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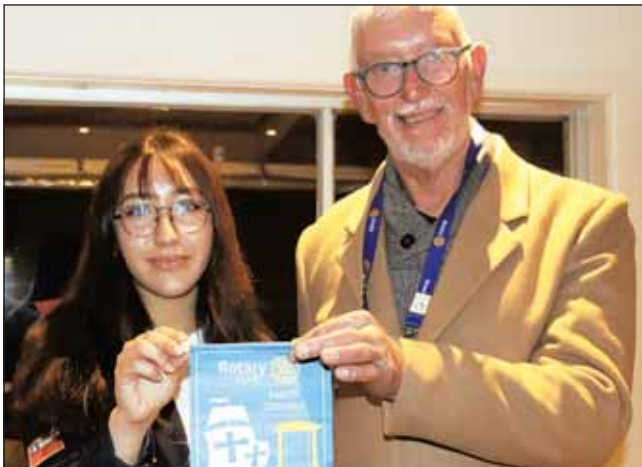
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## Rotary Club of Yea's new exchange student



Josefa Mella-Ruiz with Rotary Club of Yea President Darryl King, giving him a banner from her host club in Chile, Santo Domingo. -S



Josefa Mella-Ruiz with host mum, Rotarian Kristie Luckman. -S

THE Rotary Club of Yea has welcomed its newest exchange student Josefa (Cucky, pronounced Cookie) Mella-Ruiz from San Antonio, in the Valparaiso region of Chile.

The city has approximately 100,000 people and is one of Chile's major ports and a large exporter of seafood. Cucky is 16 and arrived in mid-July and has settled in well, attending Yea High School and is staying with her first host family, Kristie, Eoghan Dowling, Noah and Kyla.

Cucky is in Year 11 at Yea High School,

studying English, General Mathematics, Maths Methods, Health and Human Development, Biology and Psychology, and has already made some good friends.

Back home, Cucky's school is a Prep to Year 12 school of about 500 students and Cucky has been with the same classmates for almost her entire school life. Cucky is the sole child in her family, so coming to the small town of Yea from a larger city and living with siblings has certainly provided Cucky with some different experiences so far. No doubt the first of many in the next 12 months.

Back home, Cucky lives with her mum Ana Ruiz and her three cats and two dogs, with her dad living in north of the country for work reasons.

She enjoys playing volleyball, playing the violin, interacting with her pets, and playing online video games. Cucky wanted to come to an English-speaking country for her exchange experience and was delighted to have been chosen to come to Australia. Her native language back home in Chile is Spanish, but she has been learning English from a young age.

As part of Rotary Exchange program, Cucky has already had a weekend in Beechworth, meeting up with other inbounds in the Rotary 9790 District and will over the course of the next 12 months be meeting those other inbounds regularly. This is another benefit of being an exchange student, as they go home having formed friendships with fellow students from all over the world.

Cucky has settled in well to life in Yea and rural Victoria and is looking forward to making the most of this wonderful opportunity.

She is particularly looking forward to seeing as much of the country as possible, especially the Great Barrier Reef. She also wants to improve her English, which is already very good, and will no doubt get better.

If you see Cucky out and about, say hi and help make her exchange experience a truly memorable one.



The new office bearers for the Yea Hospital Auxiliary, Christine Molinaro, Jenny Anderson, Kaye Baynes and Joy Anderson. More on page six of this edition. -S



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Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll announced 345 campuses across 330 government schools would share in \$8.4 million to carry out essential maintenance

“We know how devastating bushfires are, that’s why we’re continuing to support schools to be as fire-ready as possible,” Mr Carroll said.

“We’re continuing to invest in the maintenance projects that matter most, to

It gets more people working. Work from home supports women with children, carers and people with a disability to work. Thanks to work from home, workforce participation is 4.4 per cent higher than before the pandemic.

Following consultation, the Labor government will introduce and pass this legislation next year, with several legislative options available.

For a list of schools receiving funding under the *Bushfire Preparedness Vegetation Program*, visit [vic.gov.au/bushfire-risk-register-barr](http://vic.gov.au/bushfire-risk-register-barr)

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DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra.....	8mm
Buxton.....	15mm
Eildon (AWS).....	9mm
Flowerdale.....	12mm
Jamieson.....	12mm
Kinglake.....	23mm
Lake Eildon.....	8mm
Mansfield.....	11mm
Taggerty .....	10mm
Yarck .....	9mm
Yea.....	11mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week.....	275.83m
Capacity as at 9am Monday.....	56.1%
Metres below full supply.....	13.07m
Daily inflow .....	2000ML
Release.....	4700ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....	70%

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## 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
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## CFA offering free smoke alarm program

YEA Fire and Rescue CFA members recently visited a lovely, elderly Yea resident to test and install smoke alarms as part of CFA's Vulnerable Persons Smoke Alarm Program.

The old smoke alarm in the residence was found to be out of date, so the Yea members installed two new alarms as well as offering some home fire safety advice and literature.

CFA is offering a free smoke alarm program which is available to the vulnerable members of the community.

If you are an eligible resident of the Mitchell Shire Council or Murrindindi

Shire Council areas, or you know someone you think may be eligible, contact CFA on the details below so they can arrange a visit to check existing smoke alarms, change the battery (if required) and potentially supply and install additional 10 year lithium battery smoke alarms.

This service is completely free of charge.

To make an inquiry contact the CFA District 12 Community Safety Team at [d12commmed@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:d12commmed@cfa.vic.gov.au) or call 5735 3114.



CFA members are able to provide smoke alarm checks and replacements for vulnerable community members. -S

## Trawool walking track recognised in DEECA report

GOULBURN Valley Water (GVW) are pleased to announce that Trawool's Gawarn Baring walking track was recently included in a Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) report.

Both Duniak Moira in Merrigum and Gawarn Baring in Trawool were highlighted in DEECA's *Recognising Recreation Values 2020-2024* report, which celebrates projects delivering recreational value to communities.

"These two projects deliver value in different ways. Duniak Moira through community activation and accessibility, and Gawarn Baring through heritage preservation and environmental connection," Dr Capewell said.

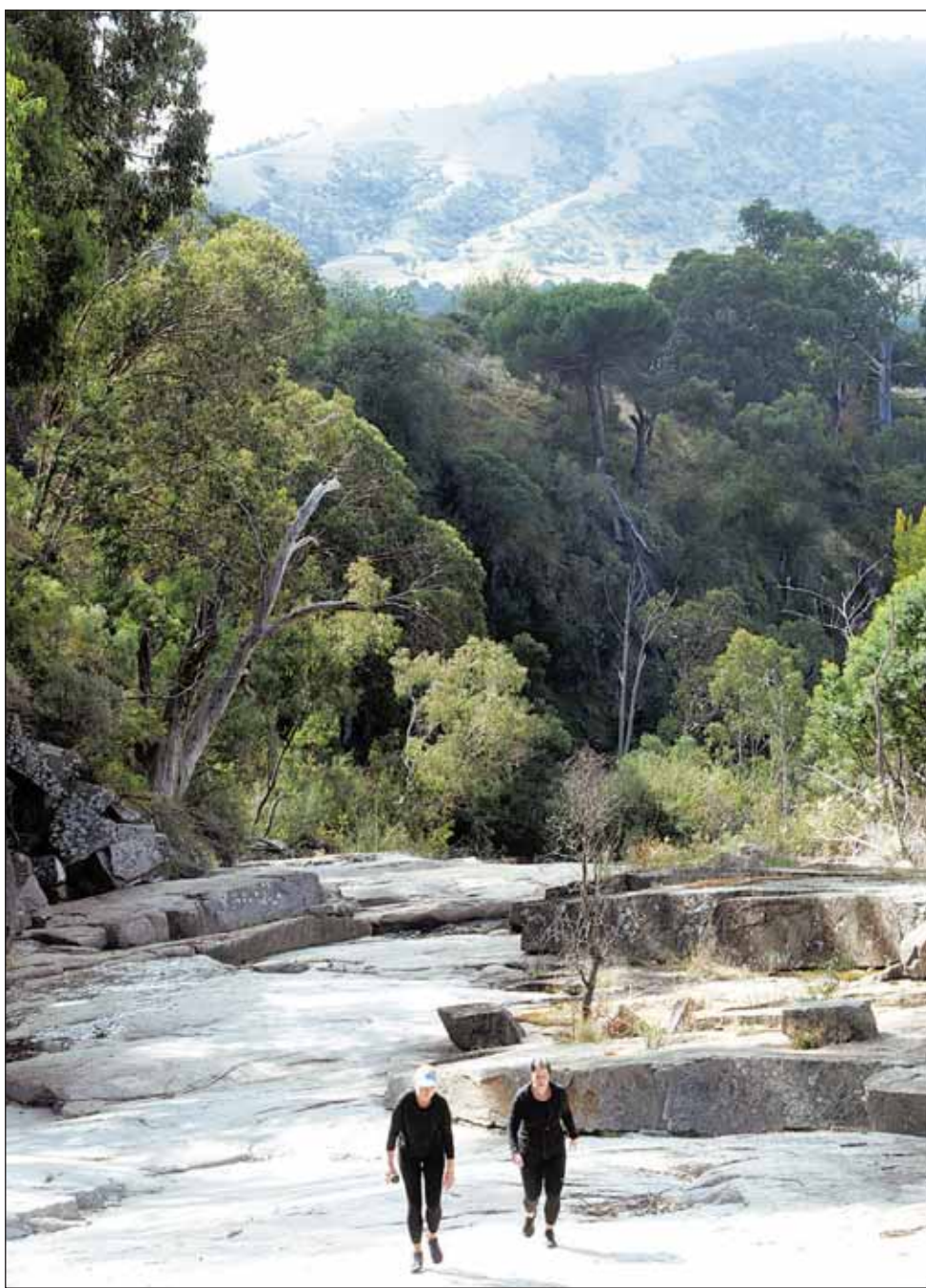
Meaning 'fishing lake' in Yorta Yorta language, Duniak Moira is home to the Burnanga Indigenous Fishing Club, Victoria's first Indigenous fishing club. The site was opened in 2023 and offers two ponds that are stocked with native fish for catch and release fishing. The larger pond has a series of

