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Yea Primary School students making damper. More images from the Toolangi camp on page 4. -S

## A tragedy in Limestone

POLICE will prepare a report for the coroner following a crash in Limestone. It is believed that a ute with five occupants was being driven in the paddock of a private property

off Macklins Road when it rolled down a hill, crashing into a tree at about 11.05am on Sunday, August 27.



Emergency services workers at the site of the tragic incident in Limestone. -S

A 21 year old Ashburton man died at the scene.

A 22 year old Malvern man was airlifted to hospital with life-threatening injuries.

A 21 year old woman was airlifted to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Another 22 year old Glen Iris man and a 21 year old Mulgrave woman also travelling in the vehicle were not injured.

Police, Ambulance, CFA and SES Road Rescue crews from Yea and Alexandra were called to the incident.

Two Ambulance HEMS, along with SES and CFA high angle rescue teams from Alexandra, Marysville, Monbulk and Wandin worked together with Police Search and Rescue to rescue two people trapped in the vehicle 100m down the hill.

Access to the scene was hampered by slippery wet grass on a steep hill meaning equipment needed to be relayed in by smaller 4wd vehicles.

Crews returned home around 7.30pm on Sunday after a long day hauling road accident rescue equipment to the scene by rope down steep terrain.

### Have you prepared for fire season?

by Jason Heffernan, CFA Chief Officer

VICTORIA is expecting a warmer spring and an earlier start to the fire season this year and we're asking those living in high risk areas to take action to prepare their family and property.

The new Spring Seasonal Outlook that has been released predicts the fire risk in the coming months to be normal across the state, as well as strong drying patterns in Gippsland's forested areas and elevated grass fuel loads in central, western and northern Victoria.

While La Niña conditions have subdued Victoria's fire risk the past three years, our state is one of the most bushfire prone areas in the world and we need people to be prepared as we approach warmer conditions.

CFA crews have been protecting lives and property in this environment for decades, some for more than a century. They're highly trained, professional firefighters that have made every effort to prepare their communities ahead of this fire season, as they do every year.

We're constantly working with our Victorian emergency service partners throughout the cooler months to prepare for fire season and this year is no exception.

However, while we continue our work, our crews implore people to understand that fire safety is a shared responsibility between fire services and the community.

We're asking all Victorians in high risk areas to take simple actions to prepare their family and property as the weather begins to warm.

If you live near areas with bush, forest, long grass or coastal scrub, these actions and decisions may well save your life and property in the event of a bushfire.

Find some time to sit down with your family or household and make a Bushfire Survival Plan, and if you already have one, it's a great time to review it.

It's also the perfect time to tidy up your property, this can include clearing your gutters, pruning branches away from your roof or walls, keeping grass shorter than 10cm and removing leaves and twigs from around your property.

Landowners should also consider private burn offs to remove green waste ahead of Fire Danger Period (FDP) declarations. All burn offs must be registered, which can be done online at [firepermits.vic.gov.au](http://firepermits.vic.gov.au).


Stay informed by downloading the VicEmergency app to stay across incidents and fire danger ratings in your area.

I urge all Victorians to visit the CFA website to learn more about how they can prepare themselves ahead of this bushfire season at [cfa.vic.gov.au/prepare](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/prepare).

Well done to all crews on a team effort, and condolences to the friends and family of the deceased man. Wishing all involved a speedy recovery.

Anyone who witnessed the incident, with information or vision is urged to call Crimestoppers or 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at [crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://crimestoppersvic.com.au)






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Letters to  
the Editor

**Suicide awareness walk**

ALARMINGLY, suicide rates in the Murrindindi Shire are among the highest in Victoria. The cause in part is being attributed to the mental impact of the bushfires that devastated the region several years ago. Sometimes the scars take years to surface.

The Goulburn Valley suicide group in Yea said it welcomed the Murrindindi Shire’s support and assistance in bringing the issue out into the open.

The third annual suicide awareness walk will take place at 9am on National Suicide day, Sunday, September 10. The walk aims to raise awareness, reduce stigma and support families and friends who have lost loved ones. For more information visit the website [gvsag.org.au](http://gvsag.org.au) or phone 0417 907 278. All welcome.

*Donald Lawson, Yea*

# Don’t forget your dad on Father’s Day

“THE older I get, the smarter my father seems to get.”

Tim Russert, the acclaimed former journalist and author of the book, *The Wisdom of Our Fathers*, made this observation, one that would be a familiar notion to many.

Unsurprisingly, Fathers’ Day is a tradition that began in the United States, though its exact beginnings are unknown. In Australia, it began to be observed in the 1930s.

On August 29, 1936 in Perth’s *The Daily News*, a publication that ran from 1882 to 1955, printed an advertorial with gift suggestions for the day.

Australian fathers may have finally found who to hold accountable for the unimaginative presents they tend to receive, given *The Daily News* suggestions were “a new pair of sox, a suit of pyjamas, a new shirt or hat.”

However, one gift suggestion would be very unlikely to get a guernsey these days.

“One of Dad’s greatest comforts is his tobacco. You cannot go wrong with a pipe, a box of cigars or a supply of his favourite tobacco or cigarettes.”

The first Sunday in September was officially designated as the day through the Commonwealth in 1964, and that choice is widely thought to have been made with commercial interests in mind.

That’s because September puts Father’s Day almost evenly between Mother’s Day and Christmas in a calendar year, giving shoppers the time to save their pennies between gift giving events.

Unlike Australia, Father’s Day in the UK and US is celebrated on the third Sunday in June, one month later than Mothers’ Day, giving Brits and Americans less time to save or prepare, so we can thank the Commonwealth for that.

This year, Fathers’ Day falls on Sunday, September 3. We wish all fathers, and those who play that role, a wonderful day filled with love and laughter.



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## Community planning in Flowerdale and Kinglake

MURRINDINDI Shire Council has announced that it will be launching its Community Planning Program in Flowerdale and the Kinglake Ranges later this year.

Community planning is aimed at putting local communities in the driver’s seat and it’s an exciting opportunity for people to come together and identify local strengths and priorities, and work together to develop solutions that will ensure their towns thrive while protecting what is important.

Building on ideas that came about as part of the community-led Kinglake Ranges Flowerdale Talks Program, that took place in 2022, council will support

these communities to prioritise what’s most important and develop their own community plan.

With Flowerdale Community Planning set to launch first, community members are invited to get involved and help plan how the program might work in Flowerdale by attending a drop-in session.

Drop-in sessions will be held at the Flowerdale Community House Open Day on Sunday, October 8 from 10am to 2pm, Flowerdale Hotel on Thursday, October 12 from 5 to 7pm, and the General Store in Flowerdale on Saturday, October 14 from 10am to noon.

More information on Kinglake Ranges Community Planning will be released soon.

To learn more, visit [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/flowerdale-community-planning](http://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/flowerdale-community-planning) or call 5772 0333 and ask to speak to Anna in Community Planning.

Mayor John Walsh said, “Council’s Community Planning program has been successful in Eildon, Marysville, Toolangi-Castella, Yea, Glenburn and Thornton-Rubicon and it’s great to see the same community-led process is happening in Flowerdale and the Kinglake Ranges.”

## 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**

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



For a \$5 annual fee for online, your club or organisation’s regular meeting dates will be listed each week. Not only is this a reminder to your regular members but also a good source of what groups are available in the community, when they meet and a contact phone number.

RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT				
STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	10.00am Mon	1.10	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	10.00am Mon	0.68	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	10.00am Mon	0.96	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	7.56am Mon	0.29	steady	below minor
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	10.18pm Sun	0.65	steady	
Yea R at Yea	8.24am Mon	1.11	steady	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	10.00am Mon	0.65	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	10.00am Mon	1.28	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	10.00am Mon	0.35	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	10.00am Mon	1.62	steady	below minor
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**Alexandra**

DAY	LOW	HIGH	
Wednesday	7	14	
Thursday	4	14	
Friday	4	16	
Saturday	3	17	
Sunday	4	18	
Monday	8	18	
Tuesday	8	16	

**Yea**

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Wednesday	7	14	
Thursday	4	14	
Friday	5	15	
Saturday	3	17	
Sunday	4	18	
Monday	8	18	
Tuesday	8	17	



DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra.....	N/Amm
Buxton.....	10.5mm
Eildon (AWS).....	5mm
Flowerdale.....	13mm
Jamieson.....	17mm
Kinglake.....	16mm
Lake Eildon.....	8mm
Mansfield.....	3mm
Taggerty.....	4mm
Yarck.....	4mm
Yea.....	12mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week.....	288.10m
Capacity as at 9am Monday.....	96.8%
Metres below full supply.....	80cm
Daily inflow.....	3500ML
Release.....	1000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....	54%



## 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
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# Successful grant recipients announced

FOUNDATION Murrindindi has announced the recipients of the 2023 Connecting Communities Grants, a program designed to foster community engagement, strengthen relationships, and support initiatives that enhance the quality of life in the Murrindindi region.

