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All a-flutter

FROM October 19 to 25, 2020, a total of 217 Murrindindi Shire community members took part in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count (ABBC), a program run by Birdlife Australia. The 2020 results are now in.

Murrindindi Shire Council's Environment Portfolio Councillor Karine Haslam said it was great that our community got so involved.

"It's fantastic to see that our community dedicated over 139 hours to this project, and, when you think about it, why wouldn't we? We have some truly spectacular bird life in our shire," Cr Haslam said.

"Citizen science is a great thing. It helps us get involved, participate and learn some interesting things along the way. The ABBC is a fantastic program and is one of Australia's largest citizen science projects.

"The ABBC provides us with an insight into how birds in our region are faring, and the results from these kind of surveys can help with the development of conservation and pest management strategies," Cr Haslam said.

"In 2020, a total of 13,000 individual birds were observed in Murrindindi Shire during the one week period, with 134 different bird species identified.

"The sulphur-crested cockatoo was the most commonly-listed species within the shire, with nearly 58 per cent of participants reporting a sighting. This was followed closely by the Australian magpie and the crimson rosella. Other common species included the red wattle bird, Australia wood duck, galah and the superb fairy-wren. A total of 28 different species of native birds were also recorded, with four of these species classified as endangered in Victoria.

"We are very fortunate to live where we do and to have such a diverse and colourful range of native birds living amongst us. These birds provide an opportunity for people to appreciate and connect with nature, something that has been particularly important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"However, living in such close proximity to birdlife does present some challenges and the ABBC is a good reminder. Many residents want to attract

birds to their properties by feeding birds. Feeding birds is not good for the birds. It can lead to dietary problems like malnutrition or obesity, sickness and it can even cause premature death.

"When birds fill up on the 'junk' food we feed them, they may stop eating the nutritious foods found in their natural habitat. There are also several harmful diseases which can be easily spread from bird to bird via feeding stations. And some of these diseases can even affect humans," Cr Haslam added.

"There can be other issues too. Using the sulphur-crested cockatoo as an example, they need to chew items such as bark and branches to maintain their beaks at the correct length and condition. However, when people provide them with regular access to food, they no longer have to search for food and end up spending a large portion of their day preening, playing and hanging around near where they are usually fed. This can result in cockatoos chewing outdoor timber furniture, timber railings and weatherboard and red cedar houses. This causes damage around your home and can also affect your neighbours as well.

"If you are wanting to attract birdlife to your property, try planting indigenous plants that produce flowers, fruits or seeds that encourage birds to feed naturally, while also providing quality sources of water that are cleaned regularly.

"If you're concerned your neighbour is feeding birds like the sulphur-crested cockatoo, try having a friendly chat to them about the issue. They might not know the effects that feeding wildlife can have on the birds' health," added Cr Haslam.

For information about the impacts of feeding wildlife, you can visit the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at wildlife.vic.gov.au or give them a call on 136 186.

To view the full results of last year's count, visit council's website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au and search 'Bird Count Findings'. To be part of the Aussie Backyard Bird Count this year from October 18 to 24, visit aussiebirdcount.org.au for further information or contact council on 5772 0333.



The grandstand at the Yea Showgrounds. -S

Grand old lady restored

THE heritage listed grandstand at the Yea Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve has had extensive works completed just in time for the first Yea football and netball home games on April 24 and 25.

The Yea Show committee was successful in a Federal Regional Agricultural Show Development Grant of \$124,870 to provide power to the cattle area of the showgrounds and complete the final restoration of the grandstand.

Master Builder Brendan Dignam completed extensive works underneath the grandstand around 15 years ago, which saw massive steel stumps and supports underpin the main body of the grandstand. Most of the flooring and seating, plus the side rails, were replaced at the same time.

At that time, there was not enough money in the budget to underpin the side walls which were slowly sinking into the ground. This has now been restored with large steel stumps under the side walls and under the very tall verandah posts along the front of the facility.

When the external cladding was removed to obtain access under the grandstand, several other stumps and bearers along the front of the grandstand, which is affected by the weather, were also in dire need of replacement.

All external repairs needed have been completed, with the side railings repaired and restored, the old doors into the away-teams change room replaced, all external cladding showing wear replaced, and the flooring and seating at the

bottom front of the seating area replaced.

Yea has one of the few recreation reserves in Victoria which still has an historic grandstand and now the 'grand old lady' is so securely braced, she will last for another 100 years plus. Only minor works on weather worn external cladding will need to be replaced as time goes by.

The painting of the grandstand commenced this week. Heritage Victoria has stipulated that the colours are to remain the same.

The Yea Show committee were pleased to hear this week that they have received another agricultural grant of \$5720 to purchase portable tiered seating which will be shared between the netball club and sheep yard dog trials for covered spectator seating.

COVID-19 clinic to be held at Yea and District Memorial Hospital in May.

YEA community members who are over 50 years old are invited to be vaccinated at the Yea and District Memorial Hospital pop-up clinic being held in partnership with Goulburn Valley Health Public Health Unit on Wednesday, May 26 from 10am to 3pm

There are a limited number of appointments available on the day for community members as well as for local front-line health care workers.

To take this next important step in keeping COVID safe and book your appointment, please call the hospital during business hours on Monday to Friday

on 5736 0410. You will be asked to provide personal details during the appointment booking process so please have your Medicare, phone and email contact details handy.

The clinic will be located at the Grace Benet's Centre building at Yea and District Memorial Hospital which is accessed from Miller Street. Please bring your Medicare card and ID to your vaccine appointment.

The whole appointment will take a minimum of 30 minutes and you must remain at the centre for at least 15 minutes after the vaccination.

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Letters to the Editor

Picnic shelters

AT the meeting last Thursday, the Rotary Club of Yea held a very full and informative discussion on the proposed Rotary Centenary Project of installing shelters over the picnic tables in our lovely centre plantation in the main street.

Members were given a rundown on the history of the project, the steps that have been taken and those yet to take place and shown the three design options proposed. Following these discussions the majority of members present voted to pursue this project for the town centre.

The most important outcome of these discussions was the fact that the proposed project will go on public display for community consultation which is what I was most concerned about in my previous letter to the editor.

That letter was not intended to denigrate the Rotary Club of Yea or its many good works in any way. I feel strongly about the simple beauty of our lovely green open space and magnificent trees in the town centre and feel the general community should have the chance to comment on any proposal which would drastically change the ambience of our lovely main street.

It was surveyor Thomas Pinniger who laid out the town in 1855 and gave us the amazing open spaces in our town centre that we enjoy today. Our forbears had the vision to plant the first avenue of trees, originally radiata pines, which were taken down after the Second World War because in the winter months the street was continually damp, either from fog or rain.

The removal of the pines also gave returning soldiers some employment and the decision was made to plant deciduous trees so the sun could penetrate the main street in the winter and give the best shade during the hot summer months.



Yea Gardens and Bandstand. -S

Our forbears also planted the magnificent botanic gardens in the area now called the Fountain Garden and erected a bandstand for lovely Sunday afternoon recitals. See the attached photo from the historical society.

Thank you to all those community members who phoned or emailed their support of my original letter. You will now have the opportunity to have your say in the community consultation period.

Elaine White, Yea



THUMBS DOWN: To one of the recent weekend events in the shire for ignoring social distancing. We were packed in like sardines with hardly enough room to move.

THUMBS DOWN: To Murrindindi Shire council for not responding to comments regarding the inefficient use of the library for front counter enquiries.

THUMBS DOWN: To the Shire contact system. Why can't we ring and be put through directly to a staff member anymore? Instead we can only speak to reception and possibly get a phone call back several days later, if you're lucky.

