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Carole Donnell, Theresa Thomas, Malcom Merrey, Carmel Merrey and Corrie Van Den Bosch participating in Highways and Byways Yarek to Yea walk, ride or run, held on Saturday, August 19. More on page 6. -MP

50 years since the end of the Vietnam War

COMMEMORATIONS occurred across Australia on Friday, August 18 to mark 50 years since Australian troops were withdrawn from the Vietnam War.

Over 60,000 Australians served in Vietnam. 523 Australians lost their lives and around 3000 were wounded. Many of the combat personnel were conscripted to fight.

Australia's participation in the Vietnam War was the subject of much debate at home, and there was a vocal anti-war movement. Returning troops were often shunned by the public, and often faced poor treatment by veterans of previous wars.

Australia's participation in the war was formally declared at an end when the Governor-General issued a proclamation on January 11, 1973. The only combat troops remaining in Vietnam were a platoon guarding the Australian embassy in Saigon. This was withdrawn in June 1973.

Prime Minister Albanese said at the commemoration on Friday, "This year, as we mark the 50th anniversary since the role of Australian troops in the hostilities in Vietnam came to a close, we acknowledge the service and sacrifice made by our veterans."

"Their experiences during and after the war are a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by those who have served our country and the debt of gratitude we owe each and every one of our veterans."

"Many of our troops returned to face new battles at home and not every one of those battles was won. It is important as Australians we know the stories of service in Vietnam and what our veterans faced when returned home."

"We honour you, we thank you and we are so sorry it took us so long as a nation to do so."

Lest we forget.

Government hoes down firefighting aircraft concerns

On Friday, August 18, *The Age* reported that Victoria's water bombing capabilities have been reduced by almost a third, and there are concerns that Victoria may not be prepared for the hot, dry summer ahead.

A leaked document from Emergency Management Victoria combined with data from the National Aerial Firefighting Centre shows that Victoria's aerial firefighting capability will be about 40,000 litres below last summer's level. The capacity is now about 105,000 litres. It was suggested that this may have a significant impact on surge capacity.

The Royal Commission into the Black Summer bushfires called on governments to expand aerial firefighting fleets.

According to *The Age*, in 2020-21, there were 19 water bombing helicopters and 21 water bombing planes. In 2023-23, there are expected to be 15 water bombing helicopters and 17 water bombing planes. The article

also said that the Chinook firefighting helicopter is not expected to be available in Victoria, unlike the last two years, due to a contract dispute. It was also said that the night aerial firefighting program had stalled, with just two low-capacity helicopters running in the trial.

Contacted about the issues raised in the article, an Emergency Management Victoria spokesperson responded, "Victoria remains well prepared for the high-risk period for fires. Victoria's aerial firefighting fleet comes online progressively across the state, according to risk."

"Reports on Friday, August 18 about Victoria's aerial firefighting capacity are incorrect and outdated. Data obtained from the National Aerial Firefighting Centre (NAFC) doesn't reflect the outcome of the current procurement processes and is therefore not reflective of Victoria's aerial firefighting capability."

"There is no reduction in the number of fire-bombing aircraft in Victoria this year compared to last year, and no reduction in water-bombing capacity. Procurement for the final aircraft for the fleet is almost complete and will be finalised shortly."

"Our aircraft will continue to play a vital role in supporting emergency services on the ground, to protect Victorians before, during and after emergencies."

It was added that Victoria also has a surge capacity of up to 100 aircraft that can supplement the Victorian core fleet and can be called on when needed. This includes thousands of dedicated emergency services workers from across all agencies. It was also said that conditions will be monitored to identify key risk areas leading into summer. The sector regularly undertakes preparedness activities including auditing, briefings, planning, training, and exercising, with a whole of sector approach to assist the management of evolving risks and incidents.

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Letters to the Editor

Is Australia a nation of NIMBYs?

IT'S amazing the gross hypocrisy of Australia's 'Not in My Backyard Yard' (NIMBY) attitude which is now clearly exposed for all to see.

For example, the 200 year old native forest timber harvesting that we are currently looking to shutdown. It's already happened in Victoria, sadly the most sustainable harvesting potentially in the world. We were on our third rotation in 150 years of harvesting in Victoria. The health of our forests was proof of its sustainability. Now, with the increasing world population, we will see exponential pressure on other countries to provide a much needed resource, one of the only truly renewable resources we have, so look out for increased fires here, and the destruction of Brazilian rainforests, as well as decimating Indonesian orangutans, just to highlight a few of the environmental

disasters that be will a direct result of ceasing sustainable timber harvesting here.

Also laughable are the so-called coal and gas reductions. While we are phasing out coal fired power stations and gas usage here, at the same time we are selling our coal and gas to other countries, ie. China, etcetera, so effectively this is a net loss to the environment, as they are burning just as much, but just not here, plus the added cost to produce coal and gas as well as the additional costs to transport it. So we can blissfully claim our net zero at the cost of other countries. Is this how we want to be seen, as NIMBYs?

So in reality we have actually increased our so called carbon emissions, by using dodgy accounting, as in the view of the experts we are reducing our footprint, when in fact we are merely moving it to other countries.

Don't get me started on the wind, solar and EV fantasy. I'll just wait another 10 years, for the truth to unfold as the gross strain on resources, the extensive mining, the massive waste, the disposal of defunct equipment and replacement costs, etcetera, etcetera, all of which will slowly become evident in the fullness of time. Just look at Germany as an example of a country that is struggling as they are further down the so called renewables rabbit hole.

Dale Young, Alexandra

Tertiary education

I WOULD like to affirm the initiative and vision that is being taken by Murrindindi Shire Council in providing opportunity for the reshaping of tertiary education in the Murrindindi.

The provision of such services would benefit those currently engaged in courses as well as future students of all ages. Such a facility would mean less time spent on travel to city centres as well as relevant support provided in an environment of care and encouragement. Learning is a lifelong process when curiosity and the desire to discover are nurtured in a community of learning. Retirees in the shire continue to learn through the many courses offered by U3A and other community centres.

The conversation and the idea of reshaping tertiary education in Murrindindi has begun. Let's encourage this initiative and hopefully see it to its fruition.

Deirdre Penhale, Alexandra

Fire danger

WE'RE in for one hot summer this season. Our logging has stopped, fuel building up, forests off limits. Changes to volunteer firefighters and restructuring of firefighters union have suggested the efficiency has been compromised. Okay, today I was informed the aerial water bombing fleet has been halved for this fire season. No doubt there are fires out there reading this. Hopefully they'll write in and say 'No, that's wrong' or 'Yes, that is correct'. When so much effort is going into climate change why are western governments creating the perfect conditions for apocalyptic catastrophes?

Murrindindi is an area that knows the horrors of bushfires better than most. I hope I'm wrong but if you see hot weather, aerial spraying of boron, dams being emptied to keep introduced fish species alive in tidal estuaries and an underwhelming response by authorities to the event, the question must be asked, why?

Tom Collins, Alexandra

COMMUNITY DIARY

Local Radio Frequency


UGFM	88.9	Yea / Highlands
UGFM	98.9	Flowerdale / Hazeldene
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



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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.










Weekly Weather

August 23-August 29, 2023

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication










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DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	3	14 
Thursday	4	15 
Friday	4	17 
Saturday	4	14 
Sunday	3	16 
Monday	3	17 
Tuesday	5	17 

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT				
STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	10.00am Mon	1.25	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	10.00am Mon	0.72	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	10.00am Mon	1.07	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	7.57am Mon	0.29	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	7.18am Mon	0.65	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	9.54am Mon	1.22	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	10.00am Mon	3.89	steady	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	10.00am Mon	0.65	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	10.00am Mon	1.58	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	10.00am Mon	0.35	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	10.00am Mon	1.88	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	8.31am Mon	1.26	steady	
ISSUED AT 10.16AM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023				

DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra.....	N/Amm
Buxton.....	26mm
Eildon (AWS).....	14mm
Flowerdale.....	11mm
Jamieson.....	14mm
Kinglake.....	14mm
Lake Eildon.....	21mm
Mansfield.....	11mm
Taggerty.....	18mm
Yarck.....	6mm
Yea.....	5mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week.....	287.95m
Capacity as at 9am Monday.....	96.2%
Metres below full supply.....	95cm
Daily inflow.....	3000ML
Release.....	1600ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....	66%

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DEADLINES

Real Estate	Thursday noon
Trades & Services	Thursday noon
Early General News	Thursday 5pm
Classifieds	Monday noon
Editorial	Monday 9am
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Letters to the Editor	Monday 9am
Thumbs up/down	Monday 10am

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Council seeks community input on Murrindindi Planning Scheme Review

AS part of the Murrindindi Planning Scheme Review, Murrindindi Shire Council is inviting feedback from the community on how the planning scheme is working, as well as suggestions or ideas that will help guide future land use planning work.

