

The Yea Chronicle

92 High Street, Yea. PO Box 5, Alexandra Vic. 3714

With which is incorporated The Yea Telegraph, The Yea Telephone and Upper Goulburn Advocate

Ph: (03) 5797 2468 or (03) 5772 1002; Fax: (03) 5797 2257; Email: reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au Your community newspaper since 1885 Wednesday, August 2, 2023 \$2.00 inc. GST

Most trusted news source in the Murrindindi Shire since 1890

murrindindibusiness.com.au



Sacred Heart Primary School's prep students celebrated 100 days of school, wearing bright coloured clothes, doing sequences of 100 with different foods, and making fruit loop necklaces as well as playing some older style games on the basketball court.

New kinders a step closer for shire

THE Victorian Government is bringing 19 more kinders to life in growing areas of Victoria, with action set to occur in Murrindindi Shire.

Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes announced Murrindindi Shire Council has been successful with a \$148,586 Building Blocks Planning Grant for kindergarten service providers to plan, design and carry-out pre-construction work on kindergarten building projects in Alexandra and Yea.

Planning funding supports a wide range of vital pre-construction activity like project management, architecture and design planning, soil testing, environmental sustainability assessments and feasibility studies to ensure the best for the local community.

Helping prepare for and construct new early childhood infrastructure is a part of the state government's rollout of free three and four year old kinder.

Local councils and kindergarten service providers can apply for grants in the Building Blocks Capacity Building and Planning streams, so they can better plan for and meet demand for kindergarten as Victoria grows.

Applications for Building Blocks Planning grants of up to \$150,000 are now accepted year-round.

The Building Blocks grants program also offers significantly increased Capacity Building grants of up to \$4.5 million for new integrated children's centres, \$4 million for new early learning centres and \$1 million for expansion projects, helping to build the new and expanded kinders Victoria's littlest learners need, right across the state.

Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes said, "These grants will help eligible organisations in Murrindindi Shire plan projects that increase access to kindergarten for local families, and provide the funding to deliver the projects as the community grows."

Regional youths eligible for \$5000 vehicle grant

YOUNG people across regional Victoria will be given the opportunity to swap their older cars for a safer vehicle thanks to the Victorian Government's Unsafe2safe program.

Expressions of interest are now open for young drivers aged 18 to 25 to receive a \$5000 subsidy towards buying a safer vehicle as part of the program.

The trial aims to replace 1000 older vehicles that are over 16 years old for more modern vehicles that have safety features to help prevent crashes, such as Lane Keep Assist and Autonomous Emergency Braking systems.

Young drivers are at the greatest risk of being involved in a crash in their first years of solo driving and young regional Victorians driving older cars

are 15 times more likely to be killed in crashes compared with the state average.

Of the 84 drivers who have died on Victorian roads this year, 14 were between 18 and 25 years old.

The program is part of Victoria's Road Safety Action Plan under the Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030, which focuses on groups

that are over-represented in road trauma.

Participants who complete the Vehicle Safety Basics course through the VicRoads e-learning portal will be given priority access to the program.

Expressions of interest close on August 27. For more information on eligibility and to apply, visit engage.vic.gov.au/unsafe2safe

McLeish calls for pothole issue to be addressed

MEMBER for Eildon, Cindy McLeish said that road maintenance continues to fall short across the electorate, in particular on the Melba Highway, Maroondah Highway and Goulburn Valley Highway, which are in an appalling condition. Despite the Melba Highway receiving repairs late last year, the road surface is already suffering.

"I have been contacted by many drivers who have hit deep potholes on the Melba Highway, blown tyres, busted rims and are now up for thousands of dollars in repairs," she said.

"It is not uncommon to see cars pulled over on the side of the road, changing blown tyres or waiting for assistance."

Speaking in parliament prior to the King's Birthday long weekend, Ms McLeish called on the Minister for Roads and Road Safety to fix the Melba Highway and to let the community know when they can expect repairs to occur.

Ms McLeish said that the minister didn't acknowledge or address the Melba Highway in her response, instead insisting roads are assessed on a regular basis and a Road Management Plan is followed to keep roads in good condition.

Ms McLeish continued, "There has been a lot of rain and the road conditions, because it was not repaired properly, are just continuing to get worse and worse."

Given the state of the roads and safety risk to drivers, Ms McLeish has started a Parliament e-petition to have the Melba Highway, Goulburn Valley Highway and Maroondah Highway between Yarra Glen and Mansfield repaired. To sign the e-petition, visit parliament.vic.gov.au/view-sign-e-petitions-assembly/details/55/151

A link can also be found on Ms McLeish's Facebook and Instagram pages / CindyMcLeishMP. The e-petition will close on August 30.

Ms McLeish said that the government "needs to have a look at regional roads and support the regional electorates."

She said that the state government reduced the road asset management budget by 25 per cent in this year's state budget and road maintenance funding from \$702.2 million to just \$441.6 million in the last year. This is despite a horror year on our roads and a 35 per cent increase in lives lost.



Cindy McLeish on the Melba Highway. -S




LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

can now be submitted via email to editorial@alexandranewspapers.com.au or mail to PO Box 5 Alexandra 3714. or drop them into the Alexandra office.

Letters must be 300 words or less.

We will not publish defamatory letters, or content which is offensive, threatening or containing personal attacks. Submitted letters may be edited before going to print. All letters must contain writers name, address and contact number. (not necessarily for publication). Letters without these details supplied cannot not be published. Deadline for Letters to the Editor is 9am Monday.



Like us on
Facebook





The Yea Chronicle **Standard**

Independently owned and operated and in no way associated
with any other media outlet in the Murrindindi Shire

CONTACT DETAILS

92 High Street Yea
PO Box 5, Alexandra 3714
Telephone: 5797 2468 Fax: 5772 1603
Hours: 10am-2pm Wednesday and Friday

CLASSIFIEDS AND COMMERCIAL PRINTING:
reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

MANAGER AND ACCOUNTS: Karen Morrison
manager@alexandranewspapers.com.au
accounts@alexandranewspapers.com.au

ADVERTISING: 1sales@alexandranewspapers.com.au

EDITOR: Anne Richey
editorial@alexandranewspapers.com.au
journalist@alexandranewspapers.com.au

SPORTS EDITOR:
sports@alexandranewspapers.com.au

PUBLISHERS

ALEXANDRA
NEWSPAPERS

The logo for Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd features a stylized, colorful graphic of a newspaper or a folded piece of paper with a rainbow-like gradient, positioned to the right of the company name.

Pty Ltd

Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd 43 Grant
Street, Alexandra Victoria 3714. Material
published in this edition is subject to
copyright provisions, and cannot be
used without the company's permission.
Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd accepts
no responsibility for the unauthorised
replication of such material.
Print Post Approved - PP 100000292

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

WEEKLY

Thu Town Club, RSL Hall, 6-8pm. Ph 5797 2179
Sun AA Anglican Church, Alexandra 7pm PH 1300 222 222
Sun Alanon Recovery Anglican Church, Alexandra 5.30pm.

MONTHLY

MONTHLY MEETINGS	
1 st Mon	St Lukes Seniors St Lukes Church Ph 0407 972 099
1 st Thu	Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057
2 nd Sat	Alex Repair Café 1-3pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801
2 nd Wed	Molesworth Crafty Critters, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
2 nd Thu	Yea Garden Club Yea RSL Hall 1.30pm Ph 0439 870 315
4 th Wed	Molesworth Crafty Critters, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
4 th Thu	Yea CWA Yea RSL Hall, 1.30pm Ph 0458 808 603
Last Fri	Yea-Kinklake RSL, 11.30am RSL Hall, Ph 5796 9353



For a \$5 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.

 Letters to the Editor

COVID-19 vaccinations

BY the first year of COVID-19 vaccinations there were an estimated 20 million lives saved worldwide from COVID-19, which could be extrapolated to 60,000 Australians saved. Most, but not all, of those saved are elderly and/or with medical conditions, and by reducing the number of infections we do ourselves and those others a favour.

As of 2022 Australia reported 14 deaths directly linked to the vaccinations, generally due to clots from the Astra Zeneca brand (not used now). To date there have been over 60 million vaccination doses given in Australia. The risks of death are significantly higher from driving, some common medications and other activities we do, but the chances of mishaps are small enough that we are undaunted.

Dr Lachlan Fraser, Alexandra

Vaccination data

DEAR Madeleine, what an interesting letter. From the data you quote I see that there were around 4000 hospital admissions for an average of two days for side effects from vaccinations of any kind. If we assume all vaccine related admissions were due to COVID-19 vaccines then that's about one admission for every 2000 vaccinations, or 500 admissions per million population.

In 2021 the unvaccinated mortality from COVID-19 was between 100 and 350 persons per million population. I would be much happier being admitted with vaccine side effects for a couple of days rather than dying because I was unvaccinated. Thank you so much for making this clear for me to understand.

*Name and address supplied but withheld
by request*

The History Of Yea
The New Catholic School at Yea puts the children through their first drill in September 1923



1923

THEIR FIRST DRILL.

Over 50 scholars are already in attendance at the new Catholic school in Yea.

*Memories are timeless
treasures of the heart.*



2023

Sacred Heart Primary School students recreated a 100 year old photo of their school, taking the same poses. Congratulations to the school on their 100 year anniversary. -S

RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	10.00am Mon	2.44	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	10.00am Mon	0.73	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	9.20am Mon	1.01	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	10.00am Mon	0.29	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	4.18am Mon	0.67	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	8.24am Mon	1.16	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	10.00am Mon	4.71	rising	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	10.00am Mon	0.67	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	10.00am Mon	2.65	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	10.00am Mon	0.35	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	10.00am Mon	2.75	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	8.32am Mon	1.30	steady	


****ISSUED AT 10.15AM ON MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023****



THUMBS UP: This will be the fourth consecutive time Linda Burney has been mentioned in this paper, third time in Thumbs Up Thumbs Down and the first time it's been Thumbs Up.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down is a reader's contribution section of Alexandra Newspapers. Send your Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down to editorial@alexandranewspapers.com.au


Contributions will be edited and/or published at the Editor's discretion. We request that this section not be used as a slander attack on persons, businesses or property



Weekly Weather















August 2-August 9, 2023

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication



Alexandra

Yea

DAY	LOW	HIGH		DAY	LOW	HIGH	
Wednesday	4	16		Wednesday	4	16	
Thursday	7	18		Thursday	6	18	
Friday	7	14		Friday	7	14	
Saturday	4	12		Saturday	4	12	
Sunday	3	13		Sunday	3	13	
Monday	4	14		Monday	3	14	
Tuesday	3	14		Tuesday	3	14	

THE ALEXANDRIA STANDARD-NEWSVILLE

Standard

The Yea Chronicle

DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra.....	N/Amm
Buxton.....	6mm
Eildon (AWS).....	10mm
Flowerdale.....	7mm
Kinglake.....	6mm
Lake Eildon.....	9mm
Jamieson.....	14mm
Taggerty.....	9mm
Yarck.....	5mm
Yea.....	5mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week.....	287.68m
Capacity as at 9am Monday.....	95.1%
Metres below full supply.....	1.22m
Daily inflow.....	3400ML
Release.....	6500ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....	72%

The Nea Chronicle

DEADLINES

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

If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the office on 5772 1002 or reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

We thank you for your continued support



Murrindindi Shire CEO Livia Bonazzi, Mayor John Walsh, Raymond, Inderjit, Richard, Claire, Christel, Terence, Sirikarn, Narinpat, and Paul. -AR

New citizens welcomed

NINE people became Australian citizens at a ceremony conducted at the Alexandra Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 25.

Mayor John Walsh officiated at the event, welcoming the attendees and paying respects to the Taungurung people. On the table, there were images of King Charles and the Australian Coat of Arms, along with small Australian, Taungurung and Torres Strait Islander flags.

He discussed cultural connection, diversity and freedom of speech in Australia, and noted that half of all Australians have a parent who was born overseas.

He quoted The Hon. Andrew Giles MP, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, saying, "We are privileged to share this beautiful country with the world's oldest continuing culture. This is a fundamental part of who we are. For more than 60,000 years First Nations peoples have cared for country. Appreciating and understanding this truth, is a vital part of what it means to be Australian."

"Australians are united by our shared commitment to democracy and the rule of law, and to freedom of speech, religion and association. Our diversity is our greatest strength, and we prosper by embracing this. We believe in a society in which everyone is equal, regardless of their gender, faith, sexual orientation, age, ability, race, national or ethnic origin. Ours is the land of the fair go, in which respect and compassion underpin our care for each other and our willingness to reach out to those around us in times of need. By becoming an Australian citizen, you make a commitment to these values, and to contribute to our evolving Australian story."

During the ceremony, Raymond, Inderjit, Richard, Claire, Christel, Terence, Sirikarn, Narinpat, and Paul pledged their loyalty to Australia, its people and its democratic beliefs and to uphold and obey the laws of Australia and respect the rights and liberties of its people.

Grow Well Dindi helping children to be healthy

GROW Well Dindi has returned, hosting a workshop for community leaders looking into what helps and what hinders children to have healthy lives.

