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Yea High School students pictured here in the science lab have been busy researching biology and gene technologies as part of their course. For more on the students' scientific endeavours turn to page 12. -S

Last post for Anzac Day

SADLY, after a century of supporting local veterans and their families, the Yea-Kinglake RSL Sub-Branch is no longer able to host public events, specifically the traditional Anzac Day and Remembrance Day Commemorations.

Sub-Branch President Jeffrey Swain said that his group had reached the point where it had so few remaining active members that it is unable to accept the host responsibility on behalf of the community.

"We are now not capable of the work involved in planning, organising and conducting a significant public event, such as the Anzac Day commemoration," Mr Swain said.

He added that the Victorian State Government COVID-19 Tier 3 conditions

for a Public Event of less than 1000 people to be approved were not an issue.

"While it is a fact that we would be unable to meet the COVID-19 public safety requirements in the guidelines, the critical factor is that we have no one able to do the work involved in our pre-COVID level of Commemoration," he added.

"There will still be an Anzac Day Commemoration each year in Yea but for the time being it will be necessarily like last year when the full COVID-19 constraints applied in early 2020," Mr Swain said.

"The State of Emergency still applies until December 2021. Vaccinations are not yet widespread within the community. We recommend a cautious approach despite the recent easing of restrictions."

Mr Swain said that he was hopeful of another community group stepping in to take over the organisation of Anzac and Remembrance Day celebrations. In the meantime the following arrangements will be in place for Anzac Day this year.

Kinglake community groups, service organisations, schools and individuals wishing to have a representative place a wreath at the Dawn Service at 6am at St Peter's Church Kinglake can contact Anzac Day Coordinator Peter Crook OAM on pmcrook@bigpond.com or by phone 0427 541 022.

The Yea-Kinglake RSL Sub-Branch will assist the staff of the Yea and District Memorial Hospital in Yea to commemorate Anzac Day at 10am for patients and residents.

At the Yea Cenotaph, an RSL member will place a wreath, recite the Ode and observe a one minute silence at 11am in Commemoration of the Fallen.

Community members are invited to place wreaths at the Yea Cenotaph throughout the day while maintaining an appropriate social distance.

Commemorations in Glenburn, Flowerdale and Strath Creek will be under local community arrangements. Members of the public are encouraged to hold a Dawn Service vigil at 6am at the end of their drive way.

Community groups wishing to discuss assuming the role of hosting future Anzac Day and Remembrance Day commemorations in Yea can contact Mr Swain on 5796 9353 or jswain1948.js@gmail.com.

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Letters to the Editor

A need for change

OVER many years we have heard the same conversations over and over again but have we truly been listening?

Many words have been spoken however actions are few and we must all be aware that words without actions are useless.

Recently there have been two damning reports, one relating to aged care and the other to Victoria's mental health system.

Despite there being many promises, money provided etc the reality is that little

has changed and sadly it grieves my heart that the same conversations will probably still be occurring for many years to come with little change having taken place.

Because until we proffer the same rights to all, treat all with dignity and respect and proffer appropriate treatment, care and support to all, the reality is that those who are disabled in whatever way, the elderly, the vulnerable and marginalised will remain unequally yoked from others.

They deserve better.

We do not need to continue to ostracise, estrange or punish others for being disabled, aged, vulnerable or marginalised for being different in what ever way. The choice was not theirs in the first place.

In a world where we can be anything, let's be kind.

And as to the environment and climate change, well it is a similar story. Let us all be the change and seize the day.

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Have your say on the Domestic Animal Management Plan

MURRINDINDI Shire Council is asking for its residence opinions on how the current Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) can be improved.

The DAMP outlines council's strategic approach to the way animal management is delivered across the shire, and with the community's input council can ensure all needs are met.

The plan aims to minimise attacks on animals and people from dogs, address over-population and euthanasia rates of both dogs and cats, minimising "nuisance" reported from cats and dogs, and promoting animal registration and identification.

Once revised, the plan will be active for the next four years, until 2025.

To have your input into the review of the DAMP, visit surveymonkey.com/r/6SKBPD8



Carlos is keeping a sharp eye on the Animal Plan review. -IB

COMMUNITY DIARY

Local Radio Frequency


UGFM	88.9	Yea / Highlands
UGFM	98.9	Flowerdale / Hazeldeane
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 st Wed	Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
1 st Mon	St Lukes Seniors St Lukes Church Ph 5797 2281
1 st Thu	Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057
1 st Sat	Yea Dance Group, 8pm Yea Shire Hall
2 nd Sat	Alex Repair Café 1-3pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801
2 nd Wed	Yea Camera Club, 7pm RSL Hall. Ph 0429 200 762
2 nd Thu	Yea Garden Club Tennis rooms 1.30pm Ph 0439 870 315
4 th Thu	Yea CWA Yea RSL Hall, 10.30am Ph 5797 2998
Last Fri	Yea-Kinglake 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.

















Weekly Weather



March 24 to March 30, 2021

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra

Yea

DAY	HIGH	LOW		DAY	HIGH	LOW	
Wednesday	19	14		Wednesday	19	13	
Thursday	18	8		Thursday	18	8	
Friday	20	12		Friday	21	12	
Saturday	16	9		Saturday	18	9	
Sunday	17	9		Sunday	18	9	
Monday	20	8		Monday	20	9	
Tuesday	21	9		Tuesday	21	9	



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STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	10.00am Mon	1.48^	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	10.00am Mon	0.49	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	10.55am Mon	0.60	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	11.15am Mon	0.17	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	10.45am Mon	0.51	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	10.30am Mon	0.46	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	10.00am Mon	3.55	steady	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	10.00am Mon	0.37^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	10.00am Mon	1.19^	steady	below minor
Sunday Ck at Tallarook	10.00am Mon	0.04^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	11.00am Mon	1.47	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	9.12am Mon	0.79	steady	
**ISSUED AT 11.16AM ON MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021				

DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra*	9.39mm
Buxton	4mm
Eildon (AWS)	6mm
Flowerdale	6mm
Kinglake	8mm
Lake Eildon	8mm
Marysville	3.7mm
Strath Creek	N/Amm
Taggerty	5mm
Yarck	10mm
Yea	6mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
*Alexandra totals supplied from www.alexandraweather.org	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week	277.49m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	60.8%
Metres below full supply	11.44m
Daily inflow	500ML
Release	1000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	62%



DEADLINES

Real Estate	Thursday noon
Trades & Services	Thursday noon
Early General News	Thursday 5pm
Classifieds	Monday noon
Editorial	Monday 9am
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Letters to the Editor	Monday 9am
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CFA stalwart passes

THE Yea CFA lost a leader and one of its longest serving members with the passing of 1st Lieutenant Ross Williamson on Monday, March 15 2021.

Mr Williamson joined the CFA in 1982 as a Reserve firefighter, serving his community including as Captain, for 22 years.

A statement on the Yea CFA's Facebook page recognises Ross Williamson's contribution as prolific, adding that he was a much loved mentor for so many members of the brigade, he made time and supported anyone who wanted to learn.

As recently as Sunday, March 14, Mr Williamson briefed a local brigade on rescue operations and the role of the CFA and how brigades can work even better together.

Wide ranging tributes were posed on the brigade's Facebook page from friends and colleagues who knew and had worked with Mr Williamson over the years. Many described him as a "ripping bloke" who gave of his self and time adding that his passing will be a huge loss to the Yea and district community.

Ross Williamson leaves a legacy to the brigade and the wider Murrindindi community.



Ross Williamson. -S

A fun market Friday at Taggerty

THE Taggerty Twilight Market, this Friday, March 26 promises to again be an event not to be missed.

Presented by the Community Hub at Taggerty (CH@T), the market will run from 6-9pm and will feature a wide range of traders including food stalls, local wines and craft beer.

Entertainment will be a big feature of the night with the *Zampoñistas, Bolivian Pan Pipe Marching Band* as the headline act. Dressed in ponchos, the band will weave in and out of the market crowd, twisting, turning and spinning as they play.

Also performing will be the popular Triangle Steel Band. The group has proven popular at local events since its formation after the 2009 Black Saturday Bushfires in the Marysville and Triangle District.

The market site is on the Taggerty Thornton Road

and entry is by a gold coin donation.

The market is registered as a COVID-safe event and attendees are asked to ensure they have a face mask with them for times when social distancing may not be possible.



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Staring a new life after an historical offence

VICTORIANS who have carried the unfair burden of a minor historical offence will have a better chance to turn their lives around, thanks to new laws passed by parliament.

The *Spent Convictions Bill 2020* removes the barriers faced by those who previously committed an offence but have since proven that they are able to rehabilitate and be active members of the community.

"The days of past minor offences dictating the course of someone's entire life are over. These laws will give hope to many Victorians doing it tough," Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes said.

"We're proud to deliver a fairer scheme that allows people to move on with their lives and fully contribute to society while protecting community safety.

"People will no longer struggle to get a job, find a home, or undertake volunteer work because of old criminal records. This unjust reality has damaged too many lives for far too long, but that changes today."