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WEEKLY

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MONTHLY

1st Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
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 4th 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

April 28 to May 4, 2021

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	HIGH	LOW	DAY	HIGH	LOW
Wednesday	18	8	Wednesday	18	8
Thursday	20	6	Thursday	22	7
Friday	21	9	Friday	21	9
Saturday	19	9	Saturday	20	9
Sunday	17	9	Sunday	17	8
Monday	13	7	Monday	14	7
Tuesday	14	6	Tuesday	14	6

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	12.00pm Mon	1.79^	rising	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	12.00pm Mon	0.56	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	12.57pm Mon	0.65	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	12.40pm Mon	0.17	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	12.46pm Mon	0.52	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	11.27am Mon	0.53	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	12.00pm Mon	3.94	steady	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	12.00pm Mon	0.39^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	12.00pm Mon	1.65^	steady	below minor
Sunday Ck at Tallarook	12.00pm Mon	-0.08^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	1.00pm Mon	1.87	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	11.34am Mon	0.79	steady	

**ISSUED AT 1.16PM ON MONDAY, 3 MAY 2021

DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra*	10.4mm
Buxton	13.5mm
Eildon (AWS)	8mm
Flowerdale	10mm
Kinglake	16mm
Lake Eildon	13mm
Marysville	16.8mm
Strath Creek	N/Amm
Taggerty	18mm
Yarck	8mm
Yea	15mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday
 *Alexandra totals supplied from www.alexandraweather.org

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	275.95m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	56.4%
Metres below full supply	12.95m
Daily inflow	500ML
Release	4000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	68%

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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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Sunny skies, food and wine at Sedona Estate

The view from the Sedona Estate Cellar Door. Attendees of Sip and Sounds were treated to a lovely outdoor afternoon with wine, music and a view. -TM

by Tricia Mifsud

WITH the sun out last Saturday afternoon, it was the perfect setting for Murrindindi's Sedona Estate to host Sip and Sounds; an afternoon of enjoying food and wine with local musicians playing music.

Over the years, Sedona Estate has held a picnic in the winery to celebrate Harvest Season. Last year, Sedona Estate owners Paula and Sonja planned on changing the type of event held, from the picnic to Sip and Sounds but were unable to see it through due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was important to Sonja to be able to host the event this year.

"We chose to [hold the Sip and Sounds event] and have local people perform because we always like local if it's good quality. We embrace everything produced in local and regional

areas as much as we can," Sonja said.

Kinglake musician Paul Ray brought along six of his singing students including Kyla Bullock, Larni Bullock, Neeag Bullock, Molly Maddox, Maya O'Loughlin and Emma Pyle who all sung a combination of covers and original songs.

On Sunday, Sedona Estate also hosted Taste of Vina Verde; an experience of tasting young wines in the estate's barrel room.

It was Paul and Sonja's vision to produce 'regionally distinctive wines of impeccable quality' and they started their vineyard from scratch in 1998. Cellar Door was opened in 2012 to be able to offer guests a dining experience and to enjoy tasting the wines in the very place they were made. To find out more about Sedona Estate, visit sedonaestate.com.au or call 0432 435 180.



11-year old Maya O'Loughlin was one of the performers on the day. -TM



Sip and Sounds performer Molly, second from left, shares a meal with her family after her first performance of the afternoon. Molly's debut EP 'Hold On Me' comes out on Friday, May 21. -TM



Steven Powell and Adrian Whiter, residents of Murrindindi enjoy a glass of wine together. -TM

Climate Adaptation in Yea website to be launched

FOR the past six months 2030Yea has been working on a Development of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) community mini-grant to find and celebrate local people doing wonderful things in response to a warming climate.

In the pages of the website are short movies about the wonderful things being done by Yea-based people, audio interviews with people from Yea or who work in our area, and links, images and excerpts about

climate change that they think would be useful for adapting to a warming climate in Yea.

The launch of the website pages and the movies at 5.30pm, Thursday, May 6 at the Yea Library. Come along for a night at the movies about locals, with locals.

This event is one of six presentations at Yea Library. Previous presentations included learning how to really read your electricity bill presented by John Anderson from

2030Yea, how to best source solar PV and battery by Grant Wyett and Tom McKenzie from RACV Solar, what community energy really means by Matt Charles-Jones from Totally Renewable Yackandandah and Mondo, and how to be energy efficient at home by Ron Litjens and Elaine Furniss from 2030Yea.

On Thursday, May 13, the presentation will be joined by some regenerative agriculture experts along with Q&A

on Zoom with Brian Wehlburg from Inside Outside Management and Holistic Agriculture who has been teaching others in Murrindindi Shire through a program with Upper Goulburn Landcare. Alister Huth will be hosting.

On Thursday, May 20, by popular demand, John Anderson will be returning to talk about those electricity bills once more.

There some current government offers that 2030Yea would like you to know about. Sustainability Victoria is discounting upgrades to more energy efficient equipment for small businesses. Internet search Sustainability-Victoria Small Business Energy Saver Program. Solar Victoria want to provide lower cost heating and cooling for 250,000 low income and vulnerable households, including concession card holders and social housing providers. You can register your interest at solar.vic.gov.au/heaters



Kerry Tull, Yea Librarian, with John Anderson and Alister Huth, 2030Yea. Using DELWP Community Mini Grant funds, 2030Yea purchased a Thermal Imaging Camera and a Powermate for the Yea Library. -S



Clare Daly from 2030Yea, Christine Cahusac from In the Margins and Kerry Tull from the Yea Library. -S

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Bingo at Rubicon Hotel, every Tuesday, eyes down at 10am. All proceeds go to the Thornton Eildon District Football Netball Club.

Yea and District Memorial Hospital invites you to attend a farewell celebration for Director of Nursing, Lorina Gray at Beaufort Manor Yea on Friday, May 7 from 3.30-6pm. For further details or bookings contact Jacky

Baynes 5736 0410.

Alexandra and District Basketball Association will hold their AGM on Monday, May 11 at 7.30pm at the Alexandra Leisure Centre. All players, parents, coaches, and umpires are invited to attend. Full details in the Classified section under Meetings.

Yea Agricultural, Pastoral & Horticultural Association AGM will be held on Tuesday, May 11 at the tennis club rooms at 7.30pm. For details contact Rodney Ridd 0417 340 838.

Koriella CFA will be conducting an exercise

on Friday, May 14 from 6pm at 1009 Spring Creek Road. External emergency services will be in attendance, including the army. Supper will be provided, all welcome. On Saturday there will be a community thank you barbecue from 11am at the Fawcett Hall, with entertainment by Ruckus from 2pm. The army will be staying on for the weekend while they conduct community engagement and comms testing.

Alexandra Bowling Club AGM will be held at the bowling club on Sunday, May 16 at 11am. This will be followed by presentation of trophies for season 2020/21 and a barbecue.

Home Creek-Spring Creek Landcare Group

and Murrindindi Climate Network invite you to a Farm Forestry Field Day on Sunday, May 16 from 1-3pm. RSVP for logistics and catering purposes by May 10. Contact Rita 0411 168 840 or email rita.seethaler@tuti.com.au. Further details in this edition.

Homewood CFA AGM and Bi-annual elections will be held on Monday, May 17 at 7.30pm at the fire shed. Apologies to 0411 171 363.

The small business bus will be set up in front of Eildon Bait and Tackle 14 Main Street, Eildon on Wednesday, May 19. To book your session visit business.vic.gov.au/sbb or call 13 22 15.

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Helping councils keep Victorian communities COVIDSafe

THE state government is delivering new funding for Victorian councils to help local businesses and communities stay safe and open through 2021.

Minister for Local Government Shaun Leane has announced more than \$7 million for councils across the state to establish the Local Government Business Concierge and Hospitality Support program.

"Councils are crucial to Victoria's recovery from the pandemic and this funding enables them to support businesses and communities with COVIDSafe best practice and keep local economies open," he said.

The funding will be used to employ more than 230 workers to proactively promote

COVIDSafe practices through direct engagement with businesses.

Councils can use the funding to employ up to four COVID Business Support Officers who will help high-risk locations like markets and shopping strips comply with COVIDSafe requirements such as checking in, physical distancing and cleaning.

They will work with local hospitality businesses, community venues and small retailers including hairdressers, butchers and milk bars to ensure they can stay COVIDSafe, as well as delivering a wide range of information on COVIDSafe practices to the community.

The 40 metropolitan and regional city councils will each receive funding for four

support officers, while 38 rural councils will receive funding for two new staff, with a total of 236 positions to be created to help business across the state.

Funding will also support councils with high numbers of residents from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds to help CALD businesses.

For more information on local government funding support visit localgovernment.vic.gov.au



YEA Police are asking for any witnesses to come forward following the destruction of one of the historic gate pillars at the Showgrounds Entrance. The incident occurred about two weeks ago, in the early hours of the morning. There are no surveillance cameras with view of the entrance to identify the perpetrator. Yea Police are also surveying Yea and surrounding towns for any damaged vehicles that may have caused the breakage. If you have any information about the person involved, or any information that could assist police, contact Yea Police on 5797 2630.

