

# The Yea Chronicle

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The Yea Garden Expo was held on the weekend of September 20 and 21 at the Yea Saleyards. The event is a major Yea Rotary fundraiser. More images on page 14. -AR

## Another successful Yea Garden Expo

YEA Rotary held another very successful Yea Garden Expo on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21. It was the eighth time the event has been run.

There were 60 stalls at the event, keeping all of the keen gardeners in the area very happy. Few left without buying something new for the garden.

Yea Rotary President Darryl King commented on the Saturday, "Today, the weather's perfect... We have a range of plants and sculptures and machinery and

live chickens, food, and face painting for the kids. We have speakers, the Bee Man, Ron Litjens and Black Snake Productions, which was for the kids. It was really kid friendly."

The event started at 9am, and Darryl commented that they were pushing at the gate to come in before 9am.

He was delighted with the turnout, saying "Rotary puts a lot of work into this and it's not just a couple of weeks. It's months before, organising the vendors, booking everything

right down to the toilets, the bins, everything. This is one of our major events."

Darryl ran some facts and figures for Thursday night's meeting and found that they have cooked a total of 900 sausages, all given away for free, in conjunction with Murrindindi Shire, Bendigo Bank and Yea Arts.

He added, "We fully support any community event."

There will be a full report on the event in next week's edition.

## Local firefighters honoured for Black Summer Fire response

FIREFIGHTERS and incident management staff from across north east Victoria have been formally recognised for their efforts to protect threatened communities during the devastating 2019-2020 Black Summer bushfires.

More than 200 current and former staff from Forest Fire Management Victoria were awarded the prestigious National Emergency Medal at Alexandra on Friday, September 19.

"The Black Summer bushfires had a significant and lasting impact on many local communities, our staff, and the broader emergency management sector," Hume Region Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Aaron Kennedy said.

"The courage, strength and commitment involved in the response and recovery efforts for the fires is something that is truly admirable."

The Black Summer fires burned more than 1.5 million hectares of land in Victoria, with over 3500 fires responded to by emergency crews over a 98 day period.

FFMVIC staff were deployed to major fires in the Upper Murray and Ovens districts which impacted communities and the environment.

"Many medal recipients continue to work in forest and fire management, helping to mitigate the impacts of bushfires on the community and environment," Mr Kennedy said.

The National Emergency Medal forms part of Australia's Honours and Awards system and recognises significant or sustained service in response to nationally significant emergencies.

Thirty four FFMVIC staff were also awarded National Medals which recognises long and distinguished service to organisations that protect life and property.

Of these, 22 staff received the medal for 15 years of service, and 12 staff received clasps for additional decades of service.

Images on page 10 of this edition.

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**Friday, September 26, 2025 for AFL Grand Final public holiday**  
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Letters to the Editor

Thank you

THANK you to the Yea Show Society for their generous donation to the Alexandra, Yea and Mansfield Legacy Group once again, and also to those generous farmers who donated their fleeces to provide the donation. This is very much appreciated.

Clare Sinclair, Alexandra, Yea and Mansfield Legacy

National Parks

COMMENTS from the Liberals and Nationals stating their opposition to the creation of more national parks cannot go unchallenged. The proposal for national parks in the central west of Victoria is the result of extensive studies by the independent Victorian Environmental Assessment Council, their report released June 2019.

The government response to the recommendations was tabled in Parliament in June 2021. There is strong community support for this move. A 2024 RedBridge survey revealed that 80 per cent of Victorians support the creation of new national parks, and the government, recognising this groundswell of support, has finally acted.

To link this to the community proposal for a Great Forest National Park is a cheap attempt to stir up discontent and spread misinformation.

National parks ensure public access to public land. They do not ‘lock up’ the land or ‘lock out’ ‘bush users’. They cater to a range of pursuits. Some restrictions are of course used to separate incompatible activities. Who wants to walk with their family as motorbikes race past on narrow trails, or when hunters with high powered rifles are active? Four wheel driving and motorbikes are subject to the same rules as in state forests. Fishing and camping is allowed. Deer hunting is even permitted in some national parks, with Lake Eildon National Park being a prime example. Prospecting is permitted in many parks, notably in known ‘gold areas’.

Yes, funding for national parks is far from adequate and this is affecting good management. This is an incentive to advocate for better funding, not fewer national parks. If our health or education system was underfunded, would we call for fewer hospitals or schools?

I have no problem with people objecting to more national parks, that is their right. But I ask that people, particularly our elected representatives, are honest and stick to the facts.

Andy Miller, Alexandra

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Weekly Weather

September 24 - October 1, 2025

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

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Yea

DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	7	15	Wednesday	7	16
Thursday	8	16	Thursday	9	17
Friday	7	18	Friday	7	19
Saturday	6	17	Saturday	6	18
Sunday	8	17	Sunday	8	17
Monday	7	16	Monday	7	17
Tuesday	6	15	Tuesday	6	16

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CFA volunteers express concerns to Victorian Government

THOUSANDS of Country Fire Authority volunteers across the state have expressed their frustration with the Victorian Government, marking the government poorly on virtually every area of CFA management and operations in a key survey.

The annual Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria (VFBV) survey received responses from more than 2000 CFA volunteers, with six out of seven survey themes recording a drop in volunteer satisfaction with the government.

Drops were recorded in the areas of respect for the role of volunteers and support from the CFA, and particularly in training and the provision of up-to-date appliances.

Of particular concern is the worst-ever recorded response in relation to the Victorian Government providing sufficient funding for CFA trucks and stations.

Leader of The Nationals and Shadow Minister for Emergency Services, Danny O’Brien, said the survey reflects the frustration of CFA volunteers.

“For more than a decade now, the Labor government has disrespected the CFA and particularly its volunteers,” Mr O’Brien said.

“It’s alarming to see the lack of confidence that our volunteers have in the Victorian Government.

“Clearly they don’t believe the government’s rhetoric about supporting appliances and new stations, with the survey recording the worst ever result on that issue.

“Worse still, the survey was completed before legislation creating the new emergency services tax had passed parliament. All the evidence shows that tax is about filling budget black holes, not supporting our frontline firefighters.

“This new tax has been slapped on Victorians at a time of a cost of living crisis and that’s why the Liberals and Nationals will scrap it if elected next year, while restoring the independence of the CFA and giving respect back to our volunteers.”

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT				
STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon (TW)	11.00am Mon	2.53	steady	Below Flood Level
Rubicon River at Rubicon	11.00am Mon	0.69	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	11.00am Mon	0.80	steady	Below Flood Level
Home Creek at Yarek	09.49pm Mon	0.23	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	10.24am Mon	0.54	steady	Below Flood Level
Murrindindi River Above Colwells	4.00am Mon	0.35	steady	
Yea R at Old Killingworth Rd	11.00am Mon	0.63	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	12.00pm Mon	4.48	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	11.00am Mon	0.52	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Trawool	11.00am Mon	2.37	steady	Below Flood Level
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	11.00am Mon	0.34	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Seymour	11.00am Mon	2.48	steady	Below Flood Level
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	11.00am Mon	1.20	steady	

\*ISSUED AT 12:09 PM AEST MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2025

DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra .....	7mm
Buxton.....	N/Amm
Eildon (AWS).....	15mm
Flowerdale.....	12mm
Jamieson.....	38mm
Kinglake.....	17mm
Lake Eildon.....	22mm
Mansfield.....	6mm
Taggerty .....	18mm
Yarek .....	20mm
Yea.....	9mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week.....	276.48m
Capacity as at 9am Monday.....	57.9%
Metres below full supply.....	12.4m
Daily inflow .....	4000ML
Release.....	8500ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....	90.6%

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DEADLINES

Real Estate	Thursday 5pm
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# Murrindindi could be even cooler?

MURRINDINDI Shire Council has released its draft Urban Tree Strategy and is inviting community feedback before the final version is adopted.

The long-term strategy includes a 10 year action plan to guide how council will protect and grow the shire's urban forest to enhance canopy cover, biodiversity and

community wellbeing in the face of climate and development pressures.

