

# The Yea Chronicle

PO Box 5, Alexandra Vic. 3714

With which is incorporated The Yea Telegraph, The Yea Telephone and Upper Goulburn Advocate

Ph: (03) 5772 1002; Email: [reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au) Your community newspaper since 1885 Wednesday, June 4, 2025 \$2.00 inc. GST

Most trusted news source in the Murrindindi Shire since 1890

[murrindindibusiness.com.au](http://murrindindibusiness.com.au)

## INSIDE THIS WEEK'S EDITION

Army training exercise



Page 6

Yea Rotary cultural dinner



Page 8

YHS fundraiser



Page 21

Weekend sport



Pages 22-24



Sacred Heart Primary School students at the Royal Melbourne Zoo. More on the school camp can be found on page 9 of this edition. -S

## Further drought support and farmer ESVF deferred, but is it enough?

ON Friday, May 30, the Victorian Government announced that it will extend its Drought Package to farmers statewide and defer the start date for the ESVF levy on farmers.

The latest weather data shows the anticipated 'autumn break' has failed to eventuate, with the window for last minute rain to avoid a failed season closing completely. Advice from Agriculture Victoria indicates that rainfall in May realised the worst-case scenario, projected at the start of the month. Over the past two weeks, a majority of the state received just 20 per cent or less of the average typical rainfall expected in May. The Bureau of Meteorology also indicates these conditions are likely to continue into June. These conditions have left paddocks and dams dry, with fodder prices doubled.

Due to these worsening conditions, the Victorian Government is set to provide an expanded Drought Package, costing \$37.7 million.

Farmers across the state will be able to access grants of up to \$5000 to support on-farm drought management improvements, in addition to financial counselling and mental health support.

The \$5000 requires dollar for dollar, so if you spend \$1000 on water cartage for example, then you will get \$500 back. It's by application. Details can be found at [agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/dry-seasons-and-drought-support](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/dry-seasons-and-drought-support)

These payments will be increased to \$10,000 across 11 council areas and parts of West Wimmera. The program will also be expanded to cover water carting activities and pasture re-establishment across Victoria.

Agriculture Victoria's farm technical and decision-making support has also been made

Continued Page 3

## ★ OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JUNE 9 ★

### EARLY DEADLINES APPLY FOR JUNE 11 EDITION

CLASSIFIEDS INC DEATH AND FUNERAL NOTICES - 2PM FRIDAY, JUNE 6★  
[reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au)

★ EDITORIAL, SPORTS, THUMBS UP/DOWN AND  
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - 10AM MONDAY, JUNE 9★

[editorial@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:editorial@alexandranewspapers.com.au) AND [sports@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:sports@alexandranewspapers.com.au)

EGN and TRADES advertising deadlines remain unchanged.





# The Yea Chronicle

Available from these retail outlets

Alexandra FoodWorks  
Alexandra Newsagency  
Alexandra Newspapers  
Endeavour Yea  
Hazeldene Store  
Merton General Store  
Seymour Newsagency  
Shell Thornton  
Yea FoodWorks  
Yea Newsagency

*Alexandra Newspapers are members of:*

regional  
media connect

Country Press  
AUSTRALIA

Audited Media  
Association of Australia

abc

# Getting famil with Taggerty and Narbethong

LAST Wednesday, 40 volunteers and staff from the four Visitor Information Centres in Murrindindi Shire took part in a famil (familiarisation tour) of the Taggerty and Narbethong areas.

The group had fun visiting Taggerty General Store and Taggerty Hall, Pack Saddling Australia, Saladin Lodge, Bonfire Station and BIG4 Taggerty Holiday Park where they learned more about the region and what these local businesses offer to visitors.

Held during National Volunteer Week, this event was a great opportunity to recognise and thank amazing Visitor Services volunteers. Their warm welcomes and local knowledge help make Murrindindi Shire a must-visit destination.

Are you interested in volunteering? Email at [visitorservices@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:visitorservices@murrindindi.vic.gov.au) to find out how you can get involved.



The attendees at the famil tour. -S

## Draft Yea Structure Plan released for community feedback

MURRINDINDI Shire Council is pleased to announce that the draft Yea Structure Plan is now available for community review and feedback.

This marks the next step in shaping a long-term vision for Yea’s growth, following successful community engagement events in March and April. At these events, residents, local businesses and community groups shared their ideas and priorities, from improving connectivity and housing choice, to enhancing local infrastructure and tourism opportunities.

Murrindindi Shire Council’s Cheviot Ward Councillor Sue Carpenter said

the plan reflects the aspirations of the local community.

“We’ve listened closely to what people value about Yea and what they want to see in its future. The draft plan provides a clear framework to guide future growth and investment, while protecting what makes Yea such a special place,” Cr Carpenter said.

“We’re encouraging everyone to have their say and help shape the final plan.”

The draft plan and its supporting background report are available on council’s engagement platform, The Loop, at [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/draftYSP](http://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/draftYSP)

Feedback is open until Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

The Yea Structure Plan project is supported by the Victorian Government through the Department of Transport and Planning’s Regional Partnerships Program, designed to assist flood-affected councils with strategic planning and future resilience.

Council thanks the Yea community for their continued involvement and looks forward to hearing more thoughts on the draft.

Alexandra District Health  
**5772 0900**  
Yea & District Memorial Hospital  
**5736 0400**  
**In an emergency dial 000**



**CONTACT DETAILS**

**CLASSIFIEDS AND COMMERCIAL PRINTING**  
[reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au)

**MANAGER AND ACCOUNTS** Karen Morrison  
[manager@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:manager@alexandranewspapers.com.au)  
[accounts@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:accounts@alexandranewspapers.com.au)

**ADVERTISING** - Jo  
[1sales@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:1sales@alexandranewspapers.com.au)

**TRADES and ONLINE DIRECTORY** - Mary  
[trades@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:trades@alexandranewspapers.com.au)

**EDITOR** Anne Richey  
[editorial@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:editorial@alexandranewspapers.com.au)  
(Bailey) [journalist@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:journalist@alexandranewspapers.com.au)  
(Milly) [reporter@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:reporter@alexandranewspapers.com.au)

**SPORTS**  
[sports@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:sports@alexandranewspapers.com.au)

43 Grant Street - PO Box 5, Alexandra 3714  
Telephone: 5772 1002 Fax: 5772 1603  
Hours: 9am-5pm Monday-Friday



**PUBLISHERS**

Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd 43 Grant Street, Alexandra Victoria 3714. Material published in this edition is subject to copyright provisions, and cannot be used without the company's permission. Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd accepts no responsibility for the unauthorised republication of such material. Printed by North East Media Wangaratta. Print Post Approved - PP 100000292

Independantly owned and operated with no association with any other media outlet in the Murrindindi Shire.

RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT				
STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	11.00am Mon	1.35	steady	below minor
Rubicon River at Rubicon	11.00am Mon	0.38	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	9.20am Mon	0.45	steady	below minor
Home Creek at Yarck	10.43am Mon	0.14	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	7.21am Mon	0.39	steady	below minor
Yea River at Yea GV Water PS	11.20am Mon	0.23	steady	below minor
Yea R at Old Killingworth Rd	11.00am Mon	3.43	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	11.00am Mon	3.43	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	11.00am Mon	0.32	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Trawool	11.00am Mon	0.95	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	11.00am Mon	-0.08	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Seymour	11.00am Mon	1.27	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	10.08am Mon	0.79	steady	

**\*\*ISSUED AT 11.45AM ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2025**




## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

can be submitted via email to  
[editorial@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:editorial@alexandranewspapers.com.au) or  
[reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au)  
or by mail to Alexandra Newspapers  
PO Box 5, Alexandra 3714.

Letters **must be 300 words or less**. We will not publish defamatory letters, or content which is offensive, threatening or containing personal attacks. Submitted letters may be edited before going to print.

All letters must contain writers name, address and contact number. (not necessarily for publication). Letters without these details supplied cannot not be published. Deadline for Letters to the Editor is 9am Monday.





## Weekly Weather

June 4 - June 10, 2025



Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

### Alexandra

DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	3	12
Thursday	1	13
Friday	4	12
Saturday	7	10
Sunday	6	10
Monday	5	10
Tuesday	6	11

### Yea

DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	3	12
Thursday	1	13
Friday	4	13
Saturday	7	11
Sunday	6	11
Monday	5	11
Tuesday	6	11



### DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra.....	2mm
Buxton.....	8.5mm
Eildon (AWS).....	4mm
Flowerdale.....	4mm
Jamieson.....	6mm
Kinglake.....	19mm
Lake Eildon.....	5mm
Mansfield.....	3mm
Taggerty.....	3mm
Yarck.....	3mm
Yea.....	1mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

### LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week.....	276.76m
Capacity as at 9am Monday.....	58.7%
Metres below full supply.....	12.1m
Daily inflow.....	250ML
Release.....	1450ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....	53%

## The Yea Chronicle

### DEADLINES

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

If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the office on  
**5772 1002** or  
[reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au)  
We thank you for your continued support



# Further drought support and farmer ESVF deferred, but is it enough?

*Continued from Front Page*

This will now be extended to all primary production properties, ensuring all farmers can focus fully on their drought response and recovery.

This will mean the ESVF variable rate on primary production properties will remain at 28.7, the same as it was in 2024-25, for the duration of the 2025-26 financial year. This reduced rate will be applied to rates notices for primary production properties automatically.

The government will also deliver a further package of support in the coming weeks, informed by a new Drought Response Taskforce. The Taskforce will include Treasurer and Minister for Regional Development Jaclyn Symes, Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence, Minister for Water Gayle Tierney, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria Michaela Settle, Nationals MP for Murray Plains Peter Walsh, President of the Victorian Farmers Federation Brett Hosking, Regional Cities Victoria Chair Cr Shane Sali, Rural Councils Victoria Deputy Chair Cr Kate Makin, Dr Susan Brumby from the National Centre for Farmers Health, CWA Victoria President Jenny Nola, stock agent representative Heath Templeton who is President of the Hamilton and District Stock Agents Association, NAB Executive for Regional and Agribusiness Khan Horne, and Robert Musgrove, General Manager, Corporate and Public Affairs at Bendigo Bank.

The taskforce will be chaired by the Premier and provide advice on further help for farmers, as well as broader support for impacted businesses and communities.

The taskforce's first meeting will be held this week, with a further package of support to be delivered as soon as possible.

Premier Jacinta Allan said, "The increasingly devastating effects of drought aren't confined by postcode or region. It's impacting farmers across Victoria. It's why we're expanding support statewide."

"The new taskforce will bring together Victorians from different communities, different backgrounds and different political parties. Most importantly, it'll be focused on delivering real relief for farming communities."

While the ESVF has been deferred for farmers across the next financial year, the ongoing impact of the tax is likely to be highly disruptive in regional communities when implemented in full.

THE Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) will take between \$2.2 million and \$3 million more from farmers annually in Murrindindi Shire than they were previously paying under the Fire Services Levy, based on property valuations for April 2025.

Under the former Fire Services Levy, which is now effectively in place for a further 12 months, a total of between \$1,591,786 and \$2,116,135 would have been charged

of farmers in Murrindindi Shire, based on valuation as of April 30.

Under the ESVF, a total of between \$3,800,696 and \$5,112,482 will be demanded from our farmers in Murrindindi Shire, once the deferral has expired.

Non-farm properties will also be charged under the ESVF, and this will remain the case in the next financial year, however farmers were being disproportionately burdened with an unfair variable rate.

It's understood that only seven per cent of the ESVF levy will go towards funding our volunteer services, including the CFA and SES. The remainder will go towards funding up to 95 per cent of the annual budgets for Triple Zero Victoria, Emergency Management Victoria (including the State Control Centre) and responsibilities for emergency management within the Department of Justice and Community Safety (including Emergency Recovery Victoria), and Forest Fire Management Victoria and its support functions within the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change.

These organisations were previously paid for through general revenue. As taxpayers, we were previously paying for these services, and yet there will be no reduction in our tax, so the government is not only hitting farmers particularly hard during a drought, the state government also double-dipping.

There are no refunds for the amount we were paying via general revenue, of course.

On May 16, the following questions were asked of Treasury: Given that only seven cents in the dollar raised through the ESVF is going to the volunteer services, why is the word 'volunteer' included in the name of the levy? Given that various organisations to be funded through the new levy were previously funded via consolidated revenue (including Triple Zero Victoria, the State Control Centre, Emergency Management Victoria, Emergency Recovery Victoria and Forest Fire Management Victoria and Fire Rescue Victoria), and given that Victoria has received a windfall increase in its share of GST revenue this year (up \$3.7 billion), will tax-payers be paying a reduced amount of tax (as this is now being paid for through the levy)? Or is this a double-dip on tax payers? How will the ESVF solve the issue of the 700 plus single cab tankers in the CFA, where volunteers are exposed to the conditions (including mid-winter snow, rain, and extreme heat) and have limited safety should there be a rollover or a burn over? How many of these will be replaced in the next year? [I note that a new heavy tanker costs around \$460,000]. How many low quality CFA stations be replaced through the levy? Why are farmers being targeted for higher levies than residential owners under the ESVF?

After much chasing, a response was finally received, which simply pointed us in the direction of the premier's drought support announcement.

# Draft Council Plan open for community consultation

MURRINDINDI Shire Council is inviting the community to have a final say on the draft Council Plan 2025–2029 and the updated Community Vision, following one of the most comprehensive engagement processes council has ever undertaken.

This is the third and final stage of community consultation before the documents are formally adopted in July 2025.

Over the past year, council has engaged in over 1000 conversations with community members about what matters most for the future of Murrindindi Shire, including the need for practical solutions, strong leadership, and a long-term vision that's grounded in local identity. This feedback has helped shape a bold yet practical roadmap that outlines how council will work toward the community's aspirations over the next four years and what our towns and shire should look and feel like over the next decade.

The council plan is organised around three clear strategic directions: A thriving and prosperous shire; healthy, inclusive and resilient communities; trusted leadership and sustainable services.

These directions respond directly to what the community told council: The need to plan growth carefully, protect rural character, maintain local roads and assets; strengthen local connections and wellbeing, build resilience to climate and economic shocks; and ensure council communicates clearly, listens actively, manages finances responsibly and delivers effective and reliable services.

The draft council plan sets the direction for council's work from 2025 to 2029. It outlines objectives and strategies that balance the need for growth, sustainability, and strong service delivery, while continuing to manage resources responsibly. It also outlines council's role in delivering services and advocating on behalf of the community, while highlighting the opportunities for partnership and collaboration, because achieving this vision will take everyone working together.

The refreshed 10-Year Community Vision paints a clearer, more meaningful picture of the future the community wants: A vibrant rural shire where everyone feels welcome, young people see a future, and the environment and identity are truly valued. It is a vision created by the community, in their own words, based on what they shared throughout the engagement process.

Mayor Damien Gallagher said the draft plan represents a true collaboration between council and the community and encourages everyone to take a few minutes to review the document and share their views.

"This council plan belongs to the people of Murrindindi and responds to the vision set by our community. It reflects the conversations we've had from cafes to town halls, about what's needed now, and what kind of future we want to build together," Mayor Gallagher said.

"We've heard clearly that the community wants council to stay focused, to be honest about the financial and service challenges we face and deliver with purpose. This is your opportunity to make sure we've got it right.

"This is your shire, and your voice matters. Help us finalise a plan that reflects your priorities and sets a strong direction for the years ahead."

A short survey is now open to all community members to help council confirm that the draft council plan reflects the priorities you shared. While the refreshed Community Vision has already been shaped by your input, this is your chance to check that the goals and strategies proposed align with what matters most to you.

Feedback closes Wednesday, June 25. To view the draft and complete the survey, visit: [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/councilplan2025-29](https://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/councilplan2025-29)

A summary of the community feedback will be published on The Loop and used to inform the final council plan and Community Vision, to be adopted by council in July.

