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A heinous, abhorrent, disgusting crime

ALEXANDRA Crime Investigation Unit detectives are appealing for public assistance as they continue to investigate a home invasion in Yea last week, where a man was seriously injured and his house was destroyed by fire.

Three unknown offenders knocked on the door of a rural farm property on Melba Highway about 1.15am on Monday, June 23.

It is understood two of them were armed with firearms and one had a machete, as they confronted a 68 year old man and entered the house.

Police are treating the incident as a targeted attack and believe the offenders may have got the wrong address.

The offenders demanded cash and a firearm from the victim. When he was unable to

comply with the demands, the offenders blindfolded him before assaulting him. Detectives were told they dragged him out of the house and forced him into the boot of his own vehicle. One of the offenders then drove the car along the victim's driveway, where he was forcibly removed from the car and taken to a nearby paddock. Police were told they continued to assault him in the

paddock and poured petrol onto him. One of the offenders then held the man at gunpoint in the paddock while the other two set the victim's house on fire.

No one else was inside the property at the time and it was completely destroyed in the fire. The offenders fled the scene in another vehicle.

The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries during the incident. He drove to another property to call Triple Zero (000). Three firearms, used for farming, were stolen from the property and remain outstanding.

The three offenders are perceived to be Middle Eastern in appearance and are believed to have spoken in Arabic during the incident.

Via an anonymous report to Crime Stoppers, police were provided with some details and are urging this particular caller to make further contact and provide additional information.

At a police press conference about the incident, held on the morning of Monday, June 30, Detective Sergeant Flyn Loughlin from the Alexandra Crime Investigation Unit said, the man has resided in the local area for several decades.

"We are keeping an open mind that he was not the intended victim," he said. "It is likely and possible" that the man and his property were not the intended target.

The victim provided police with information about the demands, but these were not shared at the press conference.

The victim provided descriptions of the offenders, who at times spoke in a language he believes to be Arabic.

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Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish with Paul Harris Fellow recipients. Back row, Rodney Ridd and Gary Fitzgerald. Front row Cindy, Ann Drysdale, Penny Paxman and Carol Hogg. The full report on the Yea Rotary changeover dinner can be found on page 8 of this edition. -S

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Letters to the Editor

Resource recovery

AT the weekend, I drove to my nearest Resource Recovery Centre to do my fortnightly drop. It was a round trip of 2.6km. All my rubbish had been sorted into recyclables including cardboard packaging separated and placed in the appropriate bin. There was one bag of general waste weighing 1.2 kg and measuring 0.015 of a cubic metre. Not bad for a bin that will be collect fortnightly. That one bag might be a bit lonely at the bottom of a 240 litre bin.

But council says I must reduce landfill, 'recycle better' and be charged to do so.

Council's justification is that this is new state government law (from 2027) and they are required to implement it. With all due respect to the state government and council, I don't need to be told to 'recycle better'.

THUMBS UP

THUMBS DOWN

THUMBS UP: To Yarck servo for great fuel prices and no rise for the truck show.

THUMBS UP: Congratulations to organisers of the Yarck Historical Photographic Exhibition. Well done committee and we look forward to the next one.

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The justification that I am to be a part of it is that the truck is going past your residence and it is practical to collect. During the Vietnam War, conscription was a lottery based on birthdate. This council service has become a lottery based upon your residence. Should my residence have been past the Yea RRC, I wouldn't have been on the route and would have not been a part of the scheme. I am now required to pay a penalty based on residence.

It puts a mockery on some claims by council that 'the service won't cost you any

more'. False. There are numerous ratepayers who haven't been a part of the scheme, have overseen their own recycling policy and are now told they have to be a part of.

If the time has come to arbitrarily be forced to be a part of the scheme, maybe it's time for a little Ghandi style civil disobedience. It is possible to create more landfill, not less, defeat the intent of the policy and force a council rethink of who's in and who's out.

David Anderson, Yea

Additional community grants from Australia Post

AUSTRALIA Post's Community Grants program supports projects that connect people to improve mental wellbeing in local communities.

Local community groups play an important role in creating positive change in people's lives. To help them deliver for their communities, AusPost award Community Grants of up to \$10,000 each year to fund community-led, local projects.

This year, they are proud to offer additional grants totaling up to \$250,000 to support disaster-impacted communities across Australia. These funds will be dedicated to projects that enhance mental wellbeing by fostering connection and building resilience within

communities recovering from a natural disaster or a major storm event.

To be eligible for an Australia Post Community Grant, projects must: Improve mental health and mental wellbeing outcomes of a community; help people meaningfully connect; be locally-led and locally-delivered.

Applications for the additional ring-fenced disaster recovery funding must also: Support a disaster-impacted community for improved connection, wellbeing and/or resilience.

Applications close on July 7. To find out more, visit auspost.com.au/about-us/supporting-communities/grants/community-grants-program

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	DAY	LOW	HIGH		DAY	LOW	HIGH	
	Wednesday	7	12		Wednesday	7	12	
	Thursday	3	14		Thursday	3	14	
	Friday	5	13		Friday	5	13	
	Saturday	5	15		Saturday	5	15	
	Sunday	4	15		Sunday	4	15	
	Monday	5	13		Monday	5	13	
	Tuesday	5	12		Tuesday	5	12	

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT				
STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon (TW)	11.00am Mon	1.48	steady	Below Flood Level
Rubicon River at Rubicon	11.00am Mon	0.48	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	11.00am Mon	0.54	steady	Below Flood Level
Home Creek at Yarck	11.22am Mon	0.16	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	11.00am Mon	0.45	steady	Below Flood Level
Murrindindi River Above Colwells	09.00am Mon	0.28	steady	
Yea R at Old Killingworth Rd	11.00am Mon	0.59	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	11.00am Mon	3.57	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	11.00am Mon	0.36	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Trawool	11.00am Mon	1.16	steady	Below Flood Level
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	11.00am Mon	-0.08	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Seymour	11.00am Mon	1.50	steady	Below Flood Level
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	11.00am Mon	0.79	steady	

**ISSUED AT 11:56 AM AEST MONDAY 30 JUNE 2025

DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra	62mm
Buxton.....	71mm
Eildon (AWS).....	23mm
Flowerdale.....	34mm
Jamieson.....	62mm
Kinglake.....	37mm
Lake Eildon.....	41mm
Mansfield.....	31mm
Taggerty	68mm
Yarck	60mm
Yea.....	36mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week.....	276.44m
Capacity as at 9am Monday.....	57.8%
Metres below full supply.....	12.46m
Daily inflow	900ML
Release.....	2000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....	75%

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Real Estate

Thursday 5pm

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Thursday noon

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Thursday 5pm

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Monday noon

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Monday 9am

Sports Editorial

Monday 10am

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Monday 9am

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Monday 10am

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We thank you for your continued support

Be seen when the paramedics need to find you

NOW winter has set in across Victoria, Ambulance Victoria is urging the community to take simple steps to make their homes easier for paramedics to find and access in an emergency.

Shorter days, poor weather and limited visibility during evening call-outs can delay crews when minutes matter most. A clearly marked home with easy access can make a critical difference when someone's life is on the line.

Here's how you can help paramedics find their way. Clearly display your street number by ensuring it's large, easy to read, and visible from the road day and night. Turn on your outdoor lights especially if you've called Triple Zero (000) or know paramedics are on the way. Keep access clear and move any obstructions from driveways and paths, and unlock gates where possible. It's important to secure your pets and contain them to ensure crews can reach you quickly and safely. Provide access details by letting the call taker know of any key lock boxes and any gate codes or access information that crews might need and let them know if your property is hard to find as this information can be passed to paramedics on route.

Narelle Capp, Acting Executive Director Regional Operations at Ambulance Victoria, said these small steps can help save precious time.

"In winter, it's often dark and wet when paramedics are called out, and some homes are really difficult to spot or access," Narelle said.

"Having lights on, visible house numbers, pets safely secured, and key or gate information available can help us reach patients faster and deliver care without delay."

While GPS and digital maps are useful, they don't replace clear visual cues or physical access to the property. Taking a few moments now to prepare your home could make all the difference during an emergency.

Ambulance Victoria encourages everyone to step outside after dark and check how visible and accessible their property really is, and to spread the word to family, friends, and neighbours.

Change to road rules

PLEASE remember that from Tuesday, July 1, Victorian motorists will be required to slow down to 40 kilometres per hour when passing incident response vehicles that display flashing lights of any colour.

Since 2017, Victorian motorists have been required to slow down to 40 kilometres per hour when passing stationary emergency services vehicles displaying red or blue flashing lights.

This rule has now been expanded to include accident towing vehicles, breakdown towing services, roadside assistance operators, Peninsula Link Incident Response vehicles, and EastLink and Transurban Incident Response vehicles.

Non-compliance with the updated 79A rule may result in a maximum fine of \$961.

Grants for local government to promote road safety

THE state government is calling on councils to apply for grants to improve road safety in their local government areas.

This year's 2025 *Transport Accident Commission (TAC) Local Government Grant Program* has opened for projects that prevent crashes, particularly those involving pedestrians and cyclists.

The program invites all local government authorities to apply for projects that are aligned with the *Victorian Road Safety Strategy (2021-2030)* and adopt Safe System principles.

The Safe System is a holistic approach to road safety that recognises different elements of the road system must work together to keep everyone safe. These

elements include roads and roadsides, vehicles, travel speeds and road users.

The funding available includes: Infrastructure grants of up to \$100,000 with a conditional one-to-one contribution from the LGA to implement cost-effective infrastructure designed to reduce crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists; analysis grants of up to \$30,000 to investigate pedestrian and cyclist road safety issues and develop concepts related to speed management and infrastructure treatments; grants of up to \$50,000 to develop a Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan, and grants of up to \$30,000 to purchase variable message signs.

For more information visit tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/local-government-grants



A mating pair of ancient greenlings. -AusDigi

Have you spotted an ancient greenling?

HEMIPHLEBIA mirabilis, commonly known as the ancient greenling, is a species of damselfly. It's the only living species of the genus Hemiphlebia and the family Hemiphlebiidae.

