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Sue Carpenter appointed mayor



New mayor Sue Carpenter and new deputy mayor Damien Gallagher. -S

MURRINDINDI Shire Council elected Sue Carpenter as the new mayor, and Damien Gallagher as the deputy mayor, at their meeting on Wednesday, November 17. Mayor Carpenter replaces Sandice McAulay in the mayoral role.

Sue Carpenter was asked what she hopes to achieve in the role. Her response was, "I'd reflect on the fact that we've worked really hard to develop a community plan, after having lots of engagement with the community. If we can work to the road map that it gives us, I'll be happy."

The five areas of the community plan are, resilient communities, beautiful townships and rural settings, growth and opportunity, protecting the environment and transparency, inclusion and accountability.

"If we can stick to those areas, I think we'll be doing well," Ms Carpenter said, adding that they're huge topics.

"They're what we feel, and the community is telling us, is what's important about our part of the world."

She suspects that there will be challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, "and if we can communicate with our community, let them know what's going on, the reasons behind what's going on, that will be valuable for all of us."

She plans to bring an approachable, communicative approach to the role. "Communication, between the councillors, between the council officers, we want it to be really sound. We want to be able to make sure that there's no ambiguity, that we really understand what we're saying. I want to give all the councillors the opportunity to be heard. We're all different. We're a wonderful blend of councillors but we're all different, and some people are more willing to discuss and some people a little bit more hesitant. I want to make sure that those that are more hesitant are still given the opportunity. I really want robust, constructive dialogue, so that we really fully understand the issues we're having to deliberate on, and that we can make the best decisions for our

communities, reminding ourselves that we still have to be fiscally responsible."

Asked what she has learnt from watching others in the role, Ms Carpenter replied, "Councillor McAulay has led us with a very calm, considered and respectful approach. I believe her experience has been invaluable in encouraging the rest of the councillors to settle into our roles. Four of us were newbies, so it has been a pleasure to be her deputy. She has been very encouraging. She really has.

"I could also say that the acting CEO, Michael Chesworth, delivered a most comprehensive induction program at the start of our term, and I am so grateful for the depth of understanding that we gained from that program under his guidance. There's so much to get into your head and under your belt, and we were guided very, very capably. It was terrific," she said.

"The new CEO, she has also been very supportive of my role as deputy mayor, and I really value her insights and clear thinking. When she responds to something, she's concise but relevant and constructive. Even the language that she uses is in some ways new to me, and so I'm learning from her as well."

Ms Carpenter has been living in the Murrindindi Shire community for 30 years now. When her children were in primary school, she was involved in the parents and friends group before finding herself as president. It was her first experience of chairing a meeting. She learnt through the role that good communication is vital. "The more you communicated with your community, the better off everyone was," she said.

She was also a member for the Rotary Club of Yea for 20 years. She said, "I was so shy when I first joined that club that if I was asked to chair a meeting or hold a microphone, I just wouldn't even go to the meeting, I was so nervous. I couldn't public speak to save myself. But there have been so many wonderful role models within that club and they have helped me to develop my confidence so much. In 2018/9, I was asked to be president, and that just took it to another level again, because I felt I was really steering the shire. I learnt to delegate, I felt that I could respect and encourage and trust my fellow members, and we can build each other up and not judge people. I think all those experiences within the club really helped to shape me to be able to take on this role."

She is much more comfortable with public speaking now, as a direct result of her experiences with the club.

She wanted to let the community know that in the role of mayor she will do her best. "Can't do any better than that," she said.

At the November 17 meeting, council also resolved to establish the following portfolios and councillor appointments: Corporate and Governance, Cr John Walsh; Resource Recovery and Environment, Cr Karine Haslam; Community Assets and Emergencies, Cr Sandice McAulay; Planning and Compliance, Cr Eric Lording; Community Engagement and Wellbeing, Cr Damien Gallagher; and Tourism, Events and Business Support, Cr Ilona Gerencser

Council has historically had a portfolio system in place to enable councillors to focus and provide input on specific areas of council.

Logging injunction until December 13

ON Wednesday, November 17, the Victorian Supreme Court yesterday ordered that state logging agency VicForests halt logging in 27 areas of forest across East Gippsland and the Central Highlands until December 13.

There are currently 10 court cases underway against VicForests. The two new cases have been launched concurrently by community groups Environment East Gippsland (EEG) and Kinglake Friends of the Forest (KFF), concerned about the protection of the greater glider and the yellow bellied glider. The southern greater glider is now listed as a threatened species.

On behalf of the two groups, barrister Jonathan Korman argued that Vicforests is failing to adequately survey for these animals prior to logging, and failing to avoid risk of serious, irreversible damage to the environment when conducting logging operations.

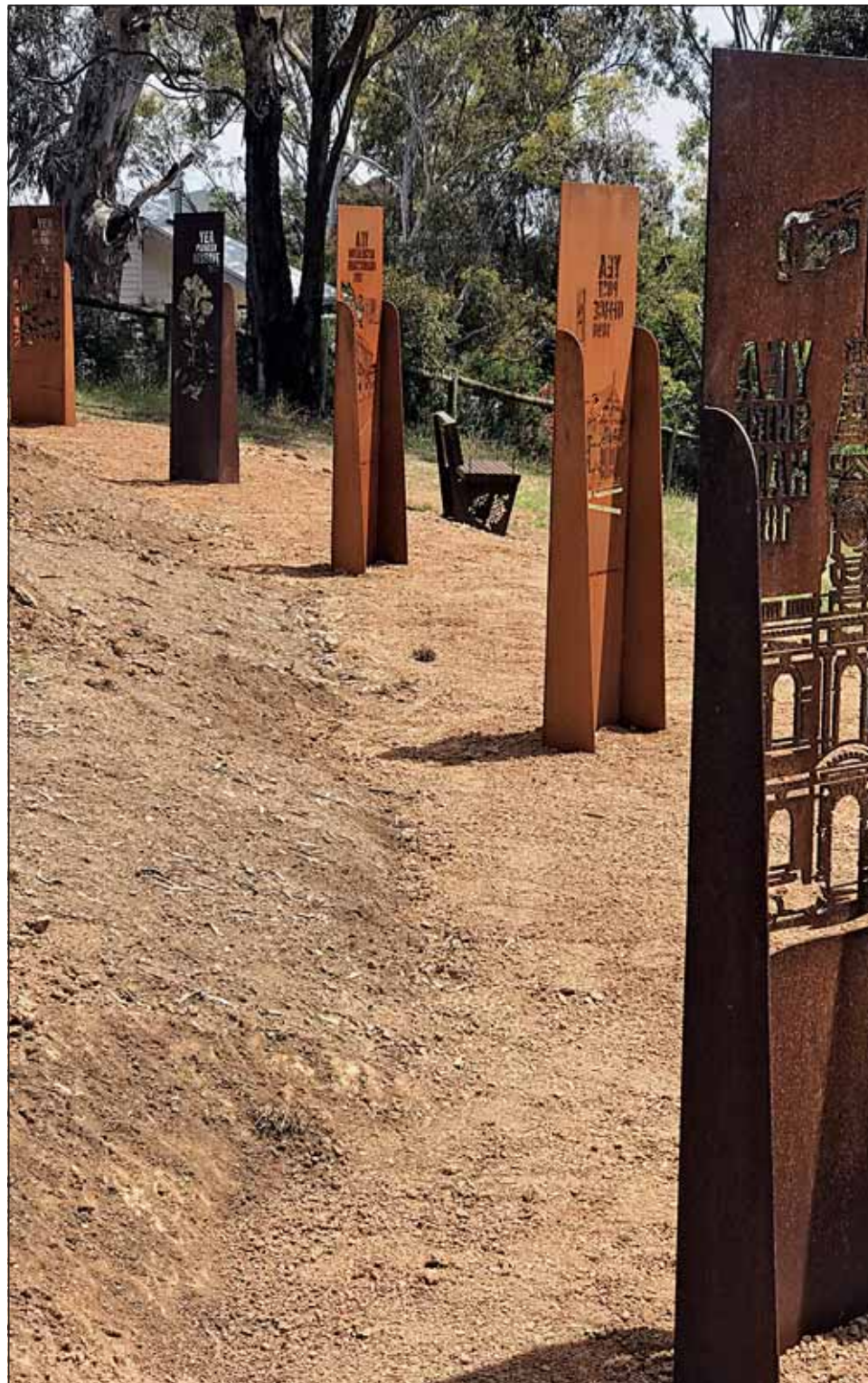
Sue McKinnon, president of KFF said, "It is known that logging kills Greater Gliders. They can't just move on. When their trees are cut down Greater Gliders are very unlikely to survive. Other Gliders and Possums are also killed by logging operations. This causes a domino effect with reductions in these species causing declines in predators including the Sooty and Powerful Owl."