The Murrindindi Planning Scheme is a statutory document which sets out objectives, policies and provisions relating to the use, development, protection, and conservation of land and waters in Murrindindi Shire. In line with the Planning and Environment Act 1987, council is required to review its planning scheme every four years to ensure it meets the needs of the community and both the state and local planning policy.

Council is particularly interested in hearing from community members, groups and organisations who have experience with the planning scheme through the permit application process. Insights and input is encouraged on what's working, what's not, what can be improved and what council should focus on in improving how the planning scheme works for all.

Community members can get involved by completing a survey on council's online community engagement platform, The Loop, by Saturday, September 30.

Appointments can also be made to chat with Council's Principal Strategic Planner,

Emma, during upcoming "Talk to a Planner" sessions which will be held in Alexandra, Yea and Kinglake. Online appointments are also available.

Council's Mayor John Walsh said, "The Murrindindi Planning Scheme guides how we use and develop our land. It reflects our vision, values and goals for our community and environment. Every four years we have the opportunity to update and improve our planning scheme. This is your chance to share your ideas and feedback on how we can make our planning scheme better. Your input will help us address the current and future challenges and opportunities for Murrindindi Shire."

New grants to assist wildlife rescue volunteers

VICTORIAN wildlife rescue volunteers are eligible for new grants announced by the Victorian government.

People who rescue and nurse sick, injured and orphaned wildlife are able to apply for up to \$3000 to assist them with the costs of providing that care.

Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt has announced that applications for the 2023 *Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants* are now open for wildlife shelter operators and foster carers.

The grants are for volunteer wildlife rehabilitators so they can continue to care for the thousands of native animals, including kangaroos, koalas, possums, birds, reptiles and wombats that fall sick or are injured every year.

More than 100 wildlife carers and shelters across Victoria received the grants last year, which helped to fund wildlife enclosures, medication, feed, rescue equipment and veterinary fees.

The state government has also released the Victorian Wildlife Rehabilitation Guidelines, a resource to enhance the welfare of Victoria's sick, injured and orphaned wildlife, to further support and guide the work of wildlife rescue volunteers.

The guidelines were developed in consultation with Zoos Victoria, specialist veterinarians and the wildlife rehabilitation community.

Since 2015, the state government has invested \$5.2 million to support the work of foster carers, authorised wildlife shelter operators and key wildlife organisations.

The funding of our wildlife volunteers is underpinned by the government's *Biodiversity 2037* strategy, a record investment of \$582 million since 2014.



New grants are available for our wildlife carers. -Patrick Kavanagh

To learn more about the Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants and to submit an application, visit wildlife.vic.gov.au/grants/wildlife-rehabilitator-grants

Applications close at 3.30pm on September 15.

Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt said, "Victoria's wildlife shelters and foster carers do such important work to help rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife, so that our state's animals can be released back into the wild.

"These grants are about helping the many dedicated volunteers who house, feed and care for our precious wildlife when they need it most.

"The new rehabilitation guidelines will support the invaluable work of wildlife rescue volunteers and enhance the welfare of our sick, injured and orphaned wildlife."

Students to share in Anzac Spirit

SECONDARY school students in northern Victoria will be given an opportunity to develop a deep understanding of the Anzac legacy and Australia's connection to Türkiye with the 2023 Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize competition.

Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes has announced the opening of the prize, an annual award program for Victorian students in Years 9 to 12. Supported by the Victorian Government, this year's prize is a celebration of Türkiye's Centenary of Independence and the significant ties between Australia and Türkiye.

Ten students will be selected to embark on an unforgettable journey to battlefields and commemorative sites in Türkiye, retracing the experience of Australian men and women at war on the Gallipoli Peninsula and surrounds and learning about the making of the Anzac legend.

The Spirit of Anzac Prize also offers students the opportunity to participate in a unique educational program that fosters understanding and appreciation for our nation's Anzac spirit.

By entering the competition, students can convey their interpretation of the Anzac spirit via written, creative, or digital formats.

Students from northern Victoria are encouraged to seize this opportunity to explore the Anzac legacy and strengthen their connections to Australia's veteran community.

To apply or find out more about the prize, visit vic.gov.au/SOAP

Eildon release delayed

GOULBURN Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) Environmental Water and Wetlands Manager Simon Casanelia has advised that, "The GBCMA had originally considered a flow from Lake Eildon on September 1, however after undertaking a consultation process with stakeholders, it was agreed that the flow could be delayed so it would not disrupt the Goulburn Fishing Festival.

"GBCMA engages with stakeholders when planning an environmental flow and where possible accommodates other river users. The GBCMA appreciates the importance of events such as the Goulburn Fishing Festival and how beneficial they are to a community both socially and economically.

"The future flow aims to improve the health of the Goulburn River including providing habitat and food for native fish."

Volunteer Grants program is now open

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available to assist eligible not-for-profit community organisations to support the efforts of their volunteers by promoting volunteer inclusion and participation.

Eligible organisations are encouraged to submit an expression of interest to be assessed by a community panel. Expressions of interest must be received by 5pm Friday 1st September.

Guidelines and how to apply can be found on my website: helenhaines.org/resources/grants

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0458 113 099

ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH OF YEA

Sunday Service time

11am

Father Mario Hendricks Ph: 0437 937 433

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ALEXANDRA AND YEA

Parish Priest, Father Jose Mathew

0459 402 547

St Matthews Eildon, Saturday 5pm

Immaculate Conception Parish

Alexandra, Sunday 8.45am

Sacred Heart Yea, Sunday 10.45am

CATHOLIC PARISH OF KINGLAKE

Fr Martin Ashe, Parish Priest Ph 9717 6482

St Mary's Kinglake: Sunday 8.30am

SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, YEA

Station Street Yea

Colin Whiteway Ph 0419 351 267 / 5799 1295

Sunday Service 11.15am

UNITING CHURCH

1st and 3rd Sundays 9am, 1050 Main Road,

Kinglake West. 9716 2330

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

High Country Extreme Cowboys will hold their AGM at 6.30pm at Delatite Hotel, Mansfield. All welcome. For enquiries contact Tamara Fox 0407 043 866.

Speedway is back. Three hour enduro, crash

Gender Equality Commissioner comes to town

MURRUNDINDI Health Network are hosting a meeting with Gender Equality Commissioner, Dr Niki Vincent, at the Yea Town Hall on Thursday, August 31.

It's an opportunity to hear her story, understand more about Gender Equality and to network with your community health providers.

Open to all, the Network is particularly keen for local businesses, services providers and community groups to attend, as it's a chance to learn more about how they can be supporting gender equality in their workplaces and across the community.

Kicking off at 1pm, there will also be a presentation from Alexandra Secondary College students about the work they are doing within their school and community educating around gender diversity

awareness and supporting LGBTIQ people.

Dr Vincent is Victoria's first Public Sector Gender Equality Commissioner. She began her role in 2020, and oversees the implementation of the Gender Equality Act (2020). Dr Vincent also plays a key role in promoting gender equality in the Victorian community and workplaces.

Previously she was CEO of the Leaders Institute of South Australia and was a member of the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia, established two successful not-for-profit organisations, and has led major programs of academic research.

Dr Vincent also holds an appointment as an Adjunct Associate Professor in UniSA's Business School and sits on the boards of InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence and the Brave



Gender Equality Commissioner Dr Niki Vincent is headlining the Murrundindi Health Network's community meeting at the Yea Town Hall on August 31. -S

Foundation, which supports teenage parents, having been a teenage parent herself.

For more information, call the Yea Hospital on 5736 0400 or email them at yeahospital@ydmh.org.au

and bash Mick Corbett Memorial racing starts at 1pm.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

The Murrindindi Health Network invites you to a meeting with Dr Niki Vincent, Public Sector Gender Equality Commissioner to hear her journey. 1-2pm at Yea Town Hall. Ligh catering will be supplied. For enquires contact 5736 0400 or email yeahospital@ydmh.org.au

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

You are invited to a workshop to help increase healthy eating and activity in children. 4-7pm Yea Shire Hall. RSVP by September 4. Contact Hailey Docking on 5736 0468 for more information.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

The Alexandra Op Shop will hold their AGM at 10am at the op shop.

More support for amazing carers

THE Victorian Government is investing \$900,000 in a grants program to increase local support for the more than 700,000 unpaid carers across the state who selflessly look after loved ones.

The Connecting Carers in the Community grants program provides grants of up to \$40,000 each to reduce the isolation experienced by many carers.

Victoria's carers provide essential and unpaid support to loved ones with care needs. Many carers provide care around the clock, making it difficult for them to access the support they need to look after themselves or connect with others in their community.

The grants program will be administered by Carers Victoria and focus on prioritising support for carers in regional and rural areas.

