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Cheryl O'Halloran's lifetime of service to the community

CHERYL O'Halloran was the recipient of Yea Rotary's David Long Community Service Award, presented at the changeover dinner on Thursday, June 26. The nominating information was provided to the *Yea Chronicle* and is outlined below.

Seventy-six year old Cheryl was born and bred in Yea and has lived in Yea for her entire life. In fact, she has resided in Raglan Street for her whole life.

Cheryl has always been a community minded person in spirit and effort, 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, groups and the broader Yea community.

Over the course of her life, Cheryl has contributed to the Yea and District Community in the following ways. She is a member of St Luke's Church, and for decades supported the church in running the 'Guild' which ran weekly card and afternoon teas for community members. She provided community support via fundraising and activities. She organised and ran Debutante Balls. She fundraised to provide new toilet facilities for the church and the community who use the church facilities. She also supported the establishment of the St Lukes Op Shop.

Cheryl supported and continues to support local community groups such as Brownies,

Girl Guides, Football Netball Club, Yea Swimming Club, Yea Junior Netball Club, Yea Bowling Club, Yea CFA and Yea Golf Club, through being on committees, volunteering, fundraising and general support with events and activities.

Cheryl, along with her husband Robert, and her two daughters Lyndal and Rebecca and their families, supported the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal for over 30 years. Cheryl was the Yea and District Coordinator for 25 years until her retirement during COVID-19. This involved various fundraising events and activities along with the annual collection over Easter in the main street of Yea, supported by the local CFA and volunteers, bringing community members together for a great cause that raised over \$700,000 in total over her time coordinating.

Cheryl has supported Yea Rotary Senior Citizens Dinners over the past few years, providing desserts for the event, as well as supporting her grandchildren's local school in preparing desserts for their catering of Rotary meals.

Cheryl served Meals on Wheels for the local shire council over many years, and made hospital beds weekly over a number of years when volunteers undertook these roles.

Cheryl established the Yea Community Christmas Committee several years ago, securing funding via a grant from the Yea

Community Bank (with support of Yea Rotary, namely Terry Hubbard) to purchase a 'Living Christmas Tree' which now stands proudly in the High Street Plantation and is decorated by her family each year.

In addition to this, Cheryl and Robert organise and coordinate erecting Christmas decorations in the Yea township, including decorated hay bales, wooden Christmas trees decorated by school and kinder children, and promoting the display of Christmas lights and decorations at businesses and residences around town via a competition with prizes for those judged best each year. All prizes and costs associated with this are secured by Cheryl, receiving donations and sponsorship from businesses and individuals. The annual lighting of the 'Living Christmas Tree' is now a very popular event attended by many, where activities are provided for children, Santa visits on the CFA truck, and Christmas carols are performed by community groups. It's a great initiative to spread Christmas cheer to the community.

Cheryl was an original volunteer for the Yea 'Take A Break' centre. Based at the Yea Kinder to provide low cost child care for families prior to the current formal child care centre. Cheryl saw a need for this service to support families where both parents needed to work, but did not have any child care available to them, so worked with local

authorities to get this program established, where she volunteered her time regularly over many years.

Cheryl voluntarily provided child care to various Yea families in her own home to enable parents to work and to help families of non English speaking backgrounds or English as a second language to integrate their children into the community by spending quality time with other children.

Cheryl is renowned around the district for her catering of community events, particularly for funeral wakes, something she started doing with her own mother and older siblings in the church, and continued to do when the church ceased catering. Cheryl would regularly be asked or would volunteer to help cater for funerals of locals and would do this with the support of her family, or would coordinate community groups or volunteers to support her in this.

Cheryl would regularly organise cake stalls, trivia nights, community dances and other fundraising activities for locals or local groups. She has supported local students in achieving sporting goals of competing overseas and even at the Commonwealth Games and Olympics, and has supported students in their travelling and youth exchange endeavours.

Cheryl would have to hold some sort of record for her raffle fundraisers. The number of raffles and tickets she has organised and sold over the decades sitting out the front of the supermarket or in the main street is amazing. All for charity or community organisations.

Cheryl has always been a supportive community member when tragedy or hard times strike community members. She is always delivering home cooked meals, etcetera, to families who are grieving, or in need. She spent many years attending the nursing home to help feed residents their dinner almost daily and was also the registered contact person for elderly citizens living in the community if any issues arose.

Cheryl has spent an entire life dedicated to serving her local community, bringing the community together for any good cause, and strengthening relationships between community groups and community members. She certainly demonstrates the Rotary motto and values of 'Service above Self'. The care, compassion and commitment Cheryl has demonstrated (and continues to demonstrate even in her senior retirement years) is to be highly commended.

The David Long Community Service Award is reflective of a man who contributed significantly to the Yea and broader community. It may be a coincidence that Cheryl and David grew up together, but there is no coincidence that Cheryl demonstrates the same values, community commitment and dedication that David also demonstrated.

She was awarded the David Long Community Service Award in recognition of her exemplary volunteer service to her community without expectation of recognition or reward in the manner befitting the legacy and memory of David Long.



Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish, Cheryl O'Halloran and Cheryl's daughter Lyndal Tait. -S

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Letters to the Editor

Four bin system

I TOTALLY agree with David Anderson's letter in the *Yea Chronicle* on July 2. Rural properties have been safely and wisely managing their own small amount of waste for years.

In my case, when the notices first came out to all rural households, there was a part on the form where you could apply to opt out of the new garbage collection proposal, which I duly filled in. When I received three new bins delivered to my gate, I immediately

contacted the person in charge at Murrindindi Shire Council and was told there had been a mistake and if I left my bins on the roadside the contractor would come and collect them. Three months later and two reminders to council, the bins are still sitting on the roadside waiting to be collected and just this week I have received a letter saying the service is compulsory.

Ever since the bin collection service was introduced to Whittlesea-Yea Road, my son who lives next door, opted to have the service. We agreed we only needed one service between us for the small amount of waste we generate. I have been placing my one small bag of recycles in his bin, about once a month for the past 20 years, and between us we still don't fill the bin.

I don't want or need a bin service. Although there are two houses on it, we run the property as one. I will be returning my three bins to the Yea Depot from whence they came as I won't be using them and I don't need them cluttering up my backyard.

This is just another money grabbing idea from government. Council successfully avoids the rate cap each year by having your property revalued every year, which is now done in far-away office with no on-site inspection as was the duty in the past so values were a true indication of your property's worth. With rates rising enormously every year and council charges likewise, this is just another impost on all ratepayers who can ill-afford more costs.

Elaine White, Yea

THUMBS UP

THUMBS DOWN

THUMBS DOWN:

To Murrindindi Shire Council for the total lack of communication about the bin system, on which bin goes which week. For example, everybody in our street put out the yellow and red bin. When we rang council, it's yellow and green. Everybody in the street got it wrong.

THUMBS DOWN:

To those who let their aggressive dogs run off lead at a public reserve. If your dog is aggressive, please keep them on the lead to avoid possible dog fights and it's dangerous to the owners.

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Inaugural \$50,000

Tim Fischer

Fellowship announced

THE search is on across the nation for the first recipient of the inaugural Tim Fischer Fellowship, as the Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEF) announced a \$50,000 annual funding grant for an Australian who has the passion, skills and career prospects to create real change in regional and rural communities.

Open to anyone over 18 years, the fellowship is targeting people with dedication and potential to be curious, to explore new ideas and insights, and to put these ideas into practice, talented changemakers who are

focused on the impact they can make over the course of a year outside of the big cities.

The funding may be applied towards professional development, research activities, travel related to the fellowship purpose, accommodation, or other agreed-upon expenses. One recipient will be selected each year and receive funding of up to \$50,000.

Applications close on August 17. More information can be found at cef.org.au/Programs/tim-fischer-fellowship/

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT				
STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon (TW)	10.00am Mon	1.24	steady	Below Flood Level
Rubicon River at Rubicon	10.00am Mon	0.47	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	10.00am Mon	0.52	steady	Below Flood Level
Home Creek at Yarck	9.52am Mon	0.16	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	10.00am Mon	0.47	steady	Below Flood Level
Murrindindi River Above Colwells	09.00am Mon	0.27	steady	
Yea R at Old Killingworth Rd	10.00am Mon	0.59	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	10.00am Mon	3.42	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	10.00am Mon	0.39	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Trawool	10.00am Mon	0.96	steady	Below Flood Level
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	10.00am Mon	-0.08	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Seymour	10.00am Mon	1.28	steady	Below Flood Level
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	10.00am Mon	0.79	steady	

**ISSUED AT 10:54 AM AEST MONDAY 7 JULY 2025

DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra	8mm
Buxton	N/Amm
Eildon (AWS)	2mm
Flowerdale	8mm
Jamieson	2mm
Kinglake	39mm
Lake Eildon	1mm
Mansfield	2mm
Taggerty	2mm
Yarck	4mm
Yea	6mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week	276.36m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	57.6%
Metres below full supply	12.54m
Daily inflow	1000ML
Release	1100ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	80%

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Thursday 5pm

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Monday 9am

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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

Flowerdale bus stop mystery solved

AFTER further exploration, Murrindindi Shire Council was able to provide information on the removal of plants at the Flowerdale bus stop.

