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Students from Yea Primary School dressed as characters from Harry Potter for their in-house mini ELF Day. More images on page 3. -S

Yea Primary School's new principal

by Tricia Mifsud

YEA Primary School have officially appointed and welcomed new school principal Craig Irvine. Craig brings a wealth of experience to the role, both in education and other industry work.

Mr Irvine stepped in as acting principal after Debbie George announced her retirement, and is looking forward to bringing what he has learnt from previous positions into the role. He said that despite the career changes, teaching, and particularly teaching primary school aged children, was just something that clicked with him.

"When I went into teaching, I came in with all this previous experience and I considered myself a jack of all trades, and a master of none. When you're teaching in primary schools, you're a generalist teacher, and so I always thought that was my natural fit," Mr Irvine said.

"I've never been bored one single day in education."

Before teaching, Mr Irvine gained experience as a diesel mechanic, bricklayer, and in managing warehouses. He also has experience in event management and his final position was in IT as a national developer manager before realising he didn't suit the role.

He obtained a graduate diploma in education and in 2008 completed his placement. Mr Irvine's first role at a school was in 2009 at Mullum Primary in Ringwood. He taught there for six years, where he went from a graduate to the person in charge of the school's curriculum.

His next role was in a leading teacher's role at high performing school, Camelot Rise in Glen Waverly. With some personal life changes, Mr Irvine departed the role and packed his bag for Nepal, where he helped build a school.



New Yea Primary School principal, Craig Irvine, with student leaders Flynn, Chloe and Sienna. -TM

On his return to Australia, Mr Irvine taught at Willowra School in the Northern Territory. While there, his mother was diagnosed with stage four cancer, and Mr Irvine returned to Melbourne.

He did some work here and there, including part-time teaching roles and started businesses in tutoring and hiking. Upon his mother's passing, Mr Irvine eventually got back into a more permanent teaching position, this time as assistant principal at Banyan Fields Primary School in Carrum Downs.

With experience in metropolitan schools, Mr Irvine said that the lack of establishing close connections with students, their families and the community is something that drew him to a position in a smaller town.

"I really missed the personal connections, the social connections and the actual ability to know everybody," he said.

"After a year and a half at Carrum Downs, I still didn't know all the students and that's not how I like to connect with education, and it's not my own style.

"I was really keen to be in an environment where I could connect with all the students, connect with the community and have an impact in that way.

"Coming to Yea was the perfect opportunity for me. The opportunity arose for the position, and it was the right time and right fit, the school needed someone, and I needed to find the right place."

There are many aspects to working in education that Mr Irvine is drawn to, but again, it's that commitment to establishing relationships with the school's community that he enjoys the most.

"There are times where you work closely with families and the community and have successes and I think when you do that, I think it's really rewarding," he said.

"When you work with parent committees who are organising fundraisers or school events, and then reaching out to the community, that weren't able to be done with the hard work, you share achievements together for the students gain."

In terms of goals for the school and its future, Mr Irvine said that he is preparing for the school's four-year review next year, and then use its findings to establish both short- and long-term goals.

"I'd be lying if I said I hadn't thought about goals, but there's goals for this year, for three years' time and for five years' time and beyond," he said.

"Next year, we have our four-year school review, where we examine the school's policies, go through child safety standards and then we look really into teaching and learning and what's working and what's not.

"From there you set the next lot of targets, so I would anticipate what some of those are, but I would say my biggest goal right now is to do all the preparation work to have a really strong review and hopefully with the world opening up, connect with the community to get more input, so that when we do the review we have a clear starting point where everyone understands the reasons to the goals we set."

Mr Irvine is looking forward to his time at Yea Primary School, and for what's ahead for the staff, students and communities beyond COVID-19 and 2021.

"One of the drawbacks was the amazingly kind and supportive staff who want to do great things and have already done great things and see opportunities to continue to grow as a school and as a community," he said.

"I'm really happy to be here, and I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know the community."

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MONTHLY
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1st Thu Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057
1st Sat Yea Dance Group, 8pm Yea Shire Hall
2nd Sat Alex Repair Cafe 1-3pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801
2nd Wed Yea Camera Club, 7pm RSL Hall. Ph 0429 200 762
2nd Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
2nd Thu Yea Garden Club Yea RSL Hall 1.30pm Ph 0439 870 315
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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.

On Taungurung Land wins history award

THE book, *On Taungurung Land: Sharing History and Culture*, written by Jennifer Jones and the late Indigenous elder Uncle Roy Henry Patterson has won a Victorian Community History Award.

Presented by Public Record Office Victoria and the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, the book was awarded the Community Diversity Award, which recognises the work of individuals and organisations that preserve and share Victoria's history.

On Taungurung Land: Sharing History and Culture is available for borrow through Murrindindi Shire Council's library services.

THUMBS UP THUMBS DOWN

THUMBS UP: To the lovely man who helped us put a drum full of petrol into the boot of our car, and then paid for it. What a kind gesture and big surprise for us. It happened on my 85th birthday.

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Letters to the Editor

Bookseller to leave Yea Railway Market

READERS may know me as the second-hand bookseller at the Yea Railway Market where I have been a stallholder since October 2019.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns as well as occasional wet weather have limited me to just 11 of a possible 26 markets during this time.

The re-opening of the Emerald Bank Market in Shepparton (my home town) is planned on November 7.

Due to the above reasons, I have decided to make the difficult decision to no longer trade at the Yea Railway Market.

Through the *Yea Chronicle*, I wish to sincerely thank the people of Yea and surrounding districts for their continual support and patronage.

In addition, the friendships generated have been greatly appreciated.

I usually stayed in Yea for two nights to take in the nearby Tallarook Farmers Market the following day, and will also be leaving this market.

Because of the many kindnesses extended during my time in Yea, I look forward to continually visiting your town.

I trust the Yea Market continues to prosper well into the future.

Once again, thank you.
Roger Revens, Shepparton

Council

I READ in Wednesday's paper how council is addressing climate emergency. I then read the letter from Leanne of Alexandra can't get a reply from the council about the Resource Recovery Centre and local vaccination hubs. Just a few weeks ago council was talking about making Murrindindi more welcoming for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

Let's compare these two issues to rubbish, roads and rates, which used to dominate council time.

It may well be fashionable to declare a climate emergency but weather has its cycles and Australia is a hot dry continent punctuated by flash floods. Australia has been like that for thousands of years. Unfortunately this fact is now distorted by people with political aspirations, which I won't go into now but be aware they are indoctrinating not educating our young.

I read that one of the targets is helping farming make the transition to renewables. Where has the council been when scores of farms were forced to the wall having to walk off the land. Why didn't council intervene in the middle of the severe drought we had when our farmers' water being flushed out to sea to make a tidal estuary on the coast, a brackish swampland. One volcanic eruption can release more toxic gases in 24 hours than Australia has in the last 100, including bush fires.

As for migrant friendly, unless it's a drive by council to get investors and skilled persons into the area, I fail to see what their role is in migration. Once their passport is stamped by Immigration, they have been welcomed into the country.

Now let's look at neglected rubbish roads and rates. In the five years I've lived in the area there has never been a hard collection of garbage. To dispose of a mattress or armchair costs big money and not everyone has access to a trailer. There are many elderly in the area. How much garbage is being stored in garages and back yards?

If this alone was addressed, which definitely falls in the sphere of council, it would go a long way to caring for the environment. As for roads and rates, make your own mind up when driving on the local roads and looking at your rates bill.

Council would be well advised to stick to bread and butter topics than emulate Darebin and other woke-style councils in Melbourne.

