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Attendees of the Mother's Day Classic in Yea ready to set out on the five kilometre walk. More on page 16. -Photos by Dale McKeon (Plymouth Dale)

No large scale land tenure changes for Central Highlands?

THE Eminent Panel for Community Engagement (EPCE) completed their work on the Central Highlands state forest in October 2024 and it is currently being considered by government.

The Victorian Environmental Assessment Council (VEAC) website states, "On July 31, 2024, Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos MP extended the date for VEAC to submit its final report to one month after the government publicly releases the Eminent Panel on Community Engagement's report on Central Highlands state forest."

The government was asked when the EPCE report be released, and the reasons behind the delay.

A Victorian Government spokesperson responded, "Victoria's forests are the heart of our state, our forests are spaces for families to experience their favourite activities like camping, fishing, hunting and walking."

"We have heard that Victorians want to enjoy the great outdoors with access to a wide range of recreational opportunities, while protecting what we love about our iconic bush for generations to come."

"We see a future where the benefit of our forests are enjoyed by all Victorians. The government will not be considering large scale land tenure changes."

Attempts were made to confirm whether the statement relating to no large scale land tenure changes definitely applies to the Central Highlands rather than the Great Outdoors Taskforce area, however no response was received by the time the newspaper went to print.

The EPCE was set up to talk with people and organisations to understand values and priorities for forests in the Central Highlands. They spoke to over 1000 people at 60 engagement sessions and received over 14,000 responses through Engage Victoria to its consultation on the future of State Forests in Victoria's Central Highlands.

It's understood that the government will respond to both the Eminent Panel and Great Outdoor Taskforce's reports together to provide a holistic picture on the future of Victoria's state forests.

More support for tiny towns in Northern Victoria

MINISTER for Regional Development and Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes last week announced seven new Tiny Towns projects in Murrindindi Shire. The fund is for towns with populations of fewer than 5000 people.

"Rural and Regional Victoria has so much to offer, which is why we're continuing to support projects that enhance our tiniest towns, strengthen community connections and encourage more visitors to all corners of the state," Ms Symes said.

"The Tiny Towns Fund is refreshing community halls, creating new walking tracks, upgrading local sporting facilities and boosting the regional art scene, making our smallest towns great places to live, work, stay and play."

From walking track upgrades to community centre renovations, the grants of between \$5000 and \$50,000 will help local communities across Victoria flourish, and in many cases, support local workers during project development.

These projects are Fawcett Mechanics Institute Reserve Committee of Management \$34,000 for improvements and upgrades, Glenburn Hall and Progress Association \$18,803 for their community hub upgrade project, Toolangi Public Recreation Reserve and Camping Reserve \$16,000 to refurbish the cricket pitch, Highlands Community Hall Committee \$6000 for a security upgrade, Alexandra Indoor Heated Pool Inc \$10,000 for upgrades, Alexandra Bowling Club \$30,400 for upgrades.

Almost 350 projects are now being supported through round one and round two of the Tiny Towns Fund across more than 300 towns.

The fund is a part of the state government's record \$45 billion investment over the past decade in projects and programs that support regional and rural Victoria.

For more information about the Tiny Towns Fund, visit rdv.vic.gov.au/tiny-towns-fund

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Letters to the Editor

New bins

LIKE many other residents of the shire, I have recently had dumped on me three new unsightly kerbside bins which I do not want or need. I object to having to pay \$410 every year for a service that I will not even be using, especially given the increasing costs of living we are all facing. Making a protest to the local council only receives the response that the service is 'mandatory'.

I wish to point out that it is possible to claim an exemption under section 23 of the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021*. An exemption is to be granted when the property is not generating sufficient waste, or you don't want the service and the property is outside the compulsory waste collection zone.

The compulsory zone applies to properties "within a township or low-density residential area" so it does not apply to most farming properties. Residents can apply for an exemption through the council website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Services/Bins-Rubbish-and-Recycling/Kerbside-Collection-Service

Name and address supplied but withheld by request



THUMBS DOWN: To the many motorists who are driving with only one headlight or brake light. Check your light bulbs please. Earlier darkness, rain and poor visibility will be here very soon.

THUMBS DOWN: The hospitals have been inundated with people suffering from Labor pains.

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Alexandra Wood Auction

THE Alexandra Community Wood Auction is set for Saturday, May 24, starting at 10am at the bottom end of Bayley Street, near the Embassy of Ideas.

Organiser Andrew Embling said, "We do it every year. It's a community event."

At the moment, there are about 19 trailer loads of wood registered, from groups including Acheron CFA and hall, the Australian Deer Association, Alexandra Fire Brigade, Alexandra Scouts, Koriella CFA, the Alexandra Kindergarten.

Andrew explained, "Community groups just need to bring their wood in. We sell it. They get the money. It's a great community event. All of those organisations get some

money to put aside for themselves going forward."

People are welcome to go along and watch, or to get in on the bidding. If people are the successful purchaser, the organisation will deliver the wood for them.

"We're still taking wood. If anybody's got any organisations who would like to put some wood in, all they have to do is give me a call on the mobile and we'll book the wood in," Andrew said. "Rotary used to do it. We've been doing it now for about 18 years."

If you are associated with a community group and would like to book in a trailer of wood, contact Andrew Embling on 0418 266 038.

Book Crawl is on now

AUSTRALIANS know all about a pub crawl, but how about a book crawl? Your favourite local bookshops have joined a new international initiative, the Global Book Crawl (GBC), and everyone is invited to take part of the fun. This great book crawl started on April 21 and will finish on June 9.

The Global Book Crawl will bring together bookstores and book lovers from around the world, with a simple yet powerful idea, to unite local bookshops in a celebration of local literature, community and culture.

A Book Crawl is an adventure through the heart of a city's local bookshops. Participants visit multiple shops, connecting with the local book culture and discovering hidden gems. Using your GBC Passport, collect a stamp at every bookshop you visit, and be in the running to win book prize packs or gift vouchers.

The following bookstores in our local area and nearest vicinity include: Already Read Bookshop, 78 Binney Street, Euroa; Books at Yarck, 6591 Maroondah Hwy, Yarck; Booktique Albury, Shop 7, AMP Lane, Albury; Booktique Wangaratta, 51 Reid St, Wangaratta; Goulburn River Books, 99 Grant St, Alexandra; Ink Bookshop, 53 High St, Mansfield; Little Shop of Good Reads, 31 Highbury St, Mansfield; The Bright Bookshop, 113 Gavan St, Bright, and Verso Books, 1/222 Maroondah Hwy, Healesville.

Participating bookstores strengthen community bonds with book lovers in their area and through collaboration with other local bookshops. Together, they create a united front that celebrates and supports authors, readers, and publishers.

Drop into your local bookshop to pick up your Global Book Crawl Passport and start planning your route.

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Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	6	20	Wednesday	7	20
Thursday	5	19	Thursday	5	18
Friday	8	18	Friday	9	18
Saturday	5	14	Saturday	5	14
Sunday	4	15	Sunday	4	15
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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	1.69	rising	below minor
Rubicon River at Rubicon	10.00am Mon	0.38	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	9.22am Mon	0.44	steady	below minor
Home Creek at Yarck	10.44am Mon	0.10	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	10.20am Mon	0.39	steady	below minor
Yea River at Yea GV Water PS	10.20am Mon	0.16	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	10.00am Mon	3.66	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	10.00am Mon	0.29	steady	below minor
Yea R at Old Killingworth Rd	10.00am Mon	0.39	steady	
Goulburn River at Trawool	10.00am Mon	1.25	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	10.00am Mon	-0.08	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Seymour	10.00am Mon	1.55	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	9.43am Mon	0.79	steady	

****ISSUED AT 10.46AM ON MONDAY, 12 MAY 2025**

DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra	0.3mm
Buxton	4mm
Eildon (AWS)	0.8mm
Flowerdale	0.6mm
Jamieson	5mm
Kinglake	2mm
Lake Eildon	4mm
Mansfield	0.2mm
Taggerty	3mm
Yarck	4mm
Yea	4mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	277.10m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	59.6%
Metres below full supply	11.8m
Daily inflow	300ML
Release	2000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	52%

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Improvements for Code One emergencies

PARAMEDICS and first responders across Victoria are responding to the most critical 'Code One' emergencies on average 17 seconds faster than three months ago.

Ambulance Victoria (AV) Executive Director Regional Operations Danielle North said demand on ambulance crews had fallen by 4.5 per cent between January and March compared with the last three months of 2024.

"Despite the drop this quarter, we have seen a 31.8 per cent increase in Code One cases since the COVID-19 pandemic began more than five years ago," Ms North said.

"After three quarters in a row close to or above 100,000 Code One cases, the first quarter of 2025 brought some welcome relief for our crews who were called to 95,321 Code One emergencies.