Contacted for comment, a VicForests' spokesperson said, "VicForests are unable to comment on matters currently before the court."

Fifteen of the coupes in question are located in the Central Highlands, and 12 of the coupes are in East Gippsland.

The Supreme Court heard both interim injunction applications on November 17, pending a substantive hearing, an 'interlocutory injunction' on 13 December.

The effect of the interim injunction is that 27 coupes have been enjoined until at least December 13, when the matter returns to court.



The new metal sculptures depicting historic buildings in Yea have been installed at the Yea Pioneer Reserve. More on this wonderful project can be found on page 17. -S

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Letters to the Editor

Community bank

THIS is a pre Christmas reminder to all of the district people who rely on the Alexandra town for their commerce.

Lately, while walking down Grant Street shopping strip, it's normal to see people standing outside a vacant shop which used to be a bank. They are looking in windows, and looking around the blank front of a building, and reading a simple poster on the front door. Normally they are looking quite bewildered looking up, down and across the street in wonder. Some are walking around with a bit of plastic in their hands searching along the wall looking for a little slot to slide their plastic in. It is a sad situation, and they are astounded to find something that has existed here for 100 years is lost and gone forever.

Now, we could just continue to despair, or we we could do something about it.

Given the fact that COVID-19 has slowed progress generally around the country, and Christmas is shortly upon us, it has been thought that the best plan of attack is to quietly maintain our rage until the new year. We are a community of some substance and when the new year gets going, Alexandra Lions will call a public meeting.

At this meeting, which will be the most important get-together of the local public since we, as a community, took over our nursing home. Our community will have the opportunity to discuss the lack of appropriate banking facilities in our town and how to best progress forward to improve the situation.

I must emphasise that this will be a must attend meeting, for the whole community, and will happen in a February or March timeframe, to be arranged. In the meantime, maintain your quiet rage and be patient, as we progress thoughtfully and deliberately.

Most importantly watch for the date and attend to register your disgust and support for a new venture.

Ray Mathieson, Lions Club secretary

Tom's Volcanoes

AS for Mr Collins' views on current education standards or climate change, they are his to hold, hopefully not for our grandchildren to bear. He said, "The Mount St Helens eruption [1980] released more greenhouse gases than the whole industrial revolution." I don't see it in the data, gml.noaa.gov/ccgg/trends/ Obviously they didn't emit a great deal of greenhouse gas during the industrial revolution (approximately 1760 to 1830) compared to now.

Ray Wynn, Devils River

Volcanoes

LAST week, my name was mentioned by our mayor no less who respectfully suggested I was victim of fake news regarding volcanic activity versus man made greenhouse emissions. As we are dealing with astronomical figures, my personal qualifications cannot say unequivocally this is correct, therefore I will say what I do know.

In the past, many eruptions have blocked out the sun's rays, covering all the earth for months. I have never known man-made emissions to be that widespread despite industry going unchecked globally for 200 years.

Last month hundreds of planes descended on Glasgow in Scotland. Among them were 400 Lear jets, not exactly eco-friendly. These jets are of the mega-rich, mainly who stand to make a lot more money with huge grants for research and future contracts for so called eco-friendly energy. To date there is no way of making the huge industrial amounts of hydrogen that would be required to take the place of fossil fuels.

I would also like to point out solar panels, wind turbines and longlife industrial batteries need huge volumes of base power, being coal, to manufacture them. Panels, turbines and batteries have a short usage life, from three to 10 years. Very little can be recycled with research showing a toxic gas leaches out of them continually called SP 26.

My question is, why is it acceptable to burn lower grade coal in China, to make expensive components that need replacing regularly when burning a higher grade coal, to fulfill our energy needs directly would be cheaper and more eco-friendly? It only makes sense when you realise who will benefit from Australia having its energy needs controlled this way. Control food, control the people. Control energy, control a nation. We're a small population running a country the size of a continent. We cannot be compared to Europe. Thank you for allowing me to have my say. We certainly diverted from rubbish, roads and rates.

Tom Collins, Alexandra Victoria 3714

[There will be no further letters on the impact of volcanoes on the environment. -Ed]

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Sun	Alanon Recovery Anglican Church, Alexandra 5.30pm.

MONTHLY

1 st Mon	St Lukes Seniors St Lukes Church Ph 5797 2281
1 st Thu	Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057
1 st Sat	Yea Dance Group, 8pm Yea Shire Hall
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Last Fri	Yea-Kinglake RSL. 11.30am RSL Hall. Ph 5796 9353

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

Weekly Weather

November 24, to November 30, 2021

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	16	22	Wednesday	16	22
Thursday	12	20	Thursday	12	19
Friday	8	16	Friday	8	17
Saturday	6	19	Saturday	6	20
Sunday	8	21	Sunday	8	21
Monday	10	22	Monday	10	22
Tuesday	11	22	Tuesday	11	23

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	8.00am Mon	0.84^	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	8.00am Mon	0.64	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	8.00am Mon	0.92	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	8.20am Mon	0.26	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	7.50am Mon	0.73	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	6.27am Mon	1.27	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	8.00am Mon	3.44	steady	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	8.00am Mon	0.75^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	8.00am Mon	1.12^	steady	below minor
Sunday Ck at Tallarook		N/A		
Goulburn R at Seymour	9.00m Mon	1.44	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	9.09am Mon	1.17	steady	

****ISSUED AT 9.15AM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021****

DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra*	N/Amm
Buxton	2.5mm
Eildon (AWS)	7mm
Flowerdale	9mm
Kinglake	11mm
Lake Eildon	11mm
Marysville	7mm
Strath Creek	N/Amm
Taggerty	14mm
Yarck	6mm
Yea	5mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
*Alexandra totals supplied from www.alexandraweather.org	

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	285.43m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	86.6%
Metres below full supply	3.47m
Daily inflow	2500ML
Release	400ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	41%

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ABC's local radio programming reduced

THE ABC has announced that locally produced radio content will be reduced next year. They stated that the aim is to create more dynamic programming and boost digital and on-demand services.

Murrindindi is within the ABC Goulburn-Murray region, with the content produced in Wodonga.

Under the plan, local radio presenters in Wodonga, Sale, Ballarat, Bendigo, Horsham and Mildura will have their breakfast shows reduced by one hour from January. The programs will now run from 6.35am to 9am, and the 10am to 11am shows will be dropped. The 9am to 11am will be filled with Victoria-wide programming.

The ABC stated that there would be no job losses resulting from the change, and said that the axed morning presenters would be deployed as field reporters, hosts of outside broadcasts, act as fill-in presenters and creators of digital content.

Bird feeders may be spreading disease among king parrots

A WASTING disease affecting king parrots may be spreading via birdbaths and backyard feeders, University of Sydney veterinary science professor David Phalen has told the ABC.

The disease has been found in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. It causes the birds to lose weight, to the point where they are so weak that they can no longer fly.

Investigations are underway as to the cause of the disease, but it may be exacerbated by spironucleus yeast growing in the bird's stomach, coating the small intestine so that the bird is unable to absorb nutrients.

It's also been found to spread rapidly among birds feeding close together, such as at bird feeders in back yards. The scientists advised that people should spread the food out, and to wash the bird feeder every day to help prevent the spread of the disease. They added that in many places, the feeding of wild birds is neither recommended nor legal.