Tom Collins, Alexandra

Weekly Weather

November 3, to November 9, 2021

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	14	22	Wednesday	13	22
Thursday	12	22	Thursday	12	21
Friday	14	22	Friday	14	12
Saturday	13	22	Saturday	13	23
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Monday	9	21	Monday	8	20
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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	9.00am Mon	0.85^	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	9.00am Mon	0.65	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	8.01am Mon	1.03	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yark	8.21am Mon	0.26	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	7.49am Mon	0.72	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	9.27am Mon	1.27	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	9.00am Mon	3.51	steady	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	9.00am Mon	0.73^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	9.00am Mon	1.20^	steady	below minor
Sunday Ck at Tallarook	9.00am Mon	0.37^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	9.00m Mon	1.51	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	9.31pm Mon	1.17	steady	

****ISSUED AT 10.15PM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021****

DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra*	N/Amm
Buxton	N/Amm
Eildon (AWS)	5mm
Flowerdale	12mm
Kinglake	21mm
Lake Eildon	6mm
Marysville	20mm
Strath Creek	N/Amm
Taggerty	9mm
Yark	7mm
Yea	7mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
*Alexandra totals supplied from www.alexandraweather.org	

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	284.85m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	84.5%
Metres below full supply	4.05m
Daily inflow	4000ML
Release	400ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	52%

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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
Thumbs up/down	Monday 10am

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Grades two and three in fancy dress. -S

Mini ELF Day at Yea Primary



Jasper as Bilbo Baggins. -S



Eliza and Evie. -S



Tayte. -S



Stella. -S



Mr Irvine with students from grades five and six. -S

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Gardens on display

TAKE a stroll around Yea this weekend and take in the beauty of the gardens on display as part of the Rotary of Yea's Open Gardens, this Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 7 from 10am to 5pm.

Tickets are available at each garden gate and can be purchased for \$5 per garden or \$35 to have access to all the gardens.

Visitors are reminded that you must be double vaccinated to enter the gardens and other COVID-19 regulations will be strictly enforced to ensure everyone's safety.

Town gardens open include the historic 'Belvoir' in Whatton Place. This was the first 'Gentleman's' residence built in the fledgling township in 1859 and would have been a prime position overlooking the many lagoons in the Yea River floodplain.

The 'olde world' garden features many venerable rare and specialist trees, including a copper beech, camelias, azaleas, cottage plants and bulbs will be found as you wander through this shady oasis and, maybe, rest awhile in one of the many secluded nooks. This is the first time this garden has been open to the public and this garden will be a special treat for all garden lovers.

The 'Akers and Seuntjens' garden at Snodgrass Street has huge street appeal. A magnificent weeping elm and Japanese maples feature in the front garden and ivy to give structural beauty in the winter, rich autumn colour and deep summer shade. This garden is a riot of potted colour and flourishing ferns and succulents and the beautifully landscaped entertaining areas show what can be achieved in a suburban garden for maximum summer outdoor living.

'Ruman Cinta' in High Street will surprise and delight. When a garden extends onto the nature strip you know a keen gardener lives behind. The front garden is crammed with conventional plantings of azaleas, roses, geraniums, cycads, and ferns which give wonderful colour and seclusion.

The delights of this garden open up as you walk through the carpet and wonder at the mass of very large and very lush maiden hair, birds' nest, elkhorn and other ferns. The garden at the rear is a shaded, ferny forest. Meandering paths lead you through towering trees, past dark ponds and secluded ferny glades where you can imagine fairies dwell.

Three magnificent country gardens in Limestone and Murrindindi will inspire and charm. All are completely different in styles and plantings, and all offer some outstanding features.

'Burra Park' was established from a bare paddock in 2005 and was purposely designed in circles and semi-circles. Some necessary renovations and new plantings were carried out last year and two large sculptures are new additions.



Yea Open Gardens will treat its visitors to a number of stunning locations, thriving with flowers, trees and many more plants. -S

The lovely trees in the garden were chosen for autumn colour or spring blossoms and a mix of native and ornamental shrubs, spring and autumn bulbs and hardy perennials give year-round pleasure.

'Candlebark' is unique and inspiring. Bought as a 12-hectare bare paddock it had the benefit of two permanent streams running through the lower reaches. Major earthworks in 1986 formed the large dam and house-site. The owners began building the house while establishing the garden which began as a traditional cottage style but has gradually transitioned into mostly native.

The many creative natural works of art around the garden will amaze, and you can enjoy the many bushland walks though this amazing oasis. This garden was open in 2019 but there are many new plantings and additions.

A long winding driveway, lined with manna gums which transition into extensive plantings of various bird-attracting trees and shrubs lead into the beautiful 'Chillingham' gardens. Roses are a feature at this time of the year with 'Crepuscle' providing a stunning display on the verandas all around the house.

Camelias, azaleas, westringias and lavenders fill the garden beds and hundreds of daffodils give early colour in spring. Be sure to visit the 'Office' garden and stroll down to the summer house on the ornamental dam. A recently planted European tree lawn completes the rich variety of planting. Stunning views are also a feature at this garden.

The Yea Garden Club will hold their annual Plant Sale at Abutlon at 5 Welch Street Yea, in conjunction with the Open Garden weekend and will have hundreds of plants for sale at bargain prices.

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For Remembrance Day services across Murrindindi Shire, see ad in this week's edition.

Alexandra Senior Citizens will hold their AGM on Friday, November 5 at 1pm at the Seniors Hall, Bayley Street Alexandra.

St Luke's Anglican Church Yea, Fete. Saturday, November 6.

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 organized 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

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

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

Alexandra & District Netball Association will hold their AGM on Monday, November 15 at the Corner Hotel at 7pm.

Foundation and Year 7, 2022 parent information evening will be held at St Mary's College Seymour on November 16. Foundation 5.30 to 6.30pm and Year 7, 7 to 8pm.

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.

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

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

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.

McLeish angered over double vaccinations for hospitality

THE Victorian Government's sudden rule change that all hospitality staff must be double vaccinated rather than single vaccinated has hit business hard, said State Member for Eildon, Cindy McLeish.

Ms McLeish has heard from local hospitality business owners who are trying to get back on their feet and were rocked by the sudden change.

Speaking in Parliament, Ms McLeish said: "With only three days' notice of this mandated change, hospitality has been going through grief organising and then reorganising rosters."

"Business owners see this as a backward step as they find themselves short eight or more staff over weekend

trade. Small regional businesses simply do not have staff to lose."

With Victorians coming out of lockdown and crowds flocking from Melbourne, businesses are genuinely worried that they will not be able to meet the demand.

Some hospitality business owners have already chosen to continue to operate with 10 patrons inside so that staff with only one jab can work.

"It has been a slug for hospitality businesses who have faced snap closures, prolonged closures and capped numbers of patrons," she said.

"The Premier needs to be condemned for making these late changes with no warning or support, again showing he does not care about small business."

Passing of Bert Newton

POPULAR television personality, Albert Watson (Bert) Newton, passed away on Saturday, October 30, aged 83. He was widely regarded as an icon, a larrikin and a born entertainer.

Well known for his legendary partnerships with Graham Kennedy and Don Lane, he won four gold Logies, and was inducted into the Logies Hall of Fame in 1988.

He was married to fellow entertainer Patti McGrath in 1974, and they had two children together.

In recent times, Mr Newton suffered a variety of health conditions, including a quadruple heart bypass and having his leg amputated below the knee in 2021.

It has been announced that he will be given a state funeral.

Damaging storm

A DAMAGING storm with high winds swept through Murrindindi Shire, Melbourne and other regional areas on the morning of Friday, October 29.

In the 24 hours to 2pm on Friday, the SES recorded almost 3400 calls across the state, including 2600 for fallen trees and the remainder for building damage and other issues.

Locally, Kinglake SES received seven call outs and Marysville three. Alexandra SES had a quieter time, with no callouts. Although these were the official numbers, the SES teams are believed to have cleaned up other trees which they found along the way. The power supply was also heavily impacted, particularly across the western side of the shire.