"The work our paramedics, doctors, nurses, first responders and support staff do every day in helping people in their time of greatest need is outstanding. It is through them that we continue to lead the way in patient care including one of the best cardiac arrest survival rates in the world."

From January to March 2025, AV crews across Victoria responded to 65.6 per cent of Code One cases within the state-wide target of 15 minutes, up from 64.9 per cent in the previous quarter. The state-wide average response time to Code One emergencies was 15 minutes and 25 seconds, an improvement from 15 minutes and 42 seconds three months ago.

Compared with the previous quarter, performance improved in 45 Local Government Areas (LGAs).

In the Hume Region crews responded to 5451 Code One cases between January and March 2025, down from 5790 in the previous quarter.

In the Murrindindi Shire results this quarter, there were 272 cases of first responses. This has gone up as there were 241 cases last quarter.

Code One average response time is 25.44. This has improved by one second since last quarter. A total of 32.7 per cent responses in under 15 minutes was recorded, which has improved from last quarter which was 31.1 percent.

Hume Regional Director Narelle Capp said, "We know there is more work to do. We continue to work with our partners to ensure our paramedics, and first responders are dispatched to the right patient at the right time, and that our patients are connected with the right care to meet their needs.

"We welcome the new Standards for Safe and Timely Ambulance and Emergency

Care for Victorians which seek to improve system-wide patient flow so that patients can be transferred into a hospital in a timely way, and paramedics are back on the road and responding to the community.

"Since last November, we have welcomed 119 new paramedics statewide to our ranks including graduate paramedics and qualified paramedics from New South Wales, Queensland, the Northern Territory and New Zealand.

"Meanwhile our largest single intake of 30 Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance (MICA) intern paramedics hit the road earlier this year providing a significant boost to critical care across Victoria.

"We are also rolling out new digital radios across Regional Victoria and iPads to all our crews making it easier and faster to complete electronic patient care records and get back on the road quicker."

Ms Capp said, "Our expert Triage Service of nurses and paramedics also make a real difference by connecting patients with the care they need while helping free up crews for patients in time-critical emergencies.

"From January to March, 43,858 people who did not need an emergency ambulance were instead connected to more appropriate care by paramedics and nurses in Triage Services.

"In 2023-24, paramedics referred nearly 43,000 patients to the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED), with over three quarters cared for without transport to a physical ED.

"And our Medium Acuity Transport Service (MATS) crews dedicated for less-urgent calls attended 7256 cases during the last quarter, freeing up more ambulances to respond to the most critically ill patients."

Ms Capp encouraged Victorians to do their part to ensure AV's highly skilled paramedics were available for patients most in need.

"There are many options people can access when they need timely medical care and health advice but don't need an emergency ambulance, including the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centres," Ms Capp said.

"We know demand on our hard-working paramedics and first responders will rise as we head towards winter.

"That's why we also urge Victorians to book in their annual flu vaccination, keep regular check-ups with your GP or specialist and stay home if unwell, we can all help to protect ourselves and people most at risk in the community."



Alicia Little, Liz Fletcher, Lochie Fletcher and president Penny Paxman. -S

Yea Rotary inducts new members

THE core of any service club is a strong membership base as without committed members, little can be achieved. Penny Paxman, as President of the Rotary Club of Yea, was pleased on Thursday evening to induct two new members, Alicia Little and her fiancé Lochie Fletcher into the club.

Their connection to Rotary came about because of Lochie's parents Liz and Greg Fletcher, who have together a long history of community service, especially with the CFA and Rotary. Both Alicia and Lochie were interested in getting more involved in their local community and giving back and Rotary fits that bill perfectly.

Alicia and Lochie now become part of a global network that exists in over 200

countries and has over 1.2 million members in over 46,000 clubs, working hard to make a difference in the world.

Becoming a Rotarian is akin to joining a very large family, and it is often referred to as the 'family of Rotary'. The Rotary Club of Yea warmly welcomes Alicia and Lochie and hopes that they have many years of fun, fellowship and friendship and all members look forward to working with them on future projects and community service.

If you are interested in finding out more about Rotary, why not come to a meeting and meet some friendly, caring people. The club meets most Thursdays at the Yea Golf Club rooms 6.30pm for 7pm. Contact secretary Glenda for details on 0428 321 545.



Proud mother and proud mother-in-law-to-be Liz Fletcher pinning Rotary pins on Alicia and son Lochie. -S

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Batteries set to change home energy and bring wholesale benefits

HOME batteries are set to change the energy landscape with household subsidies to solar and storage systems to deliver benefits to household power bills and take strain off the energy grid, Member for Indi Helen Haines said.

Dr Haines, re-elected Independent Federal Member for Indi, said her home batteries policy, which was adopted by the Labor

Government during the election, will transform how households benefit from their rooftop solar and substantially reduce their annual energy bills.

“The scheme starts on July 1 but batteries can be purchased and installed now and be eligible for the subsidy in the new financial year,” Dr Haines said.

“I spent two years prosecuting this policy to the government, knowing the potential for households to substantially reduce their energy bills if we could increase their access to home batteries.

“I was thrilled when Labor committed to my policy so that home battery subsidies will be available to people across Indi and the nation to benefit from energy generated by their home solar to store and use during peak periods.

“Home batteries will deliver immediate bill relief for households and community groups, and over time we will see this benefit extend to all consumers by reducing overall pressure on the grid.

“Batteries allow households with solar to store energy generated by the sun, then use it at times when the sun isn’t shining, like at night time. It can also help even out the amount of energy in the grid when household solar is producing more energy than the grid needs.”

Government modelling shows households could save \$1100 every year on their power bill by adding a home battery to their solar energy system.

The Smart Energy Council has predicted \$1.3 billion would be saved on wholesale power prices each year if one million batteries

were installed in Australia, delivering benefit to all consumers.

Dr Haines said in addition to her home battery policy, she would extend her focus to micro-grids and community energy to help towns that experience repeat power outages in extreme weather and at edge-of-grid.

“Regional, edge-of-grid towns deserve reliable and secure power supply and there are communities in Indi and across Australia that suffer from repeat outages.

“These communities have been firmly on my mind in developing policy for microgrids to help shore up their energy security.

“Microgrids are a tangible, practical way to respond to regional community needs to keep the lights on and I will be pursuing this solution in this next term of Parliament,” Dr Haines said.

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 1st Thu Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057
 2nd Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
 4th Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
 Last Fri Yea-Kinglake RSL, 11.30am RSL Hall, Ph 5796 9353

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 For a \$10 annual fee for one line, 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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Out & About

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SATURDAY, MAY 17

Market @ Yarck including CWA morning tea and cake stall from 9am.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Yarck Rural Fire Brigade AGM will be held at 6.30pm at the Yarck Hall. All welcome.

MONDAY, MAY 26

Yea Water Tigers AGM will be held at 6pm at the Yea Community House. General meeting

will follow at 6.30pm. enquiries to secretary at yeawatertigerscommittee@gmail.com or phone 0459 248 488, new members welcome.

TUESDAY, MAY 27

Molesworth Caravan Park will hold a public meeting at the community hall at 7pm for the purpose of nominating a Committee of Management for the next three years. For further information, nomination forms and declaration forms can be obtained from Helen Willard on 0435 320 317 or via email secretary@molesworthreserve.com.au



Ron Litjens talking with attendees about sustainability and building for the future. -S

Sustainable houses on display for bus tour

THE group 2030Yea Community Energy engaged with community and had a fabulous day on Sunday, May 4 on their Sustainable House Day Mystery Bus Tour to five homes around Yea.

People from around Yea and Alexandra joined them to learn about geothermal heating, PassivHaus and much more.

The 2030Yea Community Energy team are very grateful to the home owners

who opened their doors, and explained what they have done to make their houses comfortable and energy efficient.

The event was funded by a Murrindindi Shire Council Quick Response Grant.

If you missed out, keep an eye on the group's website as they are developing a video, so that more people can share the experience. The website can be found at 2030yea.com.au/



Residents from Yea and Alexandra were able to see what sustainable measures have been implemented at residential houses. -S

Rural Aid launches urgent appeal to support farmer mental health

THIS tax time, Rural Aid is calling on every Australian to take action, because no farmer should stand alone.

Right now, in the heart of rural Australia, farmers are silently battling mental health struggles. Behind every fence line and machinery shed are men and women carrying the crushing weight of droughts, floods, skyrocketing costs, and isolation. The reality is stark, Australian farmers are dying by suicide at rates 59 per cent higher than the national average. These aren't just statistics, they are lives lost, families shattered, and communities forever changed. Nearly half of all farmers have experienced thoughts of self-harm or suicide. Yet many suffer in silence, unable or unwilling to ask for help.

Rural Aid is asking Australians to stand up and take action for our farmers. Your support can help to fund critical ongoing mental health services, offer crisis counselling, and ensure farmers have someone to turn to when it matters most. This isn't just about farming, it's about securing a future where farmers and their families feel supported through challenging times.