This year's grant round included an array of applications from local organisations and individuals who are dedicated to creating positive change within the Murrindindi community.

The Connecting Communities Grants program, which is in its third year, received a record number of applications, which highlights the enthusiasm and commitment of the local communities to work together towards shared goals.

The grants aim to provide support to projects that reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation, foster community connections, increase social participation and inclusion and enhance a sense of belonging.

Foundation Murrindindi has announced the following organisations and initiatives as the recipients of the 2023 Connecting Communities Grants: Taggerty Lego and Games Nights through the Taggerty Progress Group, the Kinglake Rotary Art Show run by the Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges, Country Music Gathering, TriGym Marysville Flowerdale Community Open Day, Flowerdale, the Community House Buxton Family Fun Nights run by Buxton Primary School, a Pride and Prejudice event run by Kinglake Boomerang Bags, Glenburn Community Gatherings run by the Glenburn Hall and Progress Association, Barefoot Bowls run by the Flowerdale Sports Club, Seniors Week and Carers Week activities

run by Menzies Support Services, Community Woodfire Pizza Night run by Fawcett Mechanics Institute, Seniors Week activities run by Murrindindi East U3A, and Flowerdale Community Carols run by the Flowerdale Hall.

"We are truly inspired by the passion and dedication shown by Shire of Murrindindi community groups in these grant applications," Robyn Hill, Executive Officer at Foundation Murrindindi, said.

"The Connecting Communities Grants program reflects our commitment to building stronger, more connected communities, and we are excited to see these projects come to life."

For more information about Foundation Murrindindi, or to make a donation to support the ongoing work of the Foundation, visit [foundationmurrindindi.org.au](http://foundationmurrindindi.org.au) or contact Robyn Hill on 0488 007 688.



The Flowerdale Sport Club being presented with a cheque from Foundation Murrindindi. -S

## Victoria's High Country app is up and running

TOURISM North East has recently announced the launch of its new *Victoria's High Country* visitor app, a dynamic digital visitor guide and wayfinding tool that puts the latest information about everything there is to eat, see and do in the hands of visitors to Victoria's High Country. The app connects visitors with local businesses, experiences and in turn boosts local tourism.

The app gives local tourism businesses assistance in helping to drive traffic to their business by promoting their experiences and connecting them more readily to visitors. The app provides hyper local information allowing visitors to locate and connect with tourism experiences in the town they are staying as well as providing search

and wayfinding capability enabling visitors to explore the region based on their interests and needs.

The app is still new and has some early teething issues. The Marysville Market appears to be located behind Steavenson Falls for example, and Lake Mountain isn't listed, however it is expected that such issues will be resolved in due course.

The app was developed by Tourism North East, with support from a grant from the Victorian State Government via Regional Development Victoria, to enhance the region's digital offerings and capabilities.

The *Victoria's High Country* app is available for download on the iTunes App Store (iOS) and Google Play (Android).

## Physical activities prompted by footpaths in Yea

INSPIRED by the success of the Mansfield Active Footpath Project, Yea and District Memorial Hospital in partnership with the Murrindindi Shire Council are looking to install physical footpaths throughout the Yea township.

The Mansfield Active Footpath Project was a project that was aimed at increasing incidental and affordable physical activity within the community. The project involved strategic adhesive stickers and signage across the shire that prompted community members to complete a range of physical activities.

To have your say on the project visit [yeahospital.org.au/physical-footpath-community-survey](http://yeahospital.org.au/physical-footpath-community-survey). It should take no more than five minutes to complete. The survey will close on August 31 at 11.59pm.

# Further support for timber workers announced

THE Victorian Government has announced that they are scaling up support for timber workers, sawmill operators and their communities, as Victoria transitions away from native timber logging.

Minister for Agriculture Gayle Tierney spoke about the expansion of the Victorian Forestry Worker Support Program, increasing worker top up payments from up to \$120,000 to \$150,000 and allocating extra payments to workers over 45 years old.

The wider community forestry sector, including firewood sellers, guitar makers, seed collectors and other Forest Produce Licensees will be eligible for the expanded Worker Support Payments, and redundant equipment compensation, plus payments for undersupplied timber, and a one off hardship payment.

The first round of the Forestry Transition Fund is now open to create more local jobs in impacted timber communities. The fund will provide grants of up to \$1 million to expand, diversify or start new businesses while also allocating wage subsidies to incentivise people to employ transitioning timber workers.

The Sawmill Voluntary Transition Package is also now open to support mill owners to stay in the industry or switch to new sectors. These packages will ensure

workers entitlements are met and will include plant and equipment compensation.

An initial Harvest and Haulage Support Package will be available for forest contractors in September, which will include contract and equipment compensation and worker redundancy payments.

Harvest and haulage sub contractors, chip truck drivers and other businesses heavily dependent on the native timber industry, will also be eligible for the next round of the Timber Innovation Grants which are expected to re-open in late September.

The Victorian Government will continue to consult with forest contractors to ensure their critical skills are retained for ongoing management of the state's public land with genuine opt out packages available for those who choose to exit.

Deb Kerr, CEO of Victorian Forest Products Association, said, "While we welcome the additional support for workers, contractors, communities, and new regional businesses, it is hard to fathom how the government has treated native hardwood mills who had acted in good faith. This is not how a government acts that wants to promote Victoria as a prime location for business. As the main body advocating for wood and wood fibre businesses in Victoria, we will continue to fight for better outcomes for our industry."

For more information on how to get local support, please visit [vic.gov.au/forestry](http://vic.gov.au/forestry) or contact the Forestry Transition Hotline on 1800 318 182. To register for the Victorian Forestry Worker Support Program, visit [forestworks.com.au](http://forestworks.com.au)

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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**

The Murrindindi Health Network invites you to a meeting with Dr Niki Vincent, Public Sector

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**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,

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Gender Equality Commissioner to hear her journey. 1-2pm at Yea Town Hall. Ligh catering will be supplied. For enquires contact 5736 0400 or email [yeahospital@ydmh.org.au](mailto:yeahospital@ydmh.org.au)

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Vic Fish Kids clinics and more. Fireworks at 7pm. [yfa.vid.gov.au/goulburnfishfest](http://yfa.vid.gov.au/goulburnfishfest)

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

You are invited to a workshop to help increase healthy eating and activity in children. 4-7pm Yea Shire Hall. RSVP by September 4. Contact Hailey Docking on 5736 0468 for more information.

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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

The Alexandra Op Shop will hold their AGM at 10am at the op shop.

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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

Alexandra Cricket Club AGM will be held at the Alexandra Bowling club at 7pm. All welcome.

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# Yea Primary students visit Camp Toolangi

PREP, grade one and grade two students from Yea Primary School spent two days at Camp Toolangi last week.

Toolangi is an indigenous word that means ‘tall trees’, and it is very apt in this case, as the children were surrounded by some of the largest and oldest trees in Victoria while on camp.

Students enjoyed a variety of activities including shelter building, zip lining and damper making while they were there.



Toolangi is an Indigenous word meaning ‘tall trees’. -S



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## 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

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ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH OF YEA  
Sunday Service time  
11am  
Father Mario Hendricks Ph: 0437 937 433

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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

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St Mary's Kinglake: Sunday 8.30am

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Colin Whiteway Ph 0419 351 267 / 5799 1295  
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# Suicide Awareness Walk coming up

JACKY Gilbee lost her 18 year old son Russell to suicide in 2018.

Her need to divert her grief into something positive was the catalyst for the creation of the Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Group.

GVSAG was formed in 2021, by a group of community members in the Goulburn Valley region whose lives have been affected by suicide.

They aim to raise awareness, reduce the stigma around talking about mental health and suicide, and to support family and friends and those who have lost loved ones to suicide.

The GVSAG Suicide Awareness Walk is an annual community event that aims to shine a light on the startling figures around suicide in Australia.

Suicide is the 15th leading cause of death overall, males are three times more likely to die by suicide than females and one in two young people are impacted by suicide by the time they turn 25, according Suicide Prevention Australia.

And behind every number is a life which was valued and will be missed.

This year, the GVSAG walk is being run on World Suicide Prevention Day, Sunday, September 10.

It's a day of global observance, which brings together over 60 countries, with a shared mission to reduce stigma, advocate for policy change, encourage people to seek help, and honour the memories of those lost to suicide, and those who grieve for them.

"Fixing the problem starts with awareness that we have a problem in the first place. We need to work on destigmatising showing emotion, talking about mental health issues, and allowing all people a safe environment to ask for help," said Jacky.

The participants will also have a chance to pause and take time to reflect on loved ones that have been lost to suicide, and honour not only their lives, but their memory and

the legacies they have left for those who carry on.