The reform will serve to protect people from the discrimination and stigma that can come with historical convictions, but this does not mean their criminal record will be "wiped".

Police and courts will continue to have full access to criminal history information

and complete records will still be released when required for certain employers and third parties to make necessary risk assessments.

Convictions for eligible minor offences will become "spent" and no longer show up in a police check after 10 years, or five years for a juvenile conviction, if the person does not re-offend during that time. The scheme also makes discrimination on the basis of a spent conviction unlawful.

Some convictions will only be eligible to become spent by application to the Magistrates' Court and only after a magistrate has carefully considered a

range of factors, including rehabilitation and any risk to public safety.

These changes will benefit some of the most vulnerable members of our community who are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system, such as Aboriginal Victorians and young people.

By breaking down the barriers created by minor convictions, the Bill will create better access to employment, education, and housing for Aboriginal Victorians.

The labor government worked with the Aboriginal community, justice sector, law enforcement and victims' representatives to develop new legislation.

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A chance to see the Greater Glider

This friendly fellow is ready to welcome visitors on the spotlight tour. -S

A SPOTLIGHTING event in Rubicon on Saturday March 27 will give participants a chance to see the Greater Glider and other nocturnal animals in their natural habitat.

The event, organised by the Kinglake Friends of the Forest, will commence at 7pm at Thornton Recreation Reserve. Participants will then drive together to the spotlighting site, taking a peek at the stunning Snobs Creek Waterfall along the way.

The Greater Glider is Australia's largest gliding mammal. The gliders are about the

size of a cat and range in colour from black to white. They can glide up to 100 metres between trees, using a membrane between fore and hind legs.

Greater Gliders were once common in the wet and damp forest of Victoria. But this fluffy eucalyptus-dweller has become increasingly hard to find. Greater Gliders are highly sensitive to change in the forest landscape, in particular climate change, fire, and logging.

Data before last summers devastating bushfires showed that their numbers had

already crashed by 80 per cent in the preceding 22 years.

Kinglake Friends of the Forest has reported Greater Gliders are thriving in certain areas of the landscape. Last month in Narbethong several gliders put on a sensational show including glamorously posing next to magnificent old trees and even a rarely seen glide.

Readers interested in joining the spotlight night can register their interest by email to kinglakefriendsoftheforests@gmail.com

This week's Church Services

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New startup fund honours Narbethong woman

WOMEN-led startups can look forward to dedicated investment support with the \$10 million Alice Anderson Fund, named after a pioneering Victorian businesswoman and innovator, to open for applications in July.

In 2019, only 20 per cent of early-stage funding went to startups led by women. To address this imbalance, the Victorian Budget 2020/21 funded a new dedicated investment fund to be developed and led by the state's startup agency LaunchVic.

Minister for Innovation, Medical Research and the Digital Economy Jaala Pulford said the Alice Anderson Fund recognised the ground-breaking achievements of a woman who refused to be constrained by society's expectations.

In 1919 and aged just 19, Anderson opened the first all-women garage in Australia from her workshop in Kew. Anderson was driven by a passion for the high-tech innovations of her generation, and was determined to educate and create employment opportunities for women at a time when female mechanics were rare. Alice Anderson grew up in Narbethong.

For her efforts in advancing the economic and professional standing of women, Anderson was last year inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women. The new fund and the businesses it supports will build upon that legacy.

The Alice Anderson Fund will operate over three years as a sidecar investment fund

committing between \$50,000 and \$300,000 into between 40 and 60 startups led by women. Sidecar funds co-invest alongside private investors and the government's contribution is expected to unlock up to \$30 million in private sector investment.

Eligibility criteria will follow two pathways. Either the startup is 50 per cent owned by at least one woman, prior to any investment, or there is a 30 per cent ownership stake by women, including one woman in an executive role, such as chief executive officer or chief technology officer.

Applications for the Alice Anderson Fund open on July 1. To learn more about the fund and apply, visit launchvic.org/general/angel-sidecar

Minister for Innovation, Medical Research and the Digital Economy Jaala Pulford said, "At all stages of the startup life cycle, women-founded firms are a significant minority and this is a pivotal time to support women entrepreneurs to drive economic growth and create new jobs."

"The Alice Anderson Fund will help level the playing field and ensure more women-led companies have access to the early-stage capital they need to take their startups to the next level."

Minister for Women Gabrielle Williams added, "Victoria has many modern-day Alice Andersons and we'll continue to back their innovation, excellence, vision and commitment."

Move it or lose it - no matter what age you are

SUE Hendy previously worked at Willsmere, the former psychiatric hospital in Melbourne, before moving into repatriation and studying recreation. She returned to nursing homes as a recreation worker, including at Mount Royal. From there she began working in local government, running Meals on Wheels, and more broadly in sport and recreation. From there she moved into Sport and Reaction Victoria as the older persons' consultant, travelling Victoria for five years promoting sport and recreation opportunities. Her next step was to move to Council on the Ageing, first as information and education manager and then as CEO. Her board roles include The International Federation on Ageing.

She believes that as a community, "We're ageist, and we have a very narrow perspective of ageing. I think that's probably the key that underpins everything I'm interested in. We need to expand our thinking about what is possible. I've always said that Whistler's Mother was the worst thing that ever happened to us because people go, 'well, you should sit on your verandah on your rocking chair and just stay there and do nothing. That's what retirement is.' You're passive in the way in which you're involved in community, or you're not engaged in civic activity, you're not out there being physically active. A lot of people believe that."

Different cultures have different approaches to ageing, "but Australians on the whole have a very narrow thinking about our ageing and what we can do. So challenging that, and expanding people's thinking is quite an important element of the work that we used to do on the Council on the Ageing."

She told the story of Sonia Rutherford who took up weightlifting and was lifting 310 pounds aged 73. To Ms Hendy, this shows that "it is possible."

She said that people need to start questioning the myths and stereotypes which are presented to us on ageing, such as "you're in decline."

If people are keen to improve their fitness, Ms Hendy said, "Start where you are and just increase. Walk further, do more exercises and have more output in whatever way. Strength training is the basis. Do what you enjoy doing and do more of it, but also try to include some strength training."

She said that there are various videos online and you can start there, or you could look at getting a group of people together.

She added that one of the worst things that younger people can do is offering to help carry bags and other heavy items. It's important for older people to maintain their capacity, and to do that, they must continue to do things. This could include walking up stairs.

Cardio, the huff and puff, is also important. Go for walks and don't just amble. "Get a bit of a push on, so you're getting a bit of huff and puff. Go up and down stairs 10 times."

She also suggested that people stop using their television remote control, but instead get up and change the channel.

"The only way you get energy is by expending energy. The more you expend, the more you can do," Ms Hendy said. Being "too old" is not an adequate excuse.

She explained that progressive strength training, where the weights become gradually heavier, works on muscles, and muscles are very 'hungry'. They will eat a lot more calories if they're being used, plus through developing muscles, they will continue to consume more calories even when inactive. "Then you can eat more," Ms Hendy said with a laugh.

However, it also gives you capacity for your daily living. You need strength and you need muscles, even for small everyday tasks. "If you start to lose that strength, you start to become dependent. You start to need other people to do things. And that's where your decline into care starts," she said.

"All of us benefit from an increased capacity for life, if you get stronger. Even maintaining it's a good thing, but we can all get stronger."



Sue Hendy. -S

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Some research was done in nursing homes, and all improved their strength within 12 weeks. "Imagine what's possible if they'd done it a bit longer," she said.

There are also very positive mental impacts from getting fitter. "As one person said, 'It's the dolphins that make me feel good.' They do, but it's actually the endorphins." There is chemical activity as a result of exercise and it does make you feel good.

Some research was conducted in NSW on clinically depressed older people, aged in their 70s and 80s. It found that people who did progressive strength training did best, then the people who followed their normal prescription regime, then people who did light exercise, and then people who did nothing. There were less side effect from doing exercise, as well as great outcomes for people mentally.

For older men following the program, it was also found that they had become taller as they had the muscle strength to stand up properly. They also felt more capable again, giving them a better outlook on the world and themselves.

Around the shire, she'd certainly like to see a gym in the Marysville area. She added, "There are a lot of good things in the shire."

People's capacity can change due to age, illness or injury, and therefore not all exercise types are suitable for all people. She believes that all people need good health, good health promotions, good information and support when needed. Of the facilities around the shire, there's not a lot with a mantle for older people. That's not to say that everything should be age-segregated, but rather multi-generational. "At the moment, there's not really anywhere that older people can go to do their thing for physical exercise," she said.

The shire's population is certainly older than in the city, "So we need a bit more thinking about being active and being engaged. There are a lot of things going on, but I think there needs to be a bit more promotion and facilitation of opportunities for people to be physically active. You need a bit of a spur on."

Having a fabulous instructor would be important for a gym in Marysville, for example. While it's fine for people to exercise at home, or to exercise with others, "you actually need someone who helps motivate you and keep you motivated." She compared it to going walking with someone else. "You go because they're going to be waiting for you, whereas if you're on your own, you don't always go."