## Bridging now to next this National Reconciliation Week

THIS year's National Reconciliation Week (NRW) theme, 'Bridging Now to Next', invites people to honour the journey of reconciliation. One that honours the past, embraces the present and builds for the future.

Inspired by the resilient native plants featured in this year's artwork by Kalkadoon woman Bree Buttenshaw, residents are reminded of the strength found in adversity and the possibilities of renewal.

At Murrindindi Shire Council, they are marking the week with a range of activities to reflect, learn and act. These include a staff low-key Lunch and Learn session featuring 'Going Places with

Ernie Dingo' highlighting Aboriginal-led education and a discussion facilitated by Mayor Damien Gallagher as well as participation in the wawa dharrang Cultural Immersion Experience.

Council is proud to support activities like boomerang painting at Yea Library. Drop in anytime during NRW to decorate your own boomerang and pick a book from the First Nations display to take home. No bookings needed and everything you need is provided.

For more information about this year's NRW, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/www.reconciliation.org.au/bridging-now-to-next-nrw-2025/](https://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/www.reconciliation.org.au/bridging-now-to-next-nrw-2025/)



**ALL HOURS**

- Alexandra • Yea
- Eildon • Marysville and districts

Offering a caring and professional service throughout the Murrindindi Shire  
A LOCAL, WHO KNOWS LOCAL NEEDS

Garnet Bailey 0417 346 214  
Chris Walsh 0407 194 037

**McCORMACK FUNERALS**

Inc. BAMFORDS Murrindindi  
21 Johnston Street, Alexandra

**1800 080 909**

Andrew, Robyn and Brooke

**Murrindindi Chapel and Funeral Home**

Caring & Professional 24 hour service, all areas

Obligation free appointments

Pre-paid, pre-arranged,  
personalised funeral and memorial services

[www.mccormackfunerals.com.au](http://www.mccormackfunerals.com.au)



**Darren Gilbert**

**open studio**

An open art studio of organic metal sculptures and pen & ink artworks of Australian animals.

**Sat. 7 and Sun. 8 June**

10.00am to 4.00pm each day  
5 Giffard Street, Yea. VIC. 3717  
or arrange another time 0421 378 451

**Open the first weekend of every month.**

Up to date Open Studio days & times on  
[www.monkeytaildesign.com](http://www.monkeytaildesign.com)

ADVERTISEMENT

**Cindy McLEISH MP**

STATE MEMBER FOR EILDON

 **CindyMcLeish.com.au**

 Shop 10, 38-40 Bell Street, Yarra Glen

 03 9730 1066  CindyMcLeishMP

 [cindy.mcleish@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:cindy.mcleish@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Authorised by Cindy McLeish MP, Shop 10, 38-40 Bell Street, Yarra Glen





RURAL Councils Victoria (RCV) has welcomed the establishment of a bipartisan Drought Response Taskforce, but warns more work is needed to support rural communities now.

Premier Jacinta Allan announced she will personally Chair the new Taskforce, which also includes Corangamite Mayor Kate Makin as a representative of Rural Councils Victoria.

Cr Makin (who is also the Deputy Chair of Rural Councils Victoria) described the taskforce as a positive step.

“The taskforce is a welcome acknowledgement that the drought is biting, it’s affecting huge swathes of Victoria and that more help is needed. The real test will be action. I’m hopeful the taskforce can help design further measures the Victorian Government will take to support rural communities.”

As part of today’s announcement, Victoria will spend an extra \$37.7 million helping



Alexandra Museum

and Steam Train Rides

OPEN this

Sunday June 8

10am to 3.30pm

7 Station Street,

Alexandra

All information can be found at:

 alexandratramway.org.au

 /alexandramuseum

or by contacting  0427 509 988

farmers though small cash grants and additional funding for financial counselling and mental health support.

The Victorian Government also confirmed it would pause the introduction of the flawed and unfair Emergency Servcices Volunteers Fund levy.

RCV Chair Rob Amos said this was a half-measure, but welcome all the same.

“The ESVF is a bad tax that will do great harm to rural communities. We would still like to see its full removal.”

“But delaying its implementation is very welcome.”

“It’s at least a sign the government has listened and is taking action to remove some immediate financial burdens from primary producers.”

Cr Amos said Rural Councils Victoria will work supporting the Taskforce and Ms Allan, to ensure the government delivers the extra support rural communities need.

“The government can’t make it rain, but we do expect it to adequately support rural communities through the tough times,” Cr Amos said.

WHAT'S ON?

Out&About

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

\*\*\*\*\*

Yea & District Memorial Hospital 2025 Scholarship Program applications open now. Details and application form can be found at [yeahospital.org.au](http://yeahospital.org.au), or contact Jacky Baynes on 5736 0412. Applications close June 15.

\*\*\*\*\*

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

At Yea Sale Cards free flu vaccinations for the farming community.

\*\*\*\*\*

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Garage sale 7 Aitken Street, Alexandra, Saturday only from 8am-3pm.

\*\*\*\*\*

Marysville Winterfest Burrengeen Park and Gallipoli Park from 2-8pm. Food vans, coffee, fire dancer, outdoor market and more.

\*\*\*\*\*

Alexandra Speedway this weekend, Saturday and Sunday. Racing starts 1pm

\*\*\*\*\*

both days. 100 lap derby, standard saloon cup, Sunday only; SSA junior sedans and more.

\*\*\*\*\*

Darren Gilbert Open Studio Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm both days or other times by appointment. 5 Giffard Street, Yea 0421 378 451.

\*\*\*\*\*

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

The 28th Alexandra Truck Ute and Rod Show. Live music, free entry, wood chopping, exhibition and trade displays, children’s amusements, plenty of food, trucks and rods.

COMMUNITY DIARY

Yea District Hospital

5736 0400

Non-emergency police assistance

131 444

EMERGENCY 000

Local Radio Frequency

UGFM 88.9 Yea / Highlands

UGFM 98.9 Flowerdale/Hazeldene

UGFM 94.5 Kinglake Ranges

MONTHLY COMMUNITY GROUPS

1<sup>st</sup> Mon St Luke’s Seniors, St Lukes Hall, Ph Jenny 0407 972 099

1<sup>st</sup> Thu Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057


2<sup>nd</sup> Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.

4<sup>th</sup> Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.

Last Fri Yea-Kinglake RSL, 11.30am RSL Hall, Ph 5796 9353

ALEXANDRA

NEWSPAPERS



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.

# Murrindindi Shire Council’s statement on the ESVF

MURRINDINDI Shire Council unanimously passed an urgent motion at its May 28, 2025 scheduled meeting, in response to ongoing community concern about the state government’s introduction of the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) levy and following the release of legal advice received by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV). This was prior to the announcement of limited support for Murrindindi Shire farmers, with a temporary deferral of the full implementation of the ESVF and drought

support funding of \$5000 matched dollar for dollar.

The shire’s statement says, “council acknowledges the significant cost-of-living impact this new state tax will have on households, businesses and rural landowners.

“The motion highlights council’s legal obligation to collect the levy as part of annual rates and the need to inform the community that unpaid ESVF charges will contribute to property rates debt. This isn’t something council can waive or avoid, and

it’s important the public understands the real financial implications.

“Legal advice shared this week by the MAV with councils across Victoria, confirms that councils are required to collect the ESVF as part of annual rates and charges and must proportionally allocate payments that do not cover the full amount. Councils are also legally prevented from issuing separate rate notices for the ESVF.

“Council also resolved to write to the Treasurer, Jaclyn Symes, requesting that the ESVF levy for primary producers in Murrindindi Shire be capped at the 2024–25 Fire Services Property Levy level for the 2025–26 year, in recognition of the severe drought conditions and the significant financial hardship that farmers are experiencing.

In presenting the urgent business to council, Deputy Mayor, Cr Anita Carr, said, “Small to medium farms, often spread across multiple titles, are facing significant increases with little ability to absorb the cost.

“The limited exemption for volunteers on their primary place of residence doesn’t go far enough. We need a fairer model, one that supports our emergency services without compromising the future of rural communities.”

Council said that they remain deeply concerned about the way this new state government levy has been implemented, particularly the pressure it places on rural communities.

“We all rely on emergency services, and we absolutely support the need to resource them properly,” Mayor Damien Gallagher said.

“But this levy shifts a state taxation burden onto local government and places an unfair financial load on our communities already doing it tough. Farmers across Murrindindi are dealing with prolonged dry conditions and skyrocketing operating costs, small businesses and individuals are already facing land tax increases, while young people and the elderly alike are facing cost of living challenges, so this additional levy is poorly timed and poorly targeted.”

Council said they will continue to advocate strongly for a more equitable and sustainable approach to funding emergency services.

Church Services

ST PETER’S MEMORIAL

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Cnr Bald Spur/Whittlesea Kinglake Rds,

Sunday Services, 8.30am Communion.

Minister: Rev. Ruwan Palapathwala

0458 113 099

ST LUKE’S ANGLICAN CHURCH

OF YEA

Sunday Service time 11am

Prayerful Reflection - held each Tuesday,

10am to 11am - all welcome

Father Mario Hendricks

Ph: 0435 953 777

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

Sunday Service 10.30am

Colin Whiteway

Ph 0457 340 525

UNITING CHURCH

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

Kinglake West. 9716 2330

Opposition calls the ESVF ‘cruel and unfair’

A JOINT press release from Leader of the Opposition Brad Battin, Shadow Treasurer James Newbury and Leader of the Nationals Danny O’Brien stated, “the Allan Labor Government has finally admitted that its emergency services tax is unfair after months of community outrage and sustained pressure from the Liberals and Nationals.

“Under the cover of a drought support announcement, Labor has quietly paused an increased emergency services tax on to farmers, a cruel and unfair tax hike that would have hit farmers during one of the driest seasons in years.

“However, the unfair tax will remain on all other Victorians and the partial pause will be removed in 12 months, leaving every recipient forced to pay the full force of the tax.

Leader of the Opposition Brad Battin said, “Jacinta Allan picked a fight with CFA volunteers and farmers, and she lost.

“After weeks of spin and denial, Labor has finally admitted what we’ve been saying all along, this was never about supporting emergency services. It was a desperate cash grab that hurt the very people who protect our communities. This is not leadership. This is political damage control.

“Farmers were rightly furious that in the middle of a drought they were being slugged with a 150 per cent increase in emergency service tax.”

Leader of the Nationals and Shadow Minister for Emergency Services, Danny O’Brien said the fight against this tax is not over. “Farmers get a one-year stay of execution but they shouldn’t be facing this massive tax slug in the first place. The only way to fix this issue is to scrap the tax altogether. Every single household and business in the state is still up for a massive doubling of their emergency services tax from July 1. This will hit every Victorian during a cost-of-living crisis and yet the budget papers show a cut in funding for our emergency services,” he said.

Shadow Treasurer, James Newbury, said the emergency services tax was always about plugging Labor’s budget black hole, not helping the CFA or SES. “Jacinta Allan has now admitted that her great big new tax is seriously unfair but has refused to fix it permanently. The only fix for this tax is to scrap it, which is what the Liberals and Nationals have committed to do. We also now know that the Budget surplus...is a total phoney.”





## Putting some bounce into the school day

ONE of Yea Primary School's House Sport activities recently was skipping with a long rope.

The students supported each other to have a go and it was great to see students challenging themselves. Well done to all.



## Working for you.

My office assists thousands of constituents with Centrelink, Medicare, NDIS, My Aged Care, telecommunications and immigration issues. If you need help with any Commonwealth service, please email, phone or visit my office.

**Helen Haines** MP

**Wangaratta:** 117 Murphy Street, Wangaratta | 03 5721 7077 79

**Wodonga:** High Street, Wodonga | 02 6024 6284

[helen.haines.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:helen.haines.mp@aph.gov.au) | [helenhaines.org](http://helenhaines.org) | [@helenhainesindi](https://www.facebook.com/helenhainesindi)

Authorised by Helen Haines, 117 Murphy St Wangaratta VIC 3677







Members from the Fourth 19 Regiment, Narbethong CFA, Victoria Police, and Ambulance Victoria. -MP



Lieutenant Colonel Duncan Monroe spoke about the army's role in different scenarios depending on who called for the assistance. -MP



The road block at Anderson Lane in Narbethong. -MP



The soldiers gathered together after the exercise. -MP



The briefing before the training exercise with the multi agencies at Narbethong Sawmill site. -MP



The debriefing following the training exercise. -MP

# Training exercise with a multi-agency approach

FROM Friday, May 30 to Sunday, June 1 the Fourth 19th Prince of Wales's Lighthorse - Australian Army undertook a weekend of training exercises to prepare for supporting Victoria Police and other emergency services. The main training exercise was held at Narbethong Sawmill in Narbethong on the Sunday.

Major Abdelsayed has been working on the planning for this training exercise since February. He said, "A lot goes on because this is considered a non-defence training area. We have to talk to council. We have to get permission to use public property. Talking with Victoria Police, talking with the ambos and CFA and SES. So there's a lot of moving parts to get everyone together."

Thirty-nine soldiers from the Fourth 19 Regiment camped out in the forest area in

Camp Spur in the Toolangi State Forest on Friday and then they camped out at the recreation reserve in Narbethong on Saturday.

Major Abdelsayed explained, "They were practicing their vehicle checkpoints. They were practicing their clearance search type activities. They didn't quite know what was happening today, but they were preparing to do this activity. So it's part of what we want to test with the culminating activity, that they use all that they've been trained in and done, and they bring it into a culminating activity to actually test it."

Over the weekend the Fourth 19th Regiment also held a recruiting stand in Marysville at Gallipoli Park.

"Community engagement is one aspect of this. That's really important. Being out with the community here in Narbethong

in Marysville. We had a recruiting stand in Marysville in the park. Also having a chance to connect with the multi agencies and networking with each other," Major Abdelsayed said.

Lieutenant Colonel Duncan Monroe said, "Just to reinforce that the activities like this give us an opportunity to practice the skills that the soldiers learn as cavalry soldiers as part of the Fourth Brigade. And it allows us to work with the community. We're grateful for their support to enable this activity this weekend and it reinforces the relationships with their emergency management partner stakeholders. That allows us to practice the skills that we develop in our training, so that we are always ready as required by Australia's Defence Force.

"The Fourth Brigade has a recent history with the region here because of the bushfires... And when the fires were the control agency during that period, we were one of the support agencies... A lot of the members from our regiment were in the region here supporting Marysville. The narrative from the locals was, thank you for your service. But they're not talking about people that went and served offshore. They were talking about members of the Fourth Brigade that came and helped a lot of the community here," Lieutenant Colonel Monroe said.

The main training exercise held on the Sunday was conducted well, with the Fourth 19th Regiment cordoned and contained the area so Murrindindi police officers could conduct a search type scenario with three offenders on site with the background of a civilian threat in the Toolangi State Forest.





Solicitor Lily Cox opened the forum on planning for positive ageing at Yea Shire Hall. -S



Andrew Langley from Murrindindi Shire Council spoke about accessing services. -S

## Local community gathers for Positive Ageing information session

A GROUP of local residents came together on Tuesday, May 20 at Yea Shire Hall for an engaging and informative community session focused on planning for positive ageing. The event was proudly hosted by Mal Ryan and Glen Solicitors in collaboration with Yea and District Memorial Hospital (YDMH) and Murrindindi Shire Council.

The session aimed to raise awareness around the importance of planning for the future, particularly in relation to legal, financial, and healthcare decisions. Topics covered included wills, estate management, the smooth transfer of assets between generations, care options

and costings, and how individuals can remain actively involved in decisions about their care and wellbeing as they grow older.