In 2019, the RESPOND program saw Murrindindi Shire hosting a series of workshops, with the aim of improving healthy eating and active living opportunities for children across the region.

As a consequence, RESPOND was rebranded by the Murrindindi Community into Grow Well Dindi.

On Thursday, July 27 community leaders attended the first of two workshops and were asked to contribute their

knowledge towards helping the children grow healthy across Murrindindi.

The aim is to share health information for children across the region and identify opportunities relevant to Yea and surrounding towns to improve children's healthy eating and active living.

The first and second workshops are being delivered specifically to stakeholder and community leaders. The third workshop will include community members and establish working groups to bring the learnings to fruition.

Some of the hindrances to healthy eating and active lives were determined to be: the lack of public transport which

prevents children without other transport options from being able to access sporting clubs and other places to be active; screen time, where children spend the majority of their time sedentary on devices rather than moving around, either inside or out; and time-poor parents who lack the capacity to prepare nutritious meals.

In terms of what helps, the ability to engage in sports was important, as was access to fresh fruit and vegetables, and role models who set an example of what a healthy active life looks like, that is, you can be what you can see.

The third workshop, where the whole community is invited, will be publicised to ensure the maximum attendance possible.

"The whole community will be invited so we're going to have a bit of a social media campaign, we're going to do a little bit of a letterbox drop and we'll have posters printed and put up around the community," said Hailey Docking, Health Promotion Officer at Yea and District Memorial Hospital and member of the Grow Well Dindi team.

"We are hoping to establish probably one or two working groups of the leaders and community members, and will then work with them to implement the ideas identified by the community," Hailey said.



Hailey Docking facilitating discussion at the Grow Well Dindi community leaders workshop. S



The Grow Well Dindi Team: Chris, Lucy, Hailey, Melissa and Mon at the workshop. S



ALL HOURS
 • Alexandra • Yea
 • Eildon • Marysville
 and districts

Offering a caring and professional service throughout the the Murrindindi Shire
A LOCAL, WHO KNOWS LOCAL NEEDS

Garnet Bailey 0417 346 214
 Chris Walsh 0407 194 037

McCORMACK FUNERALS

Inc. BAMFORDS Murrindindi
 21 Johnston Street, Alexandra

1800 080 909

Andrew, Robyn and Brooke

Murrindindi Chapel and Funeral Home

Caring & Professional 24 hour service, all areas

Obligation free appointments

Pre-paid, pre-arranged,
 personalised funeral and memorial services

www.mccormackfunerals.com.au



Get your building plans printed with us

A2 Black & White	\$2 per copy
A2 Colour	\$5 per copy
A1 Black & White	\$5 per copy
A1 Colour	\$8 per copy

Alexandra Newspapers
 P.O. Box 5, Alexandra, 3714
 43 Grant Street, Alexandra
 Ph 5772 1002 Fax 5772 1603
 Email: reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

GET YOUR **POSTERS** PRINTED WITH US

A2 Colour \$30 per copy
 (594mmx420mm)

A1 Colour \$40 per copy
 (594mmx841mm)

235gsm gloss photo paper

PLEASE NOTE: files must be supplied in high resolution eg: 300dpi

Alexandra Newspapers
 P.O. Box 5, Alexandra, 3714
 43 Grant Street, Alexandra
 Phone 5772 1002 | Fax 5772 1603
 reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au



Darren Gilbert open studio

A unique studio experience where both art & sculpture are set in the historic Yea Butter Factory building.

Sat. 5th and Sun. 6th August 2023.

10.00am to 4.00pm each day

Yea Butter Factory
 13 Rattray Street, Yea. VIC. 3717.

Open every first weekend of the month.

Up to date Open Studio days & times on
www.monkeytaildesign.com

William Matthews Funerals



45 Cavehill Rd, Lilydale

24 HOUR SERVICE ALL AREAS
 BY THE MATTHEWS FAMILY

Pre Paid Funerals N.F.D.A Member

Large Chapel with after service facilities for refreshments

Before you decide call
 Bill, Narelle, Beau or Melanie
 Matthews

9739 6868

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*.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Book now for Sass & Secrets at Yarck Hall. Dinner and show or just enjoy the show. BYO drinks. Online booking at *trybooking.com.au/CISXY*. For full details contact 0467 413 767.

Darren Gilbert Open Studio 10am-4pm daily Saturday and Sunday at the Yea Butter Factory.

The Yea Chronicle

Available from these retail outlets

Alexandra Newspapers

Alexandra Newsagency

Alexandra FoodWorks

BP Endeavour Service Station Yea

Bucks Country Bakehouse Yarck

Eildon Newsagency

Glenburn United

Hazeldene Store

Mansfield Newsagency

Merton General Store

Metro Narby

Seymour Newsagency

Whittlesea Newsagency

Yarck Meat and Produce

Yea FoodWorks

Yea Newsagency





This week's Church Services

ST PETER'S MEMORIAL ANGLICAN CHURCH

Cnr Bald Spur/Whittlesea Kinglake Rds, Kinglake.

Sunday Services, 8.30am Communion.

Minister: Rev. Ruwan Palapathwala

0458 113 099

ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH OF YEA

Sunday Service time

11am

Father Mario Hendricks Ph: 0437 937 433

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ALEXANDRA AND YEA

Parish Priest, Father Jose Mathew

0459 402 547

St Matthews Eildon, Saturday 5pm

Immaculate Conception Parish

Alexandra, Sunday 8.45am

Sacred Heart Yea, Sunday 10.45am

CATHOLIC PARISH OF KINGLAKE

Fr Martin Ashe, Parish Priest Ph 9717 6482

St Mary's Kinglake: Sunday 8.30am

SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, YEA

Station Street Yea

Colin Whiteway Ph 0419 351 267 / 5799 1295

Sunday Service 11.15am

UNITING CHURCH

1st and 3rd Sundays 9am, 1050 Main Road,

Kinglake West. 9716 2330

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

Yea & District Historical Society Inc AGM will be held at 2pm at Yea Shire Hall supper room. New members welcome.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

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

Friends of the Library Yea will hold their AGM at 2pm at the Yea Council Chambers. All bookshop volunteers are invited to attend and new members are welcome.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Eildon Events Inc will hold their AGM at Morning Mist, Back Eildon Road at 10.30am.

For further details contact 0400 715 319.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Eildon Action Inc will hold their AGM at Eildon VIC. Everyone is welcome. Nominations can be submitted on the night.

Homewood Hall will hold their AGM at the hall at 6.30pm. All welcome.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

2030Yea Community Energy is hosting two more presentations in the Renewable Future for Yea series. Doors open at 6pm for 6.30 start. Yea Wetlands. Bookings can be made at *events.humanitix.com/2030yea-presentations*. Further details on page seven of *The Yea Chronicle*.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

UGFM will hold their AGM via Zoom at 7.30pm. For a meeting link or to nominate for committee contact *info@ugfm.org* or phone 5772 2722.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Goulburn Fishing Festival 2023. Free event at Eildon. 10am-4pm. Lions Park, Riverside Drive. Live music, market stalls, Snobs Creek Hatchery tours, Vic Fish Kids clinics and more. Fireworks at 7pm. *yfa.vid.gov.au/goulburnfishfest*

All new Victorian homes to be all-electric

THE Victorian Government has made the decision to phase out gas in new homes. It was noted in the announcement that the cost of gas is rising across the world, and there is uncertainty around supply.

From January 1, 2024, planning permits for new homes and residential subdivisions will only connect to all electric networks. These changes will apply to all new homes requiring a planning permit, including new public and social housing delivered by Homes Victoria.

It was stated that going all-electric can be delivered at no extra cost to the buyer and will take around \$1000 per year off household energy bills, or up to \$2200 for households that also have solar installed.

All new public buildings that haven't reached design stage will also be all-electric. This includes new schools, hospitals, police stations and other government-owned buildings.

Victoria has the highest use of residential gas in Australia, with around 80 per cent of homes connected. The gas sector contributes about 17 per cent of the state's emissions, and the move to electric systems is a key element of meeting Victoria's nation leading emissions reduction targets of 75 to 80 per cent by 2035 and net zero by 2045.

In 2022, a reform removed the requirements for gas connections for new homes.

The government is investing \$10 million in a new Residential Electrification Grants program. Grants will be available to volume home builders, developers and others to provide bulk rebates for solar panels, solar hot water and heat pumps to new home buyers up front. This will mean new home buyers will save \$4600 before they even move in and will remove double handling of installations, saving buyers money and hassle.

To help prepare for the transition, the government is also investing \$1 million in targeted training to ensure the construction industry is supported in the transition to all electric and seven star homes. This builds on Solar Victoria's \$11 million training and workforce development package that will upskill plumbers and electricians to take advantage of the renewable energy revolution.

Victorian plumbers and electricians will be the key to delivering this critical transition, so the government is upskilling the plumbing and electrical workforce to ensure they have right skills to take advantage of this growing industry.

The government is providing a \$3 million package including free training for 1000 plumbers and apprentices to design and install energy efficient heat pumps and solar hot water systems, and free training for 400 electricians and fourth-year apprentices to safely design and install rooftop solar and home battery systems.

To make it easier to go all-electric, eligible new home builders, as well as existing homeowners and renters, can access the Solar Homes program, offering \$1400 solar panel rebates and interest free loans of \$8800 for household batteries.

All Victorian households and businesses are also eligible for the VEU gas to electric rebates to upgrade heating and cooling and hot water heaters.

The government will work closely with industry including gas appliance manufacturers, the building and construction sector, local government, trade unions and consumer organisations to manage business, workforce and consumer impacts and support the sector in the transition.

Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio said, "Reducing our reliance on gas is critical to meeting our ambitious emission reduction target of net zero by 2045 and getting more Victorians on more efficient electric appliances which will save them money on their bills."

The Liberals were unimpressed with the decision, saying Victorians will pay higher energy bills and have fewer choices as a result of the new gas ban. They said that the announcement comes as Victorian households and businesses are being hit by electricity price increases of up to 25 per cent.

They further claim that the ban will drive up demand for electricity at a time when the government has failed to assure future electricity generation capacity for Victoria, with the government's SEC having no funding partners and no planned projects.

Shadow Treasurer, Brad Rowswell, said, "This ban on gas will only add to the growing cost of living pressures for Victorian workers, families and businesses at a time they can least afford it.

"It's been done with little warning and is more evidence of policy on the run by a desperate government that will do anything to avoid scrutiny of its gross financial mismanagement.

"We need a sensible transition, not panic decisions that restrict choice and lead to higher energy prices."

Master Plumbers has also expressed concern about the announcement to refuse planning permits for new homes and residential subdivisions which want to connect to gas from January 1, 2024, saying it was made without consultation and is short on details.

Master Plumbers CEO Peter Daly said, "Plumbing businesses design, install and maintain the critical infrastructure which Victorians rely on to safely and securely go about their daily lives. For the government to drop an announcement like this without any substantive consultation is disappointing but unfortunately not surprising given previous changes to regulation of the industry which proved to be unworkable."

Planning reforms on the table

PREMIER Daniel Andrews announced on Thursday, July 27, "The IBAC report's 34 recommendations will be given appropriate consideration, but it is the clear position of the Government that the role of local councils in significant planning decisions should be reduced and we will have more to say on this matter."

He also stated, that the Victorian Government acknowledges the Independent Broad-Based Anti-Corruption Commission's (IBAC) Operation Sandon report tabled on the same day.

He added, "What went on at the City of Casey was completely unacceptable and the government sacked the council in 2020. However, it is clear from the report that more work must be done.

"The Government has already implemented the toughest political donation laws in Australia. Our reforms have drastically reduced the size of donations, and make sure Victorians know who makes and receives them in real time. These reforms are currently the subject of a legislated periodic review and the government looks forward to receiving that report."

Millions of dollars waiting to be claimed

VICTORIAN have been encouraged to go online to find out if they are among thousands of people with a claim on a pool of unclaimed money topping \$109 million.

The State Revenue Office (SRO) holds records of money that remain unclaimed after 12 months including refunds, rents and bonds, share dividends, salaries and wages, debentures, interest and proceeds from sales. The majority of entitlements have been held by the SRO for less than 10 years.

Across the state, there are some 678,000 entitlements waiting to be claimed. In Murrindindi, a shared of \$159,720 is ready to be shared among 1355 claimants.

In addition to unclaimed money, the SRO also holds all Tattersalls, Intralot and Tabcorp prizes, as well as TAB winnings, that have remained unclaimed for six months or more. The highest unclaimed gaming entitlement is \$2,136,327 from Tattersalls which was received in March 2016. To claim these winnings, you must supply your original ticket.

All Victorian businesses and trustees holding \$20 or more in unclaimed money are reminded they must record and keep the money for at least 12 months, then lodge it with the SRO. Lodgements can be made via the SRO website.

To search for unclaimed money, visit *sro.vic.gov.au/unclaimedmoney*

You will need your name or company name, and the address that you believe the unclaimed money lodging organisation would have had on file.

Sawdust and bulldust at the Yea Men's Shed

AT the Yea Men's Shed "the coffee pot is always on and there are no expectations," long-time member Gary said when the *Yea Chronicle* dropped in for a visit last week.

