

The Yea Chronicle

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Attendees at the Limestone Christmas in July dinner. -S

GMW aiming for Lake Eildon to be as full as possible in lead-up to spring

GOULBURN Murray Water, in partnership with the Bureau of Meteorology, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) and Victoria State Emergency Service (SES) held a joint webinar to provide information regarding the upcoming forecast for the region, how Lake Eildon and Waranga Basin are managed, floodplain management plans and studies, the GBCMA flood portal, flood preparedness and what the SES/VicEmergency warnings mean.

The question that everyone wanted an answer to was, "Are we going to experience any further flooding in 2023?"

The answer was that while there has been a shift in the weather and so it was becoming increasingly less likely, we're not out of the woods as yet.

June had been an exceptional month for large parts of the state. There was unexpected above average rainfall. Dry conditions had been expected, but tropical moisture from the north west brought rain across from Kimberly into the south east of the country.

2022 had been a la niña year but forecasts from various international agencies concur that we're likely to be heading into el niño territory ahead of the coming summer.

It is anticipated storage volume in Lake Eildon will increase through August, aiming to be as close to full as possible to meet demands as they rise.

Andrew Shields, River Operations Manager for Goulburn Murray Water said he anticipated storage volume will increase through August and the aim was to have it as close to full as possible to meet anticipated demand. They will

bring it up to full and then release water as demand rises.

If significant rainfall occurs when storage is full, releases can be made ahead of time if forecasts show a serious rain event is imminent. As a drier period is anticipated over the coming weeks and months, storage is considered critical ahead of it.

Understanding the chance of different sized floods occurring is important for managing flood risk. The preferred way of expressing that chance is Annual Exceedance Probability. A flood with a 1% AEP has a one in a hundred chance of being exceeded in any year.

The GBCMA website has a community flood intelligence portal where specific information can be found, right down to the risk profile of a particular address. There is an instruction video available on the page to help get you started if you need help. To access this information, go to gbcma.vic.gov.au/our-region/waterway-floodplain-management/floodplain-planning/gbfloodintelligenceportal

The SES advised of new simplified notifications that will be used across the various agencies that respond to emergency situations. 'Emergency' is red and the highest level of warning. It requires immediate action and any delay potentially puts life at risk. 'Warning' is orange and is equivalent to Watch and Act. It means take action now, an emergency is developing nearby and you should act now to protect yourself and others. The third and lowest level is 'Advice' which is yellow and denotes an incident is occurring and conditions should be monitored. The SES want people to know that if a life is in danger, the first call should always be to Triple Zero (000).

National Tree Day celebrated in Murrindindi

IN celebration of National Tree Day on Sunday, July 30 and Schools Tree Day on Friday, July 28, Murrindindi Shire Council supported several local tree-planting activities by supplying plants, garden stakes, tree guards and equipment, with over 1000 plants going in the ground across six different sites.

On National Tree Day, Home Creek Spring Creek Landcare Group, together with Alexandra Scouts, led by Sarah Southam, planted around 250 plants along the rail trail in the Fawcett area.

For Schools National Tree Day, the Yea Primary Schools, with support from Upper Goulburn Landcare Network (UGLN), planted over 200 plants along a section of Boundary Creek in Yea, predominantly grasses and ground covers.

Students from St Mary's Primary School in Alexandra planted 100 shrubs in the existing established garden beds along UT Creek in Alexandra. These garden beds were originally planted out by St Mary's students several years back, so it was nice for the students to see how the plants were

doing and to supplement the beds with extra plants where it was needed.

Prior to National Tree Day, council also arranged for a small group of volunteers to plant sections of Old Josephine Cutting, Grannies Lane and McColl Lane in Alexandra. The group planted around 600 shrubs, grasses, rushes and sedges collectively at these sites.

UGLN, which is made up of several local Landcare groups, also hosted planting events across the Shire with their members and they are planning future planting activities. If you'd like to get involved, visit their website at ugln.net and find a group near you.

Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor John Walsh said, "Well done to everyone involved in the National Tree Day planting activities across the shire. You have made a significant contribution to our environment, and you should be very proud of your efforts."

"Not only did these events result in over 1000 plantings; they brought our community together and created a special opportunity for us to appreciate the wonderful place in which we live."

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Letters to the Editor

Tree works in Yea

I READ with interest council’s proposed budget funding for ‘priority projects’ of \$3.7 million towards roads, footpaths, etcetera, and of \$202,000 for responses to requests for a combined ‘Rapid Road and Tree Maintenance Response Team’, ie. public risk issues and etcetera and to “address service

Ice skating rink in neighbouring shire?

SEYMOUR man, Phil Crowe, is keen to find out whether the Yea and surrounds community would be interested in a temporary ice skating rink being installed in Seymour next winter. He is seeking the assistance of his local council to make it happen.

He believes that an ice rink would be good for the community, create jobs and tourism, would be fun for young and old, and could lead to novice skaters becoming interested in more winter sports generally. Phil can be contacted at philipcrw@gmail.com

Shooting incident in Kinglake

ON Saturday, August 5, a man had been hunting with friends at a property on Extons Road, Kinglake, when a firearm went off accidentally at about 8.30pm.

The 47 year old man was taken to hospital following the incident. He sustained non-life-threatening injuries. No one else was injured.

Anyone with information is urged to Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online to crimestoppersvic.com.au

standards” which are lacking. See the Yea Chronicle, May 31.

Council are on notice that there is a stand of deformed and therefore dangerous eucalypt species that are a risk of falling onto the road, the children’s playground and/ or the pedestrian footway at the junction of High Street and Melbourne Road, Yea

Photographs taken over time and as provided to council, evidence large upper branches falling in the hotter months and the rot formed in base of each multi-stemmed trunk and there are many.

Should injury or death occur, then council are liable for any compensation award by notice of this ‘known risk’ under Roadside and Management Act.

I also note that Road Safety Grants of \$50,000 to \$150,000 under the TAC Grants program are now open by application. See the Yea Chronicle on May 17.

Jack Russell, Yea

Commonwealth Games

IT was surprising more wasn’t said about the 2026 Commonwealth Games being cancelled until we factor in this is Victoria. Whatever people say, Daniel Andrews is a master politician. Don’t get that mixed up with he serves the people like the statesmen of old. The John MacIntyres, George Turners and Jeff Kennetts. Politicians that worked for the people are gone. Dan has an agenda, it does not include the will of the people or serving Victorians best. From COVID-19 lockdowns to erosion of freedom of speech, no other politician in a democracy would get away with it. There’s too many examples I could list Slug Gate, Red Shirts, it goes on.

The games would have showcased regional Victoria to the world. That sort

of coverage is gold. Once the public saw Bendigo, Mansfield, Echuca, Swan Hill even Lake Eildon, the interest would be there but Dan isn’t interested. He bid for the games to get votes, he’s anti-Commonwealth which is why he’s hindering another bid from an Australian state or federal assistance. Yes there’s going to be an enquiry but we all know Dan won’t cooperate. He’ll fight divulging information, develop selective amnesia or absent himself to China on a secret mission. The investigation will cost tens of millions and achieve nothing just add to the over one billion dollars for breaking the contract, or will it be one billion pounds? Either way it won’t bother Dan, he got his regional votes.

The truth is there’s no real opposition to Labor in Victoria. Next election he’ll say the right buzzwords at the right time, promise the moon. That promise he partially kept, the craters are in our roads. I hope another venue for the games is found in Australia, however regional Victoria ‘s reputation is ruined.

Tom Collins, Alexandra

Voice to Parliament

AS a person who follows public issues via the media and often comments, this is a reminder. What a democracy we live in, that’s open to everyone, however I have noted our federal and state members of Parliament, Haines and McLeish have been silent on the upcoming Voice referendum, a yes or no vote.

I admire people who are prepared to put pen to paper. I might disagree with them, but I’ll always defend their right to do so.

So, it’s time for both of them to make a public statement on yes or no.

Ray Donkin, Buxton

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UGFM	94.5	Kinglake Ranges

WEEKLY


Thu	Town Club, RSL Hall, 6-8pm. Ph 5797 2179
Sun	AA Anglican Church, Alexandra 7pm PH 1300 222 222
Sun	Alanon Recovery Anglican Church, Alexandra 5.30pm.

MONTHLY

1 st Mon	St Lukes Seniors St Lukes Church Ph 0407 972 099
1 st Thu	Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057
2 nd Sat	Alex Repair Café 1-3pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801
2 nd Wed	Molesworth Crafty Critters, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
2 nd Thu	Yea Garden Club Yea RSL Hall 1.30pm Ph 0439 870 315
4 th Wed	Molesworth Crafty Critters, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
4 th Thu	Yea CWA Yea RSL Hall, 1.30pm Ph 0458 808 603
Last Fri	Yea-Kinglake RSL, 11.30am RSL Hall, Ph 5796 9353



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




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August 10-August 15, 2023

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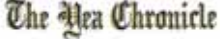
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STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	12.00pm Mon	1.11	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	12.00pm Mon	0.71	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	9.20am Mon	1.93	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	10.57am Mon	0.31	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	11.57am Mon	0.65	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	11.24am Mon	1.09	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	12.00pm Mon	3.74	steady	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	12.00pm Mon	0.65	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	12.00pm Mon	1.39	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	12.00pm Mon	0.34	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	12.00pm Mon	1.76	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	11.32am Mon	1.29	steady	
ISSUED AT 12.15PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023				

DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra.....	N/Amm
Buxton.....	20mm
Eildon (AWS).....	9mm
Flowerdale.....	7mm
Kinglake.....	13mm
Lake Eildon.....	8mm
Jamieson.....	14mm
Taggerty	15mm
Yarck	15mm
Yea.....	11mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week.....	287.70m
Capacity as at 9am Monday.....	95.2%
Metres below full supply.....	1.2m
Daily inflow	3500ML
Release.....	1000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....	48%



DEADLINES

Real Estate	Thursday noon
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Andrew Lawson. -S



Donald Mace. -S

Meet and greet with the new bank manager

MEMBERS of the Alexandra and district community were invited to a 'meet and greet' with the new manager of the Yea Community Bank in Alexandra on the evening of Monday, July 31 at the Alexandra RSL Hall.