She'd like to see the shire support the push towards getting both a permanent gym and an instructor, and not just leave it to the hospital. "If they could do it in partnership, it'd be even better," she said. "If you think about the health benefits that physical activity provides, it's good for all sorts of conditions. It's good for bones, it's good for everything you can think of, and therefore that helps maintain our wellbeing and reduces the health burden. It makes sense for both council and the hospital to support this."

She finished by saying, "Challenging the stereotypes is key. Read up or question what we've been told about what ageing is, because that's a slow road downhill if we believe what people tell us. You know the old adage of move it or lose it, it is just true."

"There's a theory that half of all knee constructions wouldn't need to be done if people had stronger legs. So it makes you go, 'why aren't we doing more of this?'"

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Hands across the garden

NATIONAL Close the Gap Day was held last week on March 18. Yea Hospital staff showed their support for the campaign and our Aboriginal community by creating their first colourful Sea of Hands to highlight the need to focus on and address the significant health gap.

The Sea of Hands was proudly displayed in the front garden area of the hospital.

Close the Gap is an Australia wide campaign launched in 2006 that focuses on creating awareness about the health inequities which exist between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the rest of the Australian population.

Together, Australia's Peak Indigenous and non-indigenous health bodies are working together to achieve equality in health and life expectancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Louise Sharkey Acting Director of Nursing said that Aboriginal people (on average) have higher incidents of kidney disease, diabetes and cancers, to name just some notable health concerns. They also have a considerably shorter life expectancy than non-Aboriginal people.

"Yea Hospital staff showed their support for the Close the Gap Day campaign and our Aboriginal community by creating their first colourful Sea of Hands," Ms Sharkey added.

She also thanked Hospital Board Director Dr Jennifer Keast for her attendance and to the hospital's Integrated Health Promotion Worker, Heidi Stewart, for coordinating the event and the staff for displaying their inner artistic sides.



Hospital board director, Dr Jennifer Keast, and Integrated Health Promotion Worker, Heidi Stewart, inspect the garden of hands.

Staring a new life after an historical offence

VICTORIANS who have carried the unfair burden of a minor historical offence will have a better chance to turn their lives around, thanks to new laws passed by parliament.

The *Spent Convictions Bill 2020* removes the barriers faced by those who previously committed an offence but have since proven that they are able to rehabilitate and be active members of the community.

"The days of past minor offences dictating the course of someone's entire life are over. These laws will give hope to many Victorians doing it tough," Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes said.

"We're proud to deliver a fairer scheme that allows people to move on with their lives and fully contribute to society while protecting community safety.

"People will no longer struggle to get a job, find a home, or undertake volunteer work because of old criminal records. This unjust reality has damaged too many lives for far too long, but that changes today."

The reform will serve to protect people from the discrimination and stigma that can come with historical convictions, but this does not mean their criminal record will be "wiped".

Police and courts will continue to have full access to

criminal history information and complete records will still be released when required for certain employers and third parties to make necessary risk assessments.

Convictions for eligible minor offences will become "spent" and no longer show up in a police check after 10 years, or five years for a juvenile conviction, if the person does not re-offend during that time. The scheme also makes discrimination on the basis of a spent conviction unlawful.

Some convictions will only be eligible to become spent by application to the Magistrates' Court and only after a magistrate has carefully considered a range of factors, including rehabilitation and any risk to public safety.

These changes will benefit some of the most vulnerable members of our community who are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system, such as Aboriginal Victorians and young people.

By breaking down the barriers created by minor convictions, the Bill will create better access to employment, education, and housing for Aboriginal Victorians.

The labor government worked with the Aboriginal community, justice sector, law enforcement and victims' representatives to develop new legislation.



DISCOVER YOUR BACKYARD IN AUTUMN

While Bali, Boston and Barcelona might be off the list of places to explore for a while, why not invite your friends and family to visit over the coming months and discover Murrindindi Shire's spectacular show of autumn colour. Crisp morning walks, scenic country drives, leafy parks and gardens ... and all right on your doorstep! Discover the many great things to see and do in Murrindindi Shire this autumn.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKSHOPS

2030Yea is a group of volunteers from Yea and surrounds dedicated to the goal of Yea operating solely on renewable energy by 2030. The vision of the group is to ensure Yea has totally renewable electricity sources by 2030.



Council is pleased to support 2030Yea to host a series of workshops at the Yea Library, which will be presented by experts in the renewable energy space. During the workshop you will learn about ways you can reduce your energy costs and transition to renewable energy.

The following workshops will be held from 5.30 to 6.30 pm.

Thursday, 8 April - Understanding Your Energy Use
Thursday, 15 April - Renewables
Thursday, 22 April - Community Energy
Thursday, 29 April - Home Efficiency
Thursday, 6 May - DELWP's Climate Adaptation in Yea project
Thursday, 13 May - Regenerative Agriculture

Numbers are limited for these workshops so get in quick. For more information and to register for any of these workshops, please call 5772 0333, drop in at the Yea Library or visit the 'Events' section at murrindindi.spydus.com

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Victoria's latest fire services response times released

VICTORIA'S fire services have released the latest quarterly response times, revealing a continued strong performance as they worked together to keep the community safe during an incredibly challenging quarter.

Acting Minister for Police and Emergency Services Danny Pearson acknowledged the hard work of career and volunteer firefighters across the state during exceptional circumstances, many of whom played a critical role in consecutive crises with the bushfires of 2019/20 followed quickly by the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.

"The data released highlights the ongoing dedication of our career and volunteer firefighters, who have worked hard to meet targets designed to keep Victorians safe during these challenging and extraordinary times. I thank them for their incredible work," Mr Pearson said.

"This was a period of significant disruption at the height of the second wave of the state's coronavirus response and required members to adapt to extra safety measures including additional PPE requirements. Through it all, our firefighters didn't miss a beat and continued to respond to provide Victorians with the best service possible."

The start of the quarter saw the introduction of significant fire services reforms and the establishment of Fire Rescue Victoria, which replaced the former Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB).

Figures for July to September 2020 show that FRV responded to 10,860 emergency and non-emergency incidents including 90.7 per cent of code one incidents (all emergency call outs) within service delivery standards overall. 92.9 per cent of structure fires within 7.7 minutes, above the FRV and government target of 90 per cent. And 94.6 per cent of Emergency Medical Response incidents within 9.2 minutes, above the target of 90 per cent.

Overall, CFA's state-wide compliance with the Community Service Delivery Standard currently sits at 83 per cent from a 90 per cent target, having responded to 2143 emergency incidents during the July to September period.

This rate is a measure of the first fire truck arriving on scene, regardless of brigade area, and is relevant across all hazard classes.

The FRV data can be viewed at frv.vic.gov.au/response-times and the CFA data can be viewed at cfa.vic.gov.au/about/emergency-response-times

Celebrating Gender Equality

By Tricia Mifsud.

TO celebrate Gender Equality month in March, the Murrindindi Shire Council is hosting a range of events to encourage inclusion and equality of all people.

From Monday, March 22 to Sunday, March 28, The This Girl Can campaign will also run, and be fully supported by the council.

The month will conclude with Victoria's First Gender Equality Act 2020 coming into play on Wednesday, March 31.

Murrindindi Shire Mayor, Councillor Sandice McAulay said that the commencement of Victoria's first Gender Equality Act marks an important time for women, not just in our state, but across the country.

"The Act means that councils, just like ours, will be required to take real steps to achieve gender equality in the workplace and in the

community," Cr McAulay said.

"To mark this momentous occasion, we thought it would be a great idea to create a 'Gender Equality Month' and use it as an opportunity to showcase some of the fabulous ways council can influence change and take action to help improve gender equality in our communities through the services we provide."

Community members will be treated to a number of ways to celebrate the month. The Alexandra Library is hosting the 'Women in Film' festival. Screenings will be held on Wednesday, March 24 and Tuesday, March 30.

The Thornton Eildon District Football Netball Club (TEDFNC) Women's team is holding a "free, friendly, no obligation" training session on Thursday, March 25 to encourage girls to come

down to the club and see if the TEDFNC is the place to begin their football journey.

Know a special woman in our community who deserves some recognition?

The council is asking for video or written submission of the wonderful women in Murrindindi, sharing what about them has inspired the community.

The videos don't have to be anything fancy, or the picture submitted in the written response a flashy portrait.

Just something to showcase what makes the woman you are talking about so inspiring, find out more the events running in the shire for Gender Equality Month, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/genderequalitymonth

To find out more about the TEDFNC Women's team training night, contact Tash on 0430 119 420.



DO YOU WANT TO HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE?

Whether you're a long-term local, a regular visitor or someone who has recently decided to call Murrindindi Shire home, Council invites you to share your ideas and opinions about what you think is important for the future of your community. Together, we'll create a refreshed community vision and your feedback will help us develop a new Council Plan, which will guide our work over the next four years.