Yea's Remembrance Day service

THE Rotary Club of Yea, in conjunction with the Yea-Kinglake RSL Sub-Branch Inc look forward to conducting the Remembrance Day commemorative service at the Yea Cenotaph, commencing at 10.45am on Thursday, November 11.

Yea-Kinglake RSL President Jeffrey Swain, retired Baptist Minister Geoff Leslie, and representatives of Parliament and local government will be participating in the ceremony.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this significant event.

The service will run according to Victoria's COVID-19 roadmap restrictions.

For updated information, visit the Rotary Club of Yea's website yearotary.org.au or the Facebook page, [facebook.com/yearotary](https://www.facebook.com/yearotary)



Local businesses, suppliers and contractors are invited to an information session about water infrastructure projects in southern NSW

Water Infrastructure NSW is a new agency within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, responsible for the development and delivery of key water infrastructure projects and programs across the state. This includes more than \$330 million of projects in the state's southern region.

On Friday 12 November, we are hosting an industry event in Moama to provide an overview of the upcoming opportunities for local businesses to get involved with these projects.

A broad range of services will be required to deliver these projects including engineering, building and construction, as well as complementary services such as environmental, catering, accommodation, transport, waste management and cleaning.

This will provide significant opportunities and economic benefits to regional businesses, First Nations businesses and local small business operators, as well as tangible outcomes for local townships and the wider community.

Industry engagement event details

All businesses, no matter how big or small, are invited to join us to find out more about Water Infrastructure NSW, the projects it's delivering in southern NSW and how your business can be involved:

- **Event location:** Dungula Events Centre, 69 Dungula Way, Moama
- **Date/ time:** Friday 12 November 2021, from 10am - 1pm
- **RSVP:** Registration is mandatory, and seats are limited. To secure your place at the event visit dpie.nsw.gov.au/water-infrastructure-nsw
- Event will be live streamed if you can't make it in person (registration required).

Contact us

For more information contact Water Infrastructure NSW:
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Sunday Service time
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Goulburn Valley Nurseries now open in Alexandra

GOULBURN Valley Nurseries has made the move to Alexandra, and their doors are now open at 35 Grant Street.

Owner Jacky Gilbee has over 35 years of experience in the plant nursery industry, and is looking forward to welcoming new customers.

Jacky has been operating her own nurseries from the age of 19 including Goulburn valley Nurseries in Yea from 2000. Since then she has acquired extensive experience in owning and managing nurseries including Plantmark, a large multi wholesale nursery.

Jacky also designed and completed the garden layout for the Yea and District Memorial Hospital in 2001, and in 2005, the contract extended to supply over 45,000 forestry tubes and complete maintenance regularly.

She has also designed and maintained many large gardens in the local community.

When you walk through the gate of the white picket fence, you can immerse yourself in not just a nursery but a gorgeous garden.

Jacky's entire team is professionally trained in horticulture. They can provide you with quality plants at good prices, as well as a range of unique products that you won't find anywhere else in the area.

Goulburn Valley Nurseries stock high-class indoor plants, a variety of potting mixes and composts, a great range of water plants, and the highest quality bunches of flowers at great prices you just can't say no to.

To complement your outdoor space, Goulburn Valley Nurseries also stocks fire pits, garden arches and benches.

You can't look past the Western Australian Southern Cross windmills, varying in sizes from 30 centimetres to three metres tall. How about a lounge chair to admire your windmill and garden? Look no further than the Italian Adirondack chairs, available in the full colour range.

Inside the nursery shop, you'll also find the full range of Black Dog dry food products, which are Australian made and Australian owned.

If you're looking for a gift, the nursery stocks the full range of Tilley Essences scented soaps, soy candles, diffusers and bath bombs.

Gift boxing is Goulburn Murray Nurseries specialty, so ask in store to have your Tilley Essences products, or any other plants and products of any size you have purchased beautifully gift wrapped.

Goulburn Valley Nurseries is open Wednesday to Friday from 9.30am to 4pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 9.30am to 3pm.



The entry to the nursery. -OT



The nursery stocks everything you could need for your garden. -OT



Jacky Gilbee. -OT

Australia Post releases Christmas delivery deadlines

AUSTRALIA Post is helping people to plan ahead for what is expected to be its busiest-ever festive season with the announcement of domestic delivery deadlines for this Christmas.

With parcel volumes already setting records in 2021, this December is predicted to surpass last year's 52 million parcels and customers are encouraged to send their presents and Christmas cards as early as they can, to give them the best chance of reaching loved ones in time.

For most sending within Australia the key dates to remember to send parcels by are Monday, December 13 for Parcel Post and Monday, December 20 for Express Post. For some locations, including Perth, Darwin and outside of metro areas, it's recommended that you send earlier. Check the Australia Post website for details.

Christmas cards should be sent by Thursday, December 16, and customers sending overseas are encouraged to do so as soon as possible as cut-off dates vary depending on the destination.

Australia Post Executive General Manager, Business and Government Gary

Starr said preparations for the peak season were already well underway, including recruiting a record of more than 4000 Christmas casual team members.

"We're seeing record parcel volumes with more than 5.9 million households shopping online a month. That's more than half of all Australian households, and it's showing no signs of slowing as we head into the online sales season and Christmas," Mr Starr said.

"That is why we've planned ahead with extra air freight capacity, weekend deliveries and recruitment of thousands of new team members to ramp up our delivery services, parcel sorting and customer care, and we'll be delivering right up until Christmas Eve.

"We encourage people to make a note of these important delivery dates, because although we'll deliver items sent after these dates as quickly as we can, they may not arrive until after Christmas."

The Australia Post app is the best way to keep across deliveries, choose the best place to receive parcels, and to stay updated about impacts to the network. For more information visit auspost.com.au/sending/christmas-sending-dates



Letters to Santa

WITH less than two months to go, Australia Post is calling on all families and kids to put pen, pencil or crayon to paper to let Santa know just how good they've been this year and tell him what they wish to see under the Christmas tree.

Children of any age are encouraged to take part and letters should be addressed to Santa, North Pole 9999 with a 65c Christmas stamp affixed to the front of the envelope, and a name and return address on the back so Santa knows where to send his reply.

Parents and children who have low vision can opt-in to receive a large text reply from Santa by sending their letters to Santa Mail (large text), North Pole 9999.

Santa Mail letters can be placed in any red street posting box, and families are encouraged to post letters before Friday, December 3, so Santa can reply before loading up his sleigh.

For more information on how to address letters to Santa, lesson plans, letter templates, and writing tips visit auspost.com.au/santamail, where you can also track the letter's progress with the Santa Mail Tracker.

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Yea Primary School students of the week



Archie

For showing persistence and enthusiasm with all learning tasks.



Evie

For showing respect, integrity and empathy by helping others without being asked.

Student of the Week

Proudly supported by Kinglake branch



Darby and Bridie Tait. -S



Storm Wolstencroft of Yea put on a fabulous Halloween display for the kids. She is pictured here with her daughter Quinn. -S



Storm handed out over 200 bags of lollies to the children. -S

St Luke's Anglican Church Yea

fete

10am-2pm Saturday, November 6

St Luke's Hall and Grounds
Pelissier Street, Yea

- ★ Books
- ★ Craft
- ★ Collectables
- ★ Cake stalls
- ★ Pre-loved clothes
(including many sought after brands)
- ★ Bric-a-Brac
- ★ Sausage sizzle
- ★ Plants (Including some ferns)
- ★ Scones jam and cream
- ★ Tea and coffee

Do your shopping, visit local gardens and then join us for a sit down, free tea and coffee and things to eat. look at and buy.

Cash preferred. EFTPOS available. BYO bags

COVID-19 safe environment



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NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

Live Virtual Tour of 'Living Memory' exhibition

Through portraiture, the National Portrait Gallery (NPG) cultivates understanding and appreciation of the Australian people – our identity, history, culture, creativity and diversity.