"The walk is important because when you are affected by suicide, you feel like you're the only one out there that's been affected. No one will feel this bad. No one knows what I'm going through. When you actually go to one of these walks, you realise there's a lot of people there, we have more than 100 people every year, you are surrounded with people that are feeling the same way. And then you realise they're not sad, and you realise that this is one day of the year that you can think about this person openly," Jacky said.

Registrations Open at 8.30am at Yea Railway Station. At 9am the event kicks off with an Acknowledgement of Country, and a welcome from GVSAG Founder Jacky Gilbee.

This year there are two guest speakers, Nic Healy from ABC Radio who will speak about the impact suicide has on a community, and Michelle Graeber from the Anxiety Recovery Centre, who will be sharing how best to broach the subject with someone you think may be contemplating suicide.

There will be counsellors on the walk for those who would like to access them and the CFA and Police will be on hand to help with crossing the highway and safety in general.

At 11am the walkers return to celebrate their accomplishment and enjoy a free sausage sizzle courtesy of the Rotary Club of Yea. There will be music and food, creating new memories about the people who are loved and missed.

You can find out more at [gvsag.org.au/event/goulburn-valley-suicide-awareness-walk-2023](https://gvsag.org.au/event/goulburn-valley-suicide-awareness-walk-2023)



Jacky Gilbee at last year's Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Group Walk.



GVSAG walkers on the rail trail. -S



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## Third Annual GOULBURN VALLEY Suicide Awareness Walk

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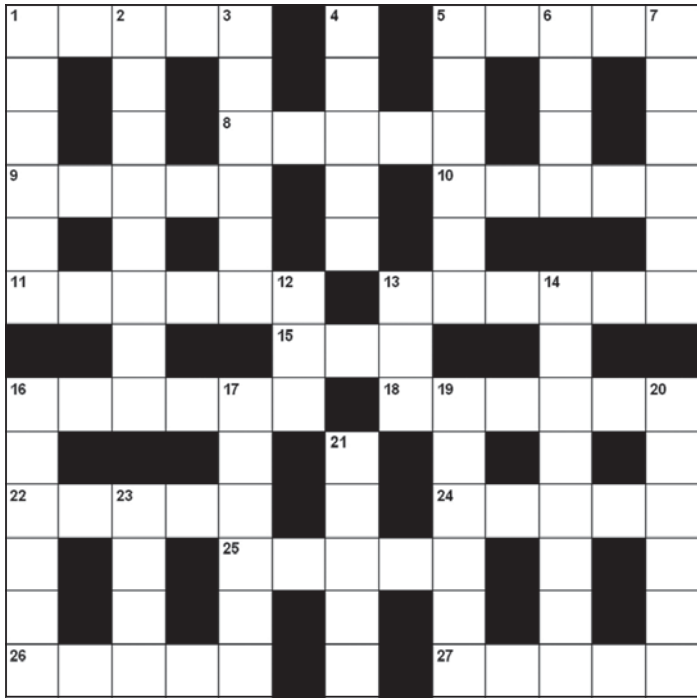
Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. Ten-armed cephalopod mollusc.
- 5. CD composed of many songs.
- 8. Jewellers magnifying glass.
- 9. Adult male duck.
- 10. Relating to law.
- 11. An unmarried girl.
- 13. Heated up.
- 15. Be in debt to.
- 16. A frenzied woman.
- 18. Cooked in hot water.
- 22. Skin disease in furry animals.
- 24. A twilled woollen fabric.
- 25. The wife of a raja.
- 26. The present occasion.
- 27. A pointed tool for writing.

DOWN

- 1. Not often.
- 2. A city dweller.
- 3. Remove all traces.
- 4. A fine mist.
- 5. Congenital absence of a limb.
- 6. Two-masted square-rigged ship.
- 7. Handled very roughly.
- 12. A sign of assent.
- 13. An intricate network.



- 14. A load of nonsense.
- 16. Wealth regarded as evil.
- 17. Punish by a fine.
- 19. Preoccupy completely.
- 20. Coat with flour before cooking.
- 21. Australia's wild dog.
- 23. The middle of the day.

Word Search - Spring

Balmy	V	G	F	L	E	I	H	N	B	C	T	B	C	U	D
Blossoms	A	A	R	I	L	C	R	A	I	N	Y	I	G	A	B
Buds	T	X	A	Y	G	T	N	S	T	H	N	N	F	A	T
Colour	T	U	G	O	B	G	W	I	J	C	F	F	E	D	D
Daffodils	E	F	R	H	H	U	M	Y	I	U	O	R	I	O	Q
Flowers	T	L	A	M	R	S	D	P	Z	D	Q	W	G	S	Z
Fragrant	A	O	N	R	N	D	H	S	I	R	U	O	L	O	C
Germinate	N	W	T	A	Y	T	B	L	O	S	S	O	M	S	B
Growth	I	E	W	W	W	M	S	B	W	N	V	G	Y	E	P
Picnic	M	R	C	O	K	B	L	Y	V	F	K	Y	V	L	P
Rain	R	S	R	B	J	T	L	A	A	Z	L	O	S	K	G
Warm	E	G	B	S	L	F	S	J	B	E	H	A	C	T	M
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Maths Squares

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

	x		+	1	37
-		+		x	
	-		-		-5
+		+		-	
7	-		+		10
6		14		2	

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

Fill in the missing letters

Fill in the missing letters  
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\_ra\_rant Ger\_in\_te Gro\_t\_ \_i\_ni\_ Ra\_\_ \_a\_m



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Trout season to open with a festival

TROUT season officially opens on Saturday, September 2 and everyone is invited to celebrate it at the Goulburn Fishing Festival. Activities will include market stalls, spinning prizes, cooking demonstrations and live performances at the new location in Lions Park in Eildon. There will be plaster arts painting, games run by the education team and face painting. The Goulburn River and Eildon Pondage will share in the release of 2000 massive 'stonker' rainbow trout weighing up to 5kg, which will be stocked at various sites for the trout season opening. They'll have a combined weight of seven tonnes, which almost guarantees to create lifelong memories for fishers and their families. As well as trying your luck at catching a trophy trout at one or more spots on the stonker trout trail, you can also help the Snobs Creek hatchery team stock the Pondage with trout. Children's fishing classes will be held, with bait and tackle provided, but you must make a booking for them. Book at [eventbrite.com.au/e/goulburn-fishing-festival-2023-kids-fishing-clinics-tickets-639084367547](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/goulburn-fishing-festival-2023-kids-fishing-clinics-tickets-639084367547). The Snobs Creek hatchery will be open for tours where you'll be able to meet and chat to Fisheries Officers and then the pièce de résistance will be the fireworks over the pondage from 7pm. For more information, visit [vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/events/trout-opening-festivals/goulburn-fishing-festival](https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/events/trout-opening-festivals/goulburn-fishing-festival)



Outreach Support Visits Door Knock



Residents in flood affected areas of Yea, Molesworth, Thornton and along Whanregarwen Road can expect a visit from the Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry (VCCEM) over the next two weeks. Representatives from VCCEM will be conducting door knocks on behalf of Murrindindi Shire Council, as part of our support for the community following the October 2022 floods.

Council and our partner agencies would like to ensure that residents are supported in their recovery and offer information, referral and resources to assist where possible. Through these outreach support visits, VCCEM representatives can answer questions regarding access to supports and resources as you move forward. For more flood recovery information For more information about resources available for your ongoing recovery, visit the Flood Hub on Council's website. This hub has information on available grants, infrastructure updates, and support services available. Find out more at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/floods2022](https://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/floods2022)



# Bridging the gap for healthcare through virtual doctors



Caroline from Caledonia Care talking to the audience about support available with MyAgedCare and NDIS. -MP

ON Wednesday, August 23, the new initiative *Hour with an Ambo* held at Eildon Community Centre commenced.

MICA Paramedic Peter Scott presented the session alongside his colleagues and Caroline Brown from Caledonia Care also gave a talk about My Aged Care and NDIS applications and funding.

Each week there will be a presentation on health matters such as heart health, CPR and free health checks such as blood pressure and looking at vital signs. The ambulance officers can refer you to the necessary appointments if needed.

Peter said, "These checks are to not only check if you're well, but also maybe saving you ringing 000 down the track."

The first session presented to the community was about the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department. Peter felt this was an important topic for the Eildon community because in the township there is no GP or medical services available and some people many not drive or they may find it difficult to get to Alexandra or other areas close by.

Mr Scott said to the audience that just because you don't have a medical facility in town doesn't mean you can't speak with a GP and get the care you need.

The Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED) is a standalone emergency department and it's funded by the Victorian Government. It operates independently and is available for everybody. It offers access to emergency healthcare for those who don't present with time critical healthcare needs.

Mr Scott said, "Obviously if you have chest pains and sweaty and unwell you need to ring 000. You don't ring VVED for this. VVED is for non-emergency issues, where people can have Telehealth medical consultations which connect patients with emergency physicians and are available 24/7."