Solicitor Lily Cox opened the forum with a practical overview of essential legal documents, including Enduring Powers of Attorney, Medical Treatment Decision Makers, and the importance of having a valid will. Ms Cox also outlined the significant consequences of not having these documents in place and encouraged attendees to seek professional advice to ensure their wishes are protected.

The conversation was further enriched by YDMH staff, with Maria Collins highlighting the importance of Advance Care Directives, allowing individuals to clearly record their healthcare preferences should they lose the ability to make decisions for themselves. Sharyn Wedlock provided valuable information on aged care fees and charges for residential care, and Andrea Steele discussed home-based care options such as District Nursing and Community Care services.

Adding a local government perspective, Andrew Langley from Murrindindi Shire Council spoke about registering with My

Aged Care and accessing available services, while emphasising the important connection between legal planning and healthcare choices.

The session concluded with a lively Q&A segment, giving attendees the opportunity to ask specific questions and collect informational brochures and referral resources to support their planning journey.

For those unable to attend, both Mal Ryan and Glen Solicitors, Murrindindi Shire Council and Yea and District Memorial Hospital encourage community members to reach out for resources or to arrange a personal consultation.

## Seasonal road closures help keep motorists safe

VISITORS to Victoria's parks and forests are being reminded that temporary road and track closures will come into effect on Tuesday, June 10, following the King's Birthday long weekend.

The annual closures make it safer for motorists and reduce damage to remote roads impacted by heavy rain and snow.

Forest Fire Management Victoria, Parks Victoria, and the Conservation Regulator enforce seasonal closures between June and November annually.

Authorised officers will be educating visitors about the upcoming changes in busy parks and forests during the King's Birthday long weekend, followed by increased patrols and surveillance over the 2025 closure period.



Seasonal road closures will be in place from June 10. -S

Last year, there were more than 307 gate breaches, and over 700 instances of illegal vehicle use across Victoria's parks and forests.

In 2024, 140 infringement notices under the Conservation (Vehicle Control) Regulations were issued, including for driving cars or riding trail bikes illegally off-road or in restricted areas.

Offenders caught driving or riding on a closed road in Victoria's parks and forests face a maximum penalty of up to \$3846 if prosecuted in court.

Visitors are advised to check local road and track closures and weather conditions before heading into the great outdoors.

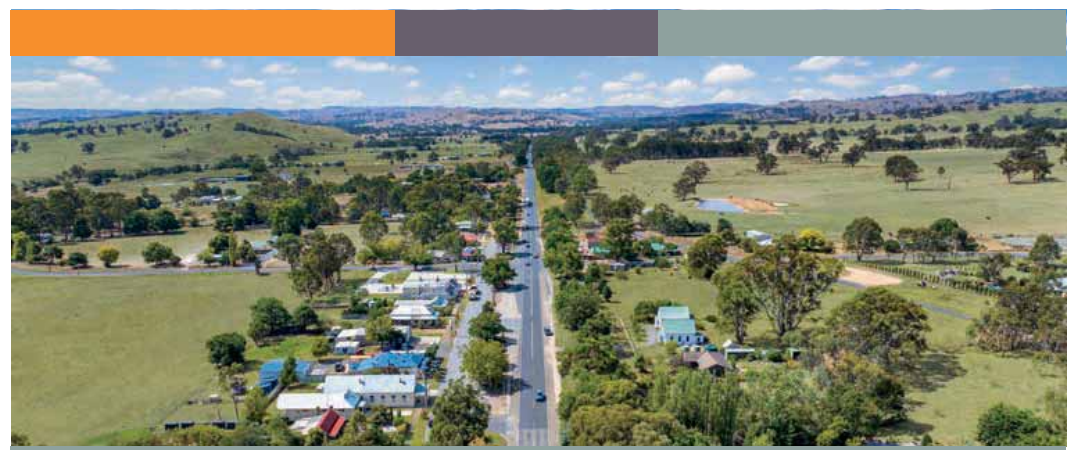
For more go to [ffm.vic.gov.au/permits-and-regulations/closures-of-parks-and-forests](http://ffm.vic.gov.au/permits-and-regulations/closures-of-parks-and-forests)

For emergency information, including severe weather alerts and warnings, download the VicEmergency app. Environmental crime can be reported to 136 186.

Chris Hardman, Chief Fire Officer at Forest Fire Management Victoria said, "We want visitors to enjoy our parks and forests during winter, however, please respect road closures. They are closed to help keep the community and emergency services personnel safe, and protect the road and track network from damage."

Kate Gavens, Chief Conservation Regulator said, "Driving in our forests can be fun, but it can also be destructive when done illegally and irresponsibly. Our Authorised officers regularly patrol parks and forests to make sure drivers are doing the right thing. Following vehicle rules and staying off closed roads helps to maintain healthy forests that will benefit everyone now and into the future."

Chris Mercier, Manager, Enforcement Capability, Parks Victoria said, "These closures are put in place to protect both visitors and the environment, particularly during wet periods when the roads can be especially dangerous. When people ignore seasonal road closures, it's not just a matter of breaking the rules, it leads to real and often costly damage."



## COUNCIL PLAN 2025-29 AND 10-YEAR COMMUNITY VISION

### Shaping a stronger Murrindindi Shire together.

Over the past year, Council has engaged in over 1,000 conversations with community members to shape a practical roadmap for Murrindindi Shire's future. The Council Plan focuses on three strategic directions: a thriving Shire, healthy communities, and trusted leadership.

These directions address community needs like careful growth planning, rural character protection, local connections, resilience building, and effective services. Our 10-year Community Vision reflects shared hopes and requires strong collaboration.

Thank you to everyone who contributed. We now seek your feedback on the draft Council Plan to ensure it aligns with your priorities.

Read the draft and provide feedback at

[theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/councilplan2025-29](http://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/councilplan2025-29)

Feedback closes **Wednesday 25 June 2025.**



## Student of the Week

Proudly supported by Yea & District **Community Bank®** Branch



## SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Congratulations to Chet, Blake and Mason, winners of the Values Award for week five.

Well done on being respectful, responsible and resilient.

## Student of the Week

Proudly supported by  
Kinglake branch



## Cultural dinner for Yea Rotary members

THE Rotary Club of Yea enjoyed a Japanese/Thai three-course meal last Thursday night to raise money to assist people in Thailand to be buried with dignity.

Yea Rotary member Tippy Anderson and Japanese exchange student Haru Tanaka worked together to prepare the dinner.

Haru made the first course, miso soup, and then members enjoyed curry with rice and sticky rice and ice-cream for dessert.

A raffle was held for various prizes, including a tote bag, Thai scarves and local wine. Over 40 people attended the evening.



*A group photo of organisers of the dinner and Yea Rotary members. -S*



*The tote bag that was raffled off on the night. -S*



*Rotary Club of Yea President Penny Paxman displaying the prizes on offer from the raffle. -S*



*David Anderson resplendent in bright colours for the cultural dinner. -S*



*Japanese exchange student Haru Tanaka with Yea Rotary members. -S*



# Sacred Heart School head to the big smoke

MELBOURNE'S busy laneways, trams, skyscrapers, and hidden green spaces became the ultimate classroom for the year three and four students from Sacred Heart School in Yea last week, as they stepped out of their familiar country surroundings for an unforgettable urban camp experience.

The three-day adventure was packed with hands on learning opportunities, confidence-building activities, and a deep dive into the diverse cultural and environmental heart of the city.

"It's all about giving students a taste of what urban life is like, how it moves, how people live and work together, and the many stories a city can tell," said one teacher. "We want our students to come away from camp with a greater sense of independence, curiosity, and a stronger connection to the wider world."

From navigating public transport to exploring iconic sites like the Melbourne Museum, IMAX theatre, The Block Arcade, and the MCG, students were constantly on

the move, walking, observing, and recording their experiences like true city explorers.

A highlight for many of the students was the visit to the Melbourne Zoo while others were captivated by the street art trails and the behind-the-scenes tour at the State Netball and Hockey Centre.

The camp also focused on sustainability and respectful urban living. Students discussed waste reduction, public space etiquette, and the importance of green areas in city environments.

Back at school, the students have been busy reflecting on their experience through writing, photography, and discussions. "It was amazing but also a little scary at first," said one year four camper.

"The city is so big and loud, but now I feel like I understand it more."

As students unpack their memories and city sketches, one thing is clear: their world has grown a little bigger and so have they.



Some lucky students even visited the Lego Star Wars exhibition. -S



The students stayed at Urban Camp. -S



The students at Butterfly House. -S

## Freshwater crayfish worth rugging up for this winter

RECREATIONAL fishers are being encouraged to get into the great outdoors during winter and catch a Murray spiny freshwater crayfish after the three-month season opened on June 1.

Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) Chief Executive Officer Travis Dowling said the prized freshwater species could be caught in northern and north-east Victoria and were great fun for fishers of all ages and experience levels.

"One great thing about catching crays is you don't need heaps of gear. A piece of steak on a length of string or a labelled hoop net will do the job," Mr Dowling said.

"Many families have great memories of winter weekends catching crays, which are perfect to enjoy around the campfire with loved ones or can be released to stay at liberty.

"It's important to know how to measure crays correctly, from just behind the eye socket to the rear of the carapace, which is the main body shell. The legal size

range of 10 to 12 centimetres helps keep large, breeding females in the system to produce offspring for years to come."

In good news for the treasured native species, a study funded by recreational fishing licence fees has found wild populations across 17 sites in north-east Victoria remain in strong shape.

Researchers from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's Arthur Rylah Institute (ARI) and Nature Glenelg Trust surveyed the locations using hoop nets and found only minor changes from a similar study undertaken in 2016.

VFA recreational fisheries manager Dr Taylor Hunt said the assessment compared the abundance, size and sex ratio of freshwater crays caught in the two surveys and showed their numbers remaining steady.

"There were increases in the Goulburn River around Shepparton and the Wodonga Creek, slight reductions in the Goulburn at

Murchison, Mitchellstown and Seymour and very little to no change in the Ovens, Kiewa and Mitta Mitta rivers," he said.

"This is good news and suggests our existing fishing rules are balancing fishing opportunities for recreational anglers with the right level of protection for a really important native species.

"We're also working with ARI to produce Murray spiny freshwater craylings at our Snobs Creek conservation hatchery, which will further bolster numbers in these spots and more."

Key rules for Murray spiny freshwater crayfish include the 10 to 12cm 'slot limit', a daily bag limit of two crays and statewide possession limit of four per person at any one time.

For more information, grab a free Recreational Fishing Guide from a tackle store, download the free VicFishing app or head to [vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingguide](http://vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingguide)

## Understand the risk of your home flooding

A FREE, local resource that provides residents with information about where water may spread to in a flood is available via the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (CMA) website.

The Goulburn Broken Community Flood Intelligence Portal details the possible water levels that might be reached at individual properties across a range of flood scenarios.

Goulburn Broken CMA Chief Executive Officer, Carl Walters, said the portal was a community resource developed in partnership with the CMA and six municipal councils to improve the flood resilience of the region's people, property, infrastructure and environment.

"We live in a floodplain, so like bushfires, we should always be prepared with a plan in advance. Floods can happen at any time of the year so it's important to be ready and vigilant," Mr Walters said.

"We really encourage everyone to go to this site and access the information that tells them if their property is at risk of flooding and at what point their home or business may start to get floodwater in it.

"That way people are ready in advance of flooding and when flood warnings are issued, the warning will mean something to them."

The portal includes flood information within the areas of Greater Shepparton, Strathbogie, Moira, Mitchell, Murrindindi and Benalla councils.

Mr Walters said the portal provided flood maps and information within floodplain areas, down to a property scale, to assist with planning for future floods.

"The portal also includes general Goulburn Broken region flood information such as minor, moderate and major flood level categories, links to Bureau of Meteorology flood gauge data, contacts, planning and development requirements and flood definitions," he said.

"Following the major flooding experienced across the region in October 2022, residents are much more aware of the importance to prepare in advance for potential flooding and this site is one tool available to them for that."

Access the Goulburn Broken Community Flood Intelligence Portal at [my.floodreport.com.au/gbcm/](http://my.floodreport.com.au/gbcm/)



# KID'S PUZZLES PUZZLES

**SOLUTIONS**  
Page 19

## Colouring Page



## Word Search

F P L P E G H A Q X G M G G E  
T E Z M V S T C N I B O O G R  
F W B U O Y E E A I O R A D H  
G O A T S G G N U D G B L N T  
A Y G D P A T R B N R R P K M  
H O J G H L F Y E A W X O P O  
D N G K E L E U G G V R S E W  
D D E A S O F I Q L O Z T C G  
K Q B D J P G G E N E R O U S  
S E P A R G D R T M Z W Y P U  
R N J M P A V L A B O L G F L  
U E D Y B R G J I P Q E V H D  
J E Y V B B A W O J H G N P I  
V R Q D Z B L K C L J Y W Z Z  
P G E P O U Y U Q X M W K O W

### Words starting with "G"

GALLOP GLOBAL  
GARBAGE GOALPOST  
GARDEN GOATS  
GENEROUS GOODBYE  
GEOGRAPHY GRAPES  
GEORGINA GREEN  
GIANT GREGORY

## Math Square

5	-		+		12
-		+		-	
	+	8	-		13
-		-		+	
	-		-		-8
-4		6		15	

### 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.

## Jokes

**Knock knock!**  
**Who's there?**  
**Spell!**  
**Spell who?**  
**Okay, W-H-O.....**

**Q: What do you give a sick lemon??**  
**A: Lemon-aid**

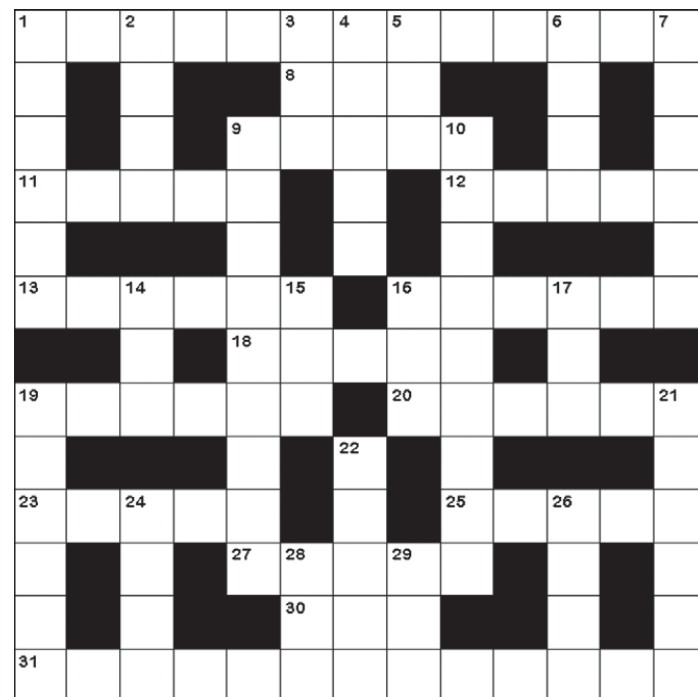
## Crossword

### ACROSS

- Established as genuine.
- Make a mistake.
- Not salty, sour or bitter.
- The fur of a rabbit.
- Black hornless beef cattle.
- Devastate and destroy.
- Tiny reptile with two pair of legs.
- Looked at with wonder.
- Vehicle equipped for camping.
- A great shortage.
- Long barrelled firearm.
- Garden tool for cutting grass.
- Lace place under a dish or bowl.
- Unidentified Flying Object.
- Broken into fragments.

### DOWN

- A fisherman who uses a hook and line.
- A device for capturing.
- Never been used.
- Hikes through mountainous areas.
- Strong angry feelings.
- A small thin branch.
- Wet thoroughly.
- Laughed quietly and secretively.



