

# The Yea Chronicle

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## New local mental health service launches

A NEW local mental health service was launched at the Yea Shire Hall on Tuesday, July 29. The service will help connect people living in Mitchell and Murrindindi local government areas with mental health clinicians based in Yea, Alexandra, Seymour and Kilmore.

Elizabeth Sinclair, Yea and District Memorial Hospital CEO, welcomed the audience and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the lands on which the new service will operate.

She said, "It's truly a privilege to stand in front of you here today to talk about this, not just as the CEO of Yea and District Memorial Hospital, but also as a proud member of this community, and celebrate with you a really significant milestone with the official launch of the Lower Hume Primary Mental Health Service.

"This isn't just another service. It's testament to what we can achieve when we actually work together. For too long, we've known the challenges faced by our communities, both Mitchell and Murrindindi people, particularly when it comes to accessing mental health support.

"Our own data which is reinforced by Murray Primary Health Network (PHN) data, clearly shows that the number of local people reporting a mental health condition is higher than in many other places, not just in our state but in our country.

"We all know that sometimes the hardest part isn't just asking for help, but knowing where to turn, especially when you live outside nature metropolitan areas. This is precisely why this new service is so important and so vital.

"It connects our community members with a dedicated mental health set of clinicians... right here in Yea, Alexandra, Seymour and Kilmore. They are residing in communities that they're going to be serving. It brings the support closer to home and reduces barriers to access, which is fundamentally what we should be doing across the board in all areas of health," she said.

She also noted that it's a partner project, not initiated by any one hospital or service, and was grateful for the funding received through the PHN. With Yea hospital leading the service, she also thanked the PHN for their trust.

She added, "We understand the unique nuances of rural life, the strengths and the challenges, and by managing and delivering these services locally together, we're ensuring that care is not only accessible but also culturally appropriate, and truly responsive to the needs of our residents."

"This collaboration means more to people who have access to face to face mental health services close to their home. Our team of mental health clinicians is here to help us and here to help make this come to life, but also help those in the community that are desperate for services.

"It's been five years since we've had any mental health services coming into Murrindindi... This service has been created for the benefit of people living here. Together we are dedicated to building a healthier and more supported Lower Hume," she said.

Elizabeth also spoke about the Alpine Outreach bus which was sitting outside of the Yea Shire Hall during the launch.



CEO of Yea and District Memorial Hospital Elizabeth Sinclair, CEO of Alexandra and District Memorial Hospital Jane Poxon, CEO of Seymour Health Ward Steet, CEO of Murray PHN Matt Jones, Executive Director of Mental Health at Northern Health Belinda Scott and Northern Health CEO Linda Romano. -AR

She explained that she and board chair Ian Marshman spent a rainy weekend at the Alexandra Truck, Ute and Rod Show speaking about mental health services in the shire. The truck show raised an extraordinary \$150,000 for the hospital to buy a van. The aim is to provide mental health and other health services accessible to the smaller communities in the shire.

They heard about Alpine Outreach, which had done a similar thing and had a bus all fitted out. They met with the organisation to find out more and ended up being handed the keys so they could borrow the bus. It made its debut at the Yea Saleyards on Friday, and they expect that it will have a lot of use moving forward. They will also be buying another bus with the truck show funds, so there is a large amount of outreach potential, to keep our community healthy.

Matt Jones, CEO of Murray PHN, said, "On behalf of Murray PHN, I really commend your health services and your interest and willingness, and I know your communities are really going to benefit greatly from these services."

Naomi McNamara, Director of Community Services at YDMH provided information on how to access the services. She said, "The Lower Hume Primary Mental Health Service is designed to support people of all ages, people who are living or working in Mitchell and Murrindindi Shire, who are experiencing mental health symptoms that are mild to moderate and have mild to moderate levels of distress and people who are requiring a non-urgent mental health response."

When people get in touch, there will be an initial consultation, focusing on people's needs and their situation to best understand how to support them. That will be followed by brief intervention sessions that will assist in identifying goals and working through issues that have been identified.

The service can be accessed through the Medicare Mental Health Line, available Monday to Friday on 1800 595 212. They will conduct an assessment and work out where to refer people to meet their needs. That could be local services or other services which meet their needs.

Referrals may also be direct from the Lower Hume Mental Health Program, GPs, other health and support services, or self-referrals.

She added, "The team is really committed to providing confidential and non-judgmental timely support to help people in the community to manage and improve their mental health closer to home."

For more information on how to make a referral or self-refer, call 5736 0418, weekdays between 9am and 4.30pm.

If you are in an emergency situation or at immediate risk of harm to yourself or others, please call emergency services on Triple Zero (000). Other services include Lifeline 131 314 or [lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au) and the Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467 or [suicidecallbackservice.org.au](http://suicidecallbackservice.org.au)

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# Bendigo Bank ‘decline to comment’ on whether Eildon ATM will be removed

IN light of the announcement of upcoming Bendigo Bank agency closures around the country, including the agencies in Marysville and Alexandra, the media representative from Bendigo Bank was asked on July 22, ‘Will the Eildon and Marysville ATMs be removed?’

They responded with background information on the same day, “Agency closures do not impact Community Bank ATMs.”

On Thursday, July 31, just nine days later, the Eildon Bakery Cafe announced on Facebook that Bendigo Bank will not be renewing their contract to have an ATM at their premises, and that it will be removed by September 30.

When asked about the sudden change and whether they would confirm or deny that the Eildon ATM would be removed, Bendigo Bank “declined to comment.”

## Remanded in custody

A MAN was hospitalised under police guard after he was allegedly involved in multiple incidents across the Goulburn Valley on Wednesday, July 30.

The police media report stated, “It is believed officers first sighted an allegedly stolen Toyota Hilux on the Goulburn Valley Highway and Killingworth Road in Molesworth on July 30 about 12.15pm.

“A man ran from the vehicle into a nearby shed, allegedly stealing another Toyota Hilux.

“The man drove the Hilux but quickly became bogged, before allegedly running into another property and threatening the occupant with an axe.

“It is alleged the man stole another Hilux and fled in the vehicle.

“Police monitored the stolen vehicle into the Yarck area when they received reports of a collision on the Maroondah Highway about 1.50pm.

“Officers were quickly on scene and attempted to arrest the man, who was allegedly resistant and violent towards them.

“A taser was deployed, and although unsuccessful, officers were still able to overpower the man and take him into custody.”



## Letters to the Editor

### Treaty

READING the recent article published in *The Standard* and titled *Joint Statement on Treaty Negotiations* has caused me to reflect on what we as Australians have and where we are heading. *The Oxford Dictionary* defines a treaty as “A written agreement between two or more countries, formally approved and signed by their leaders.”

So why is the word treaty even mentioned? There cannot be a treaty unless we as Australians choose to change the accepted definition of a treaty.

So where am I heading? Australia should be one of the richest countries in the world, but we choose not

to be because we choose to change reality for ideology.

Australia has one third of the world’s uranium resource. Let’s put this in the perspective of oil. If Australia mined and sold uranium, it would be richer than Saudi Arabia and several top OPEC countries combined. Not to mention cheap unlimited domestic power.

What about coal? Australia has 14 per cent of the world coal resource. Number three behind the USA and Russia. Australia is winding down the production of power generated by coal while at the same time is exporting coal to China which is building coal fired power stations. Once again ideology over common sense.

Australia plays a key role in the global supply of meat, particularly beef and sheep. Australia was the fourth largest exporter of beef in 2022, and supplied 50 per cent of global sheep meat in 2023. So why are live cattle and sheep exports under threat?

Back on topic. We as Australians need to deal with reality and not ideology. Leftist, green, woke ideology is not doing Australia any favours. Let’s treat all people as equals regardless of their history and origin.

We don’t need a ‘so called Treaty’ we just need to do what’s right for all Australians.

Jim Wheelhouse, Eildon

The 33 year old man was hospitalised and put under police guard in a metropolitan hospital.

“The driver of the other vehicle involved in the collision, an 83 year old Bonnie Doon man, was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.”

Detectives from the Alexandra Crime Investigation Unit were also keen to express their appreciation to the members of the public who assisted at the scene of the motor vehicle collision in Yarck on the Wednesday afternoon.

The police said, “Your assistance is a great example of how to care for members of the community until the arrival of emergency services, and the assistance that you provided to police on scene has not gone unnoticed.”

Detectives would like to re-assure the community that there are no outstanding offenders involved.

The man was charged on Friday, August 1 with aggravated burglary with person present,

aggravated carjacking with offensive weapon, attempted carjacking, Reckless conducted endangering life, burglary (four), theft (12), common law assault, fail to stop vehicle on police direction, dangerous driving while pursued by police, possessing a controlled weapon (two), unlicensed driving, recklessly cause injury, and aggravated burglary with an offensive weapon.

He appeared at the Seymour Magistrates’ Court on Friday via audio visual link and was remanded in custody.

Alexandra Crime Investigation Unit detectives are encouraging members of the community who assisted or were involved in any of the incidents to contact them on 5772 1002 or via Crime Stoppers.

Anyone who witnessed the incident, has CCTV/dashcam footage or information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or visit [crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://crimestoppersvic.com.au)

## COMMUNITY DIARY

Yea District Hospital  
5736 0400

Non-emergency police assistance  
131 444  
**EMERGENCY 000**

**Local Radio Frequency**  
UGFM 88.9 Yea / Highlands  
UGFM 98.9 Flowerdale/Hazeldene  
UGFM 94.5 Kinglake Ranges

### MONTHLY COMMUNITY GROUPS

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



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.

## RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon (TW)	9.00am Mon	1.87	steady	Below Flood Level
Rubicon River at Rubicon	9.00am Mon	0.55	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	9.00am Mon	0.66	steady	Below Flood Level
Home Creek at Yarck	6.51am Mon	0.25	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	7.22am Mon	0.70	steady	Below Flood Level
Murrindindi River Above Colwells	9.00am Mon	0.30	steady	
Yea R at Old Killingworth Rd	9.00am Mon	0.79	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	9.00am Mon	4.02	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	9.00am Mon	0.61	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Trawool	9.00am Mon	1.84	steady	Below Flood Level
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	9.00am Mon	0.32	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Seymour	9.00am Mon	2.07	steady	Below Flood Level
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	9.00am Mon	1.17	steady	

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## Weekly Weather

August 6 - August 12, 2025

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

### Alexandra

### Yea

DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	1	13	Wednesday	2	13
Thursday	1	14	Thursday	1	14
Friday	2	16	Friday	2	16
Saturday	3	16	Saturday	2	17
Sunday	5	17	Sunday	4	17
Monday	9	17	Monday	9	17
Tuesday	7	15	Tuesday	7	15



### DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra	2mm
Buxton	5mm
Eildon (AWS)	0.6mm
Flowerdale	2mm
Jamieson	4mm
Kinglake	0.8mm
Lake Eildon	3mm
Mansfield	2mm
Taggerty	0.8mm
Yarck	3mm
Yea	1mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

### LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	276.15m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	57%
Metres below full supply	12.75m
Daily inflow	3500ML
Release	3000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	70%

## The Yea Chronicle

### DEADLINES

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

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Yvonne Miller, Marie Bristow, Ayden Embling, Mayor Damien Gallagher, Juan Camilo Garces Londono, Lei Yang, Lixing Mao, Ma Luisa Perote Lerio, Sofia Huong Rowan, Deputy Mayor Anita Carr, Lucy Collings. -S

## Murrindindi Shire welcomes new citizens this winter

MURRINDINDI Shire Council celebrated six new Australian Citizens on Tuesday, July 29 at an official Citizenship Ceremony held at the Alexandra Council Chamber.

Lixing Mao, Juan Camilo Garces Londono, Ma Luisa Perote Lerio, Lei Yang, Sofia Huong Rowan and Florine Benedicte France Pirone have pledged their loyalty to Australia, its people, and its democratic beliefs, and to uphold and obey the laws of Australia and respect the rights and liberties of its people.

In attendance were guests including Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor Damien Gallagher, Deputy Mayor Anita Carr, Acting CEO of Murrindindi Shire Council Andrew Paxton, Yvonne Miller from Local Early Education Action Group, Marie Bristow a health services advocate, Lucy Collings from Alexandra Sprouts Club and Alexandra and District Kindergarten, and Ayden Embling from Alexandra and District Traders and Tourism Association, Alexandra Pro Rodeo and Alexandra CFA.

Murrindindi Shire Council extends its warmest congratulations to all the conferees and wishes them all the best in their new journey as Australian Citizens.

Council will host one more Citizenship Ceremony in 2025.

To learn more about becoming an Australian citizen, please visit the Department of Home Affairs website [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au) or call the Citizenship Information line on 131 880 during business hours.

"Welcoming new citizens is one of the most special moments for our shire," Mayor Damien Gallagher said.

"Each person brings unique experiences and perspectives that enrich our community. Today's ceremony is not just about receiving certificates; it's about recognising the shared future we are building together here in Murrindindi and we are delighted to celebrate this occasion with our newest community members and their families."



Team Bubble and Squeak with their 'Winner Winner Chicken Dinner' trophy. -Sue Sedelies



The Alexandra Shire Hall was packed for the Foundation Murrindindi trivia night. -S

## Trivia with a twist raises vital funds for Murrindindi food relief

COMMUNITY spirit was on full display at Foundation Murrindindi's 'Quiz for a Cause' Trivia Night, held on Saturday, July 26 at the Alexandra Shire Hall.

The sell-out event combined brains, generosity and good humour to raise much-needed funds and food for local food relief programs across Murrindindi Shire.

With local legends Sam Hicks as emcee and the ever-entertaining Steve Paix as quiz master, the evening delivered plenty of laughs and fierce competition. But this was trivia with a twist: Teams could earn bonus points by donating non-perishable food items on the night, adding a fun and meaningful layer to the event.

The hall was packed with enthusiastic participants and brimming with generosity. A range of trophies were awarded, including for most food donated, highest trivia score, lowest trivia score and the coveted 'Winner Winner Chicken Dinner' trophy, which was proudly claimed by Team Bubble and Squeak.

Fabulous donated items were auctioned and raffled, with some serious bidding wars in play, and will contribute funds for the food relief programs across Murrindindi Shire.

The success of the night will help Foundation Murrindindi continue to support relief initiatives, including the *Murrindindi Community Food Share* program, which provides free and accessible food to those who need it.

"We're thrilled by the turnout and the incredible community generosity," Foundation Murrindindi Executive Officer Robyn Hill said.

"It was a fun and meaningful night, and every dollar raised and items donated will help us continue our work supporting people in need."

Foundation Murrindindi extends sincere thanks to all volunteers, sponsors, donors, and trivia funsters who helped make 'Quiz for a Cause' a memorable and meaningful event.

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## Telstra disruption in Killingworth

TELSTRA is currently upgrading its mobile base station that services Killingworth to bring new 5G coverage to the area.

To provide the additional capacity to the site required for 5G, they also need to upgrade the radio transmission link from Mount Dorothy.

Mobile services in the area will be temporarily affected while the upgrade works are underway.

Killingworth will be offline from Tuesday, August 5 to Friday, August 8, and from Monday, August 11 to Friday, August 15.

Telstra mobile customers will receive texts advising of the upcoming work.

Landline services, NBN internet services, and mobile coverage from other providers will not be impacted.



# Informative discussions on local crime

ON Thursday, July 24 the Neighbourhood Policing Forum was held online. The forum covers the Benalla Police Service Area (PSA), which includes the Benalla, Mansfield, and Murrindindi Shire and discussed current crime trends, crime preventions, young people, family violence, road policing, drugs and drug related crime.

Discussions were led by Superintendent Brett Kahan and Acting Inspector Mark Byers from the Victoria Police Eastern Region Leadership Team.

Acting Senior Sergeant (A/S/SGT) Jen Parker discussed the commitment of the Family Violence and Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team to hold perpetrators accountable and break the cycle family violence.

Family violence reports have increased by 15 per cent in our area, compared to last year. A/S/SGT Parker stated that the increase indicates victims of family violence have

trust in our police and matters of will be treated respectfully. The majority of family violence reported across the Benalla PSA, were reported as verbal incidents, with emotional abuse the second highest form of family violence reported.

Emotional abuse can include excluding someone from spending time with family or friends, it may also include statements such as ‘If you loved me then you would do this for me’ to control someone.

A/S/SGT Parker also stated children were present three quarters of recorded incidents of family violence. While not being directly the victim of the violence, being witness to incidents of family violence causes harm and many live with the effects of trauma from family violence.

It is important to continue to have discussions within the community that family violence is not acceptable, and police are available at any time to support victims. A/S/SGT Parker stated that detectives work closely with agencies such as Centre Against Violence, Benalla Health and Child Protection to support aggrieved family members.

Leading Senior Constable (LSC) Chris Di Ciero from the Proactive Policing Unit (PPU) discussed the role of early intervention and building trust between police and young people. LSC Di Ciero acknowledged the partnership between police and local schools, councils and support services for opportunities to engage with youth and help curb young people offending.

LSC Di Ciero explained members of the PPU play an important role in educating young people about issues relevant to young people such as online safety, consent, and road safety.

A/S/SGT Mel Walker spoke on road safety across the division and highlighted

that reducing road trauma is not just the responsibility of Highway Patrol members but a priority for all members of Victoria Police.

A/S/SGT Walker acknowledged motorcycle riders are vulnerable road users and overly represented in serious injury collisions across our division. While rural roads can be quite unpredictable due to challenges such as rough road surfaces, fog and wildlife, speed was still the highest recorded contributor of serious injury and fatal collisions.

A/S/SGT Walker discussed how the community plays a large role in helping keep our roads safe and urged members of the community who want to provide information about unsafe drivers to contact Crime Stoppers, alternatively if you witness dangerous driving and need immediate police assistance to call Triple Zero (000).

Crime Investigation Unit Manager, Senior Sergeant (S/SGT) Costakis Costa discussed recent crime data and stated that police have been focussed on firearm storage compliance. S/SGT Costa recommended that firearm owners do not store firearms at unoccupied locations, which have been targeted by offenders across the state.

S/SGT Costa discussed the increase in drug possession statistics over the past year is a positive sign that police are targeting concerns regarding drugs in our community. Members of the community were encouraged if they ‘see something, say something’ about crime, including concerns about drug dealing or other criminal activity to contact Crime Stoppers or their local police.

Police value the opportunity to discuss local issues with the community, and encourage people who live, work or often visit our area to follow the Eyewatch Benalla Police Service Area Facebook page to stay connected.

## Melba Highway roadworks meeting

TRANSPORT Victoria are in the planning stages for repairing two landslips on the Melba Highway in Dixons Creek, just south of the Healesville-Kinglake Road intersection.

Works are being staged to minimise disruptions to the community and manage the significant volume of daily traffic, heavy vehicles and people who use these roads and recreationally visit the Yarra Valley. Construction timeframes are subject to change depending on weather and ground conditions.

They will be holding community information sessions at three locations to present information about the upcoming road maintenance works.

There will be a meeting at the Yea Shire Hall on Wednesday, August 13 from 6 to 7pm.

There will be another meeting at the Kinglake Community Centre, 436 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road, on Thursday, August 14 from 6 to 7pm.

These information sessions are open to everyone, please register your attendance to assist with our planning. Visit [tinyurl.com/52sdue8z](https://tinyurl.com/52sdue8z)

The Melba Highway landslip repairs in Dixons Creek are expected to occur from Mid-October 2025 to early 2026. There will be a 24/7 single lane closure on Melba Highway on Dixons Creek, approximately 3km south of the Healesville-Kinglake Road intersection. There will be speed reductions and temporary traffic lights in place to manage two-way traffic on the Melba Highway. No detour is required.

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10am to 11am - all welcome  
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Ph: 0435 953 777

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## Out&About



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### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Alexandra Secondary College open night from 6-8.30pm tonight. The entire college will be open for families to take guided or self guided tours. Staff from different learning areas will also be available.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

Yea Hospital and Rosebank Auxiliary will hold their AGM at 2pm in the Grace Bennetts Centre meeting room, Yea. Afternoon tea will be provided. RSVP to Kaye 0400 424 888.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Flowerdale Hotel is celebrating it's first year of ownership. From 11am there will be live music, games, food and much more.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

Alexandra Garden Club AGM will be held at 2pm at the Uniting Church, Alexandra.