To access the service, you need to have a video camera that functions with internet connection and paired to a phone. The doctors must be able to have a visual of you while they talk to you. To use this service, you can self refer or other services such as the ambulance can refer you.

The VVED started out as a pilot program in October 2020 initiated by the Northern Hospital to support the COVID-19 patients that were presenting in large numbers at the hospitals in the northern suburbs. The idea was to relieve the pressure on the emergency waiting rooms as there were long wait times. In February 2022, it expanded to a statewide coverage.

Ambulance Victoria and Northern Health conducted a pilot in 2021 and 81 per cent of the patients were referred to a different pathway and not an emergency department. This virtual program is taking pressure of the emergency systems.

All Victorian residents and interstate visitors can access these services, and it's free of charge.

Mr Scott said, "The aim is to provide the right care at the right time and the right place."

The VVED is useful for instances when you need antibiotics, have pain, chest infections, gastrointestinal symptoms, or vomiting providing there is no blood, etcetera. Through the VVED, people with palliative care needs can even be put onto a palliative care physician.

If the VVED thinks you're in the high risk category, they will ring an ambulance.

Mr Scott explained to the audience how QR codes provide to access VVED. You can also visit the website and select the register icon.

Once registered with the VVED you will go into a virtual waiting room for your appointment. First you see a triage nurse and then you will have a consultation with a doctor to work out the best care path for you and your needs.

The doctors can email referrals and scripts to you, order pathology and pretty much everything you would get at a normal doctor or emergency department. They can provide self-care advice and GP follow up. Interpreters are also available which can be requested in the initial registration process.

For more information visit [vved.org.au](http://vved.org.au)



MICA Paramedic Peter Scott explaining the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department system to the audience. -MP

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Tom and Olivia Lawson have been breeding bulls for over 20 years and they are continually aiming to better their practices to achieve sustainable beef production.

Olivia explained, “We don’t promote ourselves as better than anyone else. However, in terms of our point of difference in our product offering of genetics, we offer genuine yearling bulls to beef breeders with access to the latest high performing genetics available. We are a family owned and operated business, full time working with our cattle every single day.

“We focus on highly functional, feed efficient and highly fertile cattle with high-end carcass characteristics that are adapted to all markets in Australia. Primarily, a lot of our clients are part of supply chains where they are supplying high performing cattle that are fed on grass rather than grain finished. They are quite unique in that regard.

“We supply Angus, black and red and a product called Stabilizer which is a fully hybrid design that developed initially in America around 20 years ago. We brought the trademark to Australia and started breeding Stabilizers here around 16 years ago. We are one of very few that breeds Stabilizers in Australia.

“Stabilizers offer a unique opportunity. They are made of up to four breeds that compliment each other. They offer higher performing, maternal and terminal performance over a pure-bred Angus.

Tom added, “With the product Stabilizer, it’s about achieving hybrid vigour/heterosis. This is how you can increase your traits such as fertility and longevity. The only way you can improve these traits is through crossbreeding (heterosis).

“Stabilizer is optimal mainstream crossbreeding. It’s usually two to six breeds being used. The products change and evolve over the years as markets change. Traditionally it has been Angus, Simmental, and Gelbvieh and Hereford.”

On the land, Tom and Olivia are continually improving soil health through holistic grazing. Olivia said, “Soil health is equally if not more important to us than the genetics of the business, because we are 100 per cent a grass business. We have been rotationally grazing for 20 years and have become more and more attuned to why looking after our soil and grass is vital for soil health, water retention and drought

resilience. Ground cover is also important to maintain 100 per cent of the time as it reduces erosion, wind erosion and helps water infiltration and soil carbon levels.”

Tom and Olivia have just completed a grazing for profit school (RCS) up in Toowoomba. They developed their own grazing charts through the course.

Olivia said, “It reiterated to us the importance to striving to improve soil health and it will in turn improve pasture health and animal health. In terms of holistic management, our business is all about the land, plants, and animals and the people.

“We are conscious of the impact on our ecosystem and land health. We made a the switch to a biological farming system a long time ago. We have previously won a sustainable farming award in 2014 through Landcare. We really have been passionate about this for quite some time.”

Paringa Livestock have their Annual Bull Sale coming up on September 21 on property at 1pm and on Auctionsplus. For more information visit [paringalivestock.com.au](http://paringalivestock.com.au)

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WHOLE ORANGE AND COCONUT CAKE RECIPE

by Barb Fisher

INGREDIENTS

2 oranges

185 grams butter

1 and a half cups Castor sugar

3 eggs

1cup dessicated coconut

1 and a half cups SR flour

METHOD

Place whole oranges not peeled into saucepan cover with water and simmer for 25 minutes.

Cream butter and sugar, add eggs 1 at a time.


Remove oranges allow to cool slightly.

Chop and roughly remove seeds

Place in blender till oranges are pulp.

Combine with butter and sugar then add dry ingredients.


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Tom Lawson at home at Paringa Livestock -S

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## Farming for the future

ACCORDING to ABARES, changes in seasonal conditions have reduced farm profits by 23 per cent on average between 2001 to 2020.

These changes pose a serious risk to the agriculture sector, which feels the brunt of the changes, having full exposure to changes in seasonal temperature and rainfall, and extreme weather events such as drought, fire and flood.

Agriculture is critical to local communities, the Australian economy, good land management, and food security.

We are seeing the impacts of fires and floods in insurance premiums and coverage.

To be prepared we need to understand the climate and related policy operating environment, and where it's headed. Many local Landcare and producer groups have been working to provide information and education around topics related to climate and management tactics. Farmers have been making changes to their management.

It's not all doom and gloom. National moves towards a carbon neutral economy offer an opportunity for farmers to be paid to implement new practices which meet their business goals. These practices include revegetating waterways or rocky outcrops, improving production of perennial pastures.

Recently, Yea River Catchment Landcare Group was awarded a Victorian Landcare grant to host a series of presentations and workshops about climate change and carbon in agriculture. The series seeks to increase understanding of and planning for climate change on farms through addressing practical options, decision making and confusion around carbon.

For further information and booking details, please read the advertisement on this page.

"We are aiming to bring people together to raise current issues and discuss emerging technology and practices to address these," Rhiannon Sandford, secretary of Yea River Catchment Landcare Group, said.

"We've noticed confusion about the opportunities and requirements of carbon management on farms, and a desire for farmers to come together to share and discuss local issues. We thought this was a good opportunity to bring people together."

The group will organise a series of presentations running until mid-2024. The first session in the series is a presentation on September 21 in Yea, with seasonal forecast

specialist Dale Grey from Agriculture Victoria, and environmental scientist and ecologist Dr Martino Malerba from Deakin University.

"Dale is going to take us through the latest on predicted rainfall and temperature changes for our area, as well as new data showing step-changes in local stream flows. He will also look at the current seasonal risk and explain options to plan for the predicted warmer and drier spring, and now summer," Rhiannon said.

Dr Malerba leads the Teal Carbon group at Deakin's Blue Carbon Lab. Teal carbon refers to freshwater wetland ecosystems. Freshwater wetlands are important in mitigating the effects of climate change as they can store large amounts of carbon. Conversely, when degraded from, for example, water extraction, pollution and landscape modification, they are very large emitters of greenhouse gases. Mismanagement of natural wetlands has led scientists like Dr Malerba to look at and consider farm dams as potential freshwater wetland systems.

Farm dams are a big opportunity for increasing biodiversity on farms and can reduce farm carbon emissions when livestock are fenced out.

Farm dams are large emitters of greenhouse gases, but relatively simple interventions like fencing out livestock can alter them from emitters of greenhouse gases to sinks storing carbon from the atmosphere.

"Farm dams in our area are for stock water supply, so while we all value less fouling of dams by stock, reduced evaporative losses and more birds on our farms, we need to explore with experts like Dr Malerba the practicalities and options for fencing out dams and troughing water," Rhiannon said.

"Options like hardened access points or fencing dams in paddocks close by for checking water troughs might work out to be the most practical. The great news is that Martino and his team are looking for ways to get the carbon market to pay for dam refurbishments."

Planning is underway for the second session, a forum on November 17. Rhiannon said, "We are looking to engage speakers on a range of topics, including soil carbon, carbon in vegetation on farms, and farm emissions accounting. Simon Quilty, Global AgriTrends and Churchill Fellow, is our keynote speaker."

## Keeping the varroa mite out of the state

BEEKEEPERS are urged to be vigilant in monitoring for varroa mite and to keep up-to-date with permits, as Agriculture Victoria strengthens its surveillance in response to a detection over the border.

Victoria's Chief Plant Health Officer Dr Rosa Crnov on Friday, August 25 provided reassurance that no varroa mite has been found in Victoria.

On Thursday, New South Wales Department of Primary Industries confirmed varroa mite in beehives at Euroley in the Riverina and Euston in the Sunraysia region, resulting in a new Biosecurity (varroa mite) Emergency Order being issued. New South Wales has led a response to eradicate varroa mite since it was first detected in Newcastle in 2022.