The ancient greenling is very small with a long, metallic-green body and clear wings, and it's endemic to south-eastern Australia. It commonly lives near swamps. They're tiny, with a wingspan of 22mm and a length of just 24mm.

The oldest representatives of the family date to the Late Jurassic period, 164 to 145 million years ago.

The ancient greenling has been spotted on King Island, Mount William in Tasmania, Piccaninnie Ponds

Conservation Park in South Australia, as well as Victorian locations, Long Swamp near Portland, Wilsons Promontory and near Yea. Sadly, no specimens have been recorded in Yea since 2001.

The ancient greenling was listed as endangered in 2008 as it inhabits only small areas, and the populations are in decline.

The ancient greenling is on the logo of the Yea Wetlands. If you are keen to see if you can find the tiny creature, it's a great time to head along to the wetlands and explore along the new boardwalks, as well as taking a look at the new interpretive centre. The retail space is looking great as well.

Beware of scam real estate posts

IN today's digital age, platforms like Facebook have become convenient hubs for buying, selling, and renting property. While the convenience is undeniable, so is the risk. Fake real estate listings are becoming an increasingly common scam on Facebook, costing unsuspecting users time, money, and peace of mind.

If you're looking for a new home or apartment online, it's crucial to stay alert. Here's what you need to know to protect yourself from scam real estate posts on Facebook.

Scammers post listings for homes or apartments that either don't exist, aren't actually for rent, or are already occupied. These listings often feature attractive photos, below-market rental prices, and vague but enticing descriptions. The scammer may pose as a landlord, agent, or owner and quickly push you to send a deposit to 'secure the property' before you've even seen it in person.

Once they receive your money, often via untraceable methods like Venmo, Cash App, Zelle, or cryptocurrency, they vanish. No keys, no lease, and no way to get your money back.

What to look out for

A stunning home at a shockingly low price? Be skeptical. Scammers use low prices to lure victims fast.

If the 'owner' refuses to let you view the property or gives excuses like being out of town, it's likely a scam.

Be very cautious if someone demands a security deposit, first month's rent, or application fee before you've seen the property or signed a legitimate lease.

Scammers often create a sense of urgency. 'Many people are interested,' they'll say, to push you into making a hasty decision.

Fake listings often copy photos from real sites. If the description is generic, the address is missing, or replies from the poster seem off-topic, trust your gut.

Many scammers use recently created accounts, often with few friends or photos. A lack of interaction or a profile that doesn't align with someone who owns property should raise concerns.

You can also try a reverse image search, using a site such as TinEye. One of the images in a recent post on local Facebook groups appears on a German tiny house website, making it unlikely to be genuine.

If you are suspicious, report the post via Facebook or contact the administrators of the page. If you have lost money in the scam, contact the police.

New Dindi Cooks program to promote healthy eating habits in the shire

DINDI Cooks is a fun, interactive and play-based cooking program for children that aims to promote healthy eating habits. Evidence shows that setting up healthy habits in the early years and throughout a child's developmental years means they are more likely to grow into healthy adults.

Dindi Cooks will be delivered by a Dietitian and Health Promotion Officer in Murrindindi Shire kindergartens during terms three and four this year. Children will learn about different foods, have the opportunity to discover new foods with sensory activities and food-based games, and cook a pizza together.

The emphasis is not placed on eating the foods, and children can participate in all of the games and activities even if they choose not to eat the foods. This way, the emphasis is on

curiosity and discovery, to reduce the anxiety and pressure some children may experience around mealtime and exposure to new foods.

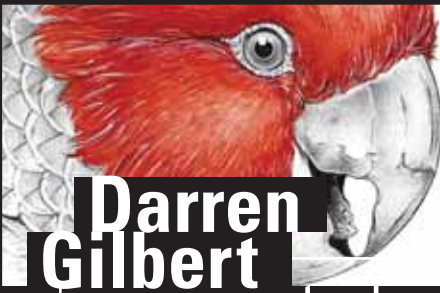
In past nutritional sessions delivered to young children it was found that lowering the pressure around eating and exposure to new foods can encourage children to be curious and voluntarily try different and new foods, especially when all their friends around them are trying too. Peer pressure can be a positive influence in the right environment.

Dindi Cooks is a Grow Well Dindi initiative co-managed by Alexandra District Health (ADH) and Yea and District Memorial Hospital (YDMH), and supported by their organisational partners Goulburn Valley Public Health Unit, Nexus Primary Health, Seymour Health and Murrindindi Shire

Council. Grow Well Dindi is a localised, community-focused approach to improving the health and wellbeing of children in Murrindindi Shire.

Grow Well Dindi is thankful to the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR) *Strengthening Rural Communities Small and Vital* grant for supporting Dindi Cooks and their joint investment in the health and wellbeing of the children in Murrindindi Shire.

If anyone would like to chat more about Grow Well Dindi, or the Dindi Cooks program, please contact Melissa Storey at Alexandra District Health on melissa.storey@adh.org.au or 5772 0900.





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FRIDAY, JULY 4

Free health checks for the farming community. Mental Health support and healthy eating. Yea Saleyards, drop in for a chat and a cuppa.

Darren Gilbert Open Studio 10am-4pm Saturday and Sunday. Other days by arrangement. 5 Giffard Street, Yea. 0421 378 451.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

Volunteer Expo. 1-5pm. Alexandra Football Netball Club. Enjoy light refreshments, connect with local groups and hear from experienced volunteers. For more information contact council's Community Capacity Building officer on 5772 0333.

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

1st Mon St Luke's Seniors, St Lukes Hall, Ph Jenny 0407 972 099
1st Thu Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057
2nd Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
4th Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
Last Fri Yea-Kinglake RSL, 11.30am RSL Hall, Ph 5796 9353



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.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

Livestock handling workshop at Yea Saleyards at 9.30am to 2.30pm. Guest speakers will be Mark Bennett, Jack Briscoe, and Dominic Thurbon.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

Yea Garden Club invites you to a seminar and luncheon at Yea Country Club Function room for 11am start. Guest speaker Craig Castree. Cost \$35 per head, contact Elaine White on 0431 752 367 for bookings.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Join Murrindindi Shire Council for a special event with Ron Litjens, 2025 Volunteer of the Yea to find out how you can get trees and plants to attract native birds and pollinators to your garden. Event and webinar details are: 6.30 to 8.30pm (online session from 6.50pm) Attend in person at Alexandra Council

MONDAY, JULY 21

Murrindindi U3A AGM will be held at the Alexandra Bowling Club at 11am followed

by a light lunch. All welcome.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Quiz for a Cause Trivia – Help Foundation Murrindindi raise funds to support Food Relief Programs across the shire. Alexandra Shire Hall. Doors open 5.30. 6.30pm quiz start. BYO table nibbles, drinks at bar prices \$35 per person. Scan the bar code in this edition for tickets.

Share your vision for the Boundary Creek

MURRINDINDI Shire Council is working with specialist landscape architects Michael Smith and Associates (MSA) to explore how the public open space at the east of Boundary Creek Boulevard can be transformed into a flood-resilient, community-friendly area.

Council is preparing a concept plan that will guide potential improvements to the site, which is located within a flood overlay. This means development options are limited, but the vision is to create a usable and inviting space that benefits local residents.

This early-stage planning process will help determine what is possible and support future funding applications. The site will remain fully accessible during this time and people may notice consultants on site collecting information to inform the plan.

Council is now seeking feedback from the community to shape the concept. The

final draft plan will reflect the community's priorities and ideas gathered during the engagement period.

To help guide the project, community members are invited to attend two upcoming drop-in sessions to speak with council representatives, Cheviot Ward Councillor and Sustainability and Assets Portfolio holder Cr Sue Carpenter, and the project team.

The sessions are on Friday, July 18 from 4 to 6pm at Yea Council Chambers, 15 The Semi Circle, Yea, and on Saturday, July 19 from 9.30 to 11.30am, on site, at the Boundary Creek Reserve alongside Boundary Creek Boulevard, Yea.

More opportunities to speak with council representatives will be provided. Council will keep the community updated as the plan progresses through the media and at theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/boundarycreekopenspace

If you are keen to have your say but are unable to attend a session, you can share your feedback or ask questions via the above web page, or by calling council's Manager Community Wellbeing on 5772 0333. The consultation closes on Tuesday, July 22.

Cr Sue Carpenter said, "This is a unique opportunity for the Boundary Creek community to shape a public space that reflects local needs and values. We want to create something that works with the natural landscape and provides a place for people to walk, sit and connect. Community feedback is vital to ensure the plan reflects what people truly want.

"I encourage everyone to drop by one of our sessions or share their thoughts online. This is just the start of the process and we want it to be community-led from the beginning."



Have your say on the Boundary Creek open space plan. -S

Snow celebrated in Kinglake



Students from Middle Kinglake Primary School were delighted when it started snowing at the school on Wednesday, June 25. The grade five and six students are pictured here celebrating. -S



When the snow turned to hail, they set to work collecting the hail. -S



Make sure you go along to this years Foundation Murrindindi's quiz for a cause. -S

Quiz for a Cause: Trivia Night supporting food relief across Murrindindi Shire

GET your thinking caps on and your food share donations ready. Foundation Murrindindi is excited to host Quiz for a Cause, a fun-filled trivia night fundraiser on Saturday, July 26 at Alexandra Shire Hall, with all proceeds supporting food relief initiatives across the Murrindindi Shire.

It's a night of laughter, competition, and giving back, all in support of local families and individuals doing it tough. And again this year, there's a twist: donate non-perishable food or personal care items on the night and earn extra points for your trivia team. Each item equals one point, so the more you bring, the better your shot at trivia glory.

"Quiz for a Cause brings people together to have a great time while making a real impact," said Robyn Hill, Executive Officer of Foundation Murrindindi.

"And with our bonus points for donations, you don't have to be a trivia expert to help your team win, just bring a generous heart."