To find out more, please give Council a call on 5772 0333 or visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/shapingourfuture

PROPOSED SPEED ZONE CHANGE

Following a review of the speed limit along West Bridge Road and a section of Kinglake-Glenburn Road (from the front of The Gums Camping Area to West Bridge Road), Council will apply to Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) to reduce the speed limit on these roads from 100km/hour to 80km/hour.

This application follows a community consultation where the community's views were sought about the change. The majority of submissions received were in favour of a speed reduction to 80km/hour. A number of community members wanted the speed limit reduced further, to 60km/hour. However, RRV has indicated that it would not support this further reduction, given the road's location is in a rural setting with sparse development.

If agreed by RRV, the speed limit reduction to 80km/h is likely to occur in the coming months.



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VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

Are you looking for a new direction or a different challenge? Do you love living in Murrindindi Shire and have some time to promote our wonderful region? Murrindindi Shire Council is supporting the Alexandra (Alexandra Tourism), Marysville (MiRa Marysville) and Yea (Y Water Discovery Centre) Visitor Information Centres to recruit new volunteers - and we need you! For more information, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/visitorinfo or call 5797 3394.

JOBS AT COUNCIL

An exciting opportunity exists at Council for a customer-focused and talented Statutory Planner to join our small professional team. While we are looking for someone with experience as a Statutory Planner, we are also open to applications from recent graduates.

For more information, please visit the 'jobs' section of our website or give us a call.

GENDER EQUALITY MONTH

Did you know that Victoria's first Gender Equality Act commences on 31 March 2021? To recognise its significance, Council is promoting initiatives and events throughout the month of March that celebrate gender equality.

We're also calling on Murrindindi Shire residents to submit short videos and written stories about women in our community who inspire you or have had an impact on your life in some way. We'd like to recognise these amazing women and share your story on Council's website and Facebook page!

For more information about the Gender Equality Act and to find out how you can get involved in these events and initiatives, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/genderequalitymonth



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Truth and Justice Commission

THE Healing Foundation has welcomed the creation of the new Truth and Justice Commission in Victoria as a major positive step on the road to national reconciliation and healing.

The Healing Foundation Chairman Professor Steve Larkin said the lack of a shared understanding about the truth of Australia's history is a fundamental roadblock to healing for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. "Truth telling is at the core of healing," Professor Larkin said.

"Reconciliation and healing can only truly evolve when the Australian community and our governments and major institutions acknowledge and repair the wrongs of the past, understand their ongoing impact, and make sure that these wrongs, or similarly damaging actions, are not occurring today, and are never repeated in the future.

"There have been important truth telling initiatives in the past, including the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, but many aspects of our shared history are yet to be reckoned with. They have been hidden, unspoken, and ignored.

"More than 85 per cent of Australians believe it is important to learn about our shared history, including the occurrence of mass killings, incarceration, and forced removal of children.

"It is time for telling, sharing, discussing, and understanding Australia's true shared history.

"Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples experience trauma as a result of ongoing racism, violence and disadvantage.

The lack of shared understanding is also re-traumatising for people already bearing an unfair burden of trauma and it can become a barrier to healing."

Professor Larkin said that international research has found that truth telling is effective at changing racial attitudes because once the truth is shared, people can acknowledge past hurt and accept responsibility as a means to walking together in the present.

"Creating safe places where people can talk and access support is a crucial first step in the healing process. It increases a sense of safety and enables healthy connections to be built. These are essential elements of healing from trauma.

"Making truth telling safe is essential, but it requires proper resourcing of trauma-aware, healing-informed services to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities."

Aspects of Australia's history that are not commonly known or accepted by the Australian public, including frontier wars, massacres, children stolen from their families and subjected to physical emotional and sexual abuse, are a source of ongoing trauma for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and a roadblock to reconciliation.

Professor Larkin said that education is vital if Australia is to achieve proper reconciliation and healing.

"Some people say, 'it's time to move on'. But we must know what we are moving on from, and many Australians simply do not understand the impact of colonisation and actions like the

forced removal of children from their families.

"In order to build trust and respect, it is also crucial for all Australians to understand pre-colonial history, to recognise and learn from the longevity, diversity, and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures.

"Formalised truth telling has the potential to unite the nation by giving all Australians a greater connection to, and knowledge of, a shared history.

"It is a pathway for Victorians to address racism and an example for the rest of the country.

"We must build momentum to heal the nation," Professor Larkin said.

The Healing Foundation's Stolen Generations Resource Kit for Teachers and Students has been created to educate young people about the Stolen Generations. It makes it easy for school communities to start the conversation and inform classroom discussions using facts, real examples, and stories.

Nationals leader Peter Walsh said, "Victoria's Truth and Justice process will look to deal with the issues of the past, but must go hand in hand with progress on the issues of today. Aboriginal Victorians must be given the opportunity and responsibility of self-determination. This includes voicing the pain of the past and offering a way forward that paves the way to healing. It's important to acknowledge and deal with past wrongs, but we must continue to work to ensure we are building a better future for all Aboriginal Victorians."

Recruitment support targets seasonal workers

AGRICULTURE Victoria is encouraging farmers across the state to add the Jobs Victoria online hub to their recruitment toolkit, and find local workers as this season's harvest continues.

With the Victorian Government's new Seasonal Harvest Sign-on Bonus generating interest in seasonal work among job seekers, now is a great time to get jobs posted.

The sign-on bonus offers workers \$2430 for eight weeks' work, if they've taken up a harvest job since February 17.

Businesses across a range of sectors have used Jobs Victoria (formerly known as Working for Victoria) to fill their seasonal workforce needs, from berry farms, and dairy operations to large-scale enterprises.

The free online jobs hub allows employers to post job ads and screen candidates. Employers are then matched with jobseekers who have identified that they have the right skills and abilities.

The Jobs Victoria platform has a screening section with up to 15 questions asked of jobseekers, to ensure candidates understand the specific nature of the job and the work involved.

Jobs Victoria has tools and support services available to help farmers find the right workers quickly, and to avoid the turnover of employees who can be unaware of the nature of farm work.

"Recruiting is a specialist task, but including some key details in job ads can make all the difference in finding the right worker for the job," Jobs Victoria CEO Lisa Buckingham said.

"It's important the job ad informs jobseekers about the realities of the work, the location, days and hours of work, transport requirements and the working environment.

"Getting this right from the start will help employers attract suitable jobseekers, those who understand what's required and are committed to the job."

Jobs Victoria can assist farmers to register and use the platform, as well as providing advice on how to craft effective job ads and streamline the recruitment processes.

For those businesses looking to employ six or more workers, Jobs Victoria can assist with posting and managing jobs on the platform, provide a list of candidates, review candidate resumes and even conduct phone screening.

Jobs Victoria is one of a number of ways the Victorian Government is working to support farmers with their seasonal workforce needs.

As part of the government's \$57 million comprehensive support package, Agriculture Victoria's Seasonal Workforce Coordinators are working with businesses in all the major horticulture regions, linking farmers, industry groups, employers, labour hire agencies and local government to help find local solutions to workforce shortages.

The \$6 million Seasonal Workforce Accommodation Program is also helping to remove barriers to work, providing grants for regionally based, industry-led projects that provide additional accommodation, transport and support services for seasonal workers.

To contact a Seasonal Workforce Coordinator in your area, email seasonalworkforce@agriculture.vic.gov.au

To register with Jobs Victoria and seek recruitment support, visit jobs.vic.gov.au/help-for-employers/register-to-find-workers



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Historic Winton to be a restricted event

THE Austin 7 Club has announced that Historic Winton 2021 will be a restricted event, under a Tier Three Permit.

Attendance on Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23 will be limited to car and motor bike entrants, their pit crews and required officials.

At this stage, no public tickets will be available, and invitations to Car Clubs will not be possible.

Austin 7 Club are saddened the event will not take its usual shape, and have not made this decision lightly. The costs involved in the strict COVIDSafe compliance and the continually changing government requirements, has led us to this decision.

Historic Winton is a unique event. There is a fabulous mix of racing cars and motor bikes, heritage and vintage displays, regular vendors, advertisers and sponsors, many hundreds of display vehicles from many clubs, and of course the loyal public.

Should restrictions ease, Austin 7 Club may be able to offer a limited number of spectator tickets, and these would be made available online. Updated information will be provided on the club's social media and website historicwinton.org/



Louise Sharkey, Jo Cavill, scholarship recipient Chris Curry and Ian Marshman. -TM

Local receive scholarship to support tertiary medicine education

LOCAL Yea resident Chris Curry was one of two recipients to accept the Yeah District Memorial Hospital Annual Scholarship Fund to help support his tertiary education studies in the health and medicine industry.

Presented on Friday, March 19 at Yea District Memorial Hospital, the financial award will go towards Chris' expenses

as he completes his course in ambulance and paramedics.

"It's amazing, just having the opportunity to put this towards a real education. It's indescribable, that's the best way to put it," Chris said at the presentation.

Those in attendance at the presentation were Louise

Sharkey, Yea Hospital Board Member and CEO of Nursing of Kellock Lodge Jo Cavill and Chair of Yea Hospital Board Ian Marshman.