Key targets include increasing tree canopy cover in public areas of townships to 40 per cent, filling vacant street tree sites, diversifying tree species to withstand climate adversity, pests and diseases, and embedding sustainable tree management in all council projects.

The strategy is guided by three principles: Growth and Protection, Resilience, and Equity. It seeks to address disparities across townships, where canopy cover currently ranges from 50 per cent in Kinglake to just nine per cent in Eildon.

Council is asking residents to share their views on these principles and the role of trees

in shaping liveable, healthy towns. Feedback is open until Monday, October 13, ahead of the strategy being presented for adoption in November.

Visit council's engagement platform The Loop to read the draft strategy and provide feedback at [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/urbantreestrategy](http://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/urbantreestrategy)

Murrindindi Shire Council's Sustainability and Assets Portfolio Councillor, Sue Carpenter, said, "Our street trees are a vital part of our communities, providing beautiful streetscapes, as well as shade, cooling, and mental health benefits. We want the Urban Tree Strategy to reflect the values of our residents. Your feedback will help us create a greener, more sustainable and naturally cooler Murrindindi for generations to come."

## Roadkill concerns

ANIMALS are an ongoing hazard for drivers in the shire, and it is wise to travel at slower speeds after dark to more easily avoid collisions with wildlife.

If a collision happens, motorists should always call a wildlife carer if a native animal is injured or where there may be a joey in the pouch.

The dead or injured animal should be removed from the road with a high level of caution, where your own safety is prioritised. Two Victorian women were recently killed when tending to an injured animal on the road. Removing the animal from the road removes the hazard for other motorists, and if the animal is still alive, it prevents it from coming to further harm.

If you are unable to remove the animal, then you can report a hazard to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) on 131 170. Please consider other drivers.

But what then? Drivers in Murrindindi Shire may have noticed a large amount of roadkill by the side of highways in recent months, so who's responsibility is it?

When asked about the issue of roadkill, the Department of Transport and Planning said that their top priority is safety, including minimising threats to animals crossing major roads and the impact of wildlife on the safety of drivers.

As part of the DTP routine maintenance program, they said they inspect state-managed roads on a regular basis and notify Wildlife Victoria if an injured animal is found.

Deceased animals on roads can be a hazard to drivers, but can also cause a risk for other predatory wildlife.

When a deceased animal is found and deemed to be a hazard on a state-managed road, the deceased animal will be pulled away to a safe space to remove the hazard for drivers and to allow nature to take course. In some cases, crews will remove the deceased animal from the road entirely.

The department said that they take the health and safety of everyone on our roads very seriously, including crews. Handling deceased animals can be a bio-hazard risk.

On roads that aren't managed by DTP or where animals are on the nature strip, it is the responsibility of the local council.

Anyone who comes across injured native animals on the road network should call Wildlife Victoria on 8400 7300.

To report any hazard on the road network, please contact the DTP's customer service hotline on 131 170.



Staff members from the Yea and District Memorial Hospital set up a marquee in Yea on R U OK? Day, and were keen to chat to anyone seeking information about their services, as well as providing people with a lovely snack. -VG

## Yea man appears in court

A 20 YEAR old Yea man appeared in the Melbourne Magistrate's Court on Tuesday, September 16.

According to the charge sheet, "The accused at Melbourne on Sunday, August 31, did commit violent disorder by being with six or more persons (participants), who were present together using unlawful violence and causing injury to the victims and property damage." This charge is an indictable offence.

The second charge states, "The accused at Melbourne on Sunday, August 31, did commit affray by using unlawful violence." This charge is also an indictable offence.

The third charge, a summary offence, states, "The accused at Melbourne on August 31 did discharge a missile, namely an unknown object, to the danger of any person (unknown person)."

It's understood that the charges relate to an incident at Camp Sovereignty in Kings Domain at around 5pm.

The man was granted bail, and his next court appearance, a committal mention, is scheduled for December 9.



**Alexandra Museum**  
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7 Station Street,  
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[/alexandramuseum](https://www.facebook.com/alexandramuseum)  
 or by contacting 0427 509 988

## CFA urges Victoria to get fire ready

CFA is urging Victorians to Get Fire Ready with more than 500 brigades across the state hosting an event this October to help communities prepare ahead of what's expected to be a challenging fire season.

The Get Fire Ready initiative will kick off on October 4 and 5 and run throughout the month.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said the Get Fire Ready events are designed to inform and educate the community about their local fire risks.

"The seasonal outlook warns parts of Victoria could face an increased fire risk this bushfire season and CFA is getting on the front foot to help communities across Victoria plan and prepare for bushfire season," Jason said.

"Get Fire Ready is about making sure every Victorian understands their fire risk, has a fire plan and knows where to get emergency information."

"More than 500 brigades across Victoria are either holding events at their station, at local community events or within the community."

"Brigades will chat to the community about their local bushfire and grassfire risks, steps they can take to prepare and where to get emergency information from."

CFA is encouraging all Victorians, particularly those in high-risk areas, to attend their local Get Fire Ready event.

Clearing gutters, mowing lawns, trimming branches, knowing where you'll go if a fire breaks out and setting a watch zone in the VicEmergency app can make a real difference in an emergency.

Many of the brigades in Murrindindi Shire are taking part. To find out when your local brigade is taking part visit [cfa.vic.gov.au/getfireready](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/getfireready)



## Draft Urban Tree Strategy

Council is excited to announce our 10-year Urban Tree Strategy. We're aiming for 40% urban canopy cover to create shady towns and boost community wellbeing.

Your input matters! Share your thoughts until 13 October 2025. Help shape the final Strategy, set for adoption in November.

Visit our community engagement website, The Loop at [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/urbantreestrategy](http://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/urbantreestrategy) Scan the QR code, call Council on 5772 0333, or visit one of our Library and Customer Service Centres.



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## CFA volunteers express concerns to Victorian Government

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In response to the concerns, a Victorian Government spokesperson responded,

“Our volunteers go above and beyond to selflessly protect Victorians in an emergency. We will always listen to them and we will always support them.

“We have delivered record funding in recent years for our fire services to ensure they have the resources and equipment they need to protect our communities and keep firefighters safe.

“When it comes to funding our emergency services and frontline workers, the Shadow Minister and the Liberal Party’s only plan is to cut, whether it’s schools, hospitals or our CFAs. This is what they have always done.”

The government is providing \$80 million for 24 new fire stations across Victoria as part of the CFA capital upgrades program, with an additional \$18 million in this year’s budget.

The full survey results can be found at [vfbv.com.au/index.php/component/k2/item/1076-september-2025-newsletter](http://vfbv.com.au/index.php/component/k2/item/1076-september-2025-newsletter)

## Out & About

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### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Alexandra Museum train rides 10am-3.30pm.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Taungurung Native Title decision making meeting to be held at Broadford Town Hall 9.30am to 3pm. RSVP to be registered by September 25 by phoning 0427 480 056. Any questions can be directed to Malyon Law by email to [kristin@malyonlaw.au](mailto:kristin@malyonlaw.au) or phone 0407 157 737. Further details in this weeks classified section.

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### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Menzies invites you to an afternoon gathering to celebrate Senior’s month. Bring a friend, enjoy afternoon tea and a social support information session. RSVP by Monday, September 29 for catering. 5772 1888 or email [social.support@menziessupport.org.au](mailto:social.support@menziessupport.org.au)

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### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Free LEAP community lunch. Help shape a stronger, safer and more resilient Eildon, Rubicon and Thornton. 12.30pm Lake Eildon Hotel, 190 Sugarloaf Road, Eildon. Community bus pickups available from Eildon, Rubicon and Thornton. Visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/leaplunch](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/leaplunch) for more

information. Registrations close Saturday, October 4.

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### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Embassy of Ideas is hosting a whole town garage sale. To register your garage sale email [embassyofideas@gmail.com](mailto:embassyofideas@gmail.com) or scan the QR code in this weeks’ edition of *The Standard*.