Chair Jim Osborne opened the meeting and introduced the new manager Rebecca (Bec) Taylor, along with staff members Jo, Michelle and Kirsty.

Ms Taylor spent seven years as assistant manager at the Mount Evelyn branch of the Bendigo Bank prior to joining the Yea Community Bank as manager, and Mr Osborne commented that the board are feeling very happy about the appointment.

Mr Osborne reiterated to the Alexandra community that the bank will not be opening a branch in the town, but that services will be offered through the Alexandra Newsagency, where Bec and the team will provide back-up, and the new office. Meetings with Bec or another team member at the Alexandra office will be by appointment. The office will be shared with Rural Bank.

The bank will be open three days each week in Yea, on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, but they will consider more if warranted. If Monday is a public holiday, the bank will be open on a Tuesday instead.

Mr Osborne noted that the 'big banks' are reducing their number of branches and relying instead on

e-banking. Foot traffic into banks has reduced to about 10 per cent of what it once was.

He said that the mobility of the manager was very important as she will be able to respond to the community's needs.

More widely, the financials of the Yea Community Bank are "looking good," and at the AGM they hope to declare a profit and dividends. They have paid back all of their debts to Bendigo Bank. They expect that within the next 12 months, small community grants will be on the agenda. He added that the grants will need to

be reciprocal, with benefits to the bank as well as to the community group.

Asked what services will be provided at the Alexandra office, Mr Osborne responded that it's for whatever people want to do in private. At the newsagent, people are coming and going and there may not be the level of privacy required. People will not be able to open an account at the office, but they can do so at the newsagency or in Yea.

Ms Taylor is happy to assist people from across the Murrindindi Shire with their banking needs. All they need to do is call and make an appointment.



Yea Community Bank staff members with new manager Rebecca Taylor (centre) and State Manager at Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd, Ashdon Capp (right). -AR

Renewable Future for Yea series

2030YEA Community Energy is hosting two more presentations in the Renewable Future for Yea series on August 17 at the Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre.

Donald Mace, Indigo Power's General Manager of Electricity Retail, will present their *Blueprint for Communities* to get to 100 per cent renewables.

Donald has 25 years of experience working in Australia and overseas for both multinational and small businesses across many industries. He has a passion for building and strengthening the communities within Indigo Power's reach to make a real impact on climate change. As General Manager of Electricity Retail, Donald will be looking to grow Indigo Power's customer base through working with communities, business partners and leveraging the renewable projects Indigo Power is working on.

Donald said, "Partnering with communities to tackle climate change is at the core of Indigo Power's business. We are here to collaborate with communities and aim to work with as many groups as possible. Let's create a 100 per

cent renewable energy future for your community."

Andrew Lawson, Director at Fera Australia, will speak about the proposed Seymour Wind Farm.

Andrew is a civil engineer who has had leading roles in the delivery of major infrastructure projects including City Link and Docklands in Victoria. More recently he was involved in running a technology company for 12 years and over the last three years has been a director of Fera developing projects in Victoria and Tasmania.

The Seymour Wind Farm investigation area is bounded by Avenel, Longwood, Ruffy, Highlands and Tarcombe. The proposed project represents an opportunity for Australia and Victoria in the transition from coal power sources in accordance with Victoria's renewable energy targets of 40 per cent by 2025 and 50 per cent by 2030. Fera is focusing on this region due to its strong wind resource and proximity to the main transmission line between Melbourne and Sydney.

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A Renewable Future for Yea #2
2030Yea Community Energy is hosting two more presentations in the "Renewable Future for Yea" series:
Thursday August 17
Doors open 6pm for a 6:30 start.
Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre
2 Hood Street, Yea
events.humanitix.com/2030yea-presentations
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0458 113 099

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Sunday Service time

11am

Father Mario Hendricks Ph: 0437 937 433

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0459 402 547

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Station Street Yea

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Eildon Events Inc will hold their AGM at Morning Mist, Back Eildon Road at 10.30am. For further details contact 0400 715 319.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Eildon Action Inc will hold their AGM at Eildon VIC. Everyone is welcome. Nominations can be submitted on the night.

Homewood Hall will hold their AGM at the hall at 6.30pm. All welcome.

Yellow Creek Dairy Creek Landcare Group will hold their AGM at 7.30pm at the Homewood Hall.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

2030Yea Community Energy is hosting two more presentations in the Renewable Future for Yea series. Doors open at 6pm for 6.30 start. Yea Wetlands. Bookings can be made at events.humanitix.com/2030yea-presentations. Further details on page seven of *The Yea Chronicle*.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

UGFM will hold their AGM via Zoom at 7.30pm. For a meeting link or to nominate for committee contact info@ugfm.org or phone 5772 2722.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Goulburn Fishing Festival 2023. Free event at Eildon. 10am-4pm. Lions Park, Riverside Drive. Live music, market stalls, Snobs Creek Hatchery tours, Vic Fish Kids clinics and more. Fireworks at 7pm. vfa.vid.gov.au/goulburnfishfest

Mixed results in quarterly ambulance data

AMBULANCE Victoria have released their response data for the final quarter of the financial year 2022/23, April 1 to June 30, in the Murrundindi local government area.

There were 260 code one incidents. Code one incidents are defined as requiring urgent paramedic and hospital care, based on the information at the time of call.

260 code one incidents is a very similar number compared to the same quarter last year, when there were 252 incidents.

There was a longer average response time for code ones this year, with 26 minutes and 16 seconds, compared to 24 minutes and 18 seconds last year.

The percentage of code one incidents attended in under 15 minutes for this year was 27.7 per cent. This was considerably worse this year when compared to the 36.5 per cent achieved last year.

Code two incidents are acute and time sensitive, but do not require a lights and sirens response. The number of code two incidents this quarter was 190 and the average response time was 49 minutes and nine seconds. Last year there were 185 code two incidents and the response time was 52 minutes and 34 seconds.

Wind farm survey

THE Strathbogies Responsible Renewables Community Group conducted a survey which ran for six weeks in June and July regarding the proposed FERA wind farm. 201 people responded. Of those, 99 per cent live in Mitchell, Murrindindi or Strathbogie Shires. The highest number of respondents came from Highlands (23 per cent), Ruffy (12 per cent) and Terip Terip (12 per cent).

Of the respondents, only seven per cent said that they were contacted directly by FERA about the proposal.

Ninety-six per cent of respondents stated that the region's landscape is either 'extremely' or 'very important' to their way of life and that there are high levels of concern about a range of potential project impacts. These included landscape, roads and biodiversity (90 per cent), impacts on geology and hydrology (85 per cent) and visual impacts (84 per cent). Eighty per cent said that they were very or extremely concerned about FERA's community engagement.

Thirteen of the comments were in support of the project and 294 of the comments were opposed.

Council and Agriculture Victoria host flood recovery workshop for local farmers

MORE than 40 people came to the Molesworth Public Hall on Thursday, July 27 to learn about current animal health issues and how farmers can deal with stressful situations.

Murrindindi Shire Council and Agriculture Victoria hosted the 'Caring for Our Stock, Caring for Ourselves' workshop to highlight the importance of animal and farmer health.

Principal Vet Dr Anna Manning from Delatite Veterinary Services shared some observations about stock on flood affected properties. Dr Manning explained current health

issues in animals across the region and how to respond, particularly liver fluke, worms and lice. Advice on managing feeding regimes to minimise susceptibility to grass tetany was highly engaging.

With 40 years of experience specialising in trauma recovery, psychologist Dr Rob Gordon spoke to attendees about the effects that stress can have on the body, and some of the signs to keep an eye out for. As disasters tend to disrupt the usual patterns of life, one of the most important things in recovery is staying connected

with your community. Another key message was that if situations seem so difficult that it becomes hard to make a decision or take action, it can be an indicator of ongoing stress. A useful short circuit can be to make time for relaxation, pleasure and leisure.

Representatives from RuralAid and the Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry attended. Mental Health Consultant Zoe Edmonds, who offers a free counselling service to small business owners, their families and their employees under the Partners in Wellbeing Program, also attended. Ms Edmonds reported that trauma (resulting from a disaster) which is unresolved can lead to ongoing stress and impact physiological health.

This event is one of the latest flood recovery activities conducted across the shire, as council reaches out through pop up hubs and events connecting with communities to support the recovery process for all. Murrindindi Shire Council is also attending the monthly Yea Cattle Sales at the Yea Saleyards to offer information and support to farmers.

To stay up to date on the latest flood recovery information and future events, subscribe to receive the flood recovery e-newsletter at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/recoverynewsletter

Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor John Walsh said, "Farmer health is very important in both the physical and psychological sense. We know healthy farmers equal healthy farms, and vice versa. Supporting farmers and their farms to bounce back after the floods is essential for our community to grow and prosper."