- The art of stuffing and mounting animals.
- Exuberant vigour and energy.
- The organ of hearing.
- Guided the way.
- A distinctive quality.
- Cured in brine.
- A person who announces important news.
- A cutting blade.
- A petty quarrel.
- Where the sun sets.
- Not at home.
- A written record of events.

## Word Search

Y H O J G I P A M G U W W T M  
T H O M A S F L X A J R O D C  
P I L L I H P E A U I F G S A  
F J W D Z R P X D P L L G T G  
I O N D P R O A E A R N L U Z  
P N O Q Z G A N K O V M U I O  
T A R L Y E U D B P A I M O W  
S T E P H E N E K H F A D P Q  
I H M X A Y R R A X T P U Y K  
G A A A G T G R J H I A A C L  
A N C T D H G Z E D R A W D E  
V U A N N N C W B T H H R C W  
Z G K F Z Q W L Y R W J N N X  
Q L O G C K A S I W G F Z V L  
C H Y I E G L O U Z E Z H U N

### Boys names

ALEXANDER MATHEW  
CAMERON PHILLIP  
DAVID ROBERT  
EDWARD STEPHEN  
GRAHAM THOMAS  
JONATHAN WILLIAM

## Sudoku

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

### Difficulty: Very 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.

## Cryptogram

### Boys names

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
19								

J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
				20				

S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
21	17						

**S N** **S** **A N**  
21 20 26 2 21 19 20 13

**S N A** **S** **A N**  
21 20 19 26 14 21 19 20 13

**2 8 2 2 4** **13 24 1**

**T A** **S**  
17 19 26 14 21

## Math Square

	+		x		17
+		+		x	
5	+		+		18
+		-		+	
3	x		-		23
17		1		25	

### 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.





# KING'S BIRTHDAY Long Weekend



## Winterfest: A festival of fire and ice

WINTERFEST offers an exciting welcome to winter in Marysville, offering family entertainment and attractions to celebrate the opening of the snow season.

The fun will begin with an outdoor market in Gallipoli Park and lantern-making workshops in Burengeen Park. Local emergency response teams will display their expertise in hourly demonstrations, and mini golf and best snowman competitions will keep the younger visitors amused, and mulled wine around the fire pits.

As darkness falls, the lantern parade will head around the lake, towards the oval, where Karina the Fire Dancer will be waiting to

amaze onlookers. Gypsy band 'Szara Fox and the Midnight Secrets' will get the crowd onto their feet with their brand of exciting music.

Entry is free, with fun, food and entertainment ahead for locals and visitors alike.

Make your own lantern from 2 to 5pm then enjoy the lantern parade at 5.30pm at Burengeen Park. There will be a great variety of food and drinks at Gallipoli Park at the outdoor market.

Marvel at the fire dancer and dance to the exciting music of Szara Fox and the Midnight Secrets at Gallipoli Park.

## lakemountain

ALPINE RESORT

SNOW SEASON  
OPENING  
WEEKEND

RESORT  
UPDATE

Join us on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 to celebrate the opening of the 2025 season.



A young Winterfest attendee with her lantern. -S

## ALEXANDRA

### Speedway

Home of the 100 Lap Derby & 3 Hour Enduro

## Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th June 2025

### 100 Lap Derby Standard Saloon Cup

SSA Junior Sedans (Sunday only)

### GATE PRICES

FAMILY (2 ADULTS & 3 CHILDREN)	\$150
ADULTS	\$60
AGED & DISABILITY PENSION	\$30
CHILDREN (10-16YRS)	\$30
CHILDREN (UNDER 10)	FREE

*Gordon Street, Alexandra*

NEXT TO GOLF COURSE

## RACING STARTS AT 1PM BOTH DAYS

www.alexandraspeedway.org.au

## MARYSVILLE WINTERFEST

fire & ice

2pm-8pm

FOOD VANS  
COFFEE

OUTDOOR  
MARKET

LANTERN  
WORKSHOP

FIRE  
DANCER

Celebrate Snow Season Opening

SATURDAY 7 JUNE 2025

BURRENGEEN PARK & GALLIPOLI PARK • MARYSVILLE

marysvillecommunitycentre.com.au

LIVE  
MUSIC

LOCAL  
EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE TEAMS  
DISPLAYS



# KING'S BIRTHDAY Long Weekend

## More to explore for motor vehicle enthusiasts

THE Museum of Vehicle Evolution (MOVE) in Shepparton opened its doors some 14 years ago in 2011, providing various exhibitions for motor vehicle enthusiasts.

Whether that be cars, trucks, buses, or motorbikes, MOVE's collections focus on the history and evolution of transportation.

Highlights of the collection include the Kenworth Dealer Truck Pavilion, Garth Wallace Harley Davidson Collection, Farren Bicycle Collection, Loel Thomson

Costume Collection, Clayton Gramophones, Telephones, and Radios, The Furphy Museum, and the Classic Bus Collection.

This wide variety of displays include detailed narratives that guide the viewer through the history and celebrates the innovation that led to these technological marvels.

More information about the Museum of Vehicle Evolution can be found on their website, at [moveshepparton.com.au](http://moveshepparton.com.au)



The Kenworth Dealer Truck Pavilion at the Museum of Vehicle Evolution (MOVE) in Shepparton. -S

# VICTORIAN HOT ROD & STREET MACHINE SHOW

## 2025

**MELBOURNE SHOW GROUNDS**  
B1 Exhibition Pavilion  
Saturday 30th &  
Sunday 31st August  
10AM to 5PM Daily

**ADMISSION**  
Adults: \$30.00 U/16 Free  
Buy Your Tickets online at  
**VHRA.com.au**

# MOVE

MUSEUM OF VEHICLE EVOLUTION

**Open 7 Days**  
**10am-4pm**

7717 GV Highway, Kialla **03 5823 5833**  
[www.sheppartonmotormuseum.com.au](http://www.sheppartonmotormuseum.com.au)

**23RD AUGUST 2025**

# Trangie

TRUCK & TRACTOR Show

SHOW N SHINE	LIVE MUSIC
TRACTOR PULL	MARKET STALLS
SPEED SHEAR	BARREL RACE
ADDA DERBY CHAMPIONSHIPS	KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

**Narromine** SHIRE COUNCIL

**PUSH IT, TOW IT, DRAG IT!**

**PROUDLY SPONSORED BY**

**WWW.TRANGIETRUCKANDTRACTOR.COM.AU**

**INLAND TRUCK CENTRES**

**Inland Petroleum**

# Alexandra 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRUCK LIFE & ROD SHOW

Drawn Sunday 8th June 2025 at 3.30pm from main stage situated in Grant Street, Alexandra VIC 3714. Limit of 2,000 tickets available for sale.

[www.alexandratruckshow.com.au](http://www.alexandratruckshow.com.au)

# RAFFLE

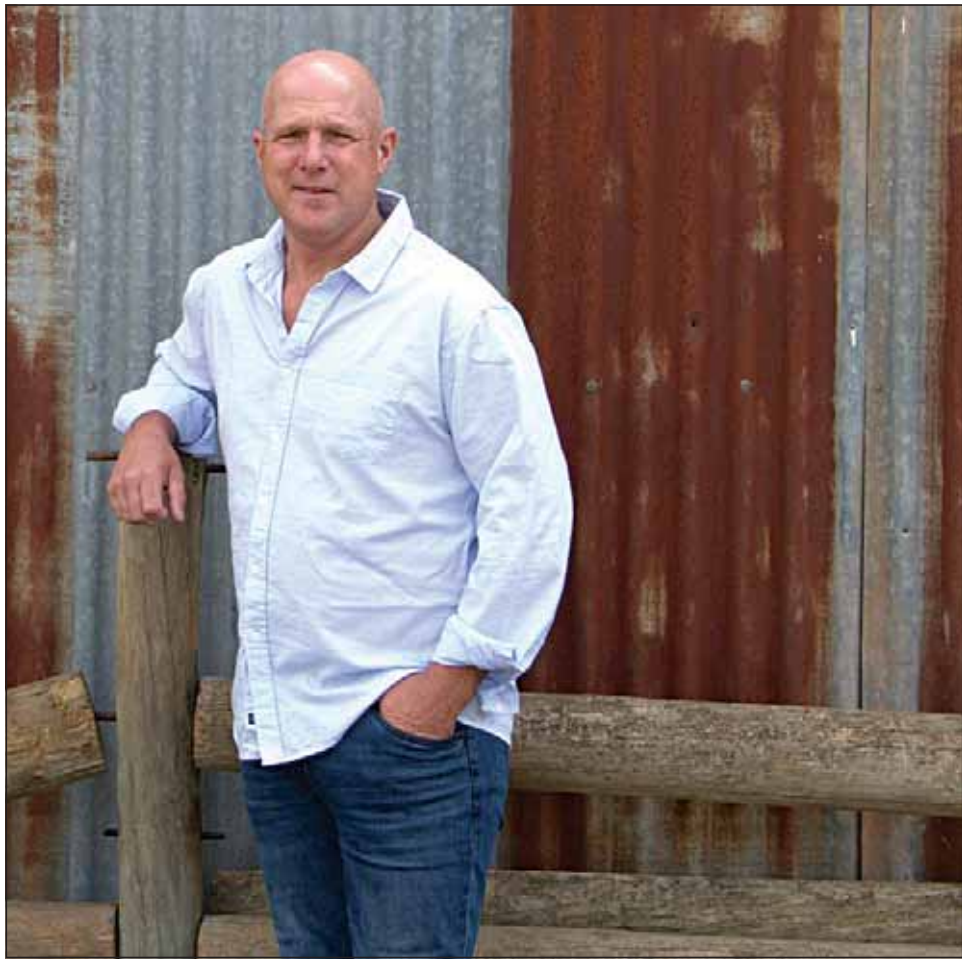
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE</b> \$1,000 FoodWorks Voucher & \$1,000 Ampol Fuel Voucher FoodWorks Alexandra, Simpson's Fuel	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE</b> \$1,000 Voucher Local Businesses	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE</b> \$500 Voucher Thornton Butcher & Deli
--	---	--

**\$500 per ticket**

**Simpson's** **FOODWORKS Alexandra** **THORNTON BUTCHERS & DELI**



# KING'S BIRTHDAY Long Weekend



Warren Davies. -S

## Truck show ambassador: The Unbreakable Farmer

WARREN Davies, The Unbreakable Farmer, is set to be this year's Alexandra Truck, Ute and Rod Show ambassador.

Warren Davies is not just an average farmer. There is more to him than meets the eye. His eventful life has tested his resilience, persistence and determination. These events had a massive impact on his young family, relationships and finances, but this has made Warren who he is today, The Unbreakable Farmer.

He empathetically engages with individuals and organisations by sharing the journey of piecing his life back together, and the vast array of life lessons he learnt along the way.

He purchased his first farm aged 22, however the harsh reality of being a farmer soon became very evident: high interest rates, low commodity prices, floods and drought. All these had an impact, but most significantly, on his mental health. It had a massive impact on his young family, relationships, and of course, his finances, culminating with the decision to basically walk off the farm.

He searched for a better way. He began his journey of piecing his life back together, and the road has been long. He speaks about resilience, persistence, determination, leadership and wellbeing. These are relevant to people of all ages and backgrounds, from all communities.

## Healthy Heads Foundation at the truck show

HEALTHY Heads in Trucks and Sheds Foundation is an organisation dedicated to improving mental health and wellbeing in all aspects of Australia's transport industry.

Representatives from the foundation will be speaking at the Alexandra Truck, Ute and Rod Show dinner, and they will also be hosting a stall at the event.

Healthy Heads in Trucks and Sheds focus on providing tailored support and initiatives,

to keep the warehousing, logistics and road transport sectors healthy and improve wellbeing.

The foundation was established by Australia Post, Coles, Linfox, Toll, Ron Finemore Transport, Woolworths Group and QUBE, to improve psychological and physical health for the industry.

For more information about the foundation, visit [healthyheads.org.au/about-us/](http://healthyheads.org.au/about-us/)



The Healthy Heads in Trucks and Sheds truck, Kenny the Kenworth. -AR

### Emergency Towing Services:

- Accident and Smash Vehicle Towing Services
- Road Side Assistance
- Insurance Recovery Towing
- Break down Towing Services
- 4WD Recovery and Towing Services
- Motorbike Recovery and Towing services
- Trade Towing Services
- Farm Equipment Towing
- Truck Recovery and Towing Services
- Trade Towing Services
- Company Fleet Towing services
- Special Vehicle Towing

**YEA & DISTRICT TOWING**  
**0428 390 544**  
*"if you have a bingle give us a tingle"*



24 hour / 7 days a Week

[yeatowing.com.au](http://yeatowing.com.au)  
Yea and District Towing



54 Grant St Alexandra  
03 5772 3110  
[www.emblingrural.com.au](http://www.emblingrural.com.au)

YOUR LOCALLY OWNED RURAL STORE

DIRECTOR AYDEN EMBLING P 0427 924 944 E [ayden.e@emblings.com.au](mailto:ayden.e@emblings.com.au)  
CLEARING SALES ANDREW EMBLING P 0418 266 038 E [andrew.e@emblings.com.au](mailto:andrew.e@emblings.com.au)  
MERCHANDISE NICOLE MARSHALL P 0455 625 225 E [nicole.m@emblings.com.au](mailto:nicole.m@emblings.com.au)  
RURAL MERCHANDISE | CLEARING SALES



### TRUCK SHOW WEEKEND

- Saturday 7 June 8am-12pm
- Sunday 8 June 8.30am-4pm

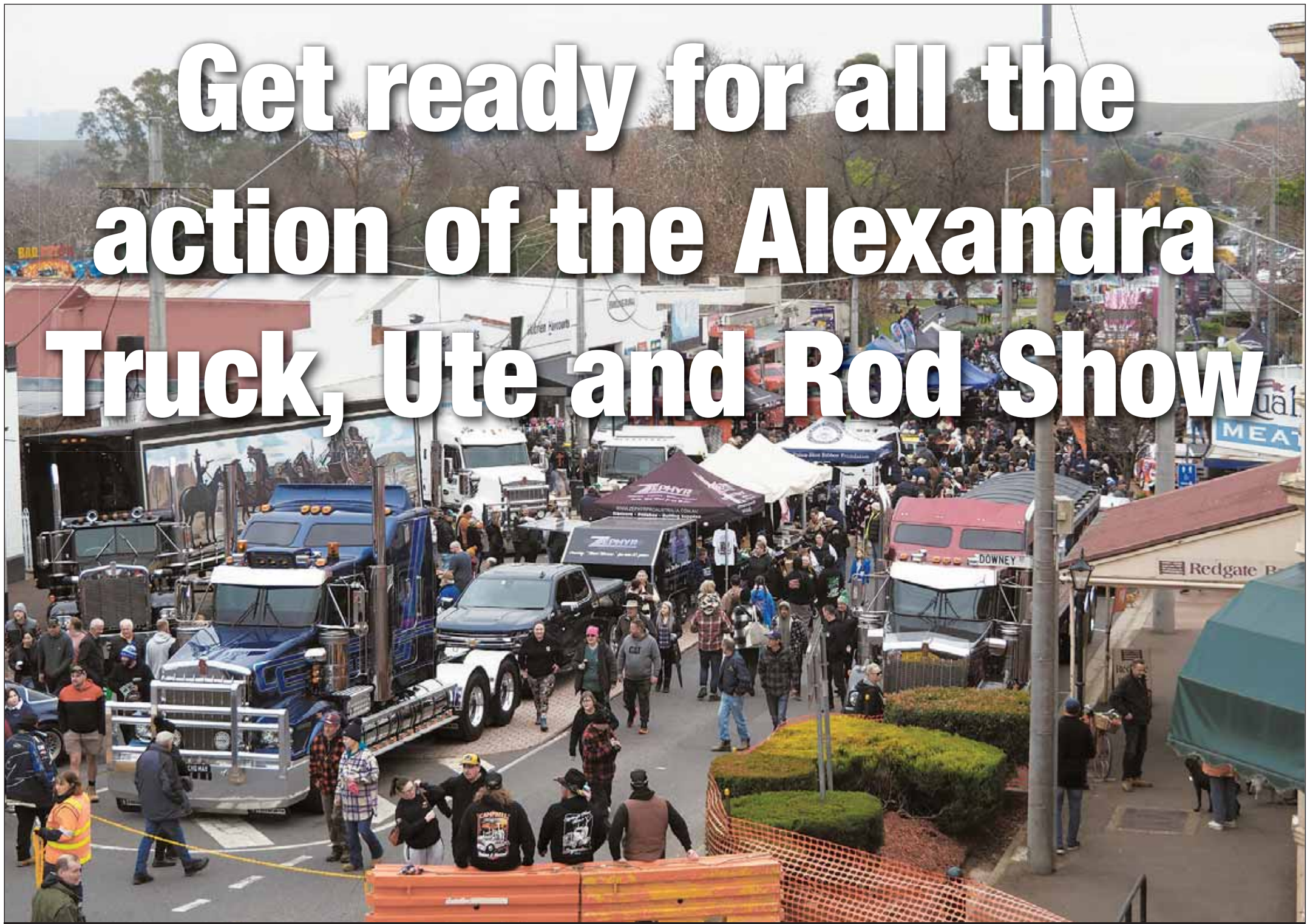


Come in and check out all our other specials!