fishing platforms, one of which is wheelchair-friendly.

Gawarn Baring, meaning 'echidna track' in Taungurung language, was developed in partnership with the Taungurung Land and Waters Council and DEECA, features a five kilometre track leading to the historic Trawool Reservoir. The site includes fishing platforms, picnic areas, and is stocked with perch from Victorian Fisheries.

Goulburn Valley Water continues to work with stakeholders to expand the offerings at Duniak Moira and Gawarn Baring, with future plans including tree planting, weed control, signage, new tracks and accessibility improvements.

For more information about Duniak Moira and Gawarn Baring, visit [gvwater.vic.gov.au/duniak-moira](http://gvwater.vic.gov.au/duniak-moira) and to read the DEECA *Recognising Recreation Values 2020-24* report visit [water.vic.gov.au/our-programs/recreational-values-of-victorias-water](http://water.vic.gov.au/our-programs/recreational-values-of-victorias-water)



The Gawarn Baring walking track offers five kilometres of scenic Trawool area to explore. -S



The entrance to the Gawarn Baring walking track in Trawool. -S

## Local success in Volunteer Grants Program

MEMBER for Indi Dr Helen Haines MP has announced funding for 18 volunteer community organisations in Indi, sharing in \$57,925 through the latest round of the Federal Government's Volunteer Grants Program.

Dr Haines personally phoned each organisation to share the good news. The successful applicants were recommended to the federal government for funding after being assessed by a panel of local community leaders.

"Throughout the year, I regularly visit community organisations, and almost always their existence is possible because of one common factor, volunteers," Dr Haines said.

Grants ranging from \$1000 to \$5000 will enable community groups to support

their volunteers by funding the purchase of equipment, covering fuel and transport costs, or providing access to training.

"The funding delivered will enable these organisations to continue their vital work, supporting those who offer their time, expertise, and energy for the benefit of our communities," Dr Haines said.

Since being elected, Dr Haines has delivered more than \$300,000 in volunteer grant funding to the Indi electorate, with projects enabling further community participation and improved facilities.

The successful organisations in Murrindindi are the Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges (\$4000) and the Yea Bowls Club (\$2000).

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# Celebrating 50 years of Timorese culture in Australia

STUDENTS from Buxton Primary School, Middle Kinglake Primary School and Yea Primary School were among the students from around Victoria attending the Boite Choir event, *Mai Fali Eh! Boite Schools Chorus 2025*, held at the Melbourne Town Hall on Tuesday, August 12.

Fifty years have passed since the first Timorese refugees fled their homeland in the face of invasion, arriving in Australia in December 1975. A quietly resilient community is celebrating survival and achievements this year.

The Boite Schools Chorus joined the celebrations, proudly presenting *Mai Fali Eh!* an uplifting musical project bringing together over 700 students from across Victoria to learn about and celebrate the rich culture of Timor-Leste.

The Boite Schools Chorus sang a repertoire originally developed by leading Timorese singer and songwriter, Ego Lemos with Australian musician Andrea Khoza. The songs were a collection of traditional and contemporary pieces. Marking the 50th anniversary of Timorese migration to Australia, the powerful program honoured the community’s resilience, language, and traditions through song, storytelling and performance.

Students took part in statewide workshops leading to three spectacular concerts, two at Melbourne Town Hall, one at Mount Clear College in Ballarat. This massed-choir performance was a highlight of the year. The energy was electric when the stage filled with hundreds of young voices, live music, and a joyful demonstration of cultural connection.

The choir was led by expert choir director, Stella Savy and the Mystic Trio (Paulo Almeida, Jose Mesquita and Filomeno Bioveda), and the event was attended by President of Timor Leste, Jose Ramos-Horta.



Attendees and musicians at the Boite Choir event with Jose Ramos-Horta. -S

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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

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For a \$10 annual fee for one line, your club or organisation's regular meeting dates will be listed each week. Not only is this a reminder to your regular members but also a good source of what groups are available in the community, when they meet and a contact phone number.

Church Services

ST PETER'S MEMORIAL  
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Film, food and conversations this R U OK? Day:  
Murrindindi Shire Council

MURRINDINDI Shire Council is inviting community members to join a series of free film events in September to mark R U OK? Day, encouraging people to check in, share stories and strengthen connections.

R U OK? Day is a national reminder to ask, “Are you OK?” and listen with care. You do not need to be an expert, just be present and ready to listen. Whether it’s a friend, neighbour or someone new, a simple conversation can make a difference.

To bring our community together, council is hosting free film nights in Alexandra, Yea and Kinglake, featuring Australian films that celebrate resilience, connection and the spirit of rural life. Each evening event includes a barbecue and the opportunity to connect over hot drinks and friendly conversation.

Bring the whole family along to *Runt*, based on the Craig Silvey novel about a girl and her dog saving the family farm. It will be screening at the Yea Shire Hall, 27 High Street, Yea on Thursday, September 11 with doors opening at 5pm for a 6pm start.

*Runt* will also have two screenings at the Alexandra Shire Hall, 55 Grant Street, Alexandra on Friday, September 12. Doors will be opening at 1pm for a 2pm afternoon screening and 5pm for a barbecue and 6pm screening.

Missed out on the other sessions of *Just a Farmer*? Head along to the Kinglake screening at the Ellimatta Centre at Kinglake Trust Reserve, 94 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road, Kinglake on Thursday, September 18. Doors for this screening will open at 5.30pm with the film starting at 6.30pm. Please be aware this film is rated M and contains themes that may be confronting.

Local community groups, generously donating their time, will prepare the barbecue before each screening, so guests are encouraged to arrive an hour early and enjoy some food and time with neighbours.

Before the film, a local mental health professional will share practical tips for recognising when someone might be struggling, starting a caring conversation and maintaining connection.

After the screening, guests can enjoy a warm drink and a light supper, practise R U OK? conversations and contribute to the Wellbeing Wall by sharing how you care for your mental wellbeing.

While entry is free, RSVPs are essential for catering and safe venue capacity purposes. To register or to leave your tip on the Wellbeing Wall, visit [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/RUOK-2025](http://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/RUOK-2025) or call

council’s Community Engagement unit on 5772 0333.

For more information about health support services, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/mentalhealthservices](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/mentalhealthservices)

If you or someone you know needs immediate support, please contact Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Community Wellbeing Portfolio Councillor Jodi Adams, said, “Spending time with friends, family and our wider community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing. We are fortunate to live in a place where people genuinely care for and support each other.

“If you are finding things difficult, please remember it is always ok to ask for help. Reaching out and staying connected means you never have to face challenges alone. I look forward to coming together this R U OK? Day to share a movie, connect with one another and celebrate the strength of our community.”

The Kinglake event is made possible with support from Goulburn Regional Drought Resilience Plan, and the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments under the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Out&About

WHAT'S ON?

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Community consultation around the Alexandra Community Leisure Centre Plan closes. Feedback around the plan can be submitted via The Loop up until this date.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Alexandra Opportunity Shop AGM will be held on Monday, September 8, at 10am in the RSL Hall.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

There will be a public meeting taking place at the Molesworth Public Hall on September 10, starting at 7.30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate new committee members for the Committee of Management for the Molesworth Public Hall Reserve.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Menzies Support Services Community Meeting from 5pm onwards at 49 Nihil St, Alexandra. They are calling for committee members.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Free movie screening of *Just a Farmer* at the Ellimatta Centre, Kinglake. Doors open at 5.30pm, film starts at 6.30pm. Free food and drinks available.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

The Alexandra Timber Tramway is hosting heritage train rides for both you and your dog on Saturday, August 23, 10am to 3.30pm at 7 Station St Alexandra. No bookings required, adults \$10, family for \$25, dogs are free. Event includes market stalls, museum rooms, food trucks and a gift for each dog.