Dr Rob Gordon. -S



Dr Anna Manning. -S

Trumpets sound as the Yea Wetlands re-open

AFTER some serious repairs and refurbishment, the Yea Wetlands have now reopened.

The wetlands are a significant tourist destination for the Murrindindi region and an important asset to the local community. They were considerably impacted by the flood event in October 2022.

Don Knight, chairperson of Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre, said it was disappointing to have had them closed for as long as they were.

“The Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre is the gateway to the wetlands and having to tell people that they can’t go out there is an absolute disappointment,” he said. “And we rely on that income to run the centre, so you can imagine there’s been a fair impact on our revenue stream and certainly not being able to allow the visitors to get out there and enjoy the wetlands was disappointing.

“It is a relief to have them open again, a tremendous relief, but it’s now done and it’s onwards and upwards,” he said.

A lot of work was undertaken to get the wetlands up and running again. Fallen trees

were cut up and removed, a lot of mud and leaves were cleaned up and the boardwalks have been pressure washed to now be “clean as a whistle,” Mr Knight said.

A recent fundraiser, that included a performance by the Royal Australian Navy Band, and was attended by more than 150 people, raised a considerable amount of money for the remediation of the wetlands.

“We raised approximately \$4200 and all of that money, every cent of that, will go into tree planting, replacing a lot of the trees that we lost, indigenous trees, and we’ve got a lot of invasive weed species that have turned

up in the floods that need to be eradicated as well and it will go a long way towards helping us out with that,” said Mr Knight.

Visitors are asked to be mindful that some pathways may be a bit slippery due to recent wet weather and a build-up of leaf litter. This may limit accessibility for prams and wheelchairs until all the pathways have been resurfaced.

A section of damaged boardwalk remains closed currently, but over the coming weeks works will continue to resurface the pathways and rebuild the still damaged areas of boardwalk.



Some of damaged caused to the Yea Wetlands in the October 2022 flood. -S



Flood damage at the wetlands. -S



The Yea Wetlands now that it has re-opened. -S



The Royal Australian Navy Band performing at the Yea Shire Hall. -S

Limestone dinner honours brigade leaders

ONE of the many highlights of a Limestone Community Christmas in July Dinner held on July 29 was the unveiling of a Limestone Fire Brigade Honour Board. The honour board is a gift from the Limestone community to the brigade. The Honour Board recognises members of the Limestone Brigade who have served as captains or been awarded Life Membership for outstanding service.

The honour board was unveiled by John Benston, a former Limestone resident, who served as the brigade’s first leader from 1973 to 2000 and was awarded life membership in 2005.

Some 80 members and friends of the Limestone community attended the Christmas in July dinner. It was the

first social occasion for the Limestone community since well before the onset of COVID-19. Through the work of local volunteers, the fire station was transformed into a wonderful dining and events venue. A superb three course meal was catered for by locals Marilyn Mallia, John Brick and Kimm Noonan.

A key purpose of the evening was to inform the community about the Limestone Community Project. The project aims to record and inform, through public signage and a Limestone Story Wall, some of the remarkable features of Limestone’s past and present.

The Limestone Community Project is being led by Ian Marshman and Jan Beer.

All proceeds from the dinner and an associated fundraising auction, wonderfully supported by generous donors and spirited bidders alike, will go towards the Limestone Community Project.

Over \$8000 was raised on the evening. Combined with a generous grant of \$2000 from Yea and District Rotary, these funds will now be sufficient to enable the public information boards and the Limestone Story Wall to proceed. These will be installed before the end of the year.

Ian and Jan would welcome hearing from anyone in the wider community who may have photos or other memorabilia about life and times at Limestone. You can contact Ian on 0439 600 873 and Jan on 0407 144 777.



John Benston unveiling the honour board. -S

Student of the Week

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YEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to Josh, Saxon, Kallian and Evie, our Values Award winners this week.

Thank you for being such outstanding citizens of Yea Primary School.

Student of the Week

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Yea High supports out of home students with Big Dreams

Student Leaders at Yea High School hosted a Pyjama Day fundraiser on July 28, to raise money for the Pyjama Foundation who run programs to support children in out of home care.

Students and teachers were invited to wear PJs to school with the contribution of a gold coin, and the student leaders also sold baked goods to add to the funds raised.

The Pyjama Foundation began in 2004 to give children in foster care the opportunity to change the direction of their lives with learning, life skills and confidence.

Children in care often bounce from home to home and through different schools which negatively impacts their ability to learn and develop. Poor educational outcomes can lead to disengagement in school, mental health issues, future unemployment and potential poor life choices.

Money raised through the Yea High fundraiser will contribute towards the recruitment, screening, training and matching of community mentors called “Pyjama Angels” with children in care, who will then spend time with their matched child weekly, focusing on learning based activities.

“Pyjama Angels read books aloud with their child, play educational games and help children with their homework. Most importantly, the volunteers give foster children a chance to reach their life potential, despite a fragile start,” according to the Pyjama Foundation.

They aim to help break the cycle of disadvantage experienced by children in care through continuous stable support and nurturing relationships.

If you would like to support Yea High’s efforts, you can donate at fundraise.thepyjamafoundation.com/fundraisers/yeahighschool



Students enjoying the baked goods. -S



The fundraiser was in support of the Pyjama Foundation. -S



Student Leaders at Yea Secondary College selling treats at their Pyjama Day fundraiser for the Pyjama Foundation. -S

The beginning of the Volunteer Assisted Dying Review

THE legally required review of the first four years of the nation’s first voluntary assisted dying law has now begun, with a final report due by the end of 2024.

The review will not consider any changes to the legislation. It will instead evaluate the systems, processes and practices which underpin the operation of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act* including safeguards and protections, equity of access, the Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board’s role and functions and the Department of Health commissioned Statewide Pharmacy and Care Navigator services.

Those engaged in voluntary assisted dying, including doctors and families, will take part in a consultation process to gauge how voluntary assisted dying is operating since its introduction.

The review will be conducted by the Centre for Evaluation and Research Evidence and will apply recognised methods, practices and ethical guidelines throughout the evaluation process.

Since its introduction in June 2019, the voluntary assisted dying law has given eligible Victorians a dignified and compassionate choice at the end of their life, giving them the support and care they deserve in their final moments.

Victoria has led the way on voluntary assisted dying laws, with the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act* coming into effect in 2019. In the years since, all other states have followed our lead.

Only Victorian adults who have an incurable, advanced and progressive medical condition and who have decision making capacity can access voluntary assisted dying.

Once the review concludes in 2024, the final report will be tabled in both Houses of Parliament. For more information on voluntary assisted dying visit health.vic.gov.au/patient-care/voluntary-assisted-dying

Are you missing money?

VICTORIANS have been encouraged to go online to find out if they are among thousands of people with a claim on a pool of unclaimed money topping \$109 million.

The State Revenue Office (SRO) holds records of money that remains unclaimed after 12 months including refunds, rents and bonds, share dividends, salaries and wages, debentures, interest and proceeds from sales. The majority of entitlements have been held by the SRO for less than ten years.

In regional Victoria, Mornington Peninsula leads the way with \$2.8 million followed by Yarra Ranges (\$2 million) and Greater Geelong (\$1.9 million). Across the state, there are some 678,000 entitlements waiting to be claimed.

In addition to unclaimed money, the SRO also holds all Tattersalls, Intralot and Tabcorp prizes, as well as TAB winnings, that have remained unclaimed for six months or more.

The highest unclaimed gaming entitlement is \$2,136,327 from Tattersalls which was received in March 2016. To claim these winnings, you must supply your original ticket.

All Victorian businesses and trustees holding \$20 or more in unclaimed money are reminded they must record and keep the money for at least 12 months, then lodge it with the SRO. Lodgements can be made via the SRO website.

To search for unclaimed money, visit sro.vic.gov.au/unclaimedmoney. You will need your name or company name, and the address that you believe the unclaimed money lodging organisation would have had on file.

MURRINDINDI SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS



COMMUNITY MEETING IN STRATH CREEK

Would you like to speak to Council about topics or issues that affect you and your community? Come along to the Open Community Meeting in Strath Creek and speak directly to your Councillors.

Meeting details:

30 August 2023 from 5.00 - 7.00 pm
Strath Creek Public Hall
10 Ferguson Street, Strath Creek

If you, or your community group, would like to speak to Council, you are invited to attend the meeting. You will have five minutes allocated to talk directly with Murrindindi Shire Councillors about issues or ideas that are important to you and your community.

Prior registration is not required, we'll greet you and collect your details on the evening. Email governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au or call Council on 5772 0333 for more details.

MOVING MURRINDINDI

Moving Murrindindi is a partnership program between Council and Community Accessibility.

The program aims to connect volunteer drivers with senior citizens, people with a disability or financially-disadvantaged members of our community who might be in need of a low-cost transport option to get to medical appointments, social outings or other transport hubs.

Clients or carers wishing to use the Moving Murrindindi service can contact Community Accessibility on 1300 704 530 or email transport@communityaccessability.org.au for further information on bookings, transport costs and concessions.

FLOOD RECOVERY POP-UP HUBS

Council is running a series of pop-up hubs for you to meet the flood recovery team. This is an opportunity to share your story and to find out what supports are available to you.

Events are currently planned for Buxton, Flowerdale, Glenburn, Kinglake and Yea.

Visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/recoveryevents for the latest details on upcoming events

POSITIONS VACANT - COUNCIL POOLS

Are you a water-loving individual with a passion for sun, fun and safety? We have the perfect job for you! Join our team this summer at one of our seasonal pools in Alexandra, Eildon, Marysville or Yea.

There are multiple positions available, including:

- Assistant Aquatic Operations and Facility Supervisor
- Senior Duty Manager
- Duty Manager
- Lifeguard

Visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/jobs to see all available positions, apply for a position and to find out more.

Applications close at 11.45 pm on Sunday 20 August 2023.

BE READY FOR THE CONVERSATION

Australia is having a conversation about the referendum being held later this year.

Council has a responsibility to provide factual and practical information to our community about changes to law and legislation that impacts our democracy, to enable informed participation in the voting process.

The Voice referendum is about whether we should change the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing a body called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. The Voice would be an independent and permanent advisory body.

We are committed to sharing clear, unambiguous information with the community, enabling residents to make a considered and informed choice in the upcoming referendum.

Voting in the referendum is compulsory for all eligible Australian citizens aged 18 years and over. Be informed at voice.gov.au.

GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIPS

Are you interested in applying for a grant through Council's Grants and Sponsorships Program?

Applications are currently open for all funding streams, however round one closes on 31 August for the following grants:

- Sponsorships
- Community Projects
- Local Events
- Events of Major Significance

Don't miss out! Call our Grants team on 5772 0333 or visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/grants for more information.

AN HOUR WITH AN AMBO IS COMING TO EILDON!

Every Wednesday for the next three months, Ambulance Victoria is providing the Eildon community with an information session and free health checks.

The first session will focus on the use of the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn how to consult with an Emergency Doctor from the comfort of your home, at no cost. The session will be run by Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance Paramedic Peter Scott and Advanced Life Support Paramedic Phil Irving.

Information will be made available about MyAged Care and the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and representatives can assist with referrals if required.

Ambulance Victoria looks forward to seeing the Eildon community and supporting your health care needs.

Session Details:

23 August 2023 from 10.00 am - 12 noon
Eildon Community Centre, 2 Centre Avenue, Eildon

Starting 23 August 2023 this event will occur every Wednesday for a three-month trial period.

STAY INFORMED

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Spring and hay fever are just around the corner

THE sight of wattle about to bloom in August is a sign that Spring is near. Sadly, for many of us that also signals that hay fever is also around the corner.

Not that we should blame wattle. There is a misconception that wattle is a cause of hay fever, however you might be surprised to learn that it usually isn't. For starters, the pollen from wattle is too large to be carried in the wind to find its way up our noses or in our lungs. It's the smaller sized pollen grains which can lead to sneezes and wheezes.

The sort of pollen size you find in the more likely culprits of hay fever such as eucalyptus, Murray Pine, certain weeds, grasses, canola and 'Patterson's Curse'. There can also be other triggers, such as dust mites, mould or pets and other animals.

Pollen is measured in micrometres or µm. The smaller the pollen grain, the greater chance it will cause irritation. The typical pollen size for wattle is 40 µm, whilst the typical size of the more common causes such as Ryegrass is 20 µm.

Thunderstorms can also trigger severe hay fever or asthma episodes because the pollen grains can split into even smaller particles measuring about five µm in size.

Hay fever is also known more technically as 'Allergic Rhinitis' and

Planning underway for infrastructure upgrades and early years workforce plan

MURRINDINDI Shire Council is preparing to engage suitable professionals to begin planning and design work for future upgrades to kindergartens in Alexandra and Yea, after securing a \$148,586 grant through the Victorian Government's Building Blocks grants program.

As part of this work, council will also develop a plan to support the attraction, retention and development of the local early childhood workforce.

Murrindindi Shire was recently announced as one of the first local government areas for the pre-prep (four-year old kinder) roll out between 2025 and 2032 under the *Best Start, Best Life* reforms, which aim to increase kindergarten programs to 30 hours per week, up from the current 15 hours per week. This announcement follows the roll out of the free 15 hour per week three-year old kinder, under the same reforms, which has been active in Murrindindi Shire since 2021.

Council applied for funding under the State Building Blocks grants program, following a review of early childhood infrastructure and service requirements in the shire. The review identified capacity

challenges at the Alexandra and Yea kindergarten facilities, which would impact their ability to meet increased demand for pre-prep program hours. The review also made several recommendations, which included developing an early years workforce plan.

This planning and design work will pave the way for further funding applications for there to be 'shovel ready' projects to support the community's needs.

Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor John Walsh said, "Council is aware of the nation-wide challenges around attracting and retaining early childhood staff, and we know our communities are struggling to access these vital services locally, with long wait lists, ageing infrastructure and little capacity to expand.

"Our population is increasing and with the current hours of local kindergarten services set to double from 2025, action needs to be taken to avoid children missing out on two free years of pre-school education. As part of the infrastructure planning work, we'll also be preparing a workforce plan to help us engage and retain educators to support families and children in our shire," he said.

Are your points really expiring?

WELL known Australian companies who hold loyalty points programs are the new target for scams in Australia.

According to the National Anti-Scam Centre, customers who receive texts from Qantas Frequent Flyer, Telstra and Coles loyalty programs are to be wary following 209 reports to Scamwatch in the last four months.

"While the vast majority of reports to Scamwatch received so far are in relation to Qantas Frequent Flyer, Telstra and Coles loyalty programs, it is important for Australians to be aware that any loyalty program could be referred to in this type of scam," ACCC Deputy Chair Catriona Lowe said.

The scam begins with customers receiving a text message or email stating their loyalty points are expiring and it includes a link to a fake website which prompts customers to log in with their personal credentials. In some cases, customers are also asked to provide credit card details to access their points. Scammers then steal customers points, login details and personal information to use on other platforms and commit identity fraud.

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RSPCA needs your help fight against animal cruelty

RSPCA Victoria is calling on all animal lovers to get baking this August for its tastiest annual fundraiser, Cupcake Day.

Sweet or savoury, all treats will be welcomed in offices, schools, and homes across the state with hundreds set to join the fight against animal cruelty by hosting their own event.

Bakers can host a Cupcake Day anytime in August, with hosts encouraged to register their event online to receive host tools and resources to promote their event and get people involved, plus they will go into the running to win from an exciting list of prizes.

These vital funds will help support RSPCA Victoria's ongoing work to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome neglected, abused, and homeless animals.

RSPCA Victoria CEO Dr Liz Walker said every dollar raised helps fight animal cruelty across the state.

"Animals make our lives better, and what easier way to help them than to share good

Planners, builders and insurers seek planning overhaul

IN response to recent flood emergencies, the Insurance Council of Australia (ICA), Master Builders Australia (MBA) and the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA), supported by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), convened the inaugural National Industry Roundtable: Land Use Planning and Resilience.

The organisations agree that state governments need to urgently overhaul their approach to land use planning to ensure no more homes are built without regard to risk on flood plains.

Around 60 experts from government, financial services, property and community joined the discussion, which called on state and territory governments, when thinking about future housing challenges, to urgently rethink planning rules so no more homes are built in high-risk flood-prone locations.

A communique from the three sponsoring organisations outlining recommendations for reform has been released and will be sent to planning ministers, who also met to discuss this issue.

Indi Volunteer Grants for community organisations

INDEPENDENT Federal Member for Indi Helen Haines has announced the 2023-24 Volunteer Grants program is now open for Expressions of Interest.

Grants of between \$1000 and \$5000 are available to assist eligible not-for-profit community organisations support the efforts of their volunteers by enabling the inclusion of vulnerable people and promoting volunteer participation.

Dr. Haines said, "There is always strong interest in these grants, and I receive many applications from a variety of hard working, community focused organisations."

The grants funding is available for specific uses including purchasing eligible small equipment for volunteer use, contributing to volunteer transport costs, training courses for volunteers, adapting practices to support volunteer safety, costs of background screening checks for volunteers and activities that promote awareness of or increase participation in volunteering.

"In previous years, recipients of these grants have invested in first aid training,

treats with friends, family and colleagues while raising money for animals in need," Dr Walker said.

"Our community provides funding for 90 per cent of the RSPCA's work in the state. Events like Cupcake Day are one way we can help care for our shelter animals, investigate reports of cruelty, provide community outreach programs to support pets and their people, and improve animal welfare."

Donations through RSPCA Cupcake Day can make a difference. \$36 can provide an animal with a warm bed, love and care for one day in our shelter. \$58 helps a shelter dog learn to trust again with specialised training and affection. \$90 helps transport injured and abused animals to get medical care. \$252 helps provide care and enrichment for an animal in RSPCA Victoria shelters for a week and \$1008 helps care for a mistreated, abused or abandoned animal in our shelters for a whole month

To register, visit [rspcacupcakeday.com.au](https://www.rspcacupcakeday.com.au)

The roundtable heard that all Australians are bearing the costs of worsening extreme weather events, and these costs are increasing because of historic planning decisions.

Attendees agreed that without reform, population pressures and inadequate planning laws will see further development of flood-prone land, putting lives at risk, costing taxpayers billions of dollars in recovery and remediation, and adding to an already strained insurance sector.

Andrew Hall, CEO Insurance Council of Australia said, "The flood events of 2022, with almost 300,000 disaster-related claims costing around \$7 billion, has driven up premiums and has resulted in affordability constraints for those at highest risk.

"Without insurance, homeowners likely can't access a mortgage, and that is the wrong direction for our country.