Kiera Bradley, who was unfortunately absent for the presentation, was the other successful participant, with the award going toward her nursing and midwifery studies.

The scholarship was available for anyone locally who is studying health and medicine at a tertiary level, and of the five applications received, Chris and Kiera were the successful candidates.

"It's about supporting local people to study, but particularly to study in the health profession," Louise Sharkey said.



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European Wasps out in force across the shire

IT'S that time of year again. Autumn has well and truly arrived and the shire is starting to see an increase in European Wasp activity.

Murrindindi Shire Council wants to remind everyone that everyone needs to lend a hand when it comes to controlling wasp numbers.

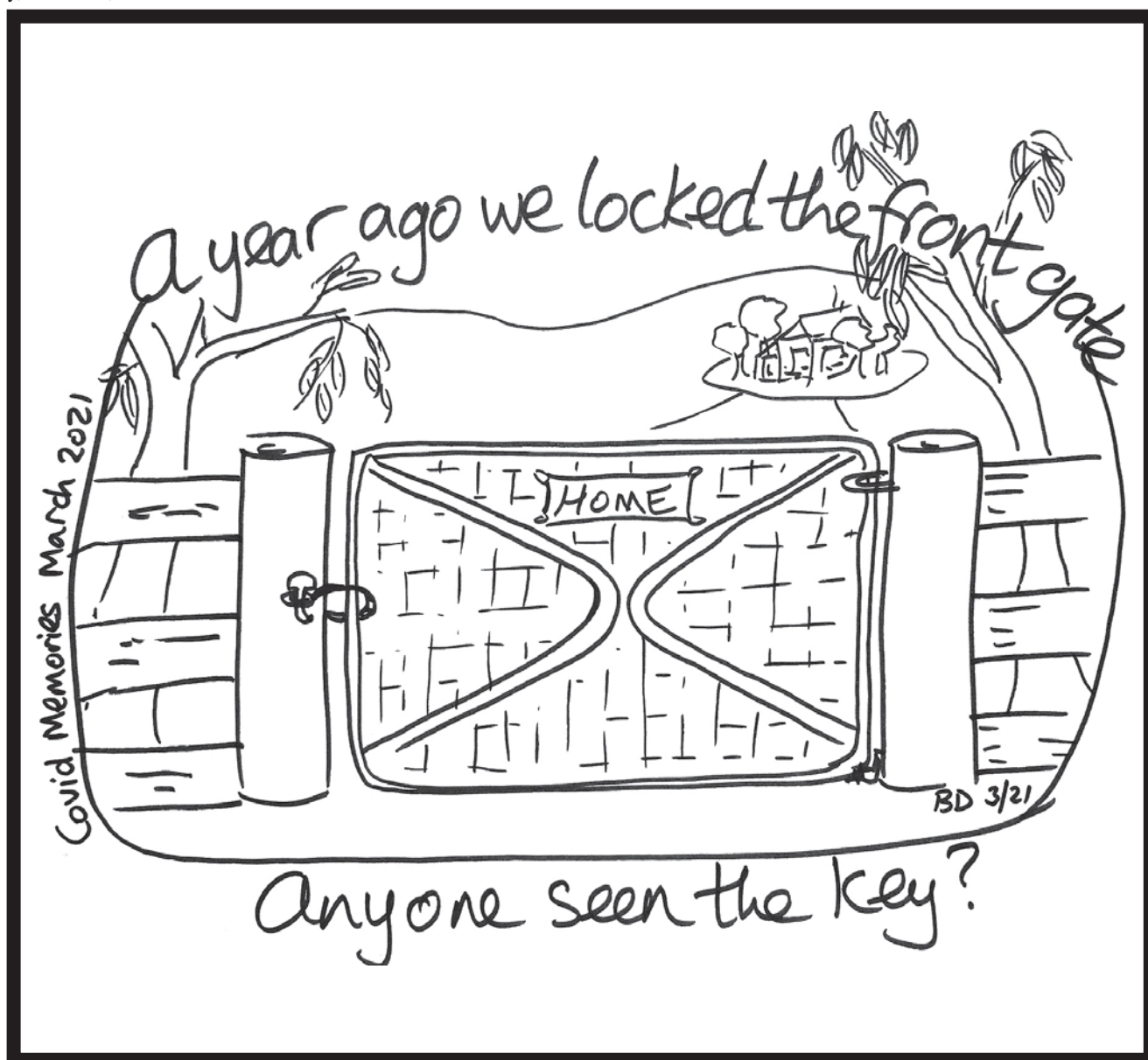
Council's Environment Portfolio Councillor, Karine Haslam said council has received an increased number of calls about wasp numbers and nests over the last couple of weeks.

"It's important to be on the lookout for nests over the next couple of months. February through to April is their most active months and we're getting a lot of reports on wasp activity, particularly in Thornton and Eildon" Cr Haslam said.

"Each one of us has a responsibility to destroy nests if we find one on your property. Sometimes they are hard to identify as they're usually in the ground. But if you keep a lookout during the day when wasps are more active, you're more likely to spot them leaving and re-entering their nest."

For more information on European Wasps, including how to identify wasps and nests and procedures on how to safely eradicate them, please visit council's website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au and search 'wasps'.

People requiring further advice on how to deal with a wasp nest on their property or to report a nest on council land can contact 5772 0333.



Feel Good, Look Good



Let's get Ellie a purple wheelchair

by Tricia Mifsud

EVERYONE in the Yea district knows Ellie Gay. And if you're one of the few who don't know Ellie, you'd definitely know her crazy purple hairdos.

In February, Ellie sustained a spinal injury which has left her with no use of her legs.

"I don't remember anything about the accident. All I remember is that I had a couple friends over for some drinks and cards. We decided to go outside and have a ride in our John Deere gator, which is our farm vehicle," Ellie said.

"My mate was driving and I don't know if he misjudged the landscape of the property, but almost next minute I was apparently thrown from the vehicle and I think the gator landed right on top of me."

However in true Ellie spirit, only three weeks after her accident, she has learnt how to sit up by herself, and use a wheelchair.

With such improvements, Ellie has moved to the rehabilitation facility at the Royal Talbot Hospital in Kew to prepare for her return back to the life she has missed out on for the last month.

Ellie has remained positive over the last month, grateful that she will be able to return back to doing most of the things she loves.

"I work at Yea Automatic in customer services. I am going to be able to do 90 per cent of my job when I'm back. My boss is even redesigning the store so that I can be completely independent when I am back."

Sarah Wilkins, who has been best friends with Ellie for the last 20 years created a Go Fund Me page to help raise funds to purchase a "whiz bang purple wheelchair".

In only 11 days of the fundraiser being live, generous donors have contributed \$8205 to help fund the wheelchair.

"It has been absolutely crazy! We've only been here for five years but the community have been magnificent," Ellie said.

"I don't think I understood what community really meant until I moved to Yea. It wasn't my injury that I needed to understand, the biggest thing I've got my head around is community."

"When I'm back home, I'm going to have to start at FoodWorks and work my way back down saying hi to everyone and letting them know I am back."

Prior to Ellie's accident, she was a woman on the go, attending to her farm. The funds raised will go towards purchasing an electric, four-wheel-drive wheelchair so Ellie can continue to do all the things that she loves.

"The wheelchair will be something to help me out on the farm, pruning the fruit trees, and just to get around the property easier," Ellie said.

Any leftover funds after purchasing the wheelchair will go toward supporting further medical bills and house and car modifications to make Ellie's transition back to everyday life as smooth as possible.

If you would like to donate, please visit au.gofundme.com/f/lets-get-ellie-a-whiz-bang-wheelchair



Ellie and Sarah share a very special friendship.

Overcoming injury to become a national champion

ELISA Grobe is the organiser of Extreme Cowboy Racing in Yarck. The club was started by Daryl Crowe in 2017, a horseman from Mansfield who runs clinics and an equine construction business. After a time, he became too busy and “handed over the reins” (so to speak) to Elisa in around 2018. It was off the ground and running in early 2019.

In 2018, Elisa qualified to compete at the world finals in Texas, so this had to be her priority in the short term. She competed in the Intermediate Division, which is third from the top in terms of difficulty, as well as in the International Division. She placed sixth out of a field of 32 in the Intermediates, and placed sixth in the International Division as well.

Adding to the degree of difficulty, she was competing on a borrowed horse due to the challenges of taking a horse to the USA. She was only able to ride the borrowed horse for a week and a half before competing.

She went over with two other Australians, and was coached by multiple world champion Annie Chance.

The club days have been mainly held in Yarck, and since rebooting the club, they have averaged at least 20 riders at each club day. They tend to run a club day once each month, depending on the state of the grounds following rain. While they can use other locations, there does tend to be a slowdown over the cooler months. With the pandemic, “we’re just trying to slot things in where we can,” Elisa said.

They held their first event in October 2019, which they called a Halloween Run. There were papier mache gravestones and other decorations. There were about 70 entries in the first race of the series. They have had three more races since then, but unfortunately the pandemic got in the way and their fourth race had to be cancelled.