So go along to Quiz for a Cause Trivia Night Fundraiser on Saturday, July 26

at the Alexandra Shire Hall, 36 Grant Street, Alexandra. Doors open at 5.30pm with the trivia kicking off at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$35 per person with eight to 10 per table. Bring your own nibbles and drinks at bar prices.

To make a booking, visit events.humanitix.com/quiz-for-a-cause-trivia-night-2025 or contact 0488 007 688.

Donations of in-date, non-perishable food (e.g., canned goods, pasta, rice) and personal care items (e.g., soap, toothpaste, sanitary products) will go directly to support local food relief programs coordinated by Murrindindi Community Food Share and other community partners.

Whether you're a trivia buff or just love a good night out for a good cause, bring your friends, form a team, and help make a difference in the Murrindindi Shire.

For more information or to donate, please contact Robyn Hill at robyn@foundationmurrindindi.org.au or 0488 007 688.



The vehicle was stolen from Whanregarwen Road. -S

Cadillac stolen

ALEXANDRA detectives are seeking assistance to locate a stolen 1975 Cadillac Coup, red in colour displaying Victorian registration SSE154.

The vehicle was stolen from a business location on Whanregarwen Road in Whanregarwen sometime between 10.40pm on June 24 and 5.20pm on June 26.

The vehicle was stored inside a shed on the property.

Please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 with any information about the whereabouts of the stolen vehicle or burglary.



The 1975 Cadillac Coup. -S

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Congratulations to Judd, Josh, Toby, Ava, Olympia and Quinn were recognised for their commitment for outstanding actions that align with our school values of Respect, Resilience and Safety.

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Anh Do gets online with Sacred Heart students

LAST week the students from Sacred Heart Primary School in Yea had the opportunity to have a Zoom session with author and actor Anh Do.

Anh inspired the students with his message that 'using your intelligence and creativity is how we'll help solve the world's problems'.

He shared how he's created over 100 characters by constantly asking, "What about this? What about that?" and writing down every idea.

After hearing from Anh, the students got creative and designed their own superhero characters with awesome powers. It was a fun and inspiring session for all students who attended.



Anh Do gave an informative and interactive lesson to Sacred Heart students via zoom. -S



Students developed their own superhero characters after their session with Anh Do. -S



The activity of developing a superhero had the students engaged while they let their creativity flow. -S

Recycled water release from Yea Wastewater Facility

GOULBURN Valley Water (GVW) will release fully treated recycled water from its Yea Wastewater Management Facility into the Yea River over the coming weeks.

This release is in accordance with EPA requirements and will not alter the strict water quality monitoring processes which remain in place to protect the health of local communities and the environment.

Upgrades to the irrigation infrastructure at GVW's Yea farm, carried out over the

summer period, temporarily prevented recycled water reuse from occurring at the site. These upgrade works are now complete in preparation for the upcoming irrigation season.

During the irrigation infrastructure upgrade works, the Yea Golf Club continued to access recycled water as normal.

With onsite storages at the Yea Wastewater Management Facility nearing capacity, a continuous release of up to one megalitre

per day of EPA Class C recycled water will be made into the Yea River.

The release is expected to begin early July 2025 and continue until September 2025.

GVW's Wastewater and Recycling Coordinator, Stuart Harris, said this controlled release will prevent uncontrolled overflows and protect critical infrastructure.

"The release will continue until lagoon levels are returned to a safe and manageable level," Stuart said.

The water being released has undergone full treatment and meets EPA Class C recycled water standards.

GVW has informed the EPA of the release and will work closely with them to monitor for any potential environmental impacts.

For more information, contact GVW's 24/7 Customer Service Centre on 1800 454 500.



Grading on South Cathedral Lane in Taggerty. -S

Council paves the way with new Road Management Plan

MURRINDINDI Shire Council has approved the *Road Management Plan 2025-2029*, following its presentation at the scheduled council meeting on Wednesday, June 18. The plan is the result of an extensive engagement process with the community, including council's Road Advisory Group (CRAG) and broader public consultation.

Council is responsible for a network of over 1150 kilometres of roads, footpaths and

related infrastructure. The *Road Management Plan* sets the standard by which the network is maintained and managed. Council commenced community engagement in July 2023, including surveys, drop-in sessions and information sharing, to better understand local priorities and experiences with the road network.

As part of its commitment to deeper engagement, council established CRAG

to support more detailed, sustained dialogue with community members about road-related issues.

Over the past 15 months, this group of residents from across the municipality has provided input on service standards, financial challenges and policy opportunities. Their insights helped shape a plan that reflects both resource limitations and road user expectations.

The plan outlines how council will inspect assets, assess defects and respond to identified works on roads and related infrastructure listed in the Municipal Road Register. It ensures services are delivered in a consistent, risk-based and resource-aware manner, and supports the delivery of a safe and accessible local road network. The *Road Management Plan 2025-2029* will come into effect from July 1, 2025.

In addition to helping shape the plan, CRAG also sought to improve public understanding of how roads are managed. This has resulted in the development of a series of videos to help explain how roads are managed in

Murrindindi Shire. The series covers how council maintains, funds, advocates for and responds to needs for road improvements.

Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor Cr Damien Gallagher said the updated plan reflects both current best practice and community expectations.

"This plan provides a clear and consistent approach to maintaining our road network while remaining flexible enough to respond to emergencies and changing community needs," Cr Gallagher said.

"We're grateful for the contributions of residents and council's Road Advisory Group, which have helped shape a practical and forward-looking plan that reflects both our values and our resources."

To view the *Road Management Plan 2025-2029*, Municipal Road Register, road management videos or learn more about road management in Murrindindi Shire, visit council's website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/roads or one of council's Library and Customer Service Centres.

A heinous, abhorrent, disgusting crime

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Detective Sergeant Loughlin said, "It was an extremely violent attack on an innocent man within the sanctity of his home. Quite frankly it's disgusting behaviour. I can assure members of the public in the local community that Victoria police and members of the Alexandra Crime Investigation Unit, we do not tolerate this behaviour. We are throwing every available resource at this. That's regional detectives as well as metropolitan detectives and our counterparts here in Melbourne who are providing us with assistance as we navigate through multiple areas of investigation."

"What I'm particularly appealing for here today is a person who has contacted Crime Stoppers [in an online report] during the course of this past week. They have provided us with particular detail. I'm hoping that they can re-contact Crime Stoppers by phone or on the website. I'm looking for that person, if they are in a position to, to expand on that information that they have provided to us." The person can also contact Alexandra Crime Investigation Unit directly.

Detective Sergeant Loughlin said the information provided demonstrated that someone has awareness of aspects of the investigation that only police are aware of, as well as the person who contact Crime Stoppers.

Detective Sergeant Loughlin said that the victim is "a tough country rural farmer. He's a salt of the earth-type man. He's lived in the area for decades. He is reasonably well known in the local community. He will recover from his injuries. He's sustained some significant lacerations to the back of his head. We believe he was pistol whipped. He suffered a broken finger and some decent injuries to the tops of his hands. He will recover physically. I don't know how anyone recovers quickly from an attack on you in the sanctity of your own home. I don't know how you ever recover from that, emotionally, mentally. We're offering him everything we can, within the realms of Victoria Police and our external agency counterparts."

He added, "It's an abhorrent crime. They've not only assaulted him but they've burnt his home down. All of his belongings are gone, and I can only say, in the 20 years I've been doing this, it is a disgusting act. We are throwing everything at it to bring these offenders to justice."

He said, "I would say heinous. I would say violent. Abhorrent. Disgusting. These are insipid people that think that they can do this to a person in their own home. We do not tolerate it. We will be doing everything we can to bring them before the courts."

He said that Yea is a close-knit community and people are standing alongside him to support him. "He has a close circle of family around him," he said.

The intended victim is an avenue of enquiry that police are still exploring.

"Sometimes we don't deal with criminal masterminds in Victoria Police, hence they end up in jail. This might be the case here. There are lots of avenues of enquiry. There is lots of evidence we are sifting through."

He said that he had nothing to prove or disprove any links with outlaw motorbike gangs but is keeping an open mind.

He admitted that there is a possibility someone is still at risk, but that police are doing everything in their power to bring these people to justice.

"This is a crime that's quite foreign to this part of north east Victoria. This is Melbourne encroaching on rural Victoria. This is the kind of crime that we are seeing, unfortunately, all too often, and now we're seeing this type of crime in northern Victoria."

"The specific demands could not be met by this gentleman."

The firearms were standard farm firearms, used for farming purposes. They were not elaborate firearms. The firearms are yet to be recovered.

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

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

New Mental Health Service supporting communities across Mitchell and Murrindindi

A new locally delivered mental health program is now available to residents of the Mitchell and Murrindindi Shires. The Lower Hume Primary Mental Health Service is a collaborative initiative led by Yea and District Memorial Hospital in partnership with Alexandra District Health, Seymour Health, Northern Health and Goulburn Valley health. The service is funded by the Murray Primary Health Network.

Mental health clinicians are now based in Yea, Alexandra, Seymour, and Kilmore offering free non-urgent mental health consultations and brief intervention support for people experiencing symptoms of mental ill health or mild to moderate emotional distress.

"This service is designed to be accessible and responsive to the needs of our rural communities," said Elizabeth Sinclair, CEO Yea and District Memorial Hospital. "Our clinicians work with individuals to understand their concerns, explore how these are affecting their daily lives, and develop achievable goals for wellbeing."

The service provides initial consultations with experienced mental health nurses, where individuals can talk through the challenges they are facing. Follow-up sessions focus on practical strategies and support to build resilience and improve mental health outcomes.

Community members can access the service via referral from their GP, or they may self-refer. An intake worker is available to guide individuals through the referral process and provide a referral form for GPs if needed.