They stated, "Council undertook the recent removal of some vegetation from the garden area at the Flowerdale bus stop opposite the pub, following a safety compliance request from Public Transport Victoria (PTV).

"On May 27, council was contacted by PTV via its contractor Meipol, which carries out safety inspections of bus shelters on behalf of the Department of Transport and Planning. Council was asked to remove grass and small plants around the boarding zone of the Flowerdale bus stop, to eliminate potential tripping hazards and ensure the area met current safety standards.

"Council is required to act on safety issues identified through these inspections. In response, council's parks and gardens team carried out limited vegetation removal directly around the boarding zone to ensure it was safe and accessible for all users.

"Council recognises and appreciates the significant care and effort that has gone into maintaining and beautifying this garden over many years. It's a great example of local pride and care, and we acknowledge the value placed on the space by the community.

"We are open to working with the local residents to explore future opportunities for planting or beautification that continue to reflect the community's spirit while meeting safety requirements."



The bus stop garden, prior to its removal, decorated for Christmas. -S



In previous years, the bus stop has been seasonally themed. This is one of the Halloween displays. -S



The Flowerdale bus stop following the removal of the plants. -S



A Christmas display at the bus stop. -S

Great Forest National Park 'not government policy'

THE Liberals and Nationals have demanded confirmation that the Victorian Government will not back the formation of the Great Forest National Park (GFNP).

Shadow Minister for Public Land Management, Melina Bath, has written to Minister for Environment, Steve Dimopoulos, requesting a formal public commitment.

It comes after Field and Game Australia revealed on social media that the Minister told an Electrical Trade Union delegates conference that Labor does not support a GFNP.

Similarly, on May 14, this newspaper was provided with a statement from government saying, "We see a future where the benefit of our forests are enjoyed by all Victorians. The government will not be considering large scale land tenure changes."

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

The proposed half a million-hectare GFNP, about 90 minutes north-east of Melbourne, would triple the area of the Central Highlands Forest.

Ms Bath's request follows a recent parliamentary petition opposing the creation of new national parks which gathered over 40,000 signatures, underscoring widespread public discontent.

Ms Bath said Victorians did not need more poorly maintained 'pad-locked' national parks.

"If Minister Dimopoulos is prepared to say there will be no Great Forest National Park to union delegates behind closed doors, he must be prepared to put it on the public record," Ms Bath said.

"The government owes an explanation to the 40,208 Victorians who signed the petition opposing Labor's plans to form new national parks.

"Labor is mismanaging our existing national parks, with successive budget and staffing cuts.

"Neglecting public land increases fire risk and leads to the proliferation of invasive weeds and

pests, which degrade the environment and pose a threat to native flora and fauna.

"The Liberals and Nationals oppose the creation of new national parks and support the active management our public land for better environmental and recreational outcomes."

Ms Bath also urged Labor to overturn its misguided decision to create the Wombat-Lerderderg and Mount Buangor National Parks to the north-west of Melbourne, saying "These state forests have long served as vital spaces for a range of recreational activities, including horse riding, trail bike riding, four-wheel driving, camping, hunting, prospecting and fossicking and firewood collection.

Government response

In response to the Melina Bath statement, a Victorian Government Spokesperson said, "We've been very clear that the Great Forest National Park is not and never has been a government policy. Recreational fishing, boating and game hunting supports tens of thousands of jobs across the state, especially in regional Victoria.

"We are creating new national parks and expanding regional parks to link existing state forests, parks and reserves to ensure our great outdoors is looked after, for every Victorian to enjoy."

The government announced in 2021 that it would create three national parks, two conservation parks, and seven new and expanded regional parks in the state's central west, including the Wombat-Lerderderg National Park covering more than 44,000 hectares between Daylesford and Bacchus Marsh.

It is expected that legislation to create three new national park will soon be introduced into parliament.

They also said that Victorians will continue to enjoy a range of recreational activities in the new national parks including bush walking, camping, horse riding, four-wheel driving, dog walking, fishing and more.



Let's work together to make our community safer and more pet-friendly

Council is updating its Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-29 to improve services for cats and dogs in Murrindindi

During this process Council is seeking your feedback on a range of animal management issues within the Shire including:

- Our animal management services
- Cat and dog behaviours
- Dog off-lead areas
- Cat confinement and mandatory desexing.



You can have your say by visiting our website, meeting a Council officer in person at Alexandra, Kinglake or Yea, or requesting a phone interview.

To arrange a phone interview, contact Peter Wright, Community Safety Officer, on 5772 0333 or email pwright@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

Feedback closes on Sunday 3 August.

Visit our website for more information at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/DAMP26-29

Out&About



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

Livestock handling workshop at Yea Saleyards today 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

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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

THURSDAY, JULY 17

2030Yea Ethical retirement investments with Q&A with John Agostinelli, Ron Litjens and Munira Chowdhury. 6.30-7.30pm at Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre.

FRIDAY, JULY 18

Alexandra and District Senior Citizens Club AGM will be held at the Bayley Street clubrooms at 1pm. All welcome.

MONDAY, JULY 21

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

by a light lunch. All welcome.

National Renewables in Agriculture Bendigo 2025. Hear from farmers and industry experts. Scan the QR code in this edition for details or visit renewablesinageconference.com.au.

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.



The attendees had great fun learning the steps for the dances. -S



Ray, the whip cracker. -S



Homewood Hall looking resplendent. -S

Bush dance fun at Homewood Hall

ON Saturday, June 29, the Homewood Landcare Group (previously Yellow Creek Dairy Creek) organised a wonderful bush dance at the Homewood Hall.

Built in 1907 by a bunch of volunteers, who realised that a meeting place was needed for religious, political and social gatherings, the hall's existence is also since 1909 intimately linked to the Homewood Fire Brigade.

On Saturday, thanks to Rebecca Bowles and her group of Landcarers, the old Homewood Hall was cleaned up, spruced up and decorated for the party. It had not looked so elegant for decades.

Forty-eight people turned up, old and young, some of them not having a clue what to expect from a bush dance. And so, the *Blackberry Jam Bush Band* put everyone through their paces, which became increasingly complex as the evening went on.

One oft-commented remarkable aspect of this event was the age range,

from 15 to 80- something. All danced together, shared hilarity at frequent stepping mistakes and clapped when everyone finally got the moves right. The atmosphere was contagious.

For starters, one of the musicians, Ray the whip cracker, gave an impressive demonstration of the many ways a stock-whip can be cracked. A few had a go.

The food was delicious, all provided by volunteers from the Homewood Landcare group and by the Yea Rotary Club.

The *Blackberry Jam Bush Band* were extraordinarily generous with their time, and the party didn't finish until late in the evening.

The evening was so successful that there was an immediate request for the bush dance to be repeated next year. Maybe it will become an annual fixture?

Congratulations and many thanks to the organisers.

Minimum wage increase now in effect

THE Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) says employers must ensure eligible employees get their 3.5 per cent minimum wage increase from the first full pay period starting on or after July 1.

The new National Minimum Wage applying from July 1 is \$948 per week (based on a 38-hour week for a full-time employee), or \$24.95 per hour. This is an increase from the 2024-25 rates of \$915.90 per week and \$24.10 per hour.

Casual employees entitled to the National Minimum Wage must receive at least \$31.19 per hour, which includes the 25 per cent casual loading.

The 3.5 per cent increase also applies to the minimum wage rates within awards. About 20.7 per cent of all employees in Australia are paid at the minimum wage rates in industry and occupational awards.

The National Minimum Wage is the minimum rate for adult employees in the national system who are not covered by an award or enterprise agreement. It is set each year by the Fair Work Commission (a different agency to the Fair Work Ombudsman), as part of its annual wage review.

Fair Work Ombudsman Anna Booth urged employers to make sure that eligible employees receive the 3.5 per cent increase from the first full pay period on or after July 1.

"The Fair Work Ombudsman provides information, tools and support to employers to help them pay employees correctly," Ms Booth said.

"Employers and employees can use our free Pay Calculator and pay guides to check the minimum pay rates that apply from today, or they can contact us directly for assistance.

"Employers must apply the new minimum wage immediately from the first full pay period on or after July 1 to eligible employees.

"Employers and employees can also use our Pay Calculator to check which award applies to their industry or occupations, or contact us for help."