They held another race in December 2020, with about 80 entries from as far afield as

Leeton in NSW. Other competitors came from Colac and Geelong.

The 2019 National Championships were moved to January 2021 in Ballarat. The Yarck club sent over Elisa and her nephew Rylan. Elisa competed on one of Rylan’s horses in the Greenhorse Division, an entry level competition for younger horses, and rode her own horse in Non-Pro and Pro. Rylan rode one of Elisa horses in the Young Guns Division.

The other competitors in Rylan’s division had to pull out, so Rylan came first. Elisa added that, “He did some really good runs.” He moves up a division this year.

Elisa competed against seven riders in the Greenhorse Division and she won both rounds and the National Championship. She came third overall in the other two divisions.

A week afterwards, it was off to Benalla for the Cowboy Classic with 167 competitors. Elisa again took out the Non-Pro and Pro Divisions.

Another race was held in Lancefield in early February, but unfortunately Elisa’s horse chose not to perform well as he hadn’t had enough exposure.

Elisa first became involved in Extreme Cowboy Racing when she attended an event run by Daryl Crowe in Mansfield. She YouTube’d the Cowboy Up Challenge beforehand and thought it was awesome, and “The element of control that these people had over their horses was just phenomenal.”

Growing up, she had always wanted a horse that could do a bit of everything, “and this really encapsulated that.”

She decided to give it a go. It was a big decision as she had suffered a workplace injury and two years of not really being able to walk. She bought some cheap flags and started practicing. When she went to the event, she managed to win the Novice Division out of about 20 riders. She was hooked, although it usually takes her a few

days to recover following an event.

Her second race was in Elmore and she again won the Novice Division and came third in the Intermediate Division. She tried Non-Pro and managed to win that as well. “I burst into tears,” she said.

Her horse also suffered health issues, and she almost lost him three times due to a twisted bowel. Fortunately he recovered and now, “I can put just about anything in front of him and ask him to do anything, and he’ll just do it, no questions asked.”

She’s recently been accepted into the Australia’s Greatest Horsewoman event to be held in October in the Tatura Equestrian Centre and is keen to hear from anyone interested in sponsoring her.

In Extreme Cowboy events, there might be jumps, or dressage manoeuvres, bridges, water courses, crossing branches, cattle work, dragging objects, roping objects including cattle, going under things and over things, a raised seesaw, and so on.

The whole sport is based on sportsmanship, with high levels of trust between the horse and rider. “It’s also about teaching the horse where to put his feet,” Elisa said. A horse might need to cross a bridge which is 29cm wide, for example, and the rider needs to teach the horse to put one foot in front of the other and not slip off.

“It’s everything that would scare a normal horse,” she said.

Her whole family is now involved in the sport. There’s her nephew of course, and her two sisters also participate. Her mother and Bayden also help out.

They might also do some work with the Barrel Racing Association in Barjarg moving forward.

Following their December meet, Elisa organised a trail ride for the following day, so people could relax. It meant that people could make a weekend of it, instead of travelling back and forth in the one day.

Rylan wasn’t initially showing a lot of interest in the sport, but after he saw Elisa participating, she took some items over to his place and started having a play. It started to intrigue him. He started having a play as well, “and it’s all he wanted to do in the end,” Elisa said. She eventually told him to go and make a course for himself. When he did it, he told her that she had to do the course.

In his first event, Elisa and Rylan swapped horses. The horse Rylan was riding already knew what it was doing, so they had to teach him about ‘driving’ the horse.

He started some lessons with Steph Lancefield in Merton, and had him work at controlling the horse.

Her sister Tam is now the club’s vice president.

Elisa’s mother added, “It’s becoming so popular. It’s amazing the comments that Elisa gets after every event, how they love coming to our club events because it’s like a big happy family. Everybody helps everybody. They cheer everybody on. It’s just amazing. It’s a great club.”

They have regular ‘come and try’ days.

If you have a horse and are keen to give the sport a go, contact Elisa on 0419 692 831 or email highcountryexca@yahoo.com



The mini-wagon being pulled along. -S



Elisa with her horse on a seesaw. -S



Rylan and his horse at the Halloween-themed event. -S



Rylan with his new buckle. -S



Elisa receiving her award. -S

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Science fun at Yea High School



YEA High School Year nine and ten have had an interesting start to the term with a range of interesting science programs.

Recently a group of students visited the Gene Technology Access Centre to become immersed in the field of forensic science.

The students used blood typing and DNA analysis to place a suspect at a crime scene. Through the examination of seminal cases students consider the role of forensic science in police investigations.

Students utilised models to explore the structure and function of DNA, the nature of chromosomes and the principles of inheritance and apply their understandings to the analysis of Short Tandem Repeats (STRs) to identify individuals.

In the laboratory students performed blood typing diagnostics to eliminate suspects from a crime scene. They then

used E-gels to perform gel electrophoresis, creating a DNA profile for the remaining suspects and the blood found at the crime scene. Their final results placed a single suspect at the crime scene.

Meanwhile biology students have been investigating factors affecting rates of photosynthesis. As part of their experimental work, students used leaf discs to measure the rate of photosynthesis occurring under different coloured light.

They infiltrated leaf discs with bicarbonate solution, graphed their results and calculated the ET50 (extrapolated time for 50 per cent of the discs to float).

Students will be assessed in the coming weeks on their ability to explain the inputs, outputs and limiting factors of photosynthesis, discuss experimental design, and outline possible extraneous variables.



KIDS PUZZLES

Colour



Word Search: Kitchen Safety

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Sudoku

Difficulty: Medium

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PUZZLES

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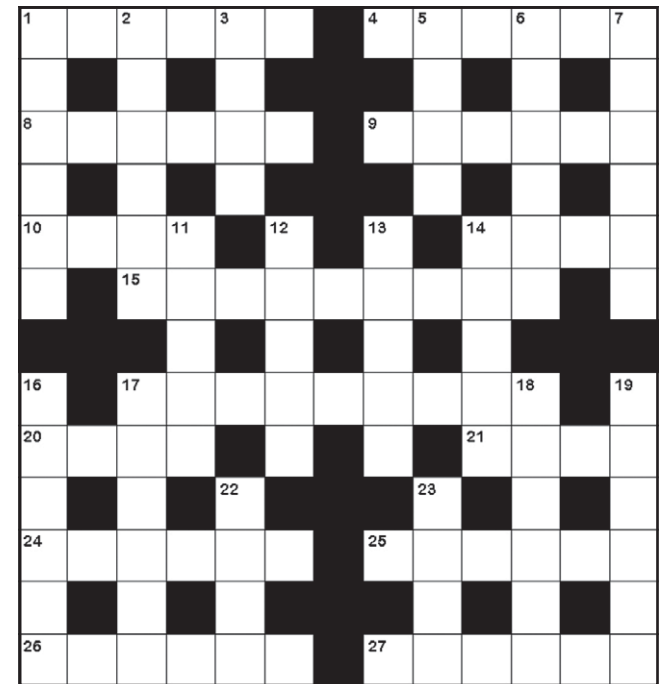
Crossword

ACROSS

- In a warm-hearted and agreeable manner.
- Frowns with dislike or displeasure.
- Go back to a previous place or condition.
- The occupation for which you are trained.
- A system of weights used for precious metals.
- Having an oblique or slanting position.
- Infamous by way of being extremely wicked.
- A special benefit that's not for everyone.
- A loud, resonant warning device on a car.
- Divisible by two without a remainder.
- Aroused to a state of turbulence and anger.
- The popular taste at any given times.
- Travelled along on one's course or direction.

DOWN

- A traditional Japanese art of unarmed combat.
- A community of people organised into a single state.
- Knowledge gained through tradition or anecdote.
- Squeeze things tightly into a too small space.



- Large marine snails used as food in Europe.
- Distributed here and there without order.
- Have a strong, often melancholy desire.
- Understand the sense or meaning of things.
- A young female horse under the age of four.
- A sudden or abrupt strong increase.
- A physiological need to drink.
- Express warm approval and admiration of.
- Escaped or avoided by cleverness or deceit.
- To have in mind for a particular purpose.
- A bitter quarrel between two parties.
- The source of an artist's inspiration.

Word Search: Earth Moon and Sun

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Q: Where was the below image taken?



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Haines and McKenzie take a stand

TWO members of Federal Parliament have joined the voices calling for action on sex discrimination and violence against women.

Dr Helen Haines, Independent Federal Member for Indi, said that leadership in Parliament will bring about the changes to the workplace.

"Here in the Parliament of Australia we've seen and heard of the most horrendous allegations of serious crimes against women. This has to stop, but words alone won't make it stop. It's action. It's leadership," Dr Haines said.

Senator Bridget McKenzie added that the Women of the National Party stand with the Australians who have raised concerns regarding violence against women, unsafe workplaces, and the perceived lack of justice for those who have endured sexual assault.

"We are proud to strongly represent the women of regional Australia, and by already being in Parliament and in the room, we can ensure their concerns are raised within this place," Senator McKenzie said.