# Many Australian animals display biofluorescence

AN increasing number of Australian animals, and animals around the world, are being found to exhibit biofluorescence, meaning that they glow under UV light.

The phenomenon was first discovered in 2020 after scientists discovered that platypuses glow under UV light, and since then, people have been rushing to discover which other animals biofluoresce.

UV torches only cost around \$15 to \$20. UV light is also known as blacklight.

Platypuses, bandicoots, quolls, possums, wombats, echidnas and bilbies all glow under UV light. So do rats, some spiders, some snakes, some lizards (including geckoes) scorpions, millipedes, centipedes, crickets, and many birds including cockatoos, parrots, budgerigars and pigeons, but not magpies.

Kangaroos do not glow, although Lumholtz's tree-kangaroo does glow. Wallabies glow faintly.

Sadly for hunters, deer do not glow in the dark.

Sadly for drivers, UV light can't be used for headlights as they damage the eye of oncoming drivers.

Carnivorous plants such as the mouth of a pitcher plant also glow. Many sea creatures also display the feature, as does flower pollen.

In the kitchen, tonic water glows blue, eggs can glow red, honey can glow green, and turmeric can glow yellow.



*A cockatiel under UV light. -Kelly2357*



*A snail under UV light. -Rand Workman*

## Eildon hosts free fishing festival

ONE of Victoria's most popular fishing regions will again be home to all things angling next month when the Goulburn Fishing Festival is held at Eildon's Lions Park.

Last week the Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos said the ever-popular annual event was held on the first Saturday every September to mark the opening day of trout fishing season in Victoria's rivers, creeks and streams such as the nearby Goulburn River.

Running from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, September 6 the free Goulburn Fishing Festival is hosted by the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) and will include a range of family-friendly activities, free kids' fishing clinics, cooking demonstrations, a casting competition and a nighttime fireworks display, all in the heart of the Eildon township.

The festival is based at the Eildon Pondage, which boasts great shoreline access and is regularly stocked with brown and rainbow trout, many of which weigh several kilograms making for a memorable catch for anglers of all ages.

Free learn-to-fish clinics for kids will include expert guidance from Fishcare Victoria to teach youngsters casting, rigs, baits and what to do if they catch a fish.

Kids who participate in a clinic will also receive a free fishing rod to take home with a tackle box, and links to online instructional videos through the VFA's Little Anglers Hub. Spots in the clinics always go fast so parents are encouraged to get in quickly and register.

Families can help expert staff from the nearby Snobs Creek Fish Hatchery stock trout into the pondage and there will be market stalls, face painting, educational activities, fly casting lessons and an aquaculture stall with free tastings of locally-grown trout.

The event will also see 1500 huge 'stonker' brown trout stocked into the Goulburn River below the pondage, providing great fishing at riverside reserves nearby that are easily accessible.

The Goulburn Fishing Festival will be held on Saturday, September 6 at Lions Park on Riverside Drive in Eildon and families are encouraged to keep fishing and exploring the local area before enjoying the fireworks display at 7pm.

For details about the Eildon event, including registration for clinics, visit [vfa.vic.gov.au/goulburnfishfest](http://vfa.vic.gov.au/goulburnfishfest)

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Congratulations to this week's  
Values Award recipients,  
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## Student of the Week

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# Council approves Eildon Key Worker Housing project

MURRINDINDI Shire Council conducted a special meeting on Wednesday, August 13, to discuss the Eildon Key Worker Housing project. Cr Carpenter was on planned leave.

Cr Carr said that she was not declaring a conflict of interest, but would like it noted that she has an interest in items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 5.1 on the agenda. She stated that she was a community member on the deliberative panel, and knows most of the submission-makers, both for and against.

In Open Forum, Cleveland Aitken spoke against the Eildon Key Worker Housing project, the development of land and dwellings. He lives next to the site. He said that council named him as being in support of the project, at the initial decision, when he is in fact "completely opposed" to the later iteration. He asked that council delay the decision for independent input into the decision, and noted council's advertising error at the site. He asked council to contact the minister and to say that there are objections. He said, "Are you going to address these shortcuts or is this common?" Mayor Gallagher said that he has provided information which will be posed to council officers later in the evening.

Mike Dalmau, president of the Lake Eildon Houseboat Industry Association (LEHIA), spoke on the same project during Open Forum. He said LEHIA strongly supports the Eildon Key Worker Housing project due to the lack of housing stock, the age of the homes in the area and the proportion of non-residential owners. The primary school currently has less than 20

students. He suggested that council and local groups put together a welcome kit for new residents.

Cr Lording asked how many people would be hired by LEHIA members and the rough timing. Mr Dalmau responded that "you can't put the cart before the horse... but we believe that there will be significant demand coming up."

Charlotte Bisset, CEO of Outdoor Education Group (OEG), spoke in support of the project. OEG has 71 employees who live in Murrindindi Shire and 111 who travel to Eildon regularly as their work base. The organisation spends just under \$1 million annually, in the shire including fuel and food. She said that affordable accommodation was an ongoing barrier for attracting staff to the area.

### Eildon Key Worker Housing project

Background, process and council's role

The report, presented by Cr McAulay, provides an overview of the history of the project, strategic alignment and decision-making process. The officer recommendation was that "council note the information in this report, including the timeline decisions leading to the development of 10 Eighth Street and 18 Twenty-first Street, Eildon, for key worker housing."

Ben Harnwell said that under the planning act, council is responsible for all planning decisions in the shire, including council's own planning applications. The Eildon Key Worker Housing project, an external town planner was engaged to develop and submit the

applications. This was done by a team separate to the planning team and was assessed according to the planning scheme.

Cr Hildebrand asked about the businesses showing interest in the project, and Mr Harnwell said that there are conversations underway.

Questioned by Cr McAulay, the officer said that the covenants were removed and land re-zoned on March 24 at both sites under ministerial delegation. They followed up on July 25 and sought additional legal advice to ensure that everything was done correctly. The report found that the minister followed due process and excluded herself.

Mr Harnwell said, "The community had agreed to use this land to fund the reserves. It's just a slight pivot on instead of us selling it, we're actually creating an ongoing income stream that will repay council back for the cost of the reserves." He said that no individuals were mentioned as a result of the community consultation. He also stated that if there is low demand, the units could go on the open rental market, but they are not fit for social housing. He said that the buildings will be high quality and built to last.

Councillors voted to note the report.

### Planning Application - 18 Twenty First Street, Eildon

This land is general residential zoned and not impacted by any overlays. The planning application is for the development of land for six dwellings and a six-lot subdivision.

Five objections and one submission of support were

received by council. The objections relate to the loss of open space, traffic impacts and car parking.

It was considered that the application is consistent with Murrindindi's Planning Scheme. The work of council officers was acknowledged by the councillors.

Council voted unanimously to issue a notice of decision to grant a permit, with 37 conditions outlined in the application.

### Planning Application - 10 Eighth Street, Eildon

This application is for the development of land for eight dwellings, an eight-lot subdivision, and removal of native vegetation.

Twelve objections were received, along with two submissions of support. The objections raised "issues in relation to amenity, loss of public open space, traffic, noise, and questioned the demand for such a development."

In both cases, it was noted that the dwellings are prefabricated rather than transportable.

Council voted unanimously to issue a notice of decision to grant a permit, with 40 conditions outlined in the application.

### Eildon Key Working Housing – awarding of contracts

Tenders closed on May 30 and five tender submissions were received at the close of tender.

It was proposed by council officers that two locations be awarded to different tenderers, with Tenderer A1, Millbuilt Pty Ltd, being awarded the contract for construction at 18 Twenty-first Street and Tenderer B1, JMB

Constructions (AUST) Pty Ltd, being awarded the contract for construction at 10 Eighth Street. The names of the tenderers were included in the minutes rather than during the meeting.

Council will take on the civil and ancillary aspects of the development, and these have been removed from the scopes.

Councillors approved the tenders.

### Endorsement of Municipal Association of Victoria Motions

Murrindindi Shire Council is a member of the Hume Region Local Government Network, consisting of councils from the northeast of Victoria.

At its recent meeting the network resolved that Strathbogie Shire Council, on behalf of the network, submit four motions for consideration at the upcoming MAV State Council meeting scheduled for October 10.

These motions seek to achieve the following: Measures to improve the financial sustainability of rural councils. Reconsideration of the Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund fees and collection method. Drought assistance for the Local Government Areas represented by the network. Reconsideration of fee increases by the State for the mining and quarry sector.

While the exact wording of these motions is yet to be finalised, this report sought council's endorsement of the intent of the motions, and that the Chief Executive Officer be delegated to work with the network councils to finalise the wording.

Council endorsed the motions.