The minimum wage increase may also apply to employees covered by an enterprise agreement, as an employee's base pay rate under an enterprise agreement can't be less than their base pay rate under the relevant award or the National Minimum Wage if the employee is not covered by an award.

The Fair Work Commission announced the National Minimum Wage increase on June 3.

Minimum pay rates for award-free and agreement-free junior employees (aged 20 and under) are based on the percentages for juniors set out in the Miscellaneous Award 2020.

Pay rates for award free and agreement free trainees and apprentices who have a formal training contract with their employer are also based on the Miscellaneous Award 2020. There are special national minimum wages for some award-free and agreement free employees with disability where their disability affects their productive capacity.

Energy Safe Victoria investigates Glenburn fire

ON January 7, a fire occurred at a farm in Glenburn, and may have been caused by the high voltage powerlines crossing the property.

Energy Safe Victoria (ESV) investigated the incident. An Energy Safe Victoria spokesperson has advised, "Energy Safety Victoria has not found evidence of any breach of the *Electricity Safety Act 1998*.

"We are continuing discussions with industry to better understand the factors that led to the incident and to identify ways to prevent similar incidents in the future."

The latest in renewables

A GOOD crowd attended Glen Morris' presentation *The Latest in Renewables* on Thursday, June 26 for 2030Yea. Glen, CEO of The Smart Energy Lab, talked about the latest on solar PV systems and state and federal incentives. He also talked about various types of batteries and inverters that are available and the federal government's *Cheaper Home Batteries Program* (BSTCs) which becomes available from July 1.

There were lots of wide-ranging questions from the audience, including where to start, the economics of renewables and investing in the energy market. It was a very interesting evening.

If you want to know more about the *Cheaper Home Battery Program*, an article can be found on this page.

2030Yea's series of presentations is made possible with a Murrindindi Shire Council Quick Response grant.



Glen Morris. -S

Cheaper home batteries program

THE Australian Government is helping households, small businesses and community groups bring down their energy bills with the roll out of the Cheaper Home Batteries program.

The government's Cheaper Home Batteries program will help bring down the cost of a typical battery discounted by around 30 per cent. This will save households with existing rooftop solar up to \$1100 off their power bill every year, and those installing a new solar and battery system could save up to \$2300 a year, up to 90 per cent of a typical family electricity bill.

One in three Australian households have rooftop solar, but only one in 40 have a battery.

The Australian Government is fixing that, by giving all Australians a proper leg up towards the cost of a battery, around 30 per cent, or around \$4000, off the cost of a typical home battery.

This will help Australians take control of their own power bill while reducing reliance on the grid, helping to drive down prices for everyone, and slashing bills for good. The support could drive over one million battery installations to 2030.

The Clean Energy Regulator (CER) is delivering the program through the existing *Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme* that has safely and successfully delivered solar subsidies since 2011, making Australia a world leader when it comes to rooftop solar.

The subsidy is proportionate to the size of the battery installed, ensuring people are able to pick an affordable battery that is right for their needs. This works out to 30 per cent off a typically sized home battery, around \$4000

off a 11.5 kilowatt hour battery, which usually costs around \$14,000.

A smaller five kilowatt hour battery would often cost around half as much, and will now be discounted by around \$1800 under the scheme.

The Cheaper Home Batteries Program is aimed at creating a fairer, cleaner, and more reliable energy system for all Australians, with an additional \$150 in direct bill relief for households and businesses also commencing from July 1.

Eco-friendly retirement investments

THE next 2030Yea session is about keeping our retirement funds buoyant while loving the planet. It's not about which investment to make, as the speakers are not financial advisors. It's about reaching zero net emissions in time to save the planet for future generations, while keeping ourselves funded as we age.

Is it possible? What sorts of organisations care for ethical investments and what sorts don't? Attendees will hear from a local accountant, a local investor, and Market Forces, an organisation that monitors corporate investments that do and don't love the planet.

There'll be time for discussion and supper.



Ethical Retirement Investments with Q & A

John Agostinelli and Munira Chowdhury from marketforces.org.au
Thursday, July 17, 6.30 to 7.30pm
Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre

How to Invest in the Energy Market with Q & A

Ron Litjens and Ian Tobin
Thursday August 21, 6.30 to 7.30pm
with Q & A, Yea Butter Factory

My EV and other electric battery powered equipment with Q & A

Ron Litjens, Ian Tobin and Alister Huth
Thursday, September 18, 6.30 to 7.30pm
Yea Butter Factory

How to electrify a Classic Car Stall and Classic Car display

Saturday, October 11, 5pm until dark
Yea Cruise night on the median strip

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Health service partnerships commence

HEALTH services are joining together in partnership, with 12 new Local Health Service Networks commencing from July 1.

The networks will drive improvements through health services working together across regions so that Victorians can access more of the care that they need, closer to where they live.

Each health service will retain its board and CEO, unique identity and connection to their community.

Each network will hit the ground running by identifying and planning improvements to address the health needs of their local communities. This follows work over the past few months to identify early initiatives to improve access to care, better support the local health workforce, and improve the quality of care.

This work will help develop annual plans and three-year strategies addressing four priority areas: Access, equity and flow, making it easier to access and navigate the health system through initiatives like regional waiting lists and support for aged care patients to stay out of hospital; workforce, develop coordinated plans to develop and retain a skilled health workforce; Safety and quality, embedding evidence-based improvements for safer care; shared services, identifying back-office efficiencies to ensure better use of available resources, minimise wasteful duplication, and share findings with other networks.

As the networks mature, they will begin to focus on additional priorities, including understanding the care needs of priority populations and addressing these in collaboration, improving integration with other parts of the health system, and improving access to research and clinical trials.

The state government invested a record \$31 billion in the *Victorian Budget 2025/26* into the health system, including a record \$9.3 billion boost to give every public hospital the certainty to plan for the future and keep delivering the world-class care Victorians rely on.

Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas, spoke about how the health

networks will improve Victoria's health system.

"The Local Health Service Networks will mean a better and stronger public health system, freeing up beds in busier hospitals, easing pressure on our dedicated workforce, and delivering faster care closer to home," Ms Thomas said.

"By working together across each network, health services will be able to better coordinate your care, including easier access to specialist care when needed and bringing your care closer to home for any ongoing care and recovery.

"We're keeping what Victorians value most about their health services, maintaining a local voice and identity, while better connecting our health system to build stronger referral pathways between services."

The Local Health Service Network that covers Murrindindi Shire is called East Metro and Murrindindi and includes Alexandra District Health, Eastern Health, St Vincent's Health, and Yea and District Memorial Hospital.

This network reflects its community's existing service flows from the peri urban region of Murrindindi to the outer and middle eastern metropolitan suburbs and then towards the central business district along the major transport routes of the Melba, Maroondah and Burwood Highways.

This network is consistent with close collaboration arrangements between Alexandra District Health and Yea and District Memorial Hospital. It also aligns with Ambulance Victoria transport routes and reflects the primary catchments of Eastern Health and St Vincent's Health and the strong flows by residents of Alexandra and Yea localities to eastern metropolitan hospitals.

This grouping will strengthen the access by residents of these areas to medium to high complexity care at Maroondah and Box Hill Hospitals, and to higher complexity care at St Vincent's Hospital.

For more information, please visit health.vic.gov.au/local-health-service-networks

Goulburn Valley Water

Notice of fees and charges: 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

Goulburn Valley Water would like to advise all customers of new tariffs, which have been approved by GVW's Board and the Essential Services Commission. These are applicable to all customers in GVW's serviced areas, unless alternate special fees apply.

Water service fees (daily)	\$
Standard residential (20mm)	0.5229
Vacant land - unconnected	0.2614

Water usage fees (per kilolitre, based on meter readings)	\$
Potable water (drinking)	1.3102
Non-potable water	0.9168
Raw water	0.6546

Trade waste (daily)	\$
Category 1 and 2	0.7178

Sewerage fees and charges	\$
Residential (daily)	1.3583
Vacant land - unconnected (daily)	0.6791
Non-residential (daily)	1.3583
Wastewater volume usage (per kilolitre)	1.7909
Non-residential (yearly charge per cistern where volumetric charges cannot be applied)	495.81

Bills are issued three times a year. Properties with fire services are charged a fee equivalent to 10.63 per cent of service fees.

If you are having difficulties paying your bill, support is available. We offer flexible payment options, concessions and access to government grants and programs - call us to ask about available options to suit you.

For a full list of all other fees and charges for 2025-26, please visit our website or call 1300 360 007.

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Congratulations to Hamish, Evie, Eva, Ella, Rory and Esmé, our Values Award winners from Week 10. You are all superstars.

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Charlie, Isla, Sophie and Patrick were recognised for their commitment to outstanding actions that align with our school values of Respect, Resilience and Safety.