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### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

TEDFNC AGM will be held at 11am at the Thornton Sports Club. Everyone welcome. Nominations will be called from the floor, all position will be filled. For enquiries phone 0422 787 132.

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## COMMUNITY DIARY

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5736 0400

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## MONTHLY COMMUNITY GROUPS

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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.

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Minister: Rev. Ruwan Palapathwala  
0458 113 099

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

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0459 402 547  
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Immaculate Conception Parish  
Alexandra, Sunday 8.45am  
Sacred Heart Yea, Sunday 10.45am

### CATHOLIC PARISH OF KINGLAKE

Fr Martin Ashe, Parish Priest  
Ph 9717 6482  
St Mary’s Kinglake: Sunday 8.30am

### SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, YEA

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Sunday Service 10.30am  
Colin Whiteway  
Ph 0457 340 525

### UNITING CHURCH

1st and 3rd Sundays 9am, 1050 Main Road,  
Kinglake West. 9716 2330



*The Yea Men’s Shed group looking very smart in their club uniform. -S*

## Yea Men’s Shed: Building on success

MEN just love to ‘tinker’, have a good yarn, a good joke and clever banter, all good for the soul. The Yea Men’s Shed offers all this and more ‘in spades’ with pride in a job well done, knowing that a job shared also forms strong bonds and mateship.

Its members come from all walks of life and have had careers as farmers, builders, carpenters, electricians, technicians, plumbers, teachers, company directors and many more. They have years of expertise and experience in their fields and life in general.

They have the added bonus of learning news tips and tricks from each other as they tackle a myriad of different projects. They can complete any job as can be seen by the many internal facilities they have already built in the Men’s Shed to make their safe workspace more efficient, with a greater range of activities for their members.

The Men’s Shed welcomes all men to join in their activities. They are well set up for most projects in timber as well as some metalwork including welding, cutting and grinding or you are also welcome to just come in for a chat, enjoy a cuppa, stay for lunch, play a board game or cards, build a model, and make new friends.

The members pride themselves on being an easy-going group where men can just be men. It’s a great way for new and existing men in the community to meet and make new friends and feel a part of the community. There are men who have lost a long-time partner who may be feeling lost or lonely. They can find great like-minded company at the shed.

“A problem shared is a problem halved.” The health and well-being of all members is a priority. The shed men take the time to listen and support each other



*Retired engineer Daryl Callander showing his creative skills as well as using both the carpentry and machine shop equipment at the Yea Men’s Shed to achieve this piece. -S*

when needed. Their overall companionship, sometimes irreverence, and a good dose of ‘bulldust’ is also often just the medicine needed to lift someone’s spirit.

The Yea Men’s Shed is a registered charity whose members love to use their skills to assist those in need in the community. They have made shelving and many other items for groups such as the Yea Library, Friends of the Library Bookshop, Yea Historical Society, Yea Pre-School and many other local organisations.

They have made, repaired or restored furniture and other household items for those in need, including pensioners, single parent families and many others as well as working on their own projects. They are eager to have projects to work on and charge a small fee of \$10 per hour for any work for the community.

Presently, they are a victim of their own success. They have doubled their membership recently and are now at the stage where, if every member should turn up on any day, they may find it extremely difficult to accommodate all. The shed only has six work benches and limited space. They would be very distressed if they had to turn a member away.

The shed has a mezzanine floor with extra space available

to extend the mezzanine floor. Currently the mezzanine floor is used for timber and paint storage. The Yea Men’s Shed committee have approached the Murrindindi Shire Council for permission to install a container to use for that storage in order to free up that valuable workspace. Currently the mezzanine floor is under an unlined roof and is too hot in summer and too cold in winter to be a comfortable and useful work area. With extra space the members would like to set up a dust free area for activities other than woodwork or metal work.

The members have the expertise and skills to line the roof and extend the mezzanine but as the building is owned by the Murrindindi Shire Council, they need permission and permits from the council. The committee has been working closely with council staff over several months to achieve this.

The Yea Men’s Shed was originally funded by council, grant funding and volunteer work and has, up to date, been completely set-up internally by members with grants, the shed’s own fund-raising and their own skills.

All men are welcome at the Yea Men’s Shed which can be found in the Pioneer Reserve. It is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 3pm.





Foundation Murrindindi and Quiz for a Cause donors in Kinglake presenting a cheque to Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House to support local food relief initiatives. Geoff Rowe (Foundation Murrindindi), Darren Cooper (Kinglake Pub), Hendrika Jooste (Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House), Birchy (Antique Perennials), Christian (Songbird Café) and Andrew (Antique Perennials). -S

# Foundation Murrindindi supporting local food relief

FOUNDATION Murrindindi has announced that proceeds from its recent Quiz for a Cause Trivia Night fundraiser have now been distributed to community houses and food relief initiatives across Murrindindi Shire.

These funds will provide direct support to local organisations working on the front line of food relief by providing free food pantries, hampers, fresh produce, community gardens and community meals.

The recipients include Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House, Yea Flowerdale Community House, Yea

Community House, Embassy of Ideas, St Matthews Church in Eildon and Yea Presbyterian Church. All of these food relief initiatives are self-funded and receive minimal financial assistance.

Chair of Foundation Murrindindi, Melinda Burgess, said, "We know that too many families in Murrindindi Shire are struggling to put food on the table. By working together with local food relief organisations and community houses, we can make sure that support reaches those who need it most. The funds raised at our recent Quiz for a Cause event will go directly to organisations who are making a real difference in people's lives."

Foundation Murrindindi thanks all community members, businesses, and volunteers who supported our trivia night event and helped raise much-needed funds.

With the ongoing cost of living crisis, we are seeing first hand the increase in demand on food relief programs across Murrindindi Shire. Foundation Murrindindi is taking an active role in addressing this urgent community need. In addition to supporting multiple local food relief efforts and coordinating our own Murrindindi Community Food Share program, Foundation Murrindindi is providing practical action to help strengthen community partnerships and collective impact to address food insecurity within Murrindindi Shire.

With the assistance of grant funding from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing,

Foundation Murrindindi is proud to initiate the formation of the Murrindindi Food Relief Network.

The network is a collective force of community organisations which aims to work together to support local food relief providers and help make food relief more equitable, accessible, reliable and sustainable in Murrindindi Shire.

The network provides a platform for members to share learnings, explore collaborations and partnerships to improve food security together in our local community. The Murrindindi Food Relief Network has recently launched the Murrindindi Community Food Resource Directory, a practical tool to help people in Murrindindi Shire know where to access no-cost or low-cost food services when they need them most.

"It is great to have a list of current up to date food relief information that covers the whole of Murrindindi Shire," Hendrika Jooste, Operations Coordinator at Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House said.

"This is a valuable resource that is accessible online or we can print out copies and give to people in our community so that they know there are multiple options for accessing nutritious, affordable and fresh food locally. This empowers community to support their own needs."

To view the Community Food Resource Directory online or to access a PDF printable version, visit [foundationmurrindindi.org.au/our-projects/murrindindi-food-relief-network/](http://foundationmurrindindi.org.au/our-projects/murrindindi-food-relief-network/)



Members of the Murrindindi Food Relief Network that has recently been established, Rebekah Grant (Flowerdale Community House), Sasha Barrow (Foundation Murrindindi), Sue Sedelies (Alexandra Community Hub), Hendrika Jooste (Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House), Natalie Fulford (Yea Community House) and Carlie Underhill (Yea Community House). -S



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## Student of the Week

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## Motorists urged to take breaks during holiday travel

THE Transport Accident Commission (TAC) is urging motorists to avoid driving tired these school holidays, as the number of lives lost on the state's roads continues to climb.

TAC CEO Tracey Slatter recently reminded Victorians to plan ahead before taking to the road during the holiday period, which starts next week.

So far this year, 211 lives have been lost on Victorian roads, which is nine more than the same time last year, with 112 of those fatalities happening on regional roads.