A reminder for young people

YOUNG people are being reminded to act appropriately in public spaces throughout Yea after an increase of misbehaving residents in park spaces.

More patrols will be conducted by Yea Police, and monitoring will occur 24 hours of the day to ensure young people are behaving.

Anyone who is seen to be acting inappropriately will be lawfully directed to leave the area.

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Middle Kinglake Primary School Anzac Day commemorations

MIDDLE Kinglake Primary School held its annual Anzac Day Service on Friday, April 23. It was lovely to welcome special guests again after missing them last year during COVID-19 lockdowns. Invited guests included Whittlesea, Kinglake and Yea RSL members, and guests from the wider community.

Students from grade four, five and six led the ceremony, reading speeches about Gallipoli, Anzac Day and local soldiers. MC's for the day were School Captains Lottie and Matilda.

Jeffrey Swain, from the Yea RSL, accompanied Norma Tobias and Betty Berkery, from Yea. A special speech was read about Norma, who worked as a cryptographer during World War II. Norma had only recently received her war medals after 75 years.

This was the first time she had worn them in public.

Jeffrey also presented Sabine, a grade five student, with medals to wear for the service. The medals belonged to a recently deceased soldier from Yea, Ian William Membery. Ian served as a Gunner in the Australian Army. He passed away in 2019. Sabine was honoured to wear his medals.

A highlight of the ceremony was a special school song, Lest We Forget, sung by the Middle Kinglake students, to honour the RSL members. Guests were invited to lay a single poppy as a personal gesture of remembrance at the closing of the service. It

is always a privilege hosting our ceremony for these special visitors.

As well as Middle Kinglake conducting a school service, students represented the school at the Kinglake Dawn service. Amelia, a grade five student, read the *Anzac Requiem* and Matilda was invited to lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

Later at the Kinglake 10am service, Lottie and Matilda, were invited to lay a wreath on behalf of Middle Kinglake. As a school, Middle Kinglake are always honoured to be invited to speak and lay wreaths at these special Anzac Day services.



The whole school singing. -S



Guests from the RSL. -S



Amelia reading at the Dawn service. -S



Jeffrey Swain and Sabine. -S



School captains Lottie and Matilda. -S



Norma Tobias and Betty Berkery. -S



Hume Goulburn Group Creative Arts Exhibition

Saturday, May 8

At the Yarrack Hall 10am - 3.30pm

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Rail Trail Industry Forum

by Tricia Mifsud

ON Friday, April 23, the second Great Victorian Rail Trail (GVRT) Industry Forum was held via Zoom between representatives from the Murrindindi, Mitchell and Mansfield Shires as well as business owners across the three shires which benefits from cyclists using the trail.

The forum provided updates on projects happening along the GVRT as well as providing businesses the opportunity to provide feedback on such projects and collaborate with other owners on how to benefit from the cyclists riding the trail.

Usage statistics

Statistics provided at the forum demonstrated a steady growth in the number of cyclists using the trail each year. Three counters are placed along the trail in Mansfield and Mitchell, with four in Murrindindi to calculate the number of cyclists.

It was recorded that the GVRT was used 117,447 times in 2020 across all three shires: with areas of the trail in the Mansfield shire recording the most cyclists with 71,764. Murrindindi recorded 19,058 cyclists while Mitchell recorded 26,625.

The overall number of cyclists increased by 25,149 from 2019, a great improvement on the number of local and travelling cyclists utilising the trail.

Alarna Timmins, Tourism and Promotions Officer for Mitchell Shire Council said at the forum that a combination of the COVID-19 pandemic, marketing and new businesses in the area contributed to the growth of numbers.

"We've seen some steady increase in the usage of the trail over the years, but a particular note is the usage of the trail last year. It was really great to see that people wanted to experience the great outdoors more and get some fresh air," Timmins said.

There are positive signs that a growth in cyclists will again increase in 2021, with the comparison of quarter one 2020 to quarter one 2021 also showing an increase of riders.

In quarter one 2020, a total of 21,169 riders were recorded along the trail, while in quarter one 2021, this was more than doubled to 45,241 recorded cyclists.

Signage

There are co-currently two signage projects in planning and production for the GVRT being interpretive and directional signage. The interpretive signage is designed to tell stories of the rail trail, while the directional signage will ensure an easier ride for cyclists, with towns and facilities being identified much clearer.

"We're looking at putting in interpretive story boards that will highlight the trail, whether that be the trail history, environmental history or cultural heritage. We have drafted the content for those," Timmins said.

"We also have the directional signage. For those who have been on the trail many times, you may be aware that there is some inconsistencies across the 134kms on the type of signage that is used, and essentially this program is to look at what we gave and refine it across the trail."

"[For example] Yea is 5km ahead. It's also used to help people find towns at [junctions on the trail]."

Manufacturing and installation of these signs are planned to be completed by the end of June.

Seymour extension

In 2018, Mitchell Shire Council adopted the Seymour Structure Plan that identified four potential alignment options of the GVRT connecting through to Seymour.

300 letters were sent out to potential landowners and other stakeholders that would be effected by any of the potential alignments. Forty-three written responses were received, 42 of which came from landowners.

Council passed the resolution on the alignment that would pass east of School House Lane in Seymour. This proposal will go through private property, however there is currently no further funding for land acquisition. Considerations also needs to be made on the trails direction once in the main township of Seymour.



DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET 2021-2022 OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Council is pleased to present its draft Annual Budget for 2021/2022 for community feedback after it was endorsed for public exhibition at Council's Scheduled Meeting on Wednesday 28 April.

The Draft Budget will be available to view on our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/publiccomment from 30 April 2021 until 28 May 2021. You can also view it at our Library and Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake, including our Mobile Service.

If you would like to make a submission to Council about the Draft Budget, you must do so in writing by no later than 5.00 pm on 28 May 2021. Submissions can be sent via email to governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au, or posted to Manager Business Services, Murrindindi Shire Council, PO Box 138, Alexandra, VIC, 3714.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM - APPLICATIONS EXTENDED

Council invites people aged between 12 and 25 years to apply for our free 2021 Youth Leadership Program, which kicks off shortly!

This year, we are excited to partner with 'Digital Storytellers', an organisation with a passion for telling unique and impactful stories. Together, we will deliver a course for participants that teaches you how to shoot, edit and produce a professional video - great skills to add to your resume!

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The Small Business Bus will be set up from 10.00 am to 3.45 pm in front of Eildon Bait and Tackle, 14 Main Street, Eildon. You don't need a booking - simply drop in for a chat. For more information, visit business.vic.gov.au/sbb or call the Business Victoria Contact Centre on 13 22 15.

TENDER - EILDON SWIMMING POOL VINYL LINER INSTALLATION

Council invites suitably-qualified contractors to submit a tender bid for the supply and installation of a commercial grade vinyl pool liner at the Eildon Swimming Pool.

To download the tender specification and documentation for this project, please visit Council's e-tendering portal at tendersearch.com.au/murrindindi/

All enquiries and submissions must be lodged through the e-tendering portal. Tender bids close at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 26 May 2021.



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TUESDAY TALK Retirement Income Streams

Murrindindi Library Service, together with the Department of Human Services (DHS), is hosting a Tuesday Talk about retirement income streams.

During the talk, you'll hear from Lee-Ann, a representative from the DHS. Lee-Ann will talk about how income streams work, the different fund choices and investment options available, tax and Centrelink assessment and how you can smoothly transition to retirement.

Bookings are essential.



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April council meeting updates

THE April Ordinary Murrindindi Shire Council meeting was held on Wednesday, April 28 at the Yea Council Chambers with all councillors present for the meeting. This was the first face-to-face council meeting held since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Draft of Annual Budget 2021/2022

Council was presented with the draft of the Annual Budget for 2021/2022 and now ask for community feedback after it was endorsed for public exhibition.

Council's Mayor Sandice McAulay said this budget is this council's first, following the October 2020 election where councillors were elected to serve the community of Murrindindi Shire for a four-year term.

"It appears we have weathered the worst of the Coronavirus pandemic in Victoria. As your newly elected council, our focus is now twofold; to assist community recovery, post-pandemic and to create a budget that will help us to deliver the vision we are developing jointly with our community for our four-year term," Cr McAulay said.

