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Students returned to the classroom on Friday, October 22. More images from local schools can be found on pages 8, 13 and 15. Pictured here are some of the students who returned to Yea High School. -S

## Kinglake murderer jailed again

JOHN Lindrea, 59, has been jailed for a further 11 and a half years after breaking into the Westmeadows Tavern, robbing a staff member, and then hiding inside a wall cavity for 14 hours. The crime was committed with another man. Both pointed shotguns in the face of the female assistant manager during the event, which occurred on March 3. After being forced to open the safes, cash registers and ATMs, she was locked inside a storage cupboard.

When a cleaner arrived and called the police, Lindrea and his accomplice hid in the wall cavity, leaving behind a bag containing over \$176,000, along with their tools, balaclavas and one of Lindrea's shoes.

Lindrea spent almost a month on the run before he was arrested. His accomplice is still

on the run, as is a third offender believed to be involved.

Lindrea previously spent over 20 years in prison after shooting dead two people, Kayleen McDonald and Andrew Johns, and seriously injuring another person after gatecrashing a party with a friend in Kinglake in 1992. They opened fire when they were asked to leave.

Ms McDonald, the host of the party was a widowed mother of three.

Lindrea's recent offending took place not long after he was released from custody for this crime.

The judge found that Lindrea was institutionalised following his time in state care, youth detention and prison, and was concerned about his prospects for rehabilitation.

## Friday freedom

AFTER record vaccination rates, we will soon see Victoria become one of the most vaccinated places in the world, and Victoria is set on a path back to normal living resembling our pre-COVID lives.

The Victorian Government announced on Sunday, October 24 that the state would see many restrictions lifted at 6pm on Friday, October 29, when the state appears likely to reach 80 per cent of people aged 16 and over being fully vaccinated, and significant restrictions eased when the state reaches 90 per cent double-vaccination target for people aged 12 and over. The 90 per cent target is expected to be reached around November 24.

### 80 per cent target Friday, October 29 at 6pm

Victoria will move forward in opening up and more restrictions will fall away.

Regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne will unite and move forward on the same restrictions, enabling Victorians to travel anywhere in the state, as well as interstate.

Most indoor settings, including restaurants, pubs, gyms and hairdressers will open with no caps subject to a DQ4 (1 per 4sqm) limit, if all staff and patrons are fully vaccinated. Most outdoor settings will remain at DQ2 (1 per 2sqm) limit up to 500, where staff and patrons are fully vaccinated.

These indoor and outdoor settings will also apply to weddings, funerals and religious gatherings if all attendees are fully vaccinated. Caps of 30 people will apply for weddings, funerals and religious gatherings if vaccination status is unknown.

Entertainment venues will reopen. For indoor seated venues including cinemas and theatres, there will be a 75 per cent capacity or DQ4 up to 1000 people and for non-seated indoor entertainment

venues there will be a DQ4 limit with no patron cap.

Outdoor seated and non-seated entertainment venues including stadiums, zoos and tourism attractions will be open with a DQ2 limit up to 5,000 where staff and patrons are fully vaccinated.

Events such as music festivals will be able to host up to 5000 attendees, subject to any restrictions related to the venue. The Chief Health Officer may also grant an approval for larger crowds for significant events and venues under the Public Events Framework.

Masks will remain mandatory indoors but are no longer required outdoors. It is highly recommended you continue to wear a mask outdoors where you cannot physically distance, such as busy street or outdoor market.

### 90 per cent target

The next milestone in the roadmap will be when Victoria hits the 90 per cent double dose vaccination target for Victorians 12 years and over, predicted to be as early as Wednesday, November 24.

At this point, caps or density quotients will be removed for all settings, and masks will only be mandatory indoors in some high-risk settings such as hospitals, aged care, public transport and justice and correctional facilities.

There will be no restrictions for indoor and outdoor events provided they follow COVIDSafe rules including vaccination requirements.

Events with significant numbers of children may not be able to operate at full capacity while vaccines remain unavailable for children. There will be some caps for religious ceremonies, weddings and funerals where vaccination status is unknown.

For more info on the roadmap or to book a vaccination visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covidsafe-settings](http://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covidsafe-settings)

## Yea COVID-19 update

YEA and surrounds, and the entire Murrindindi Shire community, have worked hard to control, and manage the recent outbreak of COVID-19 in the area and to do their best to assist those diagnosed, or people having to isolate.

As of Monday, October 25, there were 16 active COVID-19 cases in the Murrindindi Shire, bringing the total of cases in the shire since the commencement of the pandemic to 37.

In the 3717 postcode area, and also as of Monday, October 25, there were 10 active COVID-19 cases, and 18 in total during the pandemic.

Businesses and groups in town had shut as staff members waited for test results, after being caught up at the exposure sites.

Last week, Mint and Jam and the Yea Community House were both made to close its doors as staff members had to isolate while waiting for results. Mint and Jam reopened on Monday, October 25 after its staff returned negative results, and were able to deep clean the store before opening its doors.

### Current exposure sites

Anyone who visited these locations was urged to get tested and isolate.

The Royal Mail Hotel: exposure period recorded as Sunday, October 17. Staff tested negative. It is expected to re-open this week.

Yea Medical Centre: exposure period recorded as Friday, October 15 from 11.45am to 12.45pm. It has now re-opened.

Provender Bakehouse: exposure period recorded as all times from Wednesday, October 13 to Saturday, October 16. This was later updated to being a one day exposure, on Saturday October 16 from opening to 11.30am. The staff tested negative and it is expected to re-open this week.

### COVID-19 testing

Director Clinical Services, Louise Sharkey, of Yea and District Memorial Hospital (YDMH) said there has been a large turnout

of community members coming forward to be tested, just at the hospital alone.

"YDMH COVID-19 testing staff completed 278 tests in the past week as Yea township saw COVID-19 cases emerge," Ms Sharkey said.

"Our testing staff made themselves available to ensure testing was accessible in the town for those requiring urgent testing some coming in and doing additional time from their days off to cope with the demand.

"Alexandra and Seymour Hospitals kindly both offered to assist with any unmet demand we had which we were very grateful for and we worked closely with the medical practice also during this time assisting with their building deep cleaning requirements."

If you have any symptoms, the best thing for you to do is to go and get tested immediately.

COVID-19 testing is available at Yea and District Memorial Hospital, but due to high demand, bookings are absolutely essential. Call 0428 618 994 to book your appointment.

Alternatively, Seymour Health and Alexandra District Health are both offering COVID-19 testing.

Seymour Health's COVID-19 clinic site is open seven days a week from 9am to 4pm. To book an appointment, call 0436 345 573.

Alexandra District Health's COVID-19 testing clinic at The Cottage is open seven days a week. To be tested from 1 to 4.30pm, no booking is required. If you require a test out of these times, call the Nurse in Charge on 0418 589 131.

### Vaccination clinic at YDMH

One more planned vaccination clinic will be held at YDMH on Monday, November 8. The clinic will be open from 10am to 3pm, and appointments can be made by calling 1800 675 398.

Alternatively, visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment](http://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment) to book your vaccination appointment at a state clinic or use the vaccine clinic finder tool to see what local pharmacies and community health services have appointments available.