Murrindindi Library Service is partnering with the NPG to facilitate a guided live, virtual tour of the 'Living Memory' exhibition, which features portraits selected from a national field of entries acknowledging the seismic events of 2020. Join us at the Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake Library for this exciting event!

Wednesday 10 November | 2.30 pm

Please RSVP at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/libraryevents

You can also give us a call on 5772 0333 or drop in and let us know you'll be attending.



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Lower Hume PCP likely to become part of public health unit

BIG changes are about to take place in the Victorian primary care field, with the state government making the decision to cease their funding from April 2022. But is it as dire as it sounds?

Victorian Primary Care Partnerships is a statewide coordinating group representing all primary care partnerships (PCPs) across Victoria. Chair Gregg Nicholls explained that the secretary of the Department of Health advised the PCPs four weeks ago that the existing program would be folded into the new public health units which have been established across the state.

"The guarantee is that what the department is calling the 'high value functions' of the PCPs will continue to be provided through the public health units, and all the existing staff will be transferred from their current employment to the public health units."

PCP programs have been operating for 21 years. They were originally started in response to the Kennett Government's competitive tendering process, which tended to create barriers between service providers. PCPs were tasked with instilling a sense of partnership, as the name suggests, between organisations, providing both health and community services.

"After 21 years, you'd hope that has been successful," Mr Nicholls said. "In addition to that, the health system has changed dramatically in the last 21 years, and so, the reasons why the PCPs were formed. The government really has learnt a lot of lessons from the COVID-19 situation. It's really looking to create a better network of primary prevention and public health, hence the decision to merge the PCPs in with the new public health units."

Asked about the proudest achievements of the PCPs, Mr Nicholls explained that each PCP will have different claims, with different circumstances in different parts of the state. "But as a general rule, I think the major achievement is our leadership in terms of primary prevention and our capacity to create partnerships to solve local problems in a way which is better, because the more people are involved who are trying to solve things normally get a better result," Mr Nicholls said.

In terms of changes to the functions of the PCPs, Mr Nicholls said, "There's a Department of Health Transition Reference Group that I'm a member of, as are other members of PCPs, and its task is to sort out how everything's going to work in the future. It's all the transfer arrangements, etcetera. There will no doubt be changes, but those changes are still being thought about."

The final form and functions of the local Public Health Units are still being finalised, however the catchment for the Lower Hume PCP is most likely to be included in the Goulburn Valley Public Health Unit attached to Goulburn Valley Health.

"I think generally, across the state, PCPs are generally seen as being a good change. Obviously, it's beneficial in terms of local areas with the staff continuing to be guaranteed employment by the Department of Health, and I think the move to strengthen primary prevention and public health is a good thing. I think we learnt a lot from the roll out of the vaccination program with COVID-19, particularly with hard-to-reach groups in the community, who may be more disadvantaged, and I think the PCP program will continue to kick goals under the new public health unit," he said.

2021 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES IN MURRINDINDI SHIRE



The following Remembrance Day services will be held throughout Murrindindi Shire to commemorate the loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts.

THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2021

Alexandra

10.30 am private service for residents of Kellock Lodge.
10.50 am assembly for a service at 11.00 am at the Alexandra Cenotaph in Leckie Park.

Flowerdale

11.00 am private service for Flowerdale Primary School students and the school community, which will be held on-site at the School.

Eildon

10.50 am assembly for a service at 11.00 am at the Eildon Cenotaph.

Kinglake

No service at Middle Kinglake Primary School or St Peter's Church this year.

Marysville

10.50 am assembly and welcome for a service at 11.00 am at the Marysville Cenotaph, corner Murchison Street and Steavenson River. Please register at the Cenotaph if you wish to lay a wreath.

Yarck

10.00 am wreath laying service at the Yarck Hume & Hovell Memorial, 6592 Maroondah Hwy, Yarck.

Yea

10.45 am assembly for a service at 11.00 am at the Yea Cenotaph, The Semi Circle, Yea.

Please note, these events are subject to change. Please check Council's website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au for the most up to date information or give us a call on 5772 0333.



ONLINE BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Do you own or operate a business in Murrindindi Shire? Are you looking to take your business online? Or maybe you're wanting to advance your existing online presence? Council is partnering with Business Victoria to bring you the following virtual workshops in November.

Workshop 1 - Taking your business online

- 5.30 to 8.30 pm on Wednesday 3 November
- This workshop will assist you in launching your business online. During the session you'll learn how to make informed choices about websites and social media, including search engine optimisation and online advertising.

Workshop 2 - Strategies to advance your online business

- 5.30 to 8.30 pm on Tuesday 23 November
- This workshop will help you ensure your online content is working for your business, your brand and is speaking to the customers you want to reach. You'll find out how to ensure the way you communicate with your customers online - whether by website, blog or social media - is not only compelling, but is also aligned to your business goals.

For more information about these workshops and to register to attend, please visit business.vic.gov.au and click on the 'workshops & mentoring' tab at the top of the webpage.

NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

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 Banyule 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

JOBS AT COUNCIL - LIBRARY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICERS

Council is seeking talented and motivated individuals to join our customer and library service team (including Council's Customer Contact Centre).

As the first point of contact with Council's customers, you will be keen to find solutions and handle enquiries from beginning to end. You will be an active listener, have a positive 'can-do' attitude and be able to provide prompt and friendly customer service for the full range of Council and Library Services.

For more information about the role, please visit the 'jobs' section of our website or give us a call. Applications close at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 10 November.

TENDERS

2021-2022 Sealed Roads Renewals Program

Murrindindi and Mansfield Shire Councils invite suitably-qualified contractors to submit a tender bid for Council's 2021-2022 Sealed Roads Renewal Program. These works will take place in various locations across both shires and will involve the resealing of bitumen roads and line-marking works. Tender bids close on Friday 26 November 2021.

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. Tender bids close on Tuesday 12 November 2021.

To download the tender documents or make an enquiry about either of these tenders, please visit eprocure.com.au/murrindindi



Get in touch with Council
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**Foundation & Year 7 2022
Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 16th November**



**Foundation
5:30-6:30pm**

**Year 7
7:00-8:00pm**

Register at

www.smseymour.catholic.edu.au

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For more information email

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Drug issues in regional Victoria

SEWAGE testing has been underway to work out the type and consumption level of drugs people are using. A report was released by the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission on Thursday, October 28, and it appears that drug use in regional Victoria is much higher than in metropolitan Melbourne in many areas.

It found that people in regional Victoria have been drinking significantly more than people in metropolitan areas, with regional people consuming over 1200 standard drinks per 1000 people each day during June 2021. In metropolitan Melbourne, the consumption was at around 800 standard drinks per day per 1000 people.

People in metropolitan Melbourne were well ahead of regional Victoria in terms of cocaine usage. Although the consumption dropped from a high of almost nine doses per 1000 people per day in Melbourne in June 2020, to around 3.5 in June 2021, it was still significantly higher than in regional Victoria, with around 2.5 doses per 1000 people.

Fentanyl is much more popular with people in regional Victoria compared to their metropolitan counterparts. Fentanyl is a powerful opioid used as a pain medication, and is sometimes used recreationally, including in combination with other drugs. In April 2018, it was close to 16 doses per 1000 people per day in regional Victoria, however this is now at a little over three doses. In metropolitan Melbourne, it's less than 2 doses per 1000 people per day.

Heroin continues to be used at higher levels in Melbourne, with just over nine doses per 1000 per day in the June data. In regional, it was just over two doses per 1000 people in April.