"This Budget is being developed in parallel with the 'Shaping Our Future' project, which is designed to elicit community ideas and opinions about what is important for our community over the next four years. This project will inform our new council plan, including a vision which will guide council's work over the next four years.

"I'd encourage you to take a look at our draft budget to see what we are proposing."

The Draft Budget identifies that council will spend \$50.6 million to deliver services and improve infrastructure. \$14.7 million has been allocated to the Capital Works Program with highlights of the program including \$4.3 million to be spent on roads and paths; \$123,000 to improve safety at swimming pools; \$4.9 million to replace Break O'Day Road Bridge in Glenburn, the Yea Caravan Park Bridge and the Yarrack Road Bridge and widening Snobs Creek Road; and \$668,000 for works on the Alexandra Youth Precinct project.

Other initiatives covered in the draft identify that \$25,000 has been allocated for the development of a Reconciliation Plan to recognise and celebrate the traditional owners of the land; \$80,000 for the development of programs which relate to the environment and mitigating the effects of climate change; and over \$100,000 in funding for a range of tourism and business development initiatives.

The Draft Budget will be available for viewing on council's website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/publiccomment from Friday, April 30 until Friday, May 28. You can also view it at one of the Library and Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake, including the mobile library.

If you would like to make a submission to council about the Draft Budget, you must do so in writing by no later than noon on Friday, May 28. Submissions can be sent via email to governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

or posted to Manager Business Services, Murrindindi Shire Council, PO Box 138, Alexandra, VIC, 3714.

Draft of Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030

Council has endorsed the draft of the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030 and now ask for the community to have their say on the proposal and whether council are heading on the right track with the strategy.

The draft of the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030 invites the community to provide feedback on a number of waste management issues addressed, these issues including diversion of waste out of landfill; regulatory and industry changes; the cost of managing waste; business industrial and commercial waste management; illegal dumping; management of the Alexandra landfill; the environment impact of waste; and encroachment on landfill sites and resource recovery information.

Cr McAulay said the draft strategy sets out a vision for the future of waste management in our shire and proposes some really exciting and ambitious goals that we can work towards as a community.

"We think this is a progressive and forward-thinking draft strategy, which reflects the 'circular economy' model. This model seeks to eliminate waste and the persistent consumption of resources by directing waste back into the economy to be reused or recycled into new materials and products," she said.

"What is clear is that the strategy needs everyone to be on

board, community and council, for this to be a success. That's why I encourage you to read the draft strategy and share any ideas or feedback you have with us. You might have some great ideas to help community members across the shire reduce the amount of waste they produce."

You can download a copy of the draft online from The Loop, at theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au or copies will also be available at the Library and Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake, including the mobile library.

To provide your feedback, you can complete a short online survey on The Loop or join one of the online workshops, which will be held at 10am on Thursday, May 13 and at 7pm on Wednesday, May 19. If you prefer, you can drop in and complete a paper survey at one of the Library and Customer Service Centres, including at the mobile library. Feedback must be submitted by Friday, May 28.

Toolangi Discovery Centre

Council was presented and carried the motion of a proposed amendment to facilitate an expanded range of uses at the Toolangi Forest Discovery Centre (TFDC) by rezoning the land to Public park and recreation and revising zone provisions to allow for an expanded use of the current facilities.

It was recommended to council that the Minister of Planning authorise Murrindindi Shire Council to prepare an amendment of C71 to the Murrindindi Planning Scheme; which would see the rezoning of the land from Public Conversation and Resource

to Public Park and Recreation; introduce TFDC as an incorporated document; and to amend clauses 36.02 (Public Park and Recreation Zone) and 72.04 (Documents Incorporated in this Planning Scheme) to reference TFDC as an incorporated document.

Mr Fraser clarified what it would mean by TFDC being considered an incorporated document.

"An incorporated document will provide for a number of different uses that will occur on the site but won't require planning permits, so it's a special document for that particular site," he said.

Councillor Ilona Gerencser moved the motion expressing how pleased she was to see the amendments finally take place.

"It's great to see that this is finally moving forward after sitting still for such a long time. I know I've had a lot of inquiries about what was happening to it... and I think it'll make a lot of people very happy," she said.

Grants and Contributions program

The Outdoor Education group was allocated \$15,000 for the Eildon Wanggai Development Project, the Yea Show was given \$2500 to upgrade their website, making it compatible with phones and tablet devices, Bev Aisbett was allocated \$2000 towards her self-publishing project, *Meeting Little IT – How to Make Friends with Anxiety*, a Children's book on anxiety, Koori Kids were given \$500 towards NAIDOC Week school activities, and the Marysville Lions Club were given \$7500 towards the Marysville Music Weekend.



The history of Mother's Day

ANNA Jarvis, an American woman started campaigning in the year her mother died, 1905, to have an official day recognised where mothers could be honoured. Three years later in 1908, the first larger-scale of the event was held, a public memorial held by Jarvis in honour of her mother.

After years of pushing for the day to be recognised, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation in 1914 making Mother's Day an official holiday to be celebrated on the second Sunday of May each year.

Around the world, Mother's Day is celebrated on different days of the year, although most countries choose to celebrate the day on the second Sunday of May, proving Jarvis' power in pushing for the holiday. Some countries choose to celebrate on March 8 in alignment with International Women's Day, while others choose March 21 in alignment with spring equinox

After succeeding in having Mother's Day officially recognised, Jarvis was still not satisfied with how the day was celebrated. She wanted Mother's Day to be a day of dedication expressing love and gratitude to mothers, and acknowledging the sacrifices they make for their children.

However businesses like florists and card-makers were now using Mother's Day as a way to make profit, the commercialisation

defeating Jarvis' purpose of the day. From 1920, Jarvis fought against businesses from profiting off Mother's Day, even using her own money to take profiteers to court who she believed used Mother's Day name 'in vain'.

Today, we continue to purchase flowers, beauty products, meals and cards for our mothers, evidently proving the lost battle between Jarvis and the businesses.



However, it is with these gifts that children spoil Mothers with their favourite things, something these women may not do every day as they continue to look after their families.

A gift, along with love and time spent together can go a long way for mums. Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing women out there making sure that the rest of us are loved, supported and cared for.

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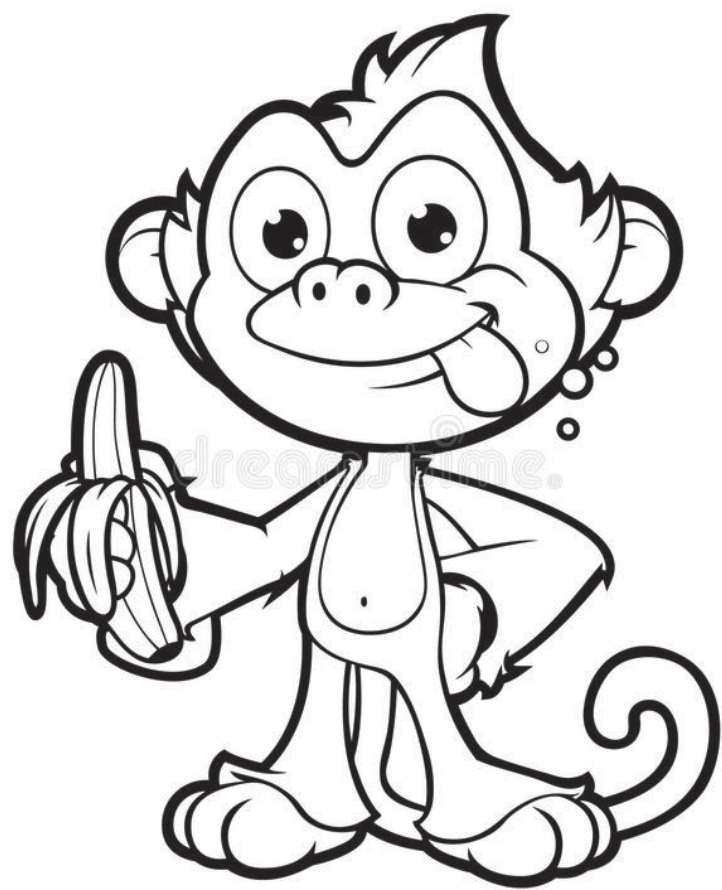
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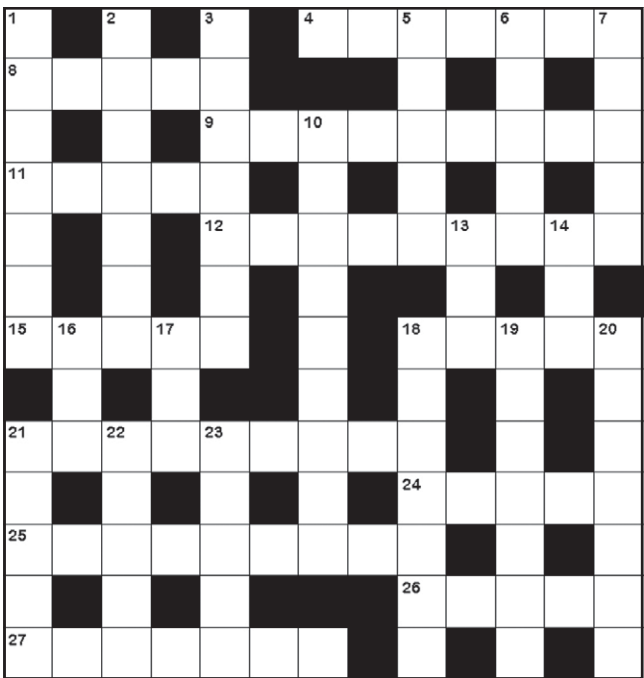
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Crossword