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Seasonal firefighters help protect Victorian communities

APPLICATIONS are now open for seasonal firefighter roles across Victoria. Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) is employing 500 seasonal firefighters prior to the summer bushfire season.

FFMVic Chief Fire Officer, Chris Hardman, said seasonal firefighters boost Victoria's firefighting capacity in the lead-up to summer and during the peak fire season.

"New recruits will train and work alongside our permanent firefighting staff, responding to bushfires rapidly to keep communities safe this summer," Mr Hardman said.

"They will be part of a team of close to 1800 frontline personnel and 1200 accredited incident management staff this bushfire season."

Last year Forest Fire Management Victoria firefighters responded to more than 1265 bushfires across the state, and delivered priority planned burns which will help reduce the impact of bushfires this summer.

"Emergency response deployments can occur anywhere across the state, providing opportunities to travel and work in different locations," Mr Hardman said.

"In previous seasons, some recruits have also been deployed to support firefighting efforts across Australia and internationally."

Hume Region Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Aaron Kennedy, said seasonal firefighter roles provide rewarding career opportunities for those with a passion for the outdoors, learning new skills and making a difference.

"In addition to responding to bushfires and helping to deliver planned burns, new recruits will also undertake pest and weed control works, and maintain recreational reserves, strategic fire breaks and forest roads," Mr Kennedy said.

"They can also be called on to support other emergencies such as major floods, storms and biosecurity incidents."

"Many of the firefighters deployed to the current Canadian bushfires started their careers as project firefighters," he said.

Applications are now open for seasonal firefighter roles across 12 locations in the north east including Alexandra, Marysville, Toolangi, Broadford, Benalla, Mansfield, Beechworth, Bright, Ovens, Corryong, Eskdale and Tallangatta.

FFMVic is committed to a diverse and inclusive workplace that reflects the Victorian community. As part of its ongoing commitment to support meaningful careers for current and future First Nations staff, designated positions are available.

Applications close on July 27 and employment occurs between October and May, with some variations depending on seasonal requirements.

For information and to apply, visit jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/pff or call 136 186.

MURRINDINDI SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS



NEW KERBSIDE COLLECTION HAS STARTED

The new four-bin kerbside collection service started 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 some areas).

Your existing bin day remains the same, however different services will be collected on different weeks.

You can find out more, including a printable calendar with your collection schedule on our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/fourbins

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.



ANNUAL BUDGET 2025-26

Council adopted the Annual Budget 2025-26 at the scheduled Council meeting on Wednesday 18 June.

The Budget outlines the resource requirements and priority projects developed alongside the upcoming Council Plan 2025-29. Community submissions were considered before the final Budget was presented to Council for adoption.

To read the Annual Budget, visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/budget

THANKS FOR SHAPING THE COUNCIL PLAN

Feedback on the draft Council Plan 2025-29 and refreshed Community Vision closed on Wednesday 25 June. We've heard from more than 1000 community members and Council would like to thank everyone who contributed to the new Plan and refreshed Vision. The final plan will be presented to Council for adoption at the Wednesday 23 July scheduled Council Meeting.



NATIONAL TREE DAY TALK

Join us on at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 16 July for a special National Tree Day Talk with Ron Litjens, 2025 Volunteer of the Year. Discover how to attract birds and pollinators to your garden using plants suited to our local climate and learn about the Street Tree Audit.

Attend in person in Alexandra, Kinglake or Yea, or join online. Enjoy a light dinner (in-person only), take home a free plant, and enter the draw to win a \$40 grocery voucher!

Visit our website to register or for more information at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/TreeDayTalk

HAVE YOUR SAY ON PET WELFARE IN MURRINDINDI

Council is updating its Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-29 to improve services for cats and dogs.

During this process Council will also be seeking your feedback on a range of animal management issues including cat confinement, mandatory cat desexing and dog off-leash areas within the municipality.

Feedback is open from Monday 7 July to Sunday 3 August. Visit our online engagement platform at theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/DAMP26-29



NEW ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN

Murrindindi Shire Council has a new Road Management Plan 2025-2029, which outlines how Council will manage over 1150 km of roads, footpaths and related infrastructure.

The Plan sets inspection schedules and response timeframes to ensure services are delivered safely and efficiently. It includes improvements to repair times, clearer guidelines, and updated classifications for roads and pathways. The Plan was shaped by community feedback and came into effect on 1 July 2025.

You can view the Plan by visiting one of Council's Library and Customer Service Centres or online at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/rmp

IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

Flu season is here, and we understand the whirlwind of caring for small children. Amidst the chaos, don't forget the essential: immunisation. It's your child's shield against preventable diseases!

We offer free influenza immunisation for children aged 6 months to 4 years. Protect your little ones from the flu! Remember to bring their Child Health Record Book and Medicare Card on the day.

For additional information about the flu and the vaccine, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/immunisation or email us at immunisation@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

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The Farmer's Ag News

Low yarding but big prices for Yea's July sale

by Bailey Dixon

A LOWER yarding for July's Elders and Nutrien Store Sale at the Yea Saleyards, with around 1600 cattle sold on the day.

This is perhaps due to renewed optimism caused by recent downfalls, or that farmers have already sold off most of their stock. Either way, prices rewarded those who were selling.

The average price per head for the day was \$1108 with the average weight sitting at 279.55 kilograms, calculating out to some 393 cents per kilogram (c/kg).

First row was cows and calves, followed by the usual rows of steers and the back rows occupied by heifers. A mixture of breeds were being sold, with Black Angus the most popular as usual, with some Red Angus, Charolais and Herefords mixed in.

Top price per head for steers was \$2600 with a top weight of 667.7 kilograms, calculating to a sale price of 389c/kg.

For heifers the top price was \$1940 and a top weight of 495 kilograms, equalling out to 392c/kg.

Some pens made it over the 400c/kg landmark, which is sure to make farmers happy.

Yea and District Memorial Hospital were providing mental health support on the day as part of their ongoing Yea Saleyards program.



Elders and Nutrien were the livestock agents for the sale. -BD



Fog and chilly conditions meant farmers had to rug up against the weather. -BD



Not the biggest crowd ever hosted in the Yea Saleyards, but with 1600 cattle yarded, it was enough. -BD

STOCK REPORT 4 JULY 2025				
Elders & Nutrien Store Sale	Total Yarding	Steers	Heifers	Cows & Calves
Number of head	1,608			
Average \$ per head	\$1,108			
Average weight per head	279.55kg			
Top price per head		\$2,600	\$1,940	\$1,600
Top weight		667.7kg	495kg	
Turnover	\$1.7 million			



Les and Lisa Williams from Alexandra with their cattle. -BD

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T&C: Professional photographers are ineligible to enter. Staff or associated family members of Alexandra Newspapers are ineligible to enter. One photo per entry. Photos must be taken within the Murrindindi Shire.



Both volunteers and the general public had the opportunity to mingle and network in the Alexandra Football Netball Club rooms. -BD



Melinda Jackson from Alexandra Rotary, alongside new Yea Rotary President Darryl King. They were showcasing the perks of volunteering at Rotary. -BD

Volunteer Expo highlights the shire's volunteer organisations

MURRINDINDI Shire Council's (MSC) Volunteer Expo took place last Saturday, giving volunteer organisations from around Murrindindi Shire the opportunity to highlight the incredible work they undertake and potentially interest new members.

The event took place at the Alexandra Football Netball Club rooms, running from 1 to 5pm, and included tea, coffee, and snacks.

Volunteer organisations in attendance included Landcare, CFA, SES, Ambulance Victoria, U3A, Rotary, Lions,

Foundation Murrindindi, Murrindindi Beanie and Fibre Festival, Murrindindi Carers Support Group, Yea Arts, Alexandra Community Hub, visitor information centres from around the shire, and more.

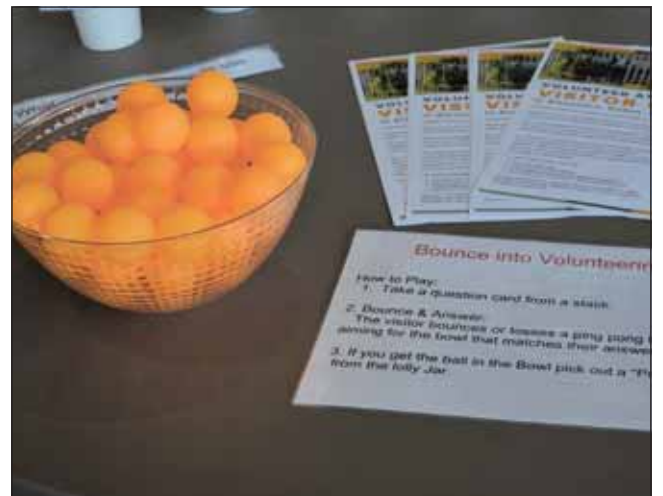
A *Community Capacity Bulding Program* undertaking on the part of MSC, a grant from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) made the day possible.