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## Letters to the Editor

**Glasgow Summit**

JUST 16 days out from what is arguably the most important meeting for the world’s future survival and the Australian Prime Minister, or ‘ScoMo’ as he monikered himself in 2018, finally decided to attend the Glasgow COP26 Climate Summit. Well done that boy.

While other world leaders will no doubt be overjoyed to have someone, anyone, from Australia come and join in the discussions, after all we are the world’s leading carbon emitter on a per capita basis, it will be interesting to see if anything of substance is presented to the meeting on Australia’s behalf.

Those well-worn COVID-19 phrases, uttered by the Prime Minister, ranging from “It’s not a race” to “The government has also not set, nor has any plans to set, any new targets....it is not possible to set such targets given the many uncertainties involved.” (ABC News, April 11) could equally apply to the Federal Government’s approach to global warming.

Currently, any carbon mitigation is certainly not being undertaken by the Federal Government but by the states (South Australia’s big battery, Tasmania’s hydro-electricity supply) or by big business, BHP having divested itself of its oil and gas assets due to shareholder pressure, or local community power schemes such as Yackandandah’s.

As a country Australia is so far behind the rest of the developed world when it comes to dealing

with our carbon emissions and energy resources that it is acutely embarrassing. The climate science is settled and has been for decades. However, our country, our future and 26 million of us are currently being held hostage by a handful of National Party politicians with their uneducated, illogical and uncompromising views.

The concern for ‘their’ constituents getting a fair go is touching. However a couple of the more recalcitrant Nationals are senators who should consider representing their entire states, not just a small segment of them. The other thing that these concerned politicians conveniently omit is the fact that without the Federal Government propping up the fossil fuel industry to the tune of \$10.7 billion in 2020-2021 (The Australian Institute, April 26) these same communities would not be viable now. So it is an absolute furphy to claim that introducing a realistic climate policy will impact detrimentally on these towns and regions, as without these government subsidies the communities who rely on such industries would have become untenable years ago.

As the world moves on, with a concerted effort to reduce global warming and the world’s reliance on fossil fuels, these financially cosseted operations will become stranded assets in the future. Surely now is the time to be channelling such subsidies into supporting and adapting those communities most at risk, not blocking any reasonable

or sensible or proactive plans for mitigating global warming. Such intransigence will only endanger the rest of our country with unprecedented bushfires, floods, drought and heat related deaths.

But at least ‘Scotty come lately’ is at last packing his bags. However, with less than a week to cobble together a realistic plan and a target, that shows Australia is serious about reducing its carbon emissions, it’s not looking good. It therefore appears that our status as an underperforming global neighbour, will soon be confirmed, yet again, on the world’s stage.

Not only do we deserve better from our elected leaders, but the world deserves a whole lot better from Australia’s leadership too.

*Pauline Roberts, Highlands*

**Murrindindi Shire Council**

HELLO Murrindindi Council, is anybody there?

I don’t like being negative, but sometimes you just keep hitting brick walls. This has been my experience with the Murrindindi Shire Council the past year or so.

There have been two matters I’ve been seeking council response on. One relates to the Alexandra Resource Recovery Centre (RRC), the other relates to COVID-19 vaccinations. In both instances, I wrote to the council, and copied in my local councillor.

With the RRC query, I received an email response from the relevant council employee,

and although it contained a lot of words, it didn’t answer my question. After numerous toing-and-froing, where I would thank them for their reply and direct them back to the original question I had asked, which they hadn’t answered, the employee simply stopped responding to my emails. Hmmm.

With the COVID-19 query, no council employee even bothered to reply. My local councillor did reply, but didn’t follow through. Hmmm.

After months of silence from the council, out of the blue I received a telephone call from the Director Community Engagement. We had a lovely, long conversation. The call had been about my COVID-19 query. When I mentioned I still had an outstanding RRC query, I was asked to forward them the email thread, and they would ensure both queries were followed up on. So given new hope, I forwarded the requested information the next day. Then I waited. And waited. And waited. So I sent a follow up email to get an update. And waited. And I am still waiting.

Now I am getting fed up with paying rates, to help fund a council that simply doesn’t treat its ratepayers with respect. I’ve been trying to be part of the solution, but it’s hard when the council keeps building brick walls.

“Not happy Jan.”

*Leanne Monro, Alexandra*

## COMMUNITY DIARY

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


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

**MONTHLY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Mon St Lukes Seniors St Lukes Church Ph 5797 2281  
1<sup>st</sup> Thu Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057  
1<sup>st</sup> Sat Yea Dance Group, 8pm Yea Shire Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Alex Repair Café 1-3pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wed Yea Camera Club, 7pm RSL Hall. Ph 0429 200 762  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thu Yea Garden Club Yea RSL Hall 1.30pm Ph 0439 870 315  
4<sup>th</sup> Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.  
4<sup>th</sup> Thu Yea CWA Yea RSL Hall, 10.30am Ph 5797 2998  
Last Fri Yea-Kinlake RSL. 11.30am RSL Hall. Ph 5796 9353

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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


October 27, to November 2, 2021


Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

**Alexandra**

**Yea**

	DAY	LOW	HIGH		DAY	LOW	HIGH	
	Wednesday	6	23		Wednesday	6	24	
	Thursday	13	23		Thursday	14	24	
	Friday	7	16		Friday	8	16	
	Saturday	4	14		Saturday	5	14	
	Sunday	3	18		Sunday	4	18	
	Monday	4	21		Monday	4	22	
	Tuesday	7	24		Tuesday	7	24	





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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT				
STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	11.00am Mon	0.84^	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	11.00am Mon	0.67	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	11.01am Mon	1.14	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	11.21am Mon	0.29	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	10.49am Mon	0.78	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	9.27am Mon	1.46	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	11.00am Mon	3.62	steady	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	11.00am Mon	0.79^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	11.00am Mon	1.38^	steady	below minor
Sunday Ck at Tallarook	11.00am Mon	0.37^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	12.00pm Mon	1.66	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	12.11pm Mon	1.20	steady	
**ISSUED AT 12.15PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021**				

DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra*	4.57mm
Buxton	8.5mm
Eildon(AWS)	6mm
Flowerdale	11mm
Kinglake	28mm
Lake Eildon	7mm
Marysville	N/Amm
Strath Creek	N/Amm
Taggerty	9mm
Yarck	5mm
Yea	8mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
*Alexandra totals supplied from <a href="http://www.alexandraweather.org">www.alexandraweather.org</a>	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week	284.67m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	83.9%
Metres below full supply	4.23m
Daily inflow	4500ML
Release	400ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	43%



## DEADLINES

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

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## Is council vaccinated?

FOR confidentiality reasons, Murrindindi Shire Council cannot state whether or not it has lost staff that are refusing to get vaccinated however, Chief Executive, Livia Bonazzi, is "thrilled" by the number of staff who have or are on the way to be vaccinated.

Ms Bonazzi said that Murrindindi Shire Council have followed, and met all the directions of the Chief Health Officer.

"Council has met the COVID-19 mandatory vaccination directions from the Chief Health Officer which require all council employees working outside of their primary place of residence to be fully vaccinated by Friday, November 26," she said.

"We're thrilled to say we have a very high percentage of council employees who are vaccinated, or are on their way to being vaccinated. It's a great result and I am very proud of the way staff have acted to protect their own health, that of their colleagues and that of the broader community by getting vaccinated.