MDMA (ecstasy) skyrocketed in regional Victoria in December 2018 and December 2019, with over five doses per 1000 people per day. Usage has been reducing however, and in April 2021, it was under one dose per 1000 people. The popularity of the drug has also reduced in Melbourne, likely due to the lack of parties and festivals during the lockdowns.

Cannabis consumption was also higher in regional areas. Regional Victorians have been consuming around 25,000mg of THC per 1000 people per day, while people in metropolitan Melbourne were consuming just under 15,000mg of THC per 1000 people per day.

Australia had the seventh highest consumption of all 24 comparison countries, in terms of cannabis and ecstasy use.

Methylamphetamine (ice) use has been moderately higher in regional areas. In April 2021, there was a massive 45 doses per 1000 people per day, however at its height in April 2019, there were over 65 doses per 1000 people per day. In Melbourne, there were around 35 doses per 1000 people per day in June 2021.

Australia-wide, there were 48 doses per 1000 people per day in April 2020. Australians are the second-biggest ice users in the world, behind the USA.

Nicotine usage is also much higher in regional areas. It's estimated that over 2000 cigarettes per 1000 people are consumed every day, while in Melbourne, it's below 1500.

Oxycodone use is also far more prevalent in regional areas of Victoria, with almost seven doses per 1000 people per day in April 2021. In Melbourne, it's around three.

8 - 14 NOVEMBER 2021

**CELEBRATE 25 YEARS
OF NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK**

LET'S RECYCLE RIGHT!

We conducted an audit on what is in your kerbside recycling bin and the **number 1** item of contamination was...

RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS
"Keep it loose"

Place recyclables loose in your recycling bin to ensure they are recycled.

FREE ONLINE RECYCLING TOUR AND TRIVIA NIGHT

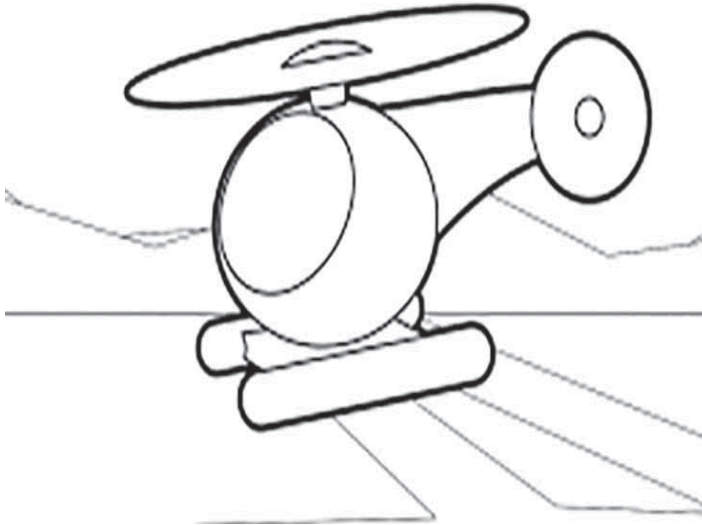
To celebrate National Recycling Week (8-14 November) we have organised a FREE online Recycling Tour and Trivia Night with the Rethink Waste Education Centre.

When: 7.00pm, Tuesday 9 November 2021
Bookings essential: <https://recyclingtrivia.eventbrite.com.au>

During the 75min virtual session you can learn the 'dos and don'ts' and the 'hows and whys' of recycling. Multiple prizes will be awarded on the night so if you are a recycling novice or guru come and join us!

KIDS PUZZLES

Colour



Word Search: Horses

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Jokes

Q: How do you turn Soup to Gold?

Q: What do librarians take with them when they go fishing?



Sudoku

Difficulty: Easy

Fill in the boxes using the numbers 1 to 4. Every row and column and every group of 4 boxes inside the thicker lines must contain each number only once.

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1	3	4	

PUZZLES

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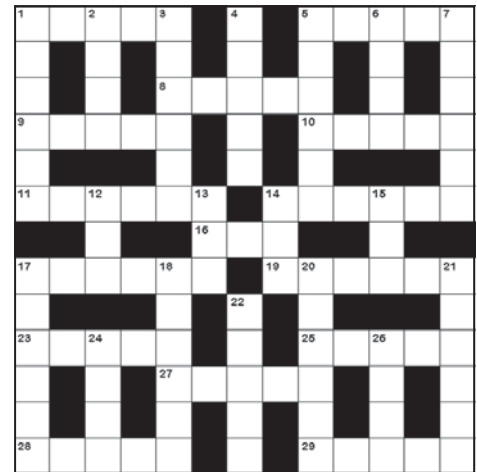
Crossword

ACROSS

- Type of paper printed with a network of small squares.
- Lacking in any liveliness, animation or interest.
- Mother-of-pearl from any shelled mollusc.
- Sew material together loosely with large stitches.
- Not appropriate for a purpose or occasion.
- A measure of the gap between two places.
- Playfully frivolous in character or content.
- Strong anger aroused by a real or supposed wrong.
- Experienced a series of events whilst sleeping.
- A substance believed to have the power to cure all ills.
- A lotion for cleansing the skin and contracting the pores.
- Increased in size and reached maturity.
- A small drum, one of a pair, played with the fingers.
- Gracefully slender, moving and bending with ease.
- Made a brief record of facts, topics and thoughts.

DOWN

- Influencing, or relating to the entire earth.
- Money or goods given as charity to the poor.
- Free of deceit and untruthfulness, sincere.
- The brother of your father or your mother.



- A device for looking at film transparencies.
- A game similar to hockey played on horseback.
- Small boat powered by sail, oars or outboard motor.
- Indicates the maiden name of a married woman.
- A strike with a blow or a missile.
- A fixed charge for professional services.
- A semiformal evening dress for men.
- A crew of workers selected for a particular task.
- A small ball of glass that is used in children's games.
- Body of water cut off from the sea by coral reefs.
- Having the disagreeable smell of rank stale fat.
- Someone who is critical of the motives of others.
- Shelter made by a bird out of twigs to hold its eggs.
- Leave undone, fail to include or fail to mention.

Word Search: Localities

D	H	Y	U	C	I	X	K	N	V	V	M	N	O	E	ACHERON
S	J	I	M	R	U	N	G	E	D	P	O	F	J	L	BUXTON
Z	J	W	G	G	U	Y	I	G	T	T	W	E	R	A	CATHKIN
I	W	F	Z	H	W	B	O	K	N	U	R	B	U	D	FLOWERDALE
D	K	Y	X	L	L	M	I	A	H	U	S	P	F	R	GRANTON
N	O	T	X	U	B	A	R	C	S	T	N	U	F	E	HAZELDENE
I	M	S	H	K	C	G	N	A	O	A	A	V	Y	W	HIGHLANDS
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R	G	H	L	C	P	R	A	L	L	E	I	R	O	K	MURRINDINDI
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Trivia

Q: Where was the below image taken?



Sudoku - Squiggly

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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Feel Good, Look Good



Regional healthcare access in a pressured system

FOR more than a month, the Victorian Department of Health were asked questions by Alexandra Newspapers about regional people gaining timely access to health care when they have a serious COVID-19 infection.

They were initially sent the following email, "Murrindindi is a small regional shire, and our health services aren't equipped to deal with health provision for serious COVID-19 cases. What actions are being undertaken by the state government to ensure equal access to healthcare for regional people, particularly as the state opens up and there are significantly more cases? Students being back in the classroom is also likely to have an impact on case numbers. It appears likely that there will be significant pressure on the ambulance service moving forward, meaning that delays are likely, both due to resourcing and access to the relevant health services (the closest being around two hours away)."

They were asked this question by Alexandra Newspapers on September 30 and October 8, but there was no response.

A rephrased version of the question was asked by us on October 19.