For more information on how to make a referral or self-refer, contact the intake worker on 5736 0418, Monday to Friday between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm or Medicare Mental Health on 1800 595 212

Urgent support can be accessed via;

- Ambulance emergency services. Call 000
- Lifeline – for 24-hour crisis counselling. Call 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue – for 24/7 brief counselling support. Call 1300 224 636
- Suicide Call Back Service – for 24/7 support if you or someone you know is feeling suicidal. Call 1300 659 467



Ryl Long, 2025 David Long Community Service Award recipient Cheryl O'Halloran, and Penny Paxman. -S



Jan and Bob Hentschel with Penny Paxman. -S



Penny Paxman with Carol and Russell Hogg. -S



Rotary Community Leader Sharon Fox, Penny Paxman and Darryl King. -S

Rotary Club of Yea's 39th annual change over

THURSDAY, June 26 was a wonderful night at the Country Club Hotel Yea as 77 guests came together to enjoy fellowship and reflect and celebrate the 'Magic of Rotary' over the past year and welcome in the new Rotary year under the presidential message to 'Unite for good'.

After Sergeant Rodney Ridd called the meeting to order, emcee David Anderson welcomed guests including Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish, Cr Sandice McAulay and her husband Ray Goss, Rotary Community Leader Sharon Fox, representatives from community partner organisations, Rotarians from Mansfield, Alexandra and Seymour and friends and family of Yea Rotary.

David then called upon president Penny Paxman to provide the invocation and propose the loyal toast which was followed by Rotarian Sue Carpenter proposing the toast to Rotary International.

The club recognised three Yea Rotarians for their service to the club who have or are moving from Yea. President Penny Paxman presided over special presentations to Bob and Jan Hentschel, and Carol and Russell Hogg.

Long time friends Paul Kellett and John Handsaker (deputizing for Terry Hubbard) spoke of the enormous contributions made by Bob, Russell and Carol during their many years of Rotary service.

Bob and Jan, and Carol and Russell were presented with a certificate of appreciation and flowers. Their support and friendship

will be sorely missed, and the club wishes them well with the next chapter of their lives.

Emcee David then called upon president Penny Paxman to provide her report and review of the 2024/2025 Rotary year.

Penny summarised her year (full report in last week's *Yea Chronicle*) noting it had been a fantastic year with the club going from strength to strength. Penny thanked her hard-working board, all members, sponsors, volunteers and everyone who has helped the club along the way.

Rotary awards

Past president Tony Jacobs gave an overview of David's extensive commitment to Rotary and community. After his passing in 2011, his family created a community service award in his name. It is fitting that the club identifies and recognises those who demonstrate through service their commitment to the community in which they live.

It was a joy to present the 2025 David Long Community Service Award to Cheryl O'Halloran of Yea.

The assembled guests heard that from a very young age Cheryl has been community-minded in spirit and effort, then committing her entire adult life to supporting the community through volunteer service, support of others and a desire to have a positive impact on individuals and community groups. As a remarkable volunteer, Cheryl clearly demonstrates the Rotary motto of 'Service above Self'.

Cheryl, in accepting the award from president Penny and Rhyl Long, a representative of the Long family, said it was an honour to be recognised with an award named in memory of David.

Rotary Community Leader, Sharon Fox, was then invited to introduce the Club's Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition. Paul Harris Fellows have been recognised to express appreciation for contributions to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation.

Five PHF's were recognised, including those who have already received the recognition certificate and who were presented with a sapphire pin to add to their existing recognition.

Carol Hogg was recognised for her remarkable contributions (along with husband Russell) to the club and to The Rotary Foundation through membership of the Paul Harris Society, which has become their charity of choice. Carol and Russell have decided to continue their membership from a distance and where possible they will continue to support the club's major annual events.

Rodney Ridd received a double sapphire pin, Gary Fitzgerald a triple sapphire and Penny Paxman and Ann Drysdale received PHF certificates and pins. They were all thanked for their service to the club and the wider Yea community. In response, Gary Fitzgerald summed up the sentiments of all

the newly recognized PHF's when he said, "We all do, what we think we can do."

\$1000 on behalf of each of the five recipients, will be contributed to The Rotary Foundation.

The evening concluded with the induction of Darryl King as the Rotary Club of Yea President for 2025/2026. Formalities were conducted by Rotary Community Leader Sharon Fox who presented Darryl with the Collar of Office and entrusted him with the gavel and charter of the club.

Darryl addressed the gathering, thanking outgoing president Penny for her outstanding leadership of the past year, noting that her vision, dedication and tireless service have left a lasting legacy.

As president for 2025/2026, Darryl said his focus will be on increasing member engagement, strengthening youth programs, enhancing community outreach while also having fun and enjoying fellowship. Darryl invited members "to be part of this journey, not just as members, but as change makers. Together we can ensure that our Rotary Club continues to be a beacon of action and unity in our community."

After the 2025/2026 board members were introduced by incoming president Darryl, the evening concluded with emcee David thanking the Country Club Function Room staff, Rotarians who assisted with the room set up, and all present who helped welcome in the new Rotary year as we 'Unite for Good'.

More trout released Victoria-wide for school holidays

AROUND 35,000 rainbow trout are being released across Victorian lakes, giving families a fun, affordable school holiday activity and a boost for local communities thanks to the Victorian Government.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos recently helped to release 2000 rainbow trout into Karkarook Lake, one of more than 70 lakes across the state that will be replenished.

"We know parents are always fishing for fun, healthy and free activities for the school holidays," Mr Dimopoulos said.

"Our nation-leading fish stocking program will ensure Victoria's recreational waterways are brimming with plenty of fish, which will also reel in additional business for local shops and communities."

Backed by the \$96 million Go Fishing and Boating plan and recreational fishing licence

fees, Victoria stocks more fish than all other states and territories combined.

The rainbow trout are just some of the 10 million fish the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) has stocked into the state's waters across 2024/25, the third time in four years at least 10 million fish have been released as part of the state government's nation-leading fish stocking program.

The rainbow trout being released were grown at the iconic Snobs Creek hatchery and weigh approximately 200 grams each making them a great size for newcomers to fishing.

Rainbow trout are an ideal catch for beginners because they take a variety of widely available, low-cost baits and can also be caught with lures cast and retrieved from the shore.

The lakes where they are released are close to residential areas or activity centres. Many of the family-friendly locations feature fishing platforms, walking tracks and nearby playground and barbecue facilities ensuring families and fishing enthusiasts can make a day of it.

To view the full list of Family Fishing Lakes and see what's been stocked at your local fishing spot, head to vfa.vic.gov.au/holidaytrout

More information about bag and size limits, permitted equipment and licensing can be found in the Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide, available free from most bait and tackle shops, online at vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingguide or via the free 'Vic Fishing' app on your smartphone.

VFA CEO Travis Dowling said, "There's no better way to spend time with the kids or grandkids these holidays than rugging up, rigging up a couple of rods and heading down to a local lake to reel in one of these rainbow trout. It's great fun, keeps kids off screens and gets them into the great outdoors."

Flowerdale bus stop mystery

THE Flowerdale bus stop is well known for its lovely garden, however last week, the plants were completely removed. Strangely however, neither of the two most likely agencies are taking responsibility.

Murrindindi Shire Council have stated that their workers weren't responsible. Similarly, the Department of Transport, including VicRoads and the VicRoads, also denied responsibility.

It's very disappointing for the people who put time and effort into making the bus stop look nice, and we'll continue to investigate.

BOUNDARY CREEK OPEN SPACE PLAN

How could this space reflect your vision for the future?



Murrindindi Shire Council is developing a concept plan to enhance and maintain the Council-managed open space at the east of Boundary Creek Boulevard, with support from Michael Smith & Associates (MSA). The Plan will be designed to deliver long-term benefits for the community.

Council will be This is an initial step to secure future funding and identify priorities. The plan aims to create practical, sustainable, and flood-resilient features like walking trails and seating.

Come along to a drop-in session on:

- Friday 18 July from 4.00 to 6.00 pm at Yea Council Chambers, 15 The Semi Circle, Yea
- Saturday 19 July from 9.30 to 11.30 am, on site, at the Boundary Creek Reserve alongside Boundary Creek Boulevard, Yea

To provide feedback or learn more, you can visit theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/boundarycreekopenspace or call Council's Manager Community Wellbeing on 5772 0333.

More opportunities to speak with Council representatives will be provided and we will keep the community updated as the Plan progresses.

Consultation closes **Tuesday 22 July 2025.**



The benefits of edible gardening are endless

ON Thursday, July 10 at the Yea Country Club the Yea Garden Club are hosting a luncheon and informative session with guest speaker Craig Castree on how to transform your existing garden into a living system by working with nature to achieve successful food growing for you to enjoy.

Craig Castree is a qualified Horticulturist with over 45 years' experience and has a signature method of gardening called RegenEdible Gardening, and this combines regenerative agriculture and horticulture with practical backyard food growing.

This method is about transforming your existing garden no matter the size into a living system that feeds you nutrient-dense food, improves soil biology, and supports the health of our planet.

Craig Castree's website says a RegenEdible Garden is where healthy soil, nutrient-dense food, and climate repair come together, without chemicals, without fuss, and without needing a huge space.

Developed from years of hands-on growing, this method is about working with nature, not against it.

The RegenEdible Garden has many health benefits, these include mental health, human health and environmental health.

Getting out in the garden and spending just 30 minutes tending to your plants can improve anxiety levels and improve mood and reset your nervous system. All you need to do is put your hands in the soil and the rest will follow.



Craig Castree. -S

Your overall health benefits when you consume nutrient dense food is endless, when you grow your own food with no chemicals and in healthy soil your food is rich in flavour, high in minerals, all things good for your gut microbiome.

Craig states on his website the environmental health of RegenEdible gardens is part of small climate solutions: it sequesters carbon, protects biodiversity and holds water where it falls.

Come and see how to get your edible garden started with Yea Garden Club and Craig Castree, it's an event not to be missed.

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The Farmer's Ag News



Farmers Hayley, Graeme, organiser Anne Danieli, farmer Naomi and Ben from CommBank with a truck loaded with drought support hay bales from Rural Aid. -BD



Lou, the driver of the tractor last Wednesday who was loading the hay bales onto trucks and trailers. -BD



A trailer full of hay with the tractor working away in the background. -BD



Naomi watching the hay bales be loaded onto trucks. -BD



Lou loading hay bales onto the back of one of the trucks. -BD

Welcome delivery of hay bales for local farmers

by Bailey Dixon

NINE local farmers received 82 bales of hay from Rural Aid last Wednesday in Gobur, as part of ongoing drought support.