# KING'S BIRTHDAY Long Weekend

## Get ready for all the action of the Alexandra Truck, Ute and Rod Show



Some of the crowd at the 2024 truck show. -AR

THE Alexandra Truck Ute and Rod Show is back for the King's Birthday long weekend.

Gordon Simpson, one of the organisers, said, "The truck show memorial is at 2pm

on the Saturday, then that leads into a dinner at the Alexandra Shire Hall. It's a chance to meet and mingle with the sponsors and

some other people, and to help our Alexandra Events Foundation.

"This year we're going to try to get some money to get a caravan for the Yea Hospital," he said. This will be used as a mobile medical unit.

"On the Sunday things will start nice and early. We've got a fair few trucks organised, in fact we've got a road train with two big trailers coming in to be right on the bridge, one of our sponsors. That was built for the recent truck show two weeks ago. They're going to clean it up and bring it down for the truck show.

"We can't do this event without our sponsors. That's the main thing to get across, if we don't have people supporting us, we wouldn't have a show.

Council recently approved a three year sponsorship plan, which will save the organisers from going back every year and asking council for money.

"It probably costs us \$80,000 to \$90,000 to put the truck show on," Gordon said. "A

lot of volunteer hours. A lot of money to pay for toilets and we've got to pay for people to put up signs and control the streets and stuff like that. We've got a fair few new costs this year that we've got to cover. Because we run a free event, that's why we need sponsors, to help cover the event. And that's why we sell raffle tickets, to help pay for it."

The auction will be held at 2pm, in the familiar format. The performers will include Andrew Swift and Billie-Jo Porter.

Gordon is expecting the truck show to be "On a par with other years. We never know until the day, or what the weather is like, how many utes or rods we get. There's a lot of trucks coming, a lot of big companies talking about coming down to support us."

The wood chop will be the same as normal, with the timber coming from a private plantation near Ballarat.

"We've got Warren Davies coming too, The Unbreakable Farmer, he'll be back with us this year. He's our truck show ambassador," Gordon said.

### Alexandra Tyrepower

42a Aitken Street, Alexandra  
Ph 5772 3456

GET THE POWER OF

# BIG BRANDS

AT LOWER PRICES

Servicing, roadworthies and Century batteries

 Tyrepower

**SimpsonS**  
FUEL

Contact us to arrange your bulk fuel delivery -  
[www.simpsonsfuel.com.au](http://www.simpsonsfuel.com.au)  
03 57721205

We are your local bulk fuel distributor servicing Mansfield,  
Alexandra and across North East Victoria.  
Supplying quality fuels with great service to your farm or business.





## Why do dam repairs often fail?

by Clem Sturmfels, Land Management Extension Officer

AS dry conditions continue across Victoria, many farmers may be considering repairing leaking or failed dams to increase on-farm water storage capacity once it rains.

Dam repairs are often high-risk, expensive, and should only be undertaken when the cause of failure and repair options are well understood. Repairs should only be attempted on larger, well-constructed dams.

Understanding the dam's history, such as who built it, what equipment was used, and how it has performed, is essential before any work begins. Poor construction, unsuitable materials, inadequate compaction, and soil contamination are among the most common causes of dam failure. While poor maintenance can contribute, it is rarely the primary factor.

Diagnosing the cause of dam failure can be complex. It is important to determine whether the leak is through the wall or floor of the dam, and whether it is isolated or widespread. Thorough inspections should ideally be carried out across multiple seasons, including winter, spring, and summer.

Where possible, landholders should: Inspect the dam bank for seepage, subsidence, cracks, or tunnels; check the waterline for whirlpools or surface turbulence; examine downstream areas for soft ground or lush vegetation, indicating seepage; use a steel probe or crowbar to test soil firmness in suspect areas; watch for unusual signs such as bright yellow or very clear water, which may indicate tunnelling or unsuitable soil; monitor and photograph the site regularly to track changes in water levels or visible issues; inspect the dam after heavy rain to identify potential problems; carefully examine any breach in the dam wall, looking for signs of unsuitable materials like sand, gravel or topsoil.

Soil testing is a crucial part of any repair effort. Testing should include samples from the failure site and surrounding areas, as well as any potential borrow pits. Basic soil assessments, including texture, aggregate stability, and shrinkage, can be undertaken by landholders using simple guidelines available on the Agriculture Victoria website: Soil materials for farm dam construction.

Repair options depend on the location, cause, and severity of the failure. Solutions may include reworking existing materials,

sourcing suitable material nearby, or using additives like lime, gypsum, bentonite, or specialised products such as sealants or membranes. Expert advice should always be sought before using manufactured products, as locally sourced materials are often more effective.

Dam repair works usually involve: Excavating the site for safe machinery access; preparing the foundations to optimise bonding; ensuring repair materials are moist and placed in layers not exceeding 100mm; compacting each layer with multiple passes of a padfoot roller; ensuring the total depth/width of repair materials exceed 300mm; shaping final slopes to a maximum gradient of 3:1 (horizontal:vertical).

Repairing dams also present significant health and safety risks, including unstable soil, steep slopes, machinery hazards, and exposure to dust. All works should be carried out by qualified and experienced personnel, and safety protocols must be in place, including reliable emergency communication.

Permits or licences may be required to undertake dam repairs. Landholders are encouraged to contact their local council planning officer and water authority for guidance.

## Managing deer on private property

WITH winter fast approaching, now is the time of year when deer move around the most. Deer are known to cause significant damage to land, especially to farms, destroying gardens, crops, fences and potentially carrying diseases.

For owners of private property, understanding the rules and regulations of how to manage deer on your land is essential.

In 2021, classifications were changed to say that all deer species, except for Hog Deer, are now unprotected on private land if they are causing damage.

The factors for deer causing damage are specified by way of a Governor in Council Order under section 7A of the *Wildlife Act 1975*. They include "causing damage or injury to landowners' property, infrastructure (e.g. fences), vegetation (e.g. plantations, pasture, orchards) or livestock".

Before the changes in 2021, deer causing damage on private property could only be destroyed by landowners holding an Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW)

permit, or by bringing in licensed deer hunters.

With all but Hog Deer being listed as unprotected, landowners, their managers, permanent employees or agents may destroy problem deer. Any of the people listed may use a spotlight when destroying deer on private property.

According to the *Wildlife Act 1975* however, "any person destroying, or in the pursuit of destroying, deer on a landowner's property must carry written permission signed and dated by the landowner of that property".

The rules from the *Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024* still apply when transporting spotlights and firearms through recognised deer habitat, and there are a number of rules around approved firearms and calibres and projectile weights.

More information can be found on the Game Management Authority website, at [gma.vic.gov.au/hunting/deer/where-to-hunt/fact-sheets/controlling-problem-deer-on-private-property](http://gma.vic.gov.au/hunting/deer/where-to-hunt/fact-sheets/controlling-problem-deer-on-private-property)

## VFF unveils targeted drought framework to support farmers and rural communities

VICTORIAN Farmers Federation (VFF) President Brett Hosking recently unveiled a comprehensive and scalable drought response framework designed to deliver timely, targeted support to farmers and regional communities battling prolonged dry conditions.

"Our farmers are doing it tough. With rainfall in some regions falling below the 10th percentile for months on end, we need a clear plan that delivers help where and when it's needed most," Mr Hosking said.

The VFF's framework, developed in consultation with Agriculture Victoria and submitted to the Victorian Government, reflects months of policy engagement with the Victorian Agriculture Minister.

It outlines a three-tiered approach to drought support that is evidence-based and ready to implement. Measures include infrastructure and reseedling grants, municipal rate relief, water security initiatives, and dedicated mental health services. The model is built on

empirical climate triggers to ensure support is equitable, transparent and responsive to escalating conditions.

It comes as VFF President Brett Hosking gets ready to meet directly with Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan to discuss the request this week.

"We've got the Premier's ear and now it's time to deliver for regional communities who are really struggling," Mr Hosking said.

"This isn't just about handouts. This is about keeping rural communities on their feet, safeguarding food production, and making sure that no farming family feels like they have to go it alone."

The framework also urges the state government to address longer-term strategic barriers, including the relaxation of pest control restrictions, improved freight access for fodder transport, and the fast-tracking of critical pipeline infrastructure projects.

"Drought doesn't just affect paddocks. It affects people. That's why our framework includes support for kids to keep playing sport, families to stay connected, and farmers to access the mental health care they need," Mr Hosking said.

Mr Hosking welcomed recent public interest in supporting farmers and called for a whole-of-government approach involving state and federal leadership.

"We are also calling on the Victorian Premier, the Prime Minister, and both the State and Federal Agriculture Ministers to visit drought-affected communities in Victoria. It is vital that leaders see first-hand what these communities are experiencing in order to understand the challenges and identify how they can best support them."

"We're ready to work with all levels of government to implement this framework. With the right plan and the right partnerships, we can get through this together," Mr Hosking said.

FREE Health Checks for the FARMING COMMUNITY

Yea & District MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Murrindindi Shire Council

VICTORIA State Government

Australian Government

YEA SALEYARDS

Friday 6 June 2025

FREE Flu Vaccinations

JUNE PHOTO COMPETITION

Submit your photo competition entry for JUNE, for your chance to win a \$50 voucher from *Dindi Country Clothing* in Alexandra. The JUNE theme is **'anything you chose' (in Murrindindi shire)**.

Sponsored by

Email your photo and contact details to [manager@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:manager@alexandranewspapers.com.au) by noon June 26, 2025

5772 1405

79 Grant Street Alexandra

[Dindicountryclothing@gmail.com](mailto:Dindicountryclothing@gmail.com)

[facebook.com/DindiCountryClothing/](https://facebook.com/DindiCountryClothing/)

T&C: Professional photographers are ineligible to enter.

Staff or associated family members of Alexandra Newspapers are ineligible to enter. Photos must be taken within the Murrindindi Shire.



AT the Murrindindi Shire Council May meeting, all councillors were present. Mayor Gallagher declared a conflict of interest regarding the Alexandra Events sponsorship request.

A petition was received from Kinglake Junior Football Club, signed by 176 people, requesting that council fund regular maintenance for the oval. The petition was received and will be considered as part of the budget process.

Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund

Cr Carr spoke in Urgent Business about the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF), which recently passed in the Victorian Parliament, to commence on July 1. She proposed to bring new information regarding council’s legal obligations and position regarding the implementation of the levy, given the concern and anxiety in the community. She noted that the next council meeting is not until June 18. She said new legal advice had arisen since the agenda was confirmed. She proposed that the issues around the ESVF be considered by council. The motion was carried.

Cr Carr provided an outline of the ESVF and noted that the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) recently shared its legal advice regarding the implementation of the levy and council has issued a statement about the levy. She moved that council noted the MAV legal advice indicating that councils are legally required to collect the ESVF, if a ratepayer pays less than the required amount, a portion of the paid amount must go towards the levy, and that councils cannot issue a separate invoice for the ESVF. She said that while council has a legal obligation to comply, it remains deeply concerned about the introduction of the ESVF, which shifts a state taxation burden onto local government operations and potentially impacts the relationship between council and the community. She asked that council write to Treasurer Jaclyn Symes seeking relief from the ESVF for Murrindindi Shire primary producer for the next financial year by capping the ESVF levy at Fire Services Property levels, recognising the prolonged dry period and the escalated costs of carrying stock.

She spoke about the impact of the levy on rural communities, particularly farmers who are already under significant financial pressure. She said that the ESVF compounds the pressure on farmers who are contending with rising costs, dry conditions and limited feed availability. “For those not eligible for infrastructure grants or volunteer rebates, there is little relief,” she said, adding, “The timing of the levy could not be more difficult. Council has consistently raised concerns about the design and fairness of the levy. While all communities rely on emergency services, the current funding model places a disproportional burden on rural communities, particularly small to medium primary producers with multiple land titles. The exemption for emergency service volunteers on their primary place of residence offers limited relief and does little to address the broader impact on farming families. This new

levy is going to affect everyone... It’s going to hurt everyone in this cost of living crisis.”

She added that she acknowledges the importance of properly funded emergency services and the efforts of local volunteers, “but this must not come at the expense of the viability of farming and rural life. Council will continue to advocate for a fairer and more sustainable approach, one which supports both our emergency services and our communities to thrive.”

Cr McAulay spoke about council’s advocating to government agencies for Murrindindi Shire to be listed as drought-impacted. She supported Cr Carr’s views.

Cr Lording said, “I just look at this as a perfect storm against the farmers. There are three or four different costs skyrocketing at the moment... It’s just not fair to hit them all like that. I would like to see the government do something along the lines we’re suggesting.”

Mayor Gallagher thanked Cr Carr for bringing the motion. He said, “This levy comes at a particularly difficult time for our community as we navigate pressures at home, on the farm and in business. Council wishes to acknowledge the impact right across the community.”

He said he was concerned that the tax is founded on the concept that land equals wealth. For many farmers, who are disproportionately impacted by the ESVF, the expenses are up, revenues are evaporating, and so the capacity to pay is often terminally diminished. He noted that while council is legally required to collect the tax and to pursue unpaid rates and levies, “This does not mark the end of the matter. Council will continue to explain to government the impact of the levy on our rural community. Council will continue to tell their story.”

Council voted unanimously for Cr Carr’s motion. Further information on this can be found on page four of this edition.

Public participation

Justin Bumstead spoke about the Kinglake Junior Football Club petition regarding the oval. He said that 1600 people use the oval each week. He said that the oval has fallen into a state of disrepair as it has relied on volunteers identifying the issues to council. They are seeking support for the maintenance plan.

Cr Lording said that council already spends \$60,000 to \$65,000 per year on the oval, and that there are five ovals in the shire like that. This led to some further discussions around efficiencies. Cr Adams commented that council is seeking major funding for the oval renewal from government. Cr Gallagher asked for details of in-kind support from volunteers, as well as seeking information on women’s sport in Kinglake.

Catherine Cumming spoke about how her son incurred an injury recently at Kinglake oval. She also commented on how the football would frequently go onto the road and how dangerous it is.

Questions of council

Ms Bonazzi read questions from Murray Ross, relating to the circular economy reforms. Ms

Bonazzi cited the Circular Economy Act, and said that under state legislation, participation is not optional where the service is provided, except where access is not feasible.