"I am concerned that people with serious COVID-19 in small regional areas will be disadvantaged in terms of accessing timely healthcare, due to: travelling time (the nearest COVID-19 hospital being around two hours away), limited ambulance numbers in regional areas, ambulances being ramped at hospitals (and therefore not available to other people in the regional area, and delays for the people inside the ambulance), the lack of respiratory clinics in the local area, and local hospitals in the area not being equipped to deal with serious COVID-19 cases

"It seems possible (likely?) that a serious COVID-19 case in our regional shire might need to wait for a long time for an ambulance, followed by around two hours of travelling time, and then likely hours of ramping at a hospital before being admitted. A metropolitan person may also face ramping, but would be likely to access medical care sooner than a regional person. What is being done to address this?"

Again, no answer was forthcoming from the Victorian Department of Health.

The question was sent for a fourth time on October 22, again rephrased.

"Given the pressures on the health system due to COVID-19, what is being done to ensure provision of timely healthcare for regional people?"

"How is the government ensuring that regional people are not being time-disadvantaged compared to metropolitan people in accessing hospital care? This particularly relates to serious COVID-19 cases, but also stroke and heart attacks, etc, under the current COVID-19-impacted circumstances.

"Is the amount of time, from initial ambulance call to hospital presentation, factored in at the health service? What other measures are being put in place to ensure equivalent and timely access for regional people?"

The answer

A Department of Health spokesperson responded on Thursday, October 28. "We've been working to keep all Victorian's safe throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

"As well as providing Victoria's health services with the beds, resources and equipment they need to care for patients, care and support is also provided to people who test positive in the comfort of their home, freeing up beds at health services.

"The best way people can protect themselves, their family and their community from coronavirus is by being vaccinated."

Further information

All hospitals, including Alexandra and Yea have the capability to provide initial care to COVID-19 positive patients until they are able to be safely transferred if necessary or be discharged home.

The vast majority of the people who have been hospitalised with COVID-19 have not been vaccinated, with a smaller proportion of the patients only having had one jab.

Most people who test positive for COVID-19 are able to receive their care at home.

People who test positive for COVID-19 are able to be assessed and offered support through the COVID Positive Pathway program (C+P

program). As part of the C+P program, people are contacted by a triage and assessment (intake) provider for their geographic catchment area.

Cases are triaged into one of three pathways: low, medium, or high severity, based on clinical risk, severity of illness and social needs. Health services, community health and primary care providers combine to support this severity-based approach.

Some GPs and health professionals provide support and monitoring as part of their service to their regular patients, while other health professionals are assigned to the program. The program provides clinical care, monitoring and regular check-ins to manage symptoms and ensures patients who are at risk of deteriorating are identified early and are transitioned to higher levels of care.

Save lives by saving 000 for emergencies

VICTORIANS are again being reminded to save Triple Zero for emergencies with the "Save Lives, Save 000 for Emergencies" campaign relaunching to help paramedics respond quicker and save lives.

The successful advertising campaign is back after non-emergency calls to Triple Zero (000) increased again in 2021.

More than one-in-five calls to Triple Zero for an ambulance does not require an emergency ambulance response, which can take paramedics away from time-critical life-threatening emergencies.

Demand for ambulances and emergency departments have continued to increase and

will continue to increase as we safely reopen.

The campaign aims to reduce the number of non-emergency calls to Triple Zero by highlighting the teams of other healthcare professionals who are ready and able to help manage non-urgent health care issues, round-the-clock. These include GPs, pharmacists and NURSE-ON-CALL (1300 60 60 24).

The campaign has provided Victorians with a better understanding of when to call an ambulance, with the previous campaign run helping to reduce the average number of daily calls to Triple Zero by 10 per cent.

Everyone can play a part by using other healthcare options when they are unwell or have a minor inquiry.

If in doubt, call 000. The people who take your call are trained to help and direct you to the appropriate assistance. For everything else you can get advice and immediate treatment from experienced GPs, pharmacists and registered nurses available to assist.

There are already plans to increase capacity in hospitals due to rising numbers of COVID-19 patients.

The Victorian Budget 2021/22 delivered an extra \$759 million for Ambulance Services and emergency departments to boost triage services expand telehealth and get more paramedics and ambulances on the road.

For more information visit betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/save-000-for-emergencies

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Australians to receive COVID-19 vaccine booster shot

TO provide even greater protection against COVID-19, Australians aged 18 and over who have received two doses of a vaccination at least six months ago will be eligible to receive a booster shot from Monday, November 8.

The decision to allow booster shots follows advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) and approval from Australia's medicines regulator, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

The Australian Government has accepted ATAGI's advice that the Pfizer vaccine is recommended for the booster dose, irrespective of the primary COVID-19 vaccine used.

The booster shot is not mandatory; however it provides further protection against the worst effects of COVID-19.

Those first eligible for a booster, based on when they completed their two-dose course, will be people in high priority groups who were prioritised early in the roll out of the vaccine program. This includes Australians aged 50 and over, residents of aged care and disability facilities, people with underlying medical conditions, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, and people at increased occupational risk of COVID-19.

The booster program will roll out directly to people living in residential aged care facilities and people with a disability through an in-reach program.

Frontline workers are strongly encouraged to book in to get a booster dose, if six months has passed since their second dose.

The Australian Government will consider the possibility of other vaccines being used for booster shots if successful applications are submitted to the TGA, and pending advice from ATAGI.

The Pfizer COVID-19 booster shots are free and will be available through the primary healthcare network (GPs, community pharmacies, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, and Commonwealth Vaccination Clinics) and state and territory vaccination hubs.

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MEETINGS



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING via ZOOM

7pm, Tuesday, November 16, 2021
Yea Community House, 15 Semi Circle, Yea
Only members are eligible to
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Membership applications and committee
nomination form as are available at the Yea
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Annual General Meeting

The Alexandra & District Netball Association AGM will be held on Monday, November 15, 7pm at the Corner Hotel (Goldfields Room). We encourage and welcome all players, parents, coaches and umpires to attend. We need your support and involvement to run, develop and ensure we keep our competitions going.

If you have any questions please contact the
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS Thursday, November 25, 2021

FRIENDS OF KELLOCK INC.

Reg. No. A 0103606P
at 6pm

KELLOCK LODGE ALEXANDRA INC.

Reg. No. A 0037078E
ABN 82 586 866 464

at 6.30pm

Residents, families and members of the
Alexandra and district community are warmly
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Alexandra Incorporated

To be held at Kellock Lodge,
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***Please RSVP for the meeting/s you will
be attending by **Thursday, November 18**
as numbers will be limited due to covid
restrictions. Contact reception on 5770 2100 or
info@kellocklodge.com.au. Zoom link available
by request.

BUSINESS

1. To confirm the minutes of the previous
Annual General Meetings held on
November 12, 2020
2. To receive the Annual Reports for year
ending June 30, 2021
3. To receive the Audited Financial Statements
for the year ending June 30, 2021 (KLA Inc.)
4. Questions and general business

Membership of KLA Inc. is welcomed, with
forms available from reception on 5770 2100 or
info@kellocklodge.com.au.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

Applications are invited from KLA Inc. members
interested in joining the Board of Management
as a Director. The position is honorary, and
Board Directors are required to be available for
board meetings and committees. Expressions
of interest including a cover letter and brief
resume close on Wednesday, November 24,
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Chair, Kellock Lodge 15 Bon Street Alexandra,
Vic. 3714 (or by email to: info@kellocklodge.
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MEETINGS



Registration No: A0018756R

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 30th Annual General
Meeting of Darlingford Upper Goulburn Nursing
Home Inc will be held via Zoom
4pm Wednesday, November 24, 2021.