“Access to mental healthcare in rural areas is often limited or non-existent,” said Rural Aid CEO Mr John Warlters.

“Many farmers simply don't have the support they need to cope with the challenges they face daily. We need to address this critical gap.”

While 75 per cent of farmers say they would reach out to a counsellor, 38 per cent report difficulty accessing services. Rural Aid's mental health team is working to close that gap, but we need the public's support to help more farmers.

“We're asking Australians to stand up to help ensure No Farmer Stands Alone. A donation this tax time will help to deliver free, professional mental health support to rural Australians who need it most,” said Warlters.

“It's a chance to show our farmers that they're not alone.”

Rural Aid's free mental health programs make a critical difference for farmers and their families. Rural Aid delivers one-on-one professional counselling via on-farm visits and regular check-in calls, community mental health workshops that open up conversations and reduce stigma around talking about personal wellbeing, and school programs that build resilience in rural children and teens.

To support mental health in rural Australia and make sure No Farmer Stands Alone, please donate at taxtime.ruralaid.org.au/

History book about Homewood CFA

IAN Sichlau has developed a book on the history of the Homewood CFA and it's now available. It's a great read.

When asked about how he came to write the book, Ian explained that it started with his own family history. He said, "I'd written something on the large fires that affected the family farm and it dawned on us that these same fires affected Homewood. It seemed

like a good idea to expand it slightly. One of the underlying things was to acknowledge the contribution my parents' generation made to fire control in the Homewood area, and following on from that was the need to acknowledge what current members are doing."

Much of his research was undertaken via the internet, including Trove, which hosts

old newspapers in a searchable form. He also managed to source all of the old minutes from the brigade, back to the early 1960s.

He said, "I couldn't get anything before then. It would have been nice to have tried to get something prior to 1946 when the CFA came into being, but there was nothing really available. I'm happy to be proven wrong, of course."

He encouraged people to get in touch if they have any further information, but said that he didn't know whether there would be second edition of the book as it depends on the response to the first one.

Ian was previously involved in motorsport for about 15 years and would write rally reports for a Melbourne newspaper called *Auto Action*, a subsidiary of *The Age*. He'd compete and then sit down the next day and write up a report that would subsequently be published in the newspaper.

He doesn't have a background in journalism or other forms of writing, aside from the rally reports, however he's always had an interest in language and history.

Professionally, Ian is an architect, which came in handy when documenting an extension in the book.

He was apologetic about the price (\$70), but was unable to access any grants to subsidise the printing cost. He bankrolled the printing himself. The book is hard cover and the print quality is very good.

Ian called the book "an illustrated history" but acknowledged that there was a dearth of images prior to 1946.

He said that the book is aimed at "Those generations that contributed to the brigade before us, and those of current generations that are still contributing to the brigade."

To order a copy of the book, Ian can be contacted on 0419 311 039 or email iansichlau@gmail.com



Ian Sichlau. -S

Nominations now open for the 2025 Senior of the Year Awards

THE Victorian Government is encouraging all Victorians to recognise the valuable contributions of older members of our community by nominating them for the 2025 *Victorian Senior of the Year Awards*.

Minister for Ageing Ingrid Stitt announced that nominations are now open for this year's awards, which celebrate older Victorians who generously share their time, skills, and experience to benefit their communities.

For more than three decades, the awards have highlighted the important role older Victorians play in strengthening Victoria, from supporting local communities to leading organisations that drive statewide change.

There are six categories of awards in 2025, including:

The *Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year* for outstanding and lasting contribution to their community and Victoria.

The *Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victoria Senior Achiever Award* for significant contribution to local communities.

The *Emerging Impact Award* recognising new volunteers that are already making an impact in their community.

The *Positive Ageing Award* for promoting wellbeing and active ageing.

The *Promotion of Multiculturalism Award* for advancing cultural diversity.

The *Veteran Community Award* for service to the veteran community.

The awards will be presented in October, at a ceremony as part of the annual Victorian Seniors Festival. All eligible nominees will receive a certificate of recognition for their contributions.

Nominations are open online until Sunday, June 1 and nominees must be aged 60 years or older, or 50 years or older for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorians.

To nominate a deserving older Victorian, visit seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards



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Congratulations to Shaelee, Sophie and Ashton on receiving awards for outstanding actions that align with our school values of Respect, Resilience and Safety.

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Poisonous mushrooms growing in Victoria

AN alert from the Chief Health Officer was issued on Tuesday, May 6 as the poisonous death cap and yellow staining mushroom are appearing in Victoria now that autumn has arrived, and the weather is becoming wetter and cooler.

These mushrooms can be lethal and consuming even a single death cap mushroom may result in death. Even cooking, peeling or drying these mushrooms does not remove or inactivate the poison in these mushrooms.

There is no home test available to distinguish the safety of mushrooms and determine whether they are poisonous or not. The best way to source mushrooms is to purchase them from a supermarket, greengrocer, or other reputable sources.

If you see any mushrooms in your garden at home be sure to remove them by wearing gloves and place them in a bag and dispose of them in your general waste bin, as young children and pets can easily be curious by them and consume them.

Pets can develop a range of illness from eating wild mushrooms including gastroenteritis-type syndrome to severe life-threatening disease and death. Dogs are more likely than cats to ingest mushrooms.

Death cap mushrooms

THE death cap mushrooms are extremely poisonous, consuming just one mushroom can kill an adult.

Symptoms usually commence six to 24 hours after ingestion with stomach pains, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. These symptoms can then settle, giving a false sense of recovery, however the toxin will have entered the body's circulation and started causing serious harm, particularly to the liver. Typically, two to four days after ingestion those severely poisoned will develop irreversible liver failure, often associated with kidney failure, that may ultimately result in death.

These mushrooms usually grow under oak trees and the caps are 40 to 160mm in diameter. The cap ranges in colour from pale

yellow to green and olive brown and the ridges on the underside of the cap (gills) are white. The base of the stem has a membrane 'cup'.

Yellow-staining mushrooms

THE yellow-staining mushroom (*Agaricus xanthodermus*) is the cause of most poisonings due to ingestion of wild fungi in Victoria. Symptoms of yellow-staining mushroom poisoning include stomach pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. The severity of symptoms varies with the amount eaten.

This mushroom looks very similar to regular purchased mushrooms or 'cultivated mushrooms' (*Agaricus bisporus*) and to edible wild mushrooms such as the field mushroom (*Agaricus campestris*). In urban areas the yellow-staining mushroom is unfortunately much more common than edible mushrooms. It can grow in large troops in lawns and gardens, and when damaged, the cap and stem stain yellow, later fading to a brownish colour. The mushroom can also emit a chemical-like smell.

Anyone who collects and consumes wild mushrooms of unknown species is putting themselves at risk of potential poisoning and serious illness.

Unless you are an expert, do not pick and eat wild mushrooms in Victoria. If you suspect you or anyone in your care may have eaten a poisonous mushroom, do not wait for symptoms to occur before seeking medical attention.

Contact the Victorian Poisons Information Centre immediately on 131 126, 24 hours a day, seven days a week for appropriate advice. This may include seeking treatment at a hospital emergency department. Keep a sample and a photograph of the mushroom that was consumed to share with the Victorian Poisons Information Centre for expert identification of the mushroom.

If you or anyone in your care has trouble breathing, collapsed, is having a fit or is suffering an anaphylactic reaction, immediately call 000 for an ambulance. Do not call the Victorian Poisons Information Centre in an emergency.



The death cap mushroom is lethal, even in the smallest quantities. -S



The species the yellow stained mushroom is one to stay clear from. -S

Thank you, Indi.

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Exercise Night Strike eight

KORIELLA Fire Brigade conducted the CFA night training exercise on the evening of Friday May 9. The exercise included most of the local brigades.

The exercise involved local brigades 'turning out' to a mock motor vehicle accident that has occurred on private property in Fawcett. In the exercise, the vehicle has started a grass and scrub fire threatening a home. There were live or active grass fires, however a CFA Car Prop was utilised.

The aim of the training was to expose crew members to situations that they will often come across when 'turning out' to real incidents. The better trained they are the better the response will be.

Over 70 members attended the exercise, including more than 55 local CFA members.