Grants and sponsorships

Council approved a Major Events Grant as recommended by the Grant and Sponsorship Assessment Panel for DrachenFest Australia 2025 (\$2500) and noted the Quick Response Grants awarded under delegation by the Grants and Sponsorship Assessment Panel during the February to April period. These were Murrindindi-Woodbourne Community Hub Inc for Murrindindi Valley Community Sign Boards (\$2500), Rotary Club of Alexandra for the 55th Easter Art Show (\$2500), 2030 Yea Inc for their Community Presentation on Sustainable Housing and Renewables in Yea (\$2500), Murrindindi East U3A for pickleball (\$2500), Murrindindi Carer Support Group for Carers Week (\$1160), Strath Creek Progress Association Inc for the Anzac Day Service (\$1400), Buxton Primary School’s Boite Schools Chorus (\$846), Alexandra Secondary College’s Purchase of Education Beer Goggles (\$640), Alexandra Secondary College’s Party Ready First Aid for year nine (\$376), Yea Community House’s Community Notice Board (\$2500), Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House for the relocation of Kinglake OpShop (\$2500), Gallipoli Park Precinct Community Asset Committee for Winter Fest Fire and Ice (\$2500), Yea and District Memorial Hospital for the Mother’s Day Classic (\$885) and Toolangi Castella District Community House Inc for updating equipment (\$918).

Alexandra Events

Cr Gallagher departed the chamber prior to the discussion.

The officer recommendation was “That council approve entering into a three-year sponsorship agreement with Alexandra Events Corporation Ltd for the Alexandra Truck Ute and Rod Show and the Alexandra Pro Rodeo, and authorise the CEO to execute a Memorandum of Understanding on Council’s behalf, incorporating the following terms: Year One: Cash contribution of \$12,000; In-kind support (council services) up to \$13,000, Growth allocation up to \$6000. Year Two: Cash contribution of \$10,000 (plus CPI), in-kind support (council services) up to \$10,000 (plus CPI); growth allocation up to \$6,000 (plus CPI). Year Three: Cash contribution of \$8000 (plus CPI), in-kind support (council services) up to \$10,000 (plus CPI), growth allocation up to \$6,000 (Plus CPI). Require Alexandra Events to submit a report within three months of each event, acquitting how the sponsorship funds and in-kind support were used, and summarising outcomes achieved. Incorporate into the agreement the partnership elements and mutual benefits outlined in the Sponsorship Proposal.”

Cr Lording spoke against the proposal last year but is now “totally happy with it and very pleased to recommend this proposal.”

Cr McAulay commented on how the events attract large crowds of visitors and locals. “Supporting this event shows a

commitment to supporting locals,” she said. Cr Adams commented on the transparency of the required reporting, and Cr Carr on the economic impact.

The application was approved unanimously per the officer recommendation.

Community engagement

The Community Engagement Findings Report will support the development of the draft Council Plan 2025-29. It summarises insights and feedback gathered from community consultation undertaken in June and July 2024 and February and March 2025. These findings will inform the development of the draft 10-Year Community Vision, the new Council Plan 202529 and 10-Year Financial Plan, all prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020. It was noted by council and the community acknowledged.

Audit and risk committee

Steve Schinck was reappointed to the Audit and Risk Committee as an independent member for a second three-year term.

Council Services During High Emergency Risk Periods Policy

Council adopted the new policy and rescinded the *Service Provision and Fire Danger Ratings Policy* and the *Emergency Management Policy*.

Quarterly Finance Report

Council received the report and noted the adjustments. It was also noted that the CEO advises that there are no new or unanticipated material changes to the budget that would require formal adoption of a revised budget for the 2024/25 financial year. The operating surplus is expected to increase from \$5.2m to \$5.8m.

Capital Works Program Quarterly Report

Council noted the report. The key highlights for the third quarter included the opening of Baanh ba Djila in Eildon, completion of the Kayigai Trail at the Yea Wetlands, and the completion of the Yea Pedestrian Ramps Disability compliance program.

Kerbside Collection Service Bins expedited payment

The Victorian Government is requiring all councils to implement a four-bin collection service by 2027 and council intends to comply with these directives while renewing the kerbside bin collection contract currently up for review. A tender process was undertaken to engage a vendor as part of a regional joint procurement brokered by the Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group. Council awarded Solo Resource Recovery on the basis that it provided best value. To meet implementation timeframes and ensure continuity in service rollout, it has been necessary for council to proceed with payment for the delivery of two new bins to residences across the shire prior to the finalisation and signing of the master agreement with Solo Resource Recovery. The payment was approved.

Campfire safety urged this long weekend

AS Victorians head outdoors to enjoy the King’s Birthday long weekend, fire and land authorities are reminding campers and visitors to forests and parks to be safe around campfires.

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) Chief Fire Officer Chris Hardman said with cooler temperatures settling in, it might feel like the fire risk has passed, but with parks and forests remaining dry, campfires can quickly escape and become devastating bushfires.

After a warmer and drier-than-average autumn and normal rainfall expected this winter, the fire risk is higher than usual, particularly in parts of western, southwestern and southeastern Victoria.

“Even at this time of year, just one unattended or poorly managed campfire can cause serious damage to the environment

and put lives and property at risk,” Mr Hardman said.

“This season, we’ve responded to more than 370 incidents involving campfires... With a little extra care around your campfire this long weekend, we can keep forests and parks healthy and safe for everyone to enjoy.

“Never leave a campfire unattended and use water to fully extinguish it, if it’s cool to touch it’s safe to leave.”

Chief Conservation Regulator Kate Gavens said, “Campfires are a cause of bushfires that are 100 per cent preventable and our authorised officers will be visiting campsites throughout Victoria’s parks and forests to make sure everyone is following the rules so we can all have a safe and enjoyable long weekend.”

Parks Victoria Executive Director of Operations Kylie Trott said, “We want

people to get out and enjoy Victoria’s great outdoors, but unsafe campfires can have devastating consequences. It only takes one camper ignoring the rules to endanger the community and our environment.”

CFA Acting Chief Officer Garry Cook AFSM said while conditions over the weekend will also be an opportune time for residents to burn-off, extreme care should be taken to ensure enough water and resources are on hand to extinguish burns properly.

“Escaped burn-offs, particularly in the current dry conditions, continue to cause significant concern and great risk to our communities across the state,” he said.

“It is really important landowners have someone monitoring their fire activity at all times. Although cooler days are arriving, now is not the time to be complacent.

“This weekend, take a moment to check the wind forecast, ensure you’ve left ample room in your fire break and please register your burn-off online to help reduce unnecessary callouts to emergency services.”

Before hitting the road, people should be familiar with local campfire regulations and safety measures to help protect the environment and local communities at [vic.gov.au/campfires-stoves-and-bbqs](http://vic.gov.au/campfires-stoves-and-bbqs)

People who breach campfire regulations on public land face a maximum penalty of \$19,759 if the matter is prosecuted in court. The maximum penalty for lighting or maintaining a fire during a day of Total Fire Ban is \$47,421.60 and/or two years in jail.

Report unattended campfires to 136 186 or call 000 to report a bushfire.

Remember, if you light it, you own it.





# Let's eat, it's our treat

## Peppers restaurant getting back to its roots

NEWLY appointed Head Chef and Restaurant Director Manuel Verdaguer from Andiamo Restaurant and Bar at Peppers Marysville is planning to shake things up for locals and tourists alike.

Asked about his vision for Andiamo Restaurant & Bar, Manuel said, "I want to bring guests in and just to go back to good old-fashioned service of the industry and honest food that country people will enjoy."

"I want to go back to the roots. I don't want to be pompous with the food; I just want to be honest and heartwarming, be honest to what we do. It's country food, nice big portions and reasonable pricing."

The bar is currently attached to Andiamo Restaurant & Bar but from mid to late June you will find the bar location will change to the chalet area, giving the bar a more relaxed feel. In this space, Manuel wants to concentrate a little bit more on international cuisine rather than just Italian. There will still be a bar at the Andiamo Restaurant & Bar to give people plenty of options to choose from.



Andiamo Restaurant and Bar. - S

There will be a new menu coming into effect in June, where Manuel plans to do big T bone and rib eye steaks. They will be great for sharing as they will be at the 1.2 to 1.3kg mark.

"I'm trying to bring the restaurant more in line with an Italian feel because it currently isn't holding that line, I'm working towards that, I'm also working on the capabilities of the kitchen and the team that goes with it," Manuel said.

Manuel also plans to run some events in the conference centre such as Latin nights. "I will hopefully get people interested in coming, not just for the restaurant, but also to look at Peppers Marysville as a space to go to rather than just a restaurant and a bar," he said.

Next month Peppers Marysville will be holding many activities to celebrate the much-loved Christmas in July.

Make sure you head to Andiamo Restaurant at Peppers Marysville to witness these exciting changes to the venue, cuisine and atmosphere.



Some of the beautiful food available at Andiamo Restaurant and Bar.

**hello@thegeneralstrathcreek.com.au**  
 8 Glover Road, Strath Creek VIC 3658  
 0418 971 200  
 The General Strath Creek  
 thegeneralstrathcreek

**Opening Hours:**  
 Monday to Sunday.....9am - 5pm  
 (Closed Tuesday)  
**Don't forget**  
**OPEN FOR DINNER FRIDAY NIGHTS**

## Let's eat; it's our treat

**Your chance to WIN a \$50 meal voucher**

Name.....  
 Address.....  
 Phone.....  
 Email.....

**Eligible venues this month:**  
 Philip Lobely Wines - Pavilion Bar and Grill - Peppers - The General  
 (Circle one venue of your choice from above list only)

**One entry per household**

Winner will be notified by phone and published in the first edition of the month.  
 T&C: Only venues listed above in this edition are eligible to be chosen this month. Voucher is not redeemable for cash. To be used for one purchase only. Multiple vouchers cannot be saved and used together. Staff or family members of Alexandra Newspapers are ineligible to enter. Original form must be returned.

For your chance to win a \$50 voucher, return this entry by noon, **Thursday, June 26.**

Alexandra Newspapers,  
 43 Grant Street or  
 PO Box 5, Alexandra, 3714

**Photocopies will not be accepted.**



## PEPPERS

MARYSVILLE RESORT & SPA - VICTORIA

STAY & DINE FOR LESS  
 THIS KINGS BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND



www.peppersmarysville.com.au  
 \*Terms & conditions apply.  
 Scan the QR code for more details.







# Let's eat, it's our treat

## Something for everyone at Pavilion Bar and Grill

PAVILION Bar and Grill at the Marysville Golf Club has been operating since February this year and it's proving to be quite the success.

You will find a great assortment of cuisine at the Pavilion Bar and Grill such as pasta including the popular homemade gnocchi, steaks, burgers, a few curries and plenty more. The menu boasts of a mix of Italian, French and Indian.

Highly experienced Head Chef Bick has been working in the industry since 2006.

Bick said, "Previously I have worked with good companies, and I have owned my own restaurant earlier. I came to study here doing hospitality management. It was a two-year diploma. I have always had a goal to own my own business. I have worked with different cuisines and different Italian and

French restaurants. I have learnt from here and there... I'm putting what I have learnt on the plate now, in this restaurant.

"Italian food is my passion. You will see homemade ravioli, fresh pasta and homemade gnocchi. That's what I love to do."

Experience the variety at the Pavilion Bar and Grill, they are open five days a week from Wednesday to Sunday for lunch and dinner at Marysville Golf Club, 956 Buxton-Marysville Road, Marysville.



Head chef Bick from the Pavilion Bar and Grill in Marysville is in his element in the kitchen. -S



A heart warming dish full of flavour is the Beef Vindaloo. -S



The popular Gnocchi Lamb Ragu is a sell out dish. -S

## Tasty Sundays at Philip Lobley Wines

TUCKED away in the rolling hills of the Yea Valley, Philip Lobley Wines is inviting people to experience the perfect pairing: handcrafted wines and wood-fired pizza.

Every Sunday, the cellar door transforms into a relaxed haven where good food, fine wine, and great company come together under open skies.

Pizza Sundays are more than just a meal, they're a tradition in the making. Bring your friends, your family, or simply yourself, and enjoy artisan pizzas topped with fresh, local ingredients, all baked to perfection in the roaring wood-fired oven. Sip on the small-batch, naturally made wines while soaking in the serenity of the vineyard.

Whether you're a wine enthusiast, a pizza lover, or just looking for a laid-back Sunday escape, Philip Lobley Wines delivers warmth, flavour and genuine country hospitality. From crisp whites to complex reds, every bottle reflects our passion for sustainable winemaking and our love for community.

Join them this Sunday. Unwind, indulge, and make memories that taste as good as they feel.

Philip Lobley Wines' Pizza Sundays are every Sunday from noon to 5pm at 1084 Kinglake Glenburn Road in Glenburn. Bookings encouraged. Phone 0447 166 377.

THE winner of the May Let's Eat \$50 voucher was Eileen Herridge from Alexandra. Eileen will be having a \$50 feed on us at Sedona Estate. Be sure to get your entry form from this edition for your chance to win a \$50 meal at one of the venues advertised in this edition of *Let's Eat*. *It's our treat.*



People can enjoy fabulous food and wine at Philip Lobley winery. -S



**PHILIP LOBLEY WINES**  
YEAL VALLEY

Cellar Door, open Sundays  
noon to 5pm.

Wood fired pizzas  
and wine

Bookings preferred  
0447 166 377.

1084 Kinglake Glenburn Road,  
Glenburn 3717.





**THE PAVILION**  
BAR AND GRILL

Set in the beautiful  
Marysville Golf Club  
grounds

Open for lunch and dinner Wednesday to Sunday  
Dine in – Dine out – Take away

Bookings available for Functions and Events  
Seating capacity of 300+



✉ thepavilion06@gmail.com ♀ 956 Buxton Marysville Road Marysville  
☎ 0421 739 453 📍 The Pavilion Bar and Grill 📷 thepavilion06



**BUSINESS & TRADES DIRECTORY****TO BOOK AN AD PLEASE PHONE 5772 1002****ANTENNAS**

Christopher Edwards  
0405 554 915  
info@chris-tv.com.au  
Sec Reg: 997-462-605

# Chris's TV

The Television Reception Specialist

- TV & FM radio antennas
- Starlink, VAST & Foxtel installs
- Extra TV wall points
- TV brackets & wall mount TVs
- Surround sound systems
- Home theatre
- Data points & mesh WIFI
- CCTV security systems

Fully Registered Fully Insured Fully Vaccinated

**FENCING**

# McMASTER FENCING CONTRACTOR

All general farm fencing, cattle yards, sheep yards, vineyards, on site welding and oxy work.  
Tree plantation ripping  
5 hydraulic post drivers and pneumatic drivers

**GRASS SLASHING**  
4 extra heavy duty slashers

**GENERAL FREIGHT**  
Hay, timber, wool, steel, grapes, machinery

**GLEN (HORACE) McMASTER**  
5797 2921  
Mobile 0417 529 809

EMC0072

**BOOKKEEPING**


# TURNOVER BOOKKEEPING

\*BAS \*IAS \*Superannuation  
\*Accounts Receivable  
\*Accounts Payable \*Payroll

**Ph Trevor Turner**  
0419 575 176

**CARPET CLEANING**


- ✓ Stain removal
- ✓ Urine treatment
- ✓ Upholstery cleaning
- ✓ Carpet steam cleaning
- ✓ Tile and grout cleaning

**Ph 0427 322 124**  
**admin@gvrestorations.com.au**

**CONVEYANCING**


**CONVEYANCING & PROPERTY TRANSFER SPECIALISTS**

Debra Loveday  
5772 2500  
71 Grant Street, Alexandra  
debra@sargeantsm.com.au  
Conveyancing throughout Victoria

**ELECTRICIANS**

**ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS**



• Domestic / Commercial  
• Undergrounds  
• Cable Locations • Trenching  
• Solar Installations & Batteries

**Ph 0418 543 310**  
info@e-tec.net.au  
www.etecelectrical.com.au

MM00042 Rec N°12906

**EXCAVATION & EARTHMOVING**

**KEATH'S EXCAVATIONS P/L, YARCK**

# EARTH MOVING

Excavators ~ Dozers ~ Graders  
Scrapers ~ Loaders ~ Rollers  
Backhoe ~ Water Carts  
Low Loader ~ Tipplers  
Trucks & Trailers

All equipment operated by qualified operators  
PERSONAL SUPERVISION – 42 YEARS EXPERIENCE

**Phone 5773 4242 Mobile 0428 577 951**  
**keathsexc@bigpond.com**

EMC0082

**PAINTERS**

W. & J. GREEN

# PROFESSIONAL PAINTING

50 Years experience in all things painting

**0407 134 756**

**PLUMBERS**

# G (Jack) McMaster

Plumbing Lic No 29767 YOUR LOCAL PLUMBER

- New work & Renovations • Domestic & Commercial
- Septic tanks, Water tanks • Pumps etc • Gas Fitting
- Roofing & Spouting • Trenching • Backflow Prevention

**Ph 0428 972 386**

**SERVICE STATIONS**


Fuelling North East Victoria since 1953  
with quality products and great service.