Shane Frean and Captain Chris Lynch represented the Alexandra CFA at the Murrindindi Shire Council Volunteer Expo. -BD



A panel of volunteers spoke about their experiences. Pictured are host Bill Bates alongside Craig Green, Sue Hendy, Sam Hicks and Ron Litjens. -BD



Scattered around the room were several activities to promote engagement with volunteering. -BD



Mary and Chathusara from the Australian Red Cross. -BD



The crowd watched the panel on volunteering with interest. -BD



Sasha and Robyn from Foundation Murrindindi. -BD



Volunteers Bob, Greta, and Kerryn from the Alexandra Visitor Information Centre. -BD

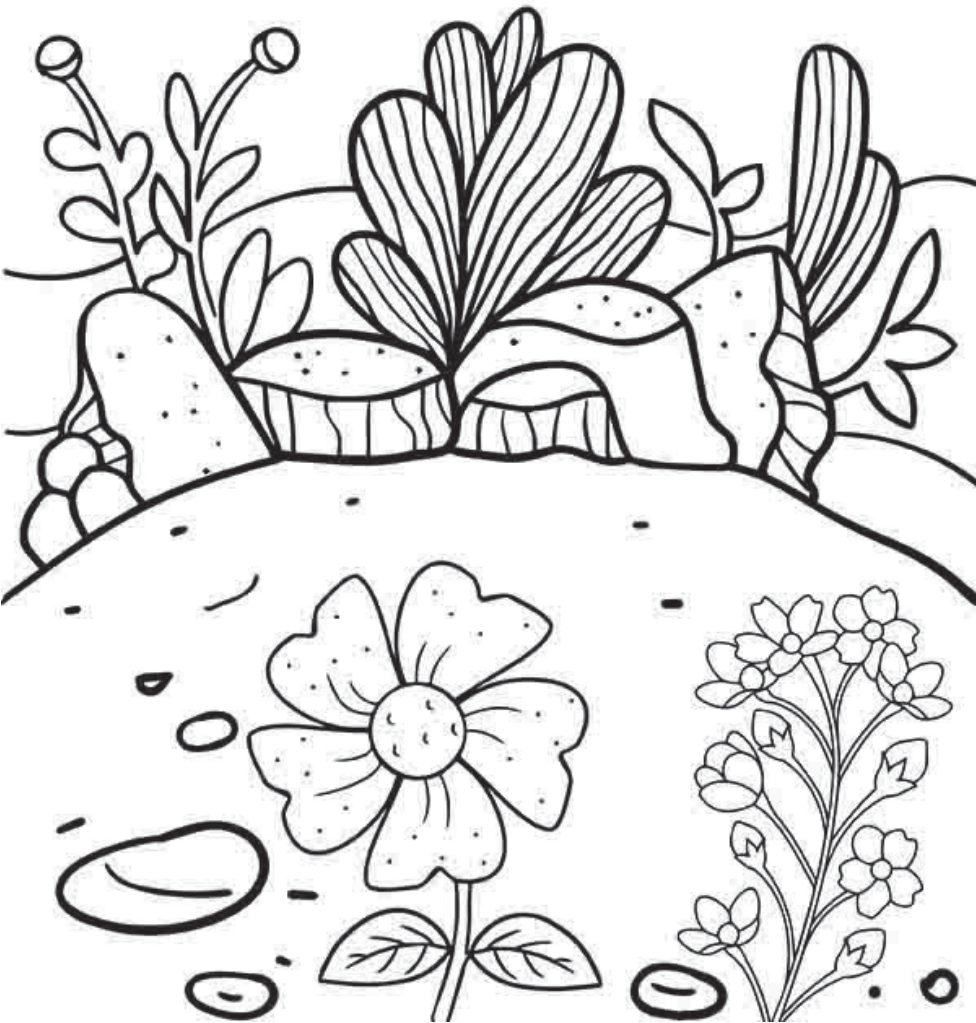


Corey and Tim from Ambulance Victoria, alongside Nigel Adams from the Alexandra SES. -BD

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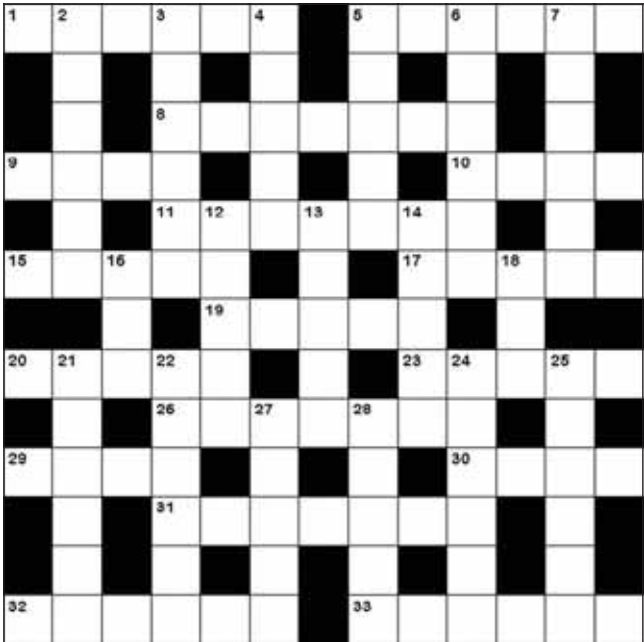
Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. Combines different shades into one colour.
- 5. Lengths of hollow cylindrical objects.
- 8. The building where films are shown.
- 9. Come to a complete stop.
- 10. The center around which something rotates.
- 11. Scatters rubbish in the street.
- 15. A set or a group of twelve.
- 17. An aquatic fish-eating mammal.
- 19. A simple catchy, little song.
- 20. Push roughly and rudely out of the way.
- 23. More than enough to go around.
- 26. A punishment intended to serve as a warning.
- 29. A term used at the end of a prayer.
- 30. A long pointed tooth specialised for fighting.
- 31. Severe physical or mental suffering.
- 32. Holding a deep-seated feeling of resentment.
- 33. Judged or considered.

DOWN

- 2. To be played in a smooth flowing manner.
- 3. A hairy, stinging, or prickly plant.
- 4. The taste of sugar or honey.



- 5. The distinctive name of a literary work.
- 6. The part of a garment that covers the chest.
- 7. One of the original inhabitants.
- 12. The finger next to the thumb.
- 13. An emblem of a clan, a family or an individual.
- 14. Belonging to the king or queen.
- 16. A facility where wild animals are housed.

- 18. A gentle touch on the shoulder.
- 21. A large basket usually with a cover.
- 22. Gave free expression to one's anger.
- 24. The courage to carry on.
- 25. A tenant who holds a lease.
- 27. Come to a mutual understanding.
- 28. Beg for mercy.

Word Search

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Words starting with "L"

- LAUGHING LINDA
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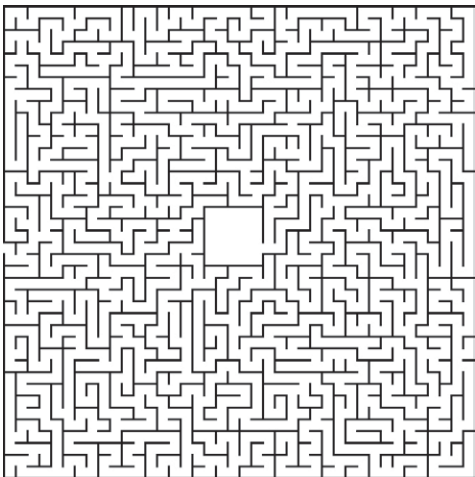
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Sudoku

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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

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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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-3		14		-7	

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: Did you hear about the two people who stole a calendar?
A: They each got six months.

Q: I have a pet tree.
A: It's a lot like having a pet dog, but the bark is much quieter.

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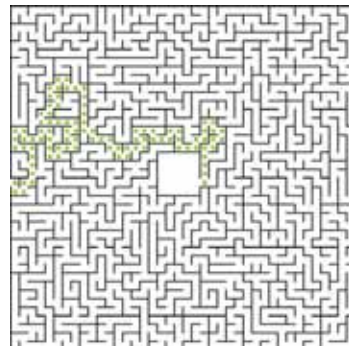
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Let it flow, let it grow: Winter fresh for Goulburn River

WATER for the environment will be delivered into the Goulburn River this month to sustain the health of the waterway.

Known as a winter fresh, water will be released from Lake Eildon that will increase the height of the river for about four weeks.

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) environmental water manager, Simon Casanelia, said the fresh will replicate what would have occurred naturally in the river during winter, prior to regulation, but at a smaller scale.