Animal neglect in Murrindindi is the biggest concern for RSPCA

RSPCA Victoria have released its findings from the annual review of cruelty reports to its Inspectorate, and out of the 79 local government areas investigated, Murrindindi Shire sits at 70 for the number of reports made (34).

The most common dispatch code in Murrindindi was for husbandry issues, including grooming, poor hygiene and living conditions, with a total of 17 reports.

The top five most common dispatch codes in the shire were rounded off with underweight animals, nine reports; sick and injured animals (insufficient treatment), eight reports; insufficient shelter provided, seven reports; and insufficient water provided, six reports.

Dogs were the most common species of animal involved with reports, with 13 of the 34 reports, followed by horses, nine; sheep, eight; goats, five; and cats and puppies, three each.

Across the state, during 2020/21, RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate responded to 10,745 cruelty reports and cared directly for 1575 seized and surrendered animals, a six per cent increase on the previous year.

Reports of deliberate animal cruelty rose by 13 per cent; however, neglect continues to be the biggest animal welfare issue in Victoria.

RSPCA Victoria's Chief Inspector, Michael Stagg said while COVID-19 had paused many workplaces, RSPCA Victoria's 29 inspectors had continued to investigate cruelty every day of the pandemic.

"The correlation between lockdowns and an increase in reports of animal beating and wounding is a really concerning trend. COVID has created a significant amount of pressure on people," Mr Stagg said.

"When there is financial stress, mental health or drug and alcohol

issues, animal cruelty and neglect tend to increase. It is also possible that reports have increased due to people being at home for longer periods.

"While reports of animals without adequate food, water or shelter have declined over the past 12 months, they still make up around half of all reports, followed by poor hygiene and insufficient grooming and housing. These reports illustrate that neglect is still our number one issue in Victoria."

Mr Stagg said that with the high numbers of people adopting animals during COVID-19, it's vital that people understand how to look after their pet and what good welfare looks like.

"Research what your pet needs in terms of food, shelter, grooming, exercise, training, vet care and companionship and if you're not sure, give us a call or make contact. We always prefer

to help prevent welfare issues than be called up when it's too late," he said.

In Victoria, 385 notices to comply were issued, 53 prosecutions were finalised, resulting in 53 guilty findings and 31 disqualification orders were issued.

6800 reports involved dogs and puppies, 1916 involved cats and kittens and 1183 involved horses.

RSPCA Victoria Inspectors are authorised to enforce Victoria's *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 (POCTAA)*. The authorised organisations are the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions; the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning; Parks Victoria; Victoria Police, Greyhound Racing Victoria, and many local councils.

To view all findings of the report, or to find out more about RSPCA Victoria, visit rspcavic.org/

Foundation Murrindindi announces grant recipients

FOUNDATION Murrindindi is delighted to announce the successful applicants for their recent Connecting Communities Small Grant Program.

Foundation Murrindindi's chair Melinda Burgess said, "The grant program was established to bring people together after experiencing isolation and disconnection through the pandemic. We were really pleased with the creativity of ideas and the quality of applications we received."

Successful projects and applicants are Out of Lockdown (Rotary Club of Kinglake), Community Christmas Lunch (Flowerdale Community House), Let's Catch Up (Alexandra Football and Netball Club), Tuesday Chat Summer Outdoor Program (Marysville and District Lions Club), Resident's iPad (Darlingford Upper Goulburn Nursing Home), Community Christmas Day Gathering (Embassy of Ideas), Alexandra Community Picnic and Movie Night (Rotary Club of Alexandra), Age Positively with U3A (Murrindindi East U3A), Eildon Twilight Market (Eildon Action Inc), The Fawcett Muster (Fawcett Mechanics Institute), and Come and Try days (Marysville and Triangle Community Men's Shed).

Community groups were invited to apply for small grants of up to \$500 to support community led initiatives, activities, projects or events that build connection, reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation, increase social participation and inclusion, and enhance a sense of belonging.

"Each of these projects and events contribute to our aim to bring people together to build social capital and strengthen our communities," Ms Burgess said. "We congratulate these applicants for their commitment to their communities."

This small grant round builds on the platform that Foundation Murrindindi has been working on since it changed its name from Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation. Foundation Murrindindi's vision is for thriving, vibrant and connected communities within the Shire of Murrindindi.

For more information about Foundation Murrindindi and its areas of impact, contact Robyn Hill, Executive Officer on 0488 007 688 or robyn@foundationmurrindindi.org.au



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Murrindindi Shire Pools will be opening this weekend. Saturday, November 27. Entry will be free for the full season. See full details in this weeks' edition.

Darlingford Upper Goulburn Nursing Home AGM will

be held via Zoom tonight, November 24 at 4pm. RSVP to jbrookes@dugnh.com.au to receive a Zoom meeting invitation.

Alexandra Historical Society AGM will be held on November 25 at 2pm at Dove Cottage.

Friends of Kellock and Kellock Lodge AGMs will be held on Thursday, November 25 at 5.30pm and 6pm.

Y Water Discovery Centre

AGM will be held on Friday, November 26 at 5pm at the discovery centre. RSVP association@ywatercentre.com.au. Proof of vaccination will be required.

Free community film screening with in Alexandra, Toolangi and Yea. Meet the filmmaker Q&A. *Happy Sad Man*. See this edition for full details.

Healthy Hectares Pest Plants and Biodiversity at Taggerty Community Centre Saturday, November 27 9am-1.30pm. \$30

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Letters to the Editor

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Council

IN recent weeks you have published letters from readers who were unable to gain information from the Murrindindi Shire.

In 2020, my wife and I contacted the planning department several times regarding a planning issue affecting our area. Despite numerous promises, nobody contacted me.

In desperation in August 2020, I emailed the mayor and our local member Cr McCauley asking if she would obtain an answer for us.

She responded saying that she had forwarded my enquiry to the CEO and the planning department.

By December I had heard nothing, so once again I emailed Cr McCauley. This time no reply.

In January of this year my wife emailed Cr McCauley and she replied saying she had forwarded her enquiry to the CEO and the planning department.

We still have received no communication from the planning department or the CEO as promised.

After 15 months what are we to assume? Does the CEO and the planning department have something to hide or are they just incompetent?

How does a ratepayer obtain information from the planning department?

Grant Stinear, Buxton



THUMBS UP: Thank you to the paramedics who helped us with our young daughter on the weekend. We greatly appreciate the care you gave us. Thank you. Nathan, Alice and Peter.

THUMBS DOWN: I am double vaccinated but will not attend any venue that practices segregation, I didn't like it in the 50s and the 60s and I don't like it now.

THUMBS UP: To council for regenerating the rose bed at the Jack Shiel Gardens in Perkins Street.

THUMBS UP: To the wonderful ladies at the library for helping us with installing the QR code on our phone, especially Lisa.

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A pause to reflect and remember



Rickey East and Jacky Gilbee with Jill and walk mascot Tim Tim the Dim Sim. -S



The gathering in Yea prior to the event. -S

by Steve Joblin

PASSERS-BY on Station Street, or using the rail trail in the heart of Yea on Sunday morning, may have wondered about the activities and the gathering at Yea Railway Station. Close to 100 people had come together to take part in a walk. Not just any walk, this was the inaugural Walk for Suicide Awareness, created through months of planning, to offer a grass roots mental health initiative for our region.

Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Group was formed back in February, through the inspiration and drive of Jacky Gilbee. Jacky brought together a team of passionate people who really cared about mental health. The team focussed on offering an opportunity in Goulburn Valley communities and beyond, for people suffering the loss of loved ones, family, colleagues and friends, through suicide, to walk together.

Walk together we did, with guest speakers Jane and Jacky, both mothers who have lost their children, Jessica and Russell to suicide, sharing their thoughts. Kerry, one of our volunteer counsellors, emphasised the community support and symbolism of the day. MP supporter and

advocate Cindy McLeish read the honour roll of our remembered and loved to be carried with us on the walk. Then we walked, carrying stones with personal messages and names.


Several extra special guests walked with us as well, canine friends who give us so much love and support. The most poignant part of the day for me was meeting Russell Stacpool's dog Timtim (also referred to as Tim Tim the Dim Sim).