## Yea Hospital Auxiliary Annual General Meeting

THE Yea Hospital Auxiliary Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, August 7.

The auxiliary purchased an ice cream trolley for the residents, with a resident saying that he had never had rainbow ice cream before and now it is his favourite.

Ruth Crockett has been the secretary for more than 15 years and is now stepping down. Ruth was also the district nurse and a nurse for Yea and District Memorial Hospital (YDMH) before she volunteered for the hospital auxiliary.

An election was held to determine the office bearers. The president is Kaye Baynes, vice president Joy Anderson, secretary Jenny Anderson, and treasurer Christine Molinaro.

The guest speaker at the event was Andrea Steele, Director of Clinical Services at YDMH.



Kaye Baynes and Andrea Steele. -S



Ruth Crockett, Kaye Baynes and Joy Anderson. -S



Andrew Steele was presented with lovely flowers. The ice cream trolley can be seen beside her. -S





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## David Littleproud's comments on Agriculture Roundtable transparency

LEADER of The Nationals David Littleproud said the Victorian Government's Agriculture Roundtable recently was shrouded in secrecy, with the invite list, the agenda and the outcomes not publicly available.

Mr Littleproud said Agriculture Minister Julie Collins was clearly hiding details of the meeting.

"Labor's agriculture roundtable today is disingenuous, without any outcomes, just a statement of platitudes from the Minister about how important agriculture is," Mr Littleproud said.

"The roundtable is supposed to be about increasing productivity, but the only productivity that has been given in agriculture since the election has been to US beef producers, and making it easier for them to import their beef into Australia, so Prime Minister Anthony Albanese can obtain a meeting with US President Donald Trump.

"If Labor really wants to protect and help our farmers, they should be proudly releasing their agenda and their outcomes and be transparent about the process.

"But Labor doesn't want accountability because it knows their policies are hurting the agriculture sector. They have done nothing for productivity in agriculture and they know it."

Mr Littleproud added he would have been prepared to work in a bipartisan way with the state government at the roundtable, but wasn't invited as Shadow Agriculture Minister.

"Productivity is going backwards. Farmers are struggling and selling their farms, and when supply goes down, prices go up. The best Labor could offer today was 'constructive discussions', which means no goals, no outcomes and no opportunity. Farmers don't want another talkfest, they want policies that will actually help productivity."

Mr Littleproud added the state government must drop its plan to tax farms held in self-managed superannuation funds worth more than \$3 million, while also reducing green and red tape, and stopping farmers from being forced to bear the burden of a reckless race to renewables.

## New opportunities for mixed farming

MEAT and Livestock Australia (MLA) and the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) are again joining forces to support mixed farming businesses across Australia through a new round of Producer Demonstration Site (PDS) projects.

Preliminary applications for the 2025 Partnership PDS call open on Monday, August 25 and close on Friday, October 3.

Building on the success of the 2024 pilot, which supported five projects set to establish 32 new demonstration sites and engage 49 core producers and over 600 observer producers, this renewed initiative continues to target producers operating livestock and grain enterprises across Australia's mixed farming regions.

The program aims to help producers demonstrate, adapt and validate innovative management practices and research outcomes within commercial mixed farming systems. The goal is to drive productivity and profitability gains across both livestock and grain enterprises.

In 2025, four partnership projects commenced, with a fifth due to begin later this year. These five projects will establish 32 demonstration sites, engaging 49 core producers and more than 620 observer producers across the three GRDC growing regions.

Mixed farming producers stand to gain hands-on access to cutting-edge research and practical innovations that can boost productivity and profitability across both livestock and grain enterprises.

By participating in the joint MLA/GRDC PDS Program, producers can trial new practices tailored to their unique farming systems, learn directly from peers, and contribute to shaping climate-resilient, sustainable agriculture.

Projects may explore opportunities to optimise pasture and grain crop productivity through improved soil health, targeted plant nutrition, and integrated pest, weed, and disease management. They may look at conducting trials on nutrition or handling practices that improve carcass traits and market premiums.

A focus on climate-resilient systems using crop/pasture rotations and adaptive grazing strategies can also be conducted as part of the collaboration.

Additional opportunities include value-adding in mixed farming systems and whole-of-landscape planning that integrates water, biodiversity, and land use to support sustainable production.

MLA's Project Manager for Producer Demonstration Sites, Alana McEwan, said the partnership with GRDC is a strategic collaboration designed to deliver locally relevant, on-farm projects.

"This program empowers producer groups to explore and implement new practices that are grounded in research and tailored to their unique farming systems," Ms McEwan said.

"We know that many farmers produce multiple commodities, and their businesses are highly integrated.

"These PDS projects are targeted at mixed-commodity producers and on outcomes that have crossover between livestock and grain production. The two are often highly complementary, so it makes sense to have this focus on targeted adoption that looks at the whole farm system."

GRDC's Senior Regional Manager South (Acting), Courtney Ramsey, highlighted the importance of peer-to-peer learning and practical application of research and development.

"By establishing PDS sites, we're enabling producers to engage directly with research in a way that's meaningful and impactful for their operations," Ms Ramsey said.

"It allows them to see that research in action and better understand how they can make it work for them."

The MLA/GRDC Partnership PDS Program will see six new sites established, with producer groups aligned and active by June 2026.

Mixed farming operators interested in participating or hosting a PDS are encouraged to visit the MLA/GRDC Partnership PDS webpage for updated guidelines, Terms of Reference, and the preliminary application form at [tinyurl.com/4s7438tv](https://tinyurl.com/4s7438tv)

Submit applications via email to [PDS@mla.com.au](mailto:PDS@mla.com.au) by Friday, October 3, 2025. Sign up for MLA's quarterly PDS update to stay informed on project progress. Use MLA's PDS search tool to explore active and completed PDS projects by topic or region.

## No clarity around drought support delays

LIBERAL Member for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell recently demanded answers from the Victorian Government over delays in approving farmers' applications for drought support grants.

Farmers suffering from the devastating effects of the drought are eager to make use of the *Farm Drought Support Grant Program* and start work on projects to make their farms drought resilient into the future.

Ms Lovell told parliament that she had been contacted by a constituent who submitted an application for a drought support grant back in July, but almost a month later had still not received written in-principle approval for his project.

"It is completely unacceptable that Victorian farmers suffering the devastating effects of the drought are still waiting to have their drought support grants approved, almost a month after applying," Ms Lovell said.

"The state government must explain why it is taking so long to approve grant applications for drought support projects, and tell farmers what the government will do to speed up the approval process."

Capturing and making efficient use of rainfall is time critical as winter draws to a close and spring arrives, but farmers may be stuck waiting for grant approvals.

Alexandra Newspapers contacted the Victorian Government to ask about delays to drought support.

Questions included: How many drought support grants has the state government received and how many have been approved? What is the average approval time for drought support grant applications? How many drought support grant applications have been submitted in Murrindindi Shire? How many of those have received approval?

Opportunity was also given for government to respond to the claims made by Ms Lovell.

The Victorian Government failed to answer most of the questions, instead supplying the below response.

"The Allan Labor Government is investing a total of \$144 million to provide appropriate drought support to every primary producer in the state.

"All farmers can access the *Farm Drought Support Grants Program*. Across the state, we're also investing a further \$5.9 million to continue critical technical decision-making support, mental health services, timely farm debt mediation and engagement activities for another 12 months.

"We're also reducing the costs of doing businesses for our primary producers with a \$6.3 million fee and duty relief package.

"Rural Finance can be contacted on 1800 260 425 if applicants would like to enquire on their application status.

"To view the full range of financial, technical and wellbeing support available to drought impacted farmers visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought](https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought) or call 136 186.

"We've been listening to farmers and communities who are doing it tough, that's why we're delivering real help, right now.

"We are receiving a strong response to the range of grant and payment programs being offered to support farmers during drought, including the *Farm Drought Support Grants* administered by Rural Finance.

"More than 2450 grants have already been provided across the state, and Rural Finance continues to process applications as quickly as possible. Rural Finance is onboarding additional staff to deal with this surge in demand."

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## Have Your Say On The Right To Work From Home

AS part of its plan to enshrine the right to work from home in law, the Victorian Government is encouraging Victorians to have their say at [engage.vic.gov.au/wfh](https://engage.vic.gov.au/wfh)

Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister for Industrial Relations Jaclyn Symes opened a consultation last week to all Victorians ahead of legislation being introduced to the Parliament next year.

The consultation brings together workers and employers alike to ensure the proposed laws reflect the real-world experience of

working from home: what's fair, what's practical, and what's already working.

Under the proposed laws, if you can reasonably do your job from home, you will have the right to do so for at least two days a week, whether you work in the public sector or private sector.

Consultation won't determine whether working from home should be a right, we already know it should be. This is about making sure the rules are appropriate.

As part of the consultation, the government will consider the types of businesses and the size of businesses that will be covered by the proposed law, as well as the definition of remote work, and who is able to do it.