CFA members fight the car prop fire during Exercise Night Strike. -AR



The briefing prior to the exercise. -AR



CFA members watching the exercise. -AR



The Alexandra Two units refilling. -AR



Iiona, Greg and David in the command vehicle. -AR

Victorian Law Week Event
19 - 25 May 2025

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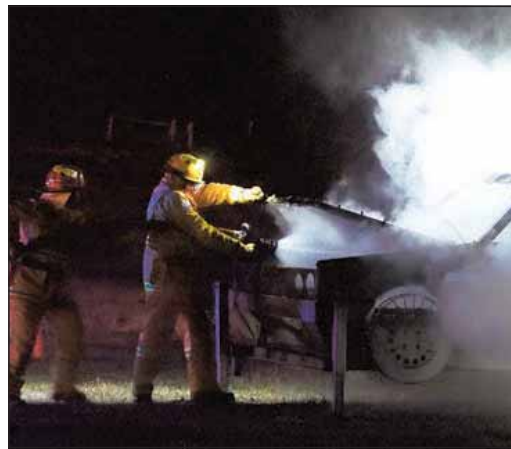
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Where: Yea Shire Hall

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The CFA Rehab Support unit. -AR



CFA members extinguishing a fire in the car prop. -AR



Members assessing the plan. -AR



The Terip Terip and Yarck tankers during the exercise. -AR

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The Farmer's Ag News



Nutrien were the vendors for the day, auctioning off the cattle with efficiency. -BD

Big yarding for Nutrien Spring Drop

by Bailey Dixon

THE Nutrien Yea Spring Drop Weaner Sale took place last Friday at the Yea Saleyards, with a big yarding of over 3600 cattle.

A mix of mostly black Angus steer and heifer weaners, prices proved reasonable on the day.

Top price per head for steers was \$1450 with a top weight of \$362 kilograms, making for around 401c/kg, above average.

Heifers on the other hand had a top price per head of \$1100 and a top weight of 321 kilograms. With cents per kilogram equalling out to 343, this made heifers slightly below average when compared to the National Young Cattle Indicator, where the latest report states market average as 363c/kg.

Doing the maths, average price per head for the sale was \$870 and average weight per head was 297 kilograms, equalling to an average of 293c/kg.

A large commission buyer from the north helped the sale along, with Duncan Brown purchasing almost half of the available cattle.

The next cattle sale in Yea takes place on the day this edition is published, Wednesday, May 14, with the Elders Yea Autumn Feature Store Sale. The next sales after that are a combined Elders and Nutrien Store Sale on June 6, and an Alex Scott and Staff Store Sale on June 13.



Black Angus were the predominant breed for sale. -BD



The brisk morning air had people rugging up for warmth. -BD



A large crowd for the weaner sale last Friday in Yea. -BD

 STOCK REPORT 9 MAY 2025			
Nutrien Yea Spring Drop Weaner Sale	Total Yarding	Steers	Heifers
Number of head	3,602		
Average \$ per head	\$870		
Average weight per head	297kg		
Top price per head		\$1,450	\$1,100
Top weight		362kg	321kg
Turnover	\$3.1 million		

Agriculture Victoria's cattle composting trial

A SMALL scale cattle composting trial is underway until the end of 2025 at Agriculture Victoria's Rutherglen site.

The trial is part of Agriculture Victoria's Emergency Animal Disease Preparedness Program and is funded by the Livestock Biosecurity Fund.

Cattle carcasses are being composted in windrows, along with green waste and other organic matter.

The cattle were sourced from a Victorian farm and died of weed toxicity, therefore they pose no disease risk.

The trial has Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval, with strict

environmental and odour monitoring processes in place.

Agriculture Victoria Director Biosecurity Strategy Dr Julie Simons said the trial will help Agriculture Victoria consider how composting could be used on-farm, including in the event of an emergency animal disease outbreak.

"Managing dead livestock is an important part of biosecurity planning, and this trial will help us to better prepare for different options to manage dead livestock in an emergency animal disease outbreak, Dr Simons said.

"When done correctly, composting can be an effective and safe way to manage dead livestock and control disease, but it requires some forward planning to make sure you have the correct site and the machinery to minimise any biosecurity, environmental or other risks."

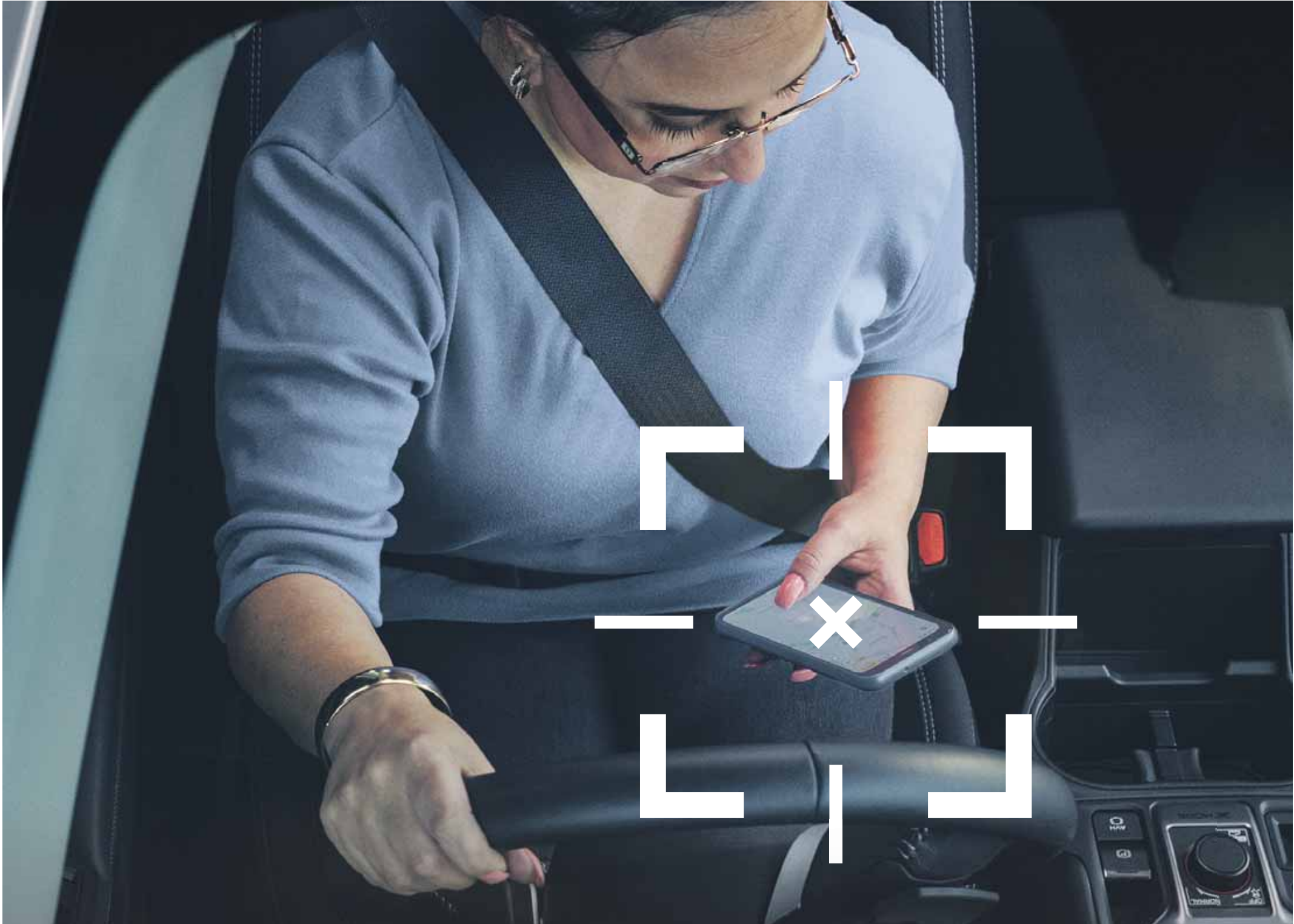
Agriculture Victoria will closely monitor the trial with advice from an environmental consultant who specialises in the composting of animal mortalities.

"Composting is an active process, so the community can expect to see some movements on site over the coming months as the windrows are carefully managed," Dr Simons said.

In the event of unusual signs or suspected cases of emergency animal disease, please report them immediately to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888. Early reporting increases the chance of effective control and eradication.

If an emergency animal disease outbreak is declared, Agriculture Victoria is responsible for the destruction and disposal of animal carcasses, including those that can be buried or composted on-farm.

Further information on farm biosecurity and animal disease is available on the Agriculture Victoria website at agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-diseases



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Cross country races for Murrindindi Shire primary school students

PRIMARY school students from around Murrindindi Shire made the trip to Eildon Primary School for the cluster cross country running event last Wednesday.

Events included races from 300 metres in length to 2500 metres, with a variety of age categories.

The event was attended by Alexandra Primary School, Buxton Primary School, Eildon Primary School, Flowerdale Primary School, Marysville Primary School, Sacred Heart Primary School, St Mary's Primary School, and Yea Primary School.



Students from various primary schools around Murrindindi Shire converged in Eildon for a group cross country running event. -Photos by BD





Students from Yea High School attended the Man Cave workshop. -S

Yea High Students learn some important lessons

RECENTLY Yea High School students from year eight, nine, and 10 participated in the Man Cave Workshops, with the year 10 students completing their third experience.