The TAC is reminding motorists to slow down, take breaks, avoid driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, wear a seatbelt and put their phone away. There will be a particular focus on tired driving as Victorians plan road trips across the state to make the most of warmer spring weather.

Driving tired is a factor in an estimated 16 to 20 per cent of all fatal crashes in Victoria, and accounts for approximately 25 per cent of road trauma injuries at The Alfred and Royal Melbourne hospitals.

Recent TAC research revealed that 60 per cent of people admitted to driving while 'quite tired', while 21 per cent admitted to driving 'very tired' to the point where they struggled to keep their eyes open. Falling asleep behind the wheel for just four seconds while travelling at 100km/h means a car will travel 111 metres without control. That's about the same as 24 car lengths.

To avoid driving tired, motorists should ensure they get a good night's sleep before starting their journey, allow plenty of travel time, plan a break from the road every two hours, avoid distractions and swap drivers if possible.

"Fatigue is a major contributor to road trauma, particularly when people are travelling long distances on regional roads," Ms Slatter said.

"We encourage drivers to take a break from the road every two hours, share the driving where possible, and slow down and enjoy the drive. Getting to your destination later than planned is better than not arriving at all," she said.

To help travellers reach their destinations safely, the TAC is extending its Pause Stop Program into 15 Visitor Information Centres through its renewed partnership with the Victoria Tourism Industry Council. These centres provide motorists with a range of resources to plan a safe journey and activities to entertain the kids, while also encouraging motorists to enjoy the local attractions each region has to offer.

The TAC facilitates training of Visitor Information Services employees to become effective front-line community ambassadors and deliver Pause Stop initiative messages to the community.

"Visitor Information Centres play a vital role in supporting safe and enjoyable travel across Victoria," Victoria Tourism Industry Council CEO Lisa Patroni said.

"Clearly signposted along major highways, these centres offer valuable resources for motorists, including children's activity packs and local travel advice, encouraging drivers to take regular breaks and explore the best our regions have to offer," she said.

Visit [tac.vic.gov.au/road-safety/pausestop](http://tac.vic.gov.au/road-safety/pausestop) for more information on Pause Stop and Driver Reviver locations.



## Enjoy the outdoors safely these school holidays

THE spring school holidays are the perfect time to get back into the great outdoors, and Ambulance Victoria (AV) is urging community members to plan ahead and know the risks so they stay safe.

Many Victorians will be dusting off their camping and hiking gear as the weather warms up and AV Manager Emergency Management Kathryn Haden said it's crucial to be well prepared for your adventure and to know how to get help in case something goes wrong.

"This time of year is a great chance to enjoy activities like hiking, mountain bike riding, 4WDing or camping, but it's important people know their abilities and take preparation seriously," Kathryn said.

"Make sure you're dressed appropriately for the conditions and bring enough supplies, including water, food, sunscreen, a torch, basic first aid equipment and warmer layers in case you're out for longer than expected.

"Research where you're going and make sure your planned trip is suitable for your level of fitness and experience.

"Most importantly, always tell someone where you're going and when you plan to return."

Kathryn said Victorians should consider learning basic first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as emergencies can happen anywhere and at any time.

"If you're heading somewhere new, look up the nearest urgent care clinic, doctors' clinic or pharmacy beforehand, so you can visit these services if you or someone else is injured or becomes unwell, but it's not an emergency," she said.

"From a safe, sheltered location such as a campsite, you could also access the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED) via video call, for free urgent medical assessment and advice, without needing to travel anywhere."

As the weather warms up, more Victorians will also head to waterways across the state which present additional safety risks.

"Getting in trouble while swimming in a river, lake or dam isn't the only danger. A lot of our call outs to inland waterways are where people have unintentionally found themselves in a body of water from slips and falls or boating accidents," Kathryn said.

"Whenever you're near water, it's important to be alert and to actively and constantly supervise children."

Kathryn said it's easy to become lost or disorientated in bushland, especially in unpredictable weather conditions, so it's critical to be able to call Triple Zero (000) in case of an emergency.

"Before you head out, download the EmergencyPlus app, which has a range of features to help you call for help and accurately tell a call-taker where you are, even in remote or unfamiliar environments," she said.

"The app uses your phone's GPS function to identify your address, latitude and longitude coordinates, as well as your 'What3Words' location, which is three words that emergency services can use to narrow your exact location down to three square metres.

"You may also consider taking a personal locator beacon (PLB) which, when activated, sends an emergency signal via satellite to emergency services."

Kathryn also encouraged community members to check the VicEmergency app or website for incidents and warnings in the area you're visiting.

## Reminder to register burn-offs online

WITH Victorians across the state preparing their property for fire season, emergency services are urging landowners to register their burn-offs online, through the Fire Permits Victoria website.

Spring is a common time for landowners to take advantage of the favourable weather conditions to conduct burning off activities, however in most areas in Victoria, less than 50 per cent are registering their burn-offs online, with many unnecessarily waiting on hold to register over the phone.

The quickest and easiest way to register your burn-off is by using the Fire Permits Victoria website at [firepermits.vic.gov.au/notify](http://firepermits.vic.gov.au/notify)

In some areas where the highest number of burn-offs are registered each year, such as Healesville, Olinda and Mt Evelyn in the Yarra Ranges, and Kyneton and Woodend in the Macedon Ranges, as many as 60 per cent of registrations are by phone, leading to longer wait times during busy periods.

Triple Zero Victoria Chief Operating Officer Nicole Ashworth said registering burn-offs online was fast, easy and allowed call-takers to focus on higher priority calls.

"Spring is the ideal time to prepare your property ahead of the fire danger period, which makes it one of the busiest times for people registering their burn-offs by phone," Nicole said.

"That's why we always urge landowners to plan ahead and save themselves some time by jumping onto the Fire Permits Victoria website and registering well in advance, especially when suitable weather conditions are forecast."

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said the Fire Permits Victoria website is the preferred platform for community members to register their burns.

"By registering your burn-off, it allows emergency services to verify the fire is not an emergency before unnecessarily calling out local brigades," Jason said.

"It also allows us to display burn-offs on the CFA website so the public can see where a burn-off is taking place, preventing needless calls to Triple Zero (000).

"Over the past year, CFA responded to nearly 900 escaped burn-offs, which utilised around 19,000 hours of our volunteers' time. Please don't leave your burn-off unattended and only burn-off when conditions are favourable."

The website allows you to notify emergency services of your burn-off, and also check and apply for a permit, if necessary.

However, if your burn is taking place within the next two hours, you must register your burn via the phone line on 1800 668 511.

For more information about burning off safely, visit [cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff)





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# Local firefighters honoured for Black Summer Fire response



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# Lake Eildon at 58 per cent capacity