Roundtable discussions with industry will also be held from September 2025. Stakeholders, peak bodies and unions can register their interest for the roundtable consultations at [engage.vic.gov.au/wfh](https://engage.vic.gov.au/wfh)

Survey data will reveal what Victorians think about working from home, including

whether employees have ever been denied a request to work from home, and whether they still feel unable to ask for it in their workforce.

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Working from home gets more people working. It supports women with children, carers and people with a disability to work, and it's better for business with workforce participation 4.4 per cent higher than before the pandemic.

It cuts congestion. Victorians are now spending less time commuting, saving more than three hours in their week on average. That's three fewer hours sitting in traffic and three more hours back in your life.

## Benefits of working in regional Victoria



THERE are a number of benefits to finding work in rural Victoria over being employed in the bustling metropolis that is Melbourne.

Aside from the relaxed and community-focused lifestyle that country Victoria offers, there is also more demand for workers in regional areas.

According to the Victorian Government website, "more than 75,000 new workers are expected in regional Victoria by 2026, 60.7 per cent of whom will require higher-order skills."

"Across regional Victoria, health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, and education and training are forecast to need the highest number of new workers by 2026: 22,600, 8900 and 7100 workers respectively."

With more demand for workers, especially in skilled industries such as the ones listed above, there is more opportunity for career growth. Demand for workers leads to hands-on experience, and a smaller pool to choose from means more businesses are likely to upskill their workforce.

Housing can be more affordable in regional Victoria, with both the median sale price and the median weekly rent lower for regional according to the Real Estate Institute of Victoria (REIV).

Based on current data, the median sale price for metropolitan Melbourne is \$924,000 while in regional Victoria it is \$620,000. The median weekly rent for metropolitan Melbourne is also higher at \$580 per week compared to \$480 in the regions.

A Commonwealth Bank study in partnership with the Regional Australia Institute (RAI)

from 2021 found that more Australians were choosing to live in regional areas.

"Capital cities in NSW and Victoria experienced the largest net migration outflows at 49.5 per cent and 46.4 per cent respectively," the study reads.

Commonwealth Bank's Executive General Manager for Regional and Agribusiness Banking, Grant Cairns said that the study showed positive growth for regional Australia.

"The index demonstrates how Australians formerly living in capital cities have embraced remote ways of working as an opportunity to experience what these areas have to offer, while those already in regional areas are finding reasons to stay," Mr Cairns said.

"I'm optimistic about what this growth means for regional Australia, as more people experience the liveability of our regional areas and embrace the associated work-life balance and affordability."

Regional Victorians also indicate better when it comes to mental health according to the Department of Health.

"When it comes to social capital (the networks of relationships among people), rural Victorians fare better than metropolitan Victorians on a number of indicators associated with mental and physical health," the Department of Health website reads.

"Indicators show that adults who live in rural Victoria (20 per cent) are more likely to belong to an organised community group than those who live in metropolitan Melbourne (18 per cent).

"Indicators of social isolation show that adults living in rural Victoria are more likely

to not be socially isolated (39 per cent) than all Victorian adults (36 per cent)."

The quality of life working in the regions includes more of the natural world and more time outdoors, which has been shown to positively influence health.

Therefore, when making the difficult decision of working in metropolitan Melbourne or regional Victoria, make sure to take all these factors into consideration. It may make a difference.



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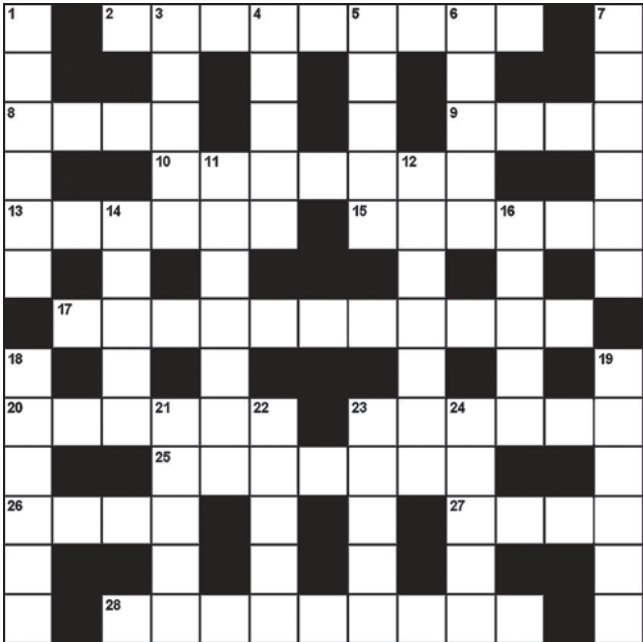
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KID'S PUZZLES

Crossword

ACROSS

- 2. Grind or pound into a fine powder.
- 8. A thin wedge of material used to fill gaps.
- 9. Strong dark German beer.
- 10. A very intense and uncontrolled fire.
- 13. Short-tailed wildcats valued for their fur.
- 15. A petty officer in the Navy.
- 17. A large stringed instrument.
- 20. Deliver a sermon.
- 23. A systematic manner of doing things.
- 25. Elegant and tasteful.
- 26. A clever witty remark.
- 27. Taken by mouth.
- 28. Lightly carved into the surface.



DOWN

- 1. Push and shove.
  - 3. Alter the balance of a recording.
  - 4. Petty quarrels and squabbles.
  - 5. Hear a court case again.
  - 6. Sacred and forbidden.
  - 7. Stops sleeping and becomes alert.
  - 11. Lack of care and attention.
- 12. Opponents that cannot be beaten.
  - 14. Lacking experience of life.
  - 16. Cow bred primarily for milk.
  - 18. Neither clear nor transparent.
  - 19. Short descriptive poems of rural life.
- 21. Savoury jelly made with meat stock.
  - 22. Nocturnal mammal of Africa.
  - 23. One who practices the art of mime.
  - 24. Used to refer to unknown others.

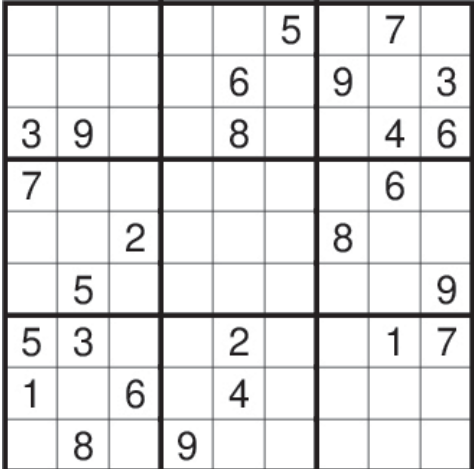
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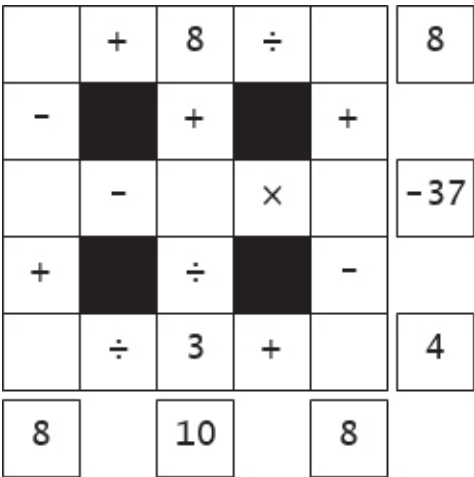
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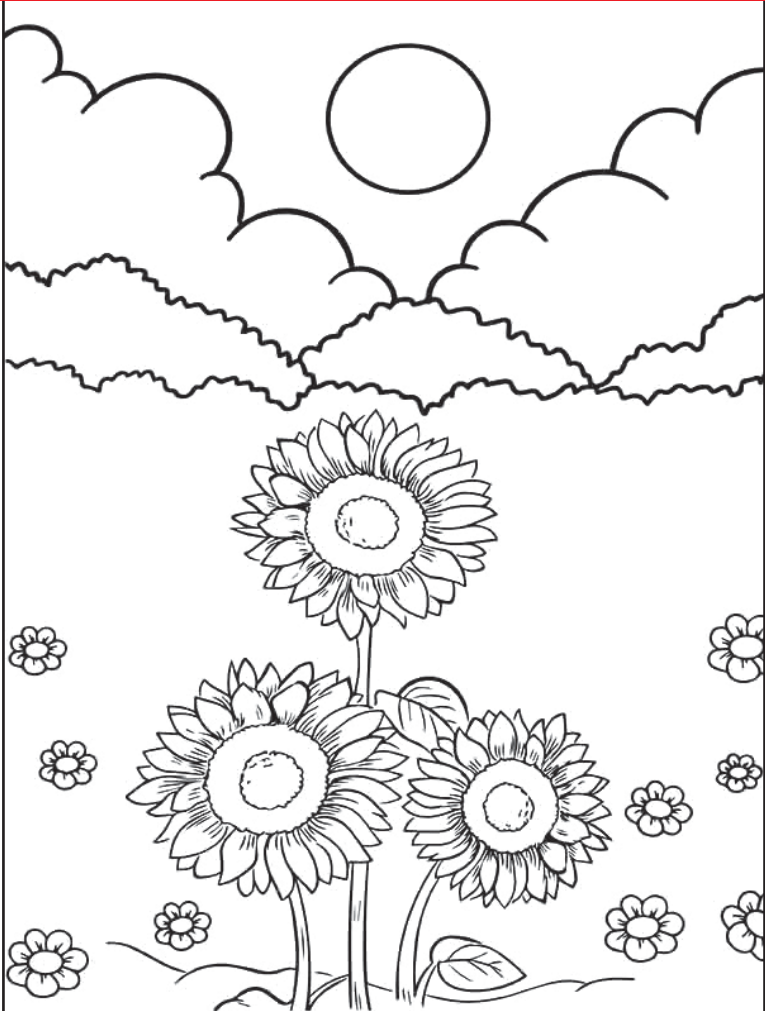
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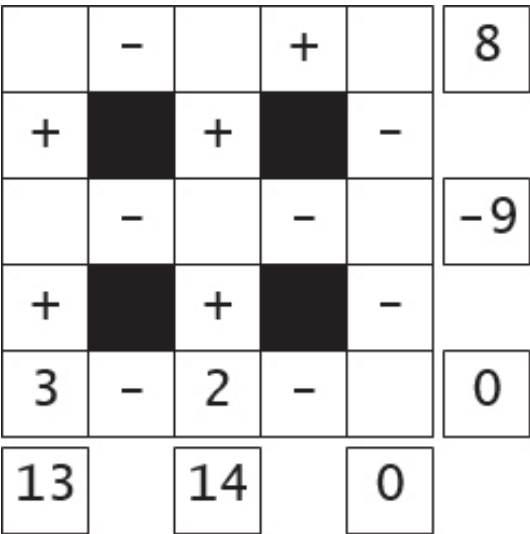
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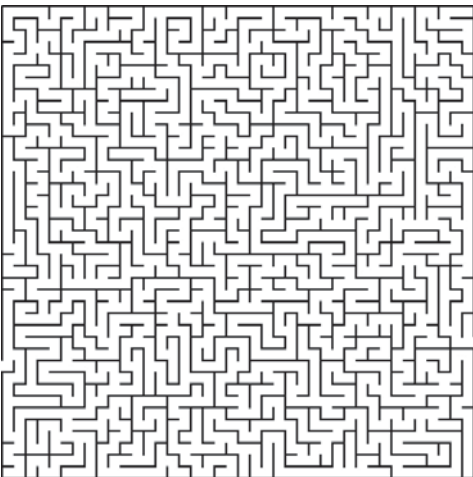
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Jokes