The Man Cave's Student Workshops are a series of three whole-day experiences that encourage participants to explore the concept of masculinity and the impacts of outdated societal expectations placed on men, and

build healthier relationships with themselves and those around them.

Based on the Rites of Passage framework, the workshops create safe spaces for participants to have real conversations with each other. They include group-building activities, interactive games and healthy discussions on mental health, relationships and consent.



Team building and fun games were part of the workshop. -S



The students engaging in some very important conversations. -S



Plenty of laughs were had through the workshop, alongside learning about important topics such as mental health, relationships and consent. -S

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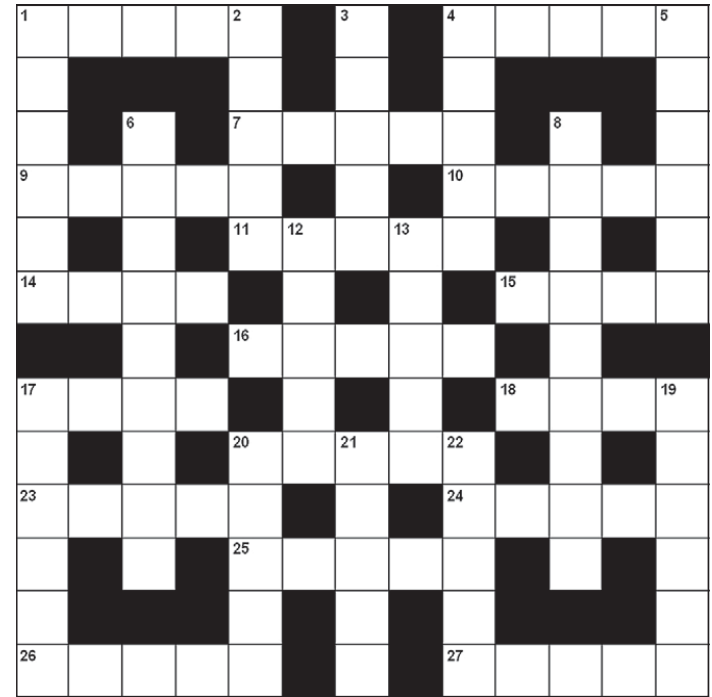
Crossword

ACROSS

1. Specified and identified.
4. One turn of a spiral.
7. A male duck.
9. The present time.
10. Faithful and true.
11. Momentary flash of light.
14. Appear very large.
15. Drove very fast.
16. Adhered to.
17. A seductive woman.
18. Open to debate.
20. Far beyond the norm.
23. A theatrical performer.
24. Loud sound.
25. Taken the first step.
26. Become fully developed.
27. Consent reluctantly.

DOWN

1. Single whole grain of cereal.
2. Thickened enlargements.
3. Shopping center.
4. Large marine snail.
5. Removed with long handled spoon.
6. With identity concealed.



8. Harmonious in sound.
12. Part of a flower.
13. Capable of great speed.
17. Barely adequate.
19. Poured in torrents.
20. Densely populated area.
21. Large carnivorous feline.
22. Harass and irritate.

Word Search

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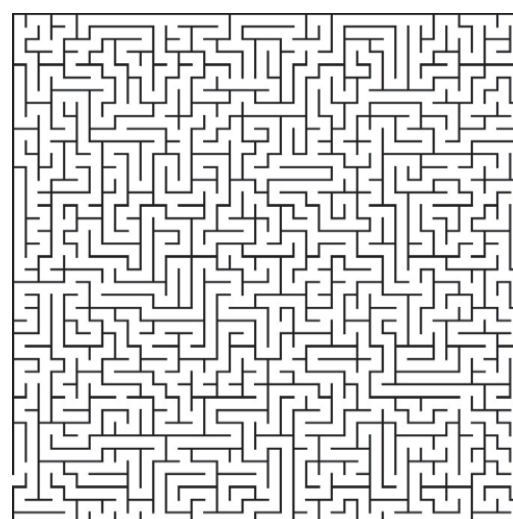
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Fill in the missing numbers.

The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 9. 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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Break Bail, Face Jail plan

THE Liberals and Nationals have said that they will restore accountability to Victoria's bail system with a new policy that reinstates consequences for repeat and youth offenders, and puts community safety first.

Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish said that Labor's broken bail laws are fuelling a crime crisis across the state. Offenders who breach bail or reoffend while on bail are walking free, and youth offenders remain exempt from any penalty for ignoring their bail conditions.

Ms McLeish said, "Under Labor, you can break bail and walk free. That's not justice, that's a joke. Crime in Victoria has risen in the past 10 years under Labor's watch, with overall offences up 32 per cent. Youth offenders has increased by 39 per cent, and up a staggering 16 per cent in just the past year alone. Locals deserve the right to be and feel safe in their own homes and on the streets. Labor's bail laws have failed. It's time to fix them."

The Liberals and Nationals' *Break Bail, Face Jail* plan will reinstate the offence of committing an indictable offence while on bail as a Schedule Two offence triggering a bail uplift, reinstate the offence of breaching bail conditions as a Schedule Two offence requiring offenders to show compelling reasons to be granted bail again, remove the current exemption for youth offenders who breach bail ending the free pass for under-18s, List robbery and burglary as Schedule Two offences meaning tougher bail tests apply.

She said that the policy is a legislative change and does not require new funding.

P-plate petition extended

A PETITION calling on the Victorian Government to reduce the minimum probationary drivers' licence age from 18 to 17, in line with every other Australian state, has been extended to October 1.

The Nationals' Member for Northern Victoria Gaelle Broad said the extension was timely, given it is National Road Safety Week this week.

"I have heard from many frustrated families who are keen to see the law changed, especially in regional areas where there is limited or no public transport available, and not everyone has someone to act as a taxi service," Ms Broad said.

"I have heard from young people who had to pass up valuable apprenticeships simply because they did not have their licence. Some are using NSW addresses so they can get their licence at 17."

Ms Broad raised the issue in Parliament last year, and again this year, but the change has not been supported by Labor.

"The Minister believes it is not in the community's best interests and has cited safety concerns.

"There is no doubt we want safe drivers. In NSW there are special driver training programs and incentives focused on safety, which could easily be replicated in Victoria," Ms Broad said.

Victoria is the only state in Australia that requires probationary drivers to be 18.

A petition which combines online and hard copy signatures must have 10,000 signatures to qualify for debate in Parliament. You can sign the petition at parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/reduce-probationary-driving-age/

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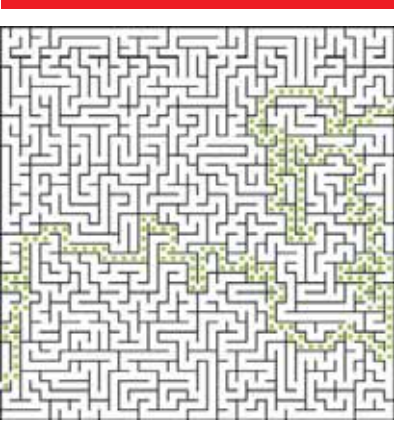
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(late of Alexandra, Victoria)

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A Thanksgiving Service for June's life will be held in the Uniting Church, Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine on Tuesday, May 20 at 2.30pm.

To join us at the service via livestream please visit June's tribute page on the website of Mount Alexander Funerals.

We will take her back to Alexandra to be buried, with a graveside service at the Alexandra Cemetery at 11.30am on Wednesday, May 21. We would love you to join us at either service.

She made life beautiful by unselfish deeds, generous thoughts for other's needs, happy, smiling, always content, and respected where ever she went.



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from Yea and District Memorial Hospital.

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Nexus and Sunbury Cobaw Community Health are reorganising how the service is delivered and we trust that our community will continue to have access to high quality meals delivered to their home.

We would like to thank our staff for cooking delicious meals for the Meals on Wheels program for over 15 years.

We have loved working with the dedicated Meals on Wheels volunteers and other local staff who delivered meals to our community.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED



The **Yea and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary** needs you. We need more volunteers to join our Auxiliary, it's a great opportunity to give back to the community.

No experience is necessary, we are a fun and friendly group of committed volunteers and we can learn together.

The Yea and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary has a long and proud history of raising money for the hospital to support the services provided and the residents of Rosebank Hostel and Nursing Home. The Auxiliary runs a range of fundraising activities across the year and meets on a monthly basis.

Please contact Kaye on 0400 424 888 for more information and to register your interest.

IN MEMORIAM

COOKSON, Warwick.
16/05/2017

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FUNERAL NOTICES

ELENIUS, Leif Erik.

A funeral service for Leif will be held on Wednesday, May 14 at Yea Bowling Club commencing at noon.



MEETINGS

ALEXANDRA Bowls Club AGM will be held at the club rooms on Sunday, May 18 at 11am. Presentations and barbecue to follow.