Carers Victoria is the peak body for Victoria's unpaid carers. It provides advocacy, advice and information to help carers access support services by working closely with the community and the carer support sector.

Applications for the grant program are encouraged from carer support groups, community groups and grassroots organisations that connect with unpaid carers in regional communities, including First Nations, multicultural, LGBTIQ+ and other diverse Victorian carers.

The grant program is part of the state government's efforts to support unpaid carers and aligns with the objectives of the Victorian Carer Strategy.

Applications close on Friday, September 15. For more information visit carersvictoria.org.au

YOU'RE INVITED

THE MURRINDINDI HEALTH NETWORK (a joint venture between Yea & District Memorial Hospital, Alexandra District Health, Menzies Support Services, Kellock Lodge, Darlingford Nursing Home and Murrindindi Shire Council) invite you to a meeting with Dr Niki Vincent, Public Sector Gender Equality Commissioner to hear about her journey.



GUEST SPEAKER

THURSDAY 31 AUGUST

1 - 2 PM

YEA TOWN HALL

Everyone benefits from a community that supports gender equality!

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\$9.4 million disaster betterment program

RURAL Councils Victoria has welcomed a state and federal government announcement of \$9.4 million *Council Priority Betterment Program* to improve the resilience of essential public assets such as roads, bridges and footpaths damaged as a direct result of the 2022 flood event.

“The announcement has important significance,” Rural Councils Victoria Chair Cr Mary-Ann Brown said. “It is the first time that state and federal governments have embraced the concept of betterment in Victoria, which means building back assets to a higher standard to withstand possible future natural disasters.

“In all our meetings with federal and state Ministers we have underlined the need to ensure that assets are restored to a more resilient standard so that they are not damaged or destroyed again in the next flood or bushfire.”

The impacted councils eligible to apply are Buloke, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Gannawarra, Loddon, Moira, Murrindindi, Benalla, Bendigo, Hepburn, Mildura, Pyrenees, Shepparton and Strathbogie.

The program is jointly-funded through the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Cr Brown welcomed the fact that key assets that help communities stay connected and reduce hardship during and after disasters, such as culverts and roads, will be prioritised.

“Those assets were a key priority in RCV advocacy to state and federal governments and we are pleased to see them prioritised,” Cr Brown said.

“We see the program announcement as an important first step in building back damaged or destroyed assets to a more resilient standard.

“Betterment should be part of all disaster recovery packages into the future.”

“RCV notes that seven councils (Buloke, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Gannawarra, Loddon, Moira, and Murrindindi) will be eligible to apply for up to \$1 million each, while another seven impacted councils (Benalla, Bendigo, Hepburn, Mildura, Pyrenees, Greater Shepparton and Strathbogie) will be eligible to apply for up to \$343,000 each.

“We note that applicants are required to provide a minimum co-contribution of five per cent to the project and that a co-contribution is considered an ‘in-kind or monetary contribution from the council’. This is essential for small rural councils which have small rated bases and are struggling financially.

“The program is a good start, and we look forward to being in a position to welcome further resources for impacted communities into the future,” Cr Brown said.

Federal Minister for Emergency Management, Murray Watt said the upgrades will be significant in helping communities prepare for future emergencies.

“Betterment works mean infrastructure can be built back using more resilient methods or materials, so they’re less likely to be impacted again by future natural disasters,” Minister Watt said.

“This is the first betterment program of its kind in Victoria, so I’m very pleased the Albanese Government is co-funding it.

“In addition to reducing the risk of disruptions to communities from disasters, we know that betterment programs like this one, delivered in other states, have demonstrated savings and avoided costs for all levels of government.”

Victorian Minister for Emergency Services Jaclyn Symes said the program was one step towards easing the burden on towns affected by natural disasters.

“This package is about building back better, so communities aren’t hit as hard by more frequent and severe weather events,” Minister Symes said.

“We welcome the Federal Government’s co-investment in this. We’ll continue backing communities and advocating for what they need to stay prepared and recover quicker from natural disasters.”

Senator Watt’s office said the councils receiving betterment funding allocations will be shortly notified of the allocations.



Pothole or sinkhole? What's the difference?

WITH Victorian roads in such a terrible state its not just the average potholes to dodge, you also have to watch out for the strange phenomenon of sinkholes appearing on roads.

A significant size sinkhole was reported on Highlands Road in Highlands recently. On Dropmore Road in Molesworth, another large sinkhole had to be repaired before becoming larger.

So what is the difference between a pothole and a sinkhole? Technically, a pothole is a depression formed by concentrated scouring at the ground surface, whereas a sinkhole is when a collapse feature is caused by the underground removal of rock or soil either by dissolution or erosion.

Sinkholes are often formed when the surface is limestone, which is easily

eroded or worn away by the movement of water. Sinkholes are often funnel shaped, with the wide end open at the surface and the narrow end at the bottom of the pool.

According to *National Geographic*, sinkholes vary from shallow holes about one metre deep, to pits more than 50 metres deep. Water can drain through a sinkhole into an underground channel or a cave. When mud or debris plugs one of these underground caves, it can fill with water to become a lake or a pond. Sinkholes occur naturally, especially where there is abundant rainfall, and the rock beneath the surface soil is limestone.

There are three main situations that cause sinkholes. If the rocks below the surface are made of materials that dissolve in

water, such as limestone or gypsum; if the rock under the surface doesn’t dissolve in water, but instead is made of grains that are small enough to be carried away by underground water currents; or they can be triggered by water movements above ground. The latter types are triggered by intense rainstorms or floods, or burst or long term leakage from sewer or storm water pipes. In all these cases, the water can’t go where it used to, so it finds a new path.

People can create sinkholes when building roads, aquifers, or other types of construction, through altering land in ways that can weaken the underlying rock and make it more susceptible to sinkholes. Sinkholes can open up unexpectedly, especially during heavy rainfall.

Murrindindi Food and Wine Inc needs feedback from small businesses

MURRINDINDI Food and Wine Inc, in conjunction with Murrindindi Shire Council, is seeking feedback from small businesses in the Murrindindi region. The survey is open to all businesses, both producers of food and wine and any other businesses that operate in the shire.

The survey is designed to help Murrindindi Food and Wine Inc better understand the challenges and issues facing small businesses in the region. The information gathered will be used to develop programs and initiatives to support small businesses and help them thrive.

Some of the challenges that small businesses in the Murrindindi region are facing include staff shortages, affordable housing for staff, the rising cost of living expenses, and the impacts of the cessation of native timber harvesting.

President Rob Mitchell is pleased about this opportunity to seek out what businesses want, “It’s been a challenging time with bushfires, covid, and recent flooding. Our group wants to know what businesses want then we can seek funding to create support that provides opportunities for all our businesses in the shire.”

Rob encourages every business owner to take 10 minutes and fill in the online survey. “It’s important that we get opportunities like this to have our say. We thank Murrindindi Shire Council for this support for our region’s businesses.”

The survey is available online at www.murrindindifoodandwine.org.au/survey. It should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete.

The survey runs from the August 23 to September 17.

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Highways and Byways walk, ride or run

ON Saturday, August 19, the Yark to Yea walk, ride or run took place with all proceeds going towards Highways and Byways.

The event categories were riders, walkers and runners. They participated in the 27km journey from Yark to Yea, 17km from Molesworth to Yea or the 5km or 9km from Cheviot to Yea.

Executive officer of Highways and Byways, Jane Collopy, said the event was described as a fundraiser but it's also a great community event. "It's where people can get together and connect and celebrate the work we do and what the sisters have done for many years."

Highways and Byways was established by a group of Catholic sisters called the Missionary Sisters of Service. They used to visit people in remote and regional parts of Australia, often families, women and mothers in particular, who might not have seen another woman for six months.

As the group came to completion, they set up Highways and Byways to continue their work. Highways and Byways officially began in 2018 but previously they were called the John Wallace group starting in 2011. The event has been going since then.

The founder of Missionary Sisters of Service was Father John Wallace, a Catholic Priest who was born and raised in Yea before moving to Tasmania, which was when he found people living very remotely. The sisters started providing Catholic education to these

areas by correspondence and visiting the families.

Currently, the group don't have the capacity to go out long distances like the Missionary Sisters of Service did, so they provide grants to remote and regional communities that are doing work such as social or ecological work. A lot of Indigenous and cultural programs are also included. Another program is in remote Tasmania where teenage girls have very few services they can access, so the group provide support one-on-one for these girls.

Jane said, "It's a lot of wonderful people doing wonderful things. The grants aren't big, but these groups are doing the work voluntarily until we can come in and give them some extra support. It's just meeting people and seeing where they are at and supporting them to do what they know their community needs which is how the sisters used to be."

