

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 Your community newspaper since 1885 Wednesday, June 25, 2025 \$2.00 inc. GST

Most trusted news source in the Murrindindi Shire since 1890

murrindindibusiness.com.au

INSIDE THIS WEEK'S EDITION

YDMH expands for extra support



Page 3

Discoveries about Bogong moth



Page 6

The Farmer's Ag News



Pages 8-9

Weekend sport



Pages 14-16

Crimes in Murrindindi Shire

THE Crime Statistics Agency has released data detailing Victoria's crime numbers in the year ending March 31, 2025.

Criminal incidents

For the Murrindindi local government area (LGA) there were 512 criminal incidents, down 9.9 per cent from 568 last year.

Our shire's criminal incident rate per 100,000 population was 3262.1, well below the Victorian rate of 6692.2. Lowest in the state was Golden Plains LGA on 2377.7, with the Melbourne LGA highest on 17,792.1 per 100,000 population.

In Murrindindi, there were 60 theft-related incidents, 47 relating to criminal damage, 37 relating to breaching family violence orders (up from 23 the previous year). There were also 33 incidents relating to residential non-aggravated burglary, and 31 family violence (FV) common assault incidents.

Breaking it down further, there were two homicide and related offences in the Murrindindi Shire. Thirteen FV serious assault-related incidents were recorded, 14 non-FV serious assault, six cases of assaulting police, emergency services or other authorised officers, 31 cases of FV common assault and 17 cases of non-FV common assault.

Sixteen sexual offence incidents were recorded for the year and one case of false imprisonment. Only one incident relating to dangerous driving was recorded in Murrindindi for the year.

There were five incidents relating to causing damage by fire in the shire, and two other fire related offences.

Two cases of residential aggravated burglary took place, 33 cases of residential non-aggravated burglary, and 31 cases of non-residential non-aggravated burglary.

Twelve cases of motor vehicle theft were recorded for Murrindindi in the released data, along with 28 counts of stealing from a motor vehicle. There were eight incidents relating to stealing from a retail store.

Two cases of forgery and counterfeiting were recorded and 27 incidents relating to obtaining a benefit by deception.

Drug-wise, there were two incidents relating to drug dealing in the shire, four to drug trafficking, two of cultivating drugs and 12 of drug possession.

Thirteen firearm offences were recorded, nine incidents relating to prohibited and controlled weapons offences, and one explosive offence.

There were 37 cases of breaching family violence orders and three cases of breaching intervention orders. Two cases of cruelty to animals occurred and two environmental offences.

Of these criminal incidents, 179 occurred in houses, 56 on streets, lanes or footpaths, 21 in front yards, 21 in parkland or reserves, and 16 in sheds.

Twenty-seven per cent had charges laid, 28.1 per cent had no charges laid, and 44.9 per cent went unsolved.

In terms of the age groups of alleged offenders, there were 26 alleged offenders in the 10 to 17 years old category, 34 in 18 to 24,

35 in 25 to 29, 38 in 30 to 34, 30 in 35 to 39, 30 in 40 to 44 and 80 in 45 plus.

Of these alleged offenders, 46 were female and 230 were male.

Alexandra

Alexandra was the second-highest town in Murrindindi for criminal incidents, with a total of 82, down from 87 the previous year.

The highest number of incidents in Alexandra were related to criminal damage (eight cases), breaches of family violence orders (eight cases), and non-residential non-aggravated burglary, other theft, and obtaining benefit by deception (all six cases).

Eildon

Eildon had 55 criminal incidents in the year ending March 31, 2025, up from 48 the previous year.

Highest of these were incidents relating to theft (seven), non-residential non-aggravated burglary (six), and non-FV common assault (five).

Flowerdale

Flowerdale is down one criminal incident from the previous year to 27 incidents. Of these, family violence common assault, criminal damage and breaches of family violence orders were most prevalent, with four cases of each.

Yea

Yea had the highest number of criminal incidents in Murrindindi Shire with 89. This is significantly down from the previous year, where 115 criminal incidents were recorded.

Highest among these were incidents relating to other theft (15), criminal damage (eight) and stealing from a motor vehicle (eight).

Family violence

The total number of family incidents in Murrindindi Shire rose in the year ending March 2025, standing at 208 incidents. This is up 14.3 per cent from the previous year, when that number was 182.

This equals out to 1325.2 per 100,000 population, still below the Victorian rate of 1497.1 per 100,000 population.

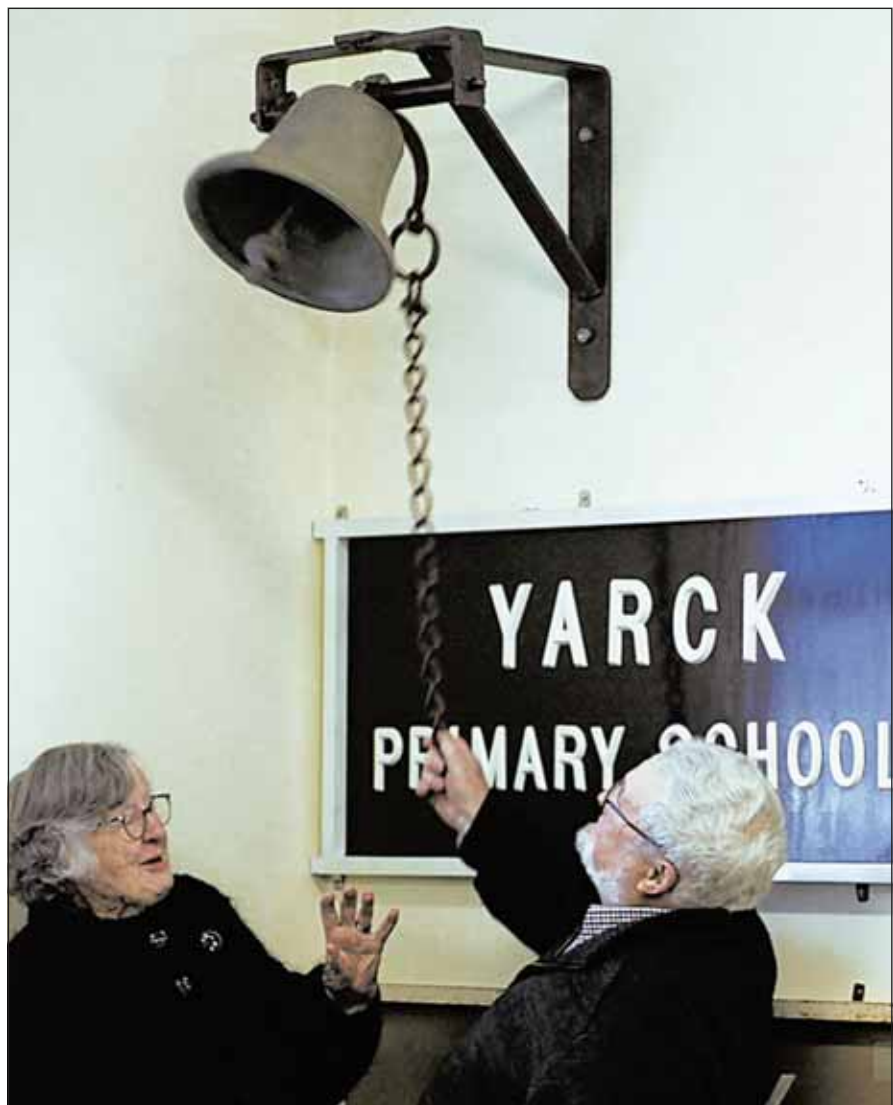
In terms of affected family members, 152 were female and 56 were male, with most spread between the ages of 25 and 54. Categorically, there were 13 affected family members between zero and 17 years old, 20 between 18 and 24, 42 between 25 and 34, 45 between 35 and 44, 39 between 45 and 54, and 42 above 55 years old.

Opposition comments on the state of crime in Victoria

Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish said she is grateful that Murrindindi Shire's crime rate remains low.

"Luckily, Murrindindi Shire remains relatively untouched while crime spirals across Victoria under Labor's watch," Ms McLeish said.

Continued Page 11



The school bell was rung by Norma Houston and Geoffrey MacNelson at the opening of the historical display at the Yarck Hall. More photos and information can be found on page 5. -MP

Police investigate Yea home invasion and fire

Alexandra Crime Investigation Unit detectives are investigating a home invasion in Yea this morning.

It is understood three unknown offenders arrived at a property on Melba Highway and knocked on the door about 1.15am.

Police were told two of them were armed with firearms and one had a machete as they confronted the occupant and entered the house.

They demanded cash and firearms from the 68-year-old victim, then assaulted him when he refused to comply.

Detectives were told they dragged him out of the house and into the boot of his own vehicle, before heading down the driveway.

The victim got out of the vehicle and was threatened again by one of the offenders, whilst the other two set the house on fire.

The offenders poured petrol onto the victim, then fled the scene in a vehicle.

Three firearms were stolen from the property during the incident.

The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries and drove to a nearby property to call Triple Zero (000).

Police believe the incident was targeted, and do not believe the offenders are known to the victim.

No arrests have been made at this stage and the investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at crimestoppersvic.com.au

Police were unable to provide further details on the incident by the time this newspaper went to print.

Local CFA brigades were paged to the fire at 1.38am. Brigades from Yea, Glenburn, Limestone, Alexandra and Molesworth attended. Yarck, Koriella and Trawool were also notified but weren't required to attend.

The brigades had to wait at a staging post a distance away from the property until police made the scene safe. The house was already engulfed in flames when they arrived.

The fire was brought under control at 3.46am, however the house was entirely destroyed.

The Hea 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

We thank you for your continued support

Local District Nursing Service expands to better support the community

THE District Nursing Service at Yea and District Memorial Hospital (YDMH) is entering an exciting new chapter, one focused on growth, quality and accessibility.

With an increasing need for in-home nursing support across the region, YDMH is actively recruiting more nursing staff and investing in upskilling the team to deliver a broader range of services. The goal is to continue providing compassionate, high-quality care, right where people need it most, in their homes.