Friends of the Yea Library AGM will be held 2.30pm at Yea Council Chambers. Election of all office bearers. All welcome. Afternoon tea to follow. Ph 0417 429 441 for enquiries.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Yea and St Pats Racing Club will hold their AGM at 6pm at the racecourse clubhouse. All members and interested supporters are invited to attend.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Eildon Events Inc Annual General Meeting at 5.30pm at the Eildon Tennis Clubrooms, Eildon road, Eildon. New members welcome. Nomination forms for committee member positions available from the secretary at [eildoneventsinc@gmail.com](mailto:eildoneventsinc@gmail.com)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Yea Arts Inc presents Dave Adren; playing at Homewood Hall at 4pm. For further details and tickets [yeaartsinc.org/tickets](https://yeaartsinc.org/tickets)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 18

UGFM Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm via Zoom. For a meeting link or to nominate for committee contact via email at [secretary@ugfm.org](mailto:secretary@ugfm.org)

## Set your focus on nature shots

ENTRIES for photographs for the 2026 Goulburn Broken Catchment calendar close on Wednesday, August 13.

The popular calendar is known for its stunning collection of local images taken by community members.

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority CEO, Carl Walters, said the calendar photo competition was a great way for local people to showcase their photographic skills of plants, animals and the environment.

“Eighteen members of the public had their photos selected for this year’s calendar and

of those, six were first time contributors,” Mr Walters said.

“The calendar photo competition continues to attract new interest from people who are out and about in nature with their camera, right across the catchment.

“Drone photography is proving popular in the entries and there was a great aerial shot of the Mid-Goulburn River selected this year.”

Email your images of birds, animals, plants, insects and natural places in the Goulburn Broken catchment to Janice Mentiplay-Smith at [janicem@gbcm.vic.gov.au](mailto:janicem@gbcm.vic.gov.au)

To be eligible, photos must be between two and 10MB in landscape orientation (not portrait) and submitted as a JPEG file attachment, not as a picture inserted into the text of the email. Please include a description of the image in the email subject line, such as ‘Australian Boobook’. No USBs devices will be accepted.

The Broken Boosey Conservation Management Network Advisory Group assists with selecting the best photos for inclusion in the calendar. This project is coordinated by the Goulburn Broken CMA, with support from Moira Shire Council and Greater Shepparton City Council.



# Alexandra District Health to offer local cancer treatments

ALEXANDRA District Health (ADH) is delighted to announce that they will be offering oncology services.

Dr Yang Wang commenced at ADH on Thursday, July 31, and spoke to our newspaper on the same day. Dr Wang has been based at Eastern Health for the past six months, and has previously worked at different health networks, including Monash, Northern Health and Peter McCallum Cancer Centre.

He said, "I've seen a broad range of capabilities and have a lot of oncology experience training different sites."

He explained that the opportunity to work at ADH came up about a month ago, as part of a collaboration between Eastern Health and Alexandra District Health. They sent out an expression of interest and he applied and got the job.

He'll initially be working at ADH one day per week, on a Thursday for the whole

day. There is also an opportunity for this to increase in the future.

From Dr Wang's side, he will be providing medical oncology services. A specialist nurse, Molly Kitson, will be joining the team in a month and she will be able to deliver infusion treatments, such as immunotherapy targeted treatments, and then once they have the capability, they will be looking to expand that as well.

Nathan Willoughby, Interim Director of Clinical Services, said, "The impetus probably came about from the development of the Health Service Networks, of which we're part of the East Metro Murrindindi Health Service Network, with Eastern Health and St Vincent's. As part of that collaboration, we were looking for something that would benefit the community, and this was one of the very first identified areas of need, essentially providing and meeting one of

those key goals of providing care closer to home. We know that we've got people who are driving over an hour and a half to go down for these treatments. There's generally support people around the individual patients who are taking days off work as well in order to support people to do this. It was a no-brainer as far as 'what's something that we can hopefully come to an agreement with'. Eastern Health is providing the oncology services outreach to us here at Alexandra District Health.

"A lot of goodwill from all the parties, in particular some really enthusiastic interest from the Director of Cancer services, Dr Phillip Parente, who has been one of the driving forces to get this through and ensure that we can start out with the intended one day per week in order to provide the consultation service with Doctor Wang, and then Molly Kitson who is the clinical nurse consultant who's been employed to provide a transfusion service for chemotherapy.

"We identified a space that we have available here to facilitate this, and certainly it's come together very quickly and was organised within the space of a couple of months," he said.

Natasha Bowater, Director of Quality and Risk at ADH, added, "I think it's a great opportunity for our local community... It's a great opportunity for us and we need to obviously be able to do it safely here at ADH. We're opening it up and making it available. We're doing it within our existing capabilities here at Alexandra and working with our partners at Eastern Health to be able to develop this service and see how that might evolve in the future. There might be an opportunity in the future for us to upskill and train our existing staff, but certainly this is how we've set it up for now and we can see how that develops and evolves, but there's some great opportunities at a number of different levels, most importantly for the health and wellbeing of our local community."

It was pointed out that people who have already been diagnosed and are receiving treatment can potentially transfer to the ADH service, depending on the regimen they're

on, by speaking with their GP and getting a referral to the oncology services at Eastern Health. ADH are able to take calls and direct people appropriately where they need to be.

It will certainly save a lot of time for people who are currently travelling to Lilydale or beyond.

Dr Wang said, "Starting off will be clinical reviews, looking after a lot of patients at who drive for an hour and a half down to Lilydale to see us once every few weeks or so, so even just cutting out that review, it does help to save time for them."

Asked whether the service is a trial or ongoing, Nathan responded, "We're committing to this. It's been agreed to that this is something that we're doing as part of the partnership to have been established with the local Health Service Networks."

People in all locations are welcome to access the service, including all the towns in the shire and beyond.

ADH CEO Jane Poxon said, "I am so excited. I've had a bit of a vision for a little while. I do have a bit of a passion around oncology and I think it is so important. I think it just demonstrates for me how a collaboration can work really well and how supportive Eastern Health and the network have been. It's only early days and it's been so positive for us at Alexandra. It's for our community, and that's what we wanted. It's just incredible. I'm so proud."

Tour de Cure travelled through Murrindindi Shire back in 2023 and made a generous contribution of \$10,000 towards a cancer-free future. These funds were used to purchase transport vouchers for patients accessing cancer services, and a portion of these funds will now go towards setting up the new oncology unit. Most of the funding for the service is coming through general revenue however.



Interim Director of Clinical Services Nathan Willoughby, ADH CEO Jane Poxon and Dr Yang Wang. -AR

## Dave Arden plays Homewood Hall in August

YEA Arts Inc is continuing its policy of bringing top-quality entertainment to venues across the shire. Fresh from the successful Keith Potger (*The Seekers*) show at the Alexandra Shire Hall, the regional arts group presents indigenous singer-songwriter Dave Arden at Homewood Hall on the afternoon of Saturday, August 16.

David was the front man for the *Koori Youth Band* and has worked with many of the great First Nation acts including the *Hard Time Band* and *Altogether Band*. He has been honoured to play for many esteemed First Nations artists as well as playing lead guitar and singing with the late Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter during their successful performance and recording career.

David has also played key roles in groundbreaking Aboriginal projects that have

impacted powerfully in the sector, including being the co-musical director for the *Black Arm Band* and presenting a commissioned work for the Yirramboi Festival entitled *A Fight For Survival*.

The August 16 Homewood Hall event will see doors and licenced bar open at 3pm, with Dave Arden taking the stage at 4pm. A highlight of the performance is expected when a group of local singers are joined by members of the *Badger Creek Women's Choir* to provide a glorious backing to a few of David's songs.

After the performance all attendees are welcome to socialise, with Yea Arts Inc providing barbecued sausages with the assistance of Yea Rotary.

This will be a special and moving event that everyone can enjoy. Secure your place in the audience at [YeaArtsInc.org/tickets](https://yeaartsinc.org/tickets) now.

# Dave Arden

## SONGMAN

### HOMEWOOD HALL

Sat 16 august 4pm

[Yeaartsinc.org/tickets](https://Yeaartsinc.org/tickets)

WITH LOCAL CHOIR!



## Photography Competition



**DO YOU LOVE TAKING PHOTOS?**  
Yea and District Memorial Hospital is running a photography competition and inviting community members to submit their best photographs that showcase the beauty of our region.

The winning entry will be featured on the cover of the Yea and District Memorial Hospital's Annual Report 2024/25.

### SUBMISSIONS

All entries must be submitted by 11:59 PM on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

### WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

The winner will be notified via messenger and announced on Yea and District Memorial Hospital's website and social media platforms.

### CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

Photographs should highlight the Murrindindi region. This may be landscapes, local landmarks, native flora and fauna or aspects of community life.

### ENTRY AND COMPETITION DETAILS

<https://yeahospital.org.au/photo-comp>



## Student of the Week

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



### YEA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Congratulations to our Values Award winners from week one, Tanner, Eddy, Jonah, Charlotte, Archie, Iylah and Pippa. What an excellent start to term three.

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL



Hayley, Milly, Max, Olivia, Charlie and Oreti were recognised for their commitment to outstanding actions that align with our school values of Respect, Resilience and Safety.

## Student of the Week

Proudly supported by Kinglake branch



-photos by AR



## Local children planting an embankment at Yea Springs Estate

ON Tuesday, July 29, students from Yea Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School set to work planting grasses on an embankment on Boundary Creek Boulevard in Yea.

Organiser Zanni Waldstein explained, “We’re working with Murrindindi Shire Council, Upper Golden Landcare Network and the schools as part of National Tree Planting Day. Even though they’re not trees, they’re poas, it’s just as vitally important for biodiversity and carbon sequestration and all that sort of thing.

She added, “These kids are doing an amazing job. We’ve got 1000 plants to plant and we’re going to get at least halfway through that, if not more.”

They may need to get contractors in for the second portion.

“You can already hear the frogs going and everything. It’s going to be magnificent. They’ve done a really good job.”





# MURRINDINDI SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS AUGUST



## BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT FOR MUMS

Mums and caregivers, are you navigating the journey of breastfeeding?

We offer latch troubleshooting, milk supply guidance, bottle feeding tips and solid and finger food instructions. We offer telehealth support over the phone, or outreach visits every second Tuesday. This service is run by our dedicated Maternal and Child Health nurses.

For more information or to book a session, call Susan on **0436 659 910**, or Lou on **0437 844 811**.

## CALLING ALL EVENT HOSTS

Local event organisers are invited to the Murrindindi Events Forum to connect, collaborate and strengthen event planning across the region.

Enjoy a free lunch, hear from industry experts and discover how shared resources can support your next community event.

Registrations close Monday 12 August.