"The sisters supported by turning up and helping any way they could without making any assumptions. It's a very progressive approach. The Missionary Sisters are very practical and inspiring women who help us keep us on the straight and narrow."

The event finished at the old Yea Railway Station where everyone was invited to enjoy a lunch from the Yea Catholic community. At the end of the event, a community bus service was provided by Murrindindi Shire Council to drop off the participants to the various locations where they started their journey.



91 year old Lorna Slavin on the tricycle. -MP



Joan Kenney and Judy Cain. -MP



Rider Dennis Cooper doing the 27km ride from Yark to Yea. -MP



The registration table at Cheviot Tunnel. -MP

Deer in the headlights

IT'S not only the potholes we have to avoid on our roads but the recent resurgence of deer species venturing out onto our roads is just another concern while we are travelling. Yes, wildlife is going to be apparent on country roads, but the growing number of accidents can't be ignored.

A fortnight ago a large deer was hit on a foggy winters morning on the Acheron Cutting. A few weeks before that another accident causing significant damage took place north of Narbethong on Maroondah highway, this is just to name a few.

Insurance Australia Group Limited provided statistics within the Murrindindi Shire since January 1, 2021 of animal collision motor data involving deer for all Insurance Australia Group brands from January 2021 to August 2023. There's been a total of 41 deer collisions in the Murrindindi Shire, with Narbethong being the most dangerous for deer collisions.

The tally was as followed, Narbethong 8, Buxton 6, Eildon 5, Marysville 4, Flowerdale 4, Alexandra 2, Taggerty 2, Yea 2, Strath Creek 2, Kinglake 2, Kinglake Central 2, Taylor Bay 1 and Thornton 1. These numbers do not include accidents without insurance claims and near misses with deer.

The annual cost of feral deer in Australia (2023) report has calculated a whopping 91.3 million to Australian agriculture and the wider population in the 2021 calendar year.

Losses to agriculture amounted to 69.1 million, government funded management and research came to 17.8 million. Costs to

motor vehicles came to 3.3 million and train incidents involving deer came to 1.2 million.

According to the report, in recent years the deer population has increased quite rapidly and with analysis from DEECA (previously DELWP) suggested that "numbers could be between several hundred thousand up to one million wild animals or more."

The report also suggests that with analysis these feral deer numbers could grow between 1.7 million to 4.6 million by 2050.

Invasive Species Council Deer Project Officer Peter Jacobs said in Victoria these numbers are covering nearly 40 per cent of the state. Until recently there has been no control in place to limit population or managing their impact.

The Invasive Species Council calls on the Victorian government to take the opportunity in the current review of the Wildlife Act to remove the protected status of deer and declare them a pest animal which they have clearly become.

The Victorian Government announced in the 2020-21 State Budget an \$18.25 million investment over four years and \$4.4 million per year ongoing on deer control. Wild deer control is a shared responsibility between all levels of government, traditional owners, conservation and community groups, the farming sector, Landcare, water and catchment management authorities, the commercial deer industry, hunting organisations and hunters, and community members.

Part of this plan is the east and west deer control plan. This will divide the state into regions in the hope of assisting with monitoring and tracking results and allows greater collaboration with traditional owners, community and key delivery partners. This ongoing management will hopefully, over time, reduce the risks on the roads and decrease the number of accidents we are seeing on our roads.

In the meantime, always take care on the roads, especially in foggy conditions. Slow down and keep an eye out for deer darting across the road. Timing is



A Sambar deer. -Rexness

everything. Deer are most active at dusk and dawn, and this is when your vision is most compromised. If you see an animal near the road, slow down, and prepare to brake if needed. Always use your

headlights and use your high beam lights for better sight, and watch out for reflective eyes. Take note of any wildlife signage where you are travelling.

Increasing numbers of deer harvested

THE Game Management Authority has released the 2022 *Deer Harvest in Victoria* report.

Results show an estimated 123,376 deer were harvested in 2022. This is a four per cent increase on the estimated 118,874 deer harvested in 2021 and a 49 per cent increase on the long-term average of 82,802.

Sambar deer was the most harvested species with an estimated harvest of 76,178 deer, of which 53 per cent were female. Fallow deer was the second most harvested species, with an estimated harvest of 41,180 deer, of which 62 per cent were female.

The number of licenced recreational deer hunters in 2022 was 50,478. This is the largest number of licenced recreational deer hunters recorded to date, a slight increase of one per cent increase on the previous highest number recorded in 2021 (49,857).

Of the 50,478 licensed deer hunters, 50 per cent actively hunted in 2023. On average, active deer hunters harvested an estimated 4.9 deer over 8.6 days.

The most popular hunting areas were around the towns of Mansfield, Licola, Bairnsdale, Dargo and Eildon. The highest number of deer harvested

were around the towns of Mansfield, Eildon, Omeo, Whitfield and Bairnsdale.

In the Gouburn Broken Catchment Management Authority area, which includes Murrindindi, an estimated 30,000 to 45,000 deer were harvested. 3000 to 5000 of these were harvested using hounds.

GMA Research Principal, Dr Jason Flesch, said the research was based on information gathered from randomly selected licenced deer hunters who voluntarily participated in the phone surveys.

The number of Game Licence holders endorsed to hunt deer increased by over 10,000 during 2022, to over 50,000 by the end of 2022.

"Throughout 2022, approximately 2400 licenced deer hunters were surveyed to collect information about their hunting activity including how many deer were harvested, where hunting occurred, hunting methods used, and the species of deer harvested." Dr Flesch said.

The report is produced annually by the GMA in collaboration with the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research.

For a full copy of the Estimates of the 2022 deer harvest report, visit gma.vic.gov.au

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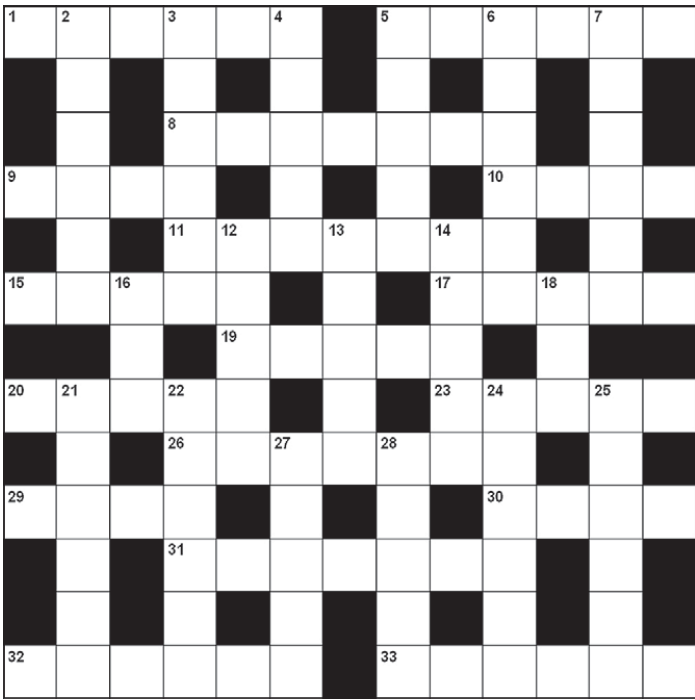


PUZZLES

SOLUTIONS
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Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1. A sweet innocent baby.
 - 5. Feeling of heat.
 - 8. Having a common axis.
 - 9. Walk in shallow water.
 - 10. Slow easy running.
 - 11. Mark with small spots.
 - 15. Closely crowded together.
 - 17. Advanced slowly.
 - 19. Pungent bulb.
 - 20. Free from clean.
 - 23. Fine and good.
 - 26. An acrobatic athlete.
 - 29. Cover with concrete.
 - 30. Religious song of praise.
 - 31. Provide with nourishment.
 - 32. A temporary military unit.
 - 33. Exchanges goods.



- DOWN
- 2. Respectful deference.
 - 3. A small hollow.
 - 4. Two items of the same kind.
 - 5. Whip to a froth.
 - 6. Turned over and over.
 - 7. Three times as many
 - 12. Ranunculaceous flower.
 - 13. Small rough-haired terrier.
 - 14. Gives temporarily.

- 16. Born.
- 18. Pump operated by a windmill.
- 21. An association of clubs.
- 22. Item to be attended to.
- 24. Greek goddess.
- 25. Reduce in rank.
- 27. Edible mushroom.
- 28. Fully grown.