YDMH currently provide a range of essential healthcare services in the home, including wound care, hygiene assessments, blood pressure and blood glucose monitoring, and medication assistance and injections.

As the service grows, YDMH aims to extend the services to include palliative care support, PICC line access and care, antibiotic administration, complex wound dressings, expanded catheter management, PEG tube care and feeding support, and oncology support.

The District Nursing Service is available to people of all ages. Whether you're recovering from surgery, managing a chronic condition, or supporting an aging loved one, the nurses are here to help you stay safe and well at home.

YDMH primarily services the Murrindindi Shire, but we recognise that health and wellbeing don't stop at boundary lines. We're committed to working closely with clients on the borders of surrounding shires, as well as with other health services, to ensure continuity of care and appropriate coverage, wherever it's needed.

To ensure services remain accessible and sustainable, YDMH is reviewing the fee structure and working to maximise the use of available government subsidies. Whether through My Aged Care, DVA, NDIS, Post-Acute Care programs, or other funding options, YDMH is committed to helping

clients get the best value for their care while keeping out-of-pocket costs as low as possible.

Importantly, there is no financial barrier to receiving care. There is a flexible fee structure that can be tailored to each individual's circumstances, ensuring that everyone in the community has access to the care they need, regardless of their financial situation.

The District Nursing team believe the service to be important to our rural community and want to grow gradually without compromising the personalised care they are known for.

Part of that planned growth includes introducing limited weekend coverage for eligible clients, something they hope to expand over time based on community needs and available resources.

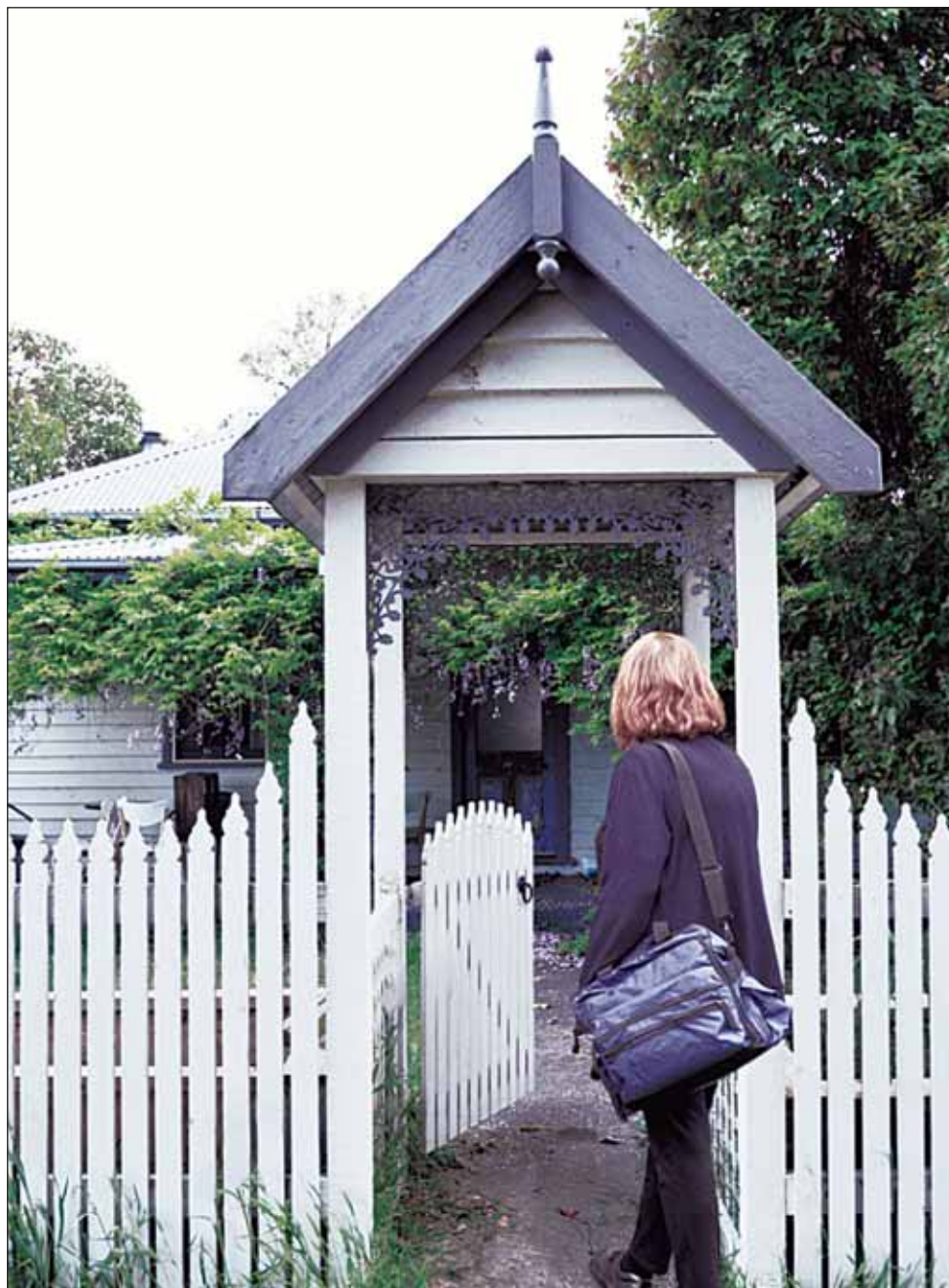
How to Access District Nursing Services

You can access the District Nursing Service in several ways: Through your GP, via a hospital or health service referral, by contacting My Aged Care and asking for an assessment or referral, or even through self-referral.

They understand navigating healthcare can be complex, and the team is there to help connect you with the right funding streams to support your care. The Murrindindi Shire office can also help you access the support you need and they regularly work with the team to assist people accessing services.

If you or someone you know could benefit from in-home nursing support, or if you're a nurse looking for a rewarding career in rural healthcare, they would love to hear from you. You can call the hospital main phone number on 5736 0400 or email yeahospital@ydmh.org.au and your enquiry will be referred to the appropriate person.

Together, they're building a stronger, more resilient healthcare service for the community, one step at a time.



Lorraine from the District Nursing Service. -S



Having important conversations, even on a park bench in town. -S

Community conversations in Yea

ON Tuesday, June 10, on a sunny winter's day in Yea, members from the Benalla Proactive Policing Unit hit the streets to connect with locals and chat about community safety over a warm coffee.

From the Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre to park benches in town, locals shared their thoughts as part of the Victoria Police Community Sentiment Survey, an important opportunity to tell police what's working, what's not, and how we can better support your safety and wellbeing.

These one-on-one conversations are a great way for police to understand what matters most to rural communities.

The annual Community Sentiment Survey provides an opportunity for all Victorians to share their safety concerns, how they would like to interact with

police, and where Victoria Police can focus efforts to keep communities safer.

The survey supports the Neighbourhood Policing Framework and is for people of all backgrounds who live, work and socialise in Victoria.

The survey is anonymous and will take around five minutes to complete.

Your responses will help inform the initiatives Victoria Police delivers to keep you and communities safer. This includes working with partners on local safety plans to address the issues which are most important to you.

In the coming months, Victoria Police will share a summary of key findings on the Engage Victoria website. Local summaries will also be shared on the Victoria Police Eyewatch Facebook page.

You can complete the survey online at <https://bit.ly/43MCeNI>



Yea & District
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

In Home Nursing Care currently available

- Wound care
- Hygiene assessments
- Blood pressure and blood glucose monitoring
- Medication assistance and injections

You can access our District Nursing Service in several ways:

- Through your GP
- Via a hospital or health service referral
- By contacting My Aged Care and asking for an assessment/referral
- Or even through self-referral

If you or someone you know could benefit from in-home nursing support, please get in contact with us.

If you're a nurse looking for a rewarding career in rural healthcare, we'd love to hear from you.

45 Station St Yea, VIC 3717

(03) 5736 0400

yeahospital@ydmh.org.au

yeahospital.org.au



Local history at Yarck Hall is not to be missed

ON Sunday, June 23 the opening of the historical display of memorabilia of local primary schools and railway history took place at Yarck Mechanics Institute and Library, more commonly known as Yarck Hall.

The event was opened by Graham Halliburton Chairman of the Yarck Hall Committee after Norma Hodson and Geoffrey McPherson rang the restored original school bell to get everyone's attention before the speech began.

Norma Hodson has been a CWA member for 70 years and on the Yarck Hall Committee for 50 years. Geoffrey McPherson's great grandfather made the land available for the hall. The hall opened in 1888 and has been operating ever since.

Yarck Primary School opened in 1874 under the name Home Creek State School until 1903 when it was renamed Yarck Primary School no 1331. The school closed in 1993. Public education in the colony of Victoria only began in 1872. The school building was removed when it closed.

There were over 100 photographs on display at the event and the Yarck Hall Committee plan to rotate them on a regular basis and you can see this history unfold at every market day at Yarck Hall which is held every third Saturday of the month.



The photographic display was enjoyed by many. -MP



Norma Hodson, Geoffrey McPherson, and Graham Halliburton speaking at the start of the unveiling of the local memorabilia. -MP



The display was a history enthusiast's dream. -MP



Photographs from local schools included Yarck Primary School, Kanumbra, Gobur, Fawcett, Cathkin, Terip Terip, Bonnie Doon, and Molesworth. -MP



Sharon Fox and Sandra Macintyre. -MP



The unveiling was done by Geoffrey and Graham. -MP

Joint statement on Treaty negotiations

THE state government and the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria have been holding regional meetings to continue negotiations for Victoria's first statewide Treaty.

Premier Jacinta Allan and Assembly Co-Chairs Rueben Berg and Ngarra Murray attended the opening ceremony prior to negotiations on Dja Dja Wurrung country a fortnight ago.

Treaty is about making a better and fairer state for all Victorians, by ensuring First Peoples have a say over the policies that impact them and their families.

Negotiations have progressed on how an ongoing role for the First Peoples' Assembly will ensure First Peoples can make decisions on matters that impact their futures and play an ongoing role in truth-telling, including capturing stories from across Victoria and retaining an archive of this information.