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



## DRAFT ASSET PLAN

We're updating our Asset Management Plan to guide how we care for community infrastructure, other than roads, over the next 10 years and beyond. This includes everything from footpaths to playgrounds, public toilets to BBQs. It's a key part of how Council plans for the future, and it's something we're required to do under the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Your feedback is crucial in guiding how we maintain, upgrade, and invest in these assets to ensure they continue to serve our community effectively and sustainably.

For more information and to help us shape this Plan, visit [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/assets](http://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/assets)

Feedback closes **Sunday 17 August**.

## COUNCIL FACILITIES FOR HIRE

Looking for a venue? Have you considered hiring one of Council's community centres or halls?

Council manages eight venues across Murrindindi Shire:

- Alexandra Council Chamber
- Alexandra Shire Hall
- Kinglake Community Centre
- Kinglake Service Centre – Meeting Room
- Thorton Memorial Hall
- Yea Council Chamber
- Yea Railway Reserve and Goods Shed
- Yea Shire Hall

To book a venue, or to learn more about other community-run venues, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/venuesforhire](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/venuesforhire)

## COUNCIL PLAN AND COMMUNITY VISION

Council adopted its Council Plan 2025-2029 and 2035 Community Vision at the 23 July Scheduled Meeting of Council.

The Plan sets our direction for the next four years and reflects the priorities, aspirations and ideas shared by the community. The refreshed Community Vision outlines what the people of Murrindindi Shire hope our community will look like in ten years' time.

For more information and to read the Plan, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/councilplans](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/councilplans)

## STAY INFORMED

To stay up to date with the latest Council news, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/news](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/news) or follow us on Facebook.

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## ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE

Council and Alexandra Secondary College have begun early concept planning to explore future upgrades to the Alexandra Community Leisure Centre. The project aims to modernise the facility, improve accessibility and safety, and ensure it meets community needs now and into the future.

For more information and to leave your feedback, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/communitycentre](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/communitycentre)

Feedback closes **Sunday 24 August**.

## REPORT AN ISSUE ON SNAP SEND SOLVE

Community members can report issues and provide feedback to Council at the click of a button through the 'Snap Send Solve' mobile app.

Anyone with a compatible mobile device can use 'Snap Send Solve'. It's as easy as taking a photo, confirming your location on the map, adding a few words to describe the problem, identifying yourself and hitting 'send'.

For more information, including how to download, scan the QR code below or visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/snapsendsolve](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/snapsendsolve)

# SCAN ME







## More trees on farms to benefit landowners

THE Victorian Government is encouraging Victorian farmers and landowners to take advantage of a new program to plant more trees on their farms, helping to boost timber supply, increase biodiversity and prevent soil erosion.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence last week announced the Victorian Trees on Farms Program at Parliament House, alongside industry members at the Victorian Forest Products Association's Timber Plantations showcase.

"Victoria's tree plantations are an essential resource, not only for our state's biodiversity, but to support our housing pipeline, create regional jobs, and produce paper and packaging products to replace single use plastics," Ms Spence said.

"We're supporting Victorian farmers and landholders to reap the benefits of planting trees on their farms, including improving grazing outcomes and offsetting carbon emissions."

The new program is offering grants of up to \$80,000 for landholders to plant trees on their property, providing long term solutions including boosting shade and shelter for livestock, improving stock and crop production, offsetting carbon emissions or generating income through carbon credits.

Landholders will also be able to generate additional income through timber production, including from harvested wood products or use the timber for on-farm uses such as firewood and fence posts.

An additional grants program, the Trees on Farms Incubator Program, is offering planting service providers and forestry professionals up to \$50,000 to support landowners who might be contemplating planting trees on their property.

This service will help landowners develop tailored, implementation-ready project plans to align with their property and planting goals, while providing education, training and upskilling for tree planting and management activities.

For more information on the program, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/trees-on-farms](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/trees-on-farms)

## Grant support for agricultural and pastoral societies

VICTORIAN agricultural and pastoral societies will receive more support to upgrade infrastructure and participate in regional shows.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence announced last week the opening of applications for this year's *Agricultural and Pastoral Society Grants Program*, helping organisations with projects that encourage community involvement and promote Victoria's rich agriculture industry.

The grants provide successful applicants with up to \$10,000 to support infrastructure development and upgrades to celebrate Victoria's agricultural communities, industries and produce.

The grants can be used to upgrade or establish new facilities, enhance public amenities, improve essential infrastructure, improve business management activities, biosecurity planning and promote reporting of livestock movements.

Agricultural and Pastoral Societies are community groups with a shared interest in agriculture, horticulture or livestock. These groups can be found across rural and regional areas, dedicating their time to a wide range of roles in their communities, such as hosting events and fundraisers to support local priorities and agricultural activities.

With over 100 societies across the state, the grant program plays a significant role in regional Victoria's

vibrant calendar of events, building community spirit by celebrating agriculture in a fun, entertaining, educational, and inclusive environment.

Applications for the latest round of grants close Friday, September 12.

For more information or to apply visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/funds-grants-programs/agricultural-and-pastoral-society-grants](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/funds-grants-programs/agricultural-and-pastoral-society-grants)

## Stepping up security on your farm

DUE to the typically remote and accessible nature of farms, it is essential to look at a range of measures when enhancing security, in order to safeguard your property, equipment, and livestock against theft, vandalism and potential threats.

By taking a good look around the farm and seeing how your security measures up is a great way to identify any areas that need attention.

Some of the following tips are a great starting point.

Firstly, to deter trespassers, place "no trespassing" and "private property" signs at the entrance to your property, and along boundary fences and areas that access roads to paddocks.

Having signs saying equipment is marked and the area has security cameras and alarms is also a good way to deter trespassers.

### Sheds

Securing your sheds with good heavy duty roller doors and keeping them locked with good quality padlocks. Ideally having your sheds positioned so they can be seen from the home is not always possible, but it is ideal. A great deterrent around sheds can also be sensor lights and security alarms.

### Fencing and gates

Ensure they're in good and secure condition they need to be regularly checked, and the conditions of your gates should be mounted securely to corner posts and monitored for wear and tear.

### Fuel

Fuel is a popular item when it comes to theft. Lock your fuel tanks with padlocks, ideally at the cut off valve and make sure you close and lock the valves and switch off the pump when they're not in use.

### Firearms

Make sure your firearms are registered, and your licences are up to date. Follow all laws when it comes to storage that meet legal requirements. Never leave your firearms in unattended or in unlocked vehicles. If you're not home for long periods of times or your property is unoccupied, consider storing your firearms with a trusted licence holder.

### Stock

Your stock is your livelihood, keep accurate records of all your livestock, including ID, numbers, purchases, sales, births and deaths.

Taking photos or videos of them is a good idea in case of theft.

Keep any receipts of purchase to prove ownership and make sure your stock's National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) tags are up to date.

As feed is such a problem these days it makes it an ideal item for theft. Never leave storage bins or loaded trucks unattended during harvest. Make sure loading equipment isn't readily available when you're not around, and if possible store hay bales in lockable sheds instead of being out in the open for all eyes to see.

For a comprehensive guide to farm safety, Crime Stoppers have a printable farmer safety checklist you can use as you go through your property and assess what needs to be done around the farm.

If you become aware that livestock, equipment, fuel and feed is missing it's important to report it to police. The sooner it is logged with police there is a better chance of catching the offender.

To report non-urgent farm crime, call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or submit an online report.

## Winter worm burdens in sheep

*Dr Jeff Cave, Senior Veterinary Officer, Northern Region*

WORMS and scours can be a significant problem in weaners and lambing ewes, especially with limited feed and the cold stress of winter.

Winter conditions provide ideal conditions for the survival of worm larvae on pastures. What is more, feed may be short.

Sheep that are nutritionally stressed and in light condition grazing short pastures are likely to be affected by worms and scouring this winter.

Worms should be considered in all ill-thrift or scouring sheep, regardless of when the sheep were last drenched.

To help establish whether worms are the cause of ill-thrift or scouring it is worth considering the following:

Nutrition of the sheep including the feed availability, supplemental feeding, stocking rate, class and condition of the sheep including their body condition score, drench program including the product/s used

and date/s drenched, particularly the time since the last treatment.


To know for sure faecal samples from at least five affected and five non-affected sheep should be submitted for worm egg counts.

To help manage worms in sheep during winter: Provide adequate feed for weaners and lambing ewes on low worm pastures such as those prepared by smart grazing over summer, those previously grazed by cattle, or those used for cropping weaners and lambing ewes need to be in a condition score around 2.5. If lighter, they will need preferential treatment and feeding check worm egg counts by Wormtest (samples from 10 representative sheep) every four to six weeks through winter confirm the drench worked by Wormtest at the time of drenching and 10 to 14 days later. Check worm egg counts in lambing ewes about four weeks before lambing.

For further information please contact your local veterinarian or Agriculture Victoria animal health or extension staff, or use WormBoss at [wormboss.com.au](http://wormboss.com.au)

# WINNER

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*July competition winner is Jamie Lynch*

## JULY PHOTO COMPETITION

**The AUGUST theme is 'Sunshine'** - Submit your photo entry to [manager@alexandranewspapers.com.au](mailto:manager@alexandranewspapers.com.au) by noon August 27, with your name, town and contact number for your chance to win a \$50 gift voucher from Dindi Country Clothing in Alexandra.

T&Cs: Professional photographers are ineligible to enter. **One photo per entry.** Photo must be taken in the Murrindind shire and are not to be digitally altered or enhanced. **Staff or associated family members of Alexandra Newspapers are ineligible to enter.**



## Occupational therapy students create sensory space at Yea Uniting Early Learning

TWO occupational therapy students from Australian Catholic University, Jade and Tully, have recently completed their clinical placement at Yea United Early Learning Centre. Their placement was part of the Yea and District Memorial Hospital's (YDMH) Innovative Model of Care Project, which aims to enhance the delivery of allied health services in early childhood settings.

During their time at the centre, Jade and Tully designed and implemented a sensory space to support children's self-regulation, engagement, and overall wellbeing.

They describe the space in the following way:

"We created this sensory space as a dedicated area for children to visit throughout the day to help regulate their sensory systems. By supporting their individual needs in this way, the space enables children to engage more actively in their learning and participate more fully in kindergarten life," they said.

"The design of the space was informed by extensive research, including both formal assessments and close observation and interaction with the children. With the invaluable support of our clinical supervisor,

Siobhan from Dindi Kids in Alexandra, we were able to develop an intentional, purpose-built environment tailored to their needs.