"The roundtable sets out the actions governments must take to ensure future financial losses to homeowners, businesses and the community are avoided, and better government planning and investment is taken seriously."

purchased iPads and sound equipment, and covered the costs of promoting and recruiting new volunteers," Dr Haines said.

"I am always inspired by the dedication of volunteer groups that I meet with as I travel across Indi, and grants such as this go a long way in supporting volunteers to continue their important work.

"Volunteers provide essential services to our communities that might not otherwise be met, and they build social connection which is important for our mental health and wellbeing.

"I encourage all not for profit community organisations to consider putting in an expression of interest which will be assessed by a panel of community members, with successful applicants then invited to apply to the Department of Social Services for a grant," Dr Haines said.

Details on the eligibility criteria and how to apply can be found at [helenhaines.org/resources/grants/volunteer-grants-2023-24](https://www.helenhaines.org/resources/grants/volunteer-grants-2023-24). Expressions of interest must be received by 5pm, Friday, September 1.

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New research set to support the Australian industrial hemp industry

AGRIFUTURES Australia is championing the burgeoning hemp industry through three newly published industrial hemp reports to help the Australian industrial sector reach its production target of more than \$10 million per year by 2026.

The AgriFutures research reports support the industry's need to develop options for processing Australian industrial hemp straw and provide a best management practice manual and gap analysis for growing, harvesting and storing industrial hemp in Australia.

Food, fabric, even fence posts have the ability to be made from industrial hemp, and it captures a staggering four times more carbon than trees.

Dr Stuart Gordon, Senior Principal Research Scientist at CSIRO Agriculture and Food, and co-author of the three reports, said the research provides a valuable opportunity for the sector to uncover the far reaching potential of the environmentally sustainable, multi-purpose crop.

"The exercise through AgriFutures Australia was excellent because it allowed us to audit the system, realise what's there and what we need. It's a great foundation for the next movement or the next set of investment in the industry," said Dr Gordon.

While each of the three reports are set to support growers in their production, Dr Gordon highlighted the best management practice manual for growing, harvesting and storing industrial hemp in Australia as an industry heavy hitter.

"That's a big download from many of the key industry players in the game at the moment and was written by a large committee," Dr Gordon said.

"From agronomists, to the Department of Agriculture, and the Australian Hemp Council itself, it's a download of their information and it's the most up to date, recent information associated with the crop in Australia."

The reports have been produced as part of AgriFutures Australia's Emerging Industries Program, which focuses on new industries with high growth potential.

AgriFutures Australia's Senior Manager for Emerging Industries Dr Olivia Reynolds said, "these publications facilitate the transfer of knowledge and expertise and represent the best knowledge we have to date."

Industrial hemp, which must be grown under state or territory government permits, has very low tetrahydrocannabinol content (THC) but the grain is high in protein and healthy fats. Since 2017 it has been legal to sell industrial hemp seed for human consumption.

The story of Charlie Carp

THE story of Charlie Carp is interesting and unique. The company was set up in June 1998, via a group of people from the Hay and Deniliquin districts in New South Wales who were interested in pursuing a viable commercial use for European carp, whilst at the same time reducing their

numbers.

The company processes between 300 and 400 tonne of European carp per year. They are removed from Australian waterways and turned into a rich garden fertiliser.

Charlie Carp use the whole fish, not just fish

scraps. They believe this gives the product an edge on its competitors, as well as being a freshwater fish rather than a saltwater fish.

The carp are either fresh or snap frozen. They do not use rotten fish.

They initially mince the fish and place it into a rendering plant where water is added and the fish is slowly cooked and rendered down. Once it is rendered down, it is then screened through a centrifuge which separates the liquid from the solids, and further screened down to 100 micron.

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The liquid is processed into bottles and the solids are dried and combined with compost to make a fertiliser pellet, which allows them to produce zero waste in their processing.



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August Monthly Store Sale at Yea Saleyards

by Ryan Sargeant, Elders Yea/Mansfield

The August Monthly Store Sale saw agents yard 750 head of cattle inclusive of cows and calves, which was a typical winter style yarding. The majority of the cattle were very wintry in condition and perhaps did not weigh quite as heavy as they may have

looked. This coincides with the majority of southern markets throughout this time of year.

There was definitely a greater attendance of prospective buyers this month with a noticeable increase of agency competition from southern Gippsland, north east and north central Victoria.

Commission buyers such as Duncan Brown, Giovanni Nativo and Cambell Ross were also very active throughout the sale. Feedlot buyers were in attendance, although not significantly active due to the inability of purchasing enough required cattle to fill a load.

The market trend was most definitely dearer compared to the July Store Sale, with rates being \$50 to \$150 per head greater in most categories of livestock. These

prices are also to be described as firm in comparison to other Victorian based market centres.

Overall, 370 steers were yarded, along with 280 heifers. The average price per head was \$924 and the average weight 308.7kg. The top price for a steer was \$1730 and for a heifer \$1050. The top weights were 512kg for a steer and 354kg for a heifer. The total turnover at the sale was \$678,160.

The Rabbit Trap

By Jed Dunstan



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Start of the top Heifer Run. Auctioneer Anothony Delaney with Tyson Bush and James Robbins. -S

WINNER PHOTO COMPETITION

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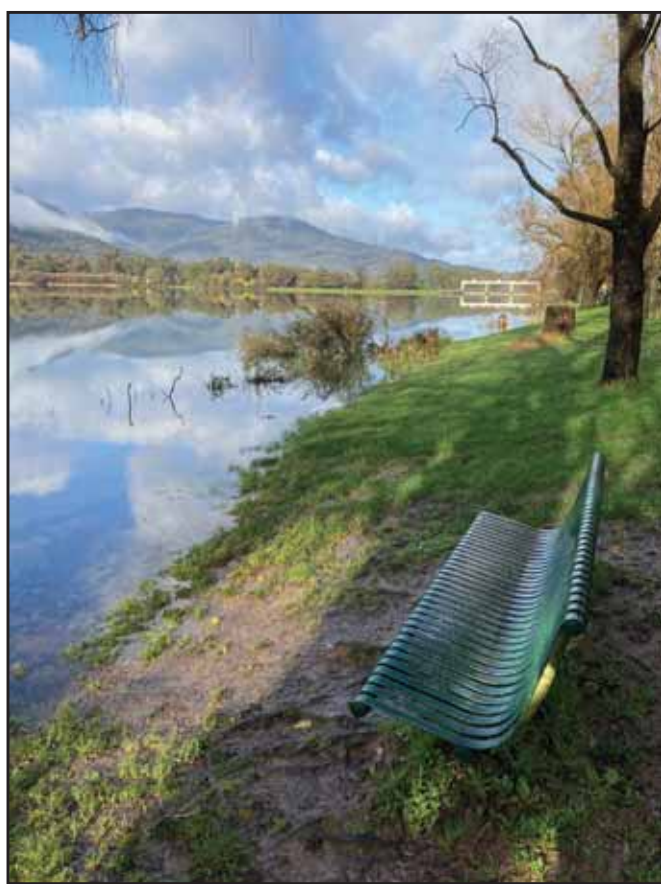
The scene and colors are beautiful, capturing the beauty of our region. The leading lines within the image are lovely, created by the placement of the seating.

This draws our eyes to the reflections and surrounding hills, inviting viewers to be led into the photo and encouraging them to sit in and be part of the scene.

Congratulations to all who entered this month.

Our judge, Sam Hicks, has almost four decades of photography experience. Sam has an on-site studio, portable studio and runs workshops. You can find further information at samhicks.com.au or you can contact her on 0427 723 227.

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And the winner is Lorraine Whitehead of Eildon with her 'landscape' themed photo of the Eildon Pondage. Lorraine has won a \$50 voucher kindly donated by Dindi Country Clothing in Alexandra.

Remember to submit your photo competition entry to win a \$50 gift voucher from Embling Rural in Alexandra. This months theme is 'winter'. See our July 26 edition for details.



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Recipe kindly submitted by
Martine Sloane
of the Redgate
(Alexandra) Branch
of the CWA

Cornbread

from the CWA Mince Matters Cookbook

INGREDIENTS

- 1 and a 1/2 cups plain flour
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- 3 teasp caster sugar
- 1 teasp salt
- 1 and a 1/2 cups polenta (corn meal)
- 2 eggs
- 1 and 1/4 cups milk
- 90gm butter melted and cooled

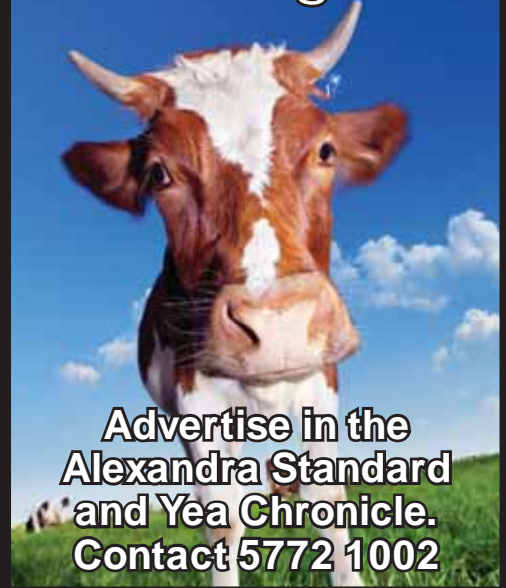
METHOD

- Sift flour and baking powder into a bowl.
- Add caster sugar, salt and polenta.
- Mix well.
- Beat eggs with milk, add cooled melted butter.
- Add wet to dry ingredients and stir well to combine.
- Grease a 18 X 28cm lamington tin with butter, and spread batter evenly in the pan.
- Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes until bread shrinks from the side of the tin.
- Cut into squares and serve hot.
- Serve with last months casserole recipe



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Stay well this winter by keeping your vaccinations up to date

WINTER is here, and the Goulburn Valley Public Health Unit is urging the community to continue protecting themselves and their families from flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and COVID-19.