ACROSS

- 4. A term of endearment for a beloved person.
- 8. An open area with targets for shooting.
- 9. To clear of all blame and suspicion of wrongdoing.
- 11. Put your thoughts and ideas down on paper.
- 12. Felt a sense of sorrow over something.
- 15. Anticipate with apprehension or terror.
- 18. Turn outward in an awkward manner.
- 21. Headstrong, wilful and stubborn as a mule.
- 24. A person who avoids the company of others.
- 25. A traveller who stays for only a short time.
- 26. So strange as to inspire a feeling of fear.
- 27. Lumps of gold as found in the earth.



DOWN

- 1. Wandered around shops not necessarily buying.
- 2. Made in earlier times and valued for its age.
- 3. Regarded with awe, deference, and devotion.
- 5. Liquorice-flavoured seeds used to flavour foods.
- 6. Strictly accurate in performance or amount.

- 7. A thick woollen fabric that originated in Scotland.
- 10. Discuss the terms of an arrangement.
- 13. A fixture for drawing water from a pipe or cask.
- 14. The longest division of geologic time.
- 16. Take property illegally by using violence or force.
- 17. A subdivision of a play or opera or ballet.
- 18. Suffer from intense and oppressive heat.
- 19. Where clothes are washed and ironed.
- 20. Had an intense desire or emotional longing for.
- 21. Many times at short intervals.
- 22. Jargon that has replaced normal words or phrases.
- 23. One of a series published periodically.

Word Search: Outdoor activities

J R T X D G G L R W C A G T L	CAMPING
J K D V W N N D H M V A R Z A	
V I U T I L M I S D M C I L N	GAMES
X I Z K H Z K G N E C F D S B	
A W L L Y M N N S E M A I B V	GARDENING
A A K W O P M I R P D Z N P W	
W S D A F V K M T U X R G M M	HORSERIDING
Q Z A N I N Z M O X N Z A F B	
A F Y U H H M I D S V N N G H	RIDING
S N O B B X Q W P F G H I S Z	
G N I D I R E S R O H B S N B	RUNNING
C A M P I N G H K G Z F T B G	
H L Z C K R P H U R I C O D X	SWIMMING
A K C W S Q O D D T G I B W S	
P O V S N H C Q Q M K O R I F	WALKING

Word Search: Words that end in 'ption'

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O M D S Y R S C A S C L L T E	INTERCEPTION
N B Y D R B N C C F S E G P P	IRRUPTION
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S U B S C R I P T I O N J E I	
J T F S G P L N H G P Y V X O	PRESCRIPTION
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L D O N O I T P M E D E R O K	REDEMPTION
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Jokes

- Q: Where do pencils come from?
- Q: What is the fastest country in the world?



Sudoku

Difficulty: Medium

Fill in the boxes using the numbers 1 to 6.
Every row and column and every group of 6 boxes inside the thicker lines must contain each number only once.

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Trivia

- Q: Where was the below image taken?



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 only once.

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Carer Gateway in the shire

CARER Gateway is a new service which provides support to people in a carer role within Murrindindi Shire and beyond. It was the result of a great deal of consultation with carers and support agencies across Australia.

Jason Watts, program leader at Carer Gateway, said that the service 'went live' on April 6, 2020. It was one of the results from a federal government review into carer services.

Mr Watts explained that, "One of the things the commonwealth wanted to do was have a consistency of support to carers, whether you're in Darwin or Daylesford." They wanted to have a single source of information and a single entry point to get the support that people need.

The program went to tender, and in Victoria, a consortium of agencies was successful. The consortia is led by Merri Health, with Family Care being one of the partners delivering Carer Gateway in our region. The region consists of Greater Shepparton, Mitchell, Moira, Strathbogie, Murrindindi, Mansfield and Benalla Shires.

Mr Watts has recently been in Alexandra, catching up with Pathways for Carers and Menzies Support Services.

To be eligible to take part in Carer Gateway, the carer role must be ongoing or likely to be ongoing for at least six months, with exceptions for palliative care situations. There are no citizenship, residency or visa requirements. People can be in receipt of other government supports (such as Home Care or NDIS) and their carer can still access Carer Gateway. They can also provide support to people whose caring role is ending or has recently ended, through counselling and linking them to other supports in the community.

Carers can be people of any age. The youngest carer they've worked with was an eight year old, caring for a parent with a mental health issue. They have a specific worker to help young people in a carer role. One of the challenges is that if young carers

disengage from the education system, they potentially have some poor outcomes. There is support available to help them through.

The key person for Carer Gateway is the carer. "It's really about them and what their support needs are, and how they can be supported to continue in that caring role," Mr Watts said. "We know that carers put their own needs last, often."

The federal government is keen to increase the support delivered to carers, from 130,000 unique contacts per annum to about 700,000 unique contacts over the next five years or so.

They want to create awareness, and to equip carers with knowledge and skills, and help them to manage their stress. They also want them to have better access to crisis and emergency supports. The organisation seeks to have an early intervention approach.

In regional areas, carers have been somewhat left behind. Under Care Gateway, there are a variety of ways to access services, including web based or in person.

The national level supports, which are largely online, consist of the Carer Gateway website which includes a variety of resources and frequently asked questions.

They also have access to up to six free phone counselling sessions per year regarding their care situation, online carer coaching modules, an online peer support forum, and online skills development courses. A login is required for access.

At the local level, their main role is around carer support and planning. They work one on one with carers to identify the challenges, strengths, and where they need support. They then help to provide that support through linking with support agencies in the community.

They also offer free in-person counselling for up to six sessions per year, including in Murrindindi.

They will also be launching local in-person carer coaching and peer support sessions in the second half of 2021.

Emergency respite is also available, and they are keen to be responsive to people's needs. There has historically been a lack of respite options in the shire, but Carer Gateway have agreements in place with several providers in Murrindindi to provide access to emergency respite. Emergency respite might be required in unplanned situations including where the care situation is likely to break down within a 72 hour period, perhaps due to a carer needing to go to hospital or the carer needs to go elsewhere to be with another family member who is unwell, for example. It may also be for mental health support reasons.

Emergency respite is provided through calling 1800 422 737, and will be coordinated locally. Residential respite or in-home respite may be provided, depending on the circumstances.

They also have carer-directed packages, providing the services needed in a way which suits them. This might include packages for young carers, helping them to remain engaged in education, for example, or to help a carer to reengage in the workforce, for example.

Family Care is a partner in the Orange Door program. Orange Door has recently activated in the Murrindindi Shire area. They also work closely with organisations such as Wellways to address mental health challenges.

Their aim is to build awareness about the services they can provide, and to provide a holistic view of the family unit, and that the role of carers is considered.

Family Care have traditionally provided some state government-funded family support services into Murrindindi Shire, and they are continuing to build relationships with other providers and to get the message out that they now have commonwealth funded carer supports. They have the ability to be quite comprehensive, given that they now have both state and federal funding.