"Working within a limited budget, we focused on creating as many elements as possible ourselves and purchased only what was necessary. To support the use of the space, we also developed an informational brochure for families and a picture storybook designed to teach children how to use the space purposefully, with clear examples of what they might do while there.

"Our hope is that this sensory space will have a lasting positive impact, supporting children to self-regulate, engage in learning, and thrive in both play and classroom activities"

Centre Director Fiona Purvis commented on the students' placement, saying: "It has been such a positive learning experience for everyone involved in the project. The sensory space that Jade and Tully created as part of their project has had such an impact with supporting and guiding children's behaviour and self-regulation since we have returned after the school holidays. I really look forward to watching how this project evolves with future students"



Fiona Purvis, Centre Manager, Maggie Palmer, Project Manager, ACU student Jade, two children enjoying the sensory space and in front ACU student Jade. -S



# Let's eat, it's our treat

## The fabulous Kinglake Pub

THE Kinglake Pub serves as a community gathering point for the picturesque Kinglake and surrounding communities, with good food and a variety of social events.

Wednesday night is steak night and children eat free, Thursday is pot and parma night, and Friday sees Joker Poker played within the pub's welcoming walls.

A number of special events take place at the Kinglake Pub, such as bingo, karaoke, and live entertainment.

There is a function room available for special occasions, family gatherings, business meetings, etcetera, and cosy motel rooms on-site.

Darren and his team work hard to keep the pub's atmosphere vibrant and make the space somewhere for all to enjoy.

It has stood in place since 1908, originally established by Harry and Elizabeth Thomson. It served as a site of refuge during the 2009

Black Saturday bushfires, as well as receiving significant damage.

The Kinglake Pub serves lunch and dinner Tuesday to Sunday, and is open from 11am Saturday and Sunday, 2.30pm on a Monday, and 11.30am the other days.

You can keep up to date with what is happening at the pub by searching Kinglake Pub on Facebook or contact them by calling 5786 1230 or emailing [info@kinglakepub.com.au](mailto:info@kinglakepub.com.au)

### Let's Eat July winner

THE winner of our July Let's Eat \$50 voucher was Marianne Raymond from Alexandra. Marianne will be having a \$50 feed on us at Peppers Marysville. Be sure to get your entry form from this edition for your chance to win a \$50 meal at the venue advertised in this edition of Let's Eat; It's our treat.



# Let's eat; it's our treat

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

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....

Email.....

Eligible venue this month: **Kinglake Pub**

For your chance to win a \$50 voucher, return this entry by noon, **Wednesday, August 27.**

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

**Photocopies will not be accepted.**


**One entry per household**

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



**Wednesday** **Steak night and kids eat free**  
**Thursday** **Pot n Parma night**  
**Friday** **Joker Poker**



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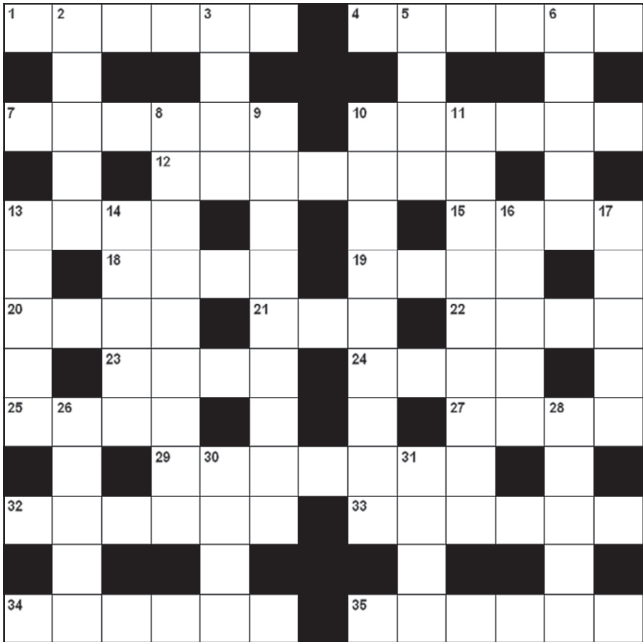
Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. Flowing easily and without effort.
- 4. Fill with absolute horror.
- 7. On the cards.
- 10. Light and funny entertainment.
- 12. Set free from confinement.
- 13. Former emperor of Russia.
- 15. Disagreeably damp and cold.
- 18. Prepare for a confrontation.
- 19. Similar in quality
- 20. Small branch.
- 21. Spelled exactly as it was written.
- 22. One row above another.
- 23. Shoe repair tool.
- 24. Shaped like an egg.
- 25. All collect in one place.
- 27. Small slender gull.
- 29. Lend dignity to.
- 32. A soft, very fine paper.
- 33. A figure in square dancing.
- 34. Smother or suppress something.
- 35. Lack of interest or concern.

DOWN

- 2. Sail close to the wind.
- 3. Absolutely nothing.
- 5. An argument in favour.



- 6. Thick waterproof woollen cloth.
- 8. Supplies with water artificially.
- 9. Leather bag with two compartments.
- 10. Underground burial places.
- 11. Reflects deeply on.
- 13. Object or symbol of a tribe.
- 14. Nimble and active.
- 16. Like a feeble old woman.
- 17. Islamic sacred book.
- 26. Force to move out.
- 28. A small freshwater fish.
- 30. Amounting to nothing.
- 31. A source of artificial light.

Colouring Page



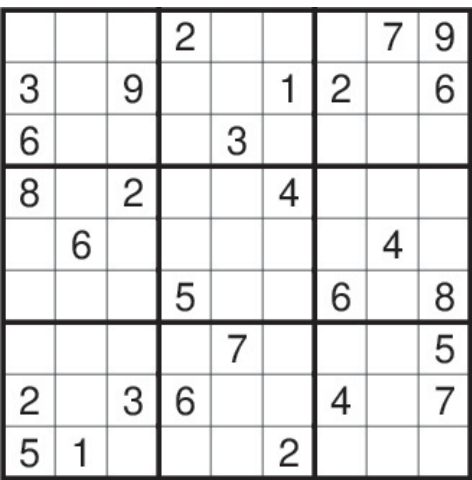
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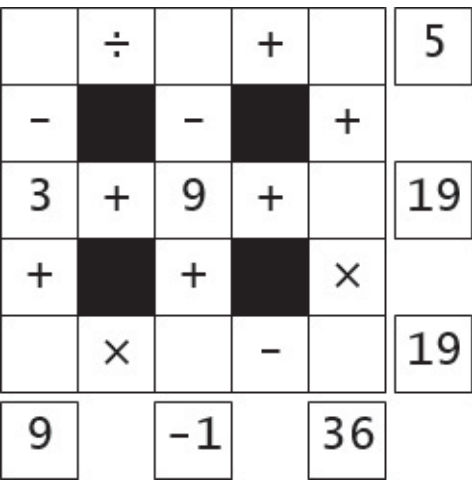
Sudoku



Difficulty: 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.

Math Square



Fill in the missing numbers.

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

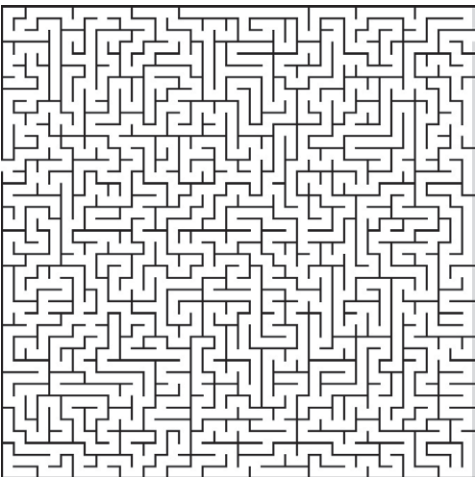
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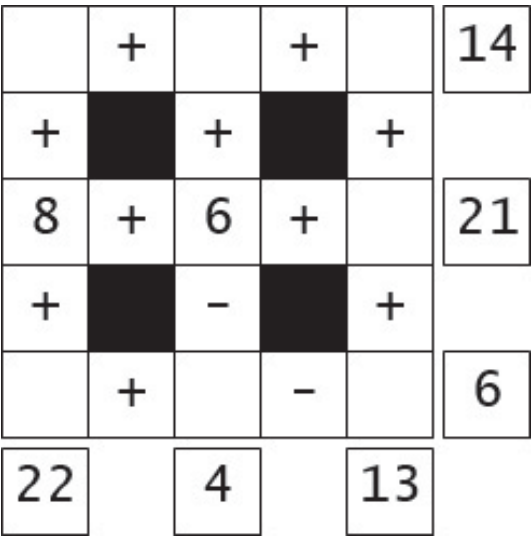
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Guitarists across Murrindindi are invited to take part and rock out with internationally acclaimed artist and musician, Joseph O'Farrell (JOF). Having just returned from a successful *High Voltage* event at the Norfolk and Norwich Festival in the UK, we're spoilt to now be the next rock event on the *High Voltage* calendar.

Yea Arts Inc President, Allan Thatcher knew he was onto something amazing when he saw the event at Hamer Hall in Melbourne a few years ago and since then Mr Thatcher has dreamt of bringing the event to Murrindindi.

Mr Thatcher said, "I would love to see generations of one family come and take part. Imagine a grandad and his grandchild taking the stage together or a group of mates that rock in their garage but haven't had a chance to play live on stage together. We're creating this opportunity for all those who dream of rocking to make it a reality under the guidance of JOF."

There are a number of workshops planned to occur across the last two weekends of August to rehearse and get your stage craft skills honed. Workshops will occur in Yea, Alexandra and Kinglake. The event is all ages, all skill levels plus we're on the look out for other performers such as dancers, singers and other musicians to make it one huge community celebration.

On Sunday, September 7 at 4pm at the Yea Shire Hall the big event takes place. The entire event is free and everyone is invited to come to enjoy the final performance and support the rock stars. No tickets required just mark 4pm, September 7 in your calendars. Make it a Father's Day activity.

Participants will be sent a song book with the tabs and playing instructions after registration. All the details are on the registration form which is available via the Yea Arts Inc website. [yeaartsinc.org/high-voltage](http://yeaartsinc.org/high-voltage). All ages, all abilities, all welcome.

*High Voltage* project is led by Yea Arts Inc and proudly supported by Murrindindi Shire Council to make it a shire-wide celebration, bringing local talent together for one *High Voltage* concert to remember.

