott Whitehead and Michael Mawson opening the batting, making a good partnership of 20 before Mawson fell.

The magnificent run scorer Max Church came in next and unfortunately failed miserably with only eight runs. Jordan Ferrier followed soon after with a duck. Emma Whitehead did also.

Kelly Fitzpatrick got her first run for the season before she was clean bowled by an inswinging off cutter. In the mean time, Jason was belting the attack all over the park and put on a fantastic 60 odd run partnership with Josh Crane and another 30 odd with Rob.

Alexandra compiled a very competitive 174 for their first innings of the season with coach Jase Reynolds top scoring with 89.

Eastern Hill responded strongly with the bat, chasing the target down in 29 overs with Eastern Hills' Michael Brown making 111. Jason Reynolds was also the pick of the bowlers taking 1/32 of his six overs.

Banjo and Jason Reynolds took a wicket each.

Young gun M. Hendricks bowled a magnificent spell of seven overs for 26 and was very unlucky not getting a wicket.

The club extends their congratulations to the Kelly Fitzpatrick, Emma Whitehead and Lucy McRae who played in the C grade side this week. Alexandra Cricket Club want to remind all that they are open to and invite all genders joining their club.

At this stage Leckie Park is unplayable even with all the curators experience and knowledge. The curator has approached the president of the club and will be asking the council for funding for a roof over Leckie Park.

The club extends their congratulations to everyone and said now they've made a start in cricket this season, hopefully they can get some more in next week.



"Is this one of those new ebook things" Max Church said to Jason Reynolds as they took this sneaky snap. -S



Kelly and Banjo Fitzpatrick the mother son duo representing the redbacks on the cricket pitch. -S

Return to the green for bowls

by Marie Evans

MID-week pennant Division Four had a home game against Shepparton Park. The top scoring rink was Bob Binghamy (Skip), Neil Rieschieck, Ben Gilchrist and Karen Jackson who won 26 to 15. They led for the entire game, winning a total of 13 ends out of the 21.

Bob Mayfield (Skip), David Nicklos Terry Livy, and Christine Mayfield had a closer competition. It was six all on end seven but Alexandra picked up six shots on the next two ends to lead 12 to six. Shepparton Park produced some good bowls to have the game all tied up on end 17 at 16 all. Alexandra won the next three ends to lead 21 to 16 on the penultimate end. The final score was a four shot win to the home side 21 to 17.

The closest game was a one shot win to Garnet Eastment (Skip), Mark Stone, Pauline Gilmore and Lauren Kirby. Shepparton Park led 13 to five on end 10 but not to be denied Alexandra won the next six ends to take the lead 16 to 13. The opposition found form and took the lead again 18 to 16 on end 18. Alexandra won two shots on end 19 and the game was all tied up at 18 all. Shepparton Park won one shot on end 20. The game could have been anybody's, but Alexandra won two shots and the points 20 to 19. A great win under pressure.

The three home rinks were successful giving the overall to Alexandra 67 to 51. The ladder is Eildon 71 points, Alexandra, 68, Shepparton Park 59 and Dookie 52. Tuesday, November 15 is an away game to Merrigum who sit in ninth spot.

Saturday Pennant's Division Five played at home to Eildon in excellent conditions. There were some mixed results but Alexandra won the overall 87 to 64 and received 14 points. Eildon won two rinks and added four points to their total. Top of the ladder after seven rounds is Colbinabbin on 102 points. They didn't have to play round seven as they received a walkover from Mooropna Golf and were awarded the maximum 18 points. In second spot is Alexandra on 96, Dookie 85 and Eildon 67.

It was a close competition for the best rink on the day and that went to Bob Mayfield (Skip), David Nicklos, Rodd Petersen and Christine Mayfield. They won 14 of the 21 ends and led for the entire game. It wasn't until end six that Eildon got on the board. At end 12 Alexandra were 18 to four up. Eildon won ends 13 and 14 and the margin was reduced to eight shots 18 to 10. However, Alexandra added 10 more shots over the next four ends to take the lead out to 18 shots. Eildon won the last end but the final score was 30 to 14. An excellent buffer for Alexandra.

Greg Gilmore (Skip), Larry Scott, Roselyn Livy and Denise Chisolm also had

a good win. They won 13 ends and were 13 to three up at the break. This lead was increased and by end 13 Alexandra led 16 to three. Eildon won the next three ends but were confined to singles. The final score was a 14 shot win to the home side 22 to eight.

Alexandra didn't have it all their own way and Garnet Eastment (Skip), Ben Gilchrist, Mark Stone and Lauren Kirby were 11 shots down on end 10. However, they picked up 11 shots over the next three ends to have the game all tied up on 16 all. The game then became an arm wrestle with it 17 all on end 15, 19 all on end 18, 20 all on end 20 and finally Eildon took the honours 21 to 20.

Over on rink three Bob Binghamy, (Skip), Neil Rieschieck, Brad Petersen and Karen Jackson were being challenged by Eildon's Jim Wheelhouse, P. Smitheram, D. Cooper and Michael Aldenhoven. Alexandra won eight ends and trailed for the game. The final score was 15 to 21. It's away to Dookie in the next round.

Division Seven played away to Violet Town and were unlucky to not take the overall points. Unfortunately, due to illness and unavailability the side was down a player on one rink so Violet Town provided a substitute. Terry Livy (Skip), Dave McCrae, Trevor Stewart and Anne Gunton had success and won 13 ends. They led all day and were 20 to nine up on end 18.

Violet Town had a burst of good line and length to reduce their loss to only four shots 20 to 16.

Ray Mathieson (Skip), Pauline Gilmore, Chris Footit and substitute P Fairweather won 11 ends and were only one shot down on end 15. Violet Town increased this margin to five shots 10 to 15 after end 16. The final score Alexandra 14 to 20 meant Alexandra lost the overall by two shots 36 to 34. Alexandra now sits in fifth spot behind Violet Town. It's home to Seymour next round who are on the bottom of the ladder.

There are no pennant bowls next weekend as the Victorian Open is on at various Goulburn Valley Clubs. The club wishes all the best and good bowling to Bob Binghamy and Bob Mayfield who are playing in the pairs at Wunghnu on Sunday, November 20 starting at 8.30am. It's a three round sectional game with the top side going through to the next round which is knockout.

They are down to play pairs from Moe, Blackburn and Deer Park. The Deer Park side are familiar opponents facing Luke Spargo who previously played for Seymour VRI and Scott Fletcher who was Kilmore. According to the Bowls Victoria site times and venues can change. Visit vicopen.com.au for all of the results.