Founded around 20 years ago, the aim was to provide a community not-for-profit workshop and a meeting place for local men.

The shed is a place where skills are shared between members, giving them an opportunity to further their crafts and hobbies, and where camaraderie and fellowship can be found.

It also aims to maintain the physical, mental and emotional health of members. It reduces the social isolation that can occur

in rural communities through mateship, mentoring and support.

"We're famous for sawdust and bulldust," quipped Gary, a former sales executive, but he also acknowledged the serious side of what happens at the Men's Shed. "A man can come here and know that he will be surrounded by mates who have his back. It's a brotherhood," he said.

The shed enables members to become involved in various community projects, where the men make or mend items for non-member individuals and local groups and organisations. They can also work on projects of their own devising.

Almost all the members of the Yea Men's Shed are retired, and they come from many walks of life, from policemen to tradesmen, farmers to accountants. They range in age from 60s into the 90s.

"We pride ourselves on our diverse backgrounds. It adds to the colour because around the table there is lots of ideas and experience, which is especially valuable to new people in the community," Gary said.

The shed accept projects on commission from charities, community groups and locals who may need their skills but do not have the resources to afford them in the marketplace. They charge a nominal fee, dependent on what is required.

The shed won't take work away from local businesses, but will help those who are unable to afford assistance otherwise. Often the jobs they do are for widows of former members, or disabled or elderly people who no longer have the capacity to do manual tasks.

The Yea Men's Shed may not be the biggest of its kind, but it is increasingly popular, with a membership that has doubled over the last six months. Luckily, not everyone comes all at once most of the time, because the work space gets pretty crowded when that happens.

And not everyone wants to saw, hammer or nail their days away. They've had members who liked to play scrabble, another who took to an easel and paint, and yet others who come just for the chat.

"Just come because you want to, not because you're told to," Gary said.



Yea Men's shed are planning ahead, making wooden Christmas trees that will be decorated and placed around town during the festive season. Alan is pictured with one of the trees. - RS



Gary with a wooden box made on commission to protect audio mixing equipment. - RS



Clamped up bespoke table top and the machine they devised to make it with. - RS



Ron and Alan working on one of the trees they're making for Christmas. - RS

Pick up your copy from The
Alexandra Standard or Yea Chronicle
office or we can post it to you
\$22 + postage

Ph 5772 1002 or email reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

- A journey of -

150 YEARS

from The Alexandra Times
to The Alexandra Standard
(A collection of articles)

Compiled and published by Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd 2020.

Student of the Week

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



YEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to week two Values Awards winners Hudson, Ava, Bridie, Blake and Nate.
Well done superstars.

Student of the Week

Proudly supported by
Kinglake branch



Zoey and Leo immersed in a game of Connect 4. - RS



Leaders and participants of Buds and Blossoms. - RS

Blossoms hoping to see more Buds

THE Buds and Blossoms program at Rosebank in Yea has just turned 19 and they're on the look out for more Buds to join in the fun.

Buds and Blossoms is an interactive early learning program held at Rosebank Extended Care facility in Yea.

Every Thursday morning during school term, children from babies to pre-schoolers attend the centre for nigh on an hour of stories, songs and games.

Facilitator Joy Anderson, who is a retired early learning specialist teacher, said the residents and children love Buds and Blossoms and she loves seeing them enjoying themselves.

"The smiles, laughter and connections made during the session bring joy to all concerned, and it is wonderful to see the growth and development of social and early literacy skills in the children as the year progresses," Joy said.

"The residents become our friends and they, with the children and their families, look forward to meeting each week and enjoying the activities," said Joy.

Numbers have dropped off recently, and while it runs no matter how many children attend, they would love to add some new Buds to the group.

"There's no fee, no need to RSVP and you just come when you can," said Joy

The program runs on Thursday mornings from 11 to 11:45am.

For more information contact Joy Anderson on 0477 482 504



Buds and Blossoms facilitator Joy Anderson reads a story to her enthralled Buds. -RS



Four generations. Ashleigh Lincoln brings her son Josh all the way from Ferntree Gully. Her mother Janine Lincoln works at Rosebank and Janine's father John Munn is a resident. -RS



Bernie loves to join in the fun at Buds and Blossoms. - RS

Murrindindi representatives appear before federal Standing Committee

MURRINDINDI Shire Council made a presentation to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport on Monday, July 17.

The committee included Member for Indi Dr Helen Haines, with presentations being made by Vito Albicini and Peter Baines for Murrindindi, and Melissa Crane and Ari Croxford-Demasi for Mansfield. Lorna Fyfe made a private presentation.

The Murrindindi presentation started with Mr Albicini speaking about the small shire's population and large geographic area. Council manages 710km of unsealed roads and 492 kilometres of sealed roads, as well as 29 bridges. He also noted that the shire tends to get a lot of flash flooding, with roads and bridges washing away. He noted that there is a vulnerable water line in the road network.

He pointed out that the community satisfaction in the council-managed road network is declining. As a result, "We're realising there are greater expectations of our road network to be in a better state than they are now. We really do need federal funding support in a regular pattern to help us," Mr Albicini said, highlighting the infrastructure damage from fires, floods and wind damage.

The October 2022 floods resulted in up to \$35 million worth of damage, "and we're still counting. 200km of the arterial road network was affected as well as 13 bridges and 27 culverts. Fifteen major roads were impacted as well," he said, pointing out the trauma in the community as the result of such natural disasters.

He said that Murrindindi ranks as one of the highest areas for road fatalities in the region and has the highest number of crashes in the area. There have been three road fatalities already this year, one on a sealed road and two on unsealed roads, and all were visitors. About 75 per cent of all fatalities and serious injuries are visitors.

"We need to do something about our road network to make it safe and functional for our community," he said, adding that the roads need to be resilient.

The shire's pothole repairs "basically tripled" over the last couple of years, with many roads deteriorating.

He said, "The council has invested a lot of money this year to try to bring our unmade roads up to a reasonable standard, but that's at the sufferance of the rest of this infrastructure. Our renewal needs around about \$9 million a year. The council can only afford about \$8.5 million from rates to fund renewal needs. The rest comes from funding sources or reserves. We're struggling to keep our infrastructure to base levels of services.

"One avenue we think that could be looked at is a fuel excise. The federal government gets fuel excise to fund roads, but, surprisingly enough, councils actually manage about 80 per cent of the road network across the whole of Australia. I'm not sure that we get the same proportion of funding."

He told the committee, "We really need your help to provide a funding stream not just to fix it but to improve the infrastructure to make it more resilient. The only way we can start to see that is by sealing some of these unmade roads. That will bring the maintenance costs down and make them more resilient to weather conditions and/or other conditions."

He also pointed out the poor condition of the Melba Highway, with many unsafe potholes.

In addition, some unmade reserves run through state forests and there are not always road reserves for them. Mr Baines said, "For us to do improvements, to improve safety or to make the road resilient, we would have to take bits of road. There's the acquisition of land. There are negotiations with the Taungurung." Funding, of course, is also an issue.

Mr Albicini said, "We rely heavily on funding grants to do any of that work, and we appreciate that, but it makes it difficult. We've just done a recent road study of our own road network, and there are large portions of our road network where the speed needs to be reduced to make it reasonably compliant and safe, or realigned or the surface improved to make it better."

Mr Baines pointed out that the shire is jointly working on a major tourist road proposal that runs between Eildon and Bonnie Doon. The cost will be around \$1 million per kilometre.

During the October 2022 flood, "Molesworth was an area that was totally

cut off. Alexandra was technically cut off in a number of areas. So we were isolated to a state where at one stage we were a bit concerned we weren't getting enough food into the area to be able to service our community. It also meant that we couldn't have a presence in the incident command centre (ICC) during the flood emergency, which was a really big problem with communications. They're arterial roads by Regional Roads Victoria. You would think, if you want to make that area resilient, you'd have to look at upgrading those sections to make sure that they don't get flooded out. In Molesworth, as soon as the Goulburn is high, we'll get flooded. So does Toolangi," Mr Baines said. Yea and Thornton were also added to the list, along with the destruction of the Acheron bridge.

Mr Baines was asked whether a new bridge would be installed at the Acheron location or whether the plan was to build onto the old part. Mr Bain responded, "That'll be a good discussion with the community, I would say. We're trying to get the conversation going with them as to which they want."

Mr Albicini later added on the same topic, "With the disaster recovery funding, we just talked about the bridge. We're doing our assessments to try to make sure we fund the correct solution, but we've got to be really careful, because the current arrangement with the disaster recovery funding is you can't have betterment. So if we want to provide a better bridge to make it fully safe, we may not be able to with the funding stream, unless council puts a lot of money into it, which they can't afford."

In terms of the road maintenance backlog, Mr Albicini said, "At the moment our 10-year asset plan shows a deterioration of our road network within the next five years. We're trying to correct it next year. That was after a condition audit was done in 2020. We're doing another condition assessment now given that we've had a lot more rain and flood impacts, so we anticipate there'll be a greater backlog. Our other problem, as I said before, is that our pothole repairs and repairs to our road network have

pretty well doubled over the last couple of years compared to what it was, so we are struggling to actually meet our road management plan obligations. We're hitting around 85 to 90 per cent completion within timelines. We just don't have the resources and capacity to do it."

He added, "It's clear that the regional areas don't seem to get enough money for maintenance, and I think the state government should focus on trying to get Regional Roads Victoria funding they need to maintain their road infrastructure in the rural areas. I think it would be good if more funding could go to Regional Roads Victoria. With respect to federal government funding to councils, it would be good to have a regular funding stream."

Mr Baines also spoke about Break O'Day Road bridge, which was just replaced. "It was planned for three or four years, and that's because it was single lane and only had a 30 tonne nominal limit. In actual fact, after the last audit, it was suggested we should drop it to 13 tonnes, which would mean that that very important link, it is an evacuation route from Flowerdale and very important for our transport, would be out of service and there would be an hour-and-a-bit detour... Can I also say that in the past there has been a really puzzling way that funding has been provided for bridges. For instance, we've just replaced three bridges, and they had been planned for some time. The grant funding for that was under the heavy vehicle performance program, which only attracts 50-50 funding. If it had been given to us in the [federal government's] Bridges Renewal program, it would be 80-20 to the rural council. So it seemed like there was a case of trying to make the money go. Murrindindi got rich enough to afford 50-50. But that meant \$2.1 million to council, which is a large chunk out of our budget."

Discussions were also held around attracting qualified professionals to work at council, and the challenges around accommodation.



Victoria's new Emergency Management Commissioner, Rick Nugent. - S

New Emergency Management Commissioner announced.

Victoria Police Deputy Commissioner Rick Nugent APM has been appointed as the state's new Emergency Management Commissioner.

His five year term will commence on September 11, 2023.

He succeeds Andrew Crisp AM APM, who has served as Victoria's Emergency Management Commissioner since 2018 and will finish his term on August 4.

Deputy Emergency Management Commissioner Chris Stephenson

will act as Emergency Management Commissioner in the interim.

Mr Nugent's career with Victoria Police spans 35 years. He has led police operations as State Police Commander for some of Victoria's biggest emergencies, including the 2022 October floods and the COVID pandemic response.

He has also played a key leadership role in other critical incidents, including the 2019-20 Victorian bushfires.

A Renewable Future for Yea #2



2030Yea Community Energy is hosting two more presentations in the "Renewable Future for Yea" series:

1. Donald Mace, Indigo Power's General Manager Electricity Retail, will present their Blueprint for Communities to get to 100% Renewables.
2. Andrew Lawson, Director, Fera Australia, will speak about the proposed Seymour Wind Farm.

Thursday August 17
Doors open 6pm for a 6:30 start.

**Yea Wetlands
Discovery Centre**
2 Hood Street, Yea

Bookings essential



events.humanitix.com/2030yea-presentations

Support still available for flood recovery

A FLOOD Recovery Pop-up Hub was held at the Alexandra Library on Thursday, July 27. People were encouraged to drop in and ask questions about flood recovery services and grants. A similar event will be held at the Yea Library on August 1 from 5 to 6.30pm and August 2 from 10am to 1pm. Further pop up hubs are also being planned for other towns in the shire.

Vee Scott, Community Recovery Officer at Murrindindi Shire Council, explained

Input sought on Bushfire Management Strategy

THE Victorian Government is asking the community for feedback on the draft of *Victoria's Bushfire Management Strategy*, setting the 10 year vision for bushfire management in Victoria.

Victorians live in one of the most bushfire prone regions in the world and while fire is a natural part of many Victorian environments, major bushfire events have had devastating impacts and climate change is increasing their severity and frequency.

The draft strategy focuses on the shared responsibility of government, land and fire agencies, the community and Traditional Owners to protect the things Victorians value most from bushfire. It will help communities develop a common understanding of bushfire risk and determine the right actions to reduce that risk.

Minister for Emergency Services Jaclyn Symes said, "We need to remain bushfire ready, and this strategy will make sure Victoria improves our fire management activities for the next decade."

Feedback from the Victorian community will ensure the document properly reflects Victoria's collective goals for bushfire management and creating more resilient communities.