"At this stage some council functions can still be performed by unvaccinated staff working from home, but those arrangements may no longer be available in the future. I would hope that by then, all our staff will be vaccinated so we do not need to lose any of our valued employees."

## 2021 Share the Dignity drive cancelled

YOU may have noticed that Share the Dignity is not going ahead for 2021.

Due to the restrictions of late, Gail Dacey and Victoria Keating would like to advise the community that there will not be a Dignity drive for 2021.

Gail has co-ordinated the Murrindindi drive for the past five years and is looking forward to a bigger and better 2022 to Share the Dignity.

If you would like to help with next years' drive please contact Victoria on 5772 0200 or Gail on 8624 3002 for full details.



## Support your local shops this Christmas

CHRISTMAS is less than two months away. When you decide it's time to hit the shops and buy up big on presents for friends and relatives, please do your shopping locally.

It's been an extraordinarily difficult couple of years for our local retailers. Many have been closed for significant periods of time during the lockdowns, and they need our support.

While buying presents in local shops, you can also look to see if the potential presents are Australian made. Every dollar you spend will help an Australian business to stay afloat.

If you can't decide what to buy, most shops have gift vouchers available.

Not only will shopping locally support businesses, it will help them to continue providing employment to locals.

Where you shop, and what you choose to buy, does matter.



## Tertiary scholarships for regional students

REGIONAL and remote students are encouraged to apply for a scholarship worth up to \$18,000 to support their tertiary education.

Round five of the Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships is still open, to support eligible students to undertake courses from Certificate IV to PhD level.

The Australian Government has committed more than \$62 million for the program since 2017. This has delivered more than 3000 scholarships to regional and remote students to access a tertiary education.

Minister for Regionalisation, Regional Communications and Regional Education, Senator Bridget McKenzie said the program

provides students financial support to go towards the costs of completing their studies.

"These scholarships have supported students who would otherwise not have been able to afford a higher education," Minister McKenzie said.

"We want to provide as many opportunities as possible for individuals in regional and remote Australia to pursue further study, and relieving the financial burden is one way to help them to do that.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for regional and remote students and I encourage all those eligible to apply."

For more information and to apply, visit [qtac.edu.au/rres-program](http://qtac.edu.au/rres-program)

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## Beautiful gardens to enjoy

THE Rotary Club of Yea's annual Open Gardens will be held over the weekend of November 6 and 7. There will be 10 delightful gardens to explore as we all enjoy more freedom, and what a glorious time of the year for see these treasures in our own district.

The Yea Garden Club annual Plant Sale will also be held in conjunction with the Open Gardens weekend and, as usual, there will be hundreds of potted plants for sale at bargain prices. The plant sale will be held at 'Abutlon', 5 Welch Street in Yea and all COVID-19 restriction will apply here, as in all the gardens. Only double vaccinated people will be admitted.

Two beautiful gardens will open in Whittlesea Road, just a few kilometres from Yea. 'Glengowrie' has been open before and many will want to re-visit this lovely



*The Glengowrie garden. -S*

garden. The word 'serene' best describes this shaded, restful setting, a place to linger over long lunches or drinks on the deck as you watch the evening settle after a long hot day.

An ornamental dam is a spectacular feature with a lovely walk around the bank. Wander around meandering paths and enjoy a peaceful rest in the gazebo overlooking the water. Koalas often visit this garden.

'Our Little Country Farm Garden' is a small but delightful country garden and is open for the first time. An avenue of capitol pears will welcome you into the garden and they will be a spectacular feature when they reach maturity. A lovely 'olde world' fountain is also a feature at the end of the drive.

The garden is still a work in progress but already has a great variety of plantings and shrubs including roses, bromeliads, natives and many spectacular feature trees and shrubs. Donna is inspired by the French country style and this garden will be one you will want to revisit in a few years.

In the township, the 'Ireland garden' is a beautiful garden which perfectly complements the period style home. Although a large town block, the garden has been deliberately kept to a 'retirement' size. A formal planting of white iceberg roses outlines the front garden beds which are full of old fashioned and much-loved cottage plants. Massive photinia hedges give absolute privacy as well as spring flowers and autumn colour.

The rear garden is a delight. There is a high trellis supporting a Boston ivy, as well as ferns, succulents and several outdoor seating areas giving the option of sun or shade.

The 'Ralph-Simon Garden' has an exposed setting on Racecourse Road and most of the township has watched with great interest the spectacular garden being created here in just two short years. Four mature trees and a great variety of camellias remained from the original garden but lawns have disappeared under beds full of wonderful colour and variety and the thriving 'kitchen' gardens developed.

Both owners are very creative and this shows in the design, not only of the gardens, but also the outdoor entertaining areas. Vegetable and herb gardens, orchard and poultry run are as much a feature as the flower beds. A very new dry-creek bed and pond have been dug out and planted in the past month.

The Yea Open Gardens are open from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7.

The cost is \$5 per garden or \$35 for a composite weekend ticket for all gardens. Tickets are available at each garden gate. Full descriptions and maps can be found on the website [yearotary.org.au](http://yearotary.org.au)

Please note that COVID-19 marshals will be on each garden gate and only double vaccinated persons will be admitted. All COVID-19 regulations are to be observed.

## Victory in sight in battle of the generation

*by Prime Minister Scott Morrison*

OVER the past almost two years, Victoria, like so much of the world, has been engaged in the battle of our generation: beating COVID-19.

With the state reaching the 70 per cent double dose vaccination milestone, victory is in sight.

I want to thank each and every Victorian for the incredible job you've done.

Again and again, Victorians have stepped up. Thank you to all Victorians who have had a double dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and to those who have a first or second dose booked in.

I welcome Premier Daniel Andrews' announcement to safely reopen as part of the National Plan.

Bringing down state borders and bringing down the international border, reuniting families and friends, getting businesses going again and increasing job opportunities.

And I look forward to the safe easing of more restrictions across Victoria as the vaccination rate continues to surge.

Victorians have sacrificed so much over the course of extended lockdowns.

Crucially, you've rolled up your sleeves, with a first dose vaccination rate of almost 90 per cent, that's higher than the United Kingdom.

If Victoria was a country it would be the 12th most vaccinated in the organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on first doses.

Having reached 70 per cent double dose, a critical early mark of the National Plan, you're about to start reclaiming your lives.

It's a new chapter, as you begin to open up safely. And stay safely open.

We'll see relaxations for the fully vaccinated at restaurants, cafes, cinemas, gyms, religious gatherings, weddings and funerals. Children are heading back to school.

We can't be complacent. We still have to take one step at a time safely and ensure we always put that safety goal first as we reopen our country.

So thank you again. For rolling up your sleeves, not just in terms of getting the vaccines, but for the sacrifices you've made and the resilience you've demonstrated.

And thank you to the thousands of nurses, doctors, pharmacists and health care workers who have cared for us, protected us and vaccinated us.

Let's bring this home, that 70 per cent has to become an 80. And most importantly, ensure that we are back together with our families, friends and loved ones this Christmas.

Making this Christmas the best ever.

## The Yea Chronicle

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# Out&About

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Murrindindi Shire Council has advised that roadworks commenced on October 7 at Marshbank and Craigie Streets Yea behind the Rec Reserve. Work is expected to take four to five weeks.