This comes as Victoria's almond pollination season in the Sunraysia region is coming to an end, and beekeepers are moving their hives to pollinate other Victorian fruit and crops.

Dr Crnov said Agriculture Victoria biosecurity officers have been on the ground in Sunraysia undertaking targeted surveillance and no varroa mite was detected.

Under the nationally agreed response plan, no hives can move within 25km of an infested beehive. This applies to bee hives located in Victoria that are located within NSW's 25km zone at Euston.

"Agriculture Victoria will make every effort to contact any beekeepers that might be affected in this zone. Beekeepers who think they might be impacted are encouraged to contact us," she said.

A permit is required for anyone bringing bees, hives, queen bees, used beekeeping equipment, pollen for bee feeding, and bee products, including honeycomb, into any part of Victoria from any other state or territory. It's crucial for beekeepers to follow the mandatory permit system for entry of bees, hives and apiary movements into Victoria. This system helps protect our state, while enabling essential horticultural pollination activities to continue.

"Application for queen bees from all states except New South Wales will be assessed. Permits will not be granted for queens, escorts and queen cells from NSW at this time," she said.

Victorian registered beekeepers are required to keep movement records under Victorian regulations, preferably in BeeMAX. Varroa mite is a parasite of adult honey bees and honey bee brood. It weakens and kills honey bee colonies and can also transmit honey bee viruses.

For more information the Agriculture Victoria website, [agriculture.vic.gov.au/varroa](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/varroa)

Any suspect varroa should be reported to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881.

### The Rabbit Trap

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The winner will receive a \$50 voucher from *Dindi Country Clothing* in Alexandra. Entries need to be received by September 30, 2023. Please do not submit photos that have been edited in any way, any photos that have not been taken by you, any photos not taken in the last 12 months or any more than 3 photos per month.



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# Jobs rising in the regions

REGIONAL unemployment in Victoria has plunged to an unprecedented low as jobs continue to grow in towns and cities across the state.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data shows Victoria's regional unemployment rate fell to 2.4 per cent in July. This is the lowest in the country and the lowest mark in the state's history. The national regional unemployment rate stands at 3.3 per cent.

More than 8000 jobs were created in regional areas last month, the best performance among the states and pushing the total number of people in work in the regions to a record high 864,000.

The labour market is strong in regional and metropolitan areas, overall a record 3.65 million Victorians are in work and Victoria leads the nation in jobs created last month, over the past year and since November 2014.

More than 500,000 Victorians have secured a job since the September 2020 height of the pandemic economic shock,

140,000 more jobs than the next best performer.

Victorian wages jumped by 0.7 per cent in the June quarter and 3.6 per cent over the year, the highest annual growth since 2011.

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Almost 1.6 million Victorians live outside of metropolitan Melbourne. Victoria's population growth led the country before the pandemic and we are seeing a return to strong growth alongside the strong labour market.

Victoria's population grew by almost 40,000 in the December quarter. This is the highest increase reported by the ABS of all the states. Over the year, Victoria's population increased by 2.1 per cent to 6.7 million persons.

## Act on your voting penalty reminders

VICTORIANS who have an outstanding fine for failing to vote in the 2022 State election are urged to act before the matter is referred to Fines Victoria.

Victorians who failed to vote in the November 2022 State election will start receiving a penalty reminder notice this week, which carries a fee of \$27.70 in addition to the original \$92 fine.

Electoral Commissioner, Sven Bluemmel, advised recipients of a penalty reminder notice to act as soon as possible.

"If you receive a penalty reminder notice in the mail, you have three options, to pay the fine, request an internal review, or elect to go to court," Mr Bluemmel said.

"Please get in touch with us as once we hand it

over to Fines Victoria for enforcement action it's out of our hands."

Non-voters have 28 days to respond to the penalty reminder notice. The Victorian Electoral Commission encourages people who are unsure what to do, or who require assistance throughout any stage of the infringements process, to call 1300 551 575 or visit [vec.vic.gov.au/voting/fines-and-reviews](http://vec.vic.gov.au/voting/fines-and-reviews)

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The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is providing dedicated support to taxpayers this tax time.

### Tax Help

The Tax Help program is a free and confidential service open to people who earn \$60,000 or less each year and have simple tax affairs.

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The Tax Help program also supports First Nations people and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, providing support and assistance in many community languages.

The program is available now until the end of October. More information about Tax Help is available at [ato.gov.au/TaxHelp](http://ato.gov.au/TaxHelp)

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### Support for First Nations people

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In addition to the Indigenous Helpline, the ATO has several programs on offer to make managing tax and super affairs simpler. Assistance can also be provided online or by phone so even those living in rural or remote locations can access the service.

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### Assistance for culturally and linguistically diverse taxpayers

The tax office has translated information to help people understand tax and superannuation in Australia in their preferred language.

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### Self-help options

The ATO also provides digital tools, including myTax, the ATO app, and online services for individuals, businesses, tax agents which can be used to resolve a range of queries and perform specific actions on accounts.

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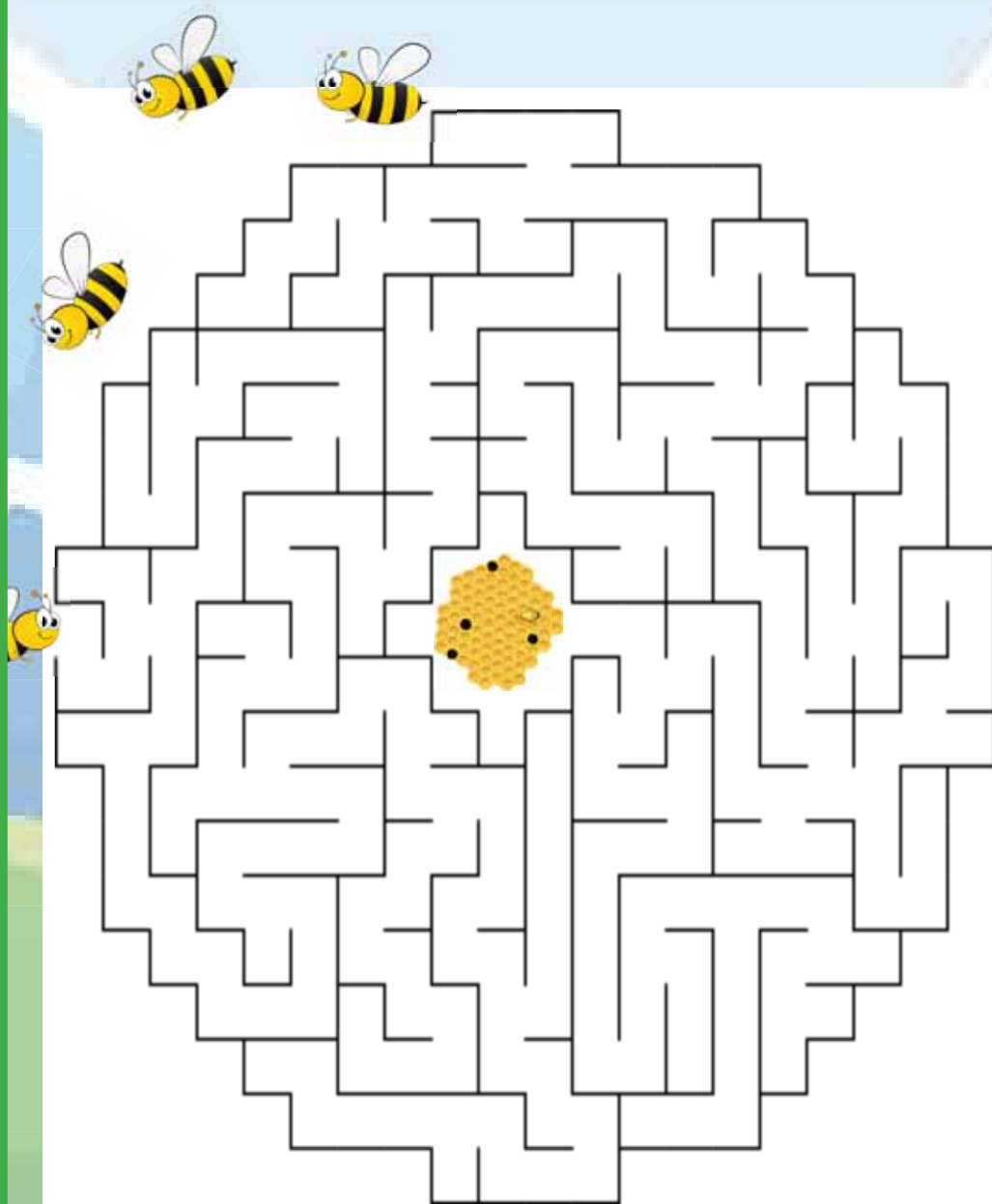
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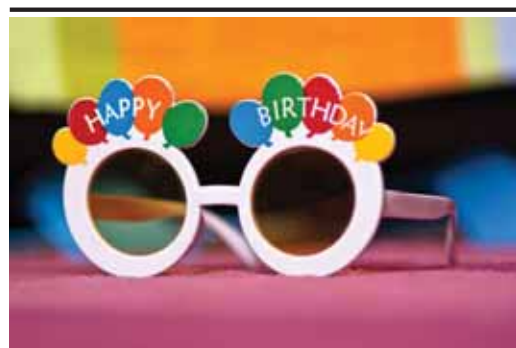
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### Upcoming Tree Removal Works at lower Eildon Pondage

In collaboration with Eildon Landcare Group, Council will be cleaning up an area of woody weeds along the Goulburn Valley Highway, around the lower Eildon Pondage.