Dr Haines said that the Sex Discrimination Bill that was presented to the house last week gave a strong sign to women.

That's what I call on the government to show that its words have meaning. Show some leadership. Work with us. We're not here to play party games. We're not here for political stunts. We are here to do real things for real people," Dr Haines said.

Dr Haines added that the people in the Indi electorate were interested in action that will see women feel safe, describing the legislation today as an important journey that was long overdue.

Senator McKenzie said that all Australians should feel safe when attending their place of work and Federal Parliament was no different.

"Indeed this building should lead by example. We will always stand up for women, particularly for those from regional Australia, who raise concerns regarding unsafe workplaces or poor workplace culture," Senator McKenzie said.

"As Senators and Members of Parliament, we will continue to work within this building to bring forward their concerns and drive change," she said.

Dr Haines said that she had a bill before the House called the Commonwealth Parliamentary Standards Bill 2020 that would establish an independent

commissioner who could address serious workplace complaints.

"It's a bill that has been sitting in the house since October, last year. I've called upon the government and I've met with the Attorney General several times to allow me to debate that bill. These are reforms that can actually make a difference," she said.

Victorians asked to explain why they didn't vote

THE Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is urging Victorians who were sent an Apparent Failure to Vote Notice to respond by the 28 day deadline with a detailed explanation.

The notice, which is a not a fine, asks apparent non-voters for a reason for why they appear not to have voted in the 2020 local council elections.

A detailed response with supporting documentation, where possible, will help to determine if the excuse is considered sufficient, while ignoring the notice, or not providing a sufficient reason for not voting, may result in an infringement notice and a penalty of \$83.

Electoral Commissioner, Warwick Gately, said that recipients should contact the VEC

for assistance if unsure what to do, rather than ignore the notice.

"If you need help understanding what the notice means and what you need to do, you can call us on 1300 551 575 or visit our website at vec.vic.gov.au. We are seeking from you a reason why you appear not to have voted," Mr Gately said.

"I also encourage you to sign up to our VoterAlert service, to make sure you're notified whenever there's a state or local council election happening."

People can sign up at vec.vic.gov.au/votalert to receive important reminders about upcoming state and local council elections.



Now is a good time to start snake-proofing your home. -S

Snake-proofing your home

AS we start to approach the cooler months of the year, it is now the best time to consider snake proofing your home. With less chances of spotting the reptiles hunting their prey, or having a bake in the sun, it's much safer to approach those areas that snakes may hide in during the warmer months.

There are a number of very simple yet effective ways to minimise the chances of finding a snake on your door step. While these precautions will not guarantee a snake-free property, it can put your mind at ease knowing that you have done what you can to keep them away.

Snake hiding spots

It is important to routinely check hiding spots that snakes may be hiding in on your property. Doing this through all months of the year is important. Using a flashlight, not your hands or feet, look in places like rock piles, stacked wood, tall and out-grown grass and gardens, deep cracks in concrete, and under storage buildings like sheds.

Snake proof solutions

Keeping a clean garden is a simple and effective way to reduce the likelihood of snakes around your home. Keep your lawn cut low as unkempt grass is one of the easiest ways a snake can play hide and seek with you.

A process of snake-proofing your home is to target any mice and rat problems you may have around your property. A simple way to do this is to place rodent bait around your house. The less mouse and rats around your house, the less chance of snakes; who doesn't want to eliminate three unwanted visitors?

Another animal that is very well known for attracting the slithering critters are chickens and other birds. Of course, we are not suggesting a bait technique for your chickens, but there are simple ways to keep them safe, in turn keeping your family safe. Place a mesh covering or similar around any chook pens and aviaries, this will reduce the chance of snakes preying on your birds.

Don't forget inside your house

This could be much more frightening for your family. A snake outside is one thing, but knowing that the slithering critter has found its way inside? Again like the outdoors, there are some simple ways to make sure you do not have any unwelcomed visitors.

This works for outside as much as inside, but ensuring any holes and cavities are sealed up is crucial. Snakes love to hide, with holes being a great place for them as they can curl up to fit the size.

And if all this fails and you still find a snake on your property?

Call the experts. Don't try to be Steve Irwin and grab the snake, take photos of the snake or find a terrarium for the snake. You may think you know what type a snake has made its way to your back door, but in reality, the colour of a snake isn't always exacted correlated to its type.

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All positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be accepted on the night. Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting the Alexandra DELWP office or at the meeting. For further enquiries, please contact the secretary, Barb Gamble on 0417 013 701.

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Please email cover letter and resume addressing above criteria with three references to

manager@alexandranewspapers.com.au
Applications close March 26, 2021



DEATH NOTICES

WILLIAMSON, Ross Milton

14/10/1958-15/03/2021
Died peacefully at home. Loving and caring husband of Jane, father of Rebecca and Wayne. Father-in-law of Matt and Ananya, grandfather of Chloe and Kaiden. You will be forever in our heart and sadly missed, and always loved by all who knew you.

DEATH NOTICES



WILLIAMSON, Ross
The Yea CFA will miss you greatly and wish to offer our condolences to the family. Great mate. Great colleague and great mentor. We will always miss your great stories. Ross will never be forgotten.



WILLIAMSON, Ross

Steve, Alicia, Caitlyn and Chole will miss you mate, thanks for everything. Rest in Peace.



WILLIAMSON, Ross
District 12 staff and volunteers are saddened by the sudden passing of Ross. We acknowledge his significant contribution as the Captain of the Yea Fire Brigade (22 years), to the Yea Road Accident Rescue team and his time spent as a Deputy Group Officer, Yea Group.

Ross was the recipient of a National Emergency Medal, a National Medal 1st Clasp and a 35 Year Service Medal. The Chairman, Board, Management and members of CFA regret the passing of their colleague and offer their deepest sympathy to his family, to the Yea Fire Brigade, surrounding brigades and their communities.

FUNERAL NOTICES



MEADE, Tom
The committee and members of the Yea Football Netball Club would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends on the passing of Tom Meade. Tom was Yea Senior Coach in 1971 and 1972.

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Please contact the Business Manager, Mrs Felicity Melville via email at felicity.melville@smseymour.catholic.edu.au for a detailed role description and an application form.

Please forward a resume, covering letter addressing the selection criteria and a completed application form to the Principal, Mr Wayne Smith at employment@smseymour.catholic.edu.au by 4pm, Wednesday April 7 2021.

This school community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

SPORT



Damien Miller powers his car on to victory in the sports sedans and set a new record for one lap. Napier Photography

Record breaking night at Alexandra Speedway

Speedway report by Dean Thompson of DMT Sports Media

SATURDAY night at Alexandra Speedway was a record-breaking night with no less than eight new track records set during a furious night of action, resulting in wins to Healesville's Linken Paterson, Pakenham's Damien Miller, Darren Nelson, James Oliver, and visiting Wingless Sprint race driver Daryl Logue from Morwell.

Wingless Sprints were back at Alexandra for the first time since 2014 and on a track much different to when they were last at the venue, they soon wiped the previous records. Daryl Logue claimed new one lap and eight lap records during qualifying for a 20-lap final race of the evening. In qualifying, former Alexandra Junior Sedan racer Jessie Garlick claimed one of the six

heat wins with brothers Wayne and Daryl Logue, Travis Evans, Luke Schneider, and visiting New South Wales racer Coby Elliott all among the winners.

Initially, Elliott took charge of the final race, leading the first five laps before Daryl Logue took control of the lead on one of the biggest tracks the class races on, if not the biggest and fastest. Logue went on to claim the win from Elliott, his brother Wayne Logue, Schneider, and Scott Irons.

On his way to a Sports Sedans feature race win, Damien Miller smashed the one lap record previously held by his younger brother by half a second, while his nearest rival on race night, Lee Beach broke the previous eight lap record during qualifying. Miller won the 15-lap final from Beach, Dale Smith, his father Russell Smith, and Robert Garlick.



Daryl Logue proudly displays his winning sign for the wingless sprint winner. Daryl set new records for one lap and eight laps. - S

Unlimited Sedan's returned to Alexandra and Darren Nelson broke the single lap record, and the 15-lap record during the evening. Adam Monti was the driver that looked good for a potential win after claiming two heat race wins in the lead up to the final race, before Nelson smashed his opposition with a huge victory in the final from Lennie Bonnici, Monti, Stan Brown, and Anthony McKean.

Jayden Bryant, Linken Paterson and Dylan Barrow shared wins in the Top Star Junior Sedan racing with Barrow breaking Todd Moule's previous one lap record, in a race he did not win. Paterson was never headed over 10 laps in the final as he beat

Barrow, Bryant, Rhys Meakins and Luke Cornfoot.

James Oliver was the only driver to win two out of the six qualifying races in New Star Junior Sedans, with his sister Christine winning one along with Riley Lawrence, Billy McBride, and Maddy Capon. James Oliver went on to claim back-to-back victories at Alexandra Speedway, defeating Lawrence, Capon, Christine Oliver, and Jack Kershaw.