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Alexandra Lawn Tennis club will hold their AGM tonight Wednesday, October 27 at 7pm at the tennis club rooms. All members, present and new, are welcome to attend. For further information contact Bec 0405 055 993.

\*\*\*\*\*

Redgate CWA AGM will be held on Thursday, October 28 at 1pm at the club rooms. For more information contact 0402 804 517.

\*\*\*\*\*

Marysville Arts Fest is on from October 28 to November 2. There will be workshops, an art show, garden art, textiles and much more.

\*\*\*\*\*

Operation Christmas Child is on again. Oasis Community Church, Grant Street Alexandra, Thursday, October 28 between 10am and 5pm. Lunch, tea and coffee supplied. Pack a box \$10. For full details contact Judy on 0458 991 855.

\*\*\*\*\*

Iris Garden open at Yareck. Saturday and Sunday, October 30 and 31 from 10am to 3pm. All COVID-19 guidelines will be in place. Full details contact Bron 0408 517 309.

\*\*\*\*\*

Yea and District Open Gardens, will be held on Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 7 commencing at 10am. See ad in this edition for full details.

\*\*\*\*\*

To celebrate National Recycling Week, council has organised a free online recycling tour and trivia night. Tuesday, November 9, at 7pm. For more information see ad on page 7 or to register visit [recycling.eventbrite.com.au](https://recycling.eventbrite.com.au)

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Yea Wetlands Committee of Management will hold their AGM on Tuesday, November 9, at the Y Water Discovery Centre Yea at 7.30pm. If not possible to have face to face meeting, Zoom will be the option. Details can be obtained by contacting Corinne on 0418 407 462 or email [corinne.border@bigpond.com](mailto:corinne.border@bigpond.com)

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Alexandra RSL will hold their next meeting on Sunday, November 14 at noon, followed by a light lunch.

\*\*\*\*\*

Book now for the Grand Italian Feast at Holmesglen at Eildon on Sunday, November 21 at noon. A long lazy afternoon of feasting with traditional Italian fare and live music. Bookings are essential due to limited numbers. Contact 5774 2631.

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Alexandra and District Kindergarten AGM will be held on Monday, October 22 at 5.30pm at the kinder. Full details available from Sally on 5772 1387 or email [alexandra.kin.admin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:alexandra.kin.admin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au)

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Darlingford Upper Goulburn Nursing Home AGM will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, November 24 at 4pm. RSVP to [jbrookes@dughn.com.au](mailto:jbrookes@dughn.com.au) to receive a Zoom meeting invitation. Full details in this week's classified section.

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Friends of Kellock and Kellock Lodge AGMs will be held on Thursday, November 25 at 5.30pm and 6pm. Full details in this week's classified section.

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## Knitted bear donation for YDMH

YEA and District Memorial Hospital have received a generous donation of knitted care bears from the La Dimora Retirement Village Wallan craft group, to be given out to any children coming into the urgent care centre.

"Aged Care Activities coordinator Heather Dittmer accepted the offer on behalf of the organisation and has now put them into separate bags in keeping with COVID-19 safe practice," Louise Sharkey, Director of Clinical Services said.

"Coming into hospital can be a scary and frightening experience for children and we are very grateful to the ladies of La Dimora for reaching out with this offer which we hope will help both the children and their parents and carers whilst they attend our Ladies of La Dimora Retirement Village service."



Knitted care bears were donated to YDMH to hand out to children coming into the hospital's urgent care centre. -S

## YDMH hotel services team thanked

THERE is a group of people who often go unrecognised for their efforts in the healthcare experience, and that's the men and women who work hard to keep the patients and staff fed as well as the organisation services area clean.

Yea and District Memorial Hospital (YDMH) recognised and thanked the hotel services group of staff on Thank your Cleaner Day on, Wednesday, October 20, which fell during Health Care Food Service Worker Week.

Louise Sharkey, Director Clinical Services, said that YDMH has prioritised providing recognition to staff and their commitment to the hospital.

"As part of the YDMH board strategic directions for the organisation, recognition of staff commitment and work is a key area," Ms Sharkey said.

"This recognition event is one of a series throughout the year where national days for healthcare workers are celebrated. All the hotel services staff group were given a small thank you gift and note card on the day."



The hotel service staff at YDMH were thanked last week for their contributions to the hospital. -S

## PUT YOUR GARDEN IN THIS PICTURE

Entries close November 15, 2021

We have decided to run our photo competition with a difference this year to show off the beautiful gardens in our shire.

This is a competition for people's enjoyment only; without prizes.

If you have been working hard in your garden during lockdown, why not share a photo of it with us.

We will publish photos of your gardens over coming weeks at our discretion.

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T&C: Two photos per household per category

Winners will be notified and their entries published on November 24.

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3. Save our faults & emergencies number **13 17 99**

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## Reward our outstanding volunteers

NOMINATIONS are now open for the 2021 Volunteering Awards, which celebrate the extraordinary efforts of Victoria's hard-working volunteers.

The awards are an opportunity to recognise the incredible support volunteers have given to others during a difficult year; whether it's delivering essential food relief and medical supplies or helping seniors video call loved ones, volunteers are the backbone of our community and we say thank you.

The efforts of volunteers, leaders and organisations will be recognised across eight awards categories, including for leadership, service, impact and teamwork.

A highlight is the Premier's Volunteer of the Year, who is recognised with the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Award. The winner will receive a \$10,000 prize to donate to a not-for-profit organisation of their choice.

This year, Volunteering Victoria will combine its awards with the Victorian Government's Premier's Volunteer Champions Awards.

Nominations for the 2021 Volunteering Awards will close on Friday, January 14, 2022. Finalists will be announced on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 and winners will be acknowledged at an official ceremony in March 2022.

Following consultation with volunteers and community organisations, the state government is currently developing a Victorian Volunteer Strategy which will underpin efforts to ensure volunteers are supported and make volunteering more accessible.

For more information or to nominate someone, visit [volunteeringvictoria.org.au/events/volunteering-awards-2021](https://volunteeringvictoria.org.au/events/volunteering-awards-2021)

# New AED at Yea Police Station

A NEW Zoll Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) has been installed at the Yea Police Station with 24 hour availability access to the general public.

The unit was donated by the Yea Ambulance Auxiliary with funds that have been donated by

the Oaks Day Committee and other community members over several years.

The funds, along with other donations from the community, have contributed to the purchasing of another four AEDs in Yea including: The

Yea Committee of Management incorporating Yea Golf Club, Yea Race Club and user groups such as Rotary and local schools, as well as at Yea High School, Yea Pioneer Reserve and the Yea Shire Hall.

These are in support of other available AED already in town at Yea Water Tigers, Yea Service Centre and Library, Bendigo Bank, Yea Football Club, Yea Netball Club, Yea Tennis Club, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, Y Water Centre, Yea Saleyards and the Yea Bowling Club which also has 24-hour access to their AED.

Should a member of the Yea community go into cardiac arrest, the locations of AEDs at community hubs and sporting precincts allows for quick and reliable access to the life-saving device.

Ambulance Victoria reminds the community of three prompt steps if someone goes into cardiac arrest: call, push, shock.