The ongoing representative body will be able to advocate for First Nations communities, provide advice, work on building community leadership capability and work with the Victorian Government to close the gap between First Peoples and other Victorians.

Negotiations also emphasised the nation-leading work of the Yoorrook Justice Commission and the importance of ongoing truth-telling across local communities.

Parties discussed the significance of the official public record being created by the Yoorrook Justice Commission, and that this could be a valuable resource for teachers to use when educating students about Victoria's history.

Treaty is a pathway to acknowledging the past and making real, practical change to achieve better outcomes for Aboriginal Victorians.

Since Treaty negotiations began, more than 700 local government, community and multicultural leaders have been engaged in Treaty Forums across Victoria.

The Victorian Government is represented by senior Department of Premier and Cabinet executives, and appointed Member Negotiators represent the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria.

Established in 2018, the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria has proven effective in enabling Aboriginal Victorians to represent their communities and negotiate Treaty.

NATIONAL TREE DAY TALK

The value of trees for birds, pollinators, and our communities

Join Murrindindi Shire Council for a special event with Ron Litjens, 2025 Volunteer of the Year, as we explore how trees and plants can attract native birds and pollinators to your garden — using species suited to our local environment.

Event and webinar details:

- Wednesday 16 July 2025
- 6.30 – 8.30 pm (online session from 6.50 pm)
- Attend in person at Alexandra Council Chambers, Kinglake Library or Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre — or join online!

In addition to the wonderful talk from Ron Litjens, you can also:

- learn about this year's Street Tree Audit
- take home a free plant (available for online and in-person attendees)
- enjoy a light dinner (in person attendees only)
- nominate your favourite street tree for a chance to win a \$40 voucher!

For details, or to register, scan the QR code or visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/TreeDayTalk



Student of the Week

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



YEA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Well done to our Values Award winners, Teddy, Max, Tyrese, Axel, Zara and Lilly. Keep up the great work, everyone.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL



Zach, Max and Harrison were recognised for their commitment for outstanding actions that align with our school values of Respect, Resilience and Safety.

Student of the Week

Proudly supported by Kinglake branch



Great discoveries about Australia's iconic Bogong moth

IN a world-first discovery, researchers have shown that Australia's iconic Bogong moth uses constellations of stars and the Milky Way to navigate hundreds of kilometres across the country during its annual migration, making it the first known invertebrate to rely on a stellar compass for long-distance travel.

The study, published in *Nature*, reveals how this unassuming nocturnal moth combines celestial navigation with Earth's magnetic field to pinpoint a specific destination it has never visited before, the cool alpine caves of the Snowy Mountains, where it hibernates for the summer.

Led by an international team of scientists from Lund University, the Australian National University (ANU), the University of South Australia (UniSA) and other global institutions, the research sheds new light on one of nature's great migration mysteries, involving approximately four million moths each year.

"Until now, we knew that some birds and even humans could use the stars to navigate long distances, but this is the first time that it's been proven in an insect," Lund University Professor of Zoology, Eric Warrant, said. He is also a Visiting Fellow at the ANU and an Adjunct Professor at UniSA.

"Bogong moths are incredibly precise. They use the stars as a compass to guide them over vast distances, adjusting their bearing based on the season and time of night."

Each spring, billions of Bogong moths (*Agrotis infusa*) emerge from breeding grounds across southeast Australia and fly up to 1000 kilometres to a small number of caves and rocky outcrops in the Australian Alps.

The moths lie dormant in the cool, dark shelters throughout summer, and in autumn make the return journey to breed and die.

Using sophisticated flight simulators and brain recordings in controlled, magnetically neutral environments, the researchers tested how moths orient themselves under different sky conditions.

When presented with natural starry skies and no magnetic field, they consistently flew in the correct migratory direction for the season, southward in spring, northward in autumn.

When the starry skies were rotated 180 degrees, the moths reversed direction accordingly, but when the stars were scrambled, their orientation vanished.

"This proves they are not just flying towards the brightest light or following a simple visual cue," Professor Warrant said. "They're reading specific patterns in the night sky to determine a geographic direction, just like migratory birds do."

Interestingly, when stars were obscured by clouds, the moths maintained their direction using only the Earth's magnetic field. This dual compass system ensures reliable navigation even in variable conditions.

The team also delved into the neurological basis of this behaviour, identifying specialised neurons in the moth's brain that respond to the orientation of the starry sky. These cells, found in brain regions responsible for navigation and steering, fire most strongly when the moth is facing southward.



The Bogong moth migrates up to 1000 kilometres each year to a few select caves in the Australian Alps, using the stars for navigation. -Ajay Narendra, Macquarie University

"This kind of directional tuning shows that the Bogong moth brain encodes celestial information in a surprisingly sophisticated way. It's a remarkable example of complex navigational ability packed into a tiny insect brain."

Researchers say the discovery could inform technologies in robotics, drone navigation, and even conservation strategies for species threatened by habitat loss or climate change.

Bogong moth populations have declined sharply in recent years, promoting their listing as vulnerable.

The study underscores the importance of protecting migratory pathways and the dark skies these moths rely on.

"This is not just about a moth, it's about how animals read the world around them," says Prof Warrant.

"The night sky has guided human explorers for millennia. Now we know that it guides moths, too."

Co-author Professor Javaan Chahl, a remote sensing engineer from the University of South Australia, made headlines in August 2024 using the discoveries from a previous study led by Lund University involving dung beetles, who use the Milky Way as a reference point to roll balls of dung in straight lines.



A wall of Bogong moths, aestivating in a cave in the Australian Alps. -Professor Eric Warrant

Professor Chahl's team modelled the same technique used by dung beetles to develop an AI sensor for robot navigation in low light.

The *Nature* paper "Bogong moths use a stellar compass for long-distance navigation at night" is authored by researchers from

Europe, the UK, China, Australia, Canada and Australia.

A video produced by the Australian Academy of Science, explaining Professor Warrant's research, is available at [youtube.com/watch?v=AqiG_xBUFE0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqiG_xBUFE0)

Annual budget adopted at council's June meeting

MURRINDINDI Shire Council's June meeting was held at the Yea Chambers. Cr McAulay declared a material conflict of interest with item 5.1 regarding the adoption of the budget as it involves an allocation of funds for repairs and renewal works at the former Taggerty Primary School.

1 Pendlebury Street, Alexandra, subdivision

During Open Forum, Angelina Bell spoke about the multi-lot subdivision planning application at 1 Pendlebury Street in Alexandra. She said that this type of application was important in addressing the housing shortage throughout Victoria and in the Murrindindi Shire. Some surrounding landowners objected, but Ms Bell said that they "didn't actually object to the subdivision itself, but rather the perceived impact of future development of those lots." As a result, they removed the proposed intersection at Thom and Myrtle Street. Following a meeting with other landowners, the subdivision layout was redesigned to respond to concerns. She noted that the land has long been zones for residential development.

The planning application for 1 Pendlebury Street was discussed by council. Fourteen objections had been received with three subsequently withdrawn. The objections were around amenity, the future development of the lots, traffic and the capacity of the town to sustain the additional development. Five mature trees are in the area to be subdivided and these will be protected. Flood planning and open spaces were also discussed. The planning application at 1 Pendlebury Street was approved by council, subject to the conditions outlined in the report.

Eildon Key Worker Housing

The Eildon Key Worker Housing project is budgeted at \$6.28m with council contributing \$1.5 million in borrowings and \$780,000 in land value, with 33 bedrooms being the target. The project is designed to be financially sustainable, with a mix of rental income and potential future sales. The project is due for completion by June 2026 due to grant conditions, and therefore the approval of the tender is time-critical.

Mayor Gallagher proposed an amendment, being that council receive a report at the next practicable council meeting. Council voted to delegate authority to the mayor and CEO to approve the awarding of the tender for the design and construction of the 14 houses, with an allocated project budget of \$5.4 million, as well as the amendment.

Local Development Strategy

The Shaping Murrindindi's Future project is a locally led initiative, developed in response to the Victorian Government's decision to cease native forest logging. The project is now in its final stage. It has engaged the community and stakeholders to identify local strengths and opportunities, resulting in the formation of Innovation Working Groups focused on Farm Forestry, Renewable Energy and Circular Economy, Tourism, and Health Aged Care and Social Assistance. Each group has developed targeted actions and is progressing toward securing funding and implementing initiatives that support economic diversification and long-term resilience.

Council voted to adopt the Shaping Murrindindi's Future Local Development Strategy and support the realisation of the opportunities identified.

Mayor Gallagher also reiterated that funding is available to support businesses, workers and communities during the transition, with information available via deeca.vic.gov.au/forestry

Adoption of 2025/2026 annual budget

The key features of the budget include total operating expenditure of \$44.5 million funding services and facility operations, operating surplus of \$1.08 million (includes capital income), \$17.2 million capital works program, with \$12.1 million invested in improving

existing infrastructure, borrowings of \$2 million to fund new infrastructure projects that will deliver a financial return to council covering all repayments and borrowing costs, a three per cent increase in overall rates and charges in line with the rate cap set by the state government, reallocation of a \$149 component from the kerbside bin collection charge to a standalone Community Waste Charge, no increase in charges for kerbside waste and recycling collection despite expansion of the service from a two bin to four bin system, and a one-year deferral of the Community Waste Charge for a cohort of rural landowners and farmers not on the kerbside bin collection route, in recognition of the prevailing drought conditions across the shire and the added financial pressures on primary producers.

Major projects funded in the 2025/26 budget include \$4.3 million for Key Worker Housing in Eildon (largely funded by grants), \$1.4 million to renew local bridges, \$400,000 for footpath and shared path upgrades, \$270,000 for park and playground improvements, and \$95,000 for digital system upgrades and improved customer service. Council will also continue to support a local youth services program, despite the withdrawal of state government funding.

Council received nine community submissions to the draft budget in May. All were considered before finalising the budget, and individual responses will be provided to each submitter.

Mr Chesworth noted that there are a number of different payment options available, and people facing financing difficulties should contact council directly. It was also suggested that people review their rates notice as soon as it's been received and to raise any concerns early. He also said that the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) will be listed in the rates but has been set by the state government, and council must collect it.