Jason Watts. -S

Through the collaborations, they can spot families needing support in a variety of ways, and help them to gain that support. They hope to be able to spot challenges early, intervening before things become much larger issues. It's about "early intervention and prevention, before we get to a crisis situation," Mr Watts said.

To contact Family Care, call Carer Gateway on 1800 422 737, Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm. For an interpreter, call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 to arrange a call to speak with them. The website can be found at carergateway.gov.au

Emergency respite operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To access, call Carer Gateway on 1800 422 737.

Coalition plan to reform payroll tax

VICTORIAN jobs will be the centrepiece of an elected Liberal Nationals state government with the announcement of the biggest reform to payroll tax in a generation.

Under their Local Business Action Plan, around 15,000 Victorian small businesses will be removed from the payroll tax system, a system which is a tax on jobs.

Small businesses in Victoria pay too much tax and the bigger they grow, the more Victorians they employ, the more they pay. The Local Business Action Plan means a saving of up to \$43,650 each year on payroll tax for small business.

Under the plan, they will increase the threshold at which a business is liable to pay payroll tax to \$1.6 million.

The current payroll tax threshold in Victoria (\$650,000, scheduled to increase to \$700,000 in 2022-23) is the worst of any Australian state or territory. The reform will make Victoria the most competitive state for small business payroll tax.

Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Small Business, Michael O'Brien said that cutting the tax will create more jobs for Victorians.

"Victoria has the worst small business payroll tax in the country. The Liberal Nationals will turn this around and make this state the best place to start and grow a small business," he said.

"A Liberal Nationals Government will unashamedly be a government for small business jobs. While Labor focuses on

unions and the big end of town, we will continue to bat for small business and the millions of jobs the sector creates."

The government's payroll tax reform plan ensures businesses won't pay a cent of payroll tax until their wages bill is greater than \$1.6 million. This takes approximately 15,000 businesses out of the payroll tax system entirely; no business will pay the full rate (4.85 per cent) of payroll tax until their wages bill reaches \$2 million. Payroll tax would be phased in gradually between \$1.6 million and \$2 million ensuring no business is hit with a sudden tax hike as they employ more Victorians; all businesses, regardless of their total wages bill, subtract \$800,000 from their assessable payroll when

determining tax liability. All Victorian businesses will have certainty that under a Liberal National Government, they will pay less payroll tax.

While the state government has no plan for small business recovery, the Victorian opposition will remove tax, reduce fees and rally behind small business.

Member for Eildon, Cindy McLeish said that local small businesses are fundamental to keeping the region strong and supporting the local economy. "We will continue to fight for small businesses across the region and will be relentless in creating the most attractive state in our country for small business to start up, grow and employ Victorians," she said.

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Any queries: please phone 5773 2285.

Applications close MAY 9, 2021

MEETINGS



Alexandra & District
Basketball Association Inc.

P.O. Box 385 Alexandra VIC 3714

Our AGM will be held on **TUESDAY May 11** at 7.30pm at the Alexandra Leisure Centre. We encourage and welcome all player, parents, coaches and umpires to attend.

The 2021 Season is due to start in Term 3.

We need YOUR support and involvement to run, develop and ensure we keep our junior and senior competitions running.

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To apply: Please provide a brief covering letter outlining why you feel you are the best candidate for this role, along with your resume to careers@menziessupport.org.au



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Alexandra Service Centre is looking for another mechanic to join our team.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE NATIONALS for Regional Australia

Nationals Senator Bridget McKenzie invites you
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BIRCHALL, Lucas Robert
12/09/1974–30/4/2021
Loved husband of Julie and adored father of Bradley and Benjamin.
Lucas you are not forgotten
Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memory last
Your soul will live in me.
We'll miss you now
Our hearts are sore
As time goes by
We'll miss you more
Your loving smile
Your gentle face
No one can fill
Your vacant place.

Gone Fishing

Funeral details to be announced.
or see McCormack website.



DEATH NOTICES

BIRCHALL, Lucas
The Committee and Members of the Yea Football Netball Club would like to extend our sincere condolences to Julie, Bradley and Benji on the recent passing of Lucas Birchall. The Tiger family is here for you all.

PERRY, Wykeham Lindley
26/05/1936-25/04/2021
Much loved son of Wykeham Snr and Mavis (both dec) of Dalewyke, Buxton. Dearly loved husband of Wilma. Loved brother of David, Helen, Ann, Les, Mary, Susan (dec), Jane and Catherine. Much loved father of Susan, Michael, David and Gillian. Cherished Grandfather of Rebekah, Emily, Lauren, Olivia and Daniel J Wykeham, his namesake. Proud Great Grandfather of Bonnie. Brother-in-law of Jessie Townsend.

Rest peacefully.

DEATH NOTICES

PERRY – Wykeham Lindley
Accomplished local landscape artist.
Passed away April 25, 2021
A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday May 8, 2021 at 1pm in the Marysville Anglican Church, 1139 Buxton Road, Marysville.
After the service a gathering of family, relatives and friends will be held at 'Dalewyke', 410 Buxton-Marysville Rd to celebrate Wykeham's life.
If you wish to add to tributes for Wykeham please contact Marg Perry on 0407820531 or margles12@bigpond.com or post on website below.



PERRY, Wykeham

Dearest eldest brother to Les and Marg. Uncle for Liza, Nick, Manda, Vincent, Sarah, Dave, Rachel, Sam, Eva, Lucy, Will, Iris, Annabelle, Esther, Pearl, Louis, Wykeham. Wonderful memories of farm days and the best big brother anyone could have.

DEATH NOTICES

PERRY, Wykeham
A wonderful artist, a life member, as well as a true gentleman who will be sadly missed by all the members of the Eildon Art Group. Rest in Peace.

PERRY, Wykeham
Dearly loved brother in law to Jessie, Uncle to Daniel, Jodie, Jason, Brooke and Georgia. Treasured memories forever in our hearts.

POWER, Maureen Anne
27/06/1943.
Died peacefully on Friday, 23/04/2021.
Loving sister of Garry (dec), Jeffrey and Kath. Loved aunt of Nicholas and Vicky, Andrew and Alex, Daniel and Hannah. Great aunt of Suphan, Kaia, Will, Harry and Ivy. Much missed.
Funeral details: Friday, May 7 at Yea Cemetery at 2pm.

WEBB WARE, Ken
25/01/1927 - 02/05/2021.
Passed away peacefully at Rosebank Yea. Dearly loved husband of Ursie (dec), and loving father of Catherine and David, and David and Sarah, Margaret and Eugene, and John and Jenny. Loved and loving grandfather of Hannah, Matthew, James, Hugh, Luke, Emily and Angus. A memorial service is to occur at a later date to be advised.

WITH THANKS

The **Kylstra** family would like to thank everybody who joined us in the celebration of Wytze's life, as well as in the time leading up to it. People who made us delicious food, who sent us cards, flowers and kind words, who helped with the setting up along the river and who played music. You are incredibly appreciated.



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MEETINGS



The Yea Show AGM will be held on Tuesday May 11, 7.30pm at the Tennis Club Rooms.
Rodney Ridd - secretary
0417 340 838

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Online driving tests for learners

ASPIRING learner drivers from across Victoria are now able to sit their learner's permit test online for the first time, with the Victorian Government launching the new Learner Permit Test Online.

The first 500 prospective learner drivers can now sit the new online test, removing barriers people face to getting their learner's permit like transport, distance from a testing centre and limited appointment times.

The new test includes a mix of theory, interactive videos and visual graphics to reinforce road safety messages and help new drivers become safe ones; with mini-quizzes to progressively test learners' knowledge of key road safety issues including speed, drink and drug driving, seatbelts, fatigue, and distractions.

To access the test, customers will need to create a myVicRoads personal account, pay a small test fee and have access to a compatible device. The entire course and test will take between four and six hours to complete with prospective learners having 12 months to sit and pass the online test once they've registered.

When online course and assessment has been successfully completed, learner drivers will need to attend a VicRoads Customer Service Centre to confirm their identity, have their photo taken and complete an eyesight check.

The first group to try the test is prospective learners with existing test appointments from the Gippsland region, in recognition of the long distances many regional customers travel to sit the test in-person.

After the initial group of learners completes the test, it will roll out from early May to 1000 applicants each week who also have existing appointments booked across both metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria, before becoming available to all customers from late June.