To have your say and to help shape the direction of bushfire management in Victoria over the next 10 years, please visit engage.vic.gov.au/victorias-bushfire-management-strategy. Consultation on the strategy closes on Sunday, August 20.

that the hubs are aiming to pull together resources for the public. People are encouraged to drop in for assistance or to ask questions, or simply to have a chat. The people staffing the pop up hubs will then help to put people in touch with the best resources for their situation. Some of these organisations might be the Goulburn Flood Recovery Service, Rural Finance, or Partners in Wellbeing.

Zoe Edmonds from Partners in Wellbeing explained that their organisation explained that they help to support business owners, employees and families impacted by the floods, and she said that people were welcome to contact her directly for a chat

on 0417 073 043. The National Centre for Farmer Health was also recommended.

Another person in attendance was Andrew Roberts from the Goulburn Flood Recovery Service. The organisation works in the Murrindindi, Mitchell and Strathbogie Shires and it has five to six support workers. People are encouraged to call Windemere on 1300 946 337, where the calls will be triaged, serving as a conduit to support services, such as mental health, support for small business, and available grants. People can also visit the website windemere.org.au

The Goulburn Flood Recovery Service is located in Seymour at the Presbyterian Church Hall on Anzac Avenue.

Kim Chadband from Murrindindi Shire Council also encouraged people to look at the Agriculture Victoria flood recovery services, as well as signing up to council's newsletter. Further information about flood relief can be found at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Floods-October-2022-Relief-and-Recovery

A meeting was also held at the Molesworth Hall on the evening of Thursday, July 27, titled *Caring for Our Stock, Caring for Ourselves*. It provided an opportunity for local farmers to learn about current animal health issues in the district from Delatite vet Anna Manning as well as finding out how to deal with stressful situations from Dr Rob Gordon.



Kim Chadband, Andrew Roberts, Zoe Edmond and Vee Scott at the Alexandra Flood Recovery Pop-up. -AR

I found this in one of our 1965 editions!

We have newspapers available for public perusal at our office, during office hours. Come and pick one for next weeks edition or come in and have a look. They're fascinating...

We also have a book filled with interesting articles called 'A journey of 150 years from The Alexandra Times to The Alexandra Standard' for only \$22 in store.

ALEXANDRA & EILDON STANDARD

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1965

PAGE FIVE

453 ACRES

ONLY

£4,500

ALL CLEARED, FENCED, ALEXANDRA DISTRICT, CREEK, GOOD SOIL, VERY HILLY.

£900 DEPOSIT

Ring 48-6055, 870-1874. If no answer 63-4291

H. SCHOLZ, 22 Oldis Avenue, Northcote

The Rabbit Trap

By Jed Dunstan

Proudly sponsored by

Would you like to sponsor this cartoon?

To place your business logo and details here contact

Alexandra Newspapers on (03) 5772 1002

ON THE LAND

Agriculture, Horticulture, Viticulture, Aquaculture and Silviculture

Signs of marsh mallow weed poisoning in horses

SIGNS of marsh mallow weed poisoning in horses may include profuse sweating, rapid breathing, incoordination and muscle tremors. Some horses develop mild diarrhoea because of its laxative effect. The symptoms worsen when the animal is forced to move or is put under stress.

If only a small amount is ingested, most horses are able to recover with rest, and if their access to the mallow weed is restricted. Veterinary attention is encouraged if small flowered mallow poisoning is suspected in a horse.

Avoid grazing horses on pastures infested with marsh mallow weed. The plants can be pulled out by hand or spot sprayed with herbicide. Seek advice to select the most appropriate herbicide and spray program for your property.

It is best to remove horses from areas where marshmallow has been sprayed, and if the small flowered mallow plants are pulled out by hand they should not be left in the paddock.



Marsh mallow weed. -Forest and Kim Starr



SAVE THE DATE

August 3 - Straun
Struan to Victoria, Producer and
AgTech Tour
- PIRSA

August 13-15 - Wagga Wagga
Thriving Women Conference
- AgriFutures

September 22 - Wagga Wagga
Adapting in agriculture - accessibility
in agricultural enterprises- Ability
Agriculture Business Network

UPCOMING CATTLE SALES DATES

Aug 4 Combined agents store sale
Sept 1 Combined agents store sale
Oct 6 Combined agents store sale
Nov 3 Combined agents store sale
Dec 1 Combined agents store sale



Yea Saleyards

1 Flat Lead Road Yea Vic 3717

0419 722 570

yeasaleyards.com.au



Recipe kindly
submitted by Kaye
Baynes of the
Yea Branch
of the CWA

HUMMINGBIRD CAKE

by Kaye Baynes

INGREDIENTS

3 Eggs
1 cup sunflower oil
1 cup lightly packed brown sugar
1 1/2 cups SR Flour
1 teaspoon bi carb soda
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon 2 carrots
finely grated
90 grams toasted walnuts chopped
440 grams can crushed unsweetened
pineapple drained
Can mango drained dried with paper towel
2 tablespoons flaked coconut
FOR Icing - 80 grams unsalted butter
150grams cream cheese
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla essence
280grams icing sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice

METHOD

Preheat oven to 180, grease and line of
springform pan
Beat eggs oil and sugar until light and
fluffy
Fold in flour soda and cinnamon
Add carrots walnuts and pineapple and
gently combine
Bake for 1 hour
Cool cake in pan
FOR Icing - Combine butter and cream
cheese until smooth
Add other ingredients and mix until
smooth and creamy
When cake is cool cut in half
Spread bottom layer with some icing and
mango slices
Put top layer of cake on and ice with
remaining icing
Sprinkle with flaked coconut

Sudden horse death investigations continue

AGRICULTURE Victoria have advised that, to date, there have been sudden multiple horse deaths reported across six properties with a total of 17 horses that have died.

Following the announcement of an unusual level of sudden multiple deaths in horses, Agriculture Victoria has since received reports of a number of single deaths.

Only normal causes of death have been able to be identified in these and none appear to be infectious. The investigation continues into what could have been the possible causes of the multiple sudden horse deaths.

All affected horses have been reported to have died relatively quickly, within hours to one day from the first sign of illness. That is the only common factor to date.

Investigation

To date only normal causes of death found where adequate investigations and samples were possible. Examples include bacterial infection and gut rupture. Toxic plants such as marsh mallow (*malva parviflora*) are also being investigated as a cause.

The investigation remains ongoing until all samples submitted to laboratories have been tested and final results are available.

Horse owners can be reassured however there is no need for any restrictions on horse movements and horse events and gatherings can go ahead as planned.

Agriculture Victoria will continue to attend properties, work with owners, and investigate all reports of multiple sudden horse deaths made to its hotline.

Agriculture Victoria is aware of the confirmed case of Hendra virus in New South Wales. Hendra virus has not been detected in Victoria as part of the current investigation, nor is there any known connection between these incidents.

It's essential to remember that sudden death of individual horses is not uncommon, and there may not be a definitive answer or common link found. Multiple horse deaths within a short time frame though is unusual and veterinary advisers should be contacted as soon as possible.

Horse owners should monitor their animals, conduct good parasite management and weed control, and ensure good quality feed and water is provided.

No movement restrictions

As testing of samples for infectious disease to date has been negative, there's no reason to restrict any movements of horses or separate horses. Horse events and movements can go ahead as planned.

If you have a sick horse, it would be wise to separate it from your other horses until your veterinarian has examined it.

Monitoring and reporting

Horse owners should monitor their animals and report any multiple sudden deaths or rapid onset illness immediately to their local vet, Agriculture Victoria or via the emergency animal disease hotline on 1800 675 888.

Those who are concerned about sick horses should seek advice from their vet.

Property Identification Codes

Horse owners should register their horse with a Property Identification Code (PIC). It is an important communication and traceability tool used during animal health incidents.

A PIC enables Agriculture Victoria to contact horse owners if required. It's free, quick and can be done at pic.agriculture.vic.gov.au/

PHOTO COMPETITION

Remember to submit your
photo competition entry to
win a \$50 gift voucher from
Embling Rural in Alexandra.
This month's theme is 'winter'.
See our July 26 edition for
details.

Sponsored by

Image by vectorportal.com



Your Locally Owned Rural Store

(03) 5772 3110

54 Grant Street Alexandra
DRIVE THROUGH AVAILABLE

emblingrural.com.au

ORINGI

PROTECTION WEAR

Factory 2/17 Hunter Road,
HEALESVILLE

If you would like to visit,
please call us first on 1800 674 640
as we could be away at a field day.

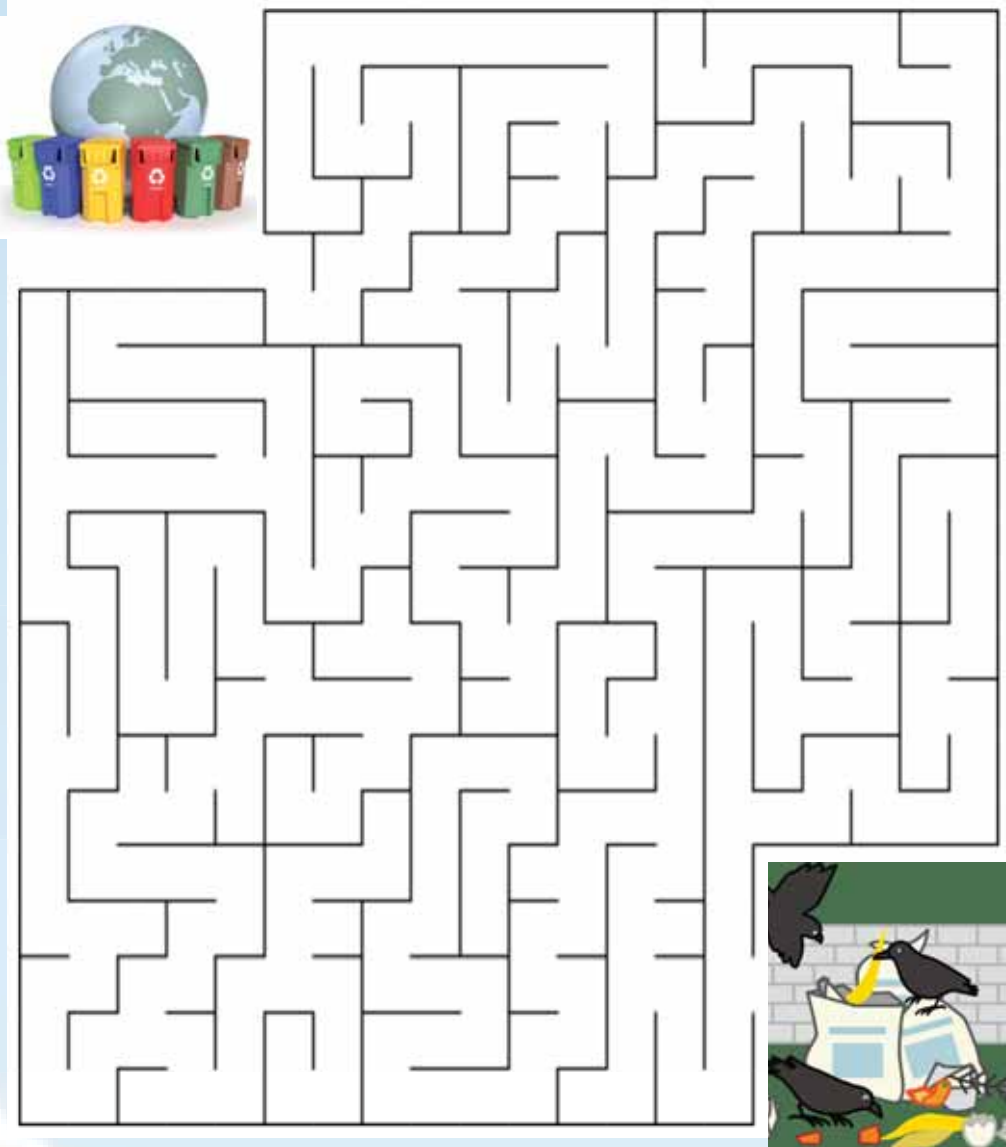


See our products, specials, events, catalogue or shop online at
www.oringi.com.au/Visit-Oringi-in-Healesville



A - M A Z E - I N G

Find the way through the maze, to the rubbish bins, so the rubbish can be disposed of correctly.



FACT-ASTICAL

Did you know that balloons are a major threat to the environment, especially marine life (including seabirds and turtles)?

Did you know that over 90% of the cost of a water bottle can be traced back to the bottle, lid and label. You can save all that money by drinking tap water?

Did you know that globally, more than 100,000 marine animals and 1,000,000 sea birds lose their life to single use plastic bags each year?

Did you know that Australians use about 10 million straws every day, or 3.5 billion a year?

<https://www.cleanup.org.au/>

LET'S ALL DO THE RIGHT THING

FACT-ASTICAL

Did you know that balloons are a major threat to the environment, especially marine life (including seabirds and turtles)?

Did you know that over 90% of the cost of a water bottle can be traced back to the bottle, lid and label. You can save all that money by drinking tap water?