The 82 bales of hay were transported from near Dubbo in New South Wales to Gobur, just north of Yarck, and then divided up between local farmers who needed the livestock feed.

The delivery took two truckloads to transport and was delivered to the Gobur site last Tuesday, where Molesworth farmers Anne Danieli and her partner Lou organised for it to be distributed.

Last Wednesday morning was spent loading the trucks and trailers of the local farmers who were getting the hay bales, with Lou operating the tractor.

The project was brought about by Rural Aid and supported by CommBank. Rural Aid organises hay deliveries into disaster-affected regions in response to requests from registered farmers, with farmers in need able to register for assistance via the Rural Aid website.

The recipients of the Gobur hay drop were selected from the pool of registered farmers who had requested assistance in the area.

CommBank supported the initiative with a \$100,000 donation, which helps Rural Aid provide critical resources such as hay, fodder and water tanks.

Benjamin Ruscoe, CommBank's Executive Manager of Regional and Agribusiness Banking, was present at the Gobur hay drop

and spoke about how CommBank works with Rural Aid.

"We're longstanding partners or relations with Rural Aid, which we're very proud of. Basically, our relation with Rural Aid is a reflection of our broader support for rural communities and helping them rebuild, recover or even thrive in the face of severe weather challenges," Benjamin said.

"CommBank's made a donation in recent weeks, but it's also really important to be on the ground with our customers, listening to their needs and helping them out as much as we can. We'll continue to be advocates for groups like Rural Aid, who continue to do a fantastic job supporting regional Australia."

Hayley, one of the local farmers receiving the hay from Rural Aid, spoke briefly about what a difference the feed will make for her livestock.

"It's a huge difference. Prices have been crazy at the moment and unfortunately I've bought my local hay supplier out and I can't afford to spend what it costs to get hay down from Queensland," Hayley said.

"We've been just hard feeding and mostly chaff and stuff now. The hay will give them nice warm bellies because we're going to have the really cold weather the next two weeks. I'll stretch it out as long as I can.

"I'm so grateful. The other thing is that people expect you to only order truckloads now, it's near on impossible to get individual bales. So this is amazing."

To register for Rural Aid support, visit faa.ruralaid.org.au/

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The Farmer's Ag News

Farmers leading the charge: Renewables driving down costs and pollution in agriculture

WITH droughts, floods and other extreme weather impacting farm profitability across the country, cutting input costs becomes even more critical to building a resilient future for Australian agriculture. On-farm renewable energy is proving to be a powerful tool to help farmers get there.

With consumers demanding lower-carbon products and farmers facing rising energy costs, the integration of solar, bioenergy, and electric machinery is no longer a vision of the future, it's happening now.

Gippsland dairy farmer Sandra Jefford, is working on a controlled microgrid, using solar for irrigation for their property. She can monitor how much solar is powering their operations and how much is exported to the grid.

"We save significantly on power costs depending on the season. We've added more irrigation over

the years which has increased our power needs, so we will be adding more solar to one of those sites in the coming months, and potentially more in the future. It just makes business sense to do so.

"Ideally what we want to see is the ability to share excess solar from one metered site to another, across titles, but this needs regulatory change to happen."

Another farmer, Mike Casey in New Zealand, has been electrifying his farm over the last few years and has the first electric Monarch Tractor in the southern hemisphere. He has recently installed batteries on his farm and converted a ute to electric.

"We have a six hectare cherry orchard in Central Otago with 21 electric machines that saves about \$40,000 a year in energy bills which is a huge amount of inputs.

"The cost of solar and batteries are at such a good price now, that

rolling those out will really reduce our costs of operations on farms as well as the cost of living in general.

"My batteries will actually earn an income for the farm over the year," Mike explains.

"I'm on a wholesale electricity contract now, so I can use my large batteries for protection against exposure to the open power market, and that means I can turn what has always been considered a risk, into an opportunity for farming."

Sandra and Mike are two of the speakers at the National Renewables in Agriculture Conference 2025, taking place in Bendigo on July 23. The conference, happening in Victoria for the first time in six years, will bring together farmers, energy experts, researchers, industry leaders and government representatives to explore the practicalities, opportunities and challenges of renewable energy in agriculture.

Conference Founder and farmer Karin Stark says momentum is building across the sector.

"Farmers are increasingly turning to renewables to tackle the challenge of rising diesel and electricity prices. But there's still work to be done in making the right technologies available and ensuring regional contractors and services are equipped to deliver."

She adds that the conference will also explore agriculture's growing role in decarbonising the electricity grid.

"We'll be discussing the evolving distribution network and microgrids, and the potential for smaller, distributed solar projects on farms, say 5MW systems, feeding directly into the local network.

"There are also emerging opportunities for farmers to be paid for providing energy services as new markets develop."



Mike Casey from New Zealand, who has been electrifying his farm over the last few years. -S

Australian beef producers signal confidence and stability amid shifting conditions

THE latest Beef Producer Intentions Survey (BPIS) released by Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) has shown that producers are confident in the sector's outlook.

It has also signalled producers are maintaining stable herd management strategies despite regional, national and global challenges.

The April edition of the 2025 survey, of 3116 grassfed beef producers across Australia provides a comprehensive snapshot of herd demographics, producer sentiment, breeding and sales intentions, and market dynamics.

Producer sentiment nationally has strengthened with a net sentiment score of +53, up from +47 in November 2024.

Northern producers reported the highest confidence at +65, while stronger seasonal conditions in Western Australia resulted in a

significant rebound in sentiment, rising to +14 from -25 a year earlier.

When producers were surveyed about herd intentions, 26 per cent of producers plan to increase their herd size over the next 12 months, while 56 per cent intend to maintain current levels. Only 19 per cent expect to reduce herd size.

According to MLA's Market Information Manager, Stephen Bignell, these figures are consistent with the previous survey and reflect a stable outlook across both Northern and Southern production systems.

"These intentions reflect a cautious but optimistic approach by producers," Mr Bignell said.

"The majority are maintaining herd size, which suggests confidence in current market conditions but also awareness of ongoing risks such as trade uncertainty (49 per cent),

concern about weather (29 per cent) and prices and input costs (17 per cent)."

The April 2025 survey was conducted during a period of mixed seasonal and market conditions.

At that time, Northern Australia experienced significant rainfall and flooding, which limited survey participation in central and southwestern Queensland but improved pasture conditions and market optimism in other areas.

In contrast, Southern Australia continued to face dry and drought conditions, influencing breeding and sales strategies.

Global market dynamics also played a role in shaping producer sentiment. Increased demand from China, ongoing herd rebuilding in the United States, and evolving tariff arrangements contributed to both optimism and uncertainty.

Producers cited improving prices, stronger seasonal conditions, and better market access as key reasons for a more positive outlook. However, many were concerned about geopolitical instability, rising input costs, and regulatory pressures.

Sales activity remains robust, with producers reporting a total of 4.82 million head sold or expected to be sold in the first half of 2025.

Sales were evenly split between the first and second quarters, with Southern producers reporting slightly higher sales in Q1 and Northern producers anticipating stronger activity in Q2.

"Southern producers' higher sales in Q1 are primarily due to earlier seasonal turn-off patterns and the need to manage feed availability during drier conditions," Mr Bignell said.

"In contrast, Northern producers are likely benefiting from improved pasture conditions following significant rainfall, allowing them to hold stock longer and plan for increased sales in Q2."

The Beef Producer Intentions Survey was designed by MLA to support the industry with reliable data and is used by MLA and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). It is one of the inputs into the MLA beef industry forecasting models.

To view the full results please visit: tinyurl.com/2d5bfw9x

Statewide on farm grants now open

THE Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence recently announced the opening of the On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Grants program statewide, with updated guidelines based on farmer feedback and expanded eligible activities. This \$69 million of drought support packages will assist Victorian Farmers doing it tough.

The program, managed by Rural Finance, makes available co-contribution grants of \$5000 for all primary producers across the state, with \$10,000 available for eligible farmers in south west Victoria and parts of West Wimmera to help those who have been in drought longer.

Eligible activities under the grant program now include pasture re-establishment and water carting, reflecting the wide-ranging pressures farmers are facing and ensuring support reaches where it's needed most.

Agriculture Victoria's technical decision-making services are also now live and farmers across the state can access a free one-on-one consultation with a farm advisor to help make the difficult decisions they are facing, particularly due to fodder and water shortages.

Agriculture Victoria has engaged 60 consultancy businesses in Victoria, including more than 90 individual farm advisors, who will assist farmers to take action to develop a drought action management plan.

The Look Over The Farm Gate farmer mental health and wellbeing program is also now open, bringing communities together and supporting farmers and farm families under stress.

The program, managed by the National Centre for Farmer Health on behalf of the Government, will provide grants of up to \$5000 for community-led events that promote social connection and mental health awareness.

Other supports are also available including the Farm Household Allowance, and Regional Investment Corporation loans.

The Rural Financial Counselling Service offers free, confidential and independent financial information, options, decision-making support and referral services to farmers and small rural businesses who are in, or at risk of, financial hardship.

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FOR the very first time, Peppers in Marysville will be hosting Christmas in July.

There will be a magnificent Christmas themed buffet on July 25 and 26 at Andiamo Restaurant and Bar, with festive decorations,

including a beautifully adorned Christmas tree, helping to create a wonderful and cosy holiday atmosphere.

Christmas themed treats will be available throughout July, including mulled wine, colouring-in for the kids, and other surprises.

Visitors can spend the day at Lake Mountain and then warm up by the fire with a drink and toasted marshmallows in the evening.

Locals are reminded that they receive a 15 per cent discount from Andiamo Restaurant and Bar, and a 10 per cent discount off a stay.

Locals are always welcome to come in for a drink or bite to eat, and to warm up by the fire with toasted marshmallows. Woodfired pizzas are also available, and they're fabulous.