The budget was adopted by council.

Annual Priority Action Plan 2025/26

The development of the Priority Action Plan was informed by the outcomes of the Council Plan community engagement processes in June to July 2024 and February to March 2025. It has also been shaped by community feedback received through the draft Budget, consultation which closed on May 28 and early submissions on the draft Council Plan, which remains open until June 25. The focus is on a thriving and prosperous shire, healthy, inclusive and resilient communities, and trusted leadership and sustainable services. It was endorsed by council.

Road Management Plan

Council's current Road Management Plan (RMP) was adopted in 2021 and is publicly available on council's website. Under the Road Management Act 2004 and the Road Management (General) Regulations 2016, council is required to review its RMP by June 30. Council Road Advisory Group (CRAG) met five times over the past 15 months. The plan was endorsed.

Councillor reports Cr Adams

Cr Adams spoke about the progress of the Community Health and Wellbeing Plan, in collaboration with other organisations. Focus will be on existing services and existing need. She also spoke about upcoming events.

Cr McAulay

Cr McAulay spoke about the Alexandra East Development Plan, as well as the recent Alexandra Truck, Ute and Rod Show and other events on the June long weekend, and their economic and fundraising benefits.

Cr Lording

Cr Lording spoke about the completion of pit and drain clearing works in Eildon, Alexandra, Marysville and Yea. Road crews have been active in road repairs. They have received quotes for drainage works on Riverside

Drive in Yea and it is hoped that works will start soon.

Cr Hildebrand

Cr Hildebrand spoke about winter and the recent rainfall. "Although it's only a start, every drop is welcome in these dry conditions," he said. Approximately 12,000 head of cattle have passed through the Yea Sale Yards in the last few weeks, but prices have held steady. He also noted the state government's drought support for farmers. He thanked all who advocated behind the scenes for the outcome. He spoke about upcoming events in the shire.

Cr Carr

Cr Carr also commented on the recent rain, and the truck show, memorial and truck show dinner, including the fundraiser for a mobile health clinic. She said, "It was a very successful event run by a group of volunteers and I want to congratulate all involved." She also spoke about the Eildon Lions Club 50th anniversary, saying "It was a wonderful night to celebrate an incredible history" and recognised Syd Savage.

Mayor Gallagher

Mayor Gallagher talked about his participation in the Hume Region Local Government Network forum, with a focus on sustainability, infrastructure and the ESVF levy implementation. Marysville recently hosted delegates for a property valuation conference. He also said that Murrindindi was recently featured in a podcast created by the Victorian Local Governance Association, and noted the positive impact of service clubs in Murrindindi Shire. He recently attended the Eildon Lions Club anniversary and spoke in glowing terms about their efforts. In addition, he mentioned the Resource Recovery Team's efforts to support the community in the transition to the four bin system.

CEO Report

Ms Bonazzi spoke about the commencement of the new four bin services on June 30. In addition to the website, printable calendar and hard copy calendar available from council offices, an app will also be made available. She said that council recently gained recognition through the Local Government Professional Awards, with their community flood hub project awarded a high commendation. Funding was secured through the Victorian Government and could be taken to the community. The health outreach model is working well and will extend further.

Council is developing new residential design guidelines to support the delivery of new housing developments that are attractive, sustainable and in keeping with the unique character of Murrindindi.

She said that council is closely monitoring the work of the state government's drought taskforce, and welcomes the recent progress while echoing concerns that more needs to be done. She said that council will continue advocating for practical, on-ground support for farmers and rural communities, including zero-interest loans and direct funding for councils to strengthen drought response programs.

Council is also lobbying regarding the state's decision to cease funding for group-based sleep support programs, previously delivered locally by the Maternal and Child Health nurses. The government has advised that some individual support remains available and there is a 24/7 helpline, but families will now be referred to Early Parenting Centres. The closest centre is in Whittlesea, subject to availability. She said that they continue to hold concerns about the equity and accessibility of the arrangement, and are urging the government to reconsider or to work with council on other options.

Batteries and electronics can cause fires.

Don't put them in any bin.

Check your council website for local drop-off points instead.

Small acts make a big impact



The Farmer's Ag News



An example of a Redback Weedwiper. -S



A farmer with his Redback Weedwiper. -S

Understand your stock with the Stock Sense project at Yea Saleyards

WANT to learn more about how to handle livestock in a low-stress way to help boost welfare and productivity?

Come and hear from experts like livestock contractor Jack Briscoe at a livestock handling workshop in Yea this July.

Over the course of the one-day workshop, Mr Briscoe will cover the basic instincts of livestock and humans and how they react to each other, as well as best yard safety practices, including a live demonstration.

"We have people have that come to the workshops who are classed as peri-urban farmers who have less than five animals, up to people who have over 2000 animals, they are still working with the same animal, the same principles," Mr Briscoe said.

"It doesn't matter how many animals you own, it's for everyone."

Mr Briscoe will be joined by yard design specialist Mark Bennett, as well as internationally-engaged speaker and facilitator Dominic Thurbon, who will discuss how to make safety 'safe'.

"The thing is that no matter how long you've been in farming, bad habits are habits," Mr Briscoe said.

"Livestock only give you one free opportunity, and we've got to work with that... I think what people believe is common sense can be drilled down even more."

The workshop is facilitated by the Victorian Farmers Federation's Stock Sense project, which is funded by the Cattle and Sheep and Goats Compensation Funds and is aimed at helping Victorian livestock producers maintain and improve their animal health and welfare.

They do this through not only online resources like factsheets and webinars, but also by orchestrating educational workshops across the state, including the upcoming one in Yea.

Stock Sense's Livestock Handling Workshop will take place on Wednesday, July 9 at Yea Saleyards from 9.30am. Registrations are essential as lunch is provided. To register, visit the VFF Stock Sense Facebook events page or their website at vff.org.au/stocksense



Victorian Farmers Federation's Stock Sense project run livestock and biosecurity based workshops across the state. -S



LIVESTOCK HANDLING WORKSHOP YEA

Join experts Mark Bennett and Jack Briscoe as they discuss **stockyard design, stock handling techniques** and **overall livestock safety**. Internationally engaged presenter Dominic Thurbon will also be speaking about **how to make safety 'safe'**.

Morning tea and lunch provided!

Wed, July 9
9.30am - 2.00pm
Yea Saleyards

Register for **FREE** today via the QR code or our website: vff.org.au/stocksense



Stock Sense is funded by the Cattle Compensation Fund and the Sheep and Goat Compensation Fund and proudly delivered by the Victorian Farmers Federation



Livestock contractor Jack Briscoe will teach techniques on low-stress handling of stock at the workshop. -S

www.murrindindibusiness.com.au

Yea Chronicle incorporating the Anglesea Chronicle, Wednesday, June 25, 2025 9

The Farmer's Ag News

How farmers are using Redback Weedwipers and council support to protect pastures

IN Victoria and across much of Australia, the pressure from invasive broadleaf weeds continues to compromise pasture productivity, animal health, and overall land performance. While boom spraying remains common practice, it presents challenges: non-selective application, high chemical usage, pasture damage, and spray drift risks. Increasingly, landowners are turning to weedwipers as a more precise and cost-effective solution.

One of the most widely adopted tools in this category is the Redback Weedwiper. This farmer-designed implement applies herbicide directly to the upper foliage of weeds while leaving surrounding pasture untouched. Its rising popularity is driven not only by its performance in the field, but also by increasing awareness of support options available through local councils.

Local Government Support: Grants, Subsidies, and Equipment Access

Many Victorian councils and Landcare networks are actively encouraging responsible weed control by offering: Financial subsidies or grants for eligible landowners undertaking weed control; loan programs for weedwiper machines, allowing short-term use for targeted operations; advisory services to assist with identifying problem species and planning control strategies.

Farmers are encouraged to contact their local council, catchment management authority, or Landcare group to discuss available programs. Funding availability and application processes vary by region, but in

many cases, a portion of the cost of equipment hire or herbicide purchase may be covered.

Weeds Effectively Controlled by a Weedwiper

The Redback Weedwiper has proven especially effective on a wide range of tall-growing and broadleaf weeds common in Victoria.

These include: Patterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*), Saffron Thistle (*Carthamus lanatus*), Capeweed (*Arctotheca calendula*), St John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), Marshmallow (*Malva parviflora*), Varieties of Dock (*Rumex spp.*), Ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*), Bathurst Burr (*Xanthium spinosum*), and other varieties of thistle.

These species typically outcompete desirable pasture species for light and nutrients. When left unmanaged, they reduce forage quality, interfere with grazing patterns, and in many cases present toxicity risks to livestock.

Weedwipers are most effective when used during active weed growth, typically in late spring and early summer. Because the application is contact-based and highly selective, it enables treatment of specific weeds without affecting pasture cover, making it particularly useful for rotational grazing systems or organic-focused operations.

Proven Herbicide Compatibility

The Redback Weedwiper is compatible with a wide range of systemic herbicides. The following active ingredients have demonstrated consistent results across

Victorian conditions:

Triclopyr + Picloram (e.g., Grazon Extra): ideal for woody and broadleaf weeds; Tordon 75-D (Picloram + 2,4-D): effective on thistles and ragwort; Metsulfuron-methyl: suitable for softer species like capeweed and dock; Glyphosate (low concentration): for general control.

Always consult chemical labels and local agronomic advice to determine appropriate application rates and mixing guidelines specific to weed species and conditions.

Why the Redback Weedwiper Is a Trusted Choice

Redback's weedwiper range is designed and built in Australia for local conditions, with features that enhance durability, effectiveness, and ease of use.

Key benefits include: Precision low-volume application reduces chemical costs; Thick Carpet Wick and Pump System for consistent saturation and zero drift; Three size options (2.4m, 4.8m, and 6.2m) to suit everything from small blocks to broadacre farms; Proven results across a wide range of terrain and weed challenges.