Did you know that globally, more than 100,000 marine animals and 1,000,000 sea birds lose their life to single use plastic bags each year?

Did you know that Australians use about 10 million straws every day, or 3.5 billion a year?

<https://www.cleanup.org.au/>

LET'S ALL DO THE RIGHT THING & REDUCE WHAT'S IN YOUR BIN

REFUSE – single use plastics and bring your own Water

Win a \$10 Gift Card



Country Tech
89 - 91 Grant Street
Alexandra
Victoria 3714
5772 3165

Simply color the picture on the right, fill in your details and drop it off at Alexandra Newspapers 43 Grant Street Alexandra Vic or post it to P O Box 5 Alexandra Vic 3714.

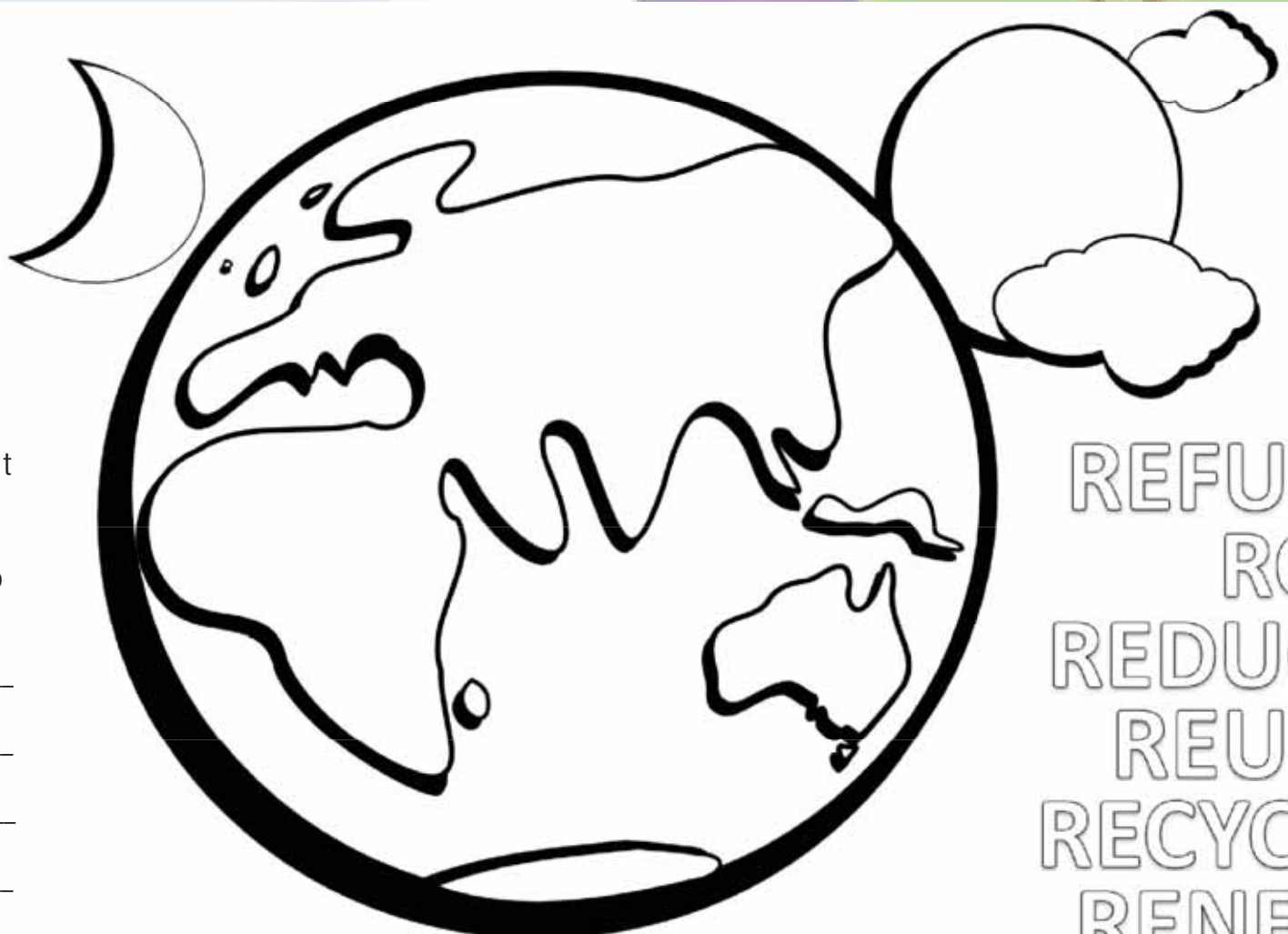
Entries close and need to be received by 11am Monday prior to our next edition.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

D.O.B. _____



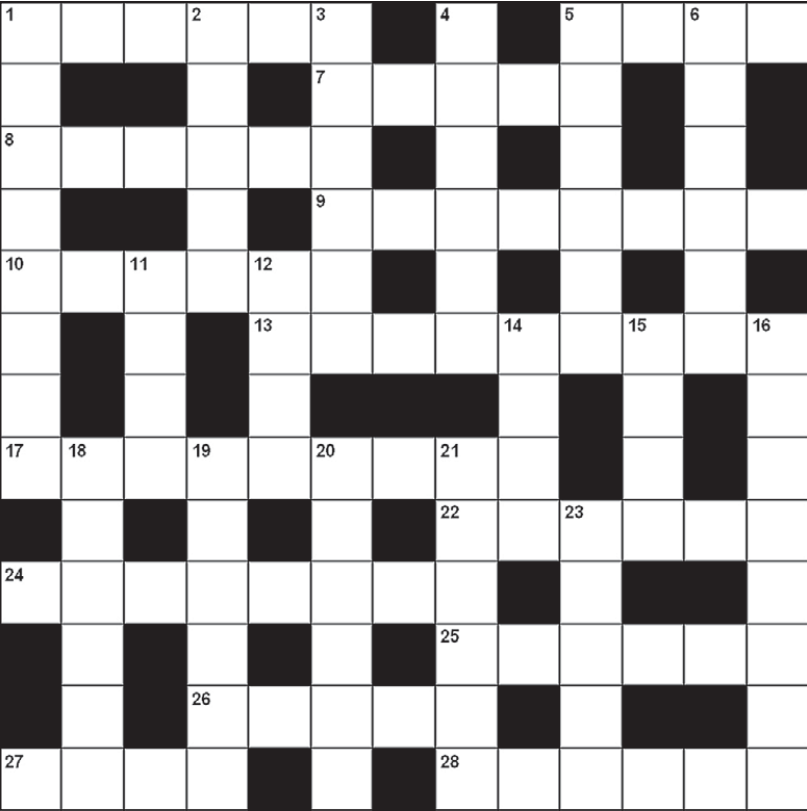
REFUSE
ROT
REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE
RENEW

Keep Australia Beautiful Week - August 7 to 13

PUZZLES

SOLUTIONS
Page 12

Crossword



ACROSS

- 1. Room for storing food.
- 5. A leader.
- 7. Fill with high spirits.
- 8. Relating to cats.
- 9. Made plump.
- 10. Not large.
- 13. Supporters of a cause.
- 17. Muttering discontentedly.
- 22. Liveliness of mind.
- 24. Between the earth and the moon.
- 25. Capable of flight.
- 26. Paper with crinkled texture.
- 27. Costing nothing.
- 28. Surgical stitch.

DOWN

- 1. As long as you live.
- 2. Wander about aimlessly.
- 3. Rolled up a part of the sail.
- 4. Australia's national emblem.
- 5. Wipe out recorded information.
- 6. A customer.
- 11. Unfermented soya-bean curd.
- 12. Young sheep.
- 14. Torn pieces of cloth.
- 15. Close to.
- 16. Translation of foreign dialogue.
- 18. The one who plunders.
- 19. Intention to do evil.
- 20. Small finch.
- 21. Anxiety and worry.
- 23. Television program.

Word Search – Cars

E D V V X F B V E A M T E P A
Y S F C O R V E T T E M V N T
A T N P I R F T H J J O A X O
Z R L L B T C B F I I D P K Y
M W X J V D A I E N L E T B O
P Q D O J H W R I R T L V E T
F H L C Q B H H E D P Z M I J
E V B H B T G P M S L M B A E
O V B U N R F J D L A J P Y N
V K I B O E X O L V T M J T V
H C J B Y G D N D S P S C M Y
K V M Y N R S L C A I T N O P
N A B P E G D R O F K E J O H
L T N U W L C C H H Y E D C E
S I R W J J T O I Z C X P F N

- Buick • Corvette • Ford • Hillman • Holden • Maserati
- Lamborghini • Pontiac • TModel • Toyota • Volvo

Maths Squares

Fill in the missing numbers.
The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 25.
Each number is only used once.
Each row is a math equation.
Each column is a math equation.
Remember that multiplication & division are performed before addition and subtraction.

	-		÷	3	3
+		-		-	
	÷		-		1
+		×		+	
5	×		+		47
15		-7		9	

Number Block

The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 5.
The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom.
The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right.

						15
						21
			3			11
	1			1		9
						15
						10
						5
20	8	12	9	12	10	11

Sudoku

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

	1		9					
	8			1		2		3
		2	3	8		9		
		6	4				8	
		8		3		7		
	9				8	3		
		9		7	4	8		
8		4		9			1	
					5			3



Kasey Dickie from CPSU (left) with some of the local VicForests workers who attended the meeting. -AR

An uncertain future for VicForests staff

KASEY Dickie is an organiser with the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU). She was one of the hosts of a barbecue held in Alexandra on Tuesday, July 25, with VicForests employees.

She explained, “We wanted to bring our members from VicForests together to chat about how they’re going and talk to them about the decision made by government, and to acknowledge that it’s a really hard space for this workforce to be in because they heard that decision a couple of months ago now, via the media. It’s a very rough way for them to hear that your industry is being wound up, 10 years sooner than planned. Subsequent to that, there aren’t any decisions or timelines available to the workforce that gives them some certainty about what their futures look like.”

Asked whether there had been any progress in terms of information provided by government since the decision was announced, Ms Dickie responded, “No, not from the government. I understand the department (DEECA) is doing some work, gathering the information around what VicForests does and has to offer. It’s probably the department’s responsibility to inform government around that. These things seem to take quite a long time. That’s a tricky space for a workforce that doesn’t have a timeline. It would be very nice for them, ‘in three months we will know x, and in six months we will know y, and a decision will be made by z.’”

She said that the main concern of the employees was the uncertainty around their futures. “People want to know if they are going to have jobs. People are not able to do the work that they’re used to doing because this decision has been made and it has an impact on their day-to-day tasks, so they have to utilise their day in other ways, which is fine but it’s not their bread and butter all the time. They need to be able to be given certainty around the work that they’re doing, where they’ll be working, what their future looks like. That has a flow-on effect to their communities. They need to know where they’ll be living, what it means for their families, their children in school, where they volunteer, how they spend their time. These are all the concerns they have.

“The other factor that’s become quite obvious to me in coming out and speaking to members over the last couple of weeks in person is that people are worried they’re going to get an email on Monday that announces some shock decision that is going to impact them, because they don’t have any reason to feel like that won’t happen, because it already did happen. We’d like to see government do a much better job in communicating the expectations of this workforce and what’s available to them and when,” she said.

When the plan was to wrap up the native timber industry in 2030, there was a long lead-in time, and therefore decisions could be made and plans formulated. “In this situation, we’re wrapping things up in a very short period of time but what it looks like after that isn’t clear, because that all has to be worked out now, and within a smaller frame of time. The longer it goes on, the harder it is for workers on the ground who don’t know what it means for them, and don’t know what re-training opportunities or jobs will be available,” Ms Dickie said.

She explained, “The decision about what happens to VicForests hasn’t been made yet, and the issue is that, is it going to be VicForests in another form doing another thing? Is it going to be the workforce? Is it all falling apart and that’s it? Is it going to be a workforce moved into another part of a government body or public sector body? None of that has been worked through, and no timeline has been given for what work-through is going to look like.

“You might have some reasonable expectations for what you think will happen or should happen, but none of that’s actually been bedded down. Having uncertainty is probably not wrong right now, because there really isn’t anything.”

There are about 160 staff who work in VicForests around the state, with a proportion of these in Alexandra. Ms Dickie is keen to see VicForests workers factored into the whole of industry plans for the end of native timber forestry.

“Government itself has been really disappointingly quiet about this. They made an announcement, and that was kind of it. They’ve fobbed everything off post-that, to the extent that they’re just saying, ‘No decisions have been made,’ she said.

To help in addressing the situation, the CPSU have been “reaching in to government to seek answers and talk to them. Try to get them talking to us. And reaching in to the department and talking to them about the sorts of things that we see that should be happening. And talking, obviously, to our members and VicForests the employer about what’s happening in that space. We’re trying to make sure that our members have every opportunity available to them to be utilised, if that is what they want. They’re very concerned that bad decisions will be made. These are really skilled workers that understand forestry in this state, and they know what needs to happen seasonally. These are really good people who do really good work and I think they’re worried that bad decisions will be made if people don’t think about what it is that they do and what needs to be done for the state,” Ms Dickie said.