- Q: Why don't skeletons fight each other?

A: Because they don't have the guts.
- Q: What do you get if you cross a dinosaur with a pig?

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These upgrades are helping Victorians stay warm in winter, cool in summer and take control of their energy costs.

More than 41,000 households have already accessed discounted heating and cooling upgrades in 2025, saving households up to \$5530 on the cost of upgrading appliances and more than \$1000 on their annual energy bill.

So far this year more than 18,000 households have upgraded their inefficient gas water heating to electric, saving them up to \$330 off their energy bills annually.

Hot water systems are one of the most popular upgrades, with savings of up to \$2030 available off the cost of installing a locally made energy-efficient hot water system when you combine a Solar Victoria rebate and a Victorian Energy Upgrades discount.

A new all-electric home with solar can save up to \$1820 a year on energy bills. An existing home can save around \$2000 annually by going all-electric with solar.

Last year the VEU saved households almost \$54 million off their energy bills, putting money back in the pocket of Victorian families.

Victorians can access discounts on a wide range of upgrades including reverse cycle air conditioners, heat pump hot water systems, induction cooktops, weather sealing and more.

A Strategic Review of the program is currently in place to make it easier for Victorians and businesses to get involved and start saving money on their energy bills, findings of the review have been submitted and the government is now considering our response.

The program also supports businesses and tradespeople delivering installations, supporting 2700 jobs and boosting the economy. For more information, visit [energy.vic.gov.au/victorian-energy-upgrades](http://energy.vic.gov.au/victorian-energy-upgrades)

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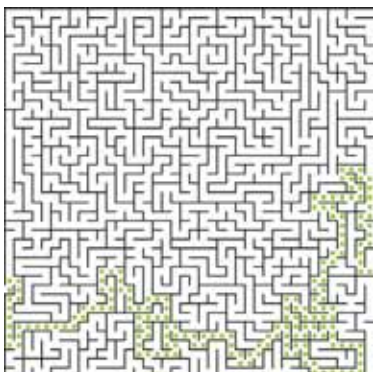
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## Alexandra RSL commemorate Vietnam Veteran's Day

ALEXANDRA RSL members gathered on Monday, August 8 to commemorate Vietnam Veteran's Day.

Former Alexandra RSL President Henry Andrews spoke about his experiences in Vietnam, and led those in attendance in a commemorative ceremony.

A wreath was laid to pay respects, the *Ode of Remembrance* was recited, *The Last Post* was played, and the *Australian National Anthem* sung.

Attendees then gathered in the RSL Hall for tea, coffee and reflection.



Alexandra RSL veterans turned out to commemorate those who served in Vietnam. Pictured are Jeff Gilbert, Henry Andrews, Neil Robertson, Bob Benghamy, and Bob Pearson. -BD



Attendees listened to Henry Andrews briefly recount experiences in the Vietnam War. -BD



A wreath was laid by the Alexandra RSL to commemorate those who served and those who lost their lives in the Vietnam War -BD

## Animal tails

Ashley Catha managed to capture a remarkable sight on the banks of Lake Eildon on Saturday, August 9, describing it as "the most beautiful display of nature and wildlife at its finest."

Two stunning wedge-tailed eagles locked claws and performed a dance to impress a female. He said that they put on a show all day, and that it was like a scene out of a *National Geographic* documentary.

Meanwhile, Kate Turner from Murrindindi Ranges Wildlife Shelter Inc was called to an unusual event in Clonbinane. A kangaroo had been a frequent visitor to Mark and Mary's yard over the last couple of weeks, and decided to take shelter in their music room. When Mark noticed a lump under his eye he called for help.

Kate was able to walk in and place a blanket over him and sedate. All without a single drum roll. The kangaroo has now received the moniker, Ringo.

In another animal tale, Robyn Hill's chicken, Betty, decided to hitch a lift in the tray of son Charlie's ute while he was delivering wood from Buxton to Snobs Creek. Charlie thought he saw a black hen out of the corner of his eye, but didn't think it was one of theirs.

When it was discovered back at home that Betty was missing, Charlie went back to look for it, along with other people. They had no luck, so Robyn decided to put it on Facebook.



Charlie with Betty the chook and Woodrow the dog. -S

Fortunately, a lovely lady found Betty and looked after her overnight.

Betty was completely unfazed by the whole experience and remains "very much a people person."

The moral of the story is, always check the tub of your ute if you have chickens wandering around. They may decide to go on an adventure.

If you have photographed any unusual animal moments, let us know about them.



The wedge-tailed eagles on the bank of Lake Eildon. -Ashley Catha



The kangaroo in the music room. -S



SPORT



ALEXANDRA AND DISTRICT DARTS ASSOCIATION  
COMPETITION LADDER 2025 ROUND 16

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	FOR	AGAINST	PTS
1	Kill Bills	16	14	2	126	50	56
2	Panthers	16	14	2	121	55	56
3	Buxton Hotel	16	13	3	125	51	52
4	Alex Bowls Club	16	9	7	93	83	36
5	Arrowsmiths	16	8	8	102	74	32
6	Bucky Pub	16	8	8	90	86	32
7	On Pointers	16	6	10	70	106	24
8	On Point 26ers	16	4	12	66	110	16
9	Beer, Bulls & Boobs	16	4	12	63	113	16
10	Dart Vaders	16	0	16	33	143	0

RESULTS

BUXTON HOTEL def BUCKY PUB 8-3  
PANTHERS def ALEX BOWLS CLUB 8-3  
ON POINTERS def DART VADERS 6-5  
BEERS, BULLS & BOOBS def ON POINT 26ERS 7-4  
KILLBILLS def ARROWSMITHS 7-4

TONS

R. Sproles – 116, 115  
R. Holt – 106, 113  
K. Davies - 100  
E. Collett – 101  
J. Masters – 100, 100  
B. Arnott – 100, 140, 140, 100  
W. Nelson – 121, 100  
P. Dalley – 100, 140, 100  
P. Collyer - 100  
G. Lund – 100, 100, 100  
G. George – 118, 100, 131, 104  
C. Parker – 100, 100  
G. Davies – 124, 121  
G. Gilmore – 123, 140, 101, 100, 140, 101, 121, 125  
A. Hutt – 100, 133, 118  
R. Mayfield – 140  
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D. Kilroy – 140, 100  
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S. Ritchie – 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 180  
L. Turnbull – 100, 100, 100, 100, 140  
R. Penny – 180

HIGHEST PEG – Vicky Hodgson 94  
180s – Mark Robinson, Zane Kilroy, Steve Ritchie, Ross Penny

# Alexandra and Seymour gear up for annual darts inter-league match

THE Alexandra and District Darts Association and the Seymour and District Darts Association are set to face off in their much-anticipated Annual Inter-League Match on Saturday, August 23, at On Point Brewery in Alexandra.