Eildon Landcare has already done a fabulous job removing small weed species from this area, and we'll be building on their efforts by removing and mulching the Poplar trees, removing hung branches and trimming dangerous branches. Not only will this improve safety and access for people who enjoy fishing on the Pondage or those who use the walking path, opening up the view, it will also improve the biodiversity of the area.

These works are set to commence during the first week of October and should only take a couple of days to complete. During this time, traffic management will be in place on the Goulburn Valley Highway. Any delays will be kept to a minimum, but locals should expect a short delay of up to five minutes. Residents who usually walk around the Eildon Pondage need to be mindful of the works as there will be no access to the path between the car park area and the bridge as shown on the map.

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# Reducing road trauma in Murrindindi Shire

MURRINDINDI Shire Council is seeking community input to help plan for future road safety measures across the shire.

Drivers, motorcyclists, pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users are invited to provide input on road safety issues in the shire and how they think road safety can be improved.

As outlined in a 2021 review into road trauma in Murrindindi and Strathbogie Shires, Murrindindi Shire recorded the highest number of crashes compared to other small rural shires and 15 of the 19 large rural shires in Victoria, with several factors contributing to this statistic.

Feedback gathered during this consultation will help shape the development of council's draft Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan, with the goal of reducing road trauma, death and serious injury on Murrindindi's roads by implementing tangible safety measures and initiatives.

Community members are invited to get involved by sharing their thoughts on road safety issues, including personal experiences, or by attending an online 'Community Conversation' event, where they can learn more about the project and provide input.

Pop-up events will also be hosted at Yea FoodWorks on Monday, September 11, from 9.30am to noon, Alexandra FoodWorks on Thursday, September 21 from 2 to 4.30pm, and the Kinglake Market on Sunday, September 24 from 10am to 1pm, where you can chat to council officers in person about the project.

Council is grateful for funding from the TAC Road Safety Grant Program to complete this important work.

To get involved and provide input, visit [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/roadsafety](http://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/roadsafety) or call 5772 0333. Feedback closes on September 30.

Mayor John Walsh said, "Road safety is a shared responsibility, and everyone has a role to play, including council, state and federal governments, vehicle manufacturers and motorists. Over the coming months, we'll be gathering input from local community members, key road user groups, agencies and road authorities to help guide the development of our draft Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan.

"The results of the Murrindindi and Strathbogie road trauma review are concerning to say the least. Road accidents have a devastating impact on the lives of victims, their families and our community. The aim of our Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan is to provide a framework to effectively reduce road trauma in our shire and help us achieve our vision of zero road deaths and serious injuries by 2050, which is in line with the Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030."

## Yea Recreation Reserve sealing works

BELLS Civil Excavations are intending to commence sealing works to Snodgrass Street entrance of Yea Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve on Monday, August 28.

The Snodgrass Street entrance will be closed for the duration of the works. Entry will be available through the Craigie Street entrance while the works are being conducted.

Council would like thank the Yea community for their patience while they improve the Yea Recreation Reserve.

# Murrindindi Shire Council's August meeting

THE Murrindindi Shire Council meeting was held on Wednesday, August 23. Cr Gerencser was an apology for the meeting.

## Community recognition

In Community Recognition, council recognised the contribution to the community of Joe and Elaine Exton. Mayor Walsh said, "It is my great pleasure to reflect on, acknowledge and celebrate the significant contribution of Joe Exton and his family's contribution to the betterment of the communities of the Kinglake Ranges."

He particularly noted the donation of land by Joe and his family at the corner of Whittlesea-Kinglake Road and Exton Road in Kinglake Central for the purpose of a community centre. Fortunately, the community centre survived the Black Saturday fires with only minor damage. The Middle Kinglake Primary School, located across the road from the centre, along with the childcare centre and maternal health centre were destroyed by the fires. Joe and Elaine offered to donate a significant proportion of land adjacent to the community centre to support the rebuilding effort.

On July 1 this year, Joe sadly died while on holidays in Queensland at age 87. Cr Walsh extended his own and council's sincere condolences to the family, along with their respect and appreciation for the significant contribution Joe and his family have made for the benefit of the communities of the Kinglake Ranges and Murrindindi Shire.

He presented flowers and a certificate to Elaine Exton and family. "His and yours will be an enduring legacy. I thank you sincerely," Cr Walsh said.

There were no participants in public presentations, and there were no questions of council.

## Glenburn Community Plan

The Glenburn Community Plan was presented to council and carried by council. The priorities in the plan are to hold more regular social gatherings, advocate to VicRoads for improved safety on Melba Highway in the township area, establish a local newsletter, restart community breakfasts, create a Glenburn market, and set-up community-run transport.

## Flood Recovery Plan

The October 2022 Flood Recovery Plan was also presented and will now seek community consultation. It was developed in consultation with many of the agencies involved in flood response and recovery stages. It's intended to be a 'living document' to be updated and amended as required.

During the flood, 73 private properties were flooded, 305km of roads were impacted, 1098 livestock were killed, 50,000 fish were lost, 603km of fences were impacted, and 14 council bridges were impacted.

## Financial Report

The Quarterly Financial Report for the quarter to June 2023 was presented to council. The interim result for the year ending June 20, 2023, is an operating surplus of \$4.5 million, \$2.6 million lower than the revised budget surplus of \$7 million. This is mainly due to a reduction in grant revenue which is recognised at the end of the financial year, and under expenditure in employee entitlements. The cash balance is \$7.4 million, and investments are \$33.6 million. The value of grants received in advance are reported as a liability on the balance sheet.

It was noted that while the capital works program was impacted by floods and wet weather, a significant proportion of the capital works were still achieved, including the replacement of McDonald's Bridge in Gobur, the Yea Caravan Park Bridge and the Break O'Day Road Bridge in Glenburn, and the completion of the Great Victorian Rail Trail and Eildon Shared Trail. The road re-sheeting program is still in progress and some major works were deferred. \$5.6 million was recommended for carry-forward budget for these works. Eighty-eight per cent of the capital works program was delivered, despite the challenges.

The officer said, "All in all, councillors, it's been a very good year so far." She added that they are yet to complete the audit.

The auditor general will now explore the report with a view to getting the stamp of approval, for progression to the audit and risk committee and recommendations for council to adopt.

## Carry forward budgets

Some operating project expenditure and capital works projects have not been completed due to factors such as grant funding for projects received later than expected therefore delaying commencement, reallocation of resources to respond to the October 2022 flood emergency and February 2023 Flowerdale and Maintongoon fires, staff movements and delays in filling vacancies, lack of contractor availability, and inclement weather impacting commencement of projects.

The 2023/24 Annual Revised Budget shows an operating surplus for the year of \$4 million, which is an increase of \$2.9 million on the original 2023/24 adopted budget. This movement primarily reflects a significant increase in capital grants funding for capital works projects and operating income, which offsets the increase in operating expenditure budget.

The Capital Works Revised Budget of \$21.6 million is an increase of \$5.6 million from the original 2023/24 adopted budget. Carrying forward these budgets allows council to continue the delivery of these committed projects.

Responding to a question, on the underlying surplus anticipated, from Cr Gallagher, the officer said, "There's still a deficit underlying result but better than what we had previously put forward. The capital works don't calculate towards that underlying result."

Council endorsed the carry forward budgets.

## Councillor reports

Cr Gallagher spoke about the opening of the new St Mary's Primary School building refurbishment.

At the August meeting of the Lake Eildon Houseboat Industry Association, chaired by Mike Dalmau, they heard from the Central Ranges Local Learning and Employment Network CEO Nicky Leitch and representatives from the Boating Industry Association of Victoria. A further presentation on boat licencing and sewerage lines to support development was made later in the week by a local assembly of the Goulburn Regional Partnership. He also attended the Municipal Association of Victoria's Gender Equality Workshop with Cr McAulay. He found the discussion to be valuable, and noted the governance impacts including pay equality and access to opportunities.

Some shire residents may receive a letter from LG Valuation Services. They have been appointed by the Victorian Valuer General. They are seeking assistance to accurately and appropriately value properties in the region for rates and taxation purposes.