Now is not the time to be complacent, with cases of Influenza, COVID-19 and RSV continuing to be recorded across the Goulburn Valley region, particularly in children under five.

Goulburn Valley Public Health Unit Clinical Director Will Cross said good hygiene is key when it comes to protection against these viruses.

"The best way to help stop viruses spreading is for everyone to always practice good hygiene, especially if you have flu like symptoms," Dr Cross said.

"You can help stop the spread by staying at home if you don't feel well, covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing

and wearing a mask in crowded places or if you are visiting high risk settings that have vulnerable people, such as aged care facilities or hospitals.

"Where you can, avoid contact with people who are at higher risk of getting sick, such as infants, older people and those who are immunocompromised until you feel better."

Viral infections like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) for most people, causes nothing more than cold like virus symptoms, such as a runny nose and cough. However, it can cause serious lung infections in babies especially those born premature, young children with certain medical conditions, older people, or people with pre-existing lung or heart disease.

There is currently no vaccination for RSV available in Australia but staying up

to date with your influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations can reduce the risk.

What is RSV?

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a virus that affects the lungs and airways. It is mostly seasonal, occurring more frequently in autumn and winter and can affect people of all ages. Common symptoms include a runny nose, sore throat, cough, sneezing, fever, body pains, headache, and/or loss of appetite. Symptoms can last up to one to two weeks.

What is influenza (flu)?

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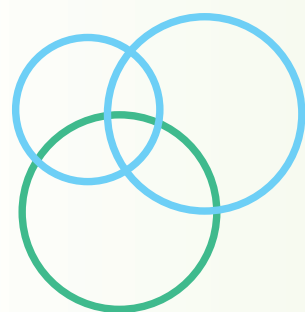
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Yea & District Memorial Hospital

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District Nursing

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Integrated Health Promotion

involves collaborative work internally and within the community with other organisations – our staff members are able to deliver talks/presentations to community groups – please call number below to enquire.



Speech Pathology

We offer services for both children (pre-school) and adults. Our children's services are based at Yea and Kinglake attached to kindergartens. Our service for adults – supports anyone with language & swallowing difficulties. For further information please call number below.



Volunteering

We have a variety of volunteering opportunities at Yea & District Memorial hospital – including working on health promotion events, community advisory roles and within our Aged Care facility assisting in the activities program. So, if you have time to spare we'd love to hear from you.

Coming soon in late August - Mental Health Nurse

Referral criteria & details will be promoted & added to website shortly

Our other services

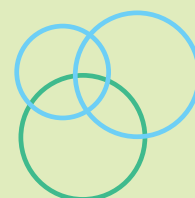
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Local students dig deep for Schools Tree Day

ON Friday, July 28, schools in the Murrindindi Shire participated in the National Schools Tree Planting Day.

Kinglake Primary School, Sacred Heart Primary School in Yea, Yea Primary School, Flowerdale Primary School and St Mary's Primary School in Alexandra all got into the spirit, planting saplings at a number of different sites.

Between all of the schools, over 400 plants were put into the ground with the support of the Upper Gouldburn Landcare Network (UGLN) and staff from Murrindindi Shire Council.



One of the Kinglake students with a newly-planted tree. -S



Students and staff from Kinglake Primary School celebrating National Schools Tree Planting Day. -S



A montage of students from Yea Primary School at the event. -S



Students from Yea Primary School participating in National Schools Tree Planting Day. -S



Sacred Heart Primary School students with a stack of punnets leftover from the tree planting. -S



Sacred Heart students planting for National Schools Tree Day.



A Kinglake Primary School student planting a tree. -S



Sacred Heart students removing a plant from the punnet. -S



Two students from Sacred Heart preparing a plant for planting. -S



Sacred Heart students with a very tall pile of empty punnets. -S



A Kinglake Primary School student pointing at a tree to indicate how big the trees planted at the event might grow. -S