Seeing It for Yourself

There are several ways to explore how the Redback Weedwiper could work for your operation: Ask to see one in action, Redback has a strong customer base across Victoria, and local users are often willing to demonstrate how they've used the machine to tackle specific weeds; Watch real-world videos, as

numerous videos and testimonials are available online featuring farmers using the weedwiper in similar conditions; View before-and-after photos. Customers regularly share their weed control results on the Redback website and social channels; Contact a product specialist as Redback Agri can provide guidance based on your property type, weed species, and control goals.

To view the Redback Weedwiper range and watch it in action, visit: redbackagri.com.au/product/weedwiper/

And for insights, field reports, and advice, explore the Redback blog: redbackagri.com.au/news/

Complete Pasture and Landcare Solutions

Redback Agri also offers a complete suite of pasture management equipment to complement your weed control efforts: Harrows: ATV, tractor, and heavy-duty models for seedbed prep, dung spreading, and surface aeration; Arena Groomers and Rakes: Designed for equestrian and lifestyle property maintenance; Slashers: Suitable for maintaining firebreaks, fence lines, and reducing seasonal growth

Final Note: Weedwipers are a long-term asset to any landholder seeking to manage weed pressure with precision and efficiency. For Victorian farmers, the opportunity to access council support or shared equipment schemes makes this an especially practical time to consider adoption.

For more information, product support, contact Redback Agri direct on 1800 836 313.



VIEW DEMO VIDEOS & PRODUCT REVIEWS!

EOFY SPECIAL OFFER

WEEDWIPERS | HARROWS | SLASHERS | ARENA GROOMERS & MORE



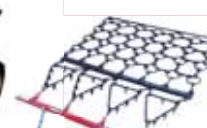
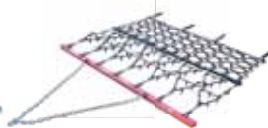
6.2m



4.8m



2.4m



Enjoy **FREE FREIGHT** on all orders,
only until 30th June 2025!

FAST DELIVERY AUSTRALIA WIDE



SHOP ONLINE

1800 836 313

www.redbackagri.com.au



REDBACK®

PUZZLES

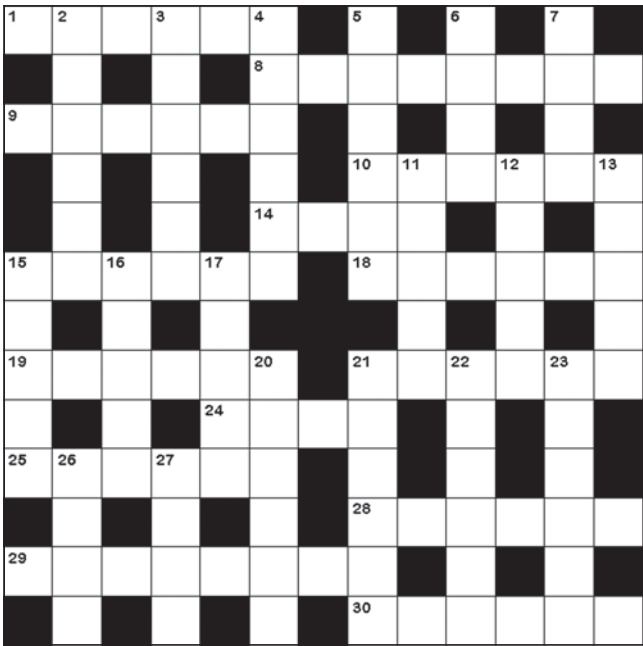
SOLUTIONS
Page 11

KID'S PUZZLES

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. Long thick poles used for fighting.
- 8. Australia's most well known animal.
- 9. Interfere with other people's affairs.
- 10. Different subject matters during a discussion.
- 14. Pleasant and polite behaviour.
- 15. Fills with utter distaste.
- 18. A large wicker picnic basket.
- 19. Australia's lowest value gold coin.
- 21. A state physical or emotional strain.
- 24. A breakaway religious group.
- 25. Provided an unobstructed entrance.
- 28. An eccentric old man.
- 29. The leg of an octopus.
- 30. Watching secretly with hostile intentions.



DOWN

- 2. Three times as much.
- 3. A member of the violin family.
- 4. Wool wound in loose, elongated coils.
- 5. Someone acting as an informer for the police.
- 6. Goods sold at reduced prices.
- 7. Move around slowly and aimlessly.
- 11. The core of our feelings and intuitions.
- 12. The syrup we pour on pancakes.
- 13. Arranges things by classes or categories.
- 15. An exhibition of cowboy skills.
- 16. The rate at which the heart beats.
- 17. Let out your property on hire.
- 20. Lessen the strength or flavour of a mixture.
- 21. Sections or portions of a journey.
- 22. A medicine or therapy that cures.
- 23. Completely lacking in humour.
- 26. Having markings of two or more colours.
- 27. A short personal letter.

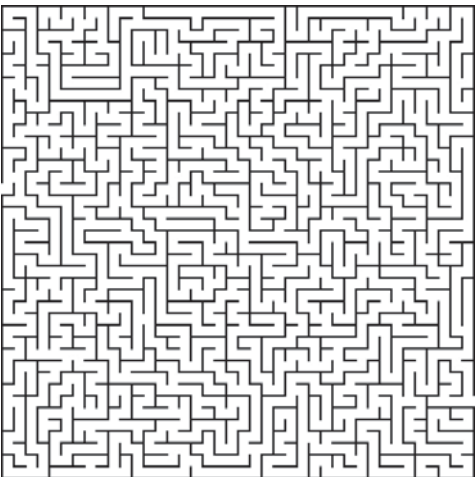
Word Search

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

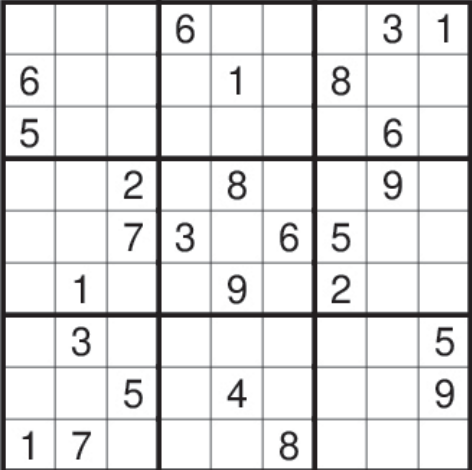
Clothing

- BATHROBE
- HANDBAG
- BIKINI
- HOODIE
- BLOUSE
- JEANS
- DRESS
- JUMPER
- EVENINGGOWN
- PANTS
- GLOVES
- PYJAMAS

Maze



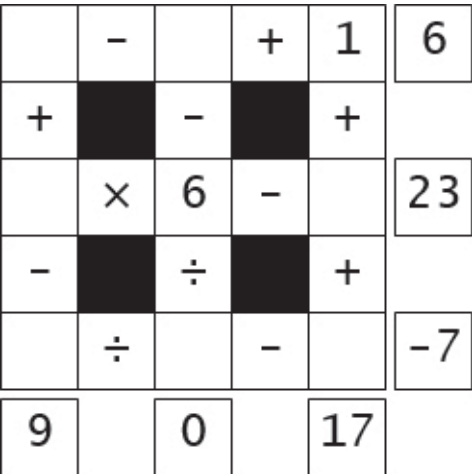
Sudoku



Difficulty: Medium

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.

Math Square



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.

Colouring Page



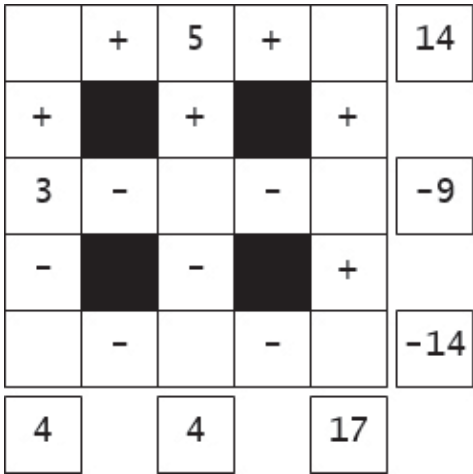
Word Search

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

Words starting with "J"

- JACARANDA
- JOVIAL
- JACKET
- JUGGLING
- JAGUAR
- JUICE
- JELLYFISH
- JULIA
- JOKER
- JUMPING
- JOSHUA
- JUNGLE
- JOURNEY
- JUNIOR

Math Square



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

- Q: Why did the frog take the bus to work?
A: Because his car got toad away.
- Q: What did one hat say to the other?
A: You wait here, I'll go on a head.

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

Fully Registered Fully Insured Fully Vaccinated

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

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.



Ampol Alexandra
Ampol Eildon
Mansfield Diesel Stop

0357721205 | www.simpsonsfuel.com.au

WATER BORING



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

WATER BORING

No water, no charge
after free site inspection

Ph Des Murray
0428 518 159

Murrindindi Shire sees decrease in criminal incidents

Continued from Page 1

“Although numbers remain considerably low in Murrindindi Shire, we still need to be vigilant. We are lucky we live in the community we do. It is clearly the place to be.”

Ms McLeish says that the rest of the state is suffering because of the state government’s soft touch on crime.

“Every day Victorians are less safe because of Labor’s soft touch on crime and refusal to give Police, who are working night and day to keep our community safe, the resources or laws they need,” Ms McLeish said.

“Labor has lost control of crime in this state; only a Liberals and Nationals government will ensure that if you break bail, you will face jail and that offenders face consequences for their actions.

“Victorians are getting sick and tired of waking to yet another story about criminals running rampant in our towns. It’s time to fix this mess and start protecting our community.”

Shadow Minister for Police, David Southwick agreed with the position of Cindy McLeish.

“Labor has failed Victorians on law and order. The sustained rise in crime over the past decade is a damning indictment of this government’s neglect and mismanagement,” Mr Southwick said.

“Today’s figures are deeply concerning, but they only scratch the surface. With Victoria Police critically underfunded and understaffed, countless crimes are going unreported and undetected.

“Labor has created a crime crisis and cannot be trusted to fix the very problems they caused. Cutting law and order funding amid record crime levels show this government is either incompetent or out of money, or more likely both.”