Rate notices are due to be distributed in early September. If people are suffering from financial hardship, please contact council to discuss options.

Cr McAulay spoke about the Shaping Murrindindi's Future project, with over 120 people already participating in workshops and interviews. Tourism North East has launched the mobile tourism app this week, highlighting tourism locations in the shire and beyond. She encouraged people to register on the Tourism North East Facebook page or download the app. She also congratulated the Yea Wetlands on their reopening following the October 2022 flood damage. The Goulburn Regional Partnership had a meeting last week at Eildon with the shire CEO and key staff, along with senior staff from state government departments. It provided the opportunity to showcase Eildon and the Eildon Activation Plan.

She said that the highlight of her past month was attending the much-anticipated launch of the Buxton history book. She encouraged people to purchase a copy.

Cr Haslam took the opportunity to pay her respects to Jenni Shaw, who passed away

suddenly on July 28. The Eildon resident was heavily involved in many community groups in many towns in the shire, including Eildon Action and U3A, and was well known at Eildon Primary School. She instigated getting the Eildon Information Centre up and running following the COVID-19 pandemic, and was the editor of the Eildon Edition local newsletter. "Jenni, you will be greatly missed by so many. It was a privilege to know you," Cr Haslam said.

On portfolio matters, Cr Haslam said that the container deposit scheme will commence on November 1. There will be a 10 cent refund for every eligible can, carton and bottle returned. It provides various community and sporting groups with an easy way to raise funds.

Jason Lodge, owner of Nanny Jan's Emporium at the Eildon Shopping Village, has signed up to provide the first collection point in the zone. They will act as a drop-off point, with people earning a 10 cent refund for every eligible can, carton or bottle returned.

Mayor Walsh spoke about the opening of the new extensions at St Mary's Primary School, and later in the week presenting leadership certificates to their students. He also presented leadership certificates at Yea High School. A Grow Well Dindi workshop was another event he attended.

He spoke about the fires which engulfed Maui County in Hawaii. On behalf of the shire, he has written to the mayor of the county, expressing condolences and best wishes. Murrindindi Shire received many similar letters of support following the 2009 fires.

Like Councillor Haslam, he expressed his condolences to the family of Jenni Shaw, noting her service to the community which she also provided at Gobur and Yarck.

Cr Carpenter and Cr Lording had nothing to report.

CEO Bonazzi spoke about attending the Goulburn Regional Partnership forum. The aim was to foster collaboration, bring together regional stakeholders to identify challenges and opportunities, and to prioritise projects and initiatives for potential government funding. The attendees were also invited to attend some of the boat building sites, given that it is one of the major employers in the area.

Council is also advocating to state and federal governments to increase the disaster recovery funding to allow natural-disaster damaged infrastructure to be built back better and with greater resilience. She said that rebuilding damaged roads, culverts or bridges in the same way was bound to result in similar damage in the future.

The cost to council of the October 2022 flood was in the order of \$35 million. They are seeking to ensure that the costs are covered by government disaster funding.

She was pleased to advise that council has been allocated \$1 million to improve the resilience of the restored assets against future disasters. Murrindindi was one of 14 shires severely impacted during the 2022 floods to share in the \$9.4 million council priority betterment program. This will allow some enhancements, such as the use of more resilient materials.

Council made a submission to the state government's draft Victorian Bushfire Management Strategy. They raised concerns over vague implementation, unclear roles and insufficient funding. They also asked that state government support be made available to support any actions requiring council participation. They expressed concern about bushfires associated with the cessation of native timber logging transition, and emphasised enhanced community safety and collaboration. They are seeking more detailed guidance, role clarity and adequate resources to effectively address bushfire risks and community needs.

On the day of the meeting, the state government announced that the Forestry Transition Fund is now open for businesses and community groups, including chambers or commerce and associations, peak bodies and business networks. They can apply for grants to expand, diversify or start new businesses. A \$20,000 wage subsidy is available to employers for each native timber worker.



# Alexandra Speedway wins for O'Brien, Bonnici, Warren and Judd

by Dean Thompson, DMT Sports Media

ALEXANDRA and District Speedway Club held their annual Three-Hour Enduro tag team Speedway race and the big Mick Corbett Memorial for Crash and Bash along with the first round of this seasons Ladies Crash and Bash season point score. Once again the best drivers at dog leg racing rose to the top in all three classes with former 100 Lap derby winners Shane O'Brien and Lennie Bonnici, who just happen to be brother in law. While Brad Warren won the Corbett Memorial for the first time and his car earlier won the first round of the Ladies with Lea Judd driving his car to victory.

Ten hours of action played out in front of the fans in attendance warming up their winter after around nine weeks without racing. Starting with the ladies, Judd won the first qualifying race ahead of Felicity

Roycroft by five seconds, with the Victorian champion Leeanne Young back in third place. Placings swapped around in the second qualifier with Roycroft a four second winner in front of Young and Judd, before Young won the last in front of Roycroft and Romney Stirling.

A fifteen-lap feature event began with the state champion Young in pole position and Roycroft on her outside. Stirling, Kath George, Sam Robinson, Clare Lynch, Lea Judd, Kimberley Greengrass, Bree Claridge and Simone Rawlins rounded out the field. When the green flag was unfurled, Young was quick to assume control of the race with Stirling into second spot and Roycroft having a tough time of it through the dogleg for the first time through, dropping back to seventh place. At the third lap, Judd assumed second spot and started reeling in Young quickly.

Judd took the lead on lap seven and from their ran away with the race. Stirling continued on strongly as did Robinson, while Young dropped out of the race at lap 12. Consistently lapping and moving her way forward was Claridge and as 15 laps was reached for Judd, the chequered flag signalled through a top five of Judd, Stirling, Claridge, Lynch and Greengrass.

The tag team Enduro main event was initially created to be a fun event with no seriousness intended. However, like all competitors in any activity, once race drivers hit the track, they want to win, and the event has grown into a serious event for a good fifteen or so teams each season. Eight heat races determined where teams would start the feature event. Winners of a heat or more were O'Brien and Bonnici, Lee Beach and Lenny Bates, Cameron Dike and Scott Angus, Dylan Barrow and Warrick Taylor,

Josh Service and Daniel Unternahrer, Luke Fallon and Steve Kershaw, Darrent Forrest and Heath McCashney and Brendan Miller and Damien Miller combinations.

Lining up after the qualifying for the three-hour feature event the top ten of twenty-nine teams were the Miller brothers, Beach/Bates, Service/Unternahrer, O'Brien/Bonnici, Dike/Angus, Fallon/Kershaw, Forrest/McCashney, Anthony and Daniel Knight, Chris and Brian Graetz, and Sonia and Wayne Nelson.

The Nagambie club team of O'Brien and Bonnici took the initial lead after getting through the hustle and bustle of the dog leg portion of the course the best. Damien Miller put his team in front briefly before Forrest took the lead for his tea for a significant portion. After the first fifty laps, and after many teams had already suffered damage or misfortune of some kind, the race settled down with Damien Miller still out in the lead. Warrick Taylor was chasing him and the O'Brien/Bonnici team were in third, then the Knights and the Fallon/Kershaw team.

At one stage the David Barrie and Garth Wilson team settled into fifth at around the one hundred and twenty lap mark as the Knights dropped out of the top five. First, second and third continued on their way with Brendan Miller, Dylan Barrow and Shane O'Brien in battle. Eventually after a broken rack to Damien Miller and then a failing differential for Brendan Miller, with Barrow and Taylor suffering mechanical issues also, the O'Brien/Bonnici team took control of the race and chased the record distance mark of 282.

As the clock chimed for the end, and at 279 laps, O'Brien and Bonnici completed the victory in front of Luke Fallon and Steve Kershaw with Damien Miller and Brendan Miller completing the race in third place. Beach and Bates were declared fourth. The second, third and fourth combinations all representing Alexandra Speedway Club and rounding out the top five was Jeff Blencowe and his son Mitchell from the Drouin Speedway Club.

The second annual Mick Corbett Memorial for the Open division of Crash and Bash was also the opening event in what you could say is the men's point score despite ladies being able to compete in the class should they wish. Longwarry man Brad Warren won the first of six qualifiers with James Carden-David, Jayde Aarts, William Leeson, Steve Young and then Warren once again completing the winners list before the 34 lap final.

Accepting the challenge to start further back in the field instead of from the front row and therefore setting themselves up to put on a show for the fans were Brad Warren and Mark Hebblethwaite. This left Steve Young, Daniel Kettels, William Leeson, Rob Bushell, Aarts, Jordan Smith, Daniel Williams, Kenneth Mankey, Mark Taylor (last years Corbett winner) and John Petty starting in the top 10. As the green flag dropped, setting the crazy clan of Crash and Bash identities on their way. Kettels took the early lead before Bushell moved to the front and Warren, before the field had completed lap 10, moved from 15th to first as he got past Bushell.