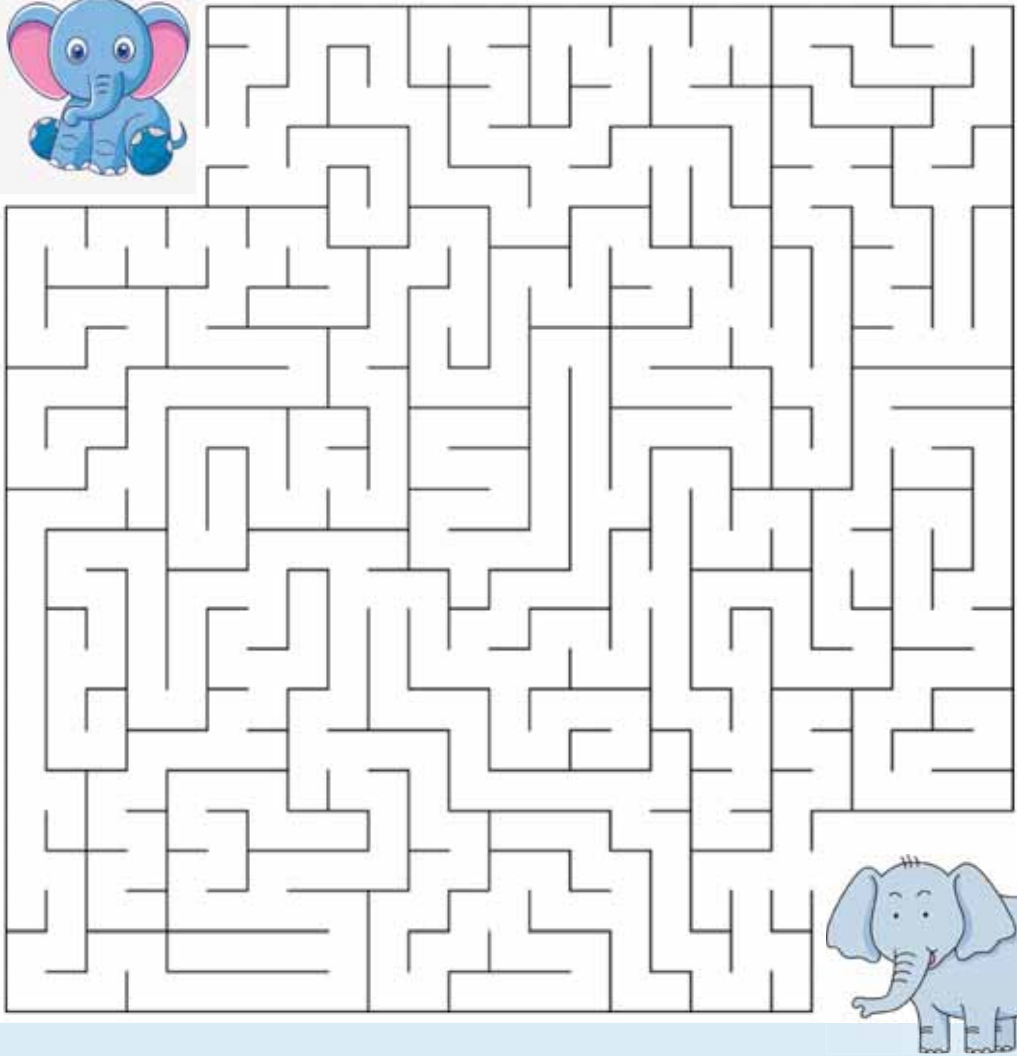


A Sacred Heart Primary School student hammering in a stake. -S

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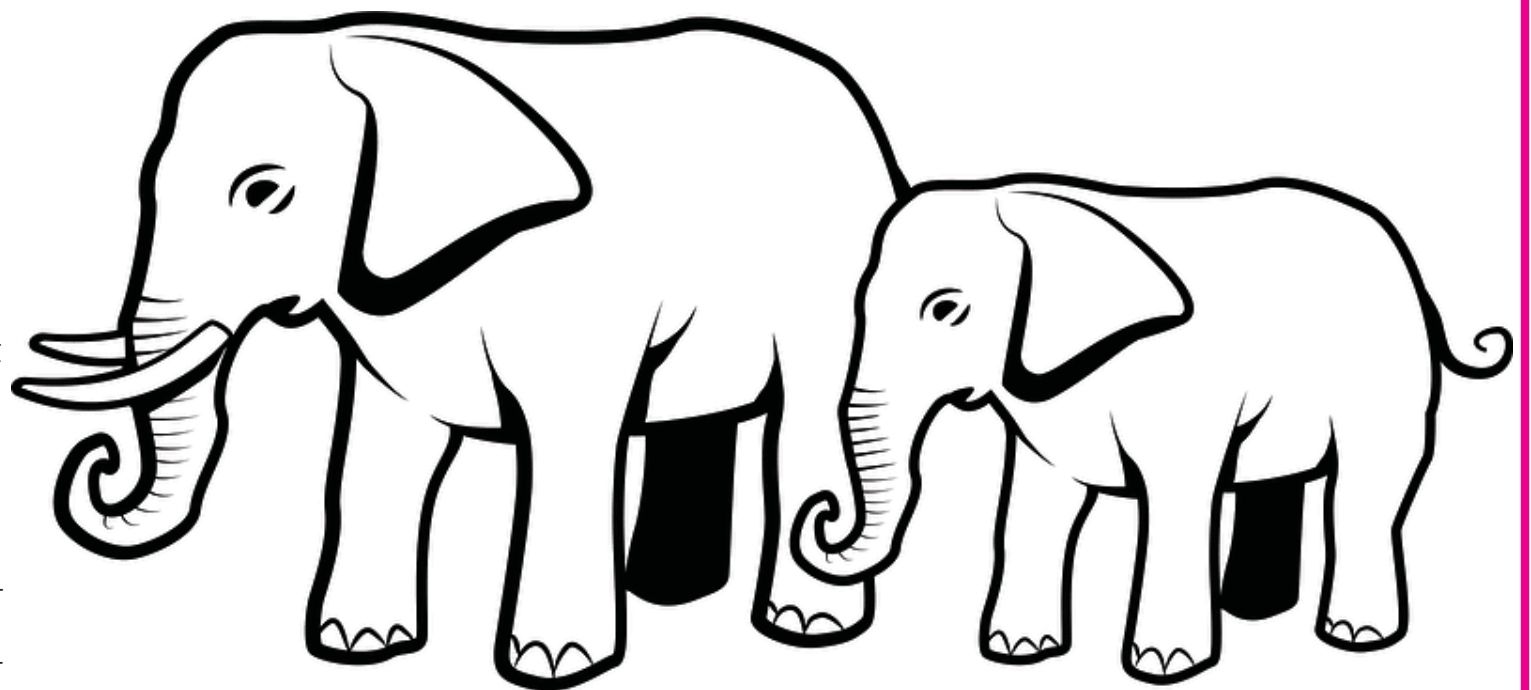
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McLeish calls games cancellation embarrassing

MEMBER for Eildon Cindy McLeish believes that regional communities will pay the price of the state government's embarrassing cancellation of the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

She also stated that Premier Andrews failed to outline how many projects will be cancelled and how many jobs will be lost as a result of this decision. Previously, the government linked the games with the creation of 7000 full time jobs.

Ms McLeish said, "The Andrews Government's cancellation of the Commonwealth Games is a betrayal of regional communities and an embarrassment for Victoria on the world stage.

"Local communities were promised jobs and a lasting legacy of housing, sporting and community infrastructure but instead will miss out once again."

"Regional areas have had another promise ripped out from under them and will be left behind once again by the city centric Andrews Government."

Sinkhole on Highlands Road

Mitchell Shire Council have advised that a section of Highlands Rd is currently closed for essential repair works. The location is just outside of Murrindindi Shire Council's area.

Following the completion of initial flood repairs, a dislodged culvert was identified, requiring immediate attention.

Although inconvenient, it is important for people to be safe. Alternative routes have been established so please follow the designated detour signs around the affected area.

Work is expected to be completed this week.

McLeish states Victorians paying highest taxes in Australia

MEMBER for Eildon Cindy McLeish has said that Victorians are paying the highest property taxes in the nation, driving up rents, making housing less affordable and putting home ownership further out of reach for families.

She said that analysis by the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) reveals the full impact of the Victorian Government's new Rent Tax and COVID Debt Levy will increase total land tax revenue per person. It will increase from \$783 in 2022-23 to \$1051 in 2023-24, more than 34 per cent in just 12 months.

The PBO stated, "Victoria is expected to rely more heavily on property taxes to generate revenue than any other state." The report follows recent confirmation that Victorian rents are also increasing faster than any other state.

Victorians will pay a total of \$2120 in property taxes per person across 2023-24, compared to \$1646 in New South Wales and \$1343 in Queensland.

McLeish said the state government was continuing to punish renters and first home buyers for their own waste and mismanagement.

"We are being made to pay the highest taxes in the nation because of the waste and mismanagement of the Andrews Government," Ms McLeish said.

"Every extra dollar in property taxes adds more pressure on rent and property prices at a time when people are already struggling to make ends meet."

"With Victoria's rents already rising at the fastest rate in the nation, higher property taxes will only make a bad situation worse and push affordable housing for many local families even further out of reach."

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Expressions of Interest invited – Yea Cemetery Trust

The Yea Cemetery Trust is exploring ways for the local Yea community to be involved in the management and running of the Yea Lawn and Old Cemeteries, and is seeking expressions of interest from community members who would like to assist the trust.

The Trust consists of Councillors of Murrindindi Shire Council, who meet independently of Council to oversee the management of the cemeteries.

If you have previous experience and/or an interest in cemetery management and a passion for volunteering, the Trust would like to hear from you.

You'll need to submit your expression of interest, addressing the Yea Cemetery Trust in writing:

- by email to msc@murrindindi.vic.gov.au; or
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For further enquiries, please contact Michael Chesworth on 5772 0333

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WWCC: Requires a 'Working with Children Check'.

Position Status: Initial 12-month contract.

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Location: Eildon campus.

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SHAW, Jenni
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members and committee
are deeply saddened
at the recent passing
of their well respected
committee member and
tutor Jenni Shaw. Sincere
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at this sad time.

FUNERAL NOTICES

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Yellow Creek Dairy
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The under 11s award winners. -S

Yea Tigers 11 and under netball

by Andrew Harris

Yea 11 defeated by St Mary's 17

THE sun was shining and we had a great crowd for this
week's home game against St Mary's. This was the last
game of the home and away season for the Yea Tigers
and the team was eager to hit the court. The first quarter
was fast paced with the ball moving from one end to
the other rapidly. St Mary's took an early lead one to
four. In the second quarter it was great to see the Tiger's
development, moving the ball through the centre and
calling to each other. The Tigers managed to get some
more goals on the scoreboard, but St Mary's edged

further away with the scores four to nine going into the
half time break. In the third quarter, the Tigers defenders
were busy with some tough competition and good
accuracy from the St Mary's shooters. Despite this, the
defenders gave their all and managed several impressive
intercepts. St. Mary's maintained their lead going into
the final quarter (6-15). The Tigers came out firing in the
final quarter, displaying immense spirit and a never give
up attitude. They managed to outscore St Mary's in this
term but unfortunately could not get the win.

Award winners: Marmalade's Player of the Week -
Charlotte. Yarra Valley Gas Most Improved – Kensi.
Just Great Coffee Effort Award - Izzy.

Yea under 13 netball



Marmalade's Player of the Day award was Grace Lanigan, and the Yarra Valley Gas Encouragement Award went to Charlotte Armstrong. -S

by Racheal DeCaneva

IN the last game before the finals race begins, the Yea
Under 13s team met St Mary's at Yea. St Mary's defence in
goals was strong which resulted in changing momentum
throughout the game. Great intercepts were taken by
Jemma and Grace, and Lola and Ivy communicated well
in the mid-court. Pippa, Ruby and Charlotte worked well

in goals with some beautiful shooting. Abbey and Lily
teamed up, showcasing the development of their skills
throughout the season. St Mary's put in a great effort, but
Yea was too strong and the final score reflected the hard
work from our Tigers. Final scores were 18-8.

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The third quarter was a strong one from the Tigers. Archie provided a number of assists to his team mates, and the ball was delivered to Blake up forward where he kicked a super goal to put the Tigers further in front. Archie chased down every ball within sight and Ashton often was at the bottom of the pack winning the ball. Darby persisted time and time again in tackling his opponent to eventually win the ball via a free kick for holding the ball. Sammy and Hunter defended well and Max took turns rucking

to tap out to the Tigers. Sienna narrowly missed goal to score a point. Darby again applying a tackle to win a free kick. Sienna locked the ball in for the Tigers, and Angus ran hard to attack the ball across the ground. The under 10s players really stepping up to play strongly for the under 12's, in a hard fought quarter. The Tigers up by 11 points at the final break.

The Tigers were sprightly at three quarter time, keen to continue to increase their lead in the final quarter, but conscious that St Mary's would not give up without a good fight. St Mary's came out strongly, to hit

back with a quick goal. Flynn was hard at the ball. Cooper continued to present himself up forward, but the Tigers were unable to get it to him, St Mary's working hard to defend and get the ball into attack where they scored another goal to lead by one point. Yea's defence under enormous pressure, with St Mary's kicking a point. Yea worked really hard to get the ball forward but their legs were heavy after such a brilliant first three quarters, and they struggled. Moments of great play were shown by a number of players who fought hard all day, but the Tigers were unable to

get any more scoring opportunities, and fell short by just two points at the final siren.

Despite the disappointment of losing such a close game, coaches Marc and Cam were so proud of their players efforts. They have shown such enormous improvement over the season and have put together some really great quarters of football this year. Everyone is very proud of all players and we are super keen to see everyone back playing at Tigerland next season.

Awards: Marmalades Player of the Day - Ashton Fontana. Yarra Valley Gas Most Improved - Angus McGillivray.



The under 9s and 10s. -S



The under 9s. -S



J Hargreaves, D Tait, A Mulligilray, S Duncan and F Wallace from the under 10s. -S



A Fontana and A Mulligilray from the under 12s. -S

Round 10 of winter tennis

by Rhonda Carpenter

MANSFIELD Blue travelled to Euroa to play Seven Creeks while Euroa came to Mansfield to play Red. Benalla were forced to forfeit due to illness and missed out on the trip to Mansfield to play Black. Terip and Moglonemby faced off at Terip.