Word Search - Gems

Agate	Y	B	T	U	J	O	E	R	I	H	P	P	A	S	I
Amethyst	E	B	E	I	H	M	E	T	I	N	A	G	R	O	M
Axinite	O	E	U	U	E	P	A	H	F	R	M	L	E	Q	Q
Bloodstone	F	T	D	R	D	B	O	X	R	E	G	R	U	B	B
Diamond	K	N	A	J	A	W	Y	H	I	W	S	A	V	L	C
Emerald	R	L	A	U	L	R	T	X	H	N	T	E	P	O	L
Howlite	D	P	D	I	Q	U	A	R	T	Z	I	P	H	O	A
Morganite	J	P	T	H	T	N	M	S	T	N	R	T	U	D	A
Pearl	R	E	R	F	A	F	Y	D	J	O	H	L	E	S	D
Peridot	V	C	T	P	K	H	H	I	J	C	D	V	X	T	F
Quartz	Y	V	O	O	T	Q	V	A	W	R	C	I	H	O	M
Ruby	V	Q	B	E	P	S	Y	M	A	I	O	Q	R	N	M
Sapphire	A	Z	M	Z	F	A	E	O	Z	Z	X	V	R	E	F
Topaz	F	A	M	R	F	H	Z	N	J	H	R	W	I	E	P
Zircon	Y	E	L	U	Z	G	U	D	A	G	A	T	E	R	I

Unscramble

Unscramble the words

Egtir ntwire idzyz ofygg nbjoa
cvelehi rpnspaeew oruptecm mrakte

Maths 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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	-		+		x		-		15
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Sudoku

Difficulty: Hard

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 and letter only once.

	1							
	7		5	4		2		
4	9	5						8
			3					7
3		2	6		8	9		1
7					2			
6						5	8	4
		7		8	4		1	
							9	



Be aware of the electrical fire risk in your home. -S

Minimise the electrical fire risk in your home

VICTORIA’S fire services are calling on households to keep the safety and maintenance of their electrical equipment and appliances in the front of your mind following a recent clothes dryer fire which destroyed a home.

Once a house fire starts, it can spread rapidly and engulf your home in a matter of minutes. By adopting fire safe habits and reducing potential hazards there is a lot you can do to protect yourself and the people you live with.

In an average year, Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) and Country Fire Authority (CFA) respond to more than 3000 residential fire incidents across the state, too many of which are preventable.

Fire Rescue Victoria Commissioner Gavin Freeman, AFSM said Victorians should be wary of overloaded power boards, phone and laptop chargers and electric blankets.

“Electrical hazards in the home are a common cause for house fires these days, but you can greatly reduce your risk by taking some simple safety measures,” Commissioner Freeman said.

“Make sure you’re not overloading power boards. Don’t leave your phone charging overnight. And never put electrical appliances like hair straighteners and laptops on soft surfaces.

“Take the time to service your ducted heating and clean your range hood and oven regularly. Prevention is the best policy when it comes to fire safety.”

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said the dryer fire is a relatable reminder to residents to check their appliances are

in good working order with good air flow around them.

“Using damaged or faulty electrical equipment and appliances can result in a fire, so please, play it safe and only use certified electrical tradespeople to repair faulty appliances,” CO Heffernan said.

“No one thinks a house fire is going to happen to them, but CFA attended 137 electrical fires last year and we’ve already responded to 84 this year.

“To prevent a fire from igniting, take the time to check your home office is set up safely, with no loose cables, overloaded power boards or double adaptors and switch off any appliances at the wall when they’re not being used.”

For as little as \$20, households can help safeguard their homes and loved ones by purchasing and installing affordable smoke alarms in all bedrooms, hallways and living areas.

Remember, for electrical appliances, using damaged electrical equipment and appliances can result in a fire. Only use appliances in good working order.

Don’t use double adaptors and only use power boards according to manufacturers instructions, never overload or have loose cables, and check regularly for damage.

Ensure monitors, laptops, televisions and other equipment have good air flow around them and are not in confined spaces or covered. Finally if you are going away on holiday, make sure to turn off power to electrical appliances and let a neighbour know you are away.

Time for Regional Victorians to be cancer aware

EXPERTS are calling for regional Victorians to act on cancer symptoms, following data which finds they are more likely to be diagnosed with cancer. They are particularly urging people to act on unexplained symptoms and get up to date with cancer screening following Victorian Cancer Registry data which estimate over 1000 Victorians living in regional and rural areas could be living with an undiagnosed form of cancer.

Cancer Council Victoria’s Victorian Cancer Registry (VCR) estimated there was 1024 fewer cancer diagnoses than expected over 2020 and 2021 in regional Victoria. This means they are unknowingly living with cancer. Combined with the fact that regional Victorians are 10 per cent more likely to die from cancer, compared to those who reside in major cities, health experts are concerned if these missing cancers aren’t found even more people’s lives are at risk.

Cancer Council Victoria’s Head of Screening, Early Detection and Immunisation, Kate Broun said to address higher cancer rates in regional Victoria we need to increase participation in Australia’s three cancer screening programs for bowel, breast and cervical cancer and people

need to act when they notice unexplained symptoms.

“We know the earlier cancer is found, the better our chances of treating it. It’s so important we regularly check our bodies for signs of cancer and see a doctor immediately if we notice any unexplained changes that last more than a few weeks,” Ms Broun said.

Dr Nora Lee FRACP/FRCPA is a clinical and laboratory haematologist at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and works in regional Victoria at Bendigo Health.

“Some cancer symptoms arising from blood cancers can be hard to recognise at first and range from feeling tired for weeks on end, losing weight unexpectedly, or even bruising. My recommendation is to take note of symptoms which are ‘different’ from how you usually feel,” Dr Lee said.

Cancer Council Victoria’s Early Detection Saves Lives campaign is supporting Victorians to get up to date with cancer screening and provides information on what to do if you notice unexplained symptoms.

“Health professionals are here to support you and want to see if you notice unexplained symptoms no matter how small they may seem,” Ms Broun said.

For more infomation visit [earlydetection.org.au](#)

ADDOC Repawt



Lola, one of the attendees at the Alexandra and District Dog Obedience Club Inc. -S

by Julee Hosking on behalf of Alexandra and District Dog Obedience Club Inc

WELL, here we are mid August and this is our first repawt for the year. Not sure where the time has gone.

I have had a few phone calls lately from people saying that they want to 'socialise' their dogs, but not sure how to go about it.

On behalf of Alexandra and District Dog Obedience Club, I have decided to put forward a couple of suggestions.

The first thing I can suggest is that you do not let your puppy or older dog greet new dogs while on a lead. This will only lead to overly excited greetings from new people or dogs, which will create over stimulation in your puppy and this, in turn, will encourage jumping, barking or pulling on the lead. Distract your puppy with something else with items such as treats, until the other dog has passed, or you could cross the road.

Don't be embarrassed to say, no, I would rather my dog not meet yours.

Socialisation is not just about meeting other dogs or people. It is about preparing your puppy to be able to cope with most day to day things that it might encounter and being able to focus on you. This might include different surfaces under its feet, other animals, big trucks, motorbikes, wheelchairs, big hats and even sunglasses, the list just goes on.

There is nothing wrong with taking your new puppy into town and letting them sit on your lap while the world goes by.

Keep the sessions short and, wherever possible, let your puppy explore the world at its own pace. Don't think that everyone should come up and pat the puppy. One or two people yes, but not everyone who is walking through the shopping centre. Once again, don't be too scared to say no.

You are limited only by your imagination. Be patient with the puppy, everything, absolutely everything, is new to them. It's a big wide world and they need to be confident to be able to go out and meet it face to face.

When we work with our dogs, we want them to focus on us, not on what is happening around them. They should, ultimately, be able to work with their owner even though there is another 'distraction' right beside them. To achieve this result, we need to have good socialisation from when they are young.

Alexandra and District Dog Obedience Club has one more intake before our year ends. If you would like to join us, or get more information, please contact Julee on 0408 578 676 or Jeanne on 0456 583 611. Responsible dog ownership starts here.



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Painters and Potters exhibition opening soon

THREE local Murrindindi based women are joining forces to create an art exhibition running for two months in Yea.

Zeedee Douglas, Dawn French and Janine Arendsen have worked feverishly during 2023 to create a body of work including paintings, ceramics and macramé.

The gala opening night on September 1, sees the exhibition at Marmalades of Yea continuing until November 5.

Marmalades owners Jane and Byron are excited to be filling their spaces with local art. "We love the idea of supporting local creatives and were thrilled to be approached by the Painters & Potters. Our team will get a kick out of seeing the bright works on the walls and in the windows, and customers will love it too."

Zeedee Douglas, a Yea based artist had the idea for the Painters & Potters exhibition. Her experience of being mentored by creative women, who ultimately challenged her belief that she couldn't create art, led directly to the idea of this exhibition, which in turn drove a flood of creativity.

"I don't remember a time when I didn't create," Zeedee said.

"Sewing, threadwork, knitting, crocheting and gardening, I could turn my hand to most creative things."

Much of Zeedee's working life was dedicated to working on international aircraft. Living out of a suitcase was her daily reality, leaving no time for creative pursuits unless they were portable. Then the pandemic arrived, grounding Zeedee suddenly and irrevocably changing her life.