This friendly yet fiercely competitive event is a highlight for both associations, showcasing the best local darts talent from both regions. Spectators can expect an afternoon of sharp shooting, big scores, and thrilling finishes, all in the lively atmosphere of one of the region’s favourite venues.

In addition to the action on the oche, there will be plenty of raffles running throughout the day, giving attendees the chance to take home some great prizes.

The public is warmly encouraged to come along, cheer on the players, and enjoy a great day out. Whether you’re a darts enthusiast or just looking for some local entertainment, head down to On Point Brewery for an afternoon of great beer, great food, and great darts.



Can’t play golf without a beautiful tree to admire. -S

# Eddie the medal, Mic the trophy at Yea Golf Club

by Alan Pell

LAST Wednesday saw 14 men and six ladies on the course in typical weather conditions with cold turning to sunshine as the round progressed.

The men were playing multiplied pair stableford with Luke Gregory (11) and Brian Priestley (25) combining for a team score of 62 points and a win by two points from second Zach Pell (16) and Russ Wealands (23) with 60. Third were Sam Wright (24) and Jonathan Fisher (16) with 56 points. Individual winner was Zach Pell with 39 points from second Jonathan Fisher with 37.

Peter Johnston was nearest the pin on the 11th and Alan Pell/Phil Armstrong won the Club Award.

The ladies’ stableford was won by Margie Wright with 35 points.

Last Saturday’s stroke and putting August monthly medal event attracted a field of 21 members and guests. Conditions were excellent despite several rain events during the week, and this was reflected in the excellent scores recorded.

Ever-improving junior Edison Waghorn (25) had a great round to record 68 nett and take out the monthly medal on countback from Andrew Bohn (8) with his equally fine round, 68 nett. Daniel Atkins (5), a past member, returned to ‘Royal Yea’ after a long absence and showed great skill in posting 74 off the stick, 69 nett to take out third place on countback from playing partner Mick Spagnolo (8) nett 69. Johnathon Fisher (16) rounded out the top five with an impressive 72 nett.

Mick Spagnolo doubled up taking out nearest the pin on the 14th and Andrew Bohn proved to be the master of the flat stick with 26 putts to win the putting award. Malcolm Betts returned to play after a considerable lay off and was a comfortable winner in the club award.

The stroke event was the third and final round of the Yea Golf Club’s coveted 54-hole event that has been conducted over the past three weeks. Points are awarded to those finishing in the top 10 each round and the winner for 2025 was Mick Spagnolo who accumulated 20 points out of a maximum 30 points over the three rounds. Mick was a clear winner, with Jono Ness next best on 14 points.

# Smiles and sunshine at State Cross Country Championships

THE sun was shining and spirits were high as four young athletes from Murrindindi represented their club with pride at the Little Athletics State Cross Country Championships, held at Lake Dewar in Myrning, an undulating and windy course full of twists and turns, about an hour northwest of Melbourne. The event was held on Saturday, August 9 and the athletes had been training in anticipation for it.

In the under nine boys division, Maverick Clacy powered through the challenging terrain to secure an impressive eighth place.

“It was really hard but lots of fun,” he said with a grin.

Big brother Ryder Clacy tackled a packed field of 85 runners in the under 11s, navigating a tough and crowded course to finish a commendable 31st.

In the under 14 boys three kilometre race, Levi Campbell and Chase Hilder both delivered strong performances. Levi crossed the line in eighth place, while Chase followed closely in 19th, marking solid results in a competitive field.

The endurance and determination shown by all four athletes will no doubt serve them well as they prepare for the upcoming athletics season, kicking off in October.



Alexandra Squash Club: Round four of term three pennant

by Kristelle Leary

Monday competition  
Australorps versus Leghorns

JORDAN versus Eric D: There was no holding back on this court. Jordan was merciless and absolutely dominated the match, over doubling his opponents score in a landslide of a match. 103 to 51.

Laura versus Jess (fill in): Laura put in the effort to keep the games as close as she could. The tenacious Jess was too experienced, winning three games to take the match. 59 to 47.

Chris versus Ben F: There was no more than two-points different in any game. Ben happened to be on the losing side of these points and did not manage to take a single game. Chris claimed the win 70 to 61.

John versus Phil: Phil stayed consistent throughout with John getting better as each game went on. When the final buzzer went off John was triumphant.

Isa Browns versus Silkies  
TYLER versus Lochlan: A close and entertaining game. Tyler had a good third game but was kept guessing because of Lochlan's drop shots which made all the difference and

claimed the win. 61 to 56.

Daniel W versus Justin: A fast paced, big hitting game with some lovely squash played. It was close all the way through until the end when Daniel snatched some extra points to win. 65 to 60.

Andrew versus Michael H: Great rallies. Andrew played some great boasts off some deep shots. Michael had some killers returns to Andrews serves, but in the end Andrew claimed the victory. 66 to 60.

Thursday competition  
Golden Retrievers versus Whippets

KRISTELLE (fill in) versus Travis: Starting strong, Kristelle won the first two games with ease. Travis changed up his game and came home with a wet sail to steal the win. 68 to 59.

Daniel K versus Phil: This one went to script with Daniel hitting the front early and being in control for the rest of the match. The accuracy of Daniel's shots gave Phil no options or room to play and drove him near to insanity. 81 to 34.

Dachshund versus Labradors  
ERIC D (fill in) versus Eric F: Ambidextrous playing by Eric F, blowing all our minds. A confidence boost for both players. Eric F was too strong and claimed the match. 66 to 47.

Blake versus Jess: Jess started strong and went into the final game with a lead. Blake turned the tables, taking the final game with a solid lead to win the match. 61 to 53.

Lucas versus Sam: Shots were consistent and fast. The rallies were long and both players worked hard for every point. With a grand lead of two-points, Sam was the victor. 65 to 63.

Daniel W versus Michael M: The first half saw Daniel dominating, not putting a foot out of line. Danny was flying high while Michael was playing on his knees. Everything became lucid for Michael in the final game and he pulled out an extraordinary game to tie the match. 56 to 56.



Blake is in prime position to return Jess's serve. -S

Sunshine across the district for winter tennis

by Judy Sands and Rhonda Carpenter

GLORIOUS sunshine greeted players across the district for round 13. In Euroa, Creighton's Creek welcomed Terip, and Moglonemby hosted Euroa, while Benalla hosted Delatite and Wappan welcomed Seven Creeks in Mansfield.

Moglonemby versus Euroa

In perfect weather Moglonemby were up against the ladder leaders Euroa. Moglonemby's Judy Sands and Marlene Hanrahan won the first set eight to three against Lyndall Bigland and Ruth Nolan while on the other court Danielle Scotis and Lisa Krepp lost two to eight to Julie Harrington and Robyn Johnson.

By the second set Danielle had warmed up and won her set with Judy eight to six, Moglonemby's Marlene and Lisa also won eight to seven. However, Euroa won the last two sets eight to five and eight to six with Euroa winning the match by three games, the exact margin as round one.

There were long rallies, plenty of lobs, drop shots and a lot of fun, but Creighton's Creek and Terip were having much more fun on the other courts judging by the laughter, banter and chatter from the players.

Creighton's Creek versus Terip

Creighton's Creeks' Chris Ellis and Debbie Seach were up against Frances Lawrence and Phoebe Macdermid, and the Terip pair were up seven to three before Chris and Debbie made a comeback narrowly losing in a tie break.

Kerry Hewlett and Annabelle Hayes had a much quicker set against Meg Ford and Jenny Martin winning eight to one. In the second

set the two left handers, Frances and Meg, won eight to five against Chris and Kerry and Debbie and Annabelle won eight to three.

The last two sets were both eight to two with Creighton's Creek's Chris and Annabelle and Terip's Phoebe and Meg having wins. At the end of the day the teams were three sets all, but Creighton's Creek won on games 38 to 30.

Benalla versus Delatite

In Benalla Kate Campbell, Claire Sharp, Maureen Jewell, and Deb Siggers, delivered a masterclass on the lawn in perfect weather.

Delatite's Karyn Fraser, Carolyn Murray, Deb McCormack, Loretta Armitage and Deb Mims combined well, enjoyed great sets on the grass courts, and Benalla's wonderful hospitality.

Benalla won 6/48 to 0/13.