Terip's Frances Lawrence, Bec Lyttle, Phoebe McDermid and Jenny Martin welcomed the visitors who toiled hard all day. Moglonemby's Judy Sands, Marlene Hanrahan, Mary Kelly, and Lyn Johnston got close in two sets, losing one in a breaker and the other 8-6. Terip won the other sets convincingly and won the match 6/48 to 0/20.

In Euroa, Seven Creeks' Rowena Ellis and Rosie Cameron won their opener 8-4 against Mansfield Blue's Fiona Lindsay and Sophie Yencken, but Clare Beecham and Jill Breadon took theirs 8-0 for the visitors.

Sets were again split when Yencken and Breadon won 8-4 against Cameron and Kim Hamill, while Ellis with Kerry Hewlett won 8-1. Only one game separated the teams going into the deciding set. Seven Creeks took both though and won the match 4/36 to 2/26.

Mary Dewis and Pat Howard watched their teams play in the Mansfield match. It was cold off the court, but players warmed up in their

contest. Euroa's Lyndall Bigland, Ros Doxey, Ruth Nolan and Julie Brooks put on a masterclass. Games were hard to come by for the hosts, as the visitors' excellent form and fitness propelled them forward. Euroa took every set and won 6/48 to 0/8, which moved them into second spot of the ladder. Mansfield Black and Benalla also switched places. Four rounds remain with semi-finals played in Mansfield on the September 4. MTA will also hold its AGM that night.

Ladder: Terip 81, Euroa 66, Moglonemby 65, Mansfield Black 53, Benalla 48, Seven Creeks 38, Mansfield Blue 26, Mansfield Red 23.

Good conditions at Yea golf

by Alan Pell

SATURDAY saw relatively good conditions on the course after the 13mm rain the preceding day. Eighteen men contested the second round of the 54 Hole event - Par. Winner of the day was Tom White (26) with plus two. Second, and in great form, was Kevin Coghlan (22) with plus one. Third was Paul Clayton (11) with minus one from fourth Anthony Coleman (4) with minus two. Tom was nearest the pin on the second and the lucky \$10 Club Award Winner was Brendan Chenhall. After two rounds of the 54 Hole Event, Kevin Coghlan leads with 19 points from Tom White

and Phil Armstrong both on 12.

There were five ladies also playing Saturday with Karen Sangster (26) winning with minus six. On Wednesday Andianne Anglin (12) with 31 points won on count back from Margie Wright (26) in the ladies Stableford event.

Wednesday golf saw the men have a Two Person Ambrose played with five teams. Winning pair were Anthony Coleman and Phil Armstrong with 70 gross nett 64. Gary Pollard and Martin Lowe were second with 80 nett 71.5. There was no nearest the pin on the second and Bill Dredge/Brian Priestley won the Club Award.

Sunshine bathed Yea junior footballers

Under 9

by Kirstie Forthingham

OUR last game for the season and it was a cracker. Every single Yea Tiger had a sensational day, with fierce tackles, quick as lightening handballs, accurate kicks, strong marks, plenty of shots at goals and most importantly, bucket loads of smiles (and sunshine). The improvement from the start of the season to today was on display for everyone to see and there were lots of proud friends and family there to witness it.

A very big thank you to the sponsors for this season's awards, Marmalades, Just Great Coffee and Yarra Valley Gas. This week we were lucky enough to be able to recognise each player for their contribution, both today and throughout the season, with an award from one of these sponsors.

While our players have been the star of the show week in, week out, we would also like to say a very big thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who have made the season possible, helping on and off the field, and coming along to show their support. Well done Tigers, it was a brilliant season of footy, we will see you next year.

Under 10

by Lyndal Tait and Claire Geeson

SUNSHINE bathed the Yea Recreation Reserve as the Tigers took on St Mary's in their final game of the season. Yea were fired up by the pre-game address given by coach Tayte who was stepping up in coach Al's absence. Ashton won the tap from the first centre ball up, and Sienna and Hudson combined to tackle, sending the ball to Izzy who kicked to a pack. Angus came out with the ball and cleared the opposition to kick a brilliant goal. Darby gained possession from a ruck tap out by Ashton and the Tigers were on the run again. Oscar getting possession in the goal zone, but just missing to score a point. The Tigers forwards locked the ball in and Izzy snapped at goal to just miss for another point. Angus taking a grab from the kick in and snapping across his body to score a goal. The quarter dominated by the Yea side, constantly kicking forwards and winning possession. Angus taking a delivery from Sienna to run into goal to score. Jonah ran hard to gain possession and take a shot at goal to narrowly miss for a point. Fynn tackled strongly and defended well, before gaining possession to kick the Tigers into attack. Hudson provided great support and shepherding for his teammates and Ashton dominated in the ruck to then kick to Angus who ran on to kick another goal in a blinding quarter by the Tigers.

The second quarter saw some positional changes and instructions from coach Tayte to talk to each other, use their voices and block the ball, and the Tigers were back at it. Toby G took control of the centre ruck this quarter and was immediately effective, winning the tap out. The Tigers moved the ball forward where Fynn took possession and kicked a goal. Again, Toby G controlled the centre ball-up and the ball went forward to Ashton who kicked a lovely goal. Izzy defended strongly, stopping the ball on the goal line for the opposition. Charlie G worked the ball hard and the Tigers again moved the ball into attack and to Ashton who kicked another goal. Judd got in and under the ball and came out with possession and handballed directly to Fynn who kicked long to Charlie G. He moved it on to Sienna who kicked a goal. The Tigers quickly followed up with strong play to deliver the ball to Ashton to kick another goal. Fynn took to the ruck and tapped to Toby G who kicked into the forward line, where Jonah grabbed and snapped at goal right on the half time siren.



The under 10s. -S

After the half time break and more inspirational words from coach Tayte, the Tigers were pumped to get out there and show the spectators all they could do. They played as a tight team, supporting each other and acknowledging each other's efforts and good play. Jonah really took it up to the opposition chasing down loose balls and rucking when needed. Hudson got in and under and was strongly attacking the ball to deliver to Darby and set up his team mates to gain possessions. Toby G shot for goal, just missing. Toby G and Fynn moved the ball around and delivered to Judd who kicked clear. Charlie G applied a strong tackle to win a free kick, and kicked long, but the ball went across the face of the goals. A less intense quarter by the Tigers who only managed to kick three points, but still kept the opposition goalless.

At the final break, Coach Tayte laid it all on the line, encouraging his players to not leave anything out on the field in their final match of the season. He encouraged them to talk, play as a team, support and encourage each other, celebrate success and have fun. Ashton back in the ruck won the first ball up, tapping out and Charlie G tackled to win a free kick. He delivered beautifully to Angus who marked, then kicked strongly to Darby, who then kicked on again to Angus whose kick just fell short of goal to be rushed through for a behind. The Tigers locked the ball in forward, and Angus took possession and kicked a great goal. A free flow of goals to the Tigers followed in quick succession with Darby taking possession and kicking

a great goal, followed by a line of play from Izzy to Angus to Darby to Judd, who kicked a ripper to much celebration. Angus was all over the ball this quarter, kicking a further five goals. Darby also having a good quarter with the ball up forward kicking two goals. Great play by Izzy, Sienna and Ashton to move the ball quickly and concisely to their forward line players. Great teamwork and sharing of the ball around to give other players opportunity was great to see. The Tigers having a roaring final quarter to finish off the season with a big game.

Many thanks to all the parents and volunteers who have umpired, goal or boundary umpired, bought oranges, time kept, helped at training and supported our under 10s side this season. They have had a great year of football, improved in skill and ability, and played so well as a team each and every week.

A huge thankyou to our weekly sponsors Marmalades, Yarra Valley Gas and Duncans Paint and Panel for your support this season. It is so appreciated, and the kids get so excited to receive this encouragement and recognition of their efforts. Congratulations to this week's award winners.

Awards: Marmalades Player of the Day - Fynn Wallace and Darby Tait. Yarra Valley Gas Most Improved - Sienna Duncan. Duncan's Panel & Paint Red Hot Go - Angus McGillivray and Judd Hargreaves.

Under 12

by Claire Geeson and Lyndal Tait

THE under 12's Tigers were keen to take it up to St Mary's this round in an effort to try to get a win on the board, particularly given it was their last game of the season and how close they had come against them previously. Yea started strongly, defending the ball well and moving the ball cleanly. Hunter stood tall in the ruck, winning the tap outs and Lucas cleared the ball from the centre. Darby tapped the ball forward and chased hard. Hunter tapped out to Archie who took off, taking two bounces to kick a spectacular goal to much celebration. Archie went on to clear the ball from the centre and the Tigers forwards settled down into a good rhythm, working together as a team for the quarter, with St Mary's only scoring a single goal, to have teams even at quarter time.

The second quarter saw the Tigers move the ball forward quickly to Darby who was on the boundary. He lined up a drop punt against the wind and it sailed through for a terrific goal for Yea. Ashton applied strong tackles, chasing down opposition players and the ball all quarter. Flynn worked hard to gain possession and restrict his opponents through the centre and Benji, Sienna, Evan and Tyler all tackled hard, ran hard and supported each other to move the ball into attack. Ashton defended across the ground and Hunter took a strong grab from the pack to then kick long and forward. Evan tackled hard, Hunter covered a lot of ground and Sammy took a strong mark in defence.

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