For the whole of July, Murchison Street in Marysville will be decorated for Christmas. Head along and experience a European-style cold Christmas.

For more information, visit peppersmarysville.com.au/events/christmas-in-july-at-peppers-marysville/



Andiamo Restaurant and Bar. -S

Let's Eat June winner

THE winner of the June 'Let's Eat' \$50 voucher was Carol Sullivan from Taggerty. Carol will be having a \$50 feed on us at Pavillion in Marysville.

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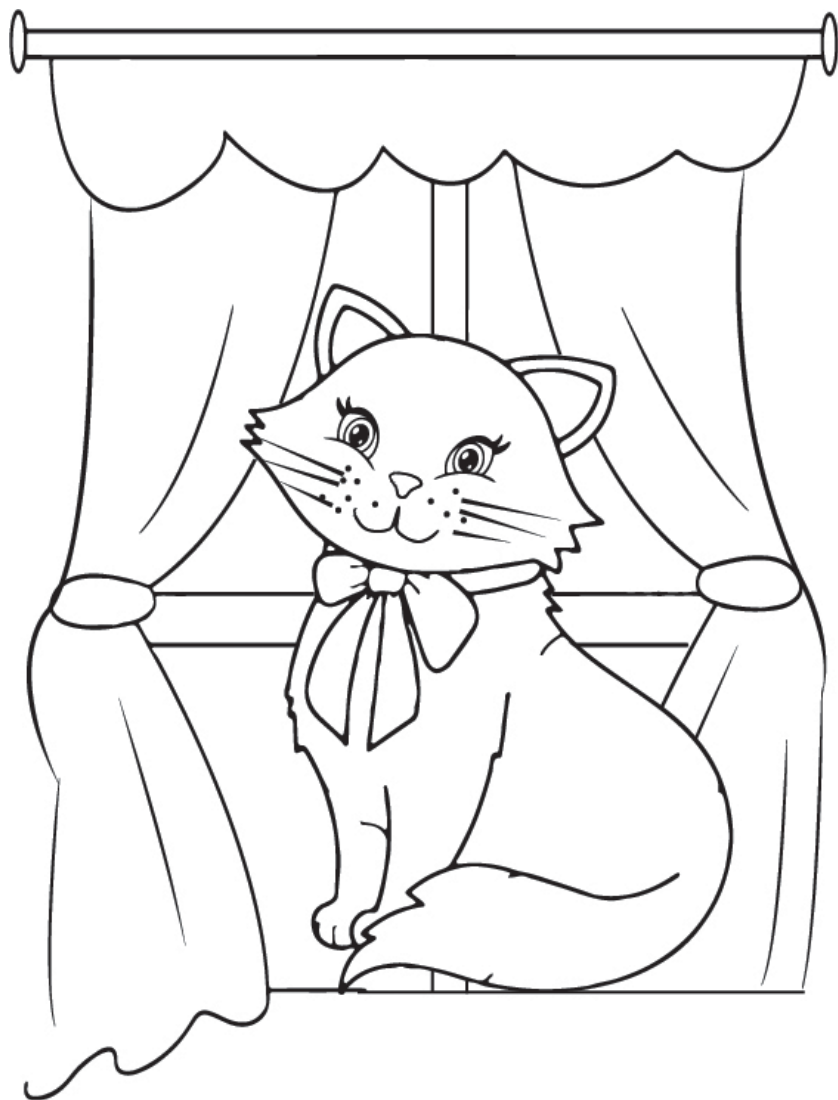
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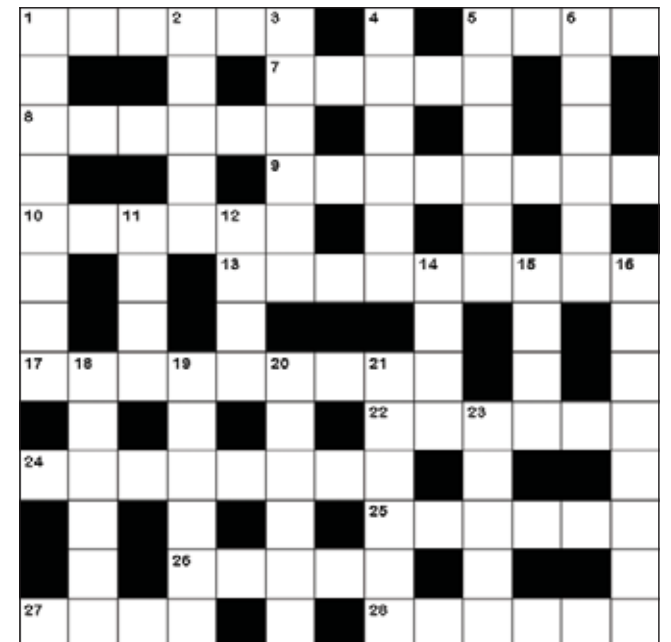
Crossword

ACROSS

- Grasshoppers that migrate in immense swarms.
- A decorative false pillow slip.
- The butt of a marijuana cigarette.
- A small picturesque cave.
- A mythical being who can change into a wolf.
- A long angry or violent speech.
- Close to the side of.
- A raised geological formation.
- Animals other than human beings.
- Worth its weight in gold.
- Employ or hire someone.
- Sets of players forming sides in a game.
- An island, especially a small one.
- A story published in instalments.

DOWN

- A thread used in surgery.
- Favouring extreme views or measures.
- Small tool used to apply and spread mortar.
- A regular customer.
- A covering for the head, neck and shoulders.



- Wandered along in a leisurely manner.
- Decide on and make a declaration about.
- An accumulation of facts.
- Everyone has left the building.
- Hotels for travellers.
- The outer covering of a bird's egg.

- The words to songs.
- Move out and cease to occupy a house.
- A hollow wooden horse used by the Greeks.
- Think about and worry about constantly.
- A strong feeling of hostility.

Word Search

M H E X L W Y V Q A R B Z C K
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Sudoku

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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.

Word Search

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Words starting with "K"

KANGAROO KINDLY
KEEPING KINGDOM
KELLY KITCHEN
KEVIN KITTENS
KEYBOARD KNIGHTS
KICKING KNOCK
KIDNEY KOALA

Math Square

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Fill in the missing numbers.

The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 9.
Each number is only used once.
Each row is a math equation.
Each column is a math equation.
Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

Math Square

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Jokes

Q: What is an astronaut's favourite part on a computer?

A: The space bar

Q: What did the shark say when he ate the clownfish?

A: This tastes a little funny

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Little athletic stars head to regionals

A BIG congratulations to the five young athletes who represented Murrindindi at the Northern Country Region (NCR) Cross Country Championships last weekend in Rochester. Each runner gave their best and showed great commitment on the course.

In the Under 14 Boys three kilometre event, Levi Campbell secured second place, with Chase Hilder finishing closely behind in third. Both athletes ran strong, consistent races and handled the course well.

Ryder Clacy placed second in the Under 12 Boys two kilometre event, running a steady and confident race that showcased great control and focus.

Maverick Clacy delivered an excellent performance in the Under nine Boys 1.5

kilometre event, finishing in first place after a solid run from start to finish.

Maverick, Ryder, Chase and Levi have all qualified for State Cross Country to be held on August 9.

In the Under seven Invitational event, Shiloh Clacy showed terrific energy and enthusiasm, finishing in first place with a smile all the way to the finish line.

A big thank you to Jess Clacy for her role as team manager and to Kim Campbell for being a course marshall.

Well done to all athletes on your efforts and achievement, you've made Murrindindi proud at the regionals.



Levi Campbell, Chase Hilder, Ryder Clacy, Maverick Clacy and Shiloh Clacy after warm up and walking the course -S



Murrindindi's little athletes with their medals. -S

Bob on countback

by Alan Pell

LAST Saturday saw 16 players in the men's competition with Bob Glenister (10) pipping Martin Lowe (17) on countback with 38 points each. Third was Rob O'Halloran also on countback from Alan Pell (13) both with 35 points. The club award was won by Phil Armstrong.

In the ladies' competition Margie Wright (23) with 31 points won from Cindy Armstrong (25) with 30 points.

Last Wednesday on a very cold day saw a mixed stableford of nine players with Zach Pell (17) 34 points winning from Brian Simmons (11) with 33 points. There was no nearest the pin on the 18th and Peter Johnston won the club award.

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MURRINDINDI EAST U3A, Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday, July 21 at 10.45am for 11am start followed by light lunch at the Alexandra Bowling Club, 4 Paynes Avenue, Alexandra. All welcome.

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CASSEE, Jason.

A funeral service celebrating the life of Jason will be held on Friday, July 4, 2025 at Murrindindi Chapel, 21 Johnston Street, Alexandra commencing at 11am.

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CASSEE, Jason.

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Reunited with mum.

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Murrindindi Shire Council has reviewed its Road Management Plan in accordance with section 54 of the Road Management Act 2004 and part 3 of the Road Management (General) Regulations 2016.

The Chief Executive Officer endorsed the reviewed Road Management Plan 2025-2029 on June 19, 2025 and the plan will come into effect from July 1, 2025. The Road Management Plan applies to all roads that are identified as Municipal Roads within the Murrindindi Shire.

A copy of the current Road Management Plan 2025-2029 can be found on Council's website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/rmp or for inspection at any of Council's Library and Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Kinglake and Yea.

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Round nine of term two for Alexandra Squash Club

by Kristelle Leary

Monday competition Eagles versus Kestrels

JIM (fill in) versus Jordan: Jim filled in and played to keep the ball alive without hitting winners. Despite this, Jordan made consecutive errors and gave away points to be well behind after game one. Jordan lifted his game with some low winners to win take a game, but the errors continued, and Jim kept well ahead. 65 to 55.

Sally versus James: Sally continues to develop her clever game plan and executed her shots with precision to outplay James despite his long arms and court speed. Sally claimed the victory. 61 to 57.