YARCK Rural Fire Brigade will hold their AGM on Wednesday, May 21 at 6.30pm at the Yarck Hall. It would be great to see you all there.

MEETINGS

MOLESWORTH CARAVAN PARK.

Notice is given of a Public Meeting to be held at 7pm on May 27, 2025 commencing at the Molesworth Community Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three and no more than nine persons as the Committee of Management for the Molesworth Caravan Park for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on June 30, 2025. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged. Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting the secretary, Helen Willard 0435 320 317 or via email at secretary@molesworthreserve.com.au.

MEETINGS



General meeting for the Alexandra RSL will be held on Sunday, May 18, at noon, followed by a light luncheon.

YEA Water Tigers Amateur Swimming Club AGM. Meeting will be held at Yea Community House. Monday, May 26 at 6 pm. All positions declared vacant. General meeting will follow at 6.30 pm. Enquiries to the secretary: yeawatertigerscommittee@gmail.com, 0459 248 488. New members welcome.

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A group of participants. -S

Mother's Day Classic Yea takes on the Rail Trail

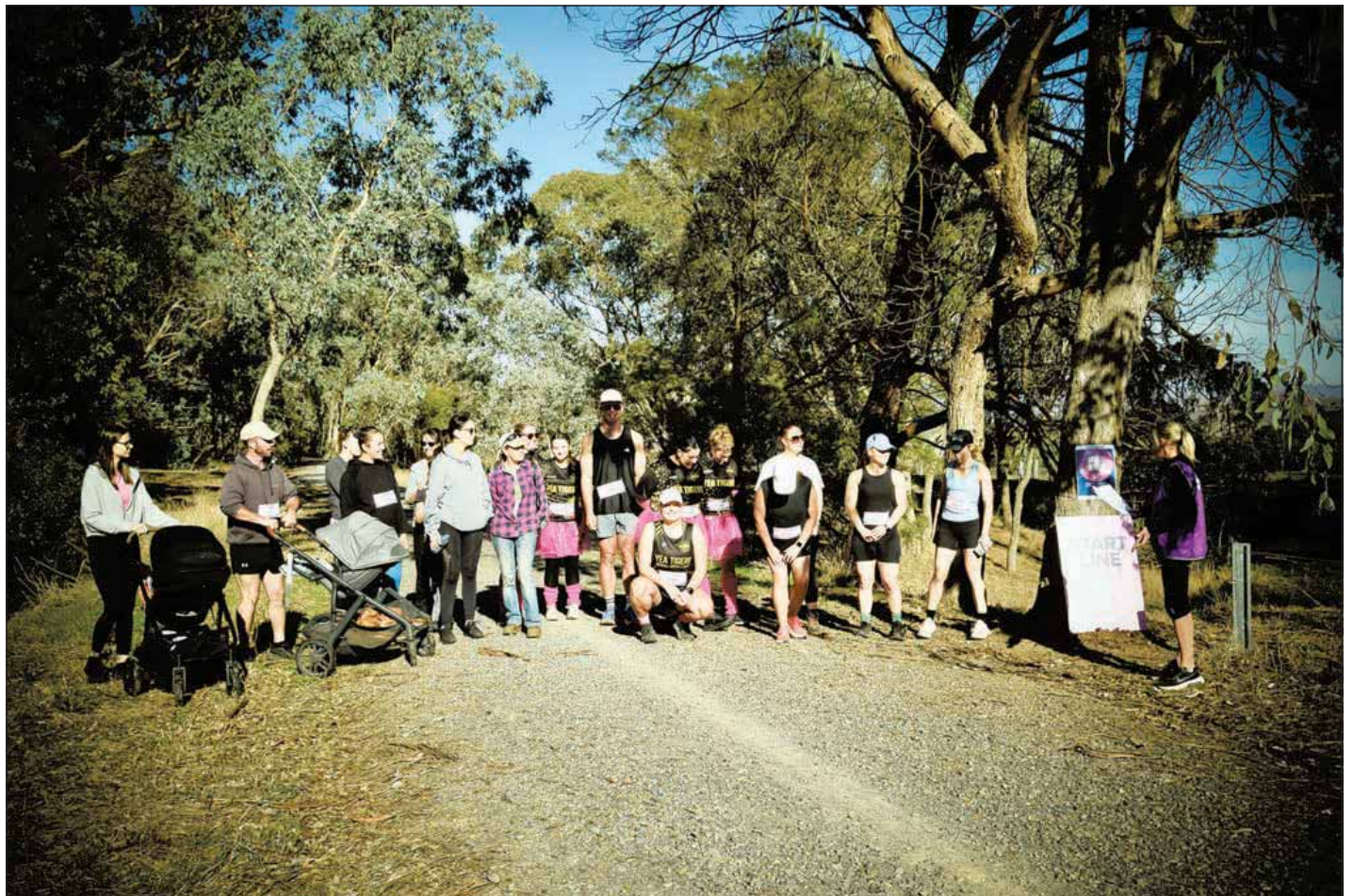
YEA and District Memorial Hospital hosted this year's Mother's Day Classic in Yea, a fun run event to raise funds for breast cancer research.

The finish line for the event was at Railway Park, Yea, and there were a number of different lengths that participants could walk or run.

A 24 kilometre run started at 8.30am, an 18 kilometre run began at 9.30am, there was a 10 kilometre run at 10am, and a five kilometre or one kilometre run at 10.30am.



Dressed up for the occasion. -S



The participants at the starting line. -S



One of the dogs on the walk. -S



Children took part as well. -S



Crossing the finish line. -S

Tennis is back

by Rhonda Carpenter

CREIGHTON'S Creek welcomed Wappan while Seven Creeks met Moglonemby for their matches on the magnificently manicured lawn surface in Euroa last Monday. Wind gusts on the warm day made the contests extremely entertaining.

Creighton's Creek' Chris Ellis, Roz Doxey, Julie Brook, and Lyn Johnston faced Wappan's Natalie Bergsma, Jenny Bell, Liza Karras and Rhonda Carpenter in a lengthy battle of hard hitting.

The Mansfield visitors found the lawn to their liking and took the first four sets with courtcraft angles and a massive comeback by Natalie and Liza from three to six down to win eight to six.

In the final sets Wappan players distractedly watched their teammates game on the adjacent court, lost focus, and the set eight to two. Chris and Lyn caught them napping and made the most of the lapse with stunning form.

Wappan won 5/42 to Creighton's Creek 1/30.

Moglonemby's Judy Sands, Sue Vaughan, Danielle Scotis, and Lisa Krepp versed Seven Creeks' Rowena Ellis, Gayle Furphy, Mary Kelly and Jill Hayes in a tight tussle. The pairs combined strongly against each other with openers going each way.

Moglonemby took the next two, while the last pairs were split again. Moglonemby won 4/43 to Seven Creeks 2/27 in a lengthy match putting them into second spot on the ladder.

Euroa travelled to Mansfield for the closest match of the day. Mansfield's Michelle Pigdon, Keira McDonagh, Clare Beecham, and Sophie Yencken shared the sets three all but Euroa's Lyndall Bigland, Faye Mollison, Ruth Nolan and Lyn Pierce were up by four games when the final scores were tallied.

Euroa won 3/34 to 3/30 to seize third spot on the ladder.

Terip welcomed Benalla for a great day of tennis on the plateau. Cindy Hayes, Frances Lawrence, Phoebe MacDermid and Melissa MacDowell were convincing in every set. Benalla's Claire Sharp, Maureen Jewell, Deb Siggers, and Wendy Maxwell toiled hard, but Terip won the day 6/48 to 0/19.

Delatite had the bye. This year Euroa have made changes to their teams by mixing them up. The draw for the winter competition can be found at play.tennis.com.au/mansfieldtennisassociation/Competitions/Euroawinter

Ladder after round two: Terip 17, Moglonemby 16, Euroa 16, Creighton's Creek 10, Wappan 10, Mansfield 6, Seven Creeks 3, Delatite 2, and Benalla 0.

The dedicated volunteers on MTA's committee met at the Delatite Hotel last Monday night to discuss the past season and plan for the next one. The AGM will be held in September and those keen to contribute can contact the club by writing to mansfieldtennisassoc@gmail.com outlining how they might offer support.

Night coordinators, team selectors, and event volunteers are always needed to manage summer competition. A Pickleball Social Competition will be launched in October and those interested can contact Liza Karras lizakarras@bigpond.com by May 30 to offer their support to the sub-committee being formed.

For all sorts of information check out the club's website play.tennis.com.au/mansfieldtennisassociation

Club Coach Liam Delany can be contacted for coaching on 0425 711 412.



Creighton's Creek Roz Doxey, Julie Brook, Lyn Johnson, and Chris Ellis. -S



Wappan enjoyed the win and the lawn. -S



Moglonemby Sue Vaughan, Judy Sands, Danielle Scotis, and Lisa Krepp. -S



Seven Creeks Gayle Furphy, Mary Kelly, Ro Ellis, and Jill Hayes.