So many dedicated volunteers made this walk possible. Thanking people enough is never possible in a short report, but to every sponsor, community organisation, business, media group and individual volunteer, thank you.

To all who gathered, it's about you and your loved ones and walking together to remember and support. See you again in 2022 on the second Sunday of September. Keep in contact through gvsag.org.au or follow on facebook at Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Group.

If through reading this you feel the need for support, please contact Beyond Blue 1300 224 626, Lifeline 131 114. Don't forget your GP, who is there to help you and is the first step in your 'Walk' to healing.





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Wayfinders to recognise years of work

LOCAL artist Darren Gilbert has been busy creating new metal sculptures for the Yea Pioneer Reserve, and they have now been put in place. The sculptures show various historic buildings in the Yea area, and each have been carefully aligned to point in the direction of the building they depict.

Former councillor Rebecca Bowles instigated the project three years ago and is still looking after the project. Following the retirement of the Pioneer Reserve committee due to changes to the Section 86 rules, the Yea Community House took over, and they were given some funding for the panels. Many of the people who had been on the reserve committee had been involved in it for over 25 years, and it was felt that a commemoration of their work was needed.

At the initial meeting, Darren came up with the idea for the wayfinders, and committee members meeting came up with the idea of having them depict historical buildings.

Rebecca explained, “Rotary’s 100th birthday was coming up, and they wanted to do something that could help commemorate their birthday. This came up and Sandra Hanley was on the committee as well as being in Rotary. I think we got \$2000, and then Rotary head office put in another \$2000.”

Yea Rotary donated their time to create the foundations for the sculptures and sponsored the cost of the installation of the panels.

They initially had funding for three panels thanks to Yea Rotary,



however when Darren talked to Yea residents Sylvia and Wayne Woolston when they came to see his work at his Open Studio, they offered the funding for the other four.

Darren created the digital file and began laser cutting. He estimated that each of the sculptures took at least 10 hours to create.

Seating has already been installed in the park, and they are looking to plant more vegetation in the reserve. Their aim is to make it “a park of tranquillity rather than a tourist park,” Darren said.

Rebecca estimated that the project took around two years, due to the lockdowns, and is delighted to see it installed.

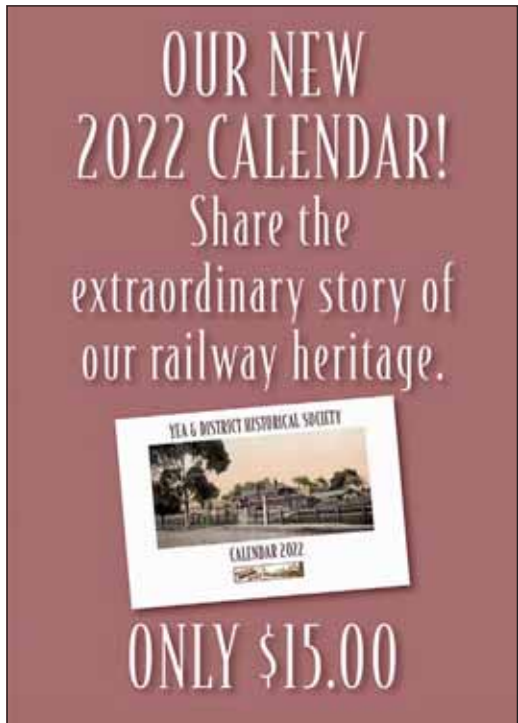


Ian Sichlau, Tony Jacobs, Glenn Milliken, Terry Hubbard, Gary Cocks and David Houlden. -S

Yea Historical Society’s 2022 calendar

THE Yea & District Historical Society calendar for 2022 is available now at the Yea Newsagency. The theme this year is a fascinating insight into the railways of the district.

It would make a great gift for family and friends of locals, as well as expats of Yea with fond memories and associations.



Shelves seeking books



The bookshelves are currently being created by Mark Klein. In coming weeks and months, more and more books will be added to the shelves. -S

MURALIST and signwriter Mark Klein has been hard at work in Yea, creating a bookshelf mural on the side of the building which houses the library, community house and council chambers. The next step will be adding the books.

Through “roughing in” the main structural chape of the shelves, people can now see the shape and scale of the mural.

Rebecca Bowles came up with the idea as she had had the library portfolio when she was a councillor, and was keen to find ways to get more people into the library, as well as the community house.

She also suggested the wall. She commented, “It’s a horrible 1970s building. We had to do something with it.”

When Pat Carter died, the estate gifted \$20,000 to the Yea Community House, so the initial payment for the mural was a portion of that. Mark will also be paid for the books added to the wall.

Mark is planning on spending the next few days sorting the books into groups for scale, and working out how much space he will need.

The public have been invited to nominate their favourite books, which they can then have added to the mural at a cost of \$20 to

\$40. The book’s spine will be reproduced to appear the same as a physical copy of the book, as well as your own name being added, becoming a permanent memento. He will be painting the books in groups of 10 until the mural is completed and the shelves are filled.

Mark lives in Cathkin and has been operating Visual Impact Signs for the past 35 years. He trained with a mural artists and signwriter, and learnt a wide variety of skills, including glass painting, airbrushing and of course, creating murals.

He often works on houseboats during the summer period as well as doing other signwriting work, and has previously created a bull mural and a motorbike mural in Alexandra.

He’s planning to work around three days each week on the Yea mural, as he needs to balance the work with other commercial work, and explained that people might see the mural progressing at a varying pace as it develops. He’ll need to pause through winter due to the weather conditions.

“People will virtually be able to count the books as they’re going on,” he said. There are currently about 50 books ready to go.

You can find out more at the Yea Community House or the Yea Library.

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New forest firefighters ready to respond to fires this summer

SIXTY-seven of Forest Fire Management Victoria's (FFMVic) newest firefighters are completing an intensive training program to learn the skills needed to protect communities and the environment from bushfires.

The program covers the fundamentals of firefighting including fire behaviour, fire suppression, planned burning, safety and survival techniques.

Forest Fire Management Victoria's Deputy Chief Fire Officer Aaron Kennedy said, "Our new firefighters are completing a mix of theory and field-based activities to prepare them for the varied role of a forest firefighter."

"Forest firefighters rely extensively on dry firefighting techniques as water is often scarce in the middle of the bush."

"The course covers hands-on training in how to use rakehoes and other tools to construct a mineral earth control line, as well as skills such as four-wheel driving, use of chainsaws and water pumps, working around heavy machinery and aircraft, and engaging with the community."

"Recruits will not only respond to bushfires across the region and state, they'll also be undertaking important risk reduction and

preparedness work such as planned burning, slashing and track clearing.

"Once they've successfully completed the program, the recruits will work alongside our experienced firefighters where they'll continue with on-the-job learning while undertaking bushfire preparedness and response work."

This year FFMVic has recruited 124 seasonal project firefighters in north east Victoria to help keep communities safe. Last year FFMVic responded to more than 530 fires across the region in forests and reserves.

Project firefighters complement the existing workforce during the bushfire season, responding to fires and undertaking planned burning during the peak autumn period.

They are based at 19 depots across north east Victoria including Corryong, Tallangatta, Eskdale, Ovens, Bright, Beechworth, Mount Beauty, Benalla, Yarrawonga, Wangaratta, Whitfield, Mansfield, Shepparton, Nathalia, Alexandra, Toolangi, Broadford, Kinglake and Marysville.

All FFMVic crews are adhering to appropriate COVID-19 restrictions and hygiene guidelines to ensure operations and training can safely continue across the state.

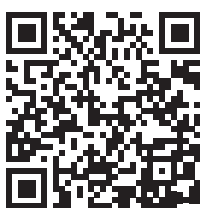
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Murrindindi Shire's swimming pool season commences this Saturday 27 November! With entry free-of-charge again this season, we hope you take the chance to cool off at one of our swimming pools in Alexandra, Eildon, Marysville or Yea.

Like last year, the pool season will look a little different due to COVID-19 restrictions. This means that all patrons over 12 years and 2 months of age will need to be double-vaccinated (unless you have a medical exemption) and you will be required to check-in and show proof of vaccination each time you visit one of our pools. Please be understanding about these requirements and be kind to our staff, who will be working hard to keep us all safe.