If you have any questions, please email local producer Cynthia Lim on [eventsyeaarts@gmail.com](mailto:eventsyeaarts@gmail.com) or call 0403 831 520.

The project is part of Murrindindi Shire Council's Community Capacity Building Program, made possible with funding from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action Community Development Fund.

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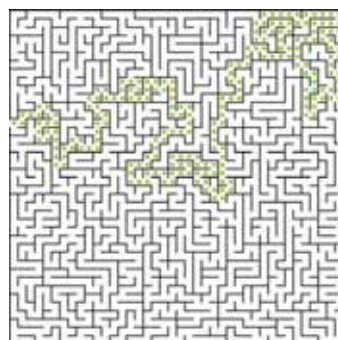
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### DEATH NOTICES

#### SHAW, Estelle.

Passed away on August 4 at Kellock Lodge. Husband of Bert (dec) ex Merton. Mother of Jim and Catherine. Dearly beloved by friends and family. Thanks to staff at Kellock for their care.

#### WATTS,

Susan Elizabeth.

21/11/1945 -  
27/07/2025

Passed away peacefully. Loved wife to Pete. Loving mother to Liz, Ange, Kylie, Pete, Dan and partners. Doting grandma to Hannah, Tom, Nick, and Sam, Tadgh and Zac, Charlie, Regan, Jasper and Ollie, Jed, Aliyah and Layla. Great grandma to Lachlan and Charlotte. Her joy and passion was always her family always loved and will be missed.



#### WILLIAMS, Cathryn

Robyn nee Long.

15/05/1980 - 27/07/2025. Passed away in Townsville surrounded by her loved ones. Freed from all pain. Our beautiful daughter can now rest peacefully. So deeply loved and so sadly missed. Allison Dennison and Colin Long.

### FUNERAL NOTICES

#### SHAW, Estelle.

A funeral service celebrating the life of Estelle Shaw will be held at the Uniting Church, Downey Street Alexandra on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 commencing at 11am.



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#### WATTS,

Susan Elizabeth.

A service celebrating the life of Susan will be held at Murrindindi Chapel on Friday, August 22, 2025 commencing at 11am followed by a private burial.



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### DEATH NOTICES

#### LAWSON, Donald Bruce OAM

23/05/1940 - 02/08/2025

Beloved husband of Jenny (dec). Brother to Jane and Libby (dec). Loving father to Tom, Sarah (dec) and Harry. Father in law to Olivia and Ruth. Beloved grandpa to Eve, Annie, Oscar, Monty, Charlotte and Edward. Visionary cattle industry leader, innovator, advocate, educator, story teller, and friends to many around the world.

A celebration of Don's life will be held at Yea Shire Hall on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 1.30pm. Followed by a private cremation.

In lieu of flowers, donations welcome to Beyond Blue  
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### MEETINGS



#### Eildon Events Inc.

Annual General Meeting, Thursday, August 14, 2025, 5.30pm at Eildon Tennis Clubrooms, Eildon Road, Eildon.

New members welcome. Nomination forms for committee member positions available from the secretary: [eildoneventsinc@gmail.com](mailto:eildoneventsinc@gmail.com)

For more information please call 0409 050 494. A normal committee meeting will follow the AGM.



#### Upper Goulburn Community Radio

Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, August 18 at 7.30pm via Zoom. For a meeting link or to nominate for committee contact via email [secretary@ugfm.org](mailto:secretary@ugfm.org) or PO Box 270, Alexandra, Vic, 3714 or call 5772 2722.



#### Yea Hospital and Rosebank Auxiliary Annual General Meeting

will be held on Thursday, August 7 at 2pm in the Grace Bennetts Centre Meeting Room at 20 Miller Street, Yea. Afternoon tea will be provided. RSVP Kaye on 0400 424 888.

YE and ST PATS RACING CLUB AGM will be held at the Yea Racecourse in the club house at 6pm on Monday, August 11. All members and interested supporters are invited to attend. Sarah, secretary.

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## The process of obtaining a firearm licence

MANAGEMENT of the Victorian deer population is a contentious issue at the moment, but most people agree that hunters are helping to manage the situation.

Navigating the bureaucratic process of obtaining a firearm licence is a challenge. Here's a relatively simple explainer of how to get your firearm licence.

In order to obtain a firearm licence, you first need a 'genuine reason for owning a firearm'. This legal requirement will be stated on your firearm application. Genuine reasons can include hunting, target shooting, etcetera.

If you list hunting or target shooting as your genuine reason, you either need written permission to hunt on private land or be a member of a club such as the Australian Deer Association or Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia.

Book yourself in for a firearm safety course. If you search 'firearm safety course' a number of results will come up that you can choose from. Alternatively, you can contact your local Divisional Firearms Officers (DFO), who will direct you to a firearm safety course.

For Murrindindi Shire, the closest DFO is in Seymour and can be contacted on 5735 0294.

The firearm safety course that you will want for hunting or target shooting is a Category A and B firearm licence, which covers most rifles and shotguns. Once you've completed your safety course you will receive a certificate which must be included in your licence application.

The next step is to apply for your Victorian firearm licence through the Victoria Police Licensing eServices Portal at [eservices.police.vic.gov.au/eServices/login.htm](http://eservices.police.vic.gov.au/eServices/login.htm)

Items you need to complete your online application include: Proof of genuine reason to own a firearm (such as club membership); firearm safety course certificate; a personal reference who has known you for at least 12 months and is a person of good standing as categorised by Victoria Police; and 100 points of identification (passport, birth certificate, driver's licence, etcetera).

A person of good standing could be a doctor, justice of the peace, a notary, etcetera. A full list of acceptable identification referees can be found at [police.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-12/Acceptable-Referees.pdf](http://police.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-12/Acceptable-Referees.pdf)

The deliberation process is lengthy once you have submitted your application. Due to a legislative requirement, new firearm licence applications cannot be issued until 28 days have passed from the date of completion. It can then take up to 14 days for the application to be successful, meaning the whole process could take around 40 days.

If you are successful in your application, you will be notified by Victoria Police. They will provide you with a temporary licence that you can use while waiting for your licence card to arrive in the mail.

Furthermore, to purchase a firearm you also need a Permit to Acquire issued by Victoria Police.

## Key services a focus for Helen Haines

MEMBER for Indi, Dr Helen Haines MP, has covered a gamut of key service areas in the first two weeks of the new Federal Parliament.

With international affairs a heavy presence in the Parliament, so too were domestic issues with Dr Haines making key advocacy statements for Indi.

The Federal Government passed legislation on its election commitment to reduce student HECS debt by 20 per cent, which Dr Haines supported for the almost 14,000 people in Indi that have an average HECS debt of \$21,000. Dr Haines's support was not without criticism, though, citing the timing of indexation as a problem for students.

"The current indexation arrangements are unfairly adding thousands of dollars to Australian debts and should be fixed," Dr Haines said.

Dr Haines called on the government to extend payments for practical placements for students, following her successful amendment in the last Parliament to have the system reviewed within three years.

"I hear from so many people having to choose between study or work, some putting their degrees on hold because unpaid placements are simply not possible when they have mortgages, rents and bills to pay."

Dr Haines raised issues with changes to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Pricing Review after meeting with local service providers

last month. Under new rules, the amount providers can claim for travel is halved and risks the viability of future service delivery.

"Last month I met with more than a dozen of Indi's physiotherapists, occupational therapists, dieticians, speech pathologists and support coordinators to hear their concerns.

"I have urged the government to pause these pricing changes and consult with providers in order to protect these NDIS services in the regions."

Other legislation passing the Parliament included two bills to legislate technical changes required for aged care reforms that will come into effect from November 1.

Dr Haines reinforced concern that the delay of 83,000 new Home Care Packages was leaving nearly 90,000 people waiting for care, speaking on the bill and raising the issue in Question Time last Thursday.

"The government's delay to the new aged care system leaves nearly 90,000 people waiting for a home care package," Dr Haines said.

"Despite this, the government ignored the crossbench call to fund 20,000 packages to bridge the gap to the new system and cannot articulate what they are doing to support these people in the meantime."

Parliament resumes on August 25.



# Gardens locked in for Alexandra and District Open Gardens

ALEXANDRA and District Open Gardens is proud to announce that all gardens are locked in for Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26, as it celebrates its 35th year. There will be seven diverse gardens open over the weekend between 10am and 4pm.

This year there are four town gardens, and three country gardens located at Marysville, Buxton, Taggerty, Alexandra and Thornton.

In addition, Alexandra Sprouts Club, an after-school program full of gardening activities based at Embassy of Ideas, 3 Bayley Street, Alexandra, will be open between 10.30am and 1.30pm on Saturday and Sunday. They are a recipient of a \$1000 donation from Alexandra and District Open Gardens.

At each garden you will find additional interesting attractions including food, sculptures, craft and plants on offer for sale.

There are five gardens that will be open to the public for the first time and two of these that are young. As one of these garden owners said, “This garden is very much a work in progress and hopefully will provide encouragement to those dealing with new gardens and challenging conditions.”

The garden owners have spent many hours creating a special place for themselves and are being very generous in opening and sharing their private gardens for you to visit and enjoy.

Visit [alexandraopengardens.com.au](http://alexandraopengardens.com.au) for information on all the gardens and detailed descriptions of what you can see at each one. There will also be a few surprises waiting for you.

The entry fees are \$5 per person for town gardens, \$8 per person for country gardens or \$40 per person for an all-garden pass. Tickets are available on the weekend at each garden gate. Cash only as there aren’t card payment facilities. You can also purchase an all-gardens weekend pass through *Trybooking*. A QR code is on the event’s website.

Alexandra and District Open Gardens look forward to seeing you on the weekend at these gardens. Come and be inspired.



Robyn and Carole’s garden at Taggerty. -S

## SPORT



Yea Golfer winner of the day with an excellent 38 points was Michael Spagnolo. -S

# Yea’s 54 Hole Event

by Alan Pell

DUE to the wet conditions the previous Saturday the first round of the 54 hole event was postponed to last Saturday where 18 players contested the stableford round. Although a bit cold and misty to start by noon the sun broke through making for an enjoyable day on the course.

Winner of the day with an excellent 38 points was Michael Spagnolo (8) from second Murray Ness (33) with 36, Gary Pollard (14) 33 and Jono Ness (13) also 33. Mic was nearest the pin on the second and Oakley Ness won the lucky \$10 club award winner.