"Even in dry conditions, it's important to provide water to keep the river and its dependent plants and animals healthy and resilient," Mr Casanelia said.

"The winter fresh will help the entire food chain by depositing seed-rich sediment on the banks, promoting the growth of bank-stabilising plants. It will move sediment from the riverbed, creating diverse habitat for native fish and water bugs.

"Higher water levels will also provide an important nesting cue for platypus to build and utilise higher nests on the riverbank. Adjacent wetlands and anabranches, which are currently separated, will be connected by the water delivery, providing habitat for animals."

Water for the environment is water allocated and managed to improve the health of rivers, wetlands and floodplains. Use is adapted based on climatic conditions, water availability and ecological needs.

The winter fresh will begin around July 11 and will flow through Alexandra, Molesworth, Seymour, Murchison and Shepparton and will eventually flow into the Murray River near Echuca. It will provide the Gunbower Forest and lower Murray River wetlands and floodplains with a much-needed drink.

The fresh will peak downstream of the Goulburn Weir in late July at approximately 9500 mega-litres per day (a river height of 5.6 metres at Shepparton) before slowly dropping back to approximately 1000 mega-litres per day (a river height of 2.7 metres at Shepparton) in mid-August. The peak is well below the minor flood levels (9.5 metres at Shepparton).

Timing of the fresh may change depending on Goulburn-Murray Water (G-MW) operational requirements. In the event of heavy rain, environmental water releases will be reduced or stopped.

Between now and spring smaller variable deliveries above base flows will be considered, based on conditions and ecological need.

Environmental flows are planned by the Goulburn Broken CMA in consultation with the local community, river ecologists, Goulburn-Murray Water, the Victorian Environmental Water Holder (VEWH), the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and the Murray Darling Basin Authority.

This flow complements other management activities undertaken over the past decade to improve the health of the Goulburn River including fencing, weed control, revegetation and returning logs to rivers (re-snagging) for fish and bug habitat.

To check how water for the environment changes flows in the Lower Goulburn, view the hydrograph on Goulburn Broken CMA's website which is updated weekly at fchmccoyshydronet.com/

The impact of the water delivery on vegetation, bank condition, fish and waterbugs will be measured as part of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder's Monitoring Evaluation and Research (Flow-MER) project. More information at flow-mer.org.au/area-pages/goulburn-river-and-northern-victorian-tributaries

The flows are authorised by the VEW in line with its *Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26*. The plan is available for download from vevh.vic.gov.au, with regular watering updates posted on the Goulburn Broken CMA website at gbcma.vic.gov.au

To learn more about the Gunbower forest wetlands that will benefit from water delivered from the Goulburn River winter fresh view North Central Catchment Management Authority's website at nccma.vic.gov.au/projects/rivers-and-wetlands/gunbower/

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late of 5977 Maroondah Highway,
Koriella Vic 3714, deceased

Creditors, next-of-kin and others having claims in respect of the estate of the deceased, who died on January 12, 2025, are required by Sue Hardie and Peter Elward the executors of the estate, to send particulars of their claims to them, care of the undermentioned solicitors, by September 15, 2025, after which date they will convey or distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims of which they then have notice.

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DEATH NOTICE



SANDERSON, Anne.

Council extends our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Anne Sanderson, following her death in June.

Anne served as a committed Councillor of the former Shire of Alexandra and was its 69th and final President before its amalgamation into Murrindindi Shire in 1994.

A long-time resident of Eildon, Anne played an active role in her community, serving on the boards of Murrindindi Community Health, Darlingford Nursing Home, Eildon Hospital, Kellock Lodge and the Goulburn Valley Road Safety Council, among many other local committees.

Anne is remembered not only for her leadership and service as a Councillor and President, but also for her dedication, compassion and enduring contribution to the community.

Her legacy lives on in the many organisations and people she supported, and she will be fondly remembered across the region.

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HEDGER, Marilyn.

A funeral service to celebrate the life of Marilyn will be held on Monday July 14, 2025 at Alexandra Football Netball Club rooms commencing at 11am.

Followed by a burial at Alexandra Lawn Cemetery.



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HEDGER, Marilyn.
nee Bellman

01/02/1947 -
27/06/2025

Loving wife of 58 years to Darrell. Mother to Darrell and Kerry, Leigh and Debbie. Ma to Addison, Makenna, Phoebe and Lachlan.

Thank you for your lifetime of memories, for your love, kindness and encouragement.

HEDGER, Tup.
01/02/1947 - 27/06/2025.
Loved sister of Joe and sister in law of Brenda (dec). Loved aunt of Nikki, Brad, Morgan and Kaiden and Dean, Andy, Dylan and Jess. A lifetime of memories and the fount of family history. Much love to Darrell, Darrell, Leigh and families.

MOSS, Sue. Sleep well
Sue. At peace and no more pain. Reunited with Dad. Rosalie, Tony and family.

MOSS, Suzanne Louise.
01/12/1965 - 29/06/2025.

Passed away peacefully at Mansfield Hospital. Loving daughter of Pat, Ted (dec). Sister to Rosalie, Robert, sister in law to Tony and Helen and families. She potters no more in the garden. She strolls no more down the path, but the years we shared together will live forever in our heart. RIP Sue. Love mum. At Sue's request, no funeral.

IN MEMORIAM

WARD, Brian 'Doc'.
06/12/1940-04/07/2015.
10 years have gone by. Dearly missed. Love always Adell, Dawn, Ma-ree, Brian and family.



New kerbside collection truck for Murrindindi Shire. -S

New four-bin kerbside collection service rolled out

MURRINDINDI Shire Council has commenced its new four-bin kerbside collection service, bringing the shire into alignment with Victoria's mandatory transition to a statewide four-stream garbage and recycling system.

The new service, which started on Monday, June 30, aims to improve recycling, reduce landfill, and make better use of resources. It is part of a statewide effort to move towards a circular economy, where materials are reused and recycled instead of thrown away.

While many residents have long taken pride in doing the right thing, data shows Murrindindi still has a way to go. In 2023/24, our shire diverted just 32 per cent of kerbside waste from landfill, compared to the state average of 49 per cent and 40 per cent for comparable rural councils. This new system gives us the tools improve landfill diversion and keep pace with other communities.

From June 30, kerbside refuse is sorted into four bins: Red lid is general rubbish (fortnightly), yellow lid is mixed recycling (fortnightly), green lid is food and garden organics (weekly), and the purple lid is glass bottles and jars (every four weeks).

While for some households this is a small shift from two to four bins, for others, particularly those not previously receiving a kerbside service, it's a significant change. Council acknowledges this adjustment and appreciates the cooperation of all residents as the new system rolls out.

Cr Sue Carpenter, Council's Sustainability and Assets Portfolio Councillor, said the expanded service is essential for meeting community expectations, state requirements, and environmental goals.

"We're introducing these changes because it's time. Recycling is everyone's responsibility, and this new system helps us reduce contamination, protect the environment, and make recycling more meaningful," Cr Carpenter said.

"We know it's not always easy to change routines, especially when the changes feel imposed. That's why we're working hard to make information clear, accessible, and tailored to different needs."

Residents can download the LoopedIn Councils app for personalised bin reminders and guidance on what goes in each bin. Printable calendars are available online or from council's library and customer service centres. Residents can also request a printed copy by mail.

To learn more or to access collection schedules and resources, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/fourbins

"This is about building a better system for everyone, not just for today, but for the future. We thank our residents for adapting and doing their part as we make this important transition together," Cr Carpenter said.

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Sacred Heart kicks goals for self-care on Wellbeing Day

STUDENTS at Sacred Heart marked the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a special Wellbeing Day dedicated to self-care, celebrating the importance of looking after our bodies, minds, and emotions, and making sure we have fun.

The day was packed with energy and excitement as students took part in a range of inflatable AFL-themed activities. From practicing handballs and marking to testing their kicking skills, students also challenged their fitness and stamina through engaging obstacle courses.

It was a day of joy, movement and mindfulness, showing that self-care is important and it can be a whole lot of fun.



Local health workers become emerging leaders

LAST Wednesday, 13 participants in a GoTafe Emerging Leaders program completed the course and received certificates of completion at Alexandra District Health's The Cottage.

The program was delivered to the group as part of the Murrindindi Health Network's (MHN) Workforce Development Project, supported by a *Workforce Training Innovation Fund* (WTIF) grant.

The participants have been meeting fortnightly to complete this course, which was delivered by Lead Educator Training and Assessment at GoTafe, Sarah Chircop. Sarah also presented the certificates of completion.

Participants in the program were from local businesses, including ADH, Kellock Lodge, Menzies Support Services, Darlingford Upper Goulburn Nursing Home, Murrindindi Shire Council, and Yea and District Memorial Hospital (YDMH).