The bulk of VicForests staff are based in regional Victoria where they volunteer with sports clubs, schools, kinders, the CFA, VicSES, and other community groups.

As members of Forests Fire Management Victoria they have been on the front line protecting the communities in events including the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires.

VicForests staff are highly trained as foresters and ecologists, having completed a broad range of qualifications and decades of experience in Victorian native forests developing harvesting strategies, conducting ecological surveys, regeneration and building strong relationships with their communities.

When the Victorian Government was contacted about their plans for VicForests, a spokesperson responded on July 28, “We are currently considering the future of VicForests and no decision has been made on the organisation at this point in time.”

It is understood that the government is considering how to best deliver the range of activities that will be required for forest management following the end of native timber harvesting including DEECA land management works, seed collection and coupe regeneration.

BUSINESS & TRADES DIRECTORY

TO BOOK AN AD PLEASE PHONE 5772 1002

ANTENNAS

Christopher Edwards
0405 554 915
info@chris-tv.com.au
Sec Reg: 997-462-605

Chris's TV

The Television Reception Specialist

- TV & FM radio antennas
- Extra TV wall points
- Surround sound systems
- Data points & mesh WIFI
- Starlink, VAST & Foxtel installs
- TV brackets & wall mount TVs
- Home theatre
- CCTV security systems

Fully Registered Fully Insured

ELECTRICIANS

REC-33089

REDGATE ELECTRICAL

TRY THE NEW SERVICE IN TOWN

0455 317 553

24 HOUR CALL OUTS • REDGATEELECTRICAL.COM.AU

PLUMBERS

ARMSTRONG PLUMBING PTY LTD

NEW AND RENOVATION WORK
ROOFING, GUTTER AND SPOUTING
SEPTIC AND DRAINS

LICENSED BACKFLOW DEVICE TESTER
MAINTENANCE AND BLOCKED DRAINS
JET CLEANER AND DRAIN CAMERA

85 Betts Road, Yea 3717
0417 356 428 | 0408 973 278
Master Plumber member 35 years - License No. 17255
info@armstrongplumbing.com.au

EXCAVATION & EARTHMOVING

KEATH'S EXCAVATIONS P/L, YARCK

EARTH MOVING

Excavators ~ Dozers ~ Graders
Scrapers ~ Loaders ~ Rollers
Backhoe ~ Water Carts
Low Loader ~ Tipper
Trucks & Trailers

All equipment operated by qualified operators
PERSONAL SUPERVISION - 42 YEARS EXPERIENCE
Phone 5773 4242 Mobile 0428 577 951
keathsexc@bigpond.com

FENCING

McMASTER FENCING CONTRACTOR

All general farm fencing, cattle yards, sheep yards, vineyards, on site welding and oxy work.
Tree plantation ripping
5 hydraulic post drivers and pneumatic drivers
HAY CONTRACTING
Mowing, raking, round and square bales, cartage, loading, unloading.
GRASS SLASHING
4 extra heavy duty slashers
GENERAL FREIGHT
Hay, timber, wool, steel, grapes, machinery

GLEN (HORACE) McMASTER
5797 2921
Mobile 0417 529 809

KITCHENS

Murrindindi KITCHENS

Can design and build...

Custom built kitchens, 3D kitchen design, Granite and Reconstituted stone, laundries, Creative design and quality, vanities, wardrobes

0409 146 465
38 Johnston St, Alexandra
sales@murrindindikitchens.com

PANEL BEATERS

ALEXANDRA PANELS & TOWING

UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP
Bianca and Giles Wright

5772 1904
alexandrapanels@gmail.com
3 BUNDERBOWEIK STREET

AFTER HOURS
0483 051 192

SERVICE STATIONS

SimpsonS FUEL 70 YEARS

Fuelling North East Victoria since 1953 with quality products and great service.

Supplying bulk fuels to your farm or business.
Lubricant specialists, catering for all your needs with Mobil and Prolube lubricants, greases and solvents.

Ampol Alexandra
Ampol Eildon
Mansfield Diesel Stop

0357721205 | www.simpsonsfuel.com.au

WATER BORING

North West Drilling

Water Bores

Extensive experience in drilling for water in Mansfield, Alexandra and surrounding areas.
Established since 1976

For answers to all your questions and a no obligation free quote contact GRAHAM BRENNAN
Phone/Fax: (03) 9436 1982 Mobile: 0409 362 289
northwest.drilling@bigpond.com
www.northwestdrilling.com.au

WATER BORING

No water, no charge
after free site inspection
Ph Des Murray
0428 518 159

The Yea Chronicle

Like us on facebook
facebook.com/alexandranewspapers

PUZZLES SOLUTIONS

CROSSWORD

L	A	R	D	E	R	W	D	U	C	E
I		R	E	L	A	T	E	L		
F	E	L	I	N	E	T		L	I	
E		F	F	A	T	T	E	N	E	D
L	I	T	T	L	E	L	T	N		
O		O	A	D	H	E	R	E	N	T
N		F	M			A	E		U	
G	R	U	M	B	L	I	N	G		A
A	A		I	E	S	P	R	I	T	
C	I	S	L	U	N	A	R		I	
D		I	N		V	O	L	A	N	T
E		C	R	E	P	E		O		L
F	R	E	E		T		S	U	T	U

NUMBER BLOCK

5	2	2	3	5	4	21
5	0	1	3	2	0	11
1	1	3	0	1	3	9
5	1	1	3	3	2	15
0	4	5	0	0	1	10
4	0	0	0	1	0	5
20	8	12	9	12	10	11

MATHS SQUARES

6	-	9	÷	3	3
+		-		-	
4	÷	2	-	1	1
+		x		+	
5	x	8	+	7	47
15		-7		9	

SUDOKU

5	1	3	9	4	2	6	7	8
9	8	7	5	1	6	2	4	3
6	4	2	3	8	7	9	5	1
7	3	6	4	5	9	1	8	2
4	2	8	6	3	1	7	9	5
1	9	5	7	2	8	3	6	4
3	5	9	1	7	4	8	2	6
8	6	4	2	9	3	5	1	7
2	7	1	8	6	5	4	3	9

CONVEYANCING

CONVEYANCING & PROPERTY TRANSFER SPECIALISTS

Debra Loveday
5772 2500
71 Grant Street, Alexandra
debra@sargeantsm.com.au
Conveyancing throughout Victoria

ELECTRICIANS

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

E-TEC

Electrical Technology

- Eco Smart Electrician • Domestic / Commercial
- Undergrounds • Electrical Design
- Cable Locations • Trenching
- Solar Installations
- Grid Connect / Off Grid / Batteries

Ph 5751 0000
info@e-tec.net.au
www.etecelectrical.com.au



having a celebration?

need invitations?



CALL NOW!

5772 1002
or email us on
reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

Classifieds

Call 5772 1002 now
to book your ad today!
Fax 5772 1603 or Email
reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au



Classified information

Office hours

Alexandra

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5pm
Ph 5772 1002

E: reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

Deadline - Noon Monday

Proofs

Line ads – proofs not supplied
Display – will only be supplied if requested

Payment

Payment is required when placing the advertisement. Cash, cheque or credit card facilities available. Master Card or Visa (no AMEX). Non-payment prior to deadline may result in advertisement not appearing.

Death notices

Cannot be published without confirmation or authority from a direct family member or funeral director.

Vehicles/Deals on Wheels

Registration or VIN number must be included in advertisement. Deals on Wheels will run for 8 weeks unless cancelled when sold.

Bargains under \$100

Either one item to the value of \$100 or several items not totalling more than \$100.

Animals

It is an offence to advertise the sale of a dog or cat or to give away free unless the microchip identification number and a source number of the animal generated by the Pet Exchange Register is included in the advertisement.

Refunds or credits

Check your advertisement on its first appearance. Although every care is taken to ensure your advertisement is correct errors can occur. Notify us immediately if there are errors in your advertisement. Refunds or credits will not be issued if your advertisement has appeared numerous times and you have not notified us. Credits or refunds will not be given if advertisements appear out of order.

Conditions of advertising

Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd has the right to refuse any advertisement. Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd gives no guarantee for positioning of advertisements.

Copy right

Material published in this edition is subject to copyright provisions and cannot be used without the company's permission. Alexandra Newspapers Pty Ltd accepts no responsibility for the unauthorised republication of such material.

Print Post Approved - PP 100000292.

SITUATION VACANT



Turf Farm Hand

HG Turf Group is a family owned business located in Alexandra, North East Victoria and specialises in producing premium turf for the Melbourne and regional Victorian markets.

We are seeking to employ people at our turf farm.

Applicants should be fit and energetic with good communication skills. The roles would require you to assist with general harvest and production needs including mowing, spraying and forklift/tractor operation.

Machinery experience and forklift license preferred but not essential.

You will be an important part of our dedicated team and will work in a positive and supportive environment. We will provide you with a competitive hourly wage rate together with numerous training and development opportunities in a team orientated, friendly environment. The positions are casual with the potential to lead to full time employment.

Interested? Please email your resume to info@hgturfgroup.com.au.



Heavy combination truck driver

Permanent full time position

HG Turf Group is a family owned business operating since 1995.

Our Turf Farm is located in Alexandra, North East Victoria.

HG Turf services domestic, trade and commercial markets in Melbourne and parts of Regional Victoria.

With an increased demand in sales we are seeking a Heavy Combination Truck Driver to assist in delivering turf orders to our customers.

You will be an important part of our dedicated team and will work in a positive and supportive work environment.

On offer to the right candidate is a competitive pay rate, very attractive working hours along with numerous training and development opportunities.

Responsibilities include:

- Completing Pre-Start checklist and CoR documentation daily
- Communicating with the head mechanic in regards to maintenance and repairs
- Ensuring a high standard of cleanliness and housekeeping are kept
- Delivering turf to our customers in a courteous and respectful manner
- Comply with HG Turf's OH&S Policies and Procedures

To be considered for this role it would be preferred but is not essential to have the following attributes:

- A current Heavy Combination licence with a minimum of 2 years experience
- Forklift licence and experience
- An understanding of OHS and CoR and the ability to comply with all standards
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Prompt and Punctual
- Great attitude towards customer service

To discuss this opportunity, or for more information please call 5770 3000.

To apply please submit a cover letter and resume to -

LSazonov@hgturfgroup.com.au

FOR HIRE

FITNESS EQUIPMENT

*Rental and Sales
Alexandra
Treadmills, X- trainers,
exercise bikes, rowers
and more.
PH:0407 231 377*

MEETINGS



Upper Goulburn Community Radio

Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, August 21 at 7.30pm via Zoom. For a meeting link or to nominate for committee contact secretary via email info@ugfm.org or PO Box 270, Alexandra, Vic 3714 or call 5772 2722

FRIENDS OF THE YEA LIBRARY

Annual General Meeting. Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 2pm at Yea Council Chambers. All bookshop volunteers invited to attend. New members welcome.

MEETINGS

EILDON ACTION INC will hold its Annual General Meeting on August 15, 2023 at 5.30pm at the Eildon Visitor Information Centre. Everyone welcome. Nominations for committee and committee positions can be made on the night or submitted prior to the meeting. Nomination forms are available from the Visitor Information Centre or on the night.

HOMEWOOD HALL AGM will be held at the hall 6.30pm, August 15. All welcome.

YEA AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

Annual General Meeting Monday, August 7, 2023 at 2pm at Yea Shire Hall Supper Room. New members most welcome.

PETS & LIVESTOCK

ISA BROWN LAYERS - POL, \$27 each. Phone 5798 1868. Pick-up in Alexandra or Yea. beckysfreerange@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICES

ALEXANDRA ROTARY wood raffle winner is Leanne Monro. Thanks to all who bought tickets.

SITUATION VACANT



Admin

Casual position

Thornton Riverbend Holiday Park is in the centre of Thornton on the Goulburn Valley Highway with direct river access.

Responsibilities include but not limited to:

- General reception, customer service and administration duties
- Housekeeping, maintenance and management
- Cash handling and daily balancing of transactions
- Management of new and existing bookings

We are looking for someone with:

- Front reception/customer service background
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office applications
- Cash handling / Eftpos
- Full training will be provided

Two days per week being Sunday and Monday, a total of 8 to 10 hours per week with flexibility to work more hours to help cover staff leave and more hours available in peak season. Please forward your resume with a covering letter to our general manager at accounts@thorntoncp.com.au



Book your classified ad TODAY!

Deadline: NOON MONDAY

Phone: 5772 1002

or email

reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au

PLEASE NOTE: All classifieds **MUST** be paid by cash, cheque or credit card at the time of booking



Alexandra Newspapers

reception@alexandranewspapers.com.au
Phone 5772 1002
43 Grant St. Alexandra Vic. 3714

FUNERAL NOTICES

JENKINS

Funeral Prayers to celebrate the life of Patricia Jenkins will be offered at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 3 The Parade, Yea on Wednesday, August 2, commencing at 11.30am. Following the service the cortege will proceed to the Yea Cemetery.