Halfway through the race Warren led Bushell, Young, Hebblethwaite and Brad Trainor. Eventually, as Bushell suffered his own demise and Kettels climbed back into contention and battled Hebblethwaite for the podium second and third places whilst Warren continued on his merry way. On reaching 34 laps, Warren had won by almost a complete lap from Hebblethwaite, Kettels, Petty and Craig Claridge, making it a great night in the top five for the Claridge husband and wife Craig and Bree.

Alexandra activity on race night from the team at Aussie Salvage Squad thanks to the relationship between the crew and David Parker and Clare Lynch and that itself produced a bit of fun during the event for officials, drivers and fans and another great event was run and won at Alexandra and District Speedway Club.



The Crash and Bash winner. -Phil Wisewould Photography



Lennie Bonnici winning the Enduro for his team. -Phil Wisewould Photography

## Under 13 Netballers go down valiantly to Alex Black in semi-final

by Racheal DeCaneva

TENSIONS were running high leading into the semi-final against Alexandra Black. In what has been an incredible season for all of our Junior Yea Tigers netball teams, we knew

that a challenge awaited. Alex started strong and demonstrated what a formidable team they are by taking the lead straight away. Once the Under 13 Tigers settled, we tried to find a rhythm, but Alex remained steadfast in

their attack and dominated the second half to pull away with the win. Our Under 13s had an amazing season under Coach Megan Leatham and Team Manager Rachael DeCaneva, with support also from Lauren

Cronk and Kate Skilling. We are all so very proud of the effort and commitment from every member of the team and thank the Yea Tigers club for getting behind our team every week.



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## Lengthy battles for Winter Tennis players



Bec Lyttle, Phoebe McDermid, Cindy Hayes and Frances Lawrence from the Terip team. -S

by Rhonda Carpenter

MANSFIELD hosted two matches when Mansfield Black welcomed Terip and Red and Blue played their penultimate round of the season last Monday. Euroa hosted the other two matches when Seven Creeks took on Benalla and Moglonemby faced Euroa.

Terip's Cindy Hayes, Frances Lawrence, Bec Lyttle and Phoebe McDermid played Mansfield Black and were pushed in the openers eventually taking both 8-6, and 8-5. Mansfield Black enjoyed the return of Di Ellis finding form to strengthen their team.

Lengthy sets and friendly banter brought out the best in all players and Black's Jenny Bell combined superbly with Ellis to win their set 8-6. Terip were convincing in the other sets though and will be ready for their finals campaign. Terip won 5/46 to 1/26.

Euroa had their own tune up and will be ready to meet Terip next week with a strong win over

Moglonemby. Lyndall Bigland, Sue Vaughan, Ros Doxey and Ruth Nolan melded together magnificently, and despite being stretched they took every set. Moglonemby's Deb Seach, Judy Sands, Lyn Johnson, and Mary Kelly made them work for it, unlucky to lose 6-8 in two sets. Euroa won 6/48 to 0/20.

Seven Creeks gave Benalla great finals' preparation with a tough contest from the outset. Rowena Ellis and Kerry Hewlett made an impression winning 8-2 against Benalla's Claire Sharp and Maureen Jewell in their opener. Helen Chectuti and Deb Siggers returned the favour with an 8-2 win of their own.

Seven Creeks Melissa Cossar and Nicola Enright had warmed up, but Benalla steadied and took the remaining sets, one in a tiebreak and one 8-6. Benalla won 5/42 to 1/28

Mansfield Blue's Michelle Pigdon, Sophie Yencken, Clare Beecham, and Jill Breadon barely

allowed Mansfield Red into the contest, but Mansfield Red took a while to warm up. Karyn Fraser, Carolyn Murray, Loretta Armitage, and Deb McCormack brought their best in the final sets. Fraser and McCormack unlucky to lose 6-8, while Murray and Armitage had a satisfying 8-6 win. Blue won the day 5/46 to 1/23.

For next week's final round Euroa meet Terip in a top of the table clash, Benalla play Moglonemby in the third versus fourth contest, Mansfield Red play Seven Creeks and Mansfield Blue play Mansfield Black. The final four won't change. Starting at 10.30am the semifinals will be played in Mansfield on September 4. Spectators are most welcome. Members are encouraged to attend MTA's AGM that evening in the clubhouse at 7pm.

Ladder: Terip 102, Euroa 95, Moglonemby 83, Benalla 72, Mansfield Black 56, Seven Creeks 41, Mansfield Blue 38, Mansfield Red 33.

## Wet then sunny Yea mens golf

by Alan Pell

AMID the encircling doom on Tuesday afternoon it was decided to postpone the three person Ambrose Anti-Cancer Day for a week due to rain coming. After about 12mm overnight there were still seven men and nine lady diehards who played Stableford the next day. The course was wet but the weather was sunny and ideal for golf on Wednesday.

Winner for the men's competition was Phil Armstrong (21) with 34 points from second Michael Sheather (32) with 33 points. Phil was nearest the pin on the 18th and Graeme Bryant won the Club Award.

Saturday saw Spring like weather again attract good numbers in both the Ladies and Men's Stableford Events at Royal Yea Golf Club. Karen Sangster (28) was the standout in the ladies event with 31 points. Vicki Clements (27) claimed second place on count back from Cindy Armstrong (39) both finishing with 25 points. Nearest the pin on the 18th went Jo Clayton. Ladies numbers are continuing to grow with the Saturday competition golf proving to be very popular.

The Mens Stableford saw 20 in the field and ever-improving junior Tom White (25) shone through to claim the win with 35 points. Michael Sheather (32) claimed second place with 33 points. Quite a few finished on 31 points, but Paul Clayton and Brian Simmons shared the minor spoils on countback. Tom White was nearest the pin on the 18th and Carl Maffei took home the Club Award.



Late Tuesday at the course. -S



Wednesday golf. -S

## Weather still a hindrance for Yea ladies golf

by Karen Sangster

JUST when we think we are on the improve, lulled into thinking Spring is on its way, warmer weather looming. No, we are still experiencing a myriad of weather conditions, still changing day to day, minute to minute, making the game of golf a bit of a conundrum. Our poor course has been in total confusion, dry, wet, dry, wet. One day all will change, of that I am sure. But until then we will take what is dealt to us.

Numbers were down again on the twelfth. Three ladies took to the course, to try their luck. Lucky me won the day, but that was not what was the most enjoyable moment of the day. Not having an extremely easy time of the course, we were so pleased to see Sue Aurisch have a very momentous moment. Not only did she get a gobbler, but also followed up with it being a Birdie. Much jumping up and down and squeals of excitement. Those are the moments that make us golfers return, to try to replicate said

moment again and again. Well done Sue.

Wednesday August 16, nine players fronted for another of the Monthly Medals up for grabs. Judging by the scores and the course it was another hard day at the office. But we must have a winner and once again Adrienne Anglin (12) 80, showing her form, won the Monthly Medal, with myself Karen Sangster (27) 83 runner up. There wasn't a nearest the pin (NTP), but Chris Simmons managed a gobbler.

Saturday, August 19, seven players playing Stableford for the day, a little sun appearing, just to let us know it is still around. The day's winner was Vicki Clements (26) 29 with myself runner up again with a 28. Gobblers today were made by Vicki Clements and Sue Aurisch. No NTP.

Wednesday, August 23 was to be our event to raise money for cancer. But alas, disaster hit again. Another deluge of rain on Tuesday had the organisers

cancelling the event Tuesday evening. Going to be too wet.

Those that our Captain referred to as the Die Hards could come and try for a hit if they wished. I am pleased to say nine of us Die Hards appeared to slog our way around the course, a very wet one at that. Stableford was the choice of the day.

Sunday was not one lacking entertainment in the least. Thankfully, the sun came out to warm the souls. Lost balls were a thing for today, getting plugged into the depths of China. Adrienne was really trying hard to lose her ball. Fortunately, I discovered same ball twice. It really didn't want to get lost. But the comedy goes on happening, the joys of a wet course. Three of us were merrily making our way along the fairways, two walking, another in a cart. Whoops, on crossing a drain, we decided to hesitate and that's where it stayed. At least for a little while. After much effort, instructions and laughter, we succeeded. The cart and owner, still looking

immaculate, slip sliding away to dryer pastures. Which of course, left behind the two of us looking somewhat worse for wear. Our clothes taking on a totally new mud splattered effect. A new look, we decided, which probably wouldn't sell very well in the fashion stakes. I discovered dark colours really show up mud when it dries, and it really, really sticks.

It was back then to playing golf. Sunday's winner, whom I might add, was very surprised, was young Penny Britton (38) having a 35. Runner up Adrienne Anglin (12) 30, having a gobbler to boot. No nearest the pin.

I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Adrienne Anglin, on being chosen once again, to participate in the DDGA Country Teams event, being held later in September. Well done, and may you, and the teams, have great success, returning with the trophy. Happy golfing all, and may the weather shine upon us for drier courses.