After the awarding of certificates, participants enjoyed a light lunch.

Laura Baker, Executive Director of Student Experience at GoTafe, said that the training program is a good opportunity for upskilling.

"Emerging Leaders is a highly effective contextualised training program, which continues to grow in popularity," Ms Baker said.

"Over the last 12 weeks, participants have been able to refine their leadership skills and will now be able to take these back to their workplace and make an impact to their organisation.

"This program is a great example of upskilling and investing in your staff."

Employers interested in the Emerging Leaders program for their staff are encouraged to contact GoTafe at [gotafe.vic.edu.au/customised-training-solutions](mailto:gotate.vic.edu.au/customised-training-solutions)



The emerging leaders after receiving their certificates of completion. -AR

SPORT

Winter tennis heads into break

by Judy Sands, Karyn Fraser and Rhonda Carpenter

Moglonemby won 4/39 against Mansfield 2/30

ON a foggy morning Moglonemby travelled to Mansfield in what turned out to be a day of lengthy rallies and countless deuces, by the time Mansfield's Keira McDonagh and Peta Kelly and Moglonemby's Judy Sands and Sue Vaughan finished their first set the fog had cleared and the sun was out.

In a set that lasted one and a half hours it was only fitting to end in a tie break; Judy and Sue were victorious. On the other court Kass Thomas, kindly filling in for Mansfield, and Clare Beecham lost eight to one to Marlene Hanrahan and Robyn Johnson.

The remaining four sets were shared and a little quicker with Judy and Marlene winning eight to two and Judy and Robyn eight to four. Mansfield's Peta and Clare won eight to four and then Peta combined with Kass to win their set eight to three.

Wappan 4/40 defeated Terip 2/40

Thick fog shrouded Wappan on their way to Terip Terip but sunshine welcomed them on top of the plateau. The clubhouse welcome was warm too, but players needed to get going in the icy air outside.

There was much laughter, some comic antics, and several expletives heard, including the occasional F-bomb, in the entertaining contest. Players used every part of the court in the evenly matched high-quality hit, returning balls deep and wide.

Wappan's Natalie Bergsma faced Terip's Cindy Hayes, and both returned low flat balls throughout the lengthy day. Sets were split before the final pairs and scores were close.

Everyone was fully immersed in the contest which had freakish gets and multiple momentum swings. Jenny Martin produced some serious cross court angles and Jenny Bell found a few aces against Frances



Terip Terip's Jenny Martin, Frances Lawrence, Cindy Hayes and Phoebe Macdermid. -S

Lawrence who was finding the lines with her lethal left hand.

After the games were added and checked, scores were level but Wappan having won two tiebreakers were surprised to find they'd won an extra set and had snatched the win by the narrowest of margins.

Wappan defeated Terip to move into third spot on the ladder closely behind Terip in second.

Benalla 6/48 defeated Creighton's Creek 0/21

In Benalla Kate Campbell was back from holidays to join Claire Sharp, Maureen Jewell and Deb Siggers for their match against Creighton's Creek.

Chris Ellis, Roz Doxey, Kerry Hewlett and Lyn Johnston worked hard to get games on the card, but Benalla had all the answers and took all the sets to win 6/48 to 0/21.

Euroa 5/45 defeated Delatite 1/19

Euroa hosted Delatite with Lyndall Bigland, Faye Mollison, Ruth Nolan and Julie Harrington combining strongly in a good match. Julie placed excellent short crosscuts; ever consistent Faye placed her lobs perfectly and Ruth outplayed her opponent with consistent strength.

Delatite's Karyn Fraser, Carolyn Murray, Loretta Armitage and fill in Mary Kelly enjoyed the hard hitting despite the wind

playing havoc at each end. Karyn and Mary took Delatite's only set for the day.

Euroa lengthened their lead on the competition by winning 5/45 to 1/19. Seven Creeks had the bye.

After the mid-winter break play resumes on July 21 when Wappan hosts Euroa and Delatite plays Moglonemby in Mansfield. Seven Creeks and Creighton's Creek will meet in Euroa and Terip will host Mansfield. Benalla have the bye.

Round nine ladder: Euroa 67.5, Terip 53, Wappan 52, Moglonemby 51.5, Mansfield 46, Creighton's Creek 22.5, Benalla 31.5, Delatite 19, Seven Creeks 17.

Pennant concludes at Alexandra Squash Club

by Kristelle Leary

IT was a wonderful pennant with a tight competition at the Alexandra Squash Club, but the fun had to end and the results are in.

Hawks won the season and Owls pipped Kestrels for second place in the final week of the pennant.

Dragons have held their spot on the top with Frill Necks coming up second.

Monday competition Falcons versus Hawks

ERIC versus Ethan: Eric played his best game to date with consistent serves and ball placement making Ethan work hard for his points. Ethan was still the stronger player, winning three games while Eric forced a tie in the last game. Ethan claimed the victory. 63 to 46.

Jess versus Chris: Great game by both. Jess was serving well but Chris's court coverage was too good in the end and help him win the match. 71 to 54.

Simon versus Jared: An even and entertaining game. Jared's ability to control the 'T' made all the difference in what might be Simon's last game for a while. Jared won. 63 to 51.

Michael H (fill in) versus Andrew: A very even match which opened with a drawn game. Going into the final game Michael was down two points which he clawed back and exceeded to win the match. 63 to 60.

Kestrels versus Owls

JORDAN versus Tyler: Tyler did a great job of keeping the games close in the first half, but Jordan got away in the second half with two brilliant games. Jordan was the winner. 69 to 56.



Jared returns Simon's serve with a cracker. -S

James G versus Mick: Mick won a number of points on his fast well-placed serves. James played some lovely wall shots, particularly on his backhand. In the end Mick was too strong and claimed a solid win. 71 to 46.

Oli versus Matt: A match with alternating strong halves. The first two games Matt had the ball on a string, playing exquisite shots that Oli could not play and Matt appeared to have an unbeatable lead of 42 to 23. Oli found

his range in the last two games and Matt lost his mojo, rushing shots and making several unforced errors. Oli made a good recovery but couldn't quite close the gap. 71 to 62.

Jim versus John: Craft and cunning from both players. Loose shots were put away so eliminating loose shots was essential to avoid conceding easy points. John was able to find some stunning winners from defensive positions, but Jim was able to force John into

making lose shots and taking control to win the match. 59 to 48.

Thursday competition Geckos versus Skinks

RANDY versus Matthew: The match got better the longer it went. Matt never stopped running, Randy's lethal serve being the difference and giving him the edge to win the match. 76 to 53.

Phil versus Justin: A battle of wills. Justin kept the pressure on Phil throughout, playing a good game. Phil kept his cool, keeping Justin on the backfoot and taking all four games for the win. 67 to 55.

Dragons versus Frill Necks

JESS (fill in) versus Blake: Much closer than the score suggests. Blake was peppering the backhand wall and Jess had some clinical finishing shots. Jess took the win, outlasting Blake as he waned further each game. 65 to 47.

Travis versus Kristelle: Some chaos ensued with both players making some unusual shots and a near miss with the ball. Travis had a comfortable lead in game three which Kristelle clawed back bringing the overall score to a three-point difference. Game four saw Travis's persistence grow as Kristelle's focus faltered. Travis triumphed. 67 to 57.

Michael versus Daniel W (fill in): Very close game and very fun to watch with long rallies. Daniel's quick reflexes and long limbs were utilised and Michael sent him from one side of the court to the other. Michael held on by the skin of his teeth to win the match. 61 to 59.

SPORT



Yea's under 14 team. -S



Under 12 award winners for Yea. -S

Away games for Yea junior footballers

Football

Under 12

St Mary's 2.1-13 defeated by Yea 4.8-32
by Lyndal Tait

YEA Football Netball Club's under 12's took on St Mary's in Seymour last week with Rory captaining the side and winning the toss. The Tigers got off to a slower start on this cold and drizzly day. Missing a few key players through injury, they took a little time to adjust to new positions, but soon found their feet to kick a goal via Sienna, and several points in the first quarter. St Mary's proving to be a much stronger side than the previous encounter also kicked a goal and the scores were close at the first break. Yea took the lead in the second quarter keeping St Mary's scoreless, but it was still a tough battle. Charlie Grant performing fabulously to take out a key opposition player the entire game, and Hudson and Sienna combining well to win multiple possessions across the ground, with Hudson scoring a goal.