Call 000 immediately and the call taker will talk you through CPR and using the AED.

Every minute a patient doesn't get CPR or defibrillation, their chances of survival fall by 10 per cent.

Ambulance Victoria continues to promote the GoodSAM Responder app where first aid qualified responders can be alerted if they are close to the event, along with the nearest AED. The closest available ambulance is also dispatched. Using an AED gives the patient the best chance of survival.

To find out more about Ambulance Victoria, the use of AEDs and to become a GoodSAM Responder, visit [ambulance.vic.gov.au/](https://ambulance.vic.gov.au/)



From left to right: Rob Gill, Yea Ambulance Team Manager, Janine Lincoln, Gary Charles, Robin Hood, Mary Armstrong, Beryl Clements, and Yea Police Station Sergeant Nicole Wilson. -S

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Chris Hardman, Chief Fire Officer, Forest Fire Management Victoria. -S

# Adapting to climate change and managing Victoria's bushfire risk

*An open letter from Chris Hardman, Chief Fire Officer, Forest Fire Management Victoria*

AS the Chief Fire Officer for Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic), my role is to keep the community and our environment safe from bushfire risk. More than ever, the impacts of climate change and its impact on the work we do is at the forefront of our thinking, planning and actions.

The latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report is a clear reminder that we have a fight on our hands.

Victoria is one of the most bushfire prone regions in the world, and while bushfires have always been present in Victoria, climate change is making bushfires worse.

We've seen a 170 per cent increase in bushfire ignitions in the past 50 years. In that same period, we've seen a 20 per cent decrease in spring rain.

There has been a 40 per cent increase in very high fire danger days, and this is set to triple in some parts of Victoria by the end of the century according to research recently published in the International Journal of Wildland Fire.

Every year, we have more than 1000 bushfires in Victoria and 90 per cent of those start in our forests, underlining the crucial role we have at Forest Fire Management Victoria in protecting communities, local economies and the environment.

The drier conditions mean we are living with more flammable forest undergrowth and drier gullies, which combine to create faster moving, more intense fires. Fire risk is increasing in more and different places than we've previously recorded.

We are seeing more unstable weather patterns which have become increasingly more extreme and damaging.

What this tells us is we need to be smarter and find new ways to manage our bushfire risk to protect communities and our environment.

Alongside my colleagues at FFMVic, communities and partner fire agencies the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV), we are continuously innovating to meet these risks head on:

There are fewer 'ideal' days for doing planned burns, so we've moved from autumn and spring burning to a year-round approach; we are able and ready to conduct burns 365 days a year when conditions allow.

Where planned burns aren't possible, either due to the type of landscape or proximity to communities, we are increasing our use of mechanical fuel treatments, this means mulching, slashing and mowing vegetation so it's not available to burn.

We're doing more precision burning close to where people live to help protect homes, water catchments, power supplies, schools, hospitals and key transport routes.

We are building more Strategic Fuel Breaks; these are literal breaks in forested areas that help us to stop fires from continuing on a path to a community or critical infrastructure, and they double as access routes for our forest firefighters to get to any fires that do start.

We are increasing our capacity for effective and rapid first response. We know that fires are going to start, so we need to be able to access them and put them out quickly before they spread. Last bushfire season 95 per cent of all fires were contained at the first attack (by 8am the next day) and 97 per cent were kept to less than five hectares in area.

We are using science and modelling to best plan where and how our bushfire risk management activities should happen. We don't just guess or do work to meet a meaningless target. We use weather and fire condition scenario models to show what could happen under those conditions if a fire were to start in a particular location, and figure out the best ways to stop or slow fires under those conditions.

Out in the back country forests we are doing large scale cool and mosaic (patch) burning to reduce the size, impact and intensity of fires that take hold giving us more ability to respond and contain them before they become mega-fires.

We also recognise and value the knowledge and experience of Victoria's First Peoples in living with fire. We actively support and enable Traditional Owner led cultural fire practices across the state, leading to healing and healthier Country.

While we're expecting another relatively mild bushfire season in Victoria this year, we need to remember it's everyone's responsibility to manage bushfire risk, that includes being aware of campfire safety rules. A campfire that gets out of control can be disastrous.

To find out more about what my team at FFMVic and I are doing to help keep Victoria safe from bushfires, head to [ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-management-facts](http://ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-management-facts)



## MURRINDINDI SHIRE MEMPC - COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

Do you live or work in Murrindindi Shire? Are you interested in Emergency Management? Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from members of our community to join a Community Advisory Group to support our Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC).

The creation of this Advisory Group is a new initiative by Council. The Advisory Group will play a key role in developing how emergency messaging, planning and response and recovery occurs within the Shire.

We're interested in hearing from knowledgeable and passionate members of our community to gain valuable local input on emergency matters.

If you'd like to be part of this exciting opportunity, please submit your Expression of Interest by emailing [mempc@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:mempc@murrindindi.vic.gov.au) or in writing to Murrindindi Shire Council, MEMPC, PO Box 138, Alexandra, Victoria 3714.

Expressions of Interest close on Friday 19 November.

To find out more about the Advisory Group and the MEMPC, please visit our website and search 'MEMPC'.

## TENDER - REHABILITATION WORKS - YEA CLOSED LANDFILL

Council invites suitably-qualified contractors to submit a tender bid to carry out civil and conservation works to finalise the rehabilitation of the Yea Closed Landfill.

To download the tender documents or make an enquiry, please visit [eprocure.com.au/murrindindi](http://eprocure.com.au/murrindindi)

Tender bids close on Tuesday 12 November 2021.

## JOBS AT COUNCIL - LIBRARY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICERS

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Applications close at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 10 November.

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To celebrate National Recycling Week, Council has organised a free online Recycling Tour and Trivia Night on Tuesday 9 November at 7.00 pm. The virtual session will be hosted by Bangule City Council's Rethink Waste Education Centre.

During the 75 minute session, you will learn the 'dos and don'ts' and the 'hows and whys' of recycling. Whether you're a recycling novice or guru, the session will be fun and informative for all participants.

For more information and to register, please visit [recyclingtrivia.eventbrite.com.au](http://recyclingtrivia.eventbrite.com.au)



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# Kinglake Primary School



Three happy students at Kinglake Primary School. -S



The students at Kinglake Primary were quick to return to the play equipment when school resumed for all students on Friday, October 22. -S



Grade 3 and 4 students from Sacred Heart Primary School. -S

# Sacred Heart Primary School



Sacred Heart Primary School prep students enjoying a game of chess on their first day back at school on Friday, October 22. -S



Grade 5 and 6 students at Sacred Heart Primary School. -S



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Some of the students from Yea Primary School's grade two and three class. -S