SHAW

A Funeral service celebrating the life of Jenni will be held at the Uniting Church Alexandra on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 commencing at 11am Followed by Private Cremation



DEATH NOTICES

BARKLA, Judith 'ANN'
29/12/1938
26/07/2023

Ann died very peacefully after a long period of illness. She was a much loved sister of Margaret (dec), John (dec), and Peter (dec).

She was a warm, funny and loving aunt to a 'tribe' of nieces and nephews, and a special friend to Lesley and many others. Our sincere thanks go to all at Epworth Box Hill who were so caring, supportive and respectful. Special thanks to the Michaels - Kidney and Heart.

Please refer to McCormacks website for funeral details.



DEATH NOTICES

JENKINS, (nee Davey). Patricia Frances

Beloved wife of Jim (dec). Loving mother to Darrel (dec). Christine, Kerry, Joanne, and Justin. Loved grandmother, great grandmother, and great-great grandmother. Peacefully reunited with dad on July 22, aged 93.

LONG, Heather

at Kellock Lodge, Alexandra. Left us on July 24 this year.

Lifelong friend of Bette and Jack (dec.) Boote. Much loved honorary Auntie Bun of Anne, Marylyn and Denise (dec.) and their families. The honour was ours Auntie Bun.

Deepest sympathy to Colin, Wendy, Andrew and Tracey.

LONG, Heather

11/02/1926 - 24/07/2023
Passed away peacefully at Kellock Lodge.

Loving wife of Syd (dec). Cherished mother of Colin, Wendy, Andrew, Tracey and mother-in-law to Mike.

Nan to seven grand children. Great nan to seven great grand children. Great great nan to five.

Reunited now with dad. Thank you to all staff at Kellock Lodge for your love and care given to mum.

Private Cremation



SHAW, Jennifer Mary 'Jenni'

14/08/1946 - 28/07/2023
Passed away peacefully surrounded by family.

Wife of Mervyn (dec.) Beloved mother of Elissa And Paul, Mother in law of Andy and Lisa.

Nonna of Noah, Ash, Faith and Grace. An amazing strong and independent woman, A great life well lived.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Unite Australia
Not divide by race

VOTE NO

Authorised by Raymond Donkin, Buxton.

ON Wednesday, July 26 Murrindindi Shire Council held their monthly meeting.

A petition for road sealing along Steavenson Road and Aroona Drive in Buxton was presented to council. The petition was signed by 21 people with addresses in either Steavenson Road or Aroona Drive, Buxton.

In Public Participation, Greg Conlan spoke in support of the Killingworth Road subdivision.

Applicant Bill Warne spoke in relation to 7 Peterkin Street, Alexandra. He said, “Thank you to planning and community staff for their assistance and support, it’s been very helpful. I have read the reports and I am pleased with the recommendations and the conditions that are placed except one. It’s covered in the report but we have commenced discussions with VicRoads to provide access to the proposed lots three and four on the plan and those lots we now combined to reduce the total lot size but that will be subject to later application.

His only concern with the recommendation was the requirement for curb and channel construction along the street. Some discussions with councillors followed.

Phillip Stevenson spoke about his concerns about the drainage on Peterkin Street. “It has flooded twice in the last two years, and I’m concerned with the other houses added to the estate, the flooding would be worse,” Mr Stevenson said.

“If it’s been addressed, good and well. I would be happy to know if it has been addressed. With access to the highway and Aitken Street. It would be good if there was further access to that street. Obviously it will take time, but it will be good if it was approved because all traffic will have to go through Peterkin Street and Johnston Street just to leave the estate. That will create a lot more traffic on the minor residential streets. The buses and trucks do chew it up a bit. With the visual effects, armed fences instead of steel fences. The view would be better if kept to a minimal.”

CEO Ms Bonazzi presented question to council from Kelvin Granger and Dean Hurlston from Council Watch Inc.

The question was, “Can council please advise the dollar amount of cost shifting from state government that you estimate they incurred in the 2022/ 2023 financial year?”

Ms Bonazzi responded, “To determine the exact dollar amount of cost shifting from the state government requires a thorough review and analysis of current and past grant funding, cost of service delivery and cost of extra compliance obligations imposed by council over a period of time. As our finance staff are currently occupied

with end of year quality and preparation for the annual external audit we do not have the capacity at present to quantify the dollar and cost shifting from state government for the year.

She added, “There are a range of areas where cost shifting by state government is impacting on the financial capacity of council. Grant payments to local government have either reduced over several years in real terms, or are not sufficient to cover a fair share of the cost to council, even though councils are required to maintain the same levels of service. Examples of these include, provision of library services, school crossing supervision, roadside weed management, provision of maternal and child health services, immunisation, and emergency management (preparedness, response and recovery). In addition, certain policies of the state create constraints on the availability of own-generated funds that council can use to provide services. An example of this is the Fair Go rating system, which sets a cap on annual rate rises which for several years has been set below the annual consumer price index.

“The state landfill levy imposed on councils has increased substantially in recent years. The implementation of the circular economy policy and the associated curbside collection reforms will involve significant increases in costs to council, much of which will need to be recovered with higher charges to local communities. Statutory planning fees are set at a state level below the actual cost of applicants and planning applications.

Planning

A planning application for 10 Murchison Street, Marysville, was received, relating to signage. Officers recommended a deferral of the decision as the applicant is seeking to make amendments to the application.

Regarding the proposed 16 lot development at 204 Killingworth Road, Killingworth, the plan proposes a new internal road and will provide 16 lots. No written responses or submissions were received from neighbours. Council approved the development.

Councillor Lording expressed his strong support for the application, saying, “I think our planning department did a great job with this one, I can’t see anything wrong with it at all and I am very pleased we are heading towards more land available in the township of Yea. I strongly support that.”

A 19 lot subdivision on Peterkin Street, Alexandra, had an officer’s recommendation to approve. Three objections were received in relation to drainage, lot sizes and amenity.

Council issued a notice of decision to grant a permit, provided a number of conditions

were met, including approval by responsible authorities and underground powerlines.

Cr Gallagher said, “This particular part of the subdivision is well within the residential zone that is set out in the housing settlement strategy. This is the growth area for Alexandra, so I’m highly supportive of establishing new locations for the development for potential rental properties and for additional housing.”

Murrindindi Planning scheme review

Mr Paxton said, “Councillors have a role as being responsible as the authority for managing the planning scheme. Under the planning environment act, councils are recommended to update the planning scheme to make sure it reflects state and local policies and bring it up to date in that process. Council staff have undertaken a review internally and consulted with several referral agencies.

Council resolved to commence community consultation on the draft planning scheme review.

Cr Carpenter added, “I do hope the community do take the time to read this and give some input. We would really like to hear from them about this draft.”

Collaborative digital innovation IT system project

Councillor Chesworth said the collaborative digital project is between Mansfield, Murrindindi, Strathbogie and Benalla LGAs, involving the replacement of older IT business systems. The transition to the new system will be supported by alignment of business processes across the four councils. This will hopefully enable the sharing of resources and services. This is thanks to a \$1million grant from the state Rural Councils Transformation program, \$888,000 from the state’s Business Acceleration Fund and \$2.2 million contributed from across the four councils over the next three financial years. Mansfield Shire Council is acting as the lead council for this project and holds the projects grant funds.

Insurance

Council’s public liability and professional indemnity insurance cover is up for renewal, and council approved the payment of \$312,039.70 for the 2023/24 financial year.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament

To assist the community to understand the purpose of the referendum and to feel confident in having respectful and factual conversations regarding the voice to parliament and to cast their vote on the upcoming referendum, council is proposing a program which will run for six weeks and begin on July 31.

Specifically, the communications approach will focus on: What is a referendum? What is the Voice? Why a Voice? How a Voice would work, utilising content sourced primarily from the Australian Government’s ‘Recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples through a Voice’ resources.

Council resolved to endorse the commencement of the program.

Motion to MAV State Council

Council to endorsed submitting a motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council to be held on October 13.

The motion states, “That the formulae used by the Victorian Grants Commission in determining the allocation of Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants be reviewed to place greater emphasis on the impacts of natural disasters and climate change, the limited alternate revenue options for rural councils, and the increased demands of heavy transport and tourism impacting local roads.”

Contract to sealed roads rehabilitation program tender award

Due to extreme weather, last year’s projects carried over into the 2023/2024 program. Council voted to accept the tender from Tender One and award CONT23/1 for the Sealed Roads Rehabilitation Program 2023/24 for a lump sum price of \$632,087 to complete all required rehabilitation works for the nominated roads.

They also voted to approve the allocation of \$50,000 as contingency to be used in the delivery of this contract as detailed in this

report, to allocate \$279,000 carry forward funding from the 2022/23 Sealed Roads Rehabilitation Program and \$173,087 carry forward funding from the 2022/23 Road Major Maintenance Program to the 2023/24 Sealed Roads Rehabilitation Program, so that the revised total budget for the 2023/24 Sealed Roads Rehabilitation Program is \$692,087.

Councillor reports

Councillor Carpenter had nothing to report this month.

Cr Gallagher said “Lobbying for face to face banking, a presence, a number of meetings and activities have been reported to council and those efforts have seen Rebecca Taylor appointed as the new bank manager. The new Alexandra agency will offer banking services and host a representative of rural bank who will assist local agribusiness banking needs. The outcome is credit to local families, business and organisations who committed to banking locally.

“The Alexandra District Health board executive and staff conducted a public board meeting in Alexandra last week. The board outlined local services on offer and presented some undergraduate and graduate enrolled nurse training programs, specifically designed to allow younger people to progress their education and their career locally. Many questions from the community were welcomed and answered.

“In the forthcoming month, the AGM season, citizens across the shire are encouraged to keep an eye out on social media and local press for the opportunity to contribute as a volunteer.”

Councillor Gerencser said, “This is not a report, more an announcement, vale Joe Exton, part of the Kinglake community for over 66 years. He sadly passed away on his annual trip to Queensland and it was quite devastating. Joe was very much involved in the Kinglake community and after Black Saturday he donated some land so Middle Kinglake Primary School could be rebuilt. He was a pillar of the community and spent a lot of time helping people in the community. He will be sadly missed.”

Councillor Lording said, “The planning scheme review requires councils to review their planning scheme periodically. Council has endorsed a review for public comment. Please take time to read the review and give us feedback. Further information will be on our webpage.”

Councillor McAulay said, “I am so excited this month to report that in the Business and Economic Development Portfolio there are a number of new initiatives that are in the early stages of implementation as well as the normal busy day to day business. The team is looking at developing a Business and Economic Development Strategy. They will be

reviewing all studies and work done to date.

“At the end of forest transition, the council is still engaging with forest haulage staff and other stakeholders. Affected contractors are encouraged to engage with council.

She added, “Councillors are actively looking into establishing a country hub. The Hub type model where you can do University or Tafe courses locally.”

Mayor Walsh said, “I conducted a citizenship ceremony where I had the pleasure of welcoming nine new Australian citizens.”

CEO Ms Bonazzi said, “In regard to the Commonwealth Games, even though Murrindindi didn’t have a role in the Commonwealth Games, we now have an opportunity to leverage some of these funding initiatives and we have commenced discussions to ensure we get our fair share of this regional \$2 billion package.

“Council have been successful in the Building Blocks planning grant and will receive \$148,000 in funding from department of education and training to assist in the pre prep and three and four year old kindergarten program.”

McLeish calls for governmental support for caravan parks

Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish has accused the Victorian Government of handballing concerns about the lack of funding and insurance support for caravan park owners post the devastating October 2022 floods. She said that caravan park owners have been left in fear of further floods damaging their businesses.

Ms McLeish said that many caravan park owners are struggling to fully reopen and rebuild after the floods due to a lack of funding support, adding that, when questioned in parliament, the Minister for Small Business insisted there was no stronger voice for small business than the Victorian Government.

One of the challenges for caravan park owners is that banks will not provide finance to rebuild these small businesses if they are more than halfway through their 21 year lease with the government. To enable these businesses to access finance to rebuild their businesses, Ms McLeish is asking that the government provide them with a new 21 year lease.

Like other small businesses, caravan park operators also are finding it challenging to get insurance. Ms McLeish believes that the state government should lobby insurers and have the Victorian Managed Insurance Agency (VMIA) step in as the insurer of last resort to ensure caravan parks continue to operate.

Caravan parks owners are fearful that they will be forced to close due to the lack of support and real risk of further flooding and damage caused to their land, cabins and facilities. Local to the electorate, Molesworth Recreation Reserve and Caravan Park has been forced to close again due to flooding and flood damage.

Ms McLeish said caravan park owners and other small business owners are tired of living in fear and jumping through hoops to receive funding support. “The impact of the October 2022 floods was devastating for caravan park owners, with many struggling to get back on their feet. Their struggles were made harder with the lack of financial support and insurance to rely on.”



Mansfield Black team members Jenny Bell, Anna Speirs, Liza Karras, and Rhonda Carpenter. -S

Winter sun shines at the tennis

by Rhonda Carpenter

ANOTHER magnificent day dawned for round nine of the Euroa and District Ladies Winter Tennis competition on Monday, July 24.