A consistent game by the Tigers with even scoring in each quarter, and a number of close opportunities. Darby took a good run and a couple of bounces, eventually resulting in a great goal. Fox used his body well feeding his team mates with some good handballs and taking a great mark. Toby Geeson also using his body well to support his team mates to gain possession. Patrick ran hard putting his opposition under pressure, and Logan and Ollie put themselves in good positions to attack the ball by leading and chasing down opposition players. Rory was strong in the ruck all game, winning a number of tap outs and gaining possessions, and Jonah was strong again in the last line of defence. Judd was in and under the ball all game, as was Joshua who scored the final goal of the game for the Tigers. Once again, the club thank all their valued sponsors, volunteers and supporters for cheering them on, supporting and encouraging each week. Special thanks to Tyren Duncan for being runner, Martin Duncan for goal umpiring, Cameron Grant

and James Frankcombe for running water, and Nikkita Steiner for oranges. With the school holidays, the Tigers have a bye next weekend, so will have a week off training, before getting back together to train on Thursday, July 17, before a big game against Nagambie at home on Sunday, July 20. Duncan's Paint and Panel 'Red Hot Go Player of the Day' award, Hudson Roberts; Sprout Wellness 'Being your Best' award, Rory Bohn; Yarra Valley Gas 'Coaches Award', Judd Hargreaves and Joshua Frankcombe. Under 14 Broadford 9.12-66 defeated Yea 4.8-32 by Brigitte Baynes A GREAT game was had in wet Broadford last week, good to see some competitive footy against a supportive and accomodating Broadford crew. Awards to Ashton, Tyler and Alex (big effort return post injury) and many other strong players.



Under 14 award winners for Yea. -S



YFNC's under 11 division one award winners Milly and Belle. -S

Yea under 11 netballers take on St Marys

by Jo Madden THE undefeated under 11 division one Yea Tigers took on second-placed St Mary's last week in what turned out to be an absolute thriller. The Saints came out strong, nailing the first three goals and catching the Tigers a bit off guard. But once Yea settled into their groove, they found their flow and quickly levelled the score. Then the rain hit, and things got slippery, both the ball and the court made it tricky for everyone.

The lead swapped back and forth all game, with neither team able to break away. It had the crowd completely hooked, it was a proper nail-biter right to the end. In the end, it finished in a draw, which was a fitting result. Both teams gave it everything, and no one really deserved to lose. Madden Plaster Player of the Day, Millie Krickic; Yarra Valley Coaches Choice Award, Belle Parnis. Yea have a break next week and then under 11s will take on Nagambie.

Outer East Football and Netball League Ladders					
Football – Reserves			Netball – A Grade		
	Percentage	Wins		Percentage	Wins
Seville	437.41	10	Seville	219.44	11
Pakenham	367.80	10	Warburton Millgrove	213.13	9
Warburton Millgrove	187.70	7	Pakenham	238.44	9
Alexandra	101.63	6	Yarra Glen	116.96	6
Belgrave	211.13	6	Yarra Junction	94.68	6
Yea	109.29	5	Alexandra	64.89	3
Powelltown	35.74	3	Belgrave	57.10	2
Yarra Junction	16.69	1	Powelltown	32.77	1
Yarra Glen	19.06	0	Yea	56.56	0
Football – Seniors			Netball – B Grade		
Pakenham	233.66	10	Seville	313.28	11
Warburton Millgrove	260.25	8	Pakenham	276.01	10
Seville	172.10	9	Warburton Millgrove	156.08	8
Alexandra	104.94	5	Yarra Glen	108.41	7
Yarra Glen	93.90	5	Yarra Junction	73.65	5
Belgrave	99.08	5	Belgrave	76.19	4
Yea	94.38	3	Yea	62.54	2
Powelltown	47.18	2	Alexandra	45.44	1
Yarra Junction	26.01	0	Powelltown	37.95	0
Football – Senior Women			Netball – C Grade		
Warburton-Wesburn	100.00	10	Seville	308.21	11
Wandin	80.00	8	Pakenham	232.93	10
Emerald	68.18	7	Warburton Millgrove	178.99	8
Thornton Eildon	45.00	4	Yarra Glen	97.19	6
Yea	40.00	4	Yarra Junction	82.92	4
Seville	10.00	1	Alexandra	68.88	3
Officer	9.09	1	Belgrave	68.40	4
Netball – 17 and under			Powelltown	35.19	0
Seville	405.13	10	Yea	45.74	1
Pakenham Lions Gold	227.16	9	Netball – D Grade		
Warburton Millgrove	104.45	5	Seville	395.00	11
Pakenham Lions Maroon	51.08	2	Pakenham	309.22	10
Alexandra	38.87	2	Warburton Millgrove	198.89	8
Powelltown	40.46	1	Alexandra	62.23	4
Football – Under 18			Yarra Glen	78.57	4
Pakenham	1169.67	11	Belgrave	63.64	4
Seville	357.30	8	Yea	52.98	3
Warburton Millgrove	44.46	4	Yarra Junction	57.57	2
Yarra Glen	41.78	3	Powelltown	26.76	0
Yea	33.25	2			
Alexandra	32.73	2			

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Grant to resurface Kinglake oval

ON Tuesday, July 1, Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence visited Kinglake Memorial Reserve Oval to announce \$875,000 for drainage and irrigation for the sports club, as well as new drought tolerant turf and a synthetic turf cricket wicket for local cricketers. The grant is part of the state government's Regional Community Support Infrastructure Fund.

Speaking at the event, Ms Spence said that in round two of the program, they were able to support 41 projects.

She commented that when an oval such as Kinglake's is in its current state, it's not just difficult, it's also dangerous. "So I'm really pleased that we're able to provide that support and I know that you'll make incredibly good use of it."

She said that as a result of the budget, a further \$20 million will become available later this year for community sport, and she suggested that council may have other projects which they'd like to co-invest in.

Ms Spence said that since 2014, over \$3.4 billion has been invested in community sport infrastructure across the state, including over \$23 million to Murrindindi Shire. The aim of the fund is to improve participation rates, and noted the additional benefits which come from taking part in physical activity.

Mayor Damien Gallagher commented, "This is really a great outcome for our community. This space here is the cornerstone and not only the Kinglake Range but also the broader community... We're really grateful that you're able to support us today

throughout the regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund."

He added, "On behalf of council, I just want to thank the Victorian Government, and also want to acknowledge the tireless work of our local clubs... I'd really love if you could take back to Cabinet just how important this investment is for the Kinglake community, and for all of the Murrindindi people."

Justin Bumstead, treasurer of the Kinglake Junior Football Club, thanked the minister for her support "and everything that you're doing to bring the oval up to the standard that needs to be, and to the council as well, who have been very engaging. They've listened to their concerns and advocated on our part."

He added the club is working hard to get their first women's team off the ground, and

"Being able to have a decent surface and compete with the suburban neighbouring clubs that we compete with, it'll make the world of difference."

Ken Aitken, president of the Kinglake Cricket Club, said, "When we [the cricket club] get on here in September, the ground's all chopped up from footy. That's just what happens. And it takes us all season to get it level. We put together a great ground then they give it back to us all chopped up, but that's what it's about. We can improve that."

He added that on rough ground, there is also a danger of sprained ankles. "So if we can get that improved, permanently improved, because everything we've had over the years have all been temporary solution. Grounds need constant maintenance... The long term benefit will be fantastic."



Treasurer of the Kinglake Junior Football Club Justin Bumstead, Kinglake Football Club Committee member Laura Caine, council CEO Livia Bonazzi, Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence, Mayor Damien Gallagher and president of the Kinglake Cricket Club Ken Aitken. -AR

Coghlan and Simmons shine in sunshine

by Phil Armstrong

WITH the Yea Golf Course in great condition after the recent rains, 22 members competed in a stableford event last Saturday. Some winter sunshine made it very pleasant for all competitors. In the mens' event.

Kevin Coghlan (21) found the magic again to record a very tidy 37 points to be declared the winner. The ever-consistent Paul Clayton (10) claimed second place with 36 points. Jeff Aurisch (24) and Rick Wills (9) also played

some good golf recording 34 points, Jeff claiming third place on countback.

Brian Simmons took out the mens' nearest the pin on the second hole and Peter Johnston a clear winner in the club award.

Eight ladies took advantage of the winter sun, with Christine Simmons (24) shinning with 36 points. Di Holdsworth (28) played some nice golf to record 32 points to take out second. Jo Clayton was the accurate one, taking home the ladies' nearest the pin on the second hole.

Last Wednesday saw 11 men and five ladies in competition at 'Royal Yea'. First time winner of the men's stableford was Gavin Houldcroft (38) with 37 points, from second Anthony La Gritta (18) with 35 points and Bob Glenister (9) third on countback from Brian Simmons (11) both on 35.

Nearest the pin was Alan Pell on the second and Russ Wealands won the club award. Vicki Clements (23) with a nett 75 won the monthly medal from Jan Wealands (27) with 78 in the ladies.



Gavin Houldcroft celebrating his victory. -S