Points so far in the 54 Hole Event are: M. Spagnolo: 10, M. Ness: nine, G. Pollard: eight, J. Ness: seven, B. Simmons: six, Z. Pell: five, Russell Wealands: four, Trevor Connell: three, Jeff Aurisch: two, and A.La Grutta one.

Last Wednesday, July 30 saw a mixed par event with Sharon Grogan winning with +one from Gary Pollard -one, Margie Wright and Steve Rumney both on -three. Jan wealands and Jeff Aurisch were nearest the pins on the 10th (two) and Bill Dredge won the club award.

## Outer East Football and Netball League Ladders

Football – Reserves			Netball – A Grade		
	Percentage	Wins		Percentage	Wins
Seville	538.56	14	Seville	217.81	14
Pakenham	431.23	13	Warburton Millgrove	214.66	13
Warburton Millgrove	182.12	9	Pakenham	223.43	12
Alexandra	151.72	9	Yarra Glen	125.25	9
Belgrave	198.55	8	Yarra Junction	88.11	6
Yea	92.82	5	Alexandra	72.12	5
Powelltown	25.21	3	Belgrave	66.12	4
Yarra Glen	21.50	1	Powelltown	33.52	1
Yarra Junction	15.18	1	Yea	52.03	0
Football – Seniors			Netball – B Grade		
Warburton Millgrove	247.07	12	Seville	342.14	15
Pakenham	243.77	12	Pakenham	263.90	13
Seville	205.82	12	Warburton Millgrove	169.21	11
Alexandra	128.47	8	Yarra Glen	116.40	9
Belgrave	108.20	8	Belgrave	83.06	6
Yarra Glen	85.65	6	Yarra Junction	67.66	6
Yea	80.23	3	Yea	54.40	2
Powelltown	38.75	2	Alexandra	49.49	2
Yarra Junction	24.52	0	Powelltown	37.68	0
Football – Senior Women			Netball – C Grade		
Warburton-Wesburn	100.00	14	Seville	328.63	15
Wandin	78.57	11	Pakenham	219.63	13
Emerald	60.71	8	Warburton Millgrove	182.46	11
Yea	50.00	7	Yarra Glen	92.20	7
Thornton Eildon	34.61	4	Belgrave	77.99	6
Officer	14.28	2	Yarra Junction	80.57	6
Seville	7.69	1	Alexandra	78.43	4
			Yea	43.92	1
			Powelltown	29.89	0
Netball – 17 and under			Netball – D Grade		
Seville	471.64	13	Seville	391.02	14
Pakenham Lions Gold	236.96	11	Pakenham	330.06	13
Warburton Millgrove	83.91	6	Warburton Millgrove	209.24	12
Alexandra	47.10	4	Yarra Glen	77.66	5
Pakenham Lions Maroon	53.32	3	Alexandra	71.16	6
Powelltown	45.36	3	Belgrave	67.87	5
			Yea	51.51	4
Football – Under 18			Yarra Junction	50.11	2
Pakenham	1021.88	13	Powelltown	28.24	0
Seville	329.08	10			
Warburton Millgrove	48.73	6			
Alexandra	42.87	5			
Yarra Glen	38.70	3			
Yea	35.39	2			



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3	Panthers	14	12	2	48
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5	Alex Bowls Club	14	8	6	32
6	Bucky Pub	14	7	7	28
7	On Pointers	14	5	9	20
8	Beer, Bulls & Boobs	14	3	11	12
9	On Point 26ers	14	3	11	12
10	Dart Vaders	14	0	14	0

RESULTS  
KILLBILLS def BULLS, BEERS & BOOBS 11-0  
PANTHERS def BUXTON HOTEL 6-5  
ON POINTERS def ON POINT 26ERS 7-4  
ALEX BOWLS CLUB def ARROWSMITHS 6-5  
BUCKY PUB def DARTVADERS 9-2

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HIGHEST PEG – Zane Kilroy 164  
180’S – Mark Robinson, Zane Kilroy, Jason Masters, Phil Dalley



## SPORT

# Weather conditions causing game uncertainty

by Rhonda Carpenter

DESPITE 40 millimetres of rain over the weekend the Euroa courts had drained well. Moglonemby hosted Seven Creeks and Mansfield drove to Euroa for their match, but Benalla's grass courts were unplayable due to the deluge for matches last Monday.

Further early morning rain created uncertainty on whether play could proceed. After captains conferred Creighton's Creek travelled over to play Wappan in Mansfield.

Wappan's Anna Speirs, Jenny Bell, Rhonda Carpenter and Di Bergelin began brilliantly taking the first three sets, but Creighton's

Creek steadied to come home with a wet sail in an entertaining and enjoyable contest.

Deb Seach, Chris Ellis, Kerry Hewlett, and Kass Thomas found their range, returning superbly, winning the last three. One final pairing played through a downpour, while the others took a short break and returned just as they finished.

Everyone would have to wait for their afternoon tea as the final pairs fought out a long hard set with the result decided in a tiebreaker. The wind stilled and the sun came out in patches as Chris and Kerry fought off a challenge from Jenny and Rhonda to win the breaker seven to five.

Wappan won the contest 3/37 to 3/29.

Moglonemby's Annabelle Hayes, Marlene Hanrahan, Robyn Johnson and Lisa Krepp enjoyed a long day of hard hitting against Seven Creeks in Euroa.

Nicola Enright, Julie Brook, Carmel Linehan, and Mary Kelly took it right up to the hosts winning two sets, losing in a tiebreaker, and an eight to six set in a tight tussle.

Nevertheless, Moglonemby won the match 4/42 to 2/32.

Euroa's Kristen Davey and Lyndall Bigland had a tight opening set against Mansfield's Michelle Pigdon and Keira McDonagh

winning in a tiebreak, while Ruth Nolan and Julie Harrington took a much smoother path to win theirs eight to one. Euroa won the next two as well, but Michelle and Clare Beecham took theirs eight to three, while Keira and Sophie Yencken went down one to eight.

Euroa won the match 5/43 to 1/24.

Benalla versus Terip was a washout and the teams shared the points.

Round 11 Ladder: Euroa 84.5, Moglonemby 68.5, Terip 68, Wappan 61, Mansfield 47, Benalla 41.5, Creighton's Creek 28.5, Seven Creeks 26, Delatite 25.



Wappan's Rhonda Carpenter, Anna Speirs, Jenny Bell and Di Bergelin -S



Creighton's Creek: Kerry Hewlett, Chris Ellis, Kass Thomas and Deb Seach. -S

## Clash of the Daniels: Alexandra Squash Club report

by Kristelle Leary

### Monday competition

#### Australorps versus Isa Browns

JORDAN versus Ethan (fill in): Each game was neck and neck. Both players drew their weapon and fought tooth and nail with only a one-point win in each game. Jordan was craftier and won the match by two-points. 53 to 51.

Laura versus Ethan: Another close match involving Ethan. Laura kept Ethan on his toes and held the upper hand going into the final game. Ethan made some moves in an unsuccessful attempt to claim the title. With a two-point lead, Laura took the win. 53 to 51.

Chris versus Jared: Oozing confidence, Jared kept a good lead through to the end of game three. Homing in on the ball Chris lessened his point deficit in the final game, but experience won out. Jared was the victor. 66 to 61.

John versus Andrew: Starting on a hot streak Andrew claimed the first game. Each game was close but John rallied the troops, turning the match around to take three games and the win. 61 to 55.

#### Leghorns versus Silkies

ERIC D versus Lochlan: A great game, both played really well. In the end, Lochlan took three games to win the match. 65 to 53.

Sally versus Liane: A close match all the way through with the standard of rallies

and strokes getting better as the match progressed. At the final buzzer, Sally was standing victorious. 64 to 56.

Ben versus Justin: Ben got off to a strong start. Justin came back with good serving. It was two games apiece, but Justin claimed the match on points. 76 to 51.

Derrick versus Michael H: It was a hard slog with both players vying for the upper hand. Derrick made a play for the lead and took game three, however Michael's consistency throughout saw him declare victory. 59 to 51.

### Thursday competition

#### Golden Retrievers versus Dachshunds

MATTHEW versus Randy: Dead even after the first two games. Matthew is always improving; however, Randy ran away with the match in the final two games to take the match. 68 to 54.

Kristelle versus Blake: Blake desperately wanted to take Kristelle down a few pegs, and he certainly put in the effort. With a vicious serve, Kristelle increased her lead with each passing game. Blake stole the final game, but it was bittersweet as Kristelle had already done enough damage to triumph. 70 to 56.

Mick versus Lucas: Mick's brief bright start was soon eclipsed by Lucas taking a five-point lead for the first game. Mick fought back in the second game but was soon behind as Lucas's meticulous deep shots proved to be tricky. Mick stormed home to blitz Lucas who became error



Randy strides forward to return Matthew's shot. -S

prone. From out of nowhere, Mick won with a two-point lead. 54 to 52.

Daniel K versus Daniel W: A clash of the Daniel's. Daniel W had some excellent shots that would be winners against most other players, but Daniel K is exceptionally skilled and sent each shot back with precision to claim a commanding win. 81 to 25.

#### Whippets versus Labradors

BEN versus Eric F: It was a newbie knockout. Both recent additions to the club came to prove their mettle and valiantly put forth some good shots. It was close with Ben coming out on top. 60 to 48.

Beth versus Jess: The first game was a draw. Someone had to step it up and having

warmed up after the first game, Jess ramped it up progressively getting better as the match went on and ending with a final game that saw her double Beth's score. Jess went home with a decent win. 67 to 49.

Travis versus Sam: It was a game of point streaks. Travis got a roll with some great serves, while Sam had a beautiful short game. After the back and forth and seesawing games, Sam held the trophy with a measly, but well earned, one-point win. 57 to 56.

Phil versus Michael M: Phil had his eye lasered in, hitting shots with incredible accuracy. Michael came back swinging in the last but couldn't close the gap. Phil was the winner. 64 to 46.



## SPORT

# Yea junior footballers beat Seymour in Seymour

## Football Under nine

by Lily Armstrong

THE mighty under nine Yea Tigers took on the strong Seymour Lions last week, and what a game it was. The Lions came out full of energy, but the Tigers never gave up, showing amazing teamwork and determination from the first bounce to the final siren.