Mansfield Red travelled to play Moglonemby along with Mansfield Black who played Seven Creeks in Euroa's glorious sunshine. Mansfield Blue took the trip to Terip and Benalla hosted Euroa.

Moglonemby's Judy Sands and Marlene Hanrahan began with their usual class taking the opener 8-2 against Red's Carolyn Murray and Jo O'Brien. Alongside them Mary Kelly and Kerryn Keir were up against Red's two fill-ins Margaret Howlett and Di Bergelin. The visitors finally took the lengthy set in a tiebreak with scoring support from the Moglonemby captain.

The home side were convincing in all the remaining sets, winning 5/47 to 1/22.

Seven Creeks' Rowena Ellis and Rosie Cameron overcame Black's Anna Speirs and Liza Karras 8-4 in their opener, while Jenny Bell and Rhonda Carpenter combined strongly to win 8-0 against Kerry Hewlett and Jill Hayes in theirs.

In lengthy battles, scores not indicative of the contest, Black took the remaining sets. Speirs and Carpenter trailed then matched their opponents' game for game in a strategic struggle. The visitors broke them in the thirteenth game and served out the set to win 8-6.

Mansfield Black 5/44 defeated Seven Creeks 1/21.

Terip's Cindy Hayes, Bec Lyttle, Phoebe McDermid and Jenny Martin took every set against Blue's Michelle Pigdon, Sophie Yencken, Clare Beecham, and Jill Breadon.

Pigdon and Beecham put up a challenge in their pairing, ultimately losing 6-8. Terip won 6/48 to 0/17 affirming their top of the table status.

Benalla had a much closer tussle with Euroa in their match on the

lawn. Benalla's Kate Campbell, Bev Gill and Maureen Jewell welcomed Terip's Frances Lawrence into their side for the day.

Euroa's Sue Vaughan and Lyndall Bigland won their opener 8-6, while Gill and Jewell won 8-4 against Julie Brook and Ruth Nolan. Vaughan combined well with Nolan to win 8-3. Benalla won 4/41 to Euroa's 2/29 in a great contest.



Mansfield Red: Carolyn Murray, Di Bergelin, Jo O'Brien, and Margaret Howlett. -S



The Yarra Valley Gas encouragement award winner Lily Neilson and Marmalade's Player of the Day award winner Pippa Butterworth. -S

Under 13 netballers in a tough match

by Racheal DeCaneva

IT was a tough match-up for Yea's Under 13s against top of the ladder, Seymour. Strong defensive pressure from Grace, Lily and Jemma throughout the game slowed the Seymour attack, while Ivy and Lola worked well together to drive the ball forward to our goals. Pippa and Charlotte consolidated every effort made when the ball was in our goal third. Ruby and Abbey also played well in the mid-court but in the end, Seymour were too strong and took the win. The final score was 20-29.

Marmalade's player of the day award: Pippa Butterworth, Yarra Valley Gas encouragement award: Lily Neilson.

Yea golf report

by Alan Pell

WEDNESDAY, July 26 golf was a 22 Pair Competition with Mic Sheather/Brian Simmons winning with 298 points from second Phil Armstrong/Peter Johnston with 254. Best individual was Phil Armstrong with 33 points from Brian Simmons with 32.

Saturday, July 29 was the 54 Hole Event starting with 18 holes of Stableford. The following Saturdays will be Par followed by Stroke. The top 10 players each week receive points to determine an overall winner. Kevin

Coghlan with 42 points took the honours on the first day of the Event. Brendan Chenhall with 35 points was second from Michael Spagnolo 33 and Phil Armstrong fourth on count back with 32. No nearest the pin on the tenth for two and Jeff Aurisch won the Club Award.

Event points for Round One are Kevin Coghlan 10, Brendan Chenhall nine, Michael Spagnolo eight, Phil Armstrong seven, Martin Lowe six, Alan Pell five, Brian Simmons four, Tom White three, Ken Whitfort two and Steve Rumney one.

The Chronicle Sport

Sports Editorial: sports@alexandranewspapers.com.au



Yea Junior footballers play at home



F Roberts and B Dredge. -S



J Frankcombe, L Steiner and B Waghorn. -S



S Duncan, J Hargreaves, O Cunningham and J Tato from the under 10s. -S



C Elliot and S Charles from the under 14s. -S

Under 9

by Cam Fairchild and Lyndal Tait

OUR youngest Tigers took to their home ground against Seymour, under coach Cam who was filling in for Matt. It was a fabulous game, with all players contributing and showing great skills and teamwork, and having lots of fun.

On a wet ground, but in beautiful sunshine, the Tigers kicked some great goals, and defended well against their opposition. Coach Cam was really proud of how brilliantly the children worked together, listened to their instructions and showed great sportsmanship.

Special mention to award winners this week: Brooklyn for her awesome effort kicking four goals, Josh for putting in 110 per cent, he played a terrific game and Logan very persistent and kept the pressure up the whole game.

Congratulations to the entire team on a fabulous game that everyone enjoyed watching. Our under 9s have shown such enormous improvement and growth in confidence over the season. Only one game to go now, and we would love to have lots of supporters get down to Tigerland next Sunday to cheer us on.

Marmalades player of the day - Logan Steiner, Yarra Valley Gas most improved - Brooklyn Waghorn, Just Great Coffee great game - Joshua Frankcombe.

Under 10

by Lyndal Tait and Claire Geeson

The Tigers hosted Seymour for a home game, the second last game of the home and away season. In glorious sunshine, the team were off to a cracking start, with a strong burst out of the centre from Ashton in ruck to Sienna, who kicked the Tigers into the forward line. Supplemented each quarter by three players from the Seymour side to make the sides even in numbers, the Tigers kicked the opening goal. Ashton, finding his form in the key ruck position tapped out, and the ball was moved forward for the Tigers again, to Charlie who narrowly missed to score a point. The Tigers locked the ball in the forward zone, Jonah roved well, feeding the ball out to Chester who kicked his second goal for Yea. Ashton dominated the rucks, clearing to Izzy who was always hard at the ball, roving and pushing it forward. Oscar took

a great possession after a direct pass from Darby, to run on to kick a great goal. Angus applied strong tackles and turned the ball over on several occasions. Oscar again gained possession and snapped, but this time it was stopped at the goal line by the opposition. Chester grabbed the ball and goaled for his third for the quarter. Seymour pushed forward from the centre ball up, but Fynn took control, kicking clear to the centre third. Toby G kicked out of the pack, and Toby J was fed the ball and kicked long into the centre of the ground. The Tigers moved the ball quickly down the ground via Angus and Jonah and into the forward line, where Darby kicked across his body, just missing. Chester getting the ball and kicking at goal to hit the post. A strong quarter by the Tigers with great effort at the ball across the ground.

Coach Al asked players to man up across the ground, find a player to stick to when defending the ball, and to push through the centre from behind the ruck. The Tigers keen to get going, were back on the field early, set to play. Again, Ashton cleared the ball from ruck to Sienna and Jonah who moved the ball well down the field. Sienna applied a strong tackle to win a free for holding the ball. Toby G shepherded superbly for Sienna to get a possession and run on to clear from the back line. Darby won a free kick and delivered directly to Angus who then turned and set himself up to kick a magnificent goal. Toby J rucked in a ball up and tapped clear to Darby who then moved the ball on to Angus and then Jonah, who kicked to Toby J who had run on. Ashton tackled well and Toby J got a hard ball get. A quarter full of contested possessions, attacking football and great teamwork, saw a low scoring quarter by both sides.

The half time break allowed players to recoup and set themselves up for the second half. A few key positional changes by Coach Al, with Toby G to take the ruck, and the message to attack quickly, and contest the ball, but continue to have fun. Yea worked hard to man up from the start, and they locked down Seymour's run and possessions. Seymour having a number of scoring shots, to only score points with the Tigers working hard to touch the ball on the line to prevent the big scores. Toby

J and Toby G combined and supported each other to work the ball forward. Ashton and Oscar both had shots at goal, but both fell short. Angus worked hard in the forward zone to lose his opponent and gain possession and he was rewarded with a great goal. Fynn roved well and delivered the ball to his teammates. Judd got a number of kicks and possessions and played a great quarter doing what he had been asked to do. Toby G used his strength to barge out of the pack with the ball and to handball to Fynn who kicked forward. Toby J chased and ran all quarter. Again, another lower scoring quarter, with the Tigers protecting their lead.

The final quarter was tense with both sides working the ball back and forwards from their attacking zones. The Tigers drove the ball forward to Oscar near the goals, but he wasn't able to capitalise. Toby G and Angus worked to keep the ball in the forward zone with Angus taking a strong mark. Seymour came back at the Tigers to score the only goal of the quarter, along with several missed opportunities, where the Tigers defenders stood tall and strong, preventing any further majors. Judd took possession and kicked directly to Sienna who marked. Darby took a strong mark and kicked to Sienna. Angus was great defending the ball, and Darby took another strong mark in defence, before driving the ball to the centre where the Tigers worked the ball around. Although Yea worked hard to get the ball into their forward zone, they were unable to convert any goals this quarter, but their defence on the ball was brilliant and certainly ensured that their opposition weren't able to make the most of the ball up forward. Another strong game by the Tigers who have shown such improvement in their skills and teamwork each game. With only one game to go before the end of the season, a home game against St Mary's, the Tigers have formed a cohesive and fun team to watch playing. Each player now finding a position on the ground that they are best suited to and set to move up the age ranks next season. Well done to the whole team.

Awards: Marmalades Player of the Day - Sienna Duncan,

Yarra Valley Gas Most Improved - Jonah Tato and Judd Hargreaves,

Duncan's Panel & Paint Red Hot Go - Oscar Cunningham

Under 12

by Claire Geeson and Lyndal Tait

The under 12s Tigers took on Seymour at home and were looking forward to showing the home crowd how much they have improved over the season. Hunter in the ruck was strong from the outset, using his height and skill to win the tap out, and the Tigers combined to push the ball forward. Seymour responded and quickly moved the ball to their scoring end, with the Tigers defenders working hard to prevent a major score. Archie took a kick out and Ollie and Sienna combined to move the ball down the ground, kicking to Archie who had run on, and he took a strong mark. Evan and Archie worked hard in defence, kicking the ball in and working it forward.

The second quarter had barely started, when Lachie went down injured with a suspected broken leg. It took quite some time to ensure he was safely moved from the ground before play could resume, but the Tigers remained warm, moving the ball around to each other and keeping their spirits up. Hunter scored a point, and Max punched the ball out, to prevent Seymour scoring. Archie kicked off the ground and continued to run on to the ball again. Dom applied a strong tackle, and Hunter game out with the ball from the bottom of the pack. Jack took a strong mark and kicked to Archie, who moved the ball on, where Lucas put his body on the line to go under the pack to gain possession. Hunter was awarded a free kick and he drove the ball long with a strong kick. Max G took on the pack, showing major growth in his confidence. Hunter rucked and tapped out to Cooper (changing it up by playing up forward) who turned and kicked an awesome goal to much celebration by the entire side.

Benji and Hunter started the third quarter off with great collaboration. Hunter continued to perform well in the ruck. Archie burst through a pack with the ball, kicking it through the centre. Lucas took control of a kick out to Tyler and he moved the ball well down the ground. Again, the Tigers defenders under constant attack and never giving up. The Tigers defenders really sticking to their opposition and working hard to minimise Seymour's scoring opportunities. Nevaeh worked hard defending the ball and Darby

gained a good possession in the back pocket to kick the Tigers out of defence. The under 9s and 10s players stepping up to support the under 12s side again this week and really showing some great skills.

Flynn worked hard all game, constantly trying to turn the ball over and gain possession, against a tough opponent. Toby J was awarded a free kick for a high tackle, and he kicked to his brother Jack who also received a free kick for an illegal tackle. The Tigers kicked into the forward line and were so close to scoring. Ashton was hard in the packs, and Lucas ran hard to defend the goals. Atticus as on the bottom of the pack and pushed the ball out to Ashton. Sammy was strong across the backline and Toby J cleared the ball well to Archie who pushed forward. The Tigers spending the last few minutes with the ball in their forward zone, but unable to get it over the line, despite repeated efforts, the siren sounding as they were only a few metres from the goal line.

Despite suffering another loss, the Tigers remain positive and are looking forward to taking on St Mary's next week at Tigerland. The Yea side looking to record their first win of the season against a side they only narrowly lost to in the first round. Coaches Cam and Marc were pleased with the Tigers efforts and improvement and encouraged them to continue to play as they have done over the past two weeks when they take on St Mary's next week. Wish Lachlan all the best with his injury. He's one tough cookie to still have a sense of humour with an injury like that and we hope he is on the mend quickly.

Awards: Marmalades Player of the Day - Flynn Roberts and Yarra Valley Gas Most Improved - Benji Dredge.

Under 14

Yea 5.7 - 37 defeated Seymour 2.3 - 15

by Nick Fisher

THE Yea Tigers U14s challenged Seymour in Yea on Sunday, July 30. With a few players out, we once again had nobody on the bench. But to their credit, they started strong and stayed that way throughout the game. The weekly awards went to Cody Elliot and Sam Charles. This week we play St Mary's in Yea. Go Tigers.