A friendly reminder that our pools will be closed to the public on days forecast to be below 23 degrees (although lap swimming will run as usual). From Friday 17 December 2021 to Saturday 5 February 2022, all pools will be open until 8.00 pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

For the latest information, including opening hours and updates to services, please visit our website and search 'pools'. You can also keep an eye out on Council's Facebook page for the latest information on activities and pool closures throughout the season.

TENDER - 2022-2025 CLEANING CONTRACT

Council invites suitably-qualified and experienced contractors to submit a tender bid for the delivery of cleaning services for Council buildings and facilities.

To download the tender documents or make an enquiry, please visit Council's online tender portal at eprocure.com.au/murrindindi

Tender bids close at 3.00 pm on 8 December 2021.

JOBS AT COUNCIL

Coordinator Community Engagement

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Applications close Sunday 28 November 2021.

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Symptoms change depending on vaccination status

ZOE, an organisation funded by the UK Department of Health and Social Care, has been studying the symptoms of COVID-19 in people who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated and fully vaccinated. There are some variations in the top five symptoms which you should be aware of.

For people who are unvaccinated, the most common symptoms, in order of prevalence, have been found to be a headache, sore throat, runny nose, fever and a persistent cough,

For people who have had one vaccination dose, the most common symptoms, in order of prevalence, have been found to be a headache, runny nose, sore throat, sneezing and a persistent cough.

For people who have been fully vaccinated, the most common symptoms, in order of prevalence, have been found to be a runny nose, headache, sneezing, a sore throat and a persistent cough.

It is worth noting these differences as sneezing did not previously occur at all in the list of common or less common COVID-19 symptoms. If you have been sneezing a lot lately and it's not the result of persistent hayfever, it might be a good time to get tested.



Water police testing for drugs this summer

BOAT and jet ski operators will be tested for drugs across Victoria in a major trial this summer.

The trial will see tests conducted at boat ramps statewide. Key locations include Patterson River, Williamstown, St Kilda and Lake Eildon. It will be the first time members of the Water Police Squad have conducted drug testing.

Tests will be conducted between November and March, with the first operation scheduled for November 20.

Operators found with illicit drugs such as methamphetamines, MDMA or cannabis in their system will have their marine licence cancelled for three months and face a fine of up to \$2180. Water police can also ban them from driving a motor vehicle for up to 24 hours.

The drug testing trial is the result of more than a year's planning involving Victoria Police's Water Police Squad and Road Policing Command. Victoria was one of the first jurisdictions in the world to introduce

roadside drug testing, with the trial a major step towards greater safety on waterways. An evaluation will be completed mid next year. Testing could become permanent if the trial is successful.

Police have had power to drug test boat and jet ski operators for several years however it is the first time water police have conducted testing. A preliminary oral fluid test will be conducted with a secondary sample sent to a lab for analysis, mirroring the existing system for roadside drug tests.

Water police already test vessel operators for alcohol.

Inspector Greg Barras, Water Police Squad said, "Boat and jet ski operators with illicit drugs in their system are not only a risk to themselves but to all water users.

"This trial sends a clear message that this type of behaviour will not be tolerated.

"Water police will be out at boat ramps across the state this summer testing for drugs so there's a high chance we'll be at one near you.

"The penalties for anyone caught are severe and you may well find your ability to drive a motor vehicle sunk too."

Inspector Brenda Bagally from the Road Policing Drug and Alcohol Section added, "Drugs are a huge problem on Victoria's roads and it's a sad reality there will also be use among boat and jet ski operators.

"Road police provided their expertise in this trial because we know the trauma drugs cause on our roads and we don't want the same tragedies playing out on our waterways.

"Be it on land or water, drugs impair judgement, slow reaction times and increase risk-taking behaviour. That's why this trial is so important."

An Eildon Police member said, "We're pleased the Water Police will be here doing the operation. It will deter people from doing the wrong thing, and make the lake safer for everyone."



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Be careful of the potholes

MEMBER for Eildon Cindy McLeish has called for the Minister for Roads to visit the region.

She said roads across the region are in a deplorable condition and only getting worse due to the lack of serious repairs made by the Victorian Government.

Ms McLeish called on the minister to personally drive up the Melba Highway and onto the Maroondah Highway to Mansfield. On the way back the minister needs to head to Alexandra and take the trip over the Black Spur to Healesville to see for himself the dire need for serious road repairs and ensure these repairs are actioned.

Ms McLeish said, "I have previously called on the minister to drive Heidelberg-Kinglake Road between Kinglake and St Andrews. The minister can't do it from behind a desk in the city, he needs to see the road conditions for himself."

"I receive complaints from residents almost on a daily basis about how poor and dangerous the roads are, and the damage potholes cause to vehicles. People are fed up, and rightly so."

The Melba Highway is a serious concern, easily receiving the largest amount of complaints from drivers. It is full of potholes, crumbling shoulders and uneven road surface.

Ms McLeish continues, "I drive along the Melba Highway almost daily and it is no surprise that residents are concerned about this road in particular. It has been an issue for years and is only getting worse with band aid fixes that don't last."



Cindy McLeish. -S

"I continually address the concerns of locals with the minister, who told me I raise more road issues with him than any other Member of Parliament."

Other major roads that the community are concerned about include the Warburton Highway, the Black Spur, the roads in and around Woods Point and the Maroondah Highway from Healesville all the way to Mansfield.

"The State Labor Government needs to stop ignoring regional roads. Repairs need to be made now," Ms McLeish concluded.

Under parliamentary guidelines the minister has 30 days to respond to Ms McLeish's request.

Flowerdale Primary farewells beloved chaplain

FLOWERDALE Primary School have been fortunate to have had Kerry Cook working with their school community during term four, 2020, and for the 2021 school year. For personal reasons Kerry resigned her position from November 17.

The school community is grateful for the work she has done to support staff, student and family welfare at the school. She performed her role with a calmness, care and enthusiasm that has encouraged positive engagement with all community members.

She has left a lasting legacy in the cooperative student project that created an amazing mosaic seascape on the wall of the sandpit which engages students in imaginative play and enhances the environment of the school grounds.

The students will miss her sensitive approach to assisting them when they were having social or emotional difficulties. Activities such as colouring, craft, games and knitting in the quiet area supported students who needed down time during recess and lunchtimes. Cooking activities with groups including, 'Baked with Love' sessions for the year six girls taught life skills and supported student engagement.

Kerry was very proactive in her support of parents and carers, finding ways to support them with food parcels, loads of firewood and connections with services and community organisations. The regular catch ups with families, particularly during the difficulties of the COVID-19 lockdowns was greatly appreciated. The connections she made have assisted many families during a time of stress and uncertainty and has helped to promote Flowerdale Primary School as a caring community hub.

Kerry organised regular breakfast and lunch clubs, provided delicious desserts



Kerry Cook. -S

for Yea Rotary dinners and cooked amazing pasta dishes for the school sleepover. She even made her first pretzels with students for German Day last year. Nothing was too much to ask of this talented lady. One of the golden ticket rewards as part of the school-wide Positive Behaviour Strategy was to have lunch with Kerry. This reward was coveted by many students.

Dave Jovanovski, acting principal at Flowerdale Primary School said, "I greatly appreciated her conversations and insightful reflections on the needs of our school community. I know her role as chaplain of our school has been a rewarding experience and a time she will treasure. We wish her all the best with her future endeavours. She will be greatly missed."

A new chaplain will be employed to commence by the start of 2022.

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Deer spotlighting charges

SEVEN people are expected to be charged on summons following a three night police operation to detect deer hunters illegally spotlighting in the Mansfield and Jamieson areas last weekend.

Mansfield and Jamieson uniform police officers, supported by staff from Game Management Authority (GMA) and Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), led overnight patrols in a number of illegal spotlighting hotspots between Thursday, November 11 and Saturday, November 13.

During the operation officers apprehended seven people who they allege were committing numerous offences against the Firearms Act, including prohibited person possess firearm; possess loaded firearm in public place; fail to store Category A or B longarm correctly; store firearm or ammunition in an insecure manner; possession of spotlight and firearm in recognised deer habitat.