"I was determined to look at what I had, not what I'd lost. I rediscovered the precious commodity of time. Now I had time to dream, imagine and visualise all I wanted to create. I thought this was the end of my story, however I find that I'm at the beginning of my next chapter."

As a migrant to Australia, Dawn French sees the natural beauty of the country with fresh eyes. Now a Yea resident, her muse is the world she walks through every day.

"All my creative thoughts develop while I'm out doing everyday tasks. They may arise from the natural beauty of the flora and fauna I see, or from the shape and form of buildings and structures I observe while walking," Dawn says. "Then suddenly, while I'm working visual elements present themselves from my recollections, guiding my hands as I shape my materials."

Since arriving in Australia, Dawn has lived in such diverse and far flung places as to be the envy of many Australians. She believes she's been tremendously fortunate that during her travels she has met people who were willing to share and show her the skills she needed to create her art objects.

Potters in Western Australia contributed to her growth as an artist, as did the First Nations Elders in Katherine who taught her how to strip Pandanus leaves. That sparked Dawn's interest in weaving.

"I was taught weaving techniques locally by Cassie Leatham, a Taungurung DjaDja Wurrung woman, and was inspired by a sculptor to use items that would have otherwise ended up in landfill. My experience with all these teachers has encouraged me to continually seek new ideas. A large percentage of my work is

experimental and unfortunately a lot ends up in the bin or being de constructed."

The pieces that survive are always one of a kind as she prefers not to produce multiples of the same thing. "My pieces tend to be unique and organic in form, with a muted colour palette. I look forward to people's reactions to my work at the exhibition."

One day in 2019 Janine Arendsen felt the urge to paint a watercolour butterfly. The act of painting was so meditative and calming that she announced that she would paint one work every day for the next 365 consecutive days. Remarkably, she did. She created a large body of work, attracted commissions and even enjoyed exhibiting her work in a few local galleries and cafés in Murrindindi prior to the 2020 COVID-19 lockdown.

Janine had always had an interest in art, completing a major in visual arts in the 1980s, and during her 20s she completed a two year photographic course which she says definitely gave her a good eye for composition.

Since completing that full year of painting watercolours, Janine has expanded to other mediums, including acrylic and mixed media. "I want to discover my own distinctive style, to produce works that have recognisable continuity so that people can say, 'Oh, that's a Janine Arendsen painting.'"

Moving to her new home in 2022 she has established a dedicated art space, which allows her to spread out, make mess and truly immerse into her art practice. More recently Janine has expanded her work to include art created entirely in the digital realm.

"The software that is available today is simply mind blowing. You can take your knowledge of paint, mediums, brushes and even paper and apply it within these programs."

It's a lot less messy but equally as absorbing." Some of these pieces will appear in the show in the form of digitally printed canvases, mugs and cards.

Janine says that "art is about stepping outside self imposed limitations, there are no laws about what's valid. I consider my abstract acrylics and my digital creations are all part of my body of work."

Everyone is welcome at the opening night, on Friday September 1. Featuring a Welcome to Country by Cassie Leatham (Taungurung DjaDja Wurrung woman), canapés and live music, the \$10 entry fee will benefit pLATform Youth Theatre and Yea River Catchment Landcare.

Drinks will also be available at bar prices. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at [TryBooking.com/CIROT](https://trybooking.com/CIROT). After the opening, the exhibition can be viewed by all Marmalades patrons, and will run until November 5.



Janine and Zeedee. -S



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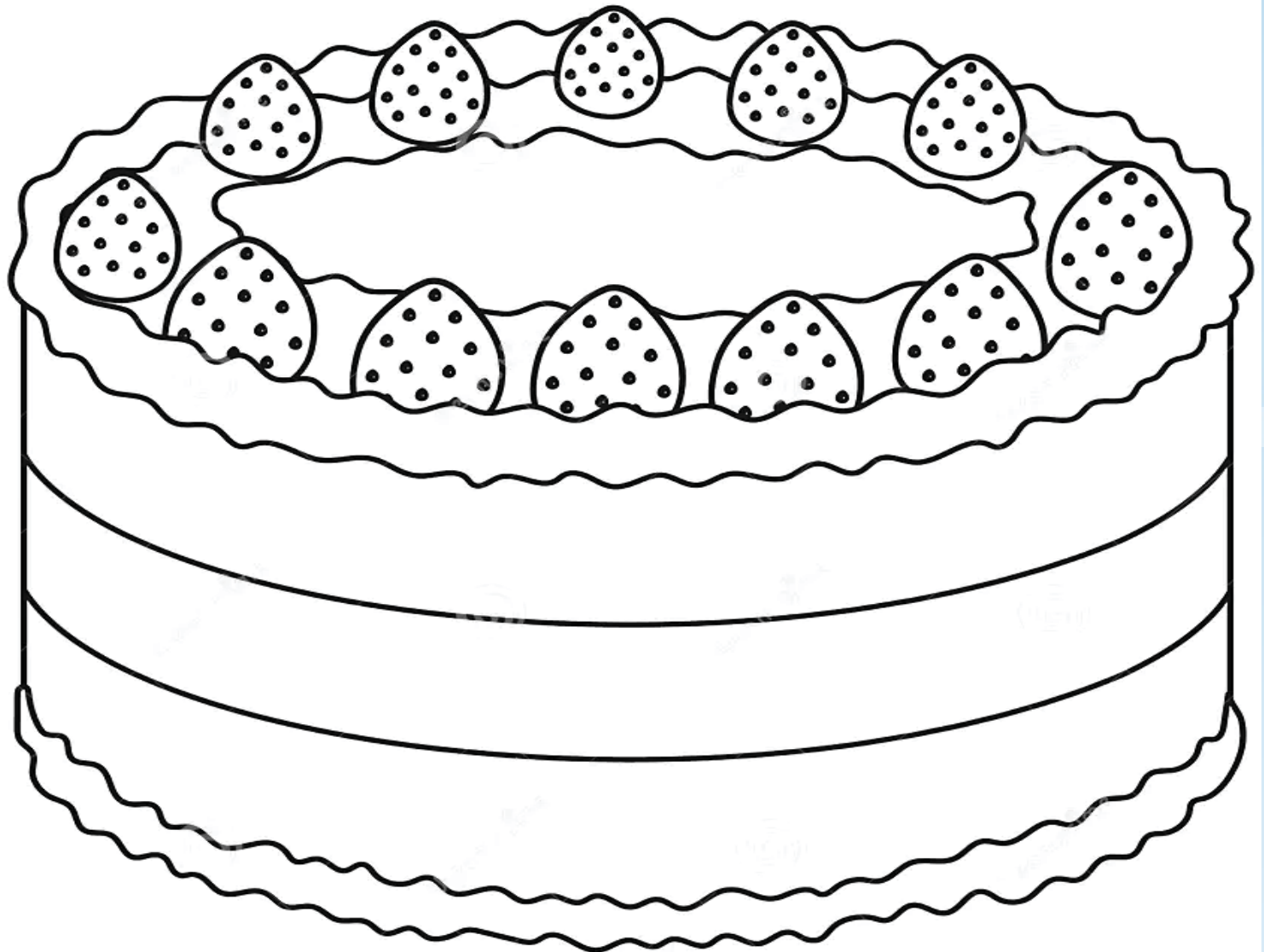
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Farmer demand for biosecurity signs increases

THE Victorian Farmers Federation's (VFF) Stock Sense project has distributed more than 200 free biosecurity signs to Victorian farms over the past three months in the wake of increased demand from farmers.

VFF Livestock President Scott Young said the rise in demand could be a result of recent biosecurity matters being highlighted in the news and the ongoing work of projects like Stock Sense to bring awareness to farmers.

"Over the past 12 months issues such as Foot and Mouth and Lumpy Skin disease have been front of mind for many farmers.

"More and more farmers are now aware of the importance of having biosecurity signs on their property and their role in helping to safeguard the health and well-being of livestock, farmers, and the broader agricultural community.

"The response from farmers has been incredible, but we need to do more and I would encourage every single farmer to make sure they have a biosecurity sign on their farm.

"Signs are available from our Stock Sense team and you can get one by attending an upcoming workshop," Mr Young said.

Mr Young added that biosecurity signs are an important tool to protect the agriculture industry and on-the-spot fines can't be issued to trespassers without a biosecurity management plan.

"Biosecurity is of paramount concern in the agriculture sector. With the ever-present threat of diseases and infections affecting livestock, proactive measures are imperative to mitigate risks and protect the livelihoods of farmers and the integrity of the industry.

"Stock Sense's biosecurity signs serve as a crucial tool to raise awareness and promote best practices among farmers and visitors on farms. Alongside a biosecurity management plan, farmers will have another level of protection to reduce the risk of disease transmission and its potentially devastating consequences," Mr Young said.