The next race meeting at Alexandra Speedway is Easter Saturday and Sunday when the Victorian Street Stock Champion will be decided, with 40 or more cars in that category anticipated along with club racing support.

Recreation Reserve redevelopment seeks donations for completion

THE Alexandra Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve Redevelopment Project is nearing completion.

Once completed, in 2021/2022, the reserve and associated facilities will be one of the best of its kind in the state. It will be a precinct that you would normally only see in regional cities or large urban areas. A precinct that all will be proud of, that you will be able to enjoy with your family and friends.

\$600,000 saw completion of Stages 1 and 2 which created a high-quality netball precinct. Stages 3 and 4 are now underway to provide a fully accessible multi-purpose community building, rooftop solar power generation, a power upgrade to the Reserve and new hi-tech oval lighting to the value of a further \$2.04 million.

However, a further \$200,000 is required to bring the project to completion. This need for

extra funding is due to a number of factors; grant funding was pledged in 2018, based on 2017 costings and quantity surveys with construction commencing in late 2020; additional costs have been added to the demolition of the existing building and public toilets, car park and general reserve landscaping, and additional regulatory requirements and increased standards; costs have also been impacted due to lapsed

time, COVID-19 impacts and other factors out of control of the project team.

To date there has been no call on users of the Recreation Reserve, local community groups, individuals, or businesses to financially support this project. However, a decision has now been made to ask for public donations.

All donations to the \$200,000 fundraising effort are tax deductible and can be made via

the Australian Sports Foundation. The Alexandra Football Netball Club, the key driver of the redevelopment, has registered the project and associated fundraising campaign, and all donations will ensure that the finishing touches to the project are completed with quality and in a timely way.

For more information and to make a tax-deductible donation go to asf.org.au/projects/alexandra-football-netball-club

New member makes auspicious start



Anthony Coleman proudly points to his hole in one.

Yea golf report by Alan Pell

WEDNESDAY, March 17 saw 15 ladies compete in the first Monthly Medal of the year at Yea Golf Club. Karen Sangster (29) with a nett 69 won by one shot from Adrienne Anglin (12) with 70. Di Holdsworth (26) was third with 72. Di was also nearest the pin on the 14th and Adrienne won the putting with 29 putts. Saturday saw four ladies also playing a stroke round with Meryle Connell (27) winning with a nett 73.

New member Anthony Coleman made an auspicious start to his golf at Yea. Playing ambrose on Saturday, he played his second shot after his drive on the sixth. When he got to the green the only visible sign was his pitch mark and the ball in the hole for two. An eagle 2 on a par 4.

Sunday saw the beginning of men's pennant with Yea drawing with Marysville 2 1/2 each. Played at Seymour Golf Club, Lachie Wischer and Jonathon Fisher had wins while Wayne Rowe halved his match.

Lachie Wischer with 35 stableford points was the winner in a field of 12 players on Wednesday. Playing with three clubs and a putter he won by three points from a nest of others on 32. David Ngo was second with Graeme Bryant third on countback from Alan Pell and Peter Johnston also on 32 points. Jeff Aurisch was nearest the pin on the 14th and John Tanner won \$10 for the Club Award.

Eight teams contested an ambrose event at Royal Yea on Saturday, March 20. Winners with 67 off the stick, nett 57 1/6 were Malcolm Bett, Kevin Coghlan, and Wayne Rowe. Runners-up with 65 off the stick, nett 58 1/6 were Ray Partridge, Anthony Coleman, and Alan Pell. Best off the stick with 64 were Brian Simmons, Michael Spagnolo, and Ken Whitfort. Nearest the pin on the 14th was Wayne Rowe and the Club Award went to the team of Rob O'Halloran, Neil Peterson and Peter Johnston.

Yea hosts Bowls Division 1 grand final

YEA Bowls Club was the hosts of the Division 1 Grand Final against Kilmore and Broadford on Saturday, March 20.

Kilmore came out on top as the winners, defeating Broadford 81-60 in what was the last game played for the Central Bowls

Division as Bowls Victoria restructures their regions.

Murrindindi towns Alexandra, Eildon and Yea were too a part of this division, but will move into the Central Goulburn Murray Bowls Region for the upcoming season.



Broadford member in action. -TM



Kilmore member in action. -TM

Secondary colleges bowls competition held at Yea

Yea bowls report by Viv Cavanagh

THE Secondary Colleges Southern Ranges Round Robin sports competition was held on Friday, March 5. Lawn bowls was included as an alternative sport to volleyball, cricket, and tennis. The junior games of bowls were played at the Yea Bowls Club. Six rinks were used with four games being played. Although many players were new to the game of bowls, an enjoyable day was had by all, with FCJ College from Benalla coming first and second and Mansfield Secondary College in third place. The attending staff were very grateful for the use of the facility and the coaching help supplied by Yea Bowls Club members.



Students deep in discussion as to the result.

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McLoud Sisters: Sally, Yvonne, Jane, Judy, Veronica and Ruth. -TM

Racing season ends on a high

Alexandra race report by
Robyn Walsh

AT Royal Alexandra Race Club on Saturday, the picnic racing party that commenced in February rolled on into March for the Alexandra Cup. The atmospherics were very different to recent Cup meetings due to a massive, week-long DWELP burn off in the nearby forests. But they raced and the racing was brilliant.

Shaun Cooper had a great day out. After riding a treble last meeting Shaun rode a double on Saturday. He rode the Don Dwyer trained Dishy's to win the Thompson Family Racing Stable 1300 Hcp. His next was a narrow win for trainer Charmaine Barnes on Shujuku in the Alexandra Veterinary Clinic 1300 Maiden Plate. The two wins secured Shaun's position as Alexandra's 2021 Leading Rider.

Troy Kilgower brought eight horses to this and the previous meeting. Picnic clubs relish such strong support from trainers like Troy. After several wins last outing and a number of placings on Saturday, Troy became

Alexandra's Donate Life 2021 Leading Trainer.

The old guard were lurking in the wings. A highlight was the boil over in the feature race, the 2021 Schoolhouse Thornton Alexandra Cup. Two old stagers, eight-year-old Derek the Viking, ridden by senior rider Ray Douglas, snatched the Cup from younger rivals in an exciting tussle to the winning post. In another senior moment, Craig Kirkpatrick, with his one ride for the day, won the Darlingford Waters Boat Club 1540 Hcp on Catbluroo.

The young ones bookended the meeting. The Rubicon Hotel Motel 1300m Hcp was won by Viking Myth trained by Gary Mallinson and ridden by apprentice Jack Virgona. In the Alexandra FoodWorks 1840m, Maddison Morris pegged back one for young women to win the last on the Nicole Dickson trained Laststrikeyourout.

It was a great meeting that nudged the Tier 3 COVIDsafe limit of 1000 people. The big screen and music were a hit. Alexandra's Amazing Hat

Competition wasn't even spoiled when some tizzy blokes put on a tanti because they didn't win. Car parking was at a premium and the horse stalls were so full, the companion ponies were squeezed out to make room for the big horses.

Apart from a great day's racing and all the fun, the highlight for the club was the induction of two new life members, Neil Parkinson, and Alan Robinson. Alan 'Robbo' Robinson used to work as Clerk of Course with his father, Basil, more than 20 years ago and now drives the starting stalls tractor. Neil 'Rocky' Parkinson has worked behind the scenes preparing the track and grounds for so long that 'Robbo' couldn't remember who had been connected with the club longer.

The season got off to a wobbly start, but due to the hard work of all the Alexandra Race Club volunteers, it ended on a high. Thanks to our sponsors for their support and to all the racegoers who enjoyed the season. We look forward to seeing you all jabbed up and smoke free in October.



Dean, Suzie, Madie and Heath. -TM



Four generations coming together for the races: Cheryl, Cherrie, Tayla and Paigan. -TM

Great effort by junior tennis teams

Alexandra junior tennis report by
Rebecca Stone

IT was great to see the kids back playing competition tennis this 2020/21 Summer Season. There were two junior teams representing Alexandra in the local Broadford & District Tennis Competition. Both teams played consistently well throughout the season, qualifying for the grand final, which was held in Kilmore on Saturday.

Section 5 played Kilmore. Despite being the underdogs, many rallies were had. Lovely groundstrokes were played, and a positive mindset was maintained. The children enjoyed themselves and were super proud of their achievement and development over the season. They were presented with a runners-up trophy each.

Section 4 played Wandong and got off to a slightly nervous start. However, despite losing one of the first sets of the morning

they rallied together to storm home as premiers. The team served well, were quick to win a volley at the net and hit some tactical groundstrokes.

Oliver Hoornweg was steady as ever and did not drop a single's set all season. Fittingly he was presented with the Best Player for Section 4 medal.

The children are now looking forward to the Winter Competition, which begins next

term, and are hoping to enter another team, making three in total.

Alexandra Lawn Tennis Club has two morning social sessions, Monday and Friday, and a Thursday night round robin. Keith Turner coaches on Wednesday afternoons.

If you or your children are interested in playing or being coached, please take a look at our Facebook page, or contact Rebecca Lyttle on 0405 055 993.