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Colour



Crossword

ACROSS

1. The final or eventual outcome to a situation.

5. A deep purplish red the color of ripe cherries.

8. One who does not side with any party in a dispute.

9. Excessively self-satisfied and complacent.

10. At a considerable distance in space or time.

11. Refined and tasteful in appearance and style.

15. A short musical composition for a solo instrument.

17. So strange as to inspire a feeling of fear.

19. A distant view seen through rows of trees.

20. Large yellow root of a rutabaga plant.

23. Verse with like-sounding words at the ends of lines.

26. A feeling of deep regret for a wrong committed.

29. Something that is not authentic or genuine.

30. A hill or ridge of sand created by the wind.

31. Removing dust from things by brushing or wiping.

32. A solid food made from the pressed curd of milk.

33. Christian festival where children get chocolate eggs.

DOWN

2. A document giving official permission to do something.

3. The outcome was contingent on a single factor.

4. A temporary agreement to cease hostilities.

5. Around about the approximate time or date of.

6. Make contact with someone and communicate.

7. An overland expedition for hunting or exploring.

12. A natural embankment built up by a river.

13. Vigorous and enthusiastic enjoyment.

14. Moves closer and closer to a conclusion.

16. To take advantage of a friend for one's own end.

18. One of the stiff bony rods in the fin of a fish.

21. An abundance of money and possessions.

22. Coat food by dipping into flour before cooking.

24. Fences formed by rows of closely planted bushes.

25. Threaten someone in a violent manner.

27. Billiards stroke made with the cue held almost vertical.

28. To set in an upright or erect position.

Word Search: Halloween

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P M M I N L G H V V B G F Y I

F T G N D G C O N E A I P J Y

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BATS

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TRICK OR TREAT

WITCH

Word Search: Cheese

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Jokes

Q: Why are frogs always so happy?

Q: Why was six worried?



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.

	2				
	4				1
	3	5			2
2			3	6	
3				1	
				5	

Trivia

Q: Where was the below image taken?

Sudoku - Squiggly

Difficulty: Easy

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.

		4				1		
8	9					5	7	
		1	8	6		4		2
	7	3	6					
6	2	8				3	1	4
					2	8	6	
7		2		5	3	6		
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2021

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### MEETINGS



#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING via ZOOM

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**Louise Sharkey**  
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## DEATH NOTICES

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## MEETINGS



## Yea Football Netball Club

Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday, November, 10 at 7.30pm at Yea Recreation Reserve. Election of Office Bearers. Senior trophies will be presented to winners in attendance. Players, members parents and supporters encouraged to attend. Please check Yea FNC Facebook nearer the date for COVID-19 impacts and restrictions.

Alexandra and District Kindergarten  
Annual General Meeting. Monday November 22 2021 at 5:30pm. Location - 15 Bayley Street, Alexandra. May be via Zoom if restrictions are still in place. Any questions, please call Sally Phelps on 5772 1387 or Alexandra.kin.admin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

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## MEETINGS



Alexandra Race Club  
AGM  
Entertainment Center  
Tuesday, November 9  
at 5.30pm  
For more information  
0467 413 767

## ALEXANDRA LAWN TENNIS CLUB AGM and GENERAL MEETING

will be held on Wednesday, October 27 at 7pm at the tennis club rooms. All members and new members are welcome to attend. For further information contact club president Bec Lyttle 0405 055 993.



Yea CWA will hold its AGM on Thursday November, 25 2021, in the RSL Hall. Snodgrass Street, Yea at 10.30am.

All are welcome.

**THE ALEXANDRA FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB AGM** will be held at the club rooms at 7pm on Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Everyone welcome. Any queries please contact Kylie Cairns or Ray Steyger.

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Please refer to our website <https://koalacherries.com.au/pages/workwithus> for more information on the roles available.



Middle Kinglake Primary School's grades 4, 5 and 6 students are happy to be back in the classroom. -S

# Middle Kinglake Primary School



Middle Kinglake Primary School's grade 2 and 3 students on their first day back at school. -S



Middle Kinglake Primary students working outside. -S

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## KIDS - SUDOKU

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## KIDS - JOKES

A: They eat whatever bugs them!

A: Because seven eight nine.



## Watch out for hitchhiking pests in parcels

AS Christmas approaches, Victorians are being encouraged to check online shopping packaging for any hitchhiker pests, and to report it to reduce or stop the spread of it moving to other areas.

Victoria's Chief Plant Health Officer Rosa Crnov said there are many plant pests that can easily find themselves in packages due to their small size.

"Exotic plant pests such as brown marmorated stink bug, khapra beetle, exotic ants and snails, can go unnoticed due to their small size and hitch a ride in packages, especially in overseas mail," Ms Crnov said.

"Exotic electric ants and fire ants can also hitch a ride in domestic mail and are very aggressive, as opposed to common ants in Victoria that usually run away from disturbances. If undetected, these pests can threaten Victoria's \$14 billion food and fibre export market."

Australia Post is delivering approximately 10 million parcels a week in Australia and in Victoria alone, online shopping has grown by 48.9 per cent in the year to Wednesday, June 30, exceeding the national average of 31.8 per cent.

Ms Crnov said that in the same year, Agriculture Victoria received 797 reports from the public and from industry of suspected exotic plant and bee pests.

"In November last year, a Bayswater business emailed photos of a strange-looking bug to Agriculture Victoria after discovering the insect in an airfreight package," she said.

"The insect was confirmed as brown marmorated stink bug, a high priority for Australian biosecurity and the report was referred to the federal Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE), who followed up the detection.

"The brown marmorated stink bug can attack more than 300 types of fruit trees, ornamental trees, vegetable crops and gardens, so this was a very significant detection."

While Australia applies strict import conditions to goods coming in from overseas through our ports and mail centres, sometimes pests can go undetected.

Australia's farmers rely on freedom from pests and diseases to produce our food, and access both domestic and export markets. Victoria is Australia's largest producer of food and fibre products with the gross value of agricultural production in Victoria worth nearly \$16 billion.

For more information on priority insects and mites visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/pestinsects-and-mites/priority-pest-insects-and-mites](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/pestinsects-and-mites/priority-pest-insects-and-mites)

# Swimming pool and spa certification extension

VICTORIANS now have more time to get their pool and spa safety barriers inspected and certified as compliant, with the Victorian Government acknowledging the challenges imposed by COVID-19.

Minister for Planning Richard Wynne extended the deadline for owners to lodge certificates of pool and spa barrier compliance with their local council, in recognition of the limited opportunity for

building inspectors to visit homes during the pandemic.

The first certificate lodgement deadline will be extended from Monday, November 1 to Wednesday, June 1, 2022, with subsequent lodgement deadlines also moved back to June 2023 and June 2024 respectively.

This extension acknowledges the extra pressure that COVID-19 is placing on families, as well as the challenge of finding building practitioners to inspect and certify safety barriers and fix any identified non-compliance.

In December 2019, the state government amended the Building Regulations to introduce new requirements to improve the safety of private swimming pools and spas. The regulations include requirements for owners to register their swimming pools and spas with their local council.

The registration deadline was Sunday, November 1, 2020 and any owners who have not yet registered their pool or spa are encouraged to make an application to council as soon as possible. Failure to register may attract a council infringement notice of up to \$363.

Owners must also have a registered building surveyor or inspector certify the continuing compliance of their safety barrier every four years.

Drowning is the most common cause of preventable death for young children and in Victoria most fatal drownings of young children occur in backyard swimming pools.

For more information on the Victorian Government's pool safety reforms, visit [vba.vic.gov.au](http://vba.vic.gov.au)



*If you suspect you have Chilean Needle Grass on your property or need help to identify it, please contact council on 5772 0333. -S*

## Tracking down Chilean needle grass

CHILEAN needle grass is a perennial tussock-forming grass and is one of 32 declared Weeds of National Significance (WoNS) in Australia. It's commonly mistaken for native spear grass, but has potentially disastrous economic and environmental impacts.