The Stock Sense team encourages anyone who owns livestock to get involved with their events or to get in touch with them at stocksense@vff.org.au

Tickling predators' tummies

INTRODUCED foxes, dogs, cats, rats, and other predators kill millions of native animals every year, but what if they were conditioned to associate this prey with food that made them ill?

A team of international researchers have shown the potential to do just that, burying baits containing capsules of levamisole, a chemical that induces nausea and vomiting when consumed by predators.

In a world-first experiment conducted in south-eastern Australia, where introduced red foxes are responsible for countless wildlife deaths, the Australian National University (ANU) and University of South Australia (UniSA) scientists laid baits of fried de-boned chicken, with some containing encapsulated levamisole to hide the taste and smell of the chemical that makes animals nauseous or sick.

Over three sequential periods, untreated baits were laid, followed by levamisole-containing baits and untreated baits again. During the final period baits taken fell by 30 per cent, indicating that foxes had consumed the levamisole-containing baits, fallen ill, and were reluctant to go back for seconds, despite the later absence of levamisole.

Researchers say this evidence shows it is possible to condition foxes to avoid food sources based on their unique odour, and ultimately this strategy may be applicable to protecting vulnerable wildlife living in that habitat.

The non-lethal tactic for keeping predators at bay could be potentially more effective than shooting, trapping and poison baiting in certain contexts, according to ANU PhD student Tim Andrewartha.

"Based on our findings, this potential is something we hope to explore in the future," Mr Andrewartha said.

UniSA researcher Associate Professor Anton Blencowe says invasive predators are responsible for almost 60 per cent of all bird, mammal, and reptile extinctions globally, so it's critical to find ways to mitigate their impacts on native wildlife.

"Existing lethal control methods, shooting, trapping, and poisoning can be counterproductive in some situations, with predators capable of adapting their behaviour and becoming harder to control," he said.

The tactic employed in this experiment, known as conditioned taste aversion (CTA), shows promise as a tool to reduce the predation of vulnerable wildlife, the researchers outline in a paper published this month in *Conservation Science and Practice*.

A range of encapsulated nausea-inducing agents can be injected into food sources, such as eggs or animal carcasses, so the predator associates the symptoms with the food odour and not the chemical.

Microencapsulation, where the agent particles are minimised, can also be used to hide textures and prevent the capsule

from being accidentally broken open during consumption.

Scientists say more research is needed to determine the best chemical and dosage used, whether live prey rather than a carcass is more effective at conditioning aversion in the red fox, and the time between consumption and onset of symptoms.



An experiment is underway to deter predators from certain foods. -Alpsdake



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BREAD AND BUTTER PICKLES

by Margo Galloway

INGREDIENTS

5 large Lebanese cucumbers, thinly sliced
1 medium brown onion, thinly sliced
3 tbsp cooking salt
1 and a half cups apple cider vinegar
1 cup sugar
2 tsp yellow mustard seeds
2 bay leaves
Half tsp coriander seeds
Quarter tsp turmeric
1 tsp black peppercorns

METHOD

Place the sliced cucumbers, onions & salt in a bowl stirring the salt through to coat.

Cover and refrigerate for 2-3 hours. Rinse and pat dry.

Place vinegar, sugar, mustard seeds, bay leaves, coriander seeds, turmeric and peppercorns in a large pot over medium heat until the sugar is dissolved, about 3 minutes.

Add the cucumber and onion mixture and bring to a simmer.

Remove the bay leaves. Transfer to hot sterilised jars and seal.

TIP: I use a mandolin slicer on the thinnest setting to slice the cucumber and onion.

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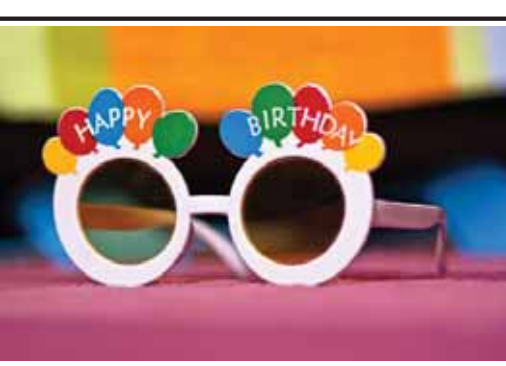
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Applications

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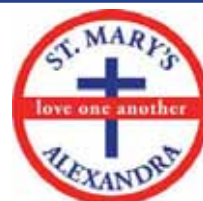
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GEOGRAPHIC NAMING PROPOSAL - SNOBS / BANYARMBITE FALLS

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- Snobs Falls are located on Snobs Creek Road, 11.2km from Eildon.
- The falls are located on the lands of Traditional Owners, the Taungurung people.
- This naming recognises the Taungurung people and their strong and ongoing connection to this area.
- The Taungurung name for Snobs Falls, Banyarmbite, has been passed down through the generations of Taungurung people to the present day, and is supported by extensive literature and cartographic research. Banyarmbite is recorded as meaning 'against water' or 'twilight water'. It is intended for the name to transition solely to the Taungurung name over a period of time in accordance with the Naming rules.
- Further information about the naming proposal is available at www.taungurung.com.au
- Members of the public can provide feedback on the name by post to Taungurung Land & Waters Council, PO Box 505, Broadford, 3658 or by email to clm@tlawc.com.au
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MUNNERLEY
A funeral service celebrating the life of Craig will be held on Thursday August 31, 2023 at Murrindindi Chapel, 21 Johnston Street Alexandra. Commencing at 11.30am



MUNNERLEY, Craig (aged 58). Much loved and dear friends to Paula and Jim Inness, Rebecca and Brent and families. You will be sadly missed, but lots of happy memories to remember. Safe journey mate.

MUNNERLEY, Craig 16/08/2023. Aged 58
Craig, you are going to be sadly missed more than you will ever know. Love always Sueyen and Jordi xx.

Tuohy, (Murgatroyd). Edith Gillian Leslie (Gill)
05/03/1931 - 16/08/2023
Wife of Dr Austin Tuohy (dec.)
Passed away quietly after 92 years of good health.
Mother of Michael, Peter (dec.) John and Barbara.
Grandmother to Erin, Eimear, Dana, Jack, James, Elizabeth, Rhian and William.
Sadly missed.

FUNERAL NOTICES

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Wildlife rescuers concerned about wombat numbers



WILDLIFE rescuers hold grave fears for the future of wombats in the wild, given the carnage they've noticed recently on Murrindindi roads.

"We've seen a tripling, maybe even a quadrupling of the number of dead wombats on the side of roads," Shelley Stafford said.

Shelley runs Narbeview Wildlife Shelter in Buxton. She has been caring for injured native animals for nearly 15 years and has nursed around 200 wombats back to life, a feat that can take up to two years, from the time she takes the injured animal into care until the time they are strong enough to release.

Currently she has more than a dozen wombats in her charge, as well as other wildlife, and often has to turn injured animals away because she simply has no more capacity.

Shelley and other wildlife rescuers this masthead has been in contact with believe recent weather events have had significant negative impacts on native fauna. In their estimation, increased rainfall and flooding have been major contributors to the increase in wombat fatalities on Victorian roads.

They say the recent floods and heavy rains in the region have

resulted in a loss of burrows and other wombat habitat, pushing stressed animals into the fiercely held territory of other wombats and increasing competition for diminishing resources.

Shelley fears that the damage has been so significant, it won't be too long before wombats are no longer seen in their natural habitat.

"I think we've got maybe five to 10 years of wombats in the wild, then the only place they'll be seen is in zoos," Shelley said.

Healesville Sanctuary Veterinarian Dr Peter Holz says the Australian Wildlife Health Centre treats around 2000 wildlife patients each year, and many of those cases are road-trauma related.

"We all know that large marsupials are more active at dawn and dusk," Dr Holz said.

"It is important to remember that we share the environment with many animals and staying alert behind the wheel can help to keep everyone safe," said Dr Holz.

Wildlife Victoria, which has been responding to wildlife emergencies for 35 years and answers more than 100,000 calls a year, urges drivers to take particular care while driving.

"The Bare-nosed wombat is the top species reported to Wildlife Victoria's Emergency Response

Service in the Murrindindi shire, with the most common reason for the call related to wombats that have been hit by vehicles. Wombat joeys stay in their mother's pouch for approximately six to 10 months and can survive even after the mother has died. It is vitally important that deceased wombats are checked for pouch young who can be placed with a licensed carer and released into the wild once ready," said Wildlife Victoria's CEO Lisa Palma.

To avoid a collision, Wildlife Victoria recommends that people stay alert and drive carefully through wildlife habitats, be aware that wildlife may be grazing on the roadside, reduce speed so that you can increase your reaction time and be particularly careful between dusk and dawn when many native animals are out searching for food.