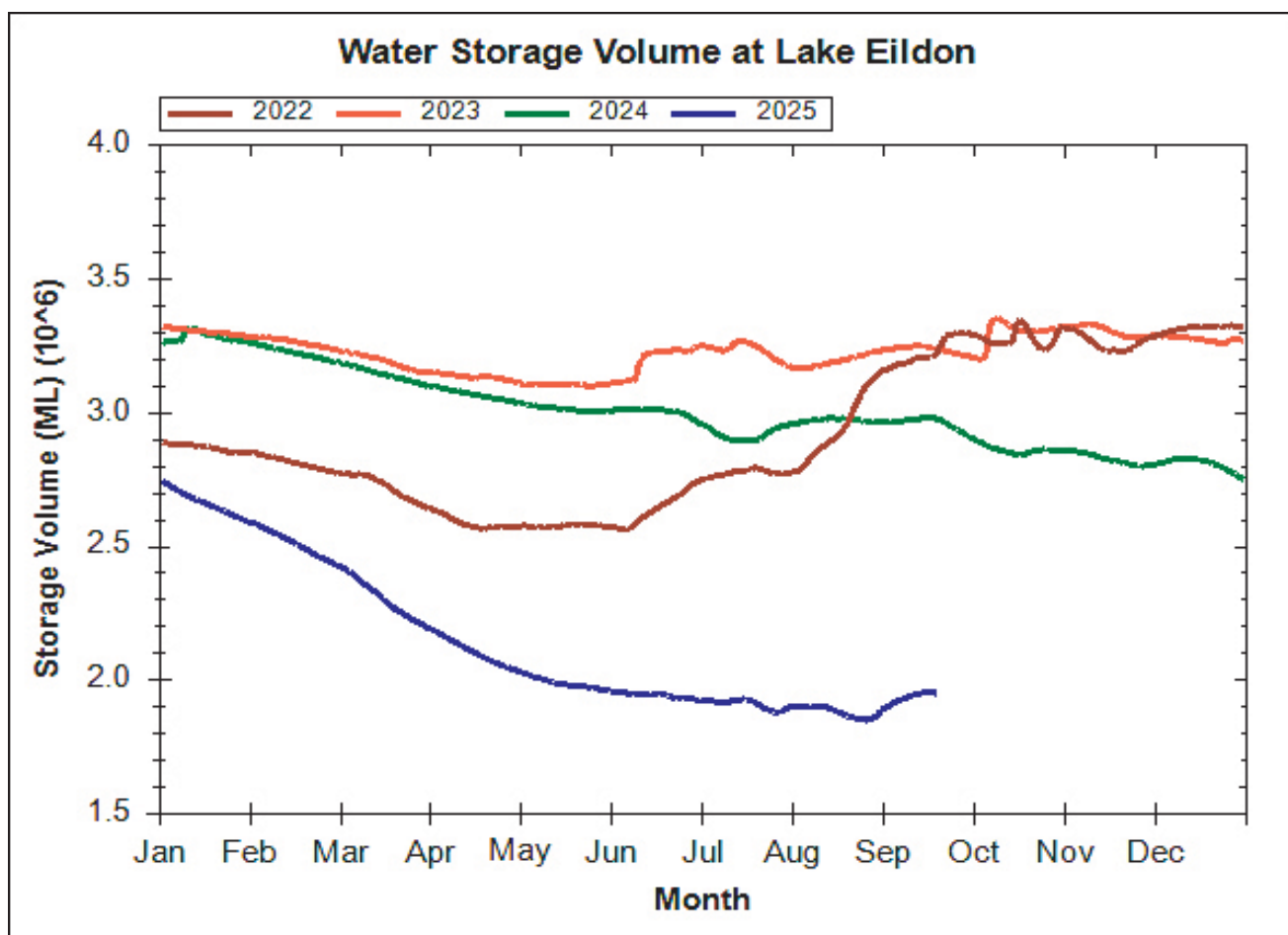
IN recent months, Lake Eildon's water levels have become a source of concern for local communities, environmental managers, and recreational users.

As of mid-September 2025, Lake Eildon is sitting at just 58 per cent full. For a lake that can hold more than 3.3 million megalitres when full, this represents a substantial drop. It's also a noticeable shift compared to the same period in previous years, where levels were commonly well above 80 per cent, and in wetter years, close to spilling.

This year's decline is not entirely unexpected, but the trend is worrying. The region has experienced a prolonged dry spell, with rainfall well below average across the catchment area.

At the same time, irrigation demand remains high. Farms and downstream users depend on Lake Eildon to sustain agriculture and meet water rights allocations. These releases, though essential, place further strain on the storage. Seasonal drawdowns for ecological flows and environmental river health also add to the cumulative outflow.

The implications of low water levels are far-reaching. For irrigators, this could mean reduced allocations in the next farming season. Already, water agencies are tempering expectations. If the dry pattern continues, restrictions may be inevitable.



Lake Eildon's storage level on September 18. -S

For the environment, lower volumes can compromise aquatic ecosystems, water quality, and the health of rivers and wetlands downstream. Warmer months could exacerbate evaporation, algal blooms, and oxygen depletion, all potentially detrimental to fish and wildlife.

Goulburn-Murray Water, the body responsible for managing Lake Eildon, continues to monitor the situation closely. Balancing the needs of agriculture, recreation, flood management, and ecological sustainability is no easy task. Their current strategy hinges on careful

regulation of releases and contingency planning in case conditions worsen.

Whether or not Lake Eildon rebounds in the coming months depends largely on rainfall. While forecasts for spring remain mixed, many are hoping for a return to wetter conditions that can

recharge catchments and ease the current pressure.

When asked about the issue, Goulburn-Murray Water River Operations Manager Andrew Shields said, "Low inflows to Lake Eildon and high demand for water has contributed to water levels at the storage falling from close

to 100 per cent of capacity in January 2024 to the current 58 per cent.

"Due to these lower water levels and inflows, water entitlement holders in the Goulburn system currently have a 47 per cent seasonal determination.

"Goulburn-Murray Water will continue to meet our water supply obligations for customers.

"As customers request water to be delivered, we will release the water to meet those commitments."

The Resource Manager makes seasonal determinations for all northern Victorian regulated river systems including the Goulburn. Every season, entitlement holders receive a percentage of those shares. The percentage depends on seasonal conditions and the volume of water held in the storage that is available to distribute. This is called a seasonal determination. Seasonal determinations are updated on the first and 15th of every month or the next business day, until the seasonal determination reaches 100 per cent for high-reliability water shares.

These updates occur regularly to ensure that any improvements that might come from rainfall and water flowing into the storages can be distributed to entitlement holders as early as possible.

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# Australian beef exports at record-breaking levels

A COMBINATION of stronger global beef markets, favourable seasonal conditions in key Australian beef-producing regions and higher local cattle inventory is supporting record-breaking production volumes, according to a new research report by agribusiness banking specialist RaboBank.

In its quarter three 2025 Global Beef Quarterly, the bank's RaboResearch division says second quarter Australian cattle slaughter numbers were up 10 per cent year-on-year (YOY) and with heavier carcass weights, this meant production volumes were up 11 per cent YOY for the quarter, setting a new record.

June was a new record volume for Australian beef exports at 134,596 tonnes shipped weight (swt), but volumes in July jumped a further 11 per cent to 150,435 tonnes swt; the highest monthly volume ever recorded.

Report lead author, RaboResearch senior animal proteins analyst Angus Gidley-Baird said export volumes for the year to the end of July were up 17 per cent, with volumes to the US up 23 per cent, China up 43 per cent and South Korea up nine per cent. Japan was one of the few markets with a contraction, down 14 per cent.

"Given current Australian cattle inventory and seasonal conditions, we believe production volumes will continue at current levels, allowing exports to maintain their strong volumes," Mr Gidley-Baird said.

Mr Gidley-Baird also said the Australian market waits to see the impact of additional US tariffs on Brazil and whether that reduces Brazilian exports to the US and results in increased demand for Australian product.

## Global outlook

The Rabobank report said geopolitics and seasonal conditions are shaping global beef trade flows.

"Global cattle prices keep rising as global production volumes are contracting," Mr Gidley-Baird said.

"Imports from Brazil into the US were up 107 per cent compared to last year in the first half of 2025, but higher tariffs will have a material impact on the trade between Brazil and the US," he said.

"In Europe, the tight market is also attracting higher imports."

## Global prices

Global cattle prices all continued their rise through quarter two, the report said.

"Northern hemisphere countries continue to stand out at record prices," Mr Gidley-Baird said.

"But prices in the US and Canada moderated in July, suggesting some of the heat is going out of the market."

Meanwhile, he said, prices in southern hemisphere countries continue to increase.

"The reduced volumes of beef in the North American market, plus what appears to be a slight improvement in the Chinese market have generated stronger demand for southern hemisphere beef suppliers. This demand is now flowing through to cattle prices."

## Production contracting

Led by contractions in Europe, New Zealand and US, global beef production continued

to decline into quarter two, with total volumes down in the first half of the year, Mr Gidley-Baird said.

"Australia and China have increased production in the first half of the year, compared to 2024," he said.

"RaboResearch analysts believe that production is likely to continue following these trends with an overall contraction of two per cent expected for 2025."