New bills introduced by state government

The Victorian Government has taken some action, introducing the *Crimes Amendment (Performance Crime) Bill* to parliament last week, which will give criminals extra jail time for sharing their disturbing crimes on social media.

The bill will outlaw the cowardly behaviour of ‘posting and boasting’ about certain crimes on social media and messaging applications.

The new offence targets those who publish content bragging about their involvement in serious crimes such as affray, burglary and robbery, car theft, carjacking, home invasions and violent disorder.

This includes anyone encouraging or facilitating these crimes, so there is no room to hide behind the ringleader.

This legislation responds to the dangerous trend among young people chasing clout on Tik Tok and Snapchat about their heinous crimes which encourages copycat offending, retraumatises victims, and deeply disturbs the community.

Anyone found guilty of a specified serious offence who has also posted and boasted about it will face up to two years’ jail time on top of any other penalty imposed for the substantive offence.

Third parties who are not involved in the offending such as witnesses, bystanders and journalists will not be captured by the new offence.

Further changes to bail will be introduced to parliament in the coming months and an Australian-first ban on the possession of machetes will come into effect on Monday, September 1.

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

BOOK YOUR TRADES AD TODAY!

Phone: 5772 1002
Email: reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au
Deadline: 12 noon Thursdays

The Yea Chronicle

EXCAVATION & EARTHMOVING

KEATH'S EXCAVATIONS P/L, YARCK

EARTH MOVING

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

All equipment operated by qualified operators
PERSONAL SUPERVISION – 42 YEARS EXPERIENCE
Phone 5773 4242 Mobile 0428 577 951
keathsexc@bigpond.com

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

KITCHENS



Murrindindi KITCHENS

Custom built kitchens, 3D kitchen design, Granite and Reconstituted stone, laundries, Creative design and quality, vanities, wardrobes

0409 146 465
38 Johnston St, Alexandra
sales@murrindindikitchens.com

PUZZLES SOLUTIONS

CROSSWORD



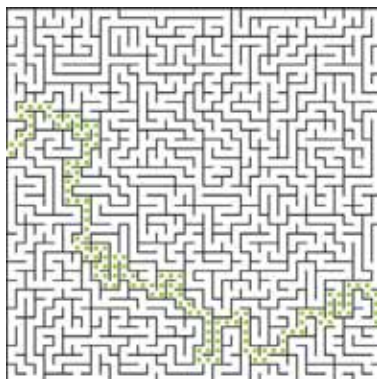
SUDOKU

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

MATH SQUARES

8	-	3	+	1	6
+		-		+	
5	x	6	-	7	23
-		÷		+	
4	÷	2	-	9	-7
9		0		17	

MAZE



KIDS MATH SQUARES

2	+	5	+	7	14
+		+		+	
3	-	8	-	4	-9
-		-		+	
1	-	9	-	6	-14
4		4		17	

MURRINDINDI SHIRE COUNCIL

NEW KERBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE



NEW KERBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE STARTS ON MONDAY 30 JUNE

The new service includes your existing general rubbish and recycling bins, and includes a new Glass bin and a Food and Garden Organics bin (optional in rural areas).

Your existing bin day remains the same, however the organics (green) bin will be collected every week, the garbage and recycling bins will be collected on alternating weeks, and glass (purple) bin every four weeks.

We now have a printable bin collection calendar available on our website (see example below), or if you would like to pick up a physical copy, you can visit one of our Library and Customer Service Centres.

Visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/fourbins to learn more about the new kerbside collection service, download the new LoopedIn Councils bin and recycling app and to find out what you should put in each bin.

Monday is your bin collection day.

KERBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR JUN 2025 - MAY 2026

	Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D
JUN	2 9 16 23 30	2 9 16 23 30	2 9 16 23 30	2 9 16 23 30
JUL	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28
AUG	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25
SEP	1 8 15 22 29	1 8 15 22 29	1 8 15 22 29	1 8 15 22 29
OCT	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27
NOV	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24
DEC	1 8 15 22 29	1 8 15 22 29	1 8 15 22 29	1 8 15 22 29
JAN	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26
FEB	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23
MAR	2 9 16 23 30	2 9 16 23 30	2 9 16 23 30	2 9 16 23 30
APR	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27
MAY	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25

General Rubbish Glass Recycling Food & Garden Organics

- Check the map/overleaf to determine your designated Area A, B, C or D.
- Check your bin collection day on the map/overleaf.
- Place bin(s) outside the night before your collection day and return to your property after collection.
- Leave at least 1 m between bins and other objects.
- If you live in a court, wheel bin(s) to the nearest straight section.

Scan the QR code to learn more or contact Council on customer@murrindindi.vic.gov.au or murrindindi.vic.gov.au 5772 0333

TRY OUR NEW BIN AND RECYCLING APP!

Council now has an app! Set reminders, check collection schedules, and know which bins to put out.

Look for the **LoopedIn Councils** app on Google Play or the App Store.

Scan the QR code below to download.



Your bin day

Use the map below to determine which day of the week your bins will be collected.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Your area code

Each area has different collections on the same day. Please use the map to identify your area and use the calendar to check which bins are collected and when.

Area A Area B Area C Area D

Murrindindi Shire Council

If unsure, you can contact Council to find out your collection area and day of the week.

5772 0333
murrindindi.vic.gov.au

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

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



Expressions of Interest

RACV Emergency Roadside Assistance and Towing Yea and surrounding areas

The RACV is seeking "Expressions of Interest" from suitably qualified and enthusiastic businesses in the Swan Hill and Nyah West area to provide Emergency Roadside Assistance and towing.

Businesses do not have to be located in Yea; however a mechanical workshop which practices a high level of customer service and workmanship will be an advantage. This will require appropriately skilled staff, service vehicles and towing capability within this unique area.

For further information and an Expression of Interest document please email mark_beveridge@racv.com.au by midday 11/ 07/2025.

SITUATION VACANT



OPERATIONS ASSISTANT Full-time | Alexandra, VIC

Hunted Engineering designs and fabricates Australia's toughest custom ute trays and canopies. We're looking for an organised, client-focused professional to become the hub of our workshop operations.

The role

- Respond to all inbound phone, email and social media enquiries
- Primary liaison for all clients - from first enquiry to hand-over
- Schedule jobs and coordinate alongside our Project Manager
- Monitor stock, issue quotes and invoices in AroFlo

What we offer

- Competitive, above-award salary package + super (negotiable with experience)
- Early-finish Fridays

To apply email your resume and cover letter to Jess Carter:

contact@rideordieagency.com

For full details including application instructions visit

huntedengineering.com.au/careers

Closing Date: Friday, July 4, 2025

Applications will be reviewed as received.

IN MEMORIAM

FOX, Roy M. OAM.
Passed away 28/06/2016.
Loved and loving father of Rhyl and Sharon, father in law of Richard, and loved grandpa Roy of Anna, Katie and James, their partners and children. Always remembered.

PETS & LIVESTOCK

ISA BROWN LAYERS
- POL, \$28 each. Phone 5798 1868. Pick-up in Alexandra or Yea.
beckysfreerange@gmail.com

FOR HIRE

FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Rental and Sales

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



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 AND DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN

Are you the outdoor type?

Eildon and District

Kindergarten needs a dedicated educator.

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 Kinder, Great Kids, Great Families, Great Community'



for all your commercial printing needs

Full colour and spot colour offset printing, colour photocopying, business cards, invoice books, flyers and more.

Alexandra Newspapers

Phone 5772 1002

43 Grant Street

Alexandra Vic. 3714

Email: reception

@alexandranewspapers.com.au



New rule changes for energy bills

THE Federal Government is delivering vital reform for energy consumers, today announcing a new set of rules for electricity and gas retailers, set to make energy plans fairer for all Australians.

From next year, the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC), on behalf of the nation's energy Ministers, will implement new rules that will: Stop sneaky price hikes, preventing retailers from increasing prices more than once a year; prevent customers from being charged more than the standing offer price, if their initial low cost offer changes or expires; ban excessive retailer charges like late payment fees for all retail contracts, and ensure all consumers will be entitled to a fee-free payment method; ensure vulnerable Australians are receiving the best offer from their retailer, placing a stronger onus on retailers to assist hardship customers.

These changes will clamp down on retailers who do the wrong thing, by luring customers in with cheap deals, only to move them onto higher cost plans or impose hidden fees and charges.

Households and small businesses alike will be better off under these changes.

The government are strengthening protections for energy consumers, with the recent announcement progressing their One Click Switch reforms, ensuring consumers get the discounts they're entitled to, and boosts protections to ensure no one pays more than they should.

The recent outcome by the AEMC provides a final determination of rule changes that were submitted by the Federal Government on behalf of the nations' energy ministers in August last year. The 'improving consumer confidence in retail energy plans' rule change comes into effect on July 1, 2026 and the 'assisting hardship customers' rule change comes into effect from December 30, 2026.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen spoke about making energy more fair for businesses and households.

"Australians deserve a fairer go when it comes to their energy bills. In our second term, we're getting on with delivering reform to ensure that no household or business pays more than they should," Mr Bowen said.

"While we're focused on reducing the costs of energy, the Coalition remain committed to the most expensive form of energy: nuclear energy. The Coalition are committed even after the Australian people sent them a resounding message that they're not interested the Coalition's nuclear scheme, or the cuts required to pay for it.

"Australians know that only Labor can be trusted to deliver fairer energy prices for households and businesses."

SPORT

Tight games for Alexandra Squash Club

by Kristelle Leary

Monday competition Eagles versus Owls

LOCHLAN versus Tyler: A great game to watch, down to the last game. Lochlan came out with some really strong shots to claim victory. 60 to 55.

Sally versus Mick: Some good long rallies. Great accuracy and placement from Sally. Mick gained the upper hand and won the match with his deep shots and court coverage. 66 to 50.

Michael M versus Matt: Supercharged squash. Fast paced with many pinpoint accurate shots putting the high-level players on notice that challengers are coming. Michael had a great first game doubling his opponents score and giving him a match-winning lead. 68 to 53.

Derrick versus John: A really even match with lots of craft, cunning and high-level squash. John gained some extra points in the final game to claim the victory. 54 to 51.