Michael M versus Oli: Michael and Oli had to face each other while many of their strong shots were rendered useless by the slippery walls. Michael took an early lead only to lose it in the third game. Oli played incredible drop shots to seize momentum. In the final game, Michael copied Oli's style to run away with the win. 66 to 57.

Derrick versus Jim: Wet conditions made it difficult with adapting to being the only option for winning points. Jim wasted only one serve to find his lob serves were skidding out, whereas Derrick persisted too long with his wasting many points to give Jim and early lead. Jims low hard serves started to fail as Derrick put them away. Altering his serve again, Jim played to conditions to run away with the win. 63 to 50.

Hawks versus Owls

ETHAN versus Tyler: A really great game. The lads have really improved, and both played some great shots, but Tyler managed to claim the win. 50 to 49.

Chris T versus Mick: Enjoyable to watch. Both players cleverly using the unpredictable bounce off the wet walls. Chris had a good run at the start which he held throughout to claim the match. 65 to 61.

Jared versus Matt: Two tied games to begin, leaving the scores dead level at the halfway mark as both players tried to adapt to the balls skidding off the walls. Matt was able to adapt best by using his speed and quick reflexes to handle the unpredictable bounce of the walls to cruise to an easy victory in the second half. 76 to 56.

Andrew versus John: Conventional wisdom was thrown out the window. Andrew was most adversely affected with his underarm shots sliding off the walls and being sent into orbit. John played flat shots that gave him a big early lead. Andrew clawed his way back into the game for a short time, only for the yips to return, handing John a huge win. 72 to 44.

Thursday competition Blue Tongues versus Geckos

SAM versus Jodie: It was a close match. Jodie kept the pressure on Sam, but he was in good form and took it all in his stride. Sam increased his lead in the final game to take home the win. 63 to 53.

Daniel W versus Phil: What a cracking game. Phil started ahead, using his calm skill against Daniels fast and furious hitting. Daniel turned it around by reducing errors and making some smart plays. With an even score going into the final game, it was anyone's match to take. When the match came to a close Phil was one point up. 52 to 51.

Frill Necks versus Skinks

KRISTELLE versus Mick (fill in): A well-played match by both players. Mick had some good tricks, mixing up his serves and dropping them short, but Kristelle slugged it out with him and showed him some of her tricks to claim victory. 66 to 56.

Stuart versus Justin: While Stuart's game went up and down each match, Justin kept a relatively consistent score across all games. It was a desperate fight with Justin coming out on top. 64 to 60.

Nighttime fishing for Murray cod in Eildon: Local fishing report

by Eildon Bait and Tackle

RIVERS are closed to all fishing, so Lake Eildon and the Eildon Pondage are the main local options.

"In the lake at the moment, those chasing trout are trawling Tassie Devils or similar brands in pink and white. They're picking up brown trout around 40 to 45 centimetres. Working areas are around the Big River arm back towards Goughs Bay," Craig Parker from Eildon Bait and Tackle said.

"The pondage has small rainbows around 30 centimetres taking Powerbait and brown trout taking lures and flies up to 2.5 kilograms.

"Those that really want to go out and have a crack at the Murray cod, it's pretty much nighttime fishing at the moment. There's plenty of fish from 1.1 metres up to 1.2 metres, taking swim baits from six to 10 inches.

"Some redfin are being caught using worms around the trees in the lake from 15- to 20-metre-deep water. Those redfin are 25 to 30 centimetres."

SPORT



Night of celebration for Kinglake Football Netball Club

THE Kinglake Football Netball Club held their Ladies' Day and Mr Kinglake event recently, and wish to express their gratitude to those who attended.

The room was packed and everyone seemed to have a great time. Angus Forde took the crown and was named Mr Kinglake for 2025.

The club gives a big shoutout to their amazing emcees, the legends behind the scenes who pulled the day together, the cowboy waiters for the extra entertainment, and of course, the brave contestants who put on a show.

They also say thank you to all the local businesses who generously donated prizes and food.



Kinglake 1 netballers remain top of the ladder in Premier Division 3 and are on a winning spree. They've only lost one game in the first half of the season, going down to Bundoora 2 by just one goal. Kinglake 1s have successfully completed the first half of the season, making their mark on the competition. Danielle Mair holds a comfortable lead as leading goal scorer with 144 goals, with Billie Cvijetic on 77 goals, sitting in the top five. Playing combinations proving their consistency each week include the strength of the midcourt with Latoya Wards, TeAna Wards, Nakita Meade, and Georgia Brander, supported by defensive pressure from Alice Waack, Tilly Withers, and Caitlin Ryan. The fixture now sees the girls return to take on each club a second time. Kinglake 2 sit two wins out of the top four, Kinglake 3 are making a late surge on the ladder and Kinglake 4 are repeating the 2024 Grand final game plan sneaking up the ladder with only two wins out of the top four. -S

SPORT

Yea bowlers have fun on President's Day

by Maurie Finn

YEA Bowls Club President's Day is an annual free event instigated by late former President, Leif Elenius.

The format for the day is a handicap event which gives every player a very good chance to win. Everyone plays four games of six ends.

The weather was fine. The rinks and the games were very close indicating the handicapper got it pretty right.

In just his first season of bowls, Kevin Smith was the overall winner and he was thrilled to collect the trophy. Congratulations

especially to 'Smithy', and to all participants for their keen participation.

The day didn't finish there. Following the games, Maureen Marks conducted a trivia contest on general knowledge which was loads of fun.

The presentations for the club championship events for singles and pairs were a further highlight of the day. The men's singles champion was Jeff Green. The ladies singles champion was Viv Cavanagh. The men's pairs champions were Cliff Sinclair and Maurie Finn, and the ladies pairs champions were Angela Finn and Barb Tanner.

The President's Day is an opportunity for the club to say thanks to all the members who help to make the club run smoothly and an enjoyable place to be. This year a special MVP award went to Rod Cavanagh for his outstanding service to the club.

The presentations were followed by a scrumptious two course meal provided by the club and prepared by club members.

If you would like to be part of the Yea Bowls Club, come along to Monday social bowls and you will be made most welcome.



Smithy with the President's Cup. -S



Rod with the MVP award. -S



Maurie with Jeff at Presidents day. -S



The 2025 President's Day ladies pair winners. -S



The 2025 men's pairs winners at President's Day -S

Winter tennis washouts declared

by Karyn Fraser, Maureen Jewell, Judy Sands and Rhonda Carpenter

THE forecast rain was a worry for captains making the weather call for their matches in Euroa and Mansfield last Monday week but play went ahead.

Moglonemby 2-27 versus Benalla 1-21

On a day of rain delays Moglonemby and Benalla were both just happy to be on the court after struggling to find fill ins.

Greeted with icy winds and a shower of rain both teams then enjoyed a great start to their match. Moglonemby's fill in Annabelle Hayes joined Judy Sands, Robyn Johnson and Lisa Krepp and won both of her sets playing with Judy and Lisa, while Benalla's fill in Lyn Johnston joined Claire Sharp, Maureen Jewell, and Deb Siggers to win her first set

with Deb. After a third rain delay, a washout was declared.

The partnerships had completed three sets and almost finished a fourth. The match was declared a partial washout with no outright lead, the premiership points and remaining sets split.

Terip 2-23 versus Delatite 0-12

Beneath the black sky backdrop in Mansfield, Delatite met Terip who had included Wappan's Liza Karras.

Delatite's Carolyn Murray and Karyn Fraser worked hard against Terip's Phoebe Macdermid and Frances Lawrence going game for game until at five all, Terip pulled away winning the next three games.

Liza and Jenny Martin were too strong for Kass Thomas and Deb McCormack who achieved three games.

The next two sets could not be completed as the rain persisted. Players scurried for shelter to wait it out, but the rain kept coming. Kass's warming soup and Carolyn's renowned sausage rolls contributed to an outstanding lunch enjoyed by all.

The match was declared a partial washout with no outright lead, the premiership points and remaining sets split.

Euroa 4-40 defeated Creighton's Creek 1-20

The contest between Euroa against Creighton's Creek was a partial washout. Chris Ellis and Kerry Hewlett won Creighton's Creek only set for the day. Top side Euroa took the points as the match was declared a partial washout with an outright lead and the remaining set was split.

Mansfield 5-46 defeated Seven Creeks 1-21

Seven Creeks' Gayle Furphy and Mary Kelly were Seven Creeks only winners in their match. Mansfield's Michelle Pigdon, Keira McDonagh, Natalie Bergsma and Sophie Yencken won the contest and jumped into third spot on the ladder. Of the three rain interrupted matches in Euroa, and teams waited it out, this was the only match to finish.

All the teams received the games that they had won. Next Monday's matches in Terip, Euroa, Mansfield and Benalla will be the last before the mid-winter break.

Round eight ladder: Euroa 58.5, Terip 51, Mansfield 44, Wappan 44, Moglonemby 43.5, Creighton's Creek 22.5, Benalla 21.5, Delatite 18, Seven Creeks 17.