Please RSVP to jbrookes@dugnh.com.au
To receive a Zoom meeting invitation

Business of the Meeting:

- to confirm the minutes of the previous annual
general meeting
 - to receive and consider:
 - (a) the annual report of the Committee on the
activities of the Association during the preceding
financial year
 - (b) the financial statements of the Association for
the preceding financial year
 - to elect the members of the Committee;
 - Appointment of Auditor
- Applications for a position on the Board
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BIRTHDAYS

HUNTER, BRITTNEY.
Happy 21st birthday to an amazing young lady. Love Nan and family and Aunt Joy and crew.

DEATH NOTICES



BETT, John
Members of the Molesworth Rural Fire Brigade regret the passing of their respected member John, whose volunteer service spanned more than 50 years. John also gave generously of his time for the benefit of the wider Molesworth community. John will be sadly missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. Captain and members of the Molesworth Rural Fire Brigade.

FUNERAL NOTICES

STEPHENS, Kathryn
Anne (nee Uren)
Sadly passed away October 21, 2021 aged 69 years. Loved and loving wife of Ed. Loving mother of Debbie and Amanda, mother-in-law to Darren. Adored nan of Cassandra, Tiegna, Jaclyn and Jake. Great nana of Aleisha and Marley. Beloved sister of Bill, Peter, Tony and Julie (dec).
Kathy you will never be forgotten.

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The funeral service was live streamed on Friday, October 29, 2021 at 11am and Tributes can be left on Kathy's Memorial Page along with the link to view the funeral service at funeralguide.net/obituaries/3370?branded



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More information about the role of cemetery trust members is available at: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/cemeteries-and-crematoria/cemetery-trust-appointments/class-b-cemetery-trust-appointments>

To register your interest please refer to the trust contact details below and provide your expression of interest to the applicable trust within two weeks of the date of this advertisement:

Victorian Class B cemetery trust	Contact details
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Gobur Cemetery Trust	5821 8028

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Please refer to <https://www.smseymour.catholic.edu.au/our-school/employment-opportunities/> for the role description and application form. For enquiries please contact the Business Manager, Mrs Felicity Melville on 0407 354 960.

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Murrindindi Shire Council's October meeting

THE Murrindindi Shire Council held its October scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 27 via Zoom, and was livestreamed to council's Facebook page. All councillors were present for the meeting.

Annual report 2020/21 and 2017/21 council report

The annual report 2020/21 for the period of Wednesday, July 1, 2020, to Wednesday, June 30, 2021, was presented to council for its endorsement.

It outlined the significant achievements of council including objectives and activities made in the period.

A detailed summary of the report can be found on the Murrindindi Shire Council website, however some highlights of the annual report 2020/21 include: council keeping its promise to inform the community of changing restrictions due to COVID-19 and advised businesses of the various COVID-19 support available, over \$210,000 was awarded across the community as part of the grants and contributions scheme, with Mitchell and Mansfield Shire Councils, a \$1.2 million grant funding was awarded from Regional Development Victoria to create large-scale art installations along the Great Victorian Rail Trail, the commenced creation of Rethink, Reduce, Re-use, Recycle; a waste and resource recovery strategy, with the goal of making the shire a low-waste municipality and commencement of important capital works across the shire, to the value of \$10.7 million.

The 2017/21 council plan was presented also to councillors, and the report's aim focused on the projects, activities and achievements delivered through the plan.

As part of the plan, council made aware and adhered to four priority areas: our place, our people, our prosperity, and our promise.

Council acknowledged and made note of the report.

To view both the annual report 2020/21 and the 2017/21 council report, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Councillors-and-Council-Meetings/Agendas-and-Minutes

Adoption of future council plans

Council have adopted its 2021-2025 Council Plan, Year One Priority Action Plan and 10-Year Financial Plan.

"The plan outlines our shared goals and aspirations for the future and provides concrete and achievable actions for council to deliver," Mayor McAulay said.

"While developing the Council Plan, we distilled five main themes from what you told us and these form the backbone of the Plan. These themes will provide important strategic direction for council's work over the next four years."

Council has determined its five themes to be resilient communities, beautiful townships and rural settings, growth and opportunity, our protected environment and transparency, inclusion and accountability.

Mayor McAulay said that the plans reflect the needs of the shire's community and what they have asked for from its council.

"You want Murrindindi Shire to be an even better place to live and one in which we preserve the rural character and natural beauty of our towns and countryside. You want to protect our natural environment, to be environmentally

sustainable and move toward net-zero emissions no later than 2035," she said.

"And you want councillors and our organisation to listen, be transparent and responsive and to innovate while we help deliver great services to our communities."

To view a copy of the 2021-2025 Council Plan, 10-Year Financial Plan, Year One Priority Action Plan and the MPHWP, please visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/councilplan or visit one of the shire's Library and Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake.

Draft of Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-25

Feedback received to council from the public exhibition of the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) was presented to councillors in preparation for its adoption at council's November 2021 meeting.

Vito Albicini said that the plan was endorsed for public feedback at the July council meeting, and the submission received was mostly, in favour of the plan.

"Generally, this feedback was supportive of the draft DAMP. As such, no amendments to the draft DAMP have been made however some minor changes have been made," he said.

Four written responses were received to council, and an additional 17 submissions were made via The Loop.

Some questions were raised among the written submissions, however, were responded to satisfactory and needed no amended to the draft.

During the open forum, the Alexandra and District Dog Obedience Club brought up concern of an off-leash park for dogs, something that Mr Albicini said was generally supported among other submissions.

Further to this, Cr Walsh asked if it would be 'anticipated that any use of such facility would necessitate the owners and the dogs undergoing some sort of safety related training as proposed by the Alexandra and District Dog Obedience Club'.

In response, Mr Albicini said that 'it would be ideal', but something that may be hard to force upon owners and their dogs.

Application for liquor license, 3 Back Eildon Road, Thornton

A notice of decision was presented to council to grant a permit be issued for a General Liquor License for the Schoolhouse café at 3 Back Eildon Road Thornton.

During open forum, Angelina Bell spoke on the matter, highlighting the importance that the liquor license would be granted for the café, which is an approved use of the land it is situated on.

"We're not proposing to change that use of the land, the existing use of the land for a café is to continue. The liquor license sort, it is required to expand this approved and existing business and to expand what's on offer," Ms Bell said.

The café has been operating with a limited liquor license for the last six months to which Ms Bell said has all run smoothly, and no fights, arguments or other disruptions have been caused due to alcohol being on the premises.

Three objections were received to the planning permit, with major concerns surrounding the use of the land will change from a café to a pub or bottle shop, impact of other businesses in the township and traffic impacts because of

increased numbers given the sale of packaged liquor.

Despite the objections, council officers are satisfied that the application proposal is consistent with the provisions of the Murrindindi Planning Scheme.

Subject to some minor amendments to the 14 conditions stated in council's October meeting agenda to improve clarity, a notice of decision to grant a planning permit for the General Liquor License was passed.

Gordon Street, Alexandra: proposed cooperative works

Mr Albicini presented the proposal to council that contributes \$20,000 of gravel road surfacing material to upgrade the approximately 700 metres of unsealed road on Gordon Street, Alexandra, primarily used as an access point for the Alexandra and District Speedway Inc.

"The current unsealed section of Gordon Street is quite poor, and this particular section of the road is not listed in council's road register or covered under council's road nations programs," he said.

Alexandra and District Speedway Inc have been successful in attracting a new large event including the National Junior Sedan Titles. This event is expected to provide a significant economic benefit to the shire via hotel accommodation bookings as well as food and entertainment.

"Alexandra and District Speedway Inc is seeking approval from council to undertake road repairs using suitably skilled and equipped club volunteers. They propose to rip the road surface, use a vibrating pad-foot roller to break up the large stones and then re-shape the formation to a standard six per cent crossfall including table drains."

After his presentation, the motion was moved by Cr Lording and Cr Gallagher.

Open forum: Alexandra Timber Tramway and Museum

Gerry Laws spoke to his submission regarding the Council Plan 2021-2025, on behalf of the Alexandra Timber Tramway and Museum Committee.