Falcons versus Kestrels

ERIC versus Jim (fill in): An odd match up. Jim put Eric through his passes, keeping the ball in play for as long as possible and resulting in long scoring match and Eric's triumph. 38 to 34.

Simon versus Oli: Simon started strong with a lead in the first half. With youth on his side, Oli kept the pressure on Simon to gain some extra points, winning the last two games and the match. 63 to 60.

Michael M (fill in) versus Jim: Even opponents with a draw to start. Great court coverage by both with Jim being a little too strong with shots throughout, stealing the victory. 63 to 47.

Thursday competition Blue Tongues versus Skinks

SAM versus Mick (fill in): It was interesting to see how Mick faired in the level above. Mick opened with a win and drew the second game. Sam had started to figure out his opponent to claim game three and gain enough of a margin to claim the victory. 58 to 56.

Daniel W versus Justin: Control switched between the first two games with Daniel staring on top only to be overthrown in the second game. The second half was much closer but as chaotic as usual with these two. Despite losing the last game, Justin managed to stay ahead in points to win the match. 66 to 64.

Dragons versus Geckos

TRAVIS versus Jodie: What a great game. Lots of clever squash played and the games see-sawed with both players taking home two games. When the final buzzer rang Jodie was crowned the victor with a two-point win. 60 to 58.

Michael H versus Phil: A close match. Michael attempted to take home a clean sweep, but Phil had other ideas and managed to take the third game from him. Michael kept ahead to take three games and the match. 65 to 50.

Zach Hits Form

by Alan Pell

LAST Saturday saw 31 players in a four ball best ball event at Royal Yea. The weather was cold and foggy for the entire round and as the shortest daylight hours of the year it was not pleasant for most players. Only five degrees in the afternoon and fortunately no wind. It didn't deter Zach Pell (17) who recorded his best round at Yea with 84 of the stick 39 stableford points to give him and his father Alan (13) a team total of 44 points. Second team were Greg Clements (17) and Brendan Chenehall (11) with 43 points. Third were Margie (22) and Sam Wright (28) with 41 from Steve Rumney (22) and Judi Newman (35) with 40 on countback from three other teams. Brendan Chenehall was nearest the pin on the 14th and the lucky \$10 Club award winners were John Philips/Michelle Willie.

Zach Pell (17) on Wednesday had the best Bisque Par score of +3 to win from Anthony La Grutta (18) on Square. Third was Russell Wealands (22) on countback with -1. There was no nearest the pin on the 14th and John Renehan took out the club award. Sharon Grogan (240 with +1 won the ladies event on Wednesday. Second was Jo Clayton (21) with -5.



Yea Golfer Zach Pell -S



ALEXANDRA AND DISTRICT DARTS ASSOCIATION COMPETITION LADDER 2025 ROUND 9

POS	TEAM	WON	LOST	PTS
1	Buxton Hotel	8	1	32
2	Kill Bills	8	1	32
3	Panthers	7	2	28
4	Arrowsmiths	5	4	20
5	Alex Bowls Club	5	4	20
6	Bucky Pub	4	5	16
7	Beer, Bulls & Boobs	3	6	12
8	On Pointers	3	6	12
9	OnPoint 26ers	2	7	8
10	DartVaders	0	9	0

Results

Killbills defeated Alexandra Bowls Club 8-3, Bulls, Beers and Boobs defeated DartVaders 9-2, Buxton hotel defeated On Pointers 10-1, Arrowsmiths defeated On point 26ers 9-2, Panthers defeated Bucky pub 9-2

Tons

G. Papst- 100, E. Collett-101, J. Masters-140, 140, 100, 100, 140, B. Amott-100, 100,134,100,100,100, W. Nelson-100, 132, P.Dalley-100, 134,100,100, G. George-132, 116, G. Lund- 100, 100, 100, C. Parker-131, 140, 116, B. Ettrldge -127, G. Gilmore - 140, 100, 100, 100, R. Mayfield -100, C. Hutchings-100, 100, A. Hutt -123, S.White -140, 100, 121,100, 140, 140, 100, A. Wylde-112, A. Bull-101, 105,135, W. Elliot-100, 109,100, Z Kilroy-121, 100,140,180,120,121, S. Kilroy-100, 100, 100, 140, 140, 140, J. Billman-128, 131,133, J. Smlth-132, 120, C. Turner- 100, 140, M. Backstrom * 102, M. Robinson -100, 140, 132, 125, 180, 100, 135, 140, 100, 100, 140, 129 D.Cooper-100,100,180, D. Withoos -121, 100,100,121, M.Jenkins-100, 126, M. Edwards-100, 140,100, J. Farnan-119, L. Ronalds - 132, 124, 100, S. Rltchle-100, 100,114,100,100,100,100, L. Turnbull-140, 100, R. Penny-121, 140,100, R. McCullum-121, 132,116,138

Highest Peg-Greg Lund 96

180'S- Merk Robinson, Dave Cooper, Zane Kilroy

Grants available to help Victorians become more active

THE Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence announced last week that funding of more than \$8.1 million is available to bring to life 58 projects through the latest round of the state government's *Together More Active* program.

The program draws on the power of sport to make a difference; helping organisations build safe, inclusive, and resilient environments that encourage participation and support volunteer skills development.

This round, the program is backing the continuation of a Disability Sport and Recreation pilot program to support and enhance the capability of sport clubs competing at the 2026 Special Olympic Australia National Games in Melbourne in 2026.

The *Together More Active* 2023-27 Program is part of the Labor Government's *Active Victoria* strategy that sets out Victoria's priorities for sport and active recreation that ensure even more people can tap into all the benefits that sport and active recreation delivers.

For all the latest information about the program and successful grant recipients visit sport.vic.gov.au

Yea tigers recap for June 15

Under nine

by Lily Armstrong

OUR mighty Under nine Tigers hit the field again on Sunday, June 15 with their trademark enthusiasm, big grins, and growing confidence. From the first bounce, it was clear everyone was ready to put their training into action, chasing hard, laying tackles, and showing some fantastic teamwork across the ground.

The energy was high and so was the sportsmanship, with plenty of encouragement flying around between teammates. It's been amazing to watch their skills develop each and this game was another big step forward in both their footy and their team spirit.

Awards

Just Great Coffee Award: Charlie, for his consistency and clean disposals under pressure. A real pocket rocket; Armstrong Plumbing Best Player Award: Hunter, whose fierce determination and second efforts didn't go unnoticed. He was in everything; Yarra Valley Gas Award: Carl, showed great courage and composure with the ball. A solid four-quarter effort.

A special mention goes to Matilda, who was this week's recipient of the *Spirit of Football Award*. Matilda continues to demonstrate what this team is all about: resilience, kindness, and a genuine love of the game. Whether she's chasing down a loose ball or

cheering on a teammate, she leads by example and reminds us all why footy is more than just a sport, it's about community, growth, and having a red-hot go.

Under 12

Yea 6.3-39 was defeated by Alexandra 8.8-56

by Lyndal Tait

THE Tigers Under 12's took on rival Alexandra in a home game that promised to be a close match. Sienna Duncan captained the side this week, and Darby Tait played his 50th game for the Tigers, with a great crowd of supporters cheering them on all game.

Coming off a win in their last game and some strong training sessions, the Tigers were full of energy and determination, kicking the first goal of the game quickly. The game settled and was competitive with both sides scoring and defending well. Jonah had a standout game in the last line of defence for the Tigers, stopping multiple goals. Charlie Grant was also strong in defence, directing traffic and kicking out, as well as stopping the opposition from scoring. Logan Steiner had a cracker of a game kicking two goals, and Archie ran hard all day, also kicking a goal.

The improvement in skill and confidence of our Tigers is so encouraging. Players learning to use their bodies, read the play, and follow through on set plays/coaches instructions are fantastic, and they can see the difference it makes in a game.

An enjoyable game for the *Spirit of Footy* round against Alexandra, who were generous in loaning the Tigers three players each quarter to even up the sides. Match day medals were presented to one player for each side, selected by the opposition for representing the qualities of sportsmanship, teamwork and fair play. Congratulations to Logan Steiner who was presented the medal for Yea and to Jack Kidd who was the medal winner for Alexandra.

We thank all our sponsors, volunteers and supporters for cheering us on, supporting and encouraging us each week. Special thanks to Reece Hargreaves for umpiring, Marko Ciantar for time keeping, Andrew Bohn for goal umpiring, Luke McMaster and Martin Duncan for being runners, Max Hargreaves for boundary umpiring and Kristie Duncan for running water.

We all wish our runner and training assistant Tyren Duncan all the best for a quick recovery. We missed you at this game and can't wait to have you back with us.

Awards

Duncan's Paint and Panel 'Red Hot Go Player of the Day' award: Jonah Tato; Sprout Wellness 'Being your Best' award: Archi Armstrong; Yarra Valley Gas 'Coaches Award': Charlie Grant.

Under 14

Tatura 8.13-61 defeated Yea 6.2-38

by Brigitte Baynes

THE "Spirit of Footy" round six saw the team travel to a drizzly Nagambie for our game captained by Ashton, against Tatura.

Yea got a bit of a taste today and lead at three quarter time but unfortunately Tatura was just that little bit too strong to finish the game ahead.

Awards

Yea Bob Cat: Cooper Baynes; Whanregarwen Pastoral: Heath Bell; Yarra Valley Gas: Toby Johnston; Spirit of Footy Medal: Ashton Fontana.

Under 15s netball report

by Jo Madden

ON Sunday afternoon, the Yea Tigers faced the Alexandra Rebels in a spirited round seven match at the Alexandra Showgrounds.

Despite the Rebels' determined effort, the Tigers secured a 45-25 victory, maintaining their undefeated streak and holding the top position on the ladder. The Rebels showcased commendable teamwork and resilience throughout the game.

Their defensive strategies and quick transitions kept the Tigers on their toes, highlighting the competitive spirit of both teams. But the Tigers were simply too strong and went on for another great win. This team is very exciting.

Award winners: Lily Neilson, UpBuild Player of the Day; Grace Lanigan, Yarra Valley Gas Coaches Choice Award.