SPORT

Yea senior footballers take the win over Yarra Junction

Yea 23.12-150 defeated Yarra Junction 3.3-21



Sam Nicholson moving with the ball. -S



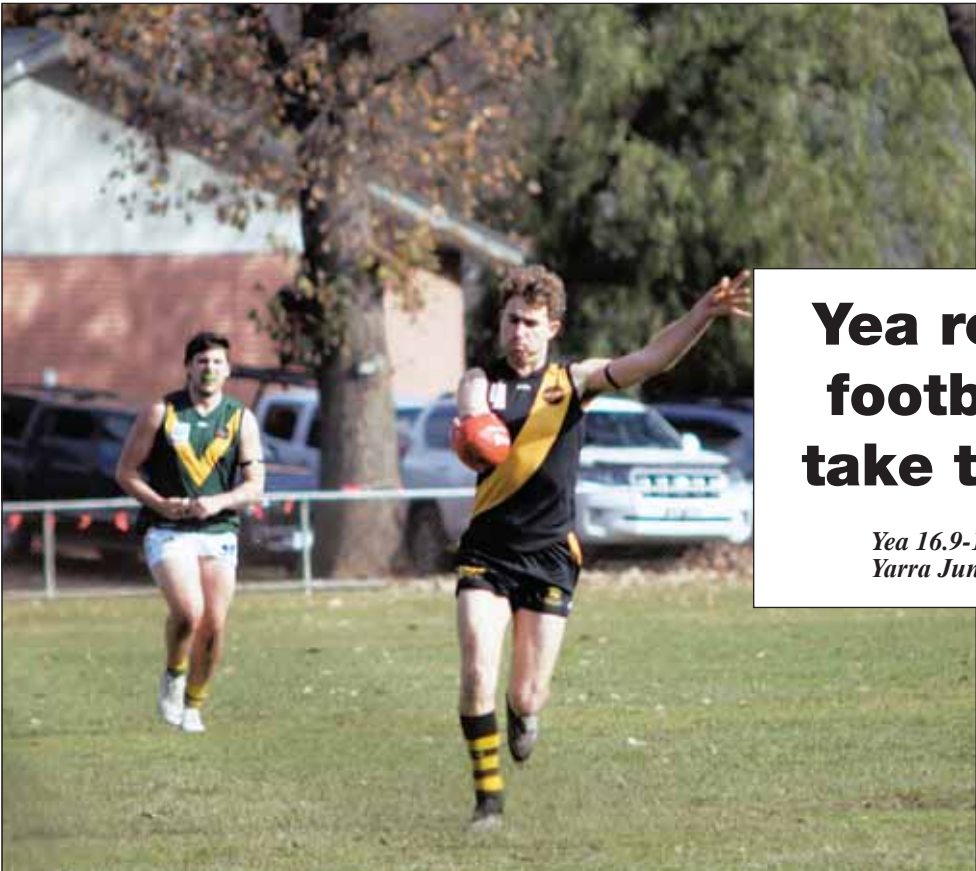
Tight fight with Thornton Eildon for Yea women's football team

Yea 5.3-33 defeated Thornton Eildon 4.4-28



Yea women's team captain Emily Kerr. -S

Cheree Spowart moving the ball. -S



Yea reserve footballers take the win

Yea 16.9-105 defeated Yarra Junction 4.3-27



Tom Wylie from the Yea reserves team about to send the ball on its way. -S

Coen Marks fighting for possession. -S

Yea junior footballers take on Broadford and Alexandra

Under nine
by Lily Armstrong

IT wasn't too chilly and the sunshine matched the energy of the eager little Tigers, who were all fired up for another great game of footy at home. The under nines took on Broadford, and from the first bounce, it was clear both teams came ready to play with great spirit and sportsmanship.

The club gives a big shoutout to the Broadford crew, who were not only tough competition but also incredibly kind, lending a few players each quarter so Yea could field a full team. That's what junior footy's all about.

The young Tigers are growing in confidence every week, and it really showed this week. The kids moved the ball well, worked as a team, and backed each other with strong tackles, clever handballs, and some great marks. It was awesome to see the improvement across the board and the smiles on their faces after every effort.

Award winners: Just Great Coffee Award to Kaden, for his tenacity and never giving up on the contest; Yarra Valley Gas Award to Eddy, for his smart positioning and great footy smarts; Armstrong Plumbing Best Team Player to Harry, for his hard running and all-round team play.



Award winners for the under 12 category in Yea. -S



The Yea under nine award winners. -S



The Yea under 10 award winners for the week. -S



Some of the under 14 players from Yea. -S

Under 12
Yea 0.2-2 defeated by Broadford 14.17-101
by Lyndal Tait

A HOME game last week for the under 12s, with Jonah winning the toss as Captain for the day, followed up by a terrific game in the backline for the Tigers. Again, the team showed determination and grit, always running and applying tackles, following up with second attempts at the ball and chasing down the opposition.

Sienna, Ollie and Toby J all had fabulous games, standing out in their attack and defence, continuous running, and never



A Yea player under immense pressure from the Alexandra side. -S

giving up despite the entire side being under pressure for the entire game against a very strong top of the ladder team in Broadford.

Coach Al asked all players to keep their heads up and to focus on applying the same pressure they had in the previous week's game, and all players responded positively. This pressure saw the opposition scoring many points instead of goals, and the Tigers keeping Broadford goalless in the third quarter.

Although majority of the play was in the opposition forward line, the Tigers worked hard as a team to stop multiple goal attempts. It is so promising to see players stepping up, being adaptable and playing in different positions, and really listening to the coaching teams' instructions, taking on board feedback and then getting out there doing what they need to. The improvement is amazing across the whole team.

Once again, the club thank all their sponsors, volunteers and supporters for cheering them on, supporting and encouraging them each week. Special thanks to James Frankcombe for umpiring, David Petfield for goal umpiring, Corben Sutherland for boundary umpiring, Martin Duncan and Marc Steiner for being runners, Lily Armstrong for first aid, Cam Grant for running water, Claire Geeson for the oranges, and Belinda Johnston for time keeping.

Awards: Duncan's Paint and Panel 'Red Hot Go Player of the Day' award, Sienna Duncan; Sprout Wellness 'Being your Best' award, Ollie Skilling; Yarra Valley Gas 'Coaches Award', Toby Johnston.

Under 14
Yea 2.1-13 defeated by Alexandra 18.10-118
by Brigitte Baynes

LAST Sunday the under 14 Yea Tigers were at home against Alexandra, who played with two extra players.

The club says massive thanks to their helpers once again, the support is extremely appreciated.

Awards to Maya, Sammy and Desmond.

Outer East Football and Netball League Ladders					
Football – Reserves			Netball – A Grade		
	Percentage	Wins		Percentage	Wins
Seville	458.54	9	Seville	219.87	10
Pakenham	394.96	9	Warburton Millgrove	227.95	8
Warburton Millgrove	155.06	6	Pakenham	240.77	8
Alexandra	107.84	6	Yarra Glen	116.96	6
Belgrave	250.77	6	Yarra Junction	96.55	6
Yea	101.41	4	Alexandra	67.49	3
Powelltown	35.74	3	Belgrave	58.48	2
Yarra Junction	17.82	1	Powelltown	32.77	1
Yarra Glen	17.97	0	Yea	56.56	0
Football – Seniors			Netball – B Grade		
Pakenham	244.44	9	Seville	320.00	10
Warburton Millgrove	248.06	7	Pakenham	258.20	9
Seville	174.91	8	Warburton Millgrove	154.10	7
Alexandra	107.67	5	Yarra Glen	103.09	6
Belgrave	103.71	5	Yarra Junction	75.65	5
Yarra Glen	93.28	5	Belgrave	81.92	4
Yea	93.68	3	Yea	63.27	2
Powelltown	47.18	2	Alexandra	50.40	1
Yarra Junction	26.21	0	Powelltown	37.95	0
Football – Senior Women			Netball – C Grade		
Warburton-Wesburn	100.00	10	Seville	291.40	10
Wandin	77.77	7	Pakenham	228.89	9
Emerald	65.00	6	Warburton Millgrove	181.60	7
Thornton Eildon	50.00	4	Yarra Glen	88.62	5
Yea	33.33	3	Yarra Junction	85.40	4
Seville	11.11	1	Belgrave	76.56	4
Officer	10.00	1	Alexandra	74.46	3
			Yea	46.26	1
			Powelltown	35.19	0
Netball – 17 and under			Netball – D Grade		
Seville	404.81	9	Seville	379.82	10
Pakenham Lions Gold	208.92	8	Pakenham	297.01	9
Warburton Millgrove	104.45	5	Warburton Millgrove	189.70	7
Pakenham Lions Maroon	56.04	2	Alexandra	69.17	4
Alexandra	42.57	2	Yarra Glen	79.02	4
Powelltown	40.46	1	Belgrave	72.22	4
			Yarra Junction	61.30	2
			Yea	48.25	2
			Powelltown	26.76	0
Football – Under 18					
Pakenham	1051.24	10			
Seville	312.60	7			
Warburton Millgrove	55.33	4			
Yarra Glen	42.76	3			
Alexandra	39.56	2			
Yea	26.21	1			

Yea junior netballers power through

Under 11 Division Two
Development Squad

by Jo Madden

IT has been an absolute pleasure to watch this team improve each week. The youngest Tigers epitomise everything junior sport is about: persistence, resilience, skill development, and most importantly: fun.

They were goalless last week, but you wouldn't know it from the way the team remained so positive and eager to improve.

Coach Maya made minimal changes to the positions, as everyone was working so well

and really starting to feel comfortable in their roles. Broadford were on fire, shooting some impressive goals from well outside the goal post.

Both teams showed grit and determination, but most importantly, great sportsmanship.

Under 13 Netball

Broadford 25 defeated Yea Tigers 16

by Deb Schickerling

THE Yea Tigers Under 13 netball team put up a strong fight last Sunday but were outpaced by a well-drilled Broadford Roos

side, going down 16–25. It was a close contest early, with Broadford holding slim leads till half time four to three after the first quarter, 10 to eight at haltime. Yea worked hard through the mid-court, but Broadford pulled away in the final quarter, sealing the win with a seven goal final term. The Tigers will regroup for next week, taking plenty of positives from their performance.

Netball awards

Under 11 Division two

Esme Fisher: Just Great Coffee 'Red Hot Go Award'; Ainsley Barry: Yarra Valley Gas

Coaches Choice Award.

Under 11

Brooklyn Waghorn: Madden Plaster Player of the Day; Evie McKay: Yarra Valley Gas Coaches Choice Award.

Under 13

Pippa Butterworth: Always Contracting Player of the Day; Lexi Harris: Yarra Valley Gas Coaches Choice Award.

Under 15

Lilly Fanning: UpBuild Player of the Day; Jemma Anstey: Yarra Valley Gas Coaches Choice Award.



Award winners for Under 11 division two Esme Fisher and Ainsley Barry. -S



Under 11 players Brooklyn Waghorn and Evie McKay. -S



Under 13 award winners Pippa Butterworth and Lexi Harris. -S



Under 15 award winners Lilly Fanning and Jemma Anstey. -S