## US tariffs and Brazil's beef trade

Mr Gidley-Baird said the latest round of US tariffs included an additional 40 per cent on the already existing 10 per cent and 26.4 per cent on Brazilian beef imports.

"Brazil supplied a record volume of beef into the US in the first half of 2025 and RaboResearch believes this additional tariff will have a material impact on the trade between Brazil and the US," he said.

"But nearly a month after the US began applying further import tariffs on Brazilian beef, shipments to the US have remained relatively stable even after the tariffs have taken effect."

"Projections of rising live cattle prices in Brazil for the second half of the year may explain the current appetite from American importers for Brazilian beef, but RaboResearch believes the volume the US imports from Brazil may drop an estimated

10,000 tonnes to 15,000 tonnes per month as we progress through the remainder of the year."

## Changes in cuts

Mr Gidley-Baird said the main challenge with declining volumes to the US lies in operational adjustments at processing plants.

"Consumers in Brazil prefer hindquarter cuts, making the export markets a valuable outlet for processors. The US is Brazil's largest buyer of trimmings, and redirecting this volume to other markets would require changes in how cuts are processed," he said.

"Markets like China, the Middle East and Egypt have historically been major importers of forequarter cuts from Brazil."

## NFF welcomes 2035 climate target with a warning

THE National Farmers' Federation (NFF) has acknowledged the 2035 climate target and the Agriculture and Land Sector Plan, announced by the Prime Minister, Treasurer and Minister for Climate Change and Energy last week.

NFF Interim Chief Executive Su McCluskey said climate action is vital, and agriculture is already actively contributing.

"It's encouraging to see our nation collectively striving for solutions with this 62 to 70 per cent range target," Ms McCluskey said.

"While the NFF supports an economy wide aspiration of net zero by 2050, it cannot be net zero for agriculture."

"If we don't get climate policy right, farming will only get harder. Quite simply, we cannot compromise our food and fibre security."

The simultaneous release of the Agriculture and Land Sector Plan sets a pathway for agriculture's engagement with Australia's Net Zero Plan, to transition to net zero by 2050.

The sector plan recognises Australian producers are "global leaders in low-emissions food and fibre production", supports a balance between agriculture, carbon storage and nature repair, and states decarbonisation must benefit farmers and regional communities. The NFF supports these principles.

"Food and fibre security must come first, and it is reassuring to see this recognition has been embedded in the sector plan. Productive farmland should not be sacrificed to offset emissions from other industries," Ms McCluskey said.

"We will review the six sector plans to understand the practical pathways that can be achieved to meet those ambitions."

"Right now, agricultural land is under pressure. Farmers have little say in transmission lines tracking across arable land, while demands are increasing from renewable proponents and carbon only revegetation projects."

"Ag is already the forefront of emissions reduction, having cut its net-greenhouse gas emissions significantly since 2005."

"Farmers are being led by science and innovation to tap into animal genetics that focus on low-carbon outcomes, advances in feed additives, and methane-mitigating pastures."

"We are committed to working with our members and the government to ensure agriculture remains at the forefront of smart, practical climate policy."

## Farmers say rates notices a preview Fire Services Tax pain

AS local government rates notices hit letterboxes across the state, farmers are highlighting the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Tax (ESVF) now hitting the pockets of Victorian homeowners.

Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) President Brett Hosking said the mounting outrage is adding more weight to calls to scrap massive increases in the tax.

"People are opening their rates notices to reveal this new cash grab by the state government."

"If you're a homeowner, take a moment to consider that a farmer would be forced to pay 166 per cent of what you're paying for a property of the same value."

"The lunacy is if I'm a homeowner and my neighbour's house catches fire, people call

000. As a farmer and volunteer firefighter, if my neighbour has a fire, they call us. Through the CFA we are the fire department and we'll be slugged this backward tax for the privilege," Mr Hosking said.

The VFF has warned that the tax could exacerbate existing financial pressures on farming families, who already shoulder the cost of maintaining firebreaks, equipment, and volunteer firefighting commitments.

"It's not just a tax, it's a fundamental misunderstanding of who is already paying and protecting the community."

"There is absolutely no support for this tax... Not from the fire services, not from local councils and overwhelmingly not from farmers and regional communities," Mr Hosking said.

## Universal mobile obligation must deliver for rural Australia

THE Federal Government has released draft legislation for the Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation (UOMO), alongside its long-awaited response to the 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review.

National Farmers' Federation Telecommunications Committee Chair Peter Thompson said connectivity is essential to the productivity, sustainability and liveability of Australia's farms and rural communities.

"Australian agriculture is constantly chasing productivity gains. Yet, persistent coverage gaps and unreliable service continue to plague the bush," Mr Thompson said.

"The record number of submissions to the review shows just how fed up farmers are. The status quo isn't good enough. We need real change."

The NFF acknowledges the government's investment in rural connectivity to date and sees strong potential in the Uomo initiative.

"UOMO must guarantee reliable and affordable connectivity. It is vital to the safety and productivity of regional communities," Mr Thompson said.

The NFF welcomes its recognition of invaluable services like the Regional Tech Hub and also supports the government's pursuit of tougher penalties for telcos that fail to meet obligations.

However, the government's response stops short of committing to urgent and ambitious recommendations from the Review.

"Farmers were hoping for firm commitments, especially on mobile roaming during emergencies. When it comes to safety, we can't afford delays."

"With Uomo now positioned as the centrepiece of the government's regional connectivity agenda, the pressure to deliver tangible improvements for rural Australians could not be higher."

"The government has put its chips on Uomo, now it must deliver. Farmers will hold them to account and we will be watching closely."



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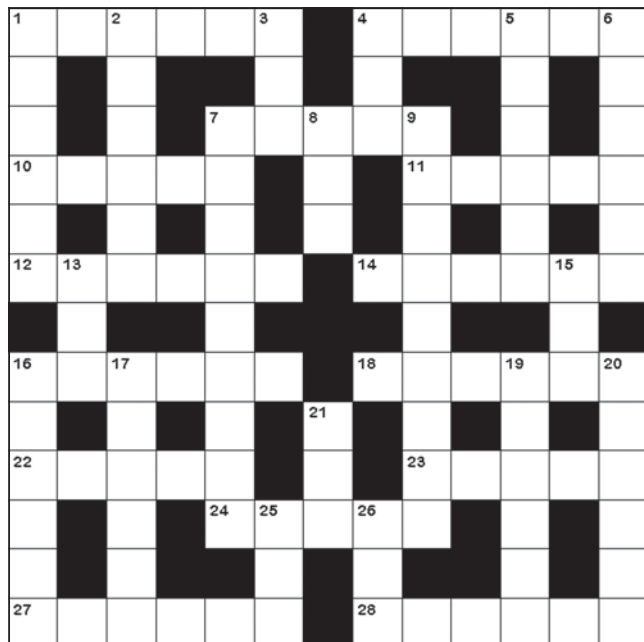
# PUZZLES

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## Crossword

### ACROSS

1. A journey taken for pleasure not business.
4. Let an offence pass without punishment.
7. Designated for a certain purpose.
10. Lacking experience of life.
11. Not secret or hidden.
12. Present as a gift to a fund or cause.
14. Defeated in a competition.
16. A systematic way of doing something.
18. Moral stories with animals as characters.
22. Slender and moving with ease and grace.
23. A single seat with back support.
24. Talk in a monotonous voice.
27. An area where rabbits live in burrows.
28. The father or mother of a child.



### DOWN

1. Become a member of a group.
2. People under a single government.
3. One of the digits of the foot.
4. A humorous play on words.
5. Think over and arrange things in your mind.
6. Profited after all deductions were made.
7. Made reference to.
8. Direct a weapon towards.
9. Willingness to respect the beliefs of others.
13. A lyric poem of some length.
15. The organ of sight.
16. Slightly and pleasantly intoxicated.
17. The range of one's endurance.
19. Held legally responsible.
20. Uncompromising in discipline or judgment.
21. The fifth sign of the zodiac.
25. Compete in a foot race.
26. A soft or fuzzy surface texture.