Murrindindi Shire Council recently commenced its Rural Roadside Weed Control Program to treat many of our roadsides for noxious weeds, including Chilean needle grass. We're asking everyone to keep their eyes peeled for this weed. If you find Chilean needle grass on public land or on your own property, please get in touch with council.

Council's Environment Portfolio Councillor Karine Haslam said Chilean needle grass is a WoNS because of its ability to spread quickly and out-compete pasture and native grasses.

"This grass can severely reduce pasture productivity and contaminate hay. Its needle-like seed can injure both stock and other animals by burrowing into their mouths, hides and fleeces," Cr Haslam said.

"Chilean needle grass has been found in patches along the Goulburn Valley Highway from Molesworth to Homewood, the Melba Highway from Yea to Murrindindi Road and the Yea-Whittlesea Road from Yea to Deepdene Road. It has also been found on several municipal

roadsides within these vicinities and in patches along the Great Victorian Rail Trail.

"Now is the time to identify Chilean needle grass, while it is in flower, and there is a small window of opportunity to treat between flowering and seed set. Given the weed's ability to create persistent seed, it is important to act quickly and collectively to remove any known sites as well as newly-established infestations.

"Chilean needle grass produces seed in the base, stem and panicle of the plant so slashing or grazing alone, before flowering and seed set, won't adequately control it. In fact this weed is known to be spread by slashers and other machinery, so good vehicle hygiene is important in preventing its spread. A combined approach, which includes chemical control, is most likely to deliver the best result," Cr Haslam said.

"It is a requirement for land owners and managers to control 'restricted' weeds on their property and these weeds cannot be transported or sold lawfully within Victoria. This is especially important for hay growers to note," Cr Haslam added.

If you suspect you have this weed on your property but are unsure and would like help with identification of this pest, please also contact council on 5772 0333 to discuss before treating to avoid the inadvertent removal of Australian native spear grass.

# Government increases windfall tax

THE Victorian Government is ensuring significant value increases from government rezoning decisions are shared with the community.

The windfall gains tax will be introduced into parliament this week and will return a share of the profits from rezoning to the community for vital infrastructure such as public transport and schools.

When governments make planning decisions to rezone land, property values can rise sharply overnight. The Victorian Government said it's important that these profits are shared with Victorian communities and are used to fund the services and infrastructure these communities need.

The new windfall gains tax was announced as part of the Victorian Budget 2021/22 and following stakeholder engagement with a range of industry bodies, the government is announcing some changes to the policy.

Treasurer Tim Pallas said that the government wants to ensure a fairer tax system is in place across Victoria.

"We want to ensure Victoria has a fairer tax system, with revenue from the windfall gains tax going back into Victorian schools, hospitals and public transport," Mr Pallas said.

"We've consulted with industry and made the changes that are appropriate and fair, and will ensure the community benefits, as well as land owners."

As previously announced, the total value uplift from a rezoning decision will be taxed at 50 per cent for windfalls above \$500,000, with the tax phasing in from \$100,000, ensuring most land holders of rezoned land won't be affected.

Residential land which includes homes, including holiday homes and investment properties, will be exempted from the tax. It will not apply to any other increases in value, such as appreciation in property value over time.

Primary production land that contains a home will also be exempted up to two hectares. Rezoning to most rural zones, or to a Public Land Zone, will be exempted.

Landowners with a windfall gains tax liability will be able to defer payment until the next dutiable transaction of the land or after 30 years, whichever occurs first.

Exemptions will also be provided for charities if the land continues to be used for charitable purposes for the next 15 years after a rezoning, and to rezoning to and from the Urban Growth Zone within existing Growth and Infrastructure Contribution areas which are subject to Growth Areas Infrastructure Contributions will not be taxed.

New transitional arrangements will push back the commencement of the tax by a year, to Saturday, July 1, 2023, and will provide an exemption to proponent-led rezoning that were well in train by Saturday, May 15, 2021.

The windfall gains tax will be calculated based on valuations undertaken by the Valuer-General on the pre-rezoning and post-rezoning capital-improved values of land, with the difference between the two representing the value uplift. It will apply to other increases in value due to improvements to the property, or appreciation over time.

## Clock ticking on energy bonus

THE Victorian Government is encouraging people doing it tough to apply for the one-off \$250 Power Saving Bonus.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio detailed that 300,000 payments, totalling \$76.6 million, had already been made to Victorians since the program was established 12 months ago.

"There are still many Victorian households who are eligible for help with their energy bills through this bonus and I encourage everyone who needs help to apply," Ms D'Ambrosio said.

"This one-off \$250 payment provides immediate financial relief for those struggling to pay their power bills.

"We want to help as many vulnerable households as we can, whether that's through a quick call with the Victorian Energy Compare helpline or by a visit to one of program partners."

Eligible households include those receiving payments through the Pension Concession, JobSeeker, Austudy, Abstudy or Youth Allowance programs, or who hold a Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card.

People who may not have a computer or need help applying can get help through community outreach partners including Brotherhood of St. Laurence, Consumer Policy Research Centre, Good Shepherd and Neighbourhood House, Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria, Consumer Action Law Centre, and State Trustees Limited.

The Power Saving Bonus is part of the state government's \$797 million household energy affordability package.

The program closes Monday, January 21, 2022. To apply for the bonus visit [compare.energy.vic.gov.au](http://compare.energy.vic.gov.au)



# Council developing a climate pledge

Thirty-three out of Victoria's 79 local government areas (LGAs) have declared a climate emergency. Murrindindi Shire Council (MSC) was asked if they are exploring whether to join them in declaring a climate emergency.

Vito Albicini, Director Assets and Development at MSC replied, "While council has not formally declared a climate emergency, we are currently developing a 'TAKE2 Climate Change Pledge' to demonstrate our commitment to climate action over the coming years.

"Through the development of the 2021-2025 Council Plan we've heard about our community's

growing interest in protecting our natural assets and the need to move toward net zero emissions.

"At its October 27 scheduled meeting, council will consider adopting the 2021-2025 Council Plan, including a 10-Year Financial Plan and Year-One Priority Action Plan.

"A number of strategic objectives are identified in the council plan. One of these objectives is to protect and enhance our natural environment, supporting environmental sustainability, community resilience, innovation and adaptation to climate change to achieve net-zero emissions by 2035.

"To work towards this target, we'll deliver on a number of key actions as outlined in our Year One Priority Action Plan. These actions include developing a Climate Change Adaptation Plan, a Climate Change Policy and finalising the draft Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Climate Change Mitigation) Plan.

"During this financial year we'll look at council's role in supporting farm forestry and solutions for renewable energy in our communities, work with the state government to build drought resilience in our communities and we'll begin planning for the

transition to electric fleet vehicles for council operations.

"We'll also begin planning for an electric vehicle charger network across the shire in partnership with neighbouring councils.

"We want to embed sustainable practices into everything we do to help reduce our impacts on climate and the environment. We're looking forward to what we can achieve in partnership with community members, local community groups, local businesses and our partner agencies."

## On the ground support for fruit fly management

THE Victorian Government is supporting key fruit production regions across the state to protect their produce from the destructive impacts of Queensland Fruit Fly.