Supplying bulk fuels to your farm or business.

Lubricant specialists, catering for all your needs  
with Mobil and Prolube lubricants,  
greases and solvents.

24 HRS

Ampol Alexandra  
Ampol Eildon  
Mansfield Diesel Stop

0357721205 | www.simpsonsfuel.com.au

**WATER BORING**


# North West Drilling

## Water Bores

Extensive experience in drilling for water in Mansfield, Alexandra and surrounding areas.  
Established since 1976

For answers to all your questions and a  
no obligation free quote contact GRAHAM BRENNAN  
Phone/Fax: (03) 9436 1982 Mobile: 0409 362 289  
**northwest.drilling@bigpond.com**  
www.northwestdrilling.com.au

EMC1840

# WATER BORING

No water, no charge  
after free site inspection

**Ph Des Murray**  
**0428 518 159**

EMC0125

**Expansion of Forestry Transition Program**

THE Victorian Government is expanding the Forestry Transition Program through a new Community Leadership Program aimed at helping to create emerging leaders in communities of northern Victoria and Gippsland.

Committee for Gippsland and the Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship are two established leadership providers that will deliver the tailored leadership programs, aimed at fostering a new generation of community leaders in these former native timber towns.

The programs will develop local leaders that are equipped for navigating change, leading their communities, and shaping the future for their regions.

In Gippsland the 'Building Resilient Forestry Communities Program' will support up to 20 program participants.

In northern Victoria, the 'Lead a New Future for Your Community' Program will support the five priority communities with Local Development Strategies in the region (Murrindindi, Yarra Ranges, Benalla, Corryong and Koondrook) with a core program for 20 participants and further workshops for an additional 100 participants.

Currently, 11 priority native timber communities are being provided medium to long term support to identify new economic opportunities and create jobs through Local Development Strategy projects, the Community Development Fund and the Community Leadership Program.

More than \$10 million in funding has already been awarded through the Local Development Strategy and Community Development Fund to support native timber communities to transition successfully.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence said, "The Community Leadership Program will help community members gain new skills to strengthen and support their local communities as they transition to new economic opportunities."

Treasurer Jaclyn Symes added, "We are continuing to support our Northern Victorian communities to build local leadership, strengthen resilience and create opportunities for sustainable economic growth now and into the future."

For more information visit [vic.gov.au/forestry](http://vic.gov.au/forestry)

**Speak up on Victoria's Fair Fuel Plan**

THE Victorian Government has invited Victorians to have their say on draft fuel regulations that will level the playing field between multinational fuel companies and families and help families save money at the pump.

Minister for Consumer Affairs Nick Staikos recently opened public consultation on proposed regulations which would require more than 1500 fuel retailers across the state to report their fuel prices.

This data will feed directly into a new *Service Victoria Fuel Finder* feature, allowing motorists to make informed decisions about when and where they fill up.

The proposed regulations could save Victorian motorists hundreds of dollars a year at the bowser.

Extensive consultation held with industry since January has informed the proposed regulations and the new fuel finder feature. Public consultation will further expand on the engagement to date.

While commercial price reporting websites exist, the new fuel finder feature will include more fuel providers and will not promote any fuel outlets over others.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission found Melbourne motorists could have saved up to \$333 in 2023 by shopping around for lower priced fuel retailers and filling up at the lowest point of fuel price cycles.

Victorians have until June 22 to make a submission via Engage Victoria at [engage.vic.gov.au/victorias-fair-fuel-plan](http://engage.vic.gov.au/victorias-fair-fuel-plan)

**PUZZLES SOLUTIONS****CROSSWORD**

A	U	T	H	E	N	T	I	C	A	T	E	D
N		R			E	R			W		O	
G		A			S	W	E	E	T		I	W
L	A	P	I	N		K			A	N	G	U
E					I	S		X				E
R	A	V	A	G	E			L	I	Z	A	R
					I			G	A	Z	E	D
C	A	M	P	E	R			D	E	A	R	T
O					R			K		R		E
R	I	F	L	E		N			M	O	W	E
N					U			D	O	I	L	Y
E					S			U	F	O		S
D	I	S			I	N	T	E	G	R	A	T

**MATH SQUARES**

9	+	2	×	4	17
+		+		×	
5	+	7	+	6	18
+		-		+	
3	×	8	-	1	23
17		1		25	

**CRYPTOGRAM**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
19	22	18	13	23	9	1	15	26	16	6	14	12	20	24	2	10	7	21	17	8	25	11	5	4	3

**SNIPS AND SNAILS AND PUPPY DOG TAILS****SUDOKU**

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

**KIDS MATH SQUARES**

5	-	2	+	9	12
-		+		-	
6	+	8	-	1	13
-		-		+	
3	-	4	-	7	-8
-4		6		15	



# Classifieds

**ALEXANDRA**  
NEWSPAPERS



## Classified information

### Office hours

Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm  
Ph 5772 1002

E: reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

### Deadline - Noon Monday

#### Proofs

Line ads proofs not supplied  
Display will only be supplied if requested

#### Payment

Payment is required at the time of placing a classified advertisement. Cash or credit card facilities available. Master Card or Visa (no AMEX). Non-payment prior to deadline may result in advertisement not appearing.

#### Death notices

Cannot be published without confirmation from a direct family member or funeral director.

#### Vehicles/Deals on Wheels

Registration number or VIN number must be included in advertisement. Deals on Wheels will run for 8 weeks unless cancelled.

#### Bargains under \$100

Either one item to the value of \$100 or several items not totalling more than \$100.

#### Animals

It is an offence to advertise the sale of a dog or cat or to give away free unless the Source number and microchip identification number of each animal generated by the Pet Exchange Register is included in the advertisement.

#### Refunds or credits

Check your advertisement on its first appearance. Although every care is taken to ensure your advertisement is correct errors can occur. Notify us immediately if there are errors in your advertisement. Refunds or credits will not be issued if your advertisement has appeared more than once and you have not notified us. Credits or refunds will not be given if advertisements appear out of order.

#### Conditions of advertising

Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd has the right to refuse any advertisement. Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd gives no guarantee for positioning of advertisements.

#### Copy right

Material published in this edition is subject to copyright provisions and cannot be used without the company's permission.

Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd accepts no responsibility for the unauthorised republication of such material.

## TRADES ADVERTISING DEADLINE NOON THURSDAY

The Alexandra Standard and The Yea Chronicle are printed by North East Media, Wangaratta.

Print Post Approved - PP 100000292.

Call 5772 1002 now to book your ad today!  
Fax: 5772 1603 or Email: reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

### DEALS ON WHEELS



2022, EZYTRAIL Stirling GT MK3 forward fold camper trailer. As new, never used. Inclusions: Diesel heater, solar off-grid pack (Bluetooth), 96L fridge/freezer, hot water system, lots of storage. Lots more extras. Reg C28236 until 21/03/2026. \$22,000 price negotiable. Ph: 0407 513 501 or 0419 677 550.

### SITUATION VACANT

**EILDON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Are You The Outdoor Type?*  
*Eildon Primary School needs a dedicated teacher.*  
*Do you need a tree-change with a four-day week?*  
*Mountains, rivers, lakes, snow, trails, parks – 1.5hrs from Melbourne.*  
*Contact: Jai Harrington 0429 308 638*  
*'Great School, Great Kids, Great Families, Great Community'*

### FOR HIRE

#### FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Rental and Sales  
Alexandra  
Treadmills, X- trainers, exercise bikes, rowers and more.  
PH:0407 231 377

### PETS & LIVESTOCK

ISA BROWN LAYERS  
- POL, \$35 each. Phone 5798 1868. Pick-up in Alexandra or Yea.  
beckysfreerange@gmail.com

### GARAGE SALES

ALEXANDRA, 7 Aitken Street.  
June 7. 8am-3pm.  
Garagenala, old milkcans, vintage cast iron pots and scales, collectable bottles, windmill, wooden bench, rustic farm wheels, vintage silverware, collectable items and heaps more.

### MEETINGS

ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY SHED AGM  
will be held on Tuesday, June 10 at 1pm.  
For further details contact Bob 0400 316 800.

## SPORT



Daniel waits at the 'T' for Oli's return. -S

## Alexandra Squash Club plays round five of term two pennant

by Kristelle Leary

### Monday competition Falcons versus Hawks

ERIC versus Lachlan (fill in): It was a very one-sided contest. Lachlan's overwhelming strength earned him all four games and he won the match in a landslide. 109 to 32.

Jess versus Chris T: There were some good long rallies with great shots down the walls. Chris kept his consistency and covered the court to keep ahead and take home the match. 67 to 51.

Simon versus Jared: Simon jumped out of the blocks to blitz the first game, but Jared tightened the screws to slowly claw his way back into the match. Jared pinched points at every turn to claim three games and the match. 58 to 54.

### Kestrels versus Owls

Jordan versus Tyler: A see-sawing match. Jordan had the better shots, but he gave away enough through serving faults, keeping Tyler in the running. It was close, however Jordan stayed on top. 67 to 60.

Sally (fill in) versus Mick: Sally played some beautiful winning shots, but it was not enough as Mick put in a solid match for a comfortable victory. 69 to 47.

Oli versus Daniel W (fill in): An absolute slugging match. Oli gave his opponent a run for his money in the first three game until Daniel's strong power game carried him through to win the match. 73 to 55.

Jim versus John: John out played Jim for three games as he hung on with desperate running and defensive shots. Jim went on a spree in the final game to surge forward, taking the lead. 58 to 50.

### Thursday competition Geckos versus Skinks

DANIEL K (fill in) versus Matthew J: As a last-minute fill in Daniel was over-qualified for the job but he made sure to keep Matthew running and giving him tips to improve his game. Daniel won. 71 to 45.

Jodie versus Mick (fill in): Jodie had some spectacular serves which Mick countered with his stroke play. It was a tough match, but Jodie came out on top for the victory. 58 to 47.

Phil versus Justin: An excellent game. It was fast paced with some great shots and rallies. Justin gave Phil a good run around before Phil defeated him on the courts. 65 to 45.

### Dragons versus Frill Necks

Liane versus Blake: Liane tried to put her opponent out of commission on the first point with a mishit that took the wind out of him. Blake's hardy, managing to persist and playing some curveballs to claim a well-deserved win. 57 to 49.

Travis versus Kristelle: Instilling frustration in her opponent, Kristelle's serves were on point. She held the court like a boss and despite Travis's attempt at a comeback, he only managed to draw a game. Kristelle won three game to rise as the victor. 71 to 53.

Michael versus Stuart: Quite a one-sided match. Stuart made a good effort in the last game but couldn't hold Michael off. Michael held the match comfortably to take home a decent win. 72 to 43.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**EOFY**

**DISCOUNT 15% OFF**

**End of the Financial Year offer on all Business Stationery**  
(including business cards, flyers, letterheads, invoice books, envelopes, stickers, compliment slips)

**Offer valid on orders prior to June 30, 2025**

email: reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

**SALE**



# Students run successful fundraiser to fight cancer

YEA High School year nine students, Lily, Jemma, Alice and Layne ran a food stall at the Southern Ranges Cross country as part of their Community Service Project.

As well as providing a hot lunch and drinks for the districts weary runners and school staff, they are fundraising for the Kids with Cancer Foundation.

They plan on holding a second barbecue at school to complete their fundraising. They would like to acknowledge the very generous donation of \$100 from Yea FoodWorks to get their stall started.





## SPORT

# Fog lifts for glorious Yea day as Tigers roar over Seymour

by Joanne Madden

A FOGGY morning gave way to brilliant sunshine last Sunday for junior netball, with the Yea Tigers hosting the Seymour Lions.

The Under 11s kicked off the day, and after trailing early, the young Tigers showed impressive grit and determination to claw their way back and secure a narrow 20 to 18 victory. Standout performances came from Belle Parnis and Evie Madden, who were recognised with awards for their efforts.

The Under 15s wrapped up the day with a commanding 55 to 33 win. Despite the

wide scoreline, the game was a fiercely contested battle, with both teams displaying exceptional skill and intensity. Yea's ability to maintain composure and capitalise on opportunities saw them comfortably take the win. Award winners were Pippa Butterworth and Lilly Fanning.

## Under 13

by Deb Schickerling

IN a much-anticipated under 13 netball match, the Yea Tigers faced off against the Seymour Lions, with both teams coming into the game neck and neck, sitting fifth and sixth

on the ladder respectively, and sharing equal points. The stage was set for a fierce contest, and the young athletes did not disappoint.

From the outset, the Yea Tigers showed strong determination, dominating the first quarter with a commanding nine to three lead. The Seymour Lions fought back in the second quarter, matching the Tigers goal for goal with an eight to eight draw, keeping the pressure on.

The third quarter saw a tighter battle, with Yea edging ahead six to five, maintaining their slim advantage. In the final quarter, the Tigers pushed their lead further, outscoring

Seymour seven to four to seal a convincing 30 to 20 victory.

The Yea Tigers' consistent performance throughout the game highlighted their teamwork and skill, ultimately earning them a well-deserved win. Individual honors were awarded to two players: Stella Jolly-Cummins received the Yarra Valley Gas Award for her outstanding contribution on the court with great hands over, while Isla Anstey earned the Always Contracting Award for her exceptional effort and sportsmanship by jumping into the center position without forewarning after a minor injury.



Under 15 award winners Pippa Butterworth and Lilly Fanning. -S



Under 13 award winners Stella Jolly and Isla Anstey. -S



Under 11 award winners Evie Madden and Belle Parnis. -S

## Tennis play continues after the rain

by Rhonda Carpenter

DESPITE doubts about the weather, forecast high winds and potential rain, Delatite welcomed Seven Creeks and Wappan welcomed Moglonemby for their round five matches in Mansfield.

Mansfield travelled to Euroa to meet Creighton's Creek, while Benalla hosted top side Euroa on their lawn.

Moglonemby's mainstay Judy Sands needed players for her team and welcomed Sue Vaughan, Cindy Hayes and Julie Brook for a day of laughs and top hitting in the four seasons that followed.

Wappan's Liza Karras, Rhonda Carpenter, Kass Thomas and Kimberley Marsden were excited to get on the court and relished the opportunity against the more experienced side.

Moglonemby put on a masterclass of baseline hitting and cross court angles to dazzle and outplay their opponents.

Serving struggles were overcome despite the gusty winds.

In the final set Liza and Kimberley found their rhythm against Judy and Julie, to level up at six all. However, the Moglonemby pair stamped their authority on the contest to clinch it.