Customers will still be able to sit the existing Learner Permit Test at VicRoads Customer Service Centres, and those requiring interpreter services support will still need to sit the test in-person at a customer service centre.

Nine extra temporary licence testing locations are available to ensure the backlog of tests due to COVID-19 can be addressed quickly, with more than 107,000 drive tests and computerised assessments completed since September.

For more information on how to access the Learner Permit Test Online, visit vicroads.vic.gov.au

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Have you say on reform of Victoria's Wildlife Act

AN independent expert panel appointed to review the Wildlife Act 1975 is calling for public submissions to ensure the revised act is fit for purpose and in line with Victorians' values and expectations.

The act, which protects and conserves wildlife, has not been reviewed since it became law more than 45 years ago.

Victorians can provide their views by visiting Engage Victoria where they can read the issues paper and provide a general comment or a written submission. Submissions must be lodged by Wednesday, June 9.

SPORT

Speedway returns to Alexandra this Saturday

Speedway report by
Dean Thompson

ALEXANDRA Speedway begins its much-anticipated dog-leg racing season with the first of three events through the dog-leg this Saturday. The night will be headlined by the Crash and Bash Association along with a feature event for ladies sedans and all club classes as support races.

Crash for Cash is the big event for the Crash and Bash Association with both their ladies and open categories competing. The ladies field includes Lea Judd who has been the dominant driver this season, with the likes of Sharon Morrison, Kellie Latham, Kirsten McKendry, and Clare Lynch keen to spin Judd out of contention on their way to victory.

Many of the big hitters are in the line-up for the open class with the Victorian champion Neil Davey back to compete against the likes of Brad Warren, Steve Mitchell, Jason McKendry, Jason Judd, Craig McKendry, and Jarrod Hughes.

Competition for the Queen of the Valley ladies open Sedan race has attracted a strong field of racers. Lea Judd, Ricky Lee Basten, Felicity Roycroft, and Bianca Brown all have strong podium results this season in various events around the state.

A monster line-up of Sports Sedans has entered with too many drivers to pick a winner. However, watch Damien and Brendan Miller, four-time 100 Lap Derby winner Luke Fallon, Zac Swanson, Steve Kershaw, Darren Forrest, David Donegan, Gareth Wilson, Lee Beach, and Tim McPherson,

they are just a third of the field competing. Always outstanding, Sports Sedan racing at Alexandra is not to be missed.

In Street Stock action watch for Ricky Cornwall, Tyler Barton, Leigh Gooding, and Shane Roycroft to be in line for the win while in Junior Top Stars, Jayden Bryant, Linken Paterson, and Dylan Barrow will continue their battles for supremacy.

The New Star Junior line up is interesting with various drivers having good results at other venues in the last month. Watch for Maddy Capon, Toby Parks, Rye Orme, Billy McBride, and Sam Cherry to perform well. In the Junior Sedans for six cylinder and above cars, Linken Paterson, Dylan Barrow, and Bradin Claridge are in competition to assume the lead driver mantle in this class.

Racing starts from 4pm, gates are open from noon at a cost of \$50 for a family of two adults and three children between the ages of 10 to 16, \$20 per adult and \$10 for children aged 10 to 16 and aged and disabled pensioners. Children under 10 years of age enter for free.

Anybody who requires information can contact 0438 700 124.



Steve Kershaw, one of the favourites in Sports Sedans. -Vern Parker Photography



Jarrod Hughes in his banged up Falcon, one of the favourites in the Crash and Bash. -Dean Miller Photography

Look for the fish and you will catch them

Fishing report by Craig
Parker from Eildon Bait and Tackle

LAKE Eildon has started to cool down and the trout in the lake are holding up in the river arms and inlets waiting for some welcoming rain to start their spawning run, these fish are getting caught flat lining Tassie devils and diving lures in the F13 rapala. Use your sounder to find the schools of fish and either make runs up and down through the schools or drift and cast into them.

Murphy cod are starting to fire up with some bigger sized fish taking baits off the banks during the evening or slowly trolling the drop offs during the day. Find schools of small redfin, they will most likely have a cod nearby.

Yellow belly and redfin are taking scrub worms, yabbies and vibes around the trees and rock walls, the Delatite Arm, Woolshed Inlet, Bolte Bay, Jerusalem Creek, and Goughs Bay are the main areas to target.

Eildon Pondage is still giving up the odd brown trout around the 3kg mark taking scrub worms, Mudeyes, and lures, while the rainbow trout have put on some size and weight and fish around 800 g are more common, powerbait, local dough, scrub worms, Mudeyes and lures are all worth a go.

The Goulburn River is still at a high flow of 5000 ML but fishing the larger slower water using unweighted scrub worms and lures are working well, with powerbait in salmon egg colour taking some nice fish. The Rubicon, Acherson, Stevenson, and Snobs rivers will have brown trout starting to head upstream to spawn, so these are worth a look.

Until next week, fish hard.

Yea Golf Club reports

by Karen Sangster

THE winning streak continues with the girls from Yea. Seven girls meandered up the road to the Alexandra Golf Club on Thursday April 29 to try their luck. Another fog to start the day. The positive for the day is truthfully one can say they hit their ball out of sight on numerous occasions. Needed the windscreen wipers on the glasses that's for sure. But come later in the day you could not wish for a better day, the sun warming the soul. Shame about the golf for many, but sure was an awesome day in the end. Judging by the scores it was a tough day at the office but, obviously to those attuned to the climate it wasn't a problem. Two girls shined, one being the birthday girl Di Holdsworth who was having a joyous day out to celebrate her birthday, winning B Grade, gaining two player of the year points, plus a win in the small teams, and to top it off one of the prizes in the raffle. Winners are grinners. Happy Birthday Di and congratulations on a fabulous day out, no doubt you will be continuing the celebrations tonight.

The next shining star was Jan Wealands winning C Grade scratch, one of the nearest the pins, three player of the year points and of course a raffle prize, and just because she was sitting on the winning table Di Elliott also claimed a raffle prize. Well done girls, an awesome day out.

Wednesday saw the boys play three person Multiplied Stableford with six teams competing. Winners with 116 points were low markers Ken Whitfort (3), Michael Spagnolo (6) and Gary Pollard (9). Peter Johnston (14), Phil Armstrong (21) and Steve Rumney (24) were runners-up with 95 points. Individual winner was Allan Thatcher (21) with 40 points from Bob Glenister (10) 36 and Peter Johnston (14) third with 35. Alan Pell was nearest the pin and he and Lachie Wischer, and Neil Peterson won the Club Award.

by Alan Pell

SATURDAY, May 1 saw 19 teams of two play the annual Jack and Edna Baynes Canadian Foursomes at Royal Yea. It was so good to have Mornington Golf Club visitors as well as members of the Baynes family from Melbourne, along

with friends from Marysville and Gardiners Run Golf Clubs attend. Winners of the day were Greg Clements and Faye Langlands with nett 66.5. Second with a nett 67 were Steve Rumney and Judy Newman followed by Bob Glenister and Sandra Bate with nett 67.5. Fourth were Darrell Prior and Deborah Wrigley (who had best gross score of 84) from fifth Di Holdsworth and Ken Bate both with nett 69. Nearest the pins were awarded on all par 3s.

There was also a stableford event conducted for those not in

foursomes. Winner with 37 points was Malcolm Bett (23). Second was Bill Dredge (18) with 35 from Rob O'Halloran (17) third with 33 points.

The pennant boys continued the recent club success by winning their last round of pennant on Sunday, defeating Seymour 3-2 to finish on top of the ladder. Well done to Jonathon Fisher, Kevin Coghlan and Rick Wills on their wins. The team will play Eildon in the final.



Winner Jan Wealands. -S



Di Holdsworth, birthday girl and winner. -S



Judy Newman and Steve Rumney came in second. -S



Greg Clements and Faye Langlands receive their trophies from Kay Baynes and Barbara Fisher. -S



Bob Glenister and Sandra Bate were third. -S



Deborah Wrigley and Darrell Prior with Di Holdsworth and Ken Bate. -S

SPORT

Junior Tigers face Lions at Yea

Under 15

Yea 4.3-27 defeated by Seymour 33.16-214
report by Michelle Allen

EVEN though the Under 15s game was won by Seymour, it showed coach Rob Armstrong and the boys areas of improvement they can focus on. Stephen Clue won the Royal Mail Hotel award for effort and never giving up, while Jacob Heyen won the Marmalades award for his continuous contribution in running down the ball.