Jenny, Nat, Chris Ellis, and Ros Doxey. -S



The 2025 committee at the the Delatite Hotel. -S



Jenny and Nat on the court. -S



Jenny at the net and Natalie in the background engrossed in the game. -S

SPORT

Great games for Lizards and Birds

by Kristelle Leary

Monday competition

Eagles versus Hawks

LOCHLAN versus Ethan: A great game by both with some great shots and laughs. It was a fabulous game to watch and very close in the end. Lochlan won the match by one-point. 50 to 49.

Sally versus Chris T: Chris is in good form and easily tackled Sally leaving her in the dust. Chris went home with an outrageous won. 90 to 45.

Michael M versus Jared: Michael hit the ground running and capitalised on Jared's slow start. Jared found some accuracy in his serve and put himself back in contention. Refusing to go down, Michael tightened up his shot to put the match to bed and seal his victory. 60 to 47.

Derrick versus Andrew: Andrew played an efficient game to take an early lead. He consolidated his lead in the second game by playing at the peak of his form. Derrick is a classy player and pulled out some amazing shots to reduce his deficit. However, Andrew hung on in this epic match to come out triumphant. 54 to 50.

Falcons versus Owls

ERIC versus Tyler: Tyler started strong to claim the first two games. Eric rose to the challenge to win game three, but Tyler had him on the ropes and claimed the final game and the match. 61 to 47.

Simon versus Justin (fill in): Simon's game relies on well placed meticulous shots. Tonight, he was not well placed enough and Justins energetically blitzed his way to a big win. 72 to 48.

Jack versus John: It was a great match. John played his usual game of finesse and Jack but in a good effort but lost his way in the final game. John kept consistent to take home the match. 62 to 46.

Blue Tongues versus Frill necks

BETH versus Blake: Coming out strong, Blake took the lead. Beth attempted to break



James and Sally crowd the corner, playing some drop shots. -S

through but couldn't bring Blake down. Blake claimed the win. 69 to 46.

Sam versus Kristelle: Charging into the fray, Sam ran the ball down and put to use some of his trickier shots. Kristelle attempted to turn the tables with her drop shots, but Sam held the upper hand for a convincing win. 71 to 44.

Daniel W versus Stu: Daniel started strong in the first game. With a great variation of serves from Stu he pushed back to take three games and the match. 60 to 50.

Dragons versus Skinks

LIANE versus Matt J: Both players are coming back to squash after some time off and took some time to shake off the cobwebs. Liane did not hold back, keeping Matt moving, taking home the match with a commanding win. 78 to 33.

Travis versus Lucas: The match started off close with both players finding their rhythm. Game four provided a change of pace with Lucas closing out the game on seventeen-point win to take the match. 65 to 45.

Michael H versus Phil (fill in): By the halfway mark there was only a few points different. Micheal took it up a notch to win the next two games to claim the match. 76 to 39.

Yea Senior Women play Emerald

YEA 1.0 - 6 defeated by Emerald 8.13 - 61



Emili Brunt running for the ball. -S



Thea Hamilton collecting the ball despite fierce competition. -S



Ebony Sundblom and Bella Philpot racing to the ball. -S

Outer East Football and Netball League Ladders

Football – Reserves

Team	Percentage	Wins
Seville	637.00	5
Pakenham	580.00	4
Belgrave	191.96	3
Warburton Millgrove	118.49	2
Yea	103.54	2
Alexandra	52.88	2
Powelltown	35.63	1
Yarra Junction	24.85	1
Yarra Glen	22.64	0

Netball – A Grade

Team	Percentage	Wins
Pakenham Lions	390.24	4
Seville	201.75	5
Warburton Millgrove	214.78	3
Yarra Glen	132.60	4
Yarra Junction	97.67	2
Alexandra	60.00	1
Yea	64.15	0
Belgrave	47.03	1
Powelltown	21.02	0

Football – Seniors

Pakenham	295.12	4
Seville	226.38	5
Warburton Millgrove	375.64	3
Yarra Glen	121.41	4
Yea	105.76	1
Alexandra	85.71	1
Powelltown	39.48	1
Belgrave	65.76	1
Yarra Junction	25.64	0

Netball – B Grade

Seville	379.79	5
Pakenham Lions	368.42	4
Warburton Millgrove	136.17	3
Yarra Glen	126.74	4
Yarra Junction	61.11	2
Alexandra	40.16	1
Belgrave	67.20	1
Yea	53.42	0
Powelltown	44.08	0

Football – Senior Women

Warburton-Wesburn	100.00	5
Emerald	75.00	3
Thornton Eildon	75.00	3
Wandin	75.00	3
Yea	25.00	1
Seville	0	0
Officer	0	0

Netball – C Grade

Pakenham Lions	310.39	4
Seville	265.96	5
Warburton Millgrove	185.71	3
Yarra Glen	102.45	4
Alexandra	66.47	1
Yarra Junction	68.94	1
Powelltown	35.11	0
Belgrave	55.36	1
Yea	52.70	0

Netball – 17 and under

Seville	443.86	5
Pakenham Lions Gold	264.86	4
Warburton Millgrove	86.32	1
Pakenham Lions Maroon	47.06	1
Alexandra	34.42	1
Powelltown	26.56	0

Netball – D Grade

Pakenham Lions	641.38	4
Seville	330.77	5
Warburton Millgrove	181.71	3
Yarra Glen	81.29	3
Alexandra	68.75	2
Yea	64.65	1
Yarra Junction	52.12	1
Belgrave	47.55	1
Powelltown	18.95	0

Football – Under 18

Pakenham	2714.81	5
Seville	203.68	3
Yarra Glen	116.12	3
Warburton Millgrove	18.37	1
Alexandra	12.19	0
Yea	18.31	0

Yea Under 11s shine on a glorious Mother's Day in Nagambie

by Jo Madden

IT was a lovely May day in Nagambie as the Yea Football Netball Club (YFNC) Under 11 team took to the court on Mother's Day for a match-up against the Nagambie Lakers.

From the opening whistle, it was evident that the Yea side brought both experience and size to the game, with a squad stacked with strong top-age players. In contrast, the Nagambie Lakers fielded a much younger, less experienced team, with some playing their very first game of competitive netball.

Despite the clear mismatch, the Lakers never stopped trying, showing admirable grit and sportsmanship throughout all four quarters. Every pass, intercept, and shot were met with cheers from their loyal supporters, creating a warm and supportive atmosphere.

Special credit must go to the Nagambie Lakers for their resilience and positivity, and a big thank you to their wonderful supporters who brought great energy to the sidelines.

The moment of the day came post-match, when each Yea mum was presented with a beautiful flower, a thoughtful gesture from the Nagambie Lakers Junior Netball Club.

It was a lovely outing at Nagambie, good netball, great sportsmanship, and a strong sense of community. The club says thank you to everyone who made the day special.

Award winners were: Holly Cronk, Yarra Valley Gas Coaches Choice Award; and Zoe Alldrick, Madden Plaster Player of the Day Award.



Under 11 development squad award winner Bridie Tait. -S



Under 13 award winners Kensi Cronk and Charlotte Grant. -S



Under 11 division two development squad award winner Skye Helder. -S



Under 11 award winners Holly Cronk and Zoe Alldrick. -S

Mother's Day games for Yea junior footballers

Under nine

by Lily Armstrong

WHAT a brilliant performance from the Yea Football Netball Club's (YFNC) Under Nine team last week, just in time for Mother's Day.

The children hit the field with energy, enthusiasm, and a real sense of team spirit. It was one of those games where you could see just how much they've all grown in confidence.

There were strong marks, smart decisions with the ball, and a willingness from every player to get involved and support their teammates. No-one hung back, everyone gave it a red-hot go, and it made for a really exciting and close contest.

The sidelines were full of proud smiles as the Tigers gave their mums a special Mother's Day treat with their efforts on the field. It was a great reminder of the community being built, not just among the players, but among

the families who support them week in and week out.

YFNC offer huge congratulations to their well-deserved award winners for the round: Just Great Coffee Most Determined, Harry; Armstrong Plumbing Best Team Player, Elliot; Yarra Valley Gas Coaches Award, Teddy.

Under 10

by Belinda Johnston

GREAT game at Nagambie for the Under 10 Tigers. Maverick did an amazing job defending the goals and taking a few ripper marks.

Ava was quick to tackle her opponents in the midfield to help the forward line. Ted was captain for the day, he played a ripper game in the backline as well the game was played well by all.

Awards: Ava Sunbloom; Luke W; Ted Johnston.

Under 12

Nagambie 8.6 - 54 defeated Yea 2.3 - 15

by Lyndal Tait

THE Under 12 Tigers travelled to Nagambie this round and played a super game in great conditions. Last week it was Toby SD's turn as captain, leading out the side and winning the toss.