Yea's under 15 netball award winners. -S

Spirit of football round

THE "Spirit of Footy" Round is centred around three main qualities, sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play. The round encourages players to embody the true essence of the game by demonstrating respect towards opponents, officials, and teammates alike.

Congratulations to our Tigers who received this very special honour. We are so proud of you all.

Under nine: Matilda Thomas, U10: Jake Alldrick, Under 12: Logan Steiner, Under 14: Ashton Fontana

Yea Tigers determined to keep going

Under nine Wandong versus Yea Tigers

by Lily Armstrong

IT was a frosty start at Wandong for round seven, but once the sun came out, so did the Tigers' determination. Despite being a few players down, the team didn't miss a beat, the team didn't miss a beat, the kids stepped up, rotated through multiple positions, and showed incredible teamwork and resilience.

From the first bounce, it was clear the Tigers came to play. There were strong marks, courageous tackles, and some fantastic runs down the field. The team supported each other beautifully, showing how far they've come in both skill and spirit.

A huge shoutout to this week's award winners: Teddy: *Just Great Coffee Award* for digging deep and never giving up; Elliott: *Yarra Valley Gas Award* for his rock-solid defence and great awareness; Caleb:

Armstrong Plumbing Best Team Player Award for his unselfish play and consistent teamwork across the ground.

Thank you to Wandong for a great game and to our wonderful families for cheering us on. Playing short never felt so strong. Well done, Tigers.

Under 12 Wandong 14.16-100 defeated Yea 0.0-0

by Lyndal Tait

THE Tigers Under 12's travelled to Wandong to take on the top two side of the ladder this week. Archie Armstrong was captain for the game as he celebrated his 50th game for the Yea Tigers. Once again under for numbers, our Tigers (with a loan of two opposition players) played strong competitive football with a never say die attitude the entire game.

Our coaching staff and parents could not be more proud of the efforts of these kids who week in week out give it their all. Strong tackles, chasing every ball, making the opposition earn every possession. Even the coach of Wandong commented after the game how impressed he was with the ferocity and pressure of our players, and how the Tigers made his players earn every ball.

We have a home game next week against the Broadford and we would encourage every one to get

down to watch these kids play their hearts out. Their determination, improvement and skill and cohesiveness as a team is to be commended. These kids are the future of our strong club. They are resilient, skilled and most of all just awesome kids who are loving their football.

Once again, we thank all our sponsors, volunteers and supporters for cheering us on, supporting and encouraging us each week. Special thanks to James Frankcombe for boundary umpiring, Andrew Bohn for goal umpiring, Martin Duncan and Cameron Armstrong for being runners, Lily Armstrong for first aid, Teddy Johnston and Hannah Burton for running water, Eddy and Joey Stanfield for filling up the water bottles, and the Stutchbury's for the oranges.

Awards: Duncan's Paint and Panel 'Red Hot Go - Player of the Day' award: Archie Armstrong; Sprout Wellness 'Being your Best' award: Hudson Roberts; Yarra Valley Gas Coaches Award: Sienna Duncan

Under 14 Wandong 16.8.104 to Yea 4.4.28

by Bridget Baynes

AWARD winners were Ashton, Sammy and Luke.

A massive thankyou to all who volunteered their time to allow our kids to play the game they love.



Under nine award winners showing that winners are grinnners. -S



The tiger spirit was all there last weekend. -S



Under 14 Year Tigers gave it their all at the game. -S

Outer East Football and Netball League Ladders

Football – Reserves

	Percentage	Wins
Seville	595.56	9
Pakenham	359.02	8
Warburton Millgrove	155.06	6
Alexandra	106.53	5
Belgrave	221.77	5
Yea	87.01	3
Powelltown	40.24	3
Yarra Junction	17.06	1
Yarra Glen	19.08	0

Football – Seniors

Pakenham	242.72	8
Seville	192.36	8
Warburton Millgrove	248.06	7
Alexandra	103.78	4
Yarra Glen	97.11	5
Belgrave	99.10	4
Yea	76.05	2
Powelltown	48.35	2
Yarra Junction	27.59	0

Football – Senior Women

Warburton-Wesburn	100.00	9
Wandin	77.77	7
Emerald	72.22	6
Thornton Eildon	56.25	4
Yea	25.00	2
Seville	12.50	1
Officer	0	0

Netball – 17 and under

Seville	391.58	8
Pakenham Lions Gold	213.24	7
Warburton Millgrove	113.40	5
Alexandra	47.37	2
Pakenham Lions Maroon	49.80	1
Powelltown	36.65	1

Football – Under 18

Pakenham	937.82	9
Seville	280.24	6
Warburton Millgrove	55.33	4
Yarra Glen	53.48	3
Alexandra	44.83	2
Yea	26.21	1

Netball – A Grade

	Percentage	Wins
Seville	225.54	9
Warburton Millgrove	227.95	8
Pakenham	228.03	7
Yarra Glen	110.34	5
Yarra Junction	95.67	5
Alexandra	69.28	3
Belgrave	59.52	2
Powelltown	33.76	1
Yea	53.41	0

Netball – B Grade

Seville	334.41	9
Pakenham	239.75	8
Warburton Millgrove	154.10	7
Yarra Glen	102.84	5
Belgrave	80.85	4
Yarra Junction	71.22	4
Yea	60.69	2
Alexandra	51.40	1
Powelltown	40.75	0

Netball – C Grade

Seville	311.61	9
Pakenham	210.14	8
Warburton Millgrove	181.60	7
Yarra Glen	90.77	5
Alexandra	78.59	3
Yarra Junction	79.25	3
Belgrave	71.02	3
Yea	44.04	1
Powelltown	38.17	0

Netball – D Grade

Seville	387.13	9
Pakenham	292.50	8
Warburton Millgrove	189.70	7
Alexandra	77.27	4
Yarra Glen	77.36	4
Belgrave	69.48	4
Yarra Junction	58.91	2
Yea	44.98	2
Powelltown	26.32	0

The Chronicle Sport

Sports Editorial: sports@alexandranewspapers.com.au



Edwards Motorsport cleans up at end of season awards

LOCAL speedway team Edwards Motorsport attended the annual end of season presentation night at Bramleigh Estate in Warrandyte on Saturday, June 14.

Brock Edwards of Eildon took home the silverware in spectacular fashion-securing Late Model Racing Victoria's Club Championship honours at the annual event.

The win marks a major milestone for Brock, capping off a season filled with consistency, speed and determination.

Brock has been building towards this all season, notching up podium finishes and thrilling fans with his smooth yet calculated driving style. His championship win solidifies Brock's place as one of Victoria's top talents in the dirt late model division.

"This one's for the team, my family and friends, and everyone who backs us week in and week out" said Brock after the win.

"We've worked so hard for this and to finish the season on top means everything to me. We couldn't do it without the support of our awesome team partners, Jack Link's, iRacing, The Provender Country Bakehouse, Head-West and Edwards Built Family Houseboats."

The team had double reasons to celebrate on the night with Chevy finishing in a strong second place in the club championship, also solidifying his place as one of Victoria's talented drivers.

With the awards night now wrapped up, Edwards Motorsport head into their off-season so stayed tuned for some behind the scenes action.



Chevy Edwards's V21 car. -S



Brock Edwards's V12 car. -S



Brock and Chevy Edwards celebrating with their nearest and dearest. From left to right: Tex Manning, Dusty Manning, Brock Edwards, Chevy Edwards, Jensen Edwards, and Mack Edwards. -S

Windy conditions don't stop tennis players

by Rhonda Carpenter

CHILLY wind gusts alternated with sunny patches in Benalla for the closest match of the round between Benalla and Wappan last Monday week. Terip hosted Moglonemby, Euroa played Seven Creeks and Mansfield met Delatite on their synthetic grass under grey skies.

Benalla's Claire Sharp, Maureen Jewell, and Deb Siggers welcomed Deb Seach into the fold. Undaunted by a gardening mishap Maureen Jewell garnered strength to outplay her opponent using precision placement on the surprisingly dry lawn courts. The captain also delivered on her promise to bring their best weather.

Entertaining rallies played out with Wappan's Anna Speirs, Jenny Bell, Rhonda Carpenter and Carol Watts edging out their hosts in a skilful contest. Wappan 4-39 defeated Benalla 2-28.

On the Strathbogie plateau it was much colder for Terip's clash with Moglonemby. Judy Sands and Marlene Hanrahan got the jump on Terip's Cindy Hayes and Frances Lawrence in their opening set, while teammates Phoebe Macdermid and Jenny Martin, took their opener 8-4 against

Moglonemby's Kerry Hewlett and Robyn Johnson. Once warmed up Terip combined well to take all the other sets amidst much laughter and lengthy rallies. Terip 5-45 defeated Moglonemby 1-23.

In Euroa Lyndall Bigland, Faye Mollison, Ruth Nolan, Mary Dewis and Julie Harrington shared the contest against Seven Creeks. The top side combined strongly while Julie Brook and Mary Kelly snagged Seven Creeks only set 8-5. Euroa 5-45 defeated Seven Creeks 1-17.

Mansfield's Michelle Pigdon, Keira McDonagh, Natalie Bergsma and Clare Beecham had a convincing win over Delatite. Always determined Karyn Fraser and Loretta Armitage fought hard but ultimately went down 6-8 in their tight set. Carolyn Murray and Deb Mims sought to work their way into the contest, but Mansfield wasn't taking any prisoners on this freezing day. Mansfield 6-48 defeated Delatite 0-12.

Creighton's Creek had the Bye.

Ladder: Euroa 50, Terip 45, Wappan 44, Moglonemby 38, Mansfield 35, Creighton's Creek 21, Benalla 17, Seven Creeks 16, Delatite 14.



Yea's Ebony Ockwell fighting for the ball. -S

Yea Senior Women take win against Wandin

Wandin 5.5 - 35 were defeated by Yea 5.7 - 37

It was a twilight game, and what a ripper of a game.

The Yea Senior Women play at home next Saturday, June 28 against Thornton/Eildon at 4.45pm, after the seniors.



Trinity Tebbutt sending the ball on its way in twilight conditions. -S