A number of other charges are likely to be laid in relation to offences against various Wildlife Game Regulations.

Police seized six firearms, seven spotlights and ammunition during the operation.

Six of the seven alleged offenders have had their firearms licences suspended while the seventh person was unlicensed. The following people are expected to be charged on summons: a 48 year old man

from Noble Park, a 27-year-old man from Mooroolbark, a 33 year old man from Mooroolbark, a 58 year old man from Mooroolbark, a 54 year old man from Guildford (NSW), a 68 year old man from Hadfield, and a 51 year old man from Dallas

Anyone with information about illegal spotlighting is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Mansfield Acting Senior Sergeant Geoff Hutchison said, "Local police along with specialist units and our partner agencies braved the rain and horrible weather conditions last weekend, however it was undoubtedly worth spending three nights in the challenging high country conditions to apprehend seven hunters allegedly committing a multitude of offences.

"Illegal spotlighting is not only against the law, it is dangerous, unethical and reduces recreational hunting opportunities for law-abiding hunters.

"We will continue to collaborate with our partner agencies, share intelligence, and act on reports from the local community to crack down on illegal hunting practices, and protect the community.

"Hunters should be reminded that illegal hunting activity is likely to result in immediate suspension of firearms licences, seizure of firearms, and the facing of charges."

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Respect is growing

Mitchell Shire Council is calling for the community to stand united for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence.

The 16 Days of Activism starts on November 25, the International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women, and ends on December 10, Human Rights Day.

The 2021 campaign theme, led by Respect Victoria, Domestic Violence Victoria and the Domestic Violence Resource Centre, is 'Respect Is ...' with people to complete the sentence with their own thoughts and opinion.

The positive message aims to support Victorian communities to engage in conversations about respect – what respect means to people, what respect looks like and how to put respect into practice, especially in the context of gender equality.

There is no single cause of violence against women. But current international evidence, outlined in 'Change the Story: a shared framework for the primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia' demonstrates that higher levels of violence against women are consistently associated with lower levels of gender equality in both public life and personal relationships.

This year, council, partner agencies and community groups across the region have planned a range of activities, workshops and opportunities to learn about the gendered drivers of violence, so people can act collectively to make an impact and take a stance.

Mitchell Shire Mayor Bill Chisholm said respect came in many different forms.

"Respect is equality. Respect is equal pay for equal work. Respect is being treated how you want to be treated," he said.

"We will once again stand with our community by taking part in the 16 Days of Activism campaign to highlight our stance as an organisation against violence."

Cr Chisholm said the campaign was an opportunity to partner with agencies

across the shire and beyond to collectively make an impact and stand united.

"As a shire with significantly high family violence rates, we want to send a clear message – violence will never be tolerated or accepted in our community," he said.

"We all have to work together to acknowledge the problem and find practical and worthwhile solutions."

As Mitchell Shire has high family violence rates, council is making it clear that it is not tolerated or accepted within our community.

Council is offering a free packet of native flower seedlings from libraries and community centres across the shire – fitting into its theme of 'respect is growing', and aiming to spark conversations about how to grow respect in the workplace, with family and friends or in the community.

Mitchell Shire is ranked 11th of the 79 Victorian councils for family violence incidents.

New data shows that 2020 was the first year in which all of Mitchell's townships experienced a family violence incident rate higher than the state average.

One of council's priorities for the upcoming federal election is securing funding for the Seymour Integrated Health and Community Hub.

Council's previous advocacy work led to the establishment of the recently completed Wallan Community Services Hub, which includes an Orange Door access point.

The Orange Door helps people speak to workers from specialist family violence, child and family, Aboriginal and men's services.

The Orange Door is a free service for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence and families who need extra support with the care of children.

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CALLING ON MEN TO

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out'**



Zonta Club of Mitchell supporter Richard paints orange lady figures ahead of this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

Zonta Club of Mitchell will mark this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence campaign with a series of community events, art displays and social media posts.

The club will kick off the campaign on Thursday with an orange walk, where members and supporters will walk from their homes or workplaces while wearing orange shirts emblazoned with a 'Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women' slogan.

This weekend the club will host a community art and craft show at Broadford's Gavan Hall, from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and 10am to 1pm on Sunday.

Zonta will also post messages and images designed to raise awareness about family violence on Facebook and Instagram during each of the 16 days, and will put displays of domestic violence survival stories, titled 'Walk in My Shoes' in Mitchell Shire libraries.

The club will conclude the campaign with an brunch of all-orange food and drink on December 10.

An orange lady silhouette, which featured in the club's award-winning social media campaign for last year's 16 Days of Activism, will also make appearances across the shire.

Zonta Club of Mitchell president Robin Audehm said a focus of this year's campaign was getting men to call out family violence.

"This year's theme is 'call it out' and we're trying to get men involved in activism against family violence," she said.

"[On social media] we'll do posts using men in our community, each one of them with a personal message about saying no to family violence or calling out violence if they see it."

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Ms Audehm said family violence was a problem across the region, and men needed to play a role in reducing it.

"Family violence in the Mitchell community is at a fairly alarming rate, but family violence throughout Victoria and Australia is higher than it should be as well," she said.

"We're trying to raise awareness for men to call it out if they see something, like any of their colleagues or family members who might be saying things or acting in a way that is not acceptable. We want them to stand up and say something about it."

"We're also trying to raise awareness for those people who are victims and support anyone who is a victim. We want them to know there are places where they can make connections and get help."

Zonta is an international organisation dedicated to advancing the status of women through service and advocacy.

People can follow Zonta Club of Mitchell's 16 Days of Activism campaign on social media by visiting www.facebook.com/zontaclubofmitchell, following @zontamitchell on Instagram or emailing zontaclubmitchell@gmail.com for more information.

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Zonta says No is a campaign to raise awareness of violence against women and girls around the world. Over 30,000 Zonta members in 67 countries are committed to this cause. Support this year's walk against gender based violence.

JOIN US: Wear Orange and WALK FROM YOUR HOME by yourself or with a friend on 25 Nov 2021

Post your photo on social media
#walkfromhome #zontasaysno #16daysofactivism

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WOMEN
through Service
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16
DAYS
OF ACTIVISM
AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE
November 25 - December 10, 2021

There is **never** an excuse
for gender-based violence.

As communities, we must
uphold women's rights to
live free from violence.

WOMEN'S HEALTH GOULBURN NORTH EAST is a proudly feminist organisation supporting the creation of equal, just and resilient regional communities that are safe and healthy for all. Our work is focused on building the capacity of individuals, organisations, businesses and communities to advance women's economic security, agency and wellbeing and to prevent violence against women.

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Our vision is a future where our community is free from family violence and where healthy, respectful relationships prevail.

We are committed to:

Identifying the signs of family violence, sensitively inquiring, supporting and referring people to specialist family violence services.

Working in partnership with our community to generate a unified response in working toward the prevention of family violence.

Promoting a culture within our Health Service that is gender-equitable, non-discriminatory and encourages respectful relationships.

Supporting staff and volunteers both professionally and personally in order to promote their wellbeing and safety.

Providing family violence education to all of our staff and volunteers.

ONGOING



Walk in my shoes display

The Zonta 'Walk in my Shoes' display will be travelling across Mitchell's libraries during 16 Days of Activism, appearing at Kilmore, Seymour, Wallan and Broadford libraries, featuring stories of women and children victim-survivors of family violence.

Zonta Club of Mitchell

THURSDAY
25 NOV

SafeSteps Walk Against Family Violence

Join people across Victoria to raise awareness and walk in solidarity with victim-survivors of family violence and violence against women, at the 13th Annual Walk Against Family Violence. A 'walk from home' event.

Register your walk at:
www.safesteps.org.au/2021-wafv

THURSDAY
25 NOV

Respect is Growing in Mitchell and Murrindindi shires

From November 25 to December 10, community members can pick up a free packet of native flower seedlings from libraries, kindergartens and community centres across Mitchell and Murrindindi Shires. We encourage you to plant your seedlings and start a conversation about how 'Respect is growing' in your shire. Your conversation might be about how you will grow respect in your workplace, with family and friends or in our community.