## Word Search

D A L I Z W Y M N E C O M S E  
Q P T J P N O D R O G U X O Z  
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The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 9.  
Each number is only used once.  
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Each column is a math equation.  
Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

## Cryptogram

### Holiday destinations

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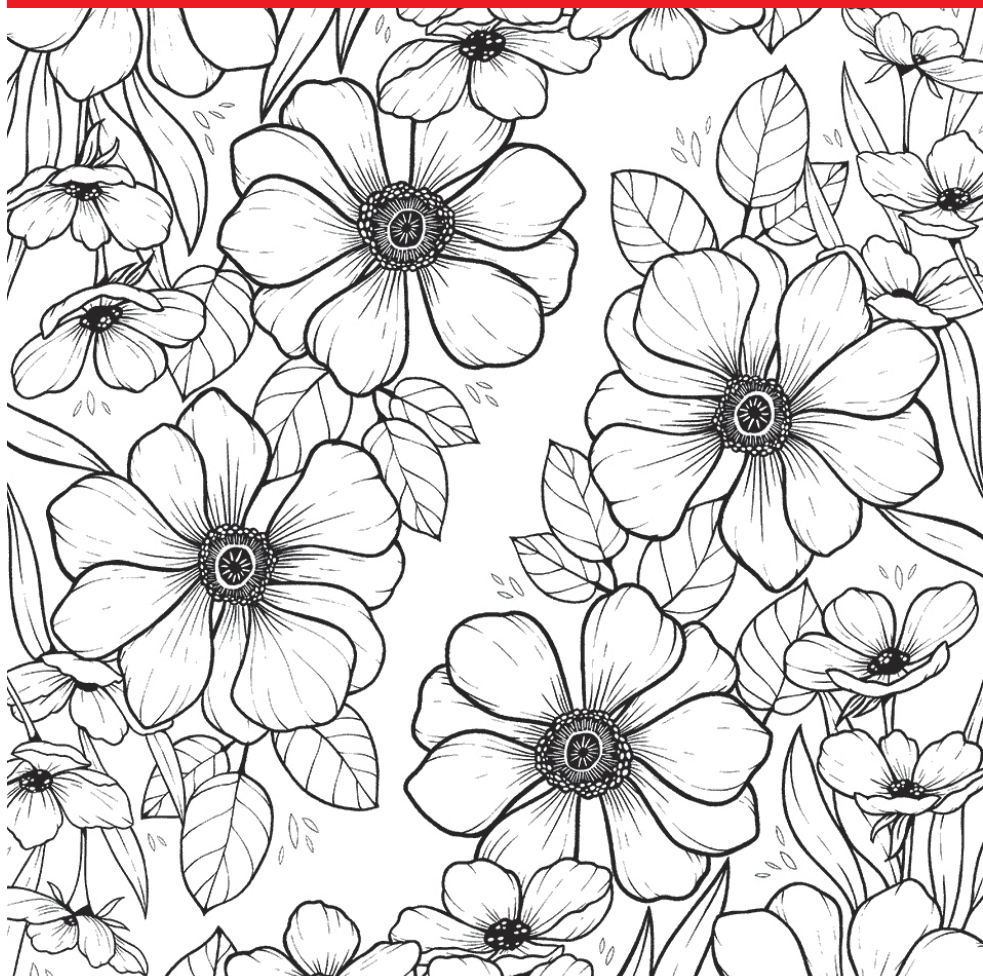
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Fill in the boxes using the numbers 1 to 9.  
Every row and column and every group of 9 boxes inside the thicker lines must contain each number and letter only once.

# KID'S PUZZLES

## Colouring Page



## Word Search

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Lachlan Clarke, Manager Statewide Wildlife Advisory Services at the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) said: "Most snake bites occur when people try to capture or kill them.

"The most effective way to stay safe is to simply leave them alone. This includes keeping pets on leads in areas where snakes are known to occur," he said.

Remember: Keep your yard tidy, clear away clutter like timber piles and rocks; supervise pets, keep dogs on a lead and watch pets

closely in high-risk areas; if you suspect a bite, seek immediate veterinary care; dress for the occasion, when out walking, wear long pants and proper shoes; and don't try to catch or harm a snake. Call a licensed snake catcher instead. In the case of a bite, call 000 immediately.

Snakes are protected under the *Wildlife Act 1975*, and capturing, harming, or killing them is illegal.

You can report wildlife crime to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000. For more information contact DEECA on 136 186.

For essential snake bite first aid information, visit [stjohnvic.com.au/news/snake-bite-first-aid-tips/](http://stjohnvic.com.au/news/snake-bite-first-aid-tips/)

Police Remembrance Day

NATIONAL Police Remembrance Day and Blue Ribbon Day are held on Monday, September 29, with commemoration services to be held around Victoria and across the country. The nearest local service will be held in Seymour.

Police Remembrance Day and Blue Ribbon Day are particularly poignant this

year, with the recent deaths of two police members in Porepunkah.

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**TEDFNC Annual  
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**11am  
Sunday, October 26  
Thornton Sports Club**

All welcome to attend. All positions will be declared vacant. Anyone wishing to nominate for a committee position please express interest by Friday, October 24 by emailing [tedfnc@outlook.com](mailto:tedfnc@outlook.com). If no nominations received prior, nominations will be called from the floor. All positions will be filled. Any questions, please call us on 0422 787 132.

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A devoted and much loved father to Jessica and Rebecca — truly the best girl dad.

Cherished grandad to Chevy, Aston, Reme, Aleeya, Baylee and Linkyn.

Beloved and dear friend of Lynne and the late Bruce Luckman.

His kindness, humor and steady presence touched all who knew him. A gentle soul who will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Private cremation.

**FLINTROP, (Jones) Katie.** 15/10/1977 - 11/09/2025. Dearly loved niece of George (dec) and Helen. Loved cousin of Jason, Joanne, Paul and Sarah. Katie, your brave and courageous lifelong battle has now ended. You can now rest peacefully in the loving arms of your beloved mother, Shirley.

**O'CONNELL, Tony.** It is with great sadness of the passing of our good friend and neighbour Tony O'Connell on September 16. Our thoughts and love go to Robyn and his family. RIP Tony. Lyn and Graham.

### DEATH NOTICES

**RIDD (OAM), Leslie (Les) John.**

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Les Ridd on September 20, 2025, aged 81 years.

Loving and devoted husband of Margaret.

Much loved father to Darren, Matt and Kathryn, father in law to Rebecca, Kelly and Luke. Adored and proud grandfather to Alexander, Georgia and Ari.

Les was a pillar of support for his family and an inspiration to all, making exceptional contributions to his community.

Your courage and strength are truly admirable.

Forever in our hearts.

**RIDD, Les.** In loving memory of the Mayor of Molesworth who ran the Easter clearing sale for many years for the benefit of CFA and local organisations. He will be sadly missed by all. Joyce, David FitzRoy and family.

### FUNERAL NOTICES

**RIDD (OAM), Leslie (Les) John.**

A service to celebrate the life of Leslie 'Les' John Ridd will be held at the Alexandra Shire Hall, 55 Grant Street, Alexandra, on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 1pm.

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# Another successful Yea Garden Expo



Annie buying some beautiful metal flowers. -AR



Yea Rotary President Darryl King decorated his hat for the occasion. -AR



Tippy Anderson at her jewellery stall. -AR



Darren Gilbert and Bec Bowles. -AR



Jill and Lauren selling items from the Yea Pottery Studio. -AR



A huge variety of plants were on offer. -AR



Few people went home empty-handed from the event. -AR



Vader enjoying a day out at the Yea Garden Expo. -AR



Melinda Jackson selling books at the Yea Garden Club stall. -AR





Randy waits to see Ben's backhand return -S

# Round nine squash results

by Kristelle Leary

## Monday competition

### Australorps versus Silkies

JORDAN versus Lochlan: Lochlan gave it a good crack, but Jordan was on fire hitting some really powerful shots. Jordan for the win. 88 to 49.