Minister for Agriculture Mary-Anne Thomas announced that \$2.9 million will go towards Fruit Fly Strategy grants for the Greater Sunraysia, Goulburn Murray Valley and Yarra Valley regions. This funding will support fruit fly management programs, explore new ways to manage the pest and employ full-time regional coordinators.

"Fruit fly can build up in home gardens and unmanaged lands, leading to problems on productive farms and that's why we are empowering industry and local communities to lead the management of Queensland fruit fly," Ms Thomas said.

"Our fruit fly management programs in key horticultural regions are vital and I look forward to see how these grants will support regional fruit fly coordinators to work on the ground to manage this major economic pest."

Fruit flies can be a major pest, damaging a range of fruit and vegetable crops. The Queensland fruit fly can impact production and markets for horticulture industries, which export more than \$1.6 billion of produce.

Fruit fly management programs will plan for the long term, engage local communities to help protect neighbouring horticultural production, remove unwanted fruit trees, trial new monitoring methods and apply new crop waste management techniques on farm.

The grants are a key part of the state government's Fruit Fly Strategy 2021-25 which has been developed in close consultation with industry and will deliver awareness programs that empower the community and growers to keep their crops free of damage from fruit fly.

This is part of the state government's \$6.4 million investment announced in the Victorian Budget 2021/22 to manage Queensland fruit fly and protect horticultural production and jobs.

The state government's work to manage the Queensland fruit fly will protect the 14,000 jobs supported by horticulture production across the state.

For more information visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/qff](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/qff)

## Yea High School returns to the classroom



## Funding for businesses to move outdoors

FUNDING has been announced to help businesses and the community breathe new life into local neighborhoods as vaccination progressively delivers greater freedoms across the state from Friday, October 22.

With summer drawing near and Victorians warming to the promise of a return to bars, cafes and restaurants, the new funding support will build on the success of last year's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package which helped to create an agile world of parklets and pop-up bars, with streamlined council permits.

The \$54.5 million Outdoor Economy Package from the state government will help support the costs for thousands of businesses of setting up for street trading, and back councils to provide the necessary infrastructure and support.

A \$14.5 million COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation Voucher Program will provide

more than 7000 Victorian businesses, community organisations, not-for-profits and trader associations with \$2000 grants when they spend at least that amount to support initiatives such as outdoor hospitality and entertainment.

The vouchers will be valid for expenses including purchasing and hiring marquees, screens and umbrellas, obtaining insurance and promoting outdoor operations. Around 20 per cent of the vouchers will be allocated in regional Victoria.

Hairdressers, beauty services, retail shops, dance studios and gyms will also be eligible to apply for vouchers, meaning they can join restaurants, cafes and bars in harnessing the opportunities of kerbside trading. The voucher program will open soon and will be delivered by Business Victoria in partnership with Service Victoria.

A new \$40 million COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation Fund will help councils transform more outdoor areas so Victorians can enjoy local attractions safely as we reach the key 70 per cent double vaccination threshold, then 80 per cent, with restrictions lifting significantly at those marks.

The fund will allocate \$20.5 million so councils can provide immediate assistance to businesses to operate outdoors, through physical improvements such as new street furniture, landscaping, marquees, planter boxes and public art, as well as entertainment to bring our outdoor precincts to life.

Funding will be allocated based on the level of business activity, with metropolitan councils to receive between \$300,000 and \$800,000, regional councils \$300,000 to \$500,000 and rural councils \$100,000 to \$250,000.

Councils will also receive a share of \$19.5 million to establish semi-permanent and permanent outdoor precincts.

The fund will provide maximum benefit to businesses with councils encouraged to use part of their allocation to waive permit fees and related charges. Councils will be required to agree not to create or impose any new or net additional fees or charges to businesses to use new or upgraded outdoor spaces.

The City of Melbourne will continue to be supported separately through the \$100 million Melbourne City Recovery Fund and the \$200 million Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund. The state government is working with the City of Melbourne to devise a program of direct support for businesses to establish and enhance outdoor operations.



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## Ready to hit the track

by Denis Smith

WITH a Health Department directive that all spectators 16 and over be double vaccinated against COVID-19, Yea & St Pats Racing Club committee are very confident of providing a very safe environment for all our patrons at their November 13 and December 18 meetings.

In a welcome change recently, it was announced that, provided social distancing of 1.5 metres can be observed, mask wearing outdoors would be optional.

Bookings are already coming in for the event, which is capped at this stage to 1000 people, with several groups already taking up shaded sites and umbrella options to accommodate their friends.

Patrons who take a Club Membership (a bargain at \$25 covering you for all four meetings), do not have to buy a general admission for themselves as part of a package. All they have to remember is to count themselves as one of the eight (for example) in an umbrella package.

In other good news for the club, the track easily passed its annual inspection. CRV Manager of Picnic Racing said that he had rarely seen the track in such great condition and praised the track committee for their work.

While bookmakers and the TAB van will be at the races for patrons, in a new innovation, punters who use their phones or tablets to bet with the TAB should turn on their 'venue mode' which not only puts them up for great offers from the TAB, but ensures that the club benefits from the turnover that they generate; a win all round for everyone.

You can bring their own picnic, or there will be plenty of food and drinks available and, of course, our Rustic Bar will be selling cold drinks.

## A historical shabby trick served to Yea Football Club

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IN connection with the North East Football Association, the semi-finals of which are to commence on Saturday, August 24, a very shabby trick appears to have been served the Yea Football Club.

Briefly the facts are these known. It was arranged at the beginning of the season that only the four leading clubs at the conclusion of the second round should play in the final round.

It so happened that Yea were level with Seymour for fourth place after the game last week on Saturday, August 12, and in the ordinary course of events these two clubs should have played off the next Saturday, August 17 to decide the position.

It was anticipated that the secretary of the association would have called a meeting of delegates to decide *inter alia* what was to be done about the play

off, since the only question to arrange appeared to be which ground would be used for the match.

The Yea Club's delegate, Mr Redpath, heard unofficially that the meeting of delegates was to take place on Tuesday, August 13. He left by the evening train and got as far as Tallarook, where he was vouchsafed some extra ordinary information.

As a matter of fact he was told that the association meeting had been held on Monday, August 5, when it was decided that the fourth team to go into the final round be determined on points scored for and against.

Seymour having a better average than Yea in points for and against, was selected as the club that should take fourth place in the semi-finals.

Mr Redpath in the face of receiving this information returned to Yea the same evening; but when the facts became known the supporters of the Yea Club expressed extreme surprise

and disgust, and were all of opinion that the club had been shabbily treated.

For in the first place Mr Redpath had not been notified of the delegates' meeting held on the Monday, nor, secondly, was there any arrangement to permit of Seymour being entitled to the fourth place under the circumstances alluded to.

Steps are being taken by the Yea Club to declare the meeting informal with the object of having the matter reopened. We cannot see in what way the action of the delegates was justified, nor does it appear to be at all sportsmanlike.

Yea have been served several dirty tricks in previous years, and the best thing the club can do is to endeavour to try and join another association next year; or form one, including such teams as Broadford, Tallarook, and, perhaps, Nagambie.

At any rate, it is about time the club had a say in how the association shall be run.



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