There were four players away, and they were missed, and the team was grateful for the support of the Under 13s players who joined the side. A couple of Seymour players also filled in for Yea to give a full team. Melvic Pambo who joined Yea for a quarter showed great sportsmanship by kicking two goals. Tarris Dunne also added needed points to the scoreboard along with Cody Elliot, who had already played in the Under 13s.

Lucas Jankie was welcomed to the team this week and all wish him a good season. Even though the season has started, if there are any boys that would like to join the team

you would be a welcomed addition to the club.

Goal kickers: Tarris Dunne and Cody Elliot. Awards: Stephen Clue - Royal Mail Hotel. Jacob Heyen - Marmalades

Under 13

Yea 2.0-12 defeated by Seymour 14.7-91

report by Deb Schickerling

UNFORTUNATELY, the Under 13 Tigers were unable to cause an upset against the undefeated ladder leaders, Seymour Lions. The game was a physical affair with missed opportunities in the forward line, only allowing Yea the two bookend goals at the start and end of the game. The Lions were a well drilled line-up, with no real stand outs, but they worked well together as a unit.

Overall, the young Tigers can take many positives from the game as the scoreboard wasn't a true reflection on how they played, and of their determination to never give up.

Goal Kickers: Tom White and Max McAlpin. Awards: Tom White - Royal Mail Hotel. Carly Martin - Marmalades.

Under 11

Yea 10.7-67 defeated Seymour 4.2-26

report by Belinda Johnston

WINNERS are grinners, and yes, the Under 11s had plenty to grin about. An amazing game was played against Seymour at the Tigers home ground. The whole team played together extremely well. Jackson took an amazing mark in front of the Seymour goals.

Two new players, Will Armstrong and Airley Maddon were welcomed to the team.

Goal kickers: Lous, Jobe, Jack, Hamish, and Max.

Under 9

report by Sam Porter

WHAT a great day for junior footy. The warm May day brought families and friends to the Yea Recreation Reserve for the first home game for the season.

The Yea Tigers hosted the Seymour Lions in what was a great game of sportsmanship. Both sides played well, with the young Tigers continuing to build on their confidence and ball skills.

Awards: Evan Porter - Just Great Coffee. Angus McGillivray - Marmalades.



U15 Steven Clue and Jacob Heyen. -S



Hamish Antrobus in the U11s. -S



Louis McAlpin in the U11s. -S



Under 9s Round 3 Awards. -S



U13 Carly Martin and Tom White. -S

Top conditions give shooters opportunity to challenge

ECDRA report by Leigh Enfield

SATURDAY was a much better day for the patient East Central District Rifle Association (ECDRA) shooters to find those ideal breaks in the wind and mirage conditions. The winning technique for the day was to identify the problem wind conditions, wait them out patiently, and then move quickly, but not sacrifice perfect shot release once the window of opportunity opened.

But shooting had to wait for a brief committee meeting, where resolutions were passed and tasks allocated for the last of the safety, environmental and aesthetic improvements to be put in place.

Three ECDRA shooters took advantage of the practice day to learn the day's idiosyncrasies early, and then put down perfect scores. That confidence will bode well for the Nagambie Rifle Club sponsored Variety Charity Meeting next Saturday, and Open Prize Meeting on the following Sunday, both at Bendigo's Wellsford Rifle Range. These meetings will attract Victoria's best, so top form is critical.

Most pleased was newer ECDRA member Randell Underwood with his top range score for the day of 60.7. Randell has put down a

number of perfect 60 scores recently, and evidently final touches he has made to his ammunition preparation put his up there with the best.

Randell's 60.7 demonstrates that he is now mastering the solo wind-reading skills that distinguish full-bore competition.

Both of the hardened campaigners, president Terry Gee (60.6) and club captain Neal Hambridge (60.4) managed a perfect score but were outdone. Terry opined that his own pennant shooting was set to improve now that another wind-coach was there for the team.

ECDRA is going from strength to strength recruiting new members and the club is now courting Violet Town local, Zac Economou, again a relative newcomer to F Class competition, but no novice to the shooting sports generally like Randell. Zac used his regular, but not at all unsophisticated, farm work rifle to shoot an incredible 59.5. No wonder vermin levels in the district are on the decline.

Visit the website ecdra.com.au for more information about the club and the sport. Use the links to explore shooting competition on Saturdays and practice and development on Wednesday mornings.

Powelltown outclasses Tigers

Yea Football Club report by Patrick Evans

Seniors
Powelltown 22.22-154
defeated Yea 14.5-89

YEA battled hard on Saturday but were ultimately outclassed by Powelltown to the tune of 65 points.

The Tigers were sharp early, kicking four quick goals to take an early lead before giving it up just shy of quarter time, before a second quarter onslaught from the home side gave them a 30-point buffer at the main break.

It was a brave effort from the visitors after half time, who were without a bench half following game-ending injuries to Daniel Evans, Corbin Sutherland, Aidan McSpeerin, and Elliot Pyke. Harrison Jarvie and Adrian McCarthy both starred through the midfield once again, while Cameron Evans also found plenty of the football and Billy Bowe impressed on debut. Josh Carroll was the dominant force in attack, booting six majors as the deepest forward and causing headaches all day for the Powelltown defence.

Yea are on the road again this week when they meet Yarra Junction.

Goal kickers: J Carroll 6, E Pyke 2, H Jarvie, J McMaster, C Evans, B Bowe, T McMahon, C Sutherland. Best players:

H Jarvie, A McCarthy, B Wilshire, B Bowe, J Carroll, C Evans.

Reserves
Powelltown 10.14-72
defeated Yea 5.2-32

Yea put in a solid performance against a strong Powelltown outfit on the weekend but fell short by 40 points.

It was a slow start from the Tigers, who could only manage the solitary behind in the opening term to trail by 13 points at the first change.

However, Yea got on the board in the second quarter before adding three more in the third to keep things interesting at the final break, at which point the Demons pulled away for a deserved victory.

Dom Cianter provided plenty of run and dash, Hayden Witton was excellent once again and Dylan Jannke continued his great season, while Tom O'Dwyer was strong in the air. Landon Young found the football at will and in the front half, Lachie White and Nash Thomas booted two goals apiece.

The Tigers travel to Yarra Junction this weekend.

Goal kickers: N Thomas 2, L White 2, H Jannke. Best players: D Cianter, H Witton, L White, T O'Dwyer, D Jannke, L Young.

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Sun shines on young Tigers

Yea junior netball report by Lauren Cronk

THE sun shone on the junior netballers in Yea on Sunday when they played Seymour Lions at home.

Under 15 Yea 33 defeated Seymour 13

The Under 15s put together a consistent, enthusiastic team effort to win 33-13. Their coach Cindy Newcomen pointed out that this was the first time this team had won three games in a row since starting to play juniors.

Marmalade's Player of the Day - Haylee Fyfe. Your Wardrobe Encouragement Award - Natalie Coad.

Under 13 Yea 15 defeated Seymour 11

Fiona Purvis' Under 13s came out firing, building a lead in the first quarter. They held the lead until the end, the final score being 15-11.

Marmalade's Player of the Day Award - Sophie Butterworth. Your Wardrobe Encouragement Award - Flynn Brennan.

Under 11 Yea 9 defeated Seymour 17

The Under 11s led by Cindy Hayes continue to go from strength to strength. Yea lost a hard-fought battle 17-9.

Marmalade's Player of the Day Award - Edi Waghorn. Just Coffee Well Done Award - Ruby McKay.



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Yea Bowls Club supports RSL

report by Viv Cavanagh

EACH year, on the Monday closest to Anzac Day, the Yea Bowls Club have a day devoted to supporting the RSL. All greens money collected on the day is donated to the RSL. This year a meat tray was kindly donated for a raffle, which raised an additional \$115. Jeffrey Swain was in attendance and distributed bottles of wine for the winning teams. He thanked the Yea Bowls Club for their support and reiterated how grateful the RSL is for the support they receive from the community, including the organising of the Anzac Day service, as this is considered something for the whole community to participate in.



Yea Bowls Club President, Leif Elenius presenting a \$400 donation to Jeff Swain, president of the Yea and Kinglake RSL. -S



Winners of the day receiving their bottles of wine. -S