From the first ball up they showed commitment, skill and determination, and this continued through the entire game. Lots of intense running, and a never say die attitude was present, with all players contributing to winning the ball, moving forward and providing opportunities to score.

Despite being short on numbers each week, this young side always give it their all, and YFNC couldn't be more proud of their efforts and attitude. Players were given specific tasks by Coach AI, and they all showed their ability to implement these skills to impact on the game.

It is so wonderful to watch this young team flourish more each week, building on

their skills and team work, and continuing to have fun.

The club thank all their sponsors, volunteers and supporters for cheering them on and hope all mothers and special persons had a wonderful Mother's Day.

Duncan's Paint and Panel 'Red Hot Go Player of the Day' award, Charlie Grant; Sprout Wellness 'Being your Best' award, Hudson Roberts; Yarra Valley Gas 'Coaches Award', Darby Tait.

Under 14

Yea 3.0 - 18 defeated by Wandong 7.12 - 54

by Brigitte Baynes

A CRACKING day at home against Wandong who were awesome sharing some players so Yea could get on the ground for a kick. Everyone was in good spirits for the Mother's Day game and a fantastic game was had by all with a win to Wandong.

The club says a big thank you again to the amazing helpers who make it all happen week in week out. Pete, Marko, Paul, Rhys, Benji, Perng and Melissa with a special mention to Debra Collins who made sure there were bacon and egg rolls for breakfast. And Paige Popo for her help in the canteen at short notice.

Award winners for the day were a tough call as there were many standouts: Whanregarwen Pastoral, Sammy; Yea Bob Cat, Maya; Yarra Valley Gas, Blake.

Next week's game is at home against Broadford at 12.30pm.



Under 14 award winners B Krikkic, M McIntyre, S Heyen. -S



Some of the happy under nine Yea junior footballers. -S



Under 12 award winners D Tait, C Grant and H Roberts. -S

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Yea Racing win Picnic Club of the Year Award for the 2024-25 season



The trophy that was presented to the Yea Racing Club for Picnic Club of the Year. -S

by Lyndal Tait

THE 2024-25 Victorian Picnic Racing Awards were held on Saturday, May 10 at Cranbourne Racing Club, where the season's leading participants and horses were recognised.

After a successful picnic racing season, Yea Racing Committee members and volunteers from the Yea and St Pat's Racing Club (Yea Racing) joined those from the 12 clubs who make up the Picnic Racing circuit of Victoria to celebrate a great season.

Country Racing Victoria's Picnic Racing Manager Adam Olszanski advised that over 44,000 patrons attended the 32 picnic meetings across the season which started at Yea on Caulfield Cup Day.

Yea Racing held four very successful race meetings over the season, under the oversight of new club president Alister Tait, supported by vice president Denis Smith (former president of 16 years), and a hard working committee and group of volunteers and community groups.

On presenting 'The David and Gavan Bourke Picnic Club of the Year Award', Adam Olszanski stated "This club enjoyed consistently healthy crowds across all their meetings and, after overcoming track issues last season, delivered a reliable racing surface that would be the envy of many professional clubs.

"Their cup meeting drew their largest crowd in five years and scored highly across key areas including marketing, entertainment, and compliance. They also took a calculated risk by trialling a new date for their first meeting, and it paid off.

"I am pleased to congratulate the 2024-25 Picnic Club of the Year, the Yea and St Pat's Racing Club."

In accepting the award, President Alister Tait thanked the hard-working committee, Vice President Denis Smith, Secretary Sarah Austin, Treasurer Pauline Macdowell, and committee members Frank Larkin, Don Dwyer, Kerry Tull, Jeff Moss, Marilyn Mallia, Richard Ciborowski, and Lachie White.

Also acknowledged were track curators John Quinlan, Geoff Bayliss, Andrew Fulford, Jayden Welch and Lachie White, for the outstanding track preparation and management that saw positive feedback from trainers and jockeys throughout the season.

Alister thanked local community groups, the Rotary Club of Yea, Sacred Heart Primary School, Yea Scouts, The Yea Football and Netball Club, and Whanregarwen Pastoral for their support prior to, during the after each race meeting. Alister acknowledged the support of Lucy Lloyd for her contributing as first aid officer at each meeting, along with Lyndal Tait for organising and running the fashions event at the Yea Cup Meeting.

Yea Racing are extremely proud and honoured to be awarded the David and Gavin Bourke Picnic Club of the Year Award in recognition of an outstanding season of racing. With their four very successful race meetings, including the best Yea Cup meeting on record, the club celebrates, and thanks the community for their support. They look forward to the 2025-26 season, with their first race meeting to be held in October.



Members of the Yea Racing committee accepting 'The David and Gavan Bourke Picnic Club of the Year Award' in Cranbourne. -S

What a week for Yea golfers

by Alan Pell

SUNDAY saw the Yea Golf Club pennant team in action at Woodend Golf Club in the final versus Marysville. Although going down two to three it was a fantastic effort from Captain Brendan Chenhall and his team to make it to the final. Also, on Sunday the club hosted about 15 Mornington Golf Club members who joined Yea members in a wonderful social golf day at Royal Yea.

Wednesday's Golf

by Phil Armstrong.

It was cool, and overcast conditions didn't deter the 16 members and guests who competed in Yea Golf Club's mid week men's event on Wednesday. Competition in a 22 Pairs /Stableford event provided some excellent scores.

Greg Millard (13) from Alexandra Golf Club teamed up with Yea Golf Club secretary John Renehan (50) to record an outstanding score of 338 points, claiming first prize. Last week's birthday boy Rob O'Halloran (20) playing with Greg Clements (17) after a long layoff proved a strong team to register 336 points and claim second place. Martin Lowe (18) fresh from a well deserved break and Mick Sheather (22) were unlucky to finish third with a great score of 327.

Rob O'Halloran posted the best individual score of 38 points. New member Gavin Houldcroft showed off his talents, taking out nearest the pin on the second hole. Teamed up with Phil Armstrong, Gavin made it a double in his first event at Yea taking home the coveted Club Award.

Thursday's Golf

by Karen Sangster

Time, once again, has graced us with our annual Yea Bowl event. This year, a small field, unfortunately, a sign of the times, forty lovely ladies from near and far, travelled to our awesome golf course, which was shining brightly in a crisp Autumn morning to try their luck.

The day moving smoothly, one which blossomed into a glorious day for playing golf. Some of the scores reflecting so. Although a little dry, to be expected as surrounds also showing the signs at the lack of rain, even so the course was still in great condition. Many thanks to the diligent care from the volunteer workers, keeping it so. All having completed their game was time to return to the clubhouse for the much needed sustenance, well earned by all. The well known lady golf chefs did not disappoint. An abundance of soups to choose from, tasty sandwiches to accompany, finished with a huge array of the sweet treats. If you hadn't managed to have a great golf game, the food consoled the soul. Thank you Ladies great job. Tummies full, it was time to proceed to the formal presentations.

We were very pleased to have the company of a life member Myrna Patterson, to assist the very sneaky Captain, Jan Wealands, who had been hiding the results for the last minute announcement. So without any more delay, no more keeping us in suspenders, Jan revealed it had been a very close tussle between two Yea Teams. Last year's winners, Sharon Grogan, Mirada Gill and myself Karen Sangster having 97 points, unfortunate for us, we were usurped by Team Margie Wright,

Cindy Armstrong and Vicky Butler 98 points. Congratulations and well done keeping our Bowl at home.

This year a favourite lady, also a past member, Millie Cummings presented the runner up team a packet of three golf balls each. Millie over many years has provided us with many trophy's etc and hardly ever fails to come and play on the day. She certainly is a treasure, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you contribute. We love seeing you and each hope we are playing as well as you still are, being the young girl you are. I was also pleased to part of the winning small teams event. Many thanks to Margaret Blair putting our team in. I am sure you boosted the score which also had to be a countback, our team, the successor. Margaret managed to have the highest score of the day 42 points. Very impressive indeed. Member Meryl Connell also deserves a mention, Meryl had a superb drive on the 11th to receive a nearest the pin prize. Well done Meryl, that shot should keep you returning for a while.

Many thanks to all who contributed on the day, they are too numerous to mention all, but without you all, the day would not have been such a success. Holding these events is a great way to catch up with those whom, you have not seen for a while. I, for one, so appreciate the friendships formed over the years, playing the great game of Golf. If you are hesitating going to an event in your district, please don't, go and enjoy, keep the game of Golf happening and the friendships made alive, you just never know when it is the last of either. Happy Golfing everyone until we meet again stay safe and well.



C Grade winner Margaret Blair. -S



Margie Wright, Cindy Armstrong, and Vicky Butler Winners of the Yea Challenge Bowl. -S