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www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au

Murrindindi Shire Council -
www.facebook.com/murrindindishirecouncil
www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Home

THURSDAY
25 NOV



Orange Walk

Everyone is invited to join in and wear orange to undertake a walk with a friend or your pet. Post photos on social media or private message Zonta Mitchell to post.

For more information: Zonta Club of Mitchell Facebook page

THURSDAY
25 NOV



16 days presentation on Upper Goulburn Community Radio

Listen in to Andrew and Lee's Community radio discussion of the 16 days campaign, why it's important and what as a whole community we can do.

To listen in, click here <http://right-click.com.au/rcPlayer2/index.php?c=ugfm>

THURSDAY
25 NOV



NEXUS Walk Against Family Violence

Each Nexus location will host a lunchtime walk as part of the Safe Steps Walk Against Family Violence event – for staff only. Staff will wear orange to support the campaign. This can be from a simple hair tie to completely dressed in an orange suit.

Nexus Primary Health

SATURDAY
27 NOV

Zonta Club of Mitchell Community Art and Craft Show

Featured at the show this year is the Zonta 'Walk in my Shoes' display with stories of women and children victim-survivors of family violence. Gold coin donation, all proceeds support Zonta service projects.


Venue: Gavan Hall, High St, Broadford

For more information: Zonta Club of Mitchell Facebook page

SUNDAY
28 NOV



TUESDAY
30 NOV




North Central Review goes orange

The North Central Review will change the colour of its front page masthead from blue to orange to mark the 16 Days of Activism campaign.

Pick up a copy of the North Central Review across the Mitchell Shire or visit www.ncreview.com.au

TUESDAY
30 NOV



Coffee with a Cop


Coffee with a Cop is a collaborative event between Victoria Police, Mitchell Shire Council, and local cafe vendors. The event encourages the community to attend the cafe for a free coffee, chat about issues and build positive community relationships.

Venue: Flavour Gourmet Foods, High Street, Broadford

Victoria Police, Mitchell Shire Council

Visit 'Eyewatch-Mitchell Police Service Area' on Facebook for more information.

WEDNESDAY
8 DEC



Working with Dads

Join this free online workshop for professionals and service providers who want to engage dads and families. The online workshop is part of the Support for Fathers project, which aims to develop healthy relationships for dads. Hosted by Women's Health Goulburn North East and Murrindindi Shire Council, supported by Lower Hume Primary Care Partnership and Respect Victoria.

To register, email supportforfathers@rav.org.au.

ONLINE EVENT

If you or someone you know needs help or support, the following services are available to help:

- The Orange Door: 1800 634 245
www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au

- Safe Steps (24/7 Family Violence Response Line): 1800 015 188
- 1800 RESPECT (24/7 sexual assault, domestic and family violence counselling service): 1800 737 732
- Nexus Primary Health: 1300 773 352

- Men's Referral Service: (24/7 professional support and information service for Australian men): 1300 466 491
- Seniors Rights Victoria: 1300 368 821
- Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative: 5820 0000

- The Bridge Youth Service: Seymour (03) 5799 1298 or Wallan (03) 5799 1298
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- InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence: 1800 755 988

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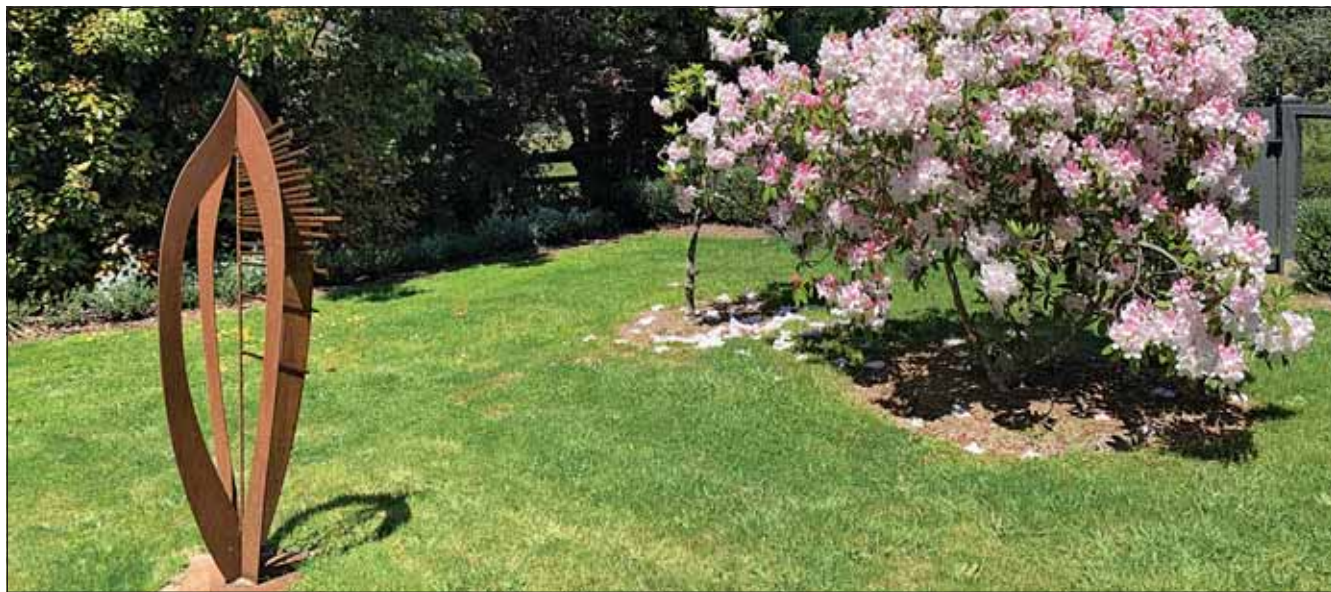
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Winners of the garden photograph competition

ALEXANDRA Newspapers ran a garden photograph competition again this year. Although we had no prizes, winners were given a copy of the popular book, *Journey of 150 Years from the Alexandra Times to the Alexandra Standard*.

There were many entries in the competition and it was a difficult decision to pick the winners. Thank you to everybody who entered.



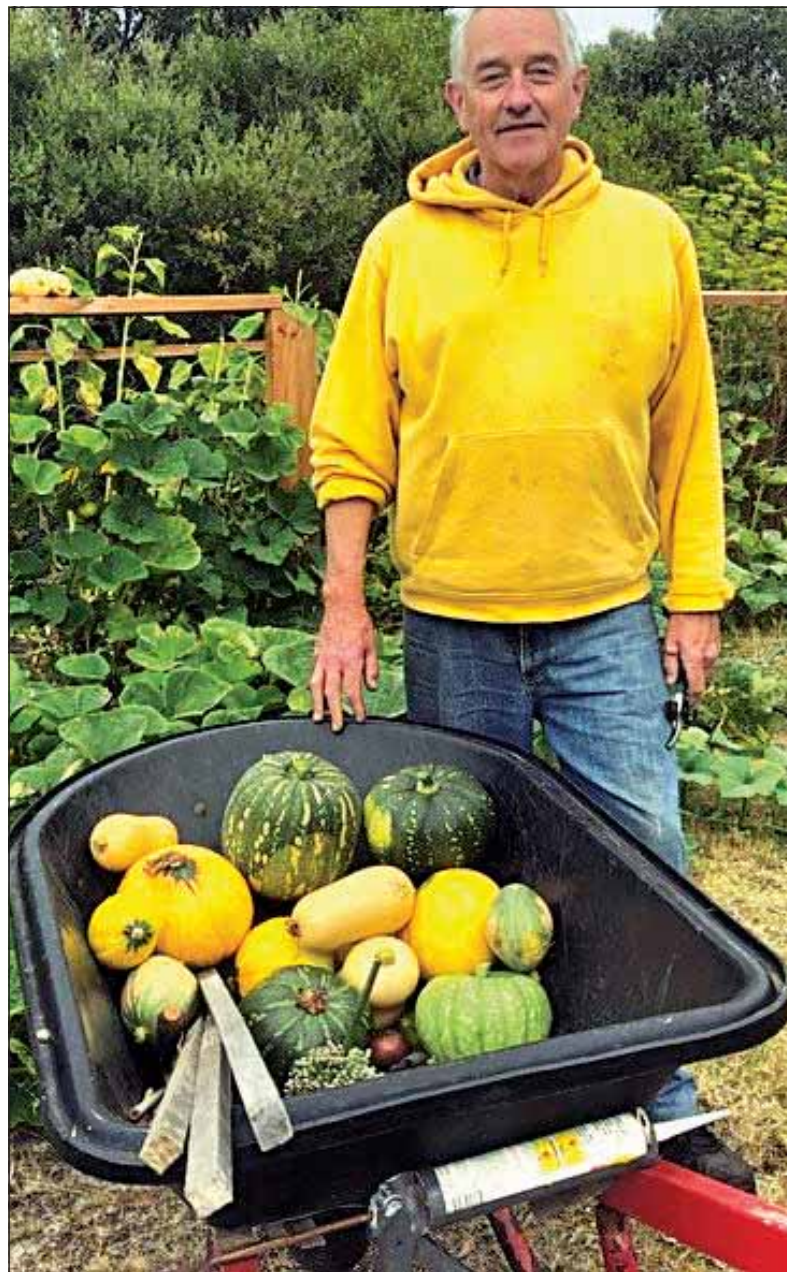
Second place in the Open division went to John Tullock for his photo of the Glenburn garden, 'Boonabaroo'.