Sally (fill in) versus Liane: Quite an interesting match. While Liane won two games and drew the third, she surprisingly still lost on points as Sally got away from her in the second game, winning game two with a strong lead that helped her claim the match. 59 to 54.

Chris versus Justin: Justin started strongly and built up a good lead in the first two games.

Chris came back to take the next two but not by enough. Good serving from Justin made the difference and assisted in his victory. 67 to 59.

John versus Michael H: The match was split in half. Michael won the first half while John won the second. Being the latter, John was trying to claw back the win but couldn't quite make it. The win went to Michael. 61 to 56.

Daniel K versus Michael M: Daniel would have been expecting to coast along while his opponent got annihilated. However, Michael played a few lucky shots that made the first game competitive until Daniel pulled away and built a lead. The pin-point pastor then tormented Michael with shots that stuck in the corners. The last game went bonkers when Michael took advantage of some very slight chances and took a 13-12 win in the final game. It was a small win but a big loss. 61 to 39.

### Whippets versus Dachshunds

BEN H versus Randy: Evenly matched it was a close contest. Ben had held it together through to the end of the third game, with only a four-point difference. With a sudden burst of energy and as if it was his only mission in life, Randy dominated the final game, taking it 28-7. The final game made all the difference with Randy triumphant. 76 to 51.

Beth versus James (fill in): There were some amazing rallies. James had some big serves and returns. Beth had great touch shots, particularly on her back hand side. Winning all four games, James was victorious.

Lucas (fill in) versus Sam (fill in): A brilliant battle. Sam won games one, two and three and had his eye on taking a clean sweep. But Lucas fought hard to draw the final game. Sam was the winner. 66 to 57.

Phil versus Justin (fill in): After two games the scores were even. Upping his efforts in game three Justin had Phil doing laps of the court trying to keep up. Justin won games three, four and the match. 68 to 56.

### Leghorns versus Isa Browns

ERIC D versus Tyler: Eric started strong, then Tyler came back and was way out in front. But then, Eric made a comeback in the last game, but it was sadly too late, and Tyler claimed the match. 65 to 61.

Jordan (fill in) versus Ethan: They had a good hit together. Ethan played well, but Jordan was too strong for him. 61 to 43.

Ben F versus Jared: An awesome match with lots of long rallies and power hitting. Ben stole a few extra points in the beginning and held onto them to win the match. 57 to 53.

### Golden Retrievers versus Labradors

MATTHEW versus Eric F: It was a close match. Matthew stayed consistent in the first half. Claiming the third game Eric kept the pressure on but only managed to take the one game. Despite this, Eric won the match on points. 55 to 50.

Kristelle versus Jess: Claiming the first game, Jess was in for the win. Raising her game Kristelle wasn't one to go down without a fight. Kristelle won the next three games and the match. 65 to 56.

## Anti Cancer Golf day

by Alan Pell

LAST Saturday saw us raise \$439 for the Anti Cancer Day with 24 participants. Winners of the two person ambrose were Mic Spagnolo and Rick Wills with nett 62.5 including five birdies. Second were Zach/Alan Pell with nett 65.25 and third were Andrew Bond/Kevin Coghlan with nett 66.25. Andrew Bohn was nearest the pin on the 14th.

Last Wednesday was also a men's two person ambrose with Mic Spagnolo teaming up with Anthony La Grutta to post nett 67 for the win. Second were Zach Pell/Phil Armstrong with nett 68.5. Greg Clements was nearest the pin on the 14th and Neil Peterson and Gavin Houldcroft won the club award.

A reminder of Vets at Eildon Thursday and our Annual Bruce Kindred Cup Stableford, four ball best ball on Friday 9am for 9:30 shotgun start. Wear your footy colours and bring a plate please.



A misty morning at Yea Golf Club. -S

## Alexandra Junior Soccer Club concludes 2025 program

ALEXANDRA Junior Soccer Club had its final day for the 2025 program on Saturday, September 13 at Leckie park Alexandra. The feature of the day was the traditional parents versus children game.

The club had another successful year due to the efforts of the committee consisting of Jake Armstrong, Laura Johnston, Michael Mawson, Barb McKimmie and still hanging in there Larry Kelly as registration officer.

The on-field lead coaches, Laura and Barb, made sure that the activities ran

smoothly with parents always willing to give a hand in setting up the playing areas and packing away at the end.. A special thanks to the keen barbecue team of the Woodward family for their efforts in organising the regular barbecues during the program.

A highlight for this year's program was the re-instigation of an away game involving the Mansfield program which was well attended by the local group.



The parents versus children's game played by Alexandra Junior Soccer Club to round out their 2025 program. -S

Travelling in from across the area from Flowerdale to Eildon, 28 children signed up for the program. Not able to make it each week an average number attending was around 15 children per session.

A special mention to Samuel Mawson, Owen Williamson, and Alisha Fitri with the highest recorded attendance of 14 weeks achieved for the program.



# The Chronicle Sport

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Terip runner up in the clubhouse, Frances Lawrence, Cindy Hayes and Jenny Martin. -S



Grand finalists pre match Cindy, Frances, Jenny, Marlene, Robyn, Danielle, Judy, Phoebe, and Sue. -S



The 2025 Premiers Moglonemby. -S



2025 Runners up Terip tenacious and gracious. -S

## Terip Terip defeated by Moglonemby in grand final

by Deb Mims, Judy Sands, and Rhonda Carpenter

GLORIOUS sunshine, gusty warm winds, and a crowd of spectators set the scene for an exciting EDLWTA grand final in Euroa last Monday.

What a show Moglonemby and Terip Terip put on. Both teams came out firing, showing everyone why they deserved to be there.

Terip's Cindy Hayes, Frances Lawrence, Phoebe Macdermid, and Jenny Martin played for an eighth consecutive premiership while Moglonemby made their very first grand final appearance after finishing fourth on the ladder and defeating top side Euroa in the semifinal.

Moglonemby's Judy Sands, Marlene Hanrahan, Sue Vaughan and Danielle Scottis,

a first timer to the competition, built on their strong season peaking at the right time.

The match was played in a great spirit, at times with swirly winds challenging, as balls suddenly dropped in when you were sure they would float out. Every player gave their all and there were amazing shots and fantastic gets.

Cindy and Frances took the first set in a tiebreak from Judy and Marlene. As usual the spectators played every point with 'Oohs' and 'Aahs' accompanying the rallies.

Beside them Terip's Phoebe and Jenny battled hard against Sue and Danielle, but were unable to overcome their opponent's consistency, going down four to eight.

After two more lengthy sets and games dead level, 26 games each, the spectators found it hard to follow both match ups in the final sets. Knowing the score was even harder.

When Marlene and Sue took their final set eight to five against Frances and Phoebe the pressure built, and all the attention went to the last set between Cindy and Jenny, and Judy and Danielle.

At four to seven down, Judy and Danielle knew they had to reach five games for a draw and despite nerves from every player, no one buckled. Incredibly the pair did that, and encouraged by support from teammates, Lisa and Robyn, and family members, Danielle's husband Neil, Judy's sister Chris, and mother Margaret, hustled for two more games to force another tiebreaker.

Terip took the breaker, and the sets were split three all, but the comeback queens of Moglonemby had won the match by those two games.

After a fantastic day of tennis, Moglonemby 3/41 had defeated Terip Terip 3/39 for their first premiership.

Everyone retired to the clubhouse for a well-deserved cuppa and a bite to eat. President Deb Mims presented the prizes and Premiership Flag after thanking everyone for the season and players helping out other teams, so no one had to forfeit.

Newcomer to the comp, Kass Thomas from Mansfield, who played as a fill in throughout the season, was recognised for her contribution filling in for seven of the nine teams. Well done Kass and thank you from all those teams you helped get on the court. Thanks too for your fabulous photos across the journey.

As season 2025 ends we all head towards our summer season eager for what the 2026 season may bring.