Moglonemby won 6/48 to Wappan 0/19.

Delatite's Karyn Fraser, Carolyn Murray, Deb Mims, and Loretta Armitage had a ding-dong battle against Seven Creeks' Ro Ellis, Nicola Enright, Gayle Furphy and Mary Kelly.

Rain delays forced players from the court due to poor visibility for those wearing glasses. Eventually play was completed with both teams splitting the sets and Delatite up by four games for their first win of the season.

Delatite won 3/37 to Seven Creeks 3/33.

Mansfield's Michelle Pigdon, Keira McDonagh, Natalie Bergsma, and Clare

Beecham were convincing in their match against Creighton's Creek in Euroa.

Deb Seach, Ros Doxey, Lyn Johnson, and Kerry Hewlett battled hard, unlucky to lose an opening set tiebreak.

Mansfield won 6/48 to Creighton's Creek 0/14.

Benalla hosted Euroa with the opening sets going eith to six each way. Kate Campbell, Claire Sharp, Maureen Jewell and Deb Siggers would be facing a long day against their visitors.

Euroa's Lyndall Bigland, Faye Mollison, Ruth Nolan, Mary Dewis, and Lyn Pierce gained the edge winning the next two sets. Benalla's Kate and Deb snatched another set, but Faye and Ruth took the last in style.

Euroa won 4/41 to Benalla 2/31.

Ladder Round five: Euroa 41, Moglonemby 29, Wappan 28, Terip 26, Creighton's Creek 19, Mansfield 17, Seven Creeks 15, Benalla 13, Delatite 12.

## Saturday stableford for Yea Golf Club

by Phil Armstrong

WITH several regular members away, representing Yea Golf Club at the Victorian Par Three Championships in Kyabram, the remaining ladies joined in with the men to make Saturday's event a mixed stableford.

A field of 21 golfers assembled under clear sunny skies, but cool conditions.

Rick Wills (8) was the standout, posting a very fine 39 points to collect the major prize. Greg Clements (18) showed glimpses of a return to form after a long lay off, and returned with 37 points picking up second place.

Trevor Connell (18), Rob O'Halloran (19) both came in on 34 points, Trevor getting the nod for third place on countback. Christine Simmons (23) and Meryl Connell (21) were the best of the ladies with 33 points apiece, Christine taking home the a couple of ball on countback.

Meryl got her reward for nearest the pin on the 10th hole. Rick Wills was the men's nearest the pin on the 10th hole. Brad Clements took out the club award.

Several matches in the men's knockout took place this weekend. S Rumney defeated T White. T Rule defeated P Armstrong. G Pollard defeated M Lowe. B Simmons progressed on a walkover.





The under nine award winners for Yea. -S



Under 10 award winners for the Yea Tigers. -S

# Cold games for YFNC junior footballers

## Under nine

IT was a bitterly cold morning at the Yea Recreation Reserve on Sunday as the under nines took to the field for round five. The frosty conditions meant it took the young Tigers a little while to warm up, but once they did, they settled into the game and played with great spirit.

There was some strong tackling, improved ball movement and encouraging teamwork as the group continues to develop their skills and understanding of the game each week. The enthusiasm and resilience shown by the team was fantastic, especially given the icy conditions.

Last week's awards were presented to: Just Great Coffee Most Determined Award, Elliott; Armstrong Plumbing Best Team Player, Caleb; Yarra Valley Ag Best Player Award, Marco.

The club says a big thank you to the families and supporters who braved the cold to cheer the team on. The Tigers will enjoy a well-earned break next weekend for the King's Birthday long weekend, returning the following week ready for more footy.

## Under 10

by Hannah Burton

PLAYERS could barely see the other end of the ground as the Yea Under 10s were peeled away from the warmth of the fire pit and onto the fresh, frosty oval for game time.

Heading into their clash against the Seymour Lions, the focus was on peer encouragement, kicking to a target rather than into a contest, and continuing to build growing confidence around the ball.

The more experienced players really lifted the team energy, and it was fantastic to see the group putting into practice the tackling

and fighting Tiger spirit they've been working so hard on during training.

As the game progressed (and fingers and toes slowly defrosted), kicking improved noticeably. Yea even managed to snag a fantastic goal, one the whole team celebrated together. It wasn't just a win for the goal scorer; it was a reward for the team's shared effort and determination.

The Tigers take the field each week with such a positive attitude, always striving to improve both individually and as a team. It's been a joy to watch their growth and confidence continue to build.

Last week's award winners were: Yea Takeaway Most Improved Player, Ted; Johnston Transport Team Player Award, Jake; Yarra Valley Gas Coaches Award, Charlie.

Yea will enjoy a well-earned break over the King's Birthday long weekend, and return ready to keep the momentum going.

## Under 12

Yea 3.6.24 defeated Seymour 3.5.23

by Lyndal Tait

AFTER two weeks of no games due to byes, the under 12s Tigers played a home game against the second ladder side Seymour. The Tigers wore black arm bands in memory of Nicholas Palmer, the grandfather of player Toby Geeson.

Nicholas was a long-time supporter of this young side, attending many of their games and watching the players develop from when they started in under nines. It was only fitting that Toby captained the side this week, and the players were all pumped for a great game.

Right from the first ball up, the Tigers were strong and fast, scoring the first goal of the game in the initial minutes via a great kick from Sienna. Three players from Seymour

played the entire game for the Tigers to even up numbers and Brock, Zach and Fletcher all contributed across the ground all game. Brock was a standout, kicking a goal and driving forward on many occasions.

The Tiger's players continue to grow in ability each week, with all players standing out in some aspect during the game. Josh recovered well from a missed goal attempt, to kick a fantastic goal in the last quarter, and defence was strong all game, despite being under considerable pressure.

The game was played with great sportsmanship, encouragement, and determination. The club couldn't be prouder of each and every players efforts and contributions for the entire game. Congratulations to Tigers, Judd, Ollie, Darby, Hudson, Logan, Archie, Sienna, Josh, Jonah, Toby G, Toby J, Charlie, Toby D, and Rory. Thanks to the Seymour boys Brock, Zach and

Fletcher for playing for us. What a game, and an inspiring win.

The club thank all their sponsors, volunteers and supporters for cheering, supporting and encouraging us each week. Special thanks to Daniel 'Pup' Evans and James Frankcombe for umpiring, Marko Ciantar for time keeping, Baynesy for goal umpiring, Martin for being runner, Hunter and Cam for boundary umpiring and Jack and Cooper for running water.

Yea have another bye next weekend, and will be looking forward to taking on rivals Alexandra the week after.

Duncan's Paint and Panel 'Red Hot Go - Player of the Day' award, Brock Inness (who played for Yea from Seymour); Sprout Wellness 'Being your Best' award, Toby Debrincat; Yarra Valley Gas 'Coaches Award', Hudson Roberts.

## Outer East Football and Netball League Ladders

### Football – Reserves

	Percentage	Wins
Seville	639.71	7
Pakenham	608.13	7
Belgrave	332.00	5
Warburton Millgrove	115.87	4
Alexandra	99.74	4
Yea	73.58	2
Powelltown	36.89	2
Yarra Glen	24.60	0
Yarra Junction	13.77	1

### Netball – A Grade

	Percentage	Wins
Seville	247.60	7
Pakenham	250.79	6
Warburton Millgrove	231.41	6
Yarra Glen	129.47	5
Yarra Junction	89.72	4
Belgrave	63.43	2
Alexandra	63.26	2
Yea	53.92	0
Powelltown	26.18	0

### Football – Seniors

	Percentage	Wins
Seville	234.67	7
Warburton Millgrove	285.34	6
Pakenham	240.80	6
Yarra Glen	125.05	5
Alexandra	101.60	3
Belgrave	99.83	3
Yea	75.58	1
Powelltown	40.70	1
Yarra Junction	24.32	0

### Netball – B Grade

	Percentage	Wins
Seville	439.66	7
Pakenham	274.25	7
Warburton Millgrove	152.52	5
Yarra Glen	120.45	5
Belgrave	82.90	3
Yarra Junction	59.95	3
Yea	48.85	1
Alexandra	47.79	1
Powelltown	41.42	0

### Football – Senior Women

	Percentage	Wins
Warburton-Wesburn	100.00	7
Wandin	85.71	6
Emerald	71.42	5
Thornton Eildon	66.66	4
Yea	16.66	1
Seville	14.28	1
Officer	0	0

### Netball – C Grade

	Percentage	Wins
Seville	366.98	7
Pakenham	232.90	7
Warburton Millgrove	185.71	5
Yarra Glen	105.24	5
Belgrave	71.06	3
Alexandra	73.84	2
Yarra Junction	68.89	2
Powelltown	36.36	0
Yea	38.00	0

### Netball – 17 and under

	Percentage	Wins
Seville	444.87	7
Pakenham Lions Gold	245.95	6
Warburton Millgrove	100.59	3
Pakenham Lions Maroon	46.20	1
Alexandra	39.11	1
Powelltown	32.88	1

### Netball – D Grade

	Percentage	Wins
Seville	452.86	7
Pakenham	346.51	7
Warburton Millgrove	183.46	5
Yarra Glen	97.81	4
Alexandra	78.98	4
Belgrave	67.07	3
Yea	39.72	1
Yarra Junction	52.78	1
Powelltown	14.66	0

### Football – Under 18

	Percentage	Wins
Pakenham	1801.96	7
Seville	281.66	5
Yarra Glen	87.61	3
Warburton Millgrove	31.89	2
Alexandra	29.82	1
Yea	27.43	1



The proud under 12 award winners for Yea. -S



# Biggest speedway party of the year this weekend



Darren Forrest from Boronia, the defending 100 lap derby winner. -Louise Norman

by Dean Thompson

IT is without question, the biggest Speedway community party of the season, the season ending Alexandra Speedway 100 Lap Derby weekend where thousands come along to watch a great weekend of racing and have a great night all night, every night. This year will be the biggest ever 100 Lap Derby weekend with numerous additions to the event to boost that party atmosphere.

The real fun begins Kings Birthday weekend on Friday night with a Calcutta event providing fans with the opportunity to purchase on their own or with their closest mates a driver or drivers that they feel will win the event overall taking home with them a significant piece of a cash pot raised in the bidding process. This night will be filled with laughs, drinks, and stories to set the tone for the next two nights.

For the racing on Saturday and Sunday, over 70 entrants have entered the main event, the 100 Lap Derby, while another 50 drivers fill spots in two supporting classes of Standard Saloons and Junior Sedans competing in their short circuit challenge.

All sorts of race cars following the Sports Sedan and Unlimited Sedan class specification books are entered in the big Derby event with once again Americans flying in to be involved including Matt Ryan, Billy Meazell and Alan Lindow. Meazell in particular garners significant

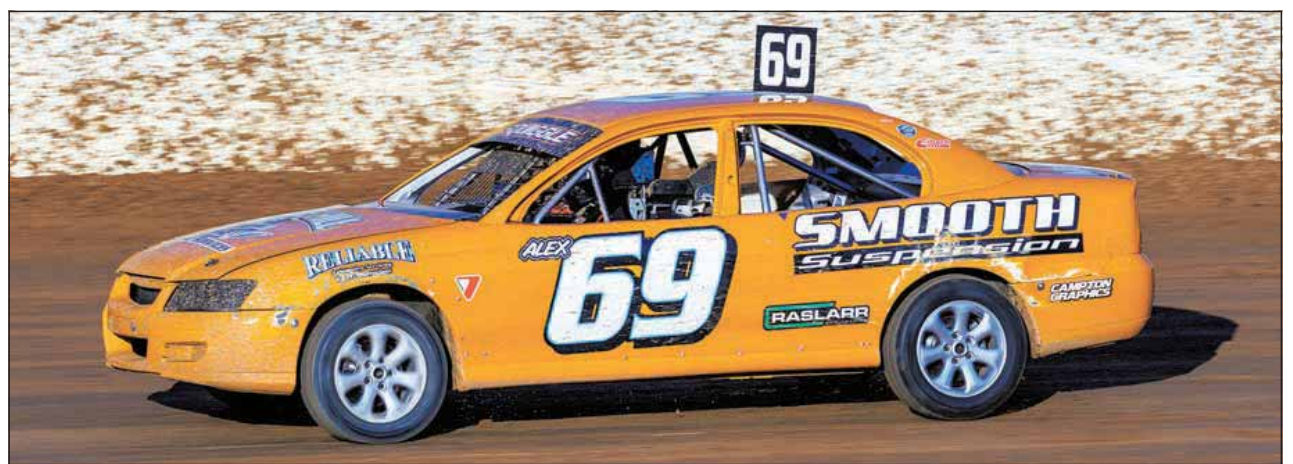
interest through his media following in the United States which ensures numerous followers of the weekends results and growing interest in the event from stateside.

Defending champion Eastern Suburbs racer Darren Forrest heads a field that includes all of last seasons top five finishers and many more that have the talent and the wheels underneath them to be in the potential winners conversation.

Last years runners up Damien Miller, Northern Suburbs racers Nathan and Shane O'Brien and Dale Smith another from Melbourne's East all top five finishers last season lead the likes of Brendan Miller, Tony Moule a former winner, Lennie Bonnici a winner of the event multiple times, Warrick Taylor, Matt Nelson, Josh Service, Luke Fallon, Lee Beach and David Donegan all series contenders in the event and we are still missing out a dozen others in our mentions.

Prior to the final on Sunday night, an open grid walk will occur where fans and especially those that never get up close to the drivers and cars during an ordinary nights racing can walk up and down the 40 car feature race grid to get a closer look and perhaps a memento or two with drivers keen to bring posters and stickers and other promotional giveaways for fans of all ages.

The event is a 100-lap sprint through a dog-leg circuit with a controlled open pit enclosure that



Wayne Sheerman from the eastern suburbs, Alexandra member and Standard Saloon competitor. -Steve Mitchell

allows cars to duck in and out of the pits as required if they could get themselves to a position where they can make it back to the enclosure. Previously the event has been won by chassis cars and mono-shell construct sedans, anything can happen and change the course of the race and usually does.

Standard Saloons compete for their dog-leg feature with the event each Kings Birthday weekend popular among the second biggest sedan class in Victoria. Mark Miles has been a frequent winner of the weekends previous events and is once again nominated to do battle.

Miles will have to deal with one of the bigger Standard Saloon fields in the class in recent seasons having reached more than 30 nominations. Brodie Ardley, Mitch Foster, Leigh Gooding, last year's winner Brad

Hill, Ally Morrison, Kacey Ingram, Wayne Sheerman, Harry Cecil, Chris Miles, Neil Ingram, Chase Ingram, Jaimi Barber, Courtney Meakins and Ella Sheedy are just some of the competitors with victory on their minds.

In Speedway Sedans Australia Junior Sedan competition many of the season's strongest competitors in state association racing have entered. Stave Cosson, Luke Morrison, James Peacock with many wins in the state series behind him, Axel Robinson, Brad Marshall and South Australian state champion and Alexandra resident, Will Fallon are some of these racers. The racers aged 10 to 16 will be very entertaining in their quick and nimble race machines.

Gates to the venue open from Tuesday, June 3. The weekend will

include a bike race for junior fans with almost 100 kids entered to hit the track when the bike race is scheduled. Live music is part of the weekend on the Saturday night with cover band 'Exploded View'.

Racing begins on Saturday from 1pm on Gordon Street Alexandra with a planned 9.30pm finish and again on Sunday from the same start time. Enquires can communicate via Facebook messages to the club.

Entrance cost for two days is \$150 for a family of two adults and three children between the ages of 10 to 16 with all children under 10 free. Adults on their own is \$60, Invalid, and aged pensioners are \$30 and children not entering on a family ticket is also \$30. For one day of racing only, halve the price for any of the tickets required.