The kids chased every ball, laid some great tackles, and worked together to move the footy down the ground. Handballs and teamwork are improving every week, and it was fantastic to see the Tigers spreading out and finding space. The backline stood tall

under pressure, and the whole team showed the true Tiger spirit, giving 100 per cent and smiling the whole way through.

Award Winners: Coaches Award, Teddy, for his never-give-up attitude and brilliant effort all day; Just Great Coffee Award, Harry, for his fearless attack on the ball and great runs; Armstrong Plumbing Award, Hunter, for his rock-solid contests and determination.

## Under 12

**Seymour 13.7-85 defeated Yea 2.2-14**

by Lyndal Tait

THE Tigers played a tough match against Seymour last week. Patrick Kelly stepped up

as captain and was confident speaking to the umpires on behalf of his team.

All players contributed the entire game with their usual attack, defence and team work. Some excellent tackling and chasing down the opposition, along with some great skills with players taking lengthy runs and several bounces down the ground.

The club are proud and passionate about their footy and are proud of the efforts of every single player each week, and the way they go about their footy as a team.

It's hard to paint a picture of the skill and ability of these players each week as often the final scores aren't reflective of how well

they play. They have improved so much, individually, and as a team.

Two more games to go for the season. Yea look forward to taking on Alexandra next week at their home ground.

Once again, the club thank all their valued sponsors, volunteers and supporters for cheering them on, supporting and encouraging them each week. Special thanks to James Frankcombe for being runner, Andrew Bohn for goal umpiring, Cameron Grant for running water, and Sarah Arbuthnot for boundary umpiring. The club really appreciate the support of parents and family members each week.

Duncan's Paint and Panel 'Red Hot Go Player of the Day' award, Archie Armstrong; Sprout Wellness 'Being your Best' award, Rory Bohn; Yarra Valley Gas 'Coaches Award', Patrick Kelly and Sienna Duncan (two goals).

## Netball Under 11

by Joanne Madden

THE exciting under 11 Yea Tigers have chalked up another win, this time against the always-competitive Seymour Lions on a stunning winter's day in Seymour.

The Lions came out strong, with their goal shooter on fire, landing goals from all over the circle and putting the pressure on early. But as always, the Tigers showed just how adaptable they are, with players rotating through different positions and everyone getting time on court.

In the end, Yea proved too strong, running out 10-goal victors in another solid team performance.

Award winners were: Madden Plaster Player of the Day, Holly Cronk; Yarra Valley Gas Coaches Award, Hayley Ryan-Thomas.

## Under 13

by Deb Schickerling

THE Yea Tigers under 13 netballers came out firing last Sunday, delivering a strong four-quarter performance to claim a convincing 32 to 17 win over the Seymour Lions at Kings Park.

Led by coach Lauren Cronk, the Tigers wasted no time setting the tone. A slick and confident first quarter saw them dominate the midcourt and capitalise on turnovers, racing to an eight to two lead.

Yea's defensive pressure remained relentless into the second quarter, with the backline shutting down Seymour's opportunities while their shooters continued to convert cleanly, stretching the lead to 16 to five by halftime.

Seymour rallied in the third term with their best quarter of the match, going goal-for-goal with the Tigers in a tighter contest. But Yea held firm, matching them seven-all for the quarter.

Saving their best for last, the Tigers surged home with a powerful nine-goal final quarter, outplaying the Lions across the court and sealing the win in emphatic fashion.

Coach Cronk praised her team's intensity and teamwork, saying, "The girls really lifted today. They stayed focused, communicated well, and backed each other all the way to the final whistle."



Under 11 award winners Holly Cronk and Hayley Ryan-Thomas. -S



Under 15 award winners Hannah Hagan and Grace Lanigan. -S



Under nine award winners Teddy, Harry and Hunter. -S



Under 12 award winners Sienna, Archie, Rory and Patrick. -S

## Valley Sport Launches Level Up to regional and volunteer clubs

VALLEY sport is proud to announce the launch of Level Up, a new online platform supporting community sport clubs to meet their child safe compliance requirements with confidence.

Level Up is a practical and accessible tool that helps clubs, coaches, and volunteers build safer, more inclusive sporting environments for children and young people. The platform has been co-created by industry-leading experts, child safeguarding specialist Sam Dellamarta and inclusive sport specialist Michael

Woods, to ensure it reflects best practice and real-world applicability.

With thanks to support from Sport and Recreation Victoria's Together More Active and Sustainable Volunteer Workforce Programs, Valley Sport is rolling out the platform to all clubs across Moira, Mitchell, Murrindindi, Benalla, Strathbogie, Mansfield, and Greater Shepparton shires from this week.

"In the lead-up to International Safe Sport Day on August 8, there's no better time to be supporting clubs to embed child

safe practices," Megan Carr, Executive Officer of Valley Sport, said.

"Child safety is a shared responsibility, and Level Up gives clubs the tools to embed good practices into their everyday operations. We're proud to be walking alongside clubs as they build confidence, understanding, and stronger systems."

Through this rollout, Valley Sport will: Support access to the Level Up platform, support clubs to work through the platform at their own pace. The Level Up features include: Step-by-step guidance aligned

with the Victorian Child Safe Standards, interactive education modules for coaches and volunteers, editable policies, templates, and practical resources, a recognition system to acknowledge clubs taking proactive steps designed specifically for community sport. Level Up breaks down complex compliance requirements into manageable, achievable actions especially valuable for regional and volunteer-led clubs.

Clubs interested in accessing the platform and receiving support are encouraged to contact Valley Sport via [clubsupport@valleysport.net.au](mailto:clubsupport@valleysport.net.au)



# The Chronicle Sport

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*The pressure is mounting before the race. -S**Tayla (centre) looking incredibly proud of her efforts. -S**Tayla in one of her races. -S**Tayla taking in the moment in Croatia. -S*

## Major racing achievement for Tayla Street

AUSTRALIAN racer from Flowerdale, Tayla Street, travelled all the way to Croatia in July as she was selected to represent Australia at the 2025 FIM Women's Speedway Gold Trophy at the FIM speedway academy.

The three day event consisted of the first two days training with elite coaches Greg Hancock, who is a full-time speedway world champion, and probably one of the most successful speedway riders, and Glen Phillips, who is also a speedway national rider in track and long-track.

Tayla explained, "They had a lot of people who have so much experience with giving on-site coaching and the right devices to help you develop and build your skills before the main event on the Saturday. It was very good to have that. It was almost like a bit of a leg up. It's a pretty big deal to go over and ride in a foreign country, but then to also have two days of practice and coaching from these awesome people, it was a massive bonus."

"They had seminars as well, how to maintain your bike, and then also having the ability to understand how to conduct yourself in media, like social media, and how to promote yourself in a professional manner. It was insightful, those first few days. You had a lot of track time, but you were also working on not only riding the bike but having high-performance techniques like coming into the corners and having cones in certain spots to get the right line, and every rider is different, so finding the right process. And then the final day was the main race meeting."

There were four heat races on the main race day. "I started from the outside in the first race and then each race I moved to the

inside. My first heat I was starting from the outside, which was yellow, and that race I got a win, which was awesome. I was like 'alright, I've had a good start to the day.' My second race I got a second, and then my third race I got a third, and then I got a win. Every race that I rode I had points, which was awesome, and which put me in fourth place for the last chance qualifier.

"How speedway works, for the first two people, they have an automatic direct route to the final, and then from fourth to sixth you have a race and whoever finishes first and second is into the final.

"Unfortunately, I wasn't able to get the result that I wanted to in the final, but it was an exhilarating experience for me and it was just, for me to get sixth place in the world, I couldn't ask for a better result," she said.

Tayla describes her recent experience as absolutely incredible, "The help and support from not only locally but Australia-wide and then internationally was out of this world. This just does not happen. The event, with how it was constructed, was so professional and streamlined and I was so happy with my performance, especially for my first ever international race meeting. For me to have the ability to get fourth before the final, and sixth overall in the world, I couldn't ask for better."

Tayla had to do some serious fundraising to get herself over to the event in Croatia, being a bit reluctant to do a GoFundMe page she still went ahead with it, which really helped her reach her dreams.

"I was a bit reluctant to do it, I'm not going to get help and it doesn't seem right. I literally

wrote what I did, poured my heart out, told everyone this is what I want to do, can you help me, and then within the first two days I raised something like \$4000. I was like what, this is crazy. It got shared around different social media, it was unbelievable. It really put so much wind in my sails to say you can do this, it is possible. Also to make it happen, I'm a signwriter by trade, I'm doing a lot of work as well, I sold my old race bikes, I sold my trailer that I wasn't using. My grandpa cut all this firewood, and we did raffles and that. There was a lot of work involved, which was awesome. It was an awesome experience to have that.

"When I was over there, I was always having so many people message me, and I was getting flooded with all these messages on my socials asking how it was going. It was beautiful," she said.

Over the last 12 months Tayla has had her eye on the prize after some significant hurdles to cross with her racing career. This time last year Tayla broke her back in a racing accident at Gunnedah in New South Wales, and to get to where she is now in her racing career was a no mean feat.

"Honestly, it boggles my mind. Every day I'm in pain with my back, but I looked at this scenario of getting this opportunity. I'm 25 years old, so I'm coming towards the end of my racing adventures I guess, because I am going to be starting to organise myself and have a family and do all that sort of stuff. But for me to do this, and considering where I was, injured in a hospital bed, I just wouldn't believe it if someone told me that I would be racing over in Croatia in the Women's World

Speedway Championship. I would be like 'nah you're dreaming'. It's just crazy and a nice little reminder that nothing is impossible and things can change in an instant.

"With my back it took time to recover, and it took a long time also to get my confidence back, get my speed and be comfortable with riding the way that you have to and being at the pointy end and high level. Eventually it came back, and I'm really passionate about racing," she said.

Now Tayla is coming down from the high of the recent racing experience in Croatia, more planning is in the works for her next adventure.

"For me at the moment, I'm just waiting to hear back when they are going to release the dates and location for the next meet. Depending on where it is, and if it's possible, I would really like to go over there again. And I will have a bit more time to organise myself, rather than doing it all in two months. I can have a little bit more time to plan and start getting my name out there a bit more and get together resumes and start applying for support financially from companies. I'm looking forward, I definitely want to go back over. When I went over I made some really good connections with people to help me in the future, which is awesome.

"There's so many more opportunities over in Europe, and I'd definitely like to be able to take it to the next level. But anything can happen. We just see how it goes and keep enjoying it, and do the best I can with networking and promoting myself and you never know what the future can hold."