If you do have a wildlife collision, pull over to a safe spot, put your hazard lights on and check that everyone in your vehicle is safe. Then take note of the address or nearby landmarks so that emergency support workers will be able to find the location. If anyone is injured call 000. Then call Wildlife Victoria's Emergency Response Service, even if the animal appears to be unharmed and/or has moved away, as it will be injured. They can be reached on 8400 7300.

SITUATION VACANT

LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER
Applications are invited for the position of a Learning Support Officer at St Mary's. This is a fixed term position commencing as soon as possible for the remaining 2023 school year. The position is three days a week, working from 8.30am to 3.20pm. This contract has the possibility to be extended for the 2024 school year.
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If you would like to join us in being part of a team that works to ensure growth and success in our students, please send details as outlined below. St Mary's is a child safe school and as such, successful applicants should hold or be willing to acquire a Working with Children Check and a National Police Record Check.
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Act now for a dementia-friendly future this Dementia Action Week

LOCAL councils, businesses and community organisations will be asked to consider the steps they can take to be more dementia-friendly during this year's Dementia Action Week, held from September 18 to 24.

The Dementia Action Week theme is 'Act Now for a Dementia-Friendly Future', because communities that take action to become dementia-friendly have less fear and a greater understanding of dementia.

It also results in less stigma and discrimination, as well as more support for

people living with dementia to live well in their communities for longer.

During Dementia Action Week, which includes World Alzheimer's Day on Thursday, September 21, Dementia Australia is encouraging communities to think about and ask people living with dementia, their families and carers what they need to help them live well.

While two-thirds of people with dementia live in the community, Dementia Australia research shows 81 per cent of people with a loved one living with dementia felt people in

shops, cafes and restaurants treated people with dementia differently.

Dementia Australia CEO Maree McCabe AM said it was important for communities to be dementia-friendly, so people living with dementia could access the services, activities and spaces to which we are all entitled.

"So, ahead of Dementia Action Week, start thinking about the small steps you can take to include people living with dementia and create a better experience for all in your community," Ms McCabe said.

Dementia Action Week is a major leadership, awareness and advocacy campaign led by Dementia Australia as the peak body for people living with dementia, their families and carers. In the coming weeks, businesses and local councils will have access to a digital toolkit full of resources with information on how they can act now to make their organisation more dementia-friendly.

For more information, visit dementia.org.au/DementiaActionWeek

New grants to support Veterans

THE Victorian Government is opening a new round of grants to develop new ways to honour, commemorate and remember Victorian Veterans. These grants are the Anzac Day Proceeds Fund and the Victorian Remembers grant.

Both programs provide an exciting opportunity for Victorians to contribute and find new ways to support our veterans.

The Anzac Day Proceeds Fund helps ex service organisations deliver activities that boost the wellbeing of Victoria's veteran community.

Victoria Remembers supports projects that honour the service and sacrifice of our veterans or educates Victorians about their contributions.

Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman said, "We're providing Victoria's veteran community with practical support to build a fulfilling life beyond their service. These grants are about supporting veteran welfare and giving ex-service organisations the opportunity to design and deliver the programs.

"We want to make sure the service and sacrifice of veterans is always remembered and we're always looking for new and innovative ways to honour that service."

To apply or find out more about the grants visit vic.gov.au/grants-support-and-commemorate-veterans

Expiry of COVID-19 vaccination information regulations

FOLLOWING the revocation of the Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (COVID-19 Vaccination Information) Regulations, employers who recorded or held COVID-19 vaccination information specifically under these regulations should have destroyed that information by Friday, August 11.

The regulations were introduced in mid-2022 following the removal of certain vaccination requirements under the Pandemic Orders and supported employers to collect, record, hold and use COVID-19 vaccination information from specified persons attending a workplace under their management or control in order to determine and to implement

reasonably practicable measures to control COVID-19 risks.

A specified person includes employees, independent contractors and their employees, volunteers and students on placement permitted to attend the workplace.

The destruction of information requirement does not apply to employers that are permitted or required under other laws to collect, use, record, or hold vaccination information.

Employers are reminded that a person's COVID-19 vaccination status is health information protected by other legislation such as the Health Records Act.

For further information contact WorkSafe's advisory service on 1800 136 089.

SPORT

Glorious sunshine for winter tennis



Rhonda, Agnes, Di and Jenny in Euroa. -S

by Rhonda Carpenter

FOUR matches were played in glorious sunshine last Monday when eight teams fielded four players thanks to last minute substitutions found from leadership forums.

Euroa hosted Mansfield Black, Seven Creeks took on Moglonemby, Terip hosted Mansfield Red, and Mansfield Blue welcomed Benalla.

Euroa's Lyndall Bigland and Sue Vaughan took a 3-0 lead in their opener against Mansfield Black's Jenny Bell and Rhonda

Carpenter, but the visitors warmed up to equalize at four all. Games went on serve after that with lengthy hard-hitting rallies as teammates watched on.

Eventually the Euroa veterans claimed the set 8-6. Ros Doxey and Mary Kelly won theirs 8-4 against returning player Di Ellis and first timer Agnes Kay.

Black's Carpenter combined well with newcomer Kay, and after starting 3-0 down, surprised themselves winning 8-5. Euroa won all the other sets in prolonged battles 5/45 to 1/26.



Euroa vs Mansfield Black. -S

Moglonemby and Seven Creeks spent even longer on the Euroa courts in a match that could've gone either way. Seven Creeks' Rowena Ellis and Rosie Cameron took theirs 8-5 while Moglonemby's Marlene Hanrahan and Robyn Johnson won 8-1.

The next two sets were decided by tiebreakers both going Moglonemby's way. A determined Deb Seach and Judy Sands played their best tennis edging out Seven Creeks by five games, four sets to two in a tough tight contest.

Terip were far too strong for Mansfield Red on their home soil at Terip winning 6/48 to 0/13 while Benalla edged out Mansfield Blue by merely three games after sharing the sets three all. Benalla 3/40 to Blue 3/37.

Two rounds remain, with the semi-finals played in Mansfield on September 4. Mansfield Tennis Association will hold its AGM in the clubhouse at 7pm that night. The club website now has new season membership fees and historical photos accessible to all. Check it out at play.tennis.com.au/mansfieldtennisassociation

Tigers defeat Tabilk

by Nick Fisher

Under 14

Yea 6.10 - 46 defeated Tabilk 2.0 - 12

LAST Sunday the Yea Tigers U14's played Tabilk in the first elimination final. The players came out strong and never looked back. This Sunday we play Seymour in the Semi Final at Alexandra which should be a great Game. Go Tigers.

Under 13s still a chance for the grand final

by Racheal DeCaneva

AN intense first quarter between the top two sides showed early that this was going to be an interesting game to watch. Our Tigers worked consistently hard against Seymour and showed just how well they have come together as a team. With the teams evenly matched, the game went back and forth until the final moments when Seymour managed to pull off the win with the final scores 22-26. Finishing in the top two means that Yea will have another chance to make the grand final next weekend. We hope everyone gets around our team next week as we play against Alex Black.



The under 14s team. -S

Phillips and Millard win club award

by Alan Pell

Jeff Aurisch key player

WEDNESDAY men's golf saw a two person multiplied Stableford event being played. As there were 11 players, someone had to partner two teams. This fell to Jeff Aurisch (20) who partnered Phil Armstrong (21) to win with a score of 62 points. Jeff also partnered Brian Priestley (25) for second place with 57 points. Jeff was also the nearest the pin on the fourteenth as well as having the best individual score of 34 points on the day. Jeff recently won the B Grade section of Dalhousie Vets with 34 points at Broadford also. The Club Award was won by John Phillips and Greg Millard (Alexandra).

Captain likes red

Saturday saw 14 men and seven ladies play Stableford, all from the red tees. For the men it meant a reduced handicap from their usual blue handicap. Winner with 33 points was Alan Pell (10) from John Phillips (14) with 31 points on count back second from Tony Rule (14) third. Rick Wills was nearest the pin on the fourteenth and John Tanner won the Club Award.

Vicki victorious

In the ladies, Vicki Clements (26) with 29 points was the winner from Karen Sangster (27) with 28 points second. Wednesday is our Anti-Cancer Fund Raiser with a three person Ambrose to be played, 9:30 for 10:00am shotgun hit off. \$15 a player with all money going to the donation. Members please bring a plate for lunch afterwards.

In Chooklotto Brendan Chenhall won the poultry, Cindy Armstrong won a bottle of wine and Tom White the coke holder.



The sun finally appeared in the arvo. -S



In Chooklotto Brendan Chenhall won the poultry and Cindy Armstrong (pictured) won a bottle of wine. -S



Tom White won the Coke holder in Chooklotto. -S