Wappan versus Seven Creeks

Wappan welcomed Seven Creeks to ideal conditions in Mansfield and Anna Speirs, Jenny Bell, Rhonda Carpenter, and Carol Watts took both openers, one in a lengthy battle.

Rowena Ellis, Nicola Enright, Julie Brook, and Mary Kelly found their range and cross court angles in the sunshine. Rowena and Julie won their set comfortably, patiently playing lengthy rallies and serving strongly.

Wappan won 5/44 to 1/23.

After round 13 the ladder has Euroa 93.5, Terip 79, Wappan 77, Moglonemby 76.5, Benalla 61.5, Mansfield 55, Creighton's Creek 43.5, Seven Creeks 27, and Delatite 27.

Outer East Football and Netball League Ladders

Football – Reserves			Netball – A Grade		
	Percentage	Wins		Percentage	Wins
Pakenham	385.68	15	Seville	210.62	15
Seville	474.19	14	Pakenham	205.30	13
Alexandra	159.56	11	Warburton Millgrove	194.35	13
Warburton Millgrove	198.04	10	Yarra Glen	130.82	11
Belgrave	197.30	9	Yarra Junction	91.38	7
Yea	97.63	6	Alexandra	76.52	6
Powelltown	28.55	4	Belgrave	68.56	5
Yarra Glen	21.18	1	Powelltown	35.11	2
Yarra Junction	14.86	1	Yea	54.02	0
Football – Seniors			Netball – B Grade		
Warburton Millgrove	235.74	13	Seville	323.86	16
Pakenham	225.37	13	Pakenham	231.71	14
Seville	202.02	13	Warburton Millgrove	160.34	12
Belgrave	119.39	10	Yarra Glen	112.52	10
Alexandra	119.33	9	Belgrave	87.89	8
Yarra Glen	82.96	7	Yarra Junction	68.25	6
Yea	81.91	3	Yea	59.34	3
Powelltown	43.69	3	Alexandra	54.43	3
Yarra Junction	25.09	0	Powelltown	39.59	0
Football – Senior Women			Netball – C Grade		
Warburton-Wesburn	100.00	14	Seville	301.37	16
Wandin	78.57	11	Pakenham	201.79	14
Emerald	60.71	8	Warburton Millgrove	172.51	12
Yea	50.00	7	Yarra Glen	99.30	8
Thornton Eildon	34.61	4	Yarra Junction	83.33	7
Officer	14.28	2	Belgrave	80.27	7
Seville	7.69	1	Alexandra	80.88	5
			Yea	51.60	2
			Powelltown	30.13	0
Netball – 17 and under			Netball – D Grade		
Seville	433.95	15	Seville	371.74	15
Pakenham Lions Gold	211.35	12	Pakenham	272.69	14
Warburton Millgrove	81.51	6	Warburton Millgrove	194.67	13
Pakenham Lions Maroon	54.73	4	Yarra Glen	82.01	6
Alexandra	49.17	4	Alexandra	76.44	7
Powelltown	48.75	4	Belgrave	70.39	6
			Yea	55.38	5
Football – Under 18			Yarra Junction	53.14	3
Pakenham	1107.69	15	Powelltown	29.73	0
Seville	351.93	12			
Warburton Millgrove	43.91	6			
Alexandra	40.22	6			
Yarra Glen	37.73	3			
Yea	36.73	2			



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## Final games of the season for Yea Football Netball Club juniors

### FOOTBALL

#### Under nine and under 10

by Lily Armstrong

WHAT a way to finish the season. Both of Yea Football Netball Club's under nines and under 10s came up against Wandong in their final games, and it was without a doubt their best footy yet.

The kids showed just how far they've come this year, tackling hard, moving the ball beautifully as a team, and never giving up. From the first bounce to the final siren, every player gave 100 per cent effort and played with so much passion and determination.

It was amazing to see the teamwork, the encouragement, and the smiles out on the field. The way they linked up handballs, chased hard, and kicked truly showed how much they've all developed throughout the season.

The club says a huge thank you to all the families, coaches, and helpers who have supported the kids each and every week. You've all made it such a fun and rewarding season.

The under nines and 10s should be so proud, they saved their best game for last.

#### Under 12

Yea 4.0-24 defeated by Wandong 19.7-121

by Lyndal Tait

YEA'S under 12s played the last game of the 2025 home and away season last weekend against Wandong at Tigerland. Ollie Skilling was captain for the day, and lead out a side of 14 players to take on the second seated side. The Tigers borrowing three players each half from Wandong to even up numbers.

This was a tough match against a strong side who are set to play finals, but as per usual, the Tigers made them work for every possession and goal. The first three quarters saw the Tigers unable to capitalise on only a few scoring opportunities, with Wandong kicking multiple goals. The Tigers switching positions and having a good time trying out new positions and having a red hot go.

The final quarter the Tigers seemed to get a great run on, with goals coming from Logan, Archie, Toby J and Cohen (a Wandong player) and this lifted the Tiger's spirits. All goals came from great work in the mid field, strong kicks and marks and great running.

Although a tough game with Wandong taking a good win, the Tigers remained upbeat, never losing heart and always giving it their all. Key attributes that have seen them improve in skill and team work across the entire season, despite how challenging it was to form a complete side each week.

The coach, team manager and parents could not be more proud of each and every player this season. They have been a pleasure to work with and support. Not only are they great young footballers, but they have formed a great team and they are super young people who represent the club so well.

The club says a big thank you to Tim Hayes and Tom White for umpiring, to James Frankcombe for being runner, to Andrew Bohn for goal umpiring, to Sarah Arbuthnot and Cameron Grant for running water, and Marko Ciantar for time keeping.

Awards: Duncan's Paint and Panel 'Red Hot Go Player of the Day' award, Toby Geeson; Sprout Wellness 'Being your Best' award, Logan Steiner; Yarra Valley Gas 'Coaches Award', Fox Beer and Joshua Frankcombe.

As the season closes, the club would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has

supported this terrific young side throughout the season. Thanks to all the families and friends who support the players to get to training and games each week. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered in some capacity at training or on game day, your help is greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Deb Baynes who has run the canteen all season, and to John Tato who has volunteered to help every home game. Thanks to Marko Ciantar who has been time keeper every home game. Thanks to the Duncan family for their support at training, on game day, and in providing training balls to the players.

Thanks to Brian Phillips who has marked out the ground for every home game. Thank you to James Frankcombe for all the umpiring and running, and Andrew Bohn who has goal umpired almost every game, and to everyone else who has put their hands up in some capacity to take on a role each week.

To the valued sponsors, Duncans Paint and Panel, Sprout Wellness and Yarra Valley Gas. The players love receiving recognition of their efforts and your support via weekly awards is greatly appreciated.

Finally, to the most important people, Yea's super team of under 12s players, a big congratulations to Judd, Ollie, Darby, Hudson, Logan, Archie, Sienna, Patrick, Joshua, Jonah, Toby G, Toby J, Fox, Charlie, Toby D and Rory on a great season of football. The club loved being a part of your football journey. See you all at presentation afternoon on September 14. (Coach Al and Team Manger Lyndal.)

#### Under 14

Yea 2.2-14 defeated by Euroa 17.8-110

by Brigitte Baynes

THE Yea under 14 side's last game for the season was at home against Euroa and they played 17 a side, great to have so many players on the ground.

Euroa was too strong on the day, winning 17.8-110 against Yea 2.2-14.

Awards to Ashton, Sammy and Maya.

Many thanks to Whanregarwen Pastoral, Yea Bob Cat and Yarra Valley Gas for their sponsorship of the awards for the club this year.

Many thanks to Debra Collins for an awesome cafe and to all the wonderful helpers, most appreciated. Cheers also to Schwabby for field umpiring. And thanks to the under 12 kids who played up a grade this year and chose to play a second game when they could.

Great to finish the season with all teams playing together at home, such a great vibe.

Thanks to Coach Andrew Baynes for his commitment to the kids this year, he is so proud of you all.

### NETBALL

#### Under 13

by Joanne Madden

Awards: Yarra Valley Gas Coaches Award, Stella Jolly; Always Contracting Player of the Day, Izzy White.

#### Under 15

Awards: Upbuild Player of the Day, Grace Lanigan; Yarra Valley Gas Coaches Award, Hannah Hagan.

Under 11s and under 15s have both finished comfortably at the top of the table in their respective age groups and will embark on their finals campaign this Sunday in Broadford.



Under 14 award winners. Pictured in the back row are J Johnston, A Fontana, M McIntyre, S Heyen, Barry. Front are L Miller, T Johnston, A Armstrong, and D Tait. -S



Under nine award winners Eddy, Caleb and Elliott. -S



Under 10 award winners Charlie, Ted and Logan. -S



Under 12 award winners L Steiner, T Geeson, J Frankcombe, F Beer. -S



Under 13 award winners Stella Jolly and Izzy White. -S



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