Mr Laws said, "We can make a significant contribution to the goals in your draft plan."

He made two suggestions to council during his discussion, that councillors should consider specialised funding outside the grants and contributions program to help secure the museums operations in the longer terms, and to see a much clearer statement in the draft plan concerning the vital role of heritage operations.

Cr Gerenser asked Mr Laws if the committee have looked into other state government funding for the railway, to which he responded that the railway is: "In a period of redevelopment at the site, but we are fairly constrained as a not-for-profit and where we can go for funding."

"We are looking at additional sources and constantly talking to people like the shire support officers in tourism and grant funding."

Cr Haslam further asked if the committee has an idea on how much this specific funding should be and is it a consistent amount or for a specific item. Mr Laws said that: "We have several projects in planning and one of them involves a beautification project for the ground which would allow clearer access for mobility challenged visitors."

Vaccination requirement for some council services

LIKE businesses across Victoria, councils are rolling out changes to how they offer services so they can meet their obligations under COVID-19 Health Directions issued by the Victorian Government.

From 6pm on October 29, Murrindindi Shire Council is obliged to limit access at some of their facilities to those who can prove they have been double-vaccinated against COVID-19, or who have a medical exemption. Unvaccinated customers will only be able to access 'essential' council services, such as the resource and recycling centres, maternal and child health services and limited customer services.

Council CEO Livia Bonazzi said this was a difficult thing for both councils and customers to navigate, but there are good public health reasons for this change. As the shire opens up to metropolitan Melbourne, it is likely that there will be an increase in COVID-19 cases locally. As at October 24, 94.4 per cent of the community has been single-vaccinated and 76.6 per cent were double-vaccinated. There are hopes the vast majority of community members will be double-vaccinated very soon.

"Limiting access to most of the in-person services to those people who have been double-vaccinated means people can visit the facilities with a greater sense of confidence," Ms Bonazzi said.

"Services like attending library programs or browsing the library bookshelves will now only be available to those with double-vaccination as these are deemed 'non-essential' services. We have got alternatives in place though. You can give us a call and we can provide you with a 'click and collect' service instead, so you don't miss out on reading material."

"However, if you plan to visit one of the facilities and can't prove you are double-vaccinated or you don't hold a vaccination medical exemption, please visit council's website murrindindi.vic.gov.au or call 5772 0333 to check if council is able to offer you the service in person."

"In addition, if you haven't yet managed to download your vaccination certificate on your phone just yet, please give us a call. We are rolling out some sessions to help you do just that. We will also be offering assistance to those who would like to print up their vaccination certificate."

"Please be kind to council staff, and to staff in businesses and organisations across our shire, when they ask you to check in and show your vaccination status. I have heard some awful stories about staff being abused by customers when they are simply doing their jobs and enforcing a Victorian law. This is simply unacceptable," Ms Bonazzi said.

PUZZLES SOLUTIONS

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The Lapidary Club in Alexandra



CROSSWORD



KIDS - JOKES

A: Add 24 Carrots

A: Bookworms

SUDOKU

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KIDS - SUDOKU

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Murrindindi Little Athletes having fun in the sun

Murrindindi Little Athletics have been training hard, waiting for competition to begin.



A backflip over Little Athletics

MEMBER for Eildon Cindy McLeish said parents were left outraged after their children were turned away and barred from participating in little athletics, due to the state government's double COVID-19 vaccination mandate for parents.

Ms McLeish believes that the last-minute mandate was heartless and came

without warning for families who were forced to pack up and go home.

Speaking in Parliament recently, Ms McLeish said, "I was horrified to hear that children were excluded from participating in little athletics on their first weekend back because of their parents' vaccination status.

"This massive overreach by the state government is despite little athletics being held outdoors with social distancing in place, on public land and centres able to adhere to COVID-safe procedures."

The state government finally backflipped on their controversial decision after

receiving backlash from angry parents and little athletic officials.

Ms McLeish said, "Unfortunately, Daniel Andrews' backtrack was not soon enough before the kids who were excited to return to sport were turned away. Parents are owed an apology, not just a backflip."

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We are back

Yea golf report by Karen Sangster

WHAT a superb day for a comeback to competition at Yea Golf Club. For some, the lack of good scores definitely showed the out of practice golfers. Just ask me, but who cares. Players were back out there smashing that little round object in the wonderful sunshine on the luscious green fairways which was looking an absolute picture of gloriousness. What else could you ask for other than better scores of course.

For the first time back 18 holes Stableford was the go. 13 ladies ventured out to try their luck. As usual there were many tales when returning to the club rooms to hear the results.

Lots of banter to and fro, lots of giggling flowing around the veranda waiting to see who the victor for the day was.

Vicki Clements (23) 36 points and a Birdie Gobbler to boot took the honours. Runner up Doreen Lehmann (32) 33 points who also won Nearest the Pin. Well done ladies. It was a happy real golfing day. Everyone was more than pleased to be back.

Men's mid week golf saw 17 players in the stableford event with Rob O'Halloran (20) victorious on count back from Neil Peterson (14) both on 36 points. Peter Johnston (17) was third on 35 points. Ken Whitfort was Nearest the Pin on the 18th and Brian Priestley won the club award.

Twenty seven men contested the final round of the Club Championships on Saturday. A Grade was decided by a single shot with Lachie Wischer continuing his good form to post 76 off the stick to snatch victory from Ken Whitfort by one shot.

Ken held a four shot lead going into the final round but finished with 81. Anthony Coleman was third, three shots behind Ken. Lachie also won the Clarke Trophy for best nett score over the three grades,

B Grade was won by Brendan Chenhall by three shots with Peter Johnston second. Equal third were Jeff Moss and Jonathan Fisher five shots behind Peter. Peter also had the best nett score in B Grade. C Grade was won by Phil Armstrong by three shots from John Tanner with Carl Maffei third eight shots behind John. Phil had the best nett score in C Grade.

Daily winners in each grade were A Grade L Wischer 67 (9) from M Spagnolo 70 (8) and R Wills 73 (9). B Grade J Fisher 70 (14) from B Chenhall 72 (14) and P Johnston 74 (16). C Grade J Tanner 70 (22) from P Armstrong 70 (23) and A Rule 71 (26). The putting competition was won by John Tanner with 23 putts. The club award of \$10 was won by Russell Wealands.



Mic Spagnolo with the A H Smith Trophy. -S



Lachie receiving Clarke Trophy. -S



Phil Armstrong, winner in C Grade. -S



Lachie Wischer with A Grade trophy. -S

Yea Community Group HONOUR THE TAUNGURUNG

Works for the Honour the Taungurung Project Group will be starting on November 8, in the plantation opposite the pharmacy.

The unveiling of the "Dugaluk Ngarrgi" Croaking Frog's Ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 28 at 11am, please arrive at 10.30am.

All covid regulations will apply and proof of double vaccinations required.

Register names of those attending phone number and town you are from by November 12 to angela.tenbuuren@gmail.com.



Good bookings for races

by Denis Smith

AS bookings continue to pour in for the Yea and St Pats meeting on November 13, the club can announce that the popular Kelly Sports group will be back on course for the Yea FoodWorks Sister Olive handicap on Saturday, December 18.

This meeting is ideal for a family Christmas get

together and end of year work function that the whole family can attend.

As COVID-19 restrictions ease, followers of picnic racing at Yea should keep an eye on the Yea and St Pats Facebook site for any changes.

The club has been assured by authorities that the onus is on patrons to prove their COVID-19 double vaccination status

will remain for the entire 2021/22 racing season.

While bookings are strong for November 13, there are still several umbrella packages available. The umbrellas run down the front straight and are in a premium position. Bookings can be made by visiting the clubs page at country.racing.victoria.com