First place in the Produce division went to Louise Flowers from Alexandra.



First place in the Open division went to Anne Norris from Alexandra.



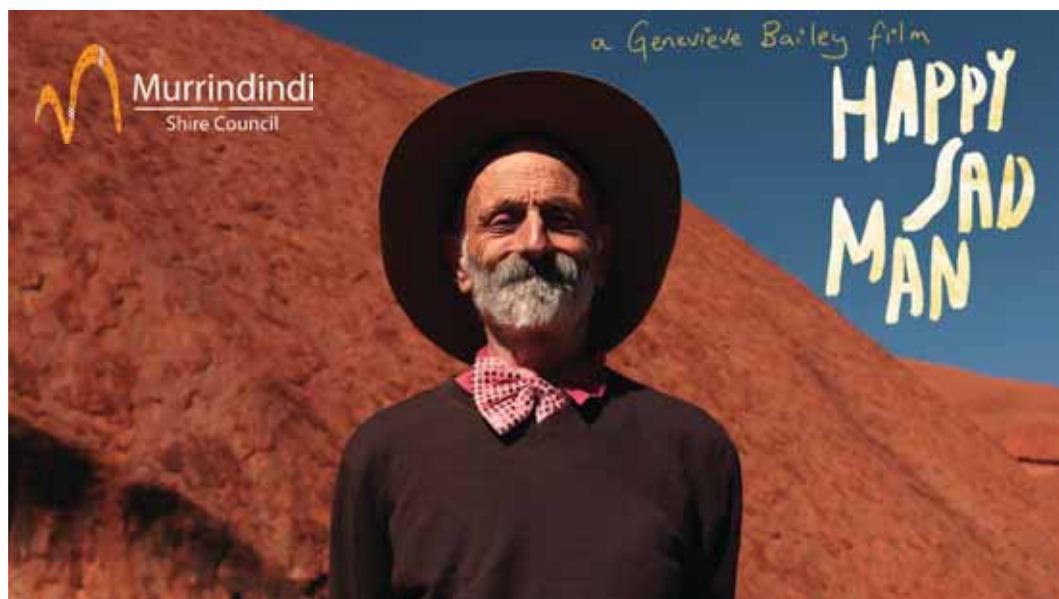
Second place in the Produce division went to Louise Flowers from Alexandra, with this picture of David Flowers.



Third place in the Produce division went to Annette Van Der Hoek from Eildon.



Third place in the Open division went to Linda Carter from Alexandra.



FREE COMMUNITY FILM SCREENING

with a 'meet the Filmmaker' Q&A

Council is pleased to offer five free film screening events of the documentary 'Happy Sad Man' in Alexandra, Toolangi and Yea.

Alexandra Shire Hall - 26 November 2021

Matinee 2.00 pm, Evening 7.00 pm

Toolangi C.J. Dennis Hall - 2 December 2021

Evening 7.00 pm

Yea Shire Hall - 3 December 2021

Matinee 2.00 pm, Evening 7.30 pm

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or calling 5772 0333.

Community survey to help improve council communication

DO you live, work or own a property in Murrindindi Shire? Then you are invited to complete a short Communication Preferences survey to help council improve the way it communicates with its community.

Council currently uses a range of methods to share news and information, including updates about pools, libraries, community events, road and infrastructure projects, environmental programs and waste and recycling services, and they want to understand how you want to receive this information.

Council's Deputy Mayor Damien Gallagher said it's important that council communicates

with the community in ways which work best for the community.

"Last year we talked about how best to engage in two-way conversations with our community, and now we're interested to know a bit more detail about your preferred method for receiving council news, information about our services and any important announcements.

"Maybe you prefer to receive council news on social media, or maybe you'd prefer to receive council's newsletter by email rather than by mail. You might like reading about council news in your local newspaper or community newsletter, or maybe you'd prefer

a noticeboard in the main street of your town? You may also feel like you're hearing from council too much or even too little? This information is really valuable to us in tailoring our approach", Cr Gallagher added.

"The feedback we receive will help us understand how to best approach our future communications activities and to ensure we get the right message to you, at the right time, using your preferred communication method.

"If you have a few minutes spare, I encourage you to head online to The Loop and complete a short Communication Preferences Survey. If you'd prefer to complete a paper survey, drop in to one of the Library and

Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake to fill one out, or give council a call on 5772 0333 and the team can fill out a survey for you on your behalf.

"Council officers will also be popping-up at local supermarkets in Alexandra, Eildon, Yea, Marysville and Kinglake. They will be using these opportunities to chat to you about the project and gather your feedback on how we can improve the way we communicate with you," Cr Gallagher added.

Feedback closes on December 24. For more information and to complete the online survey, please visit theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/communication

More capacity and a faster fleet

VICTORIA will have 50 aircraft strategically placed across the state over the summer season to assist fighting fires and help keep communities safe.

Minister for Emergency Services Jaclyn Symes has announced the 2021/22 aircraft fleet arrangements, which includes a mix of firebombing aircraft, air supervision and airborne information gathering aircraft.

There is greater flexibility and firebombing capacity in this year's fleet compared to previous years, with higher speed aircraft and increased carrying capacity. These enhancements provide a more modern fixed-wing and helicopter fleet, with technologically advanced systems.

There are several new additions to the fleet this summer, including a CH47 Chinook with a capacity of 11,000 litres, and a larger capacity Airplane capable of holding 9000 litres, and a Super Puma with a tank of up to 4000 litres.

Victoria will have two Large Air Tankers (LAT) based at Avalon Airport, one of which will be shared

with Queensland and will be based in Victoria for our peak summer period.

The new LAT Q400 can carry 10,000lt of water or retardant and has fast dispatch and turn around times. It also has short take off and landing capabilities making it more agile to move around the state, in line with changing risk.

It can also operate from smaller regional airports as it requires less room for take-off and landing, making it more agile to move around the state, in line with changing risk.

The Night Fire Aviation Program will continue this summer with the Chinook, the highest capacity helicopter, with a continued focus on initial attack and keeping small fires small. The Chinook can operate through the hottest part of the day and can continue into the night, to give firefighters the best chance to put fires out.

The Victorian fleet will continue to provide immediate response in the early stages of fires and support firefighters on the ground to keep communities safe.

Update from Yea Cemetery Trust

THE Yea Cemetery Trust has welcomed the relaxation of restrictions and hopes that families of passed loved ones can return to the cemetery for visits, and that in the most challenging of times, those who lose a loved one can lay them at rest in Yea.

Despite not being able to meet in person, the trust met virtually throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and were able to run its operations under the state government's restrictions.

Currently the trust is comprised of the shire's councillors. A legal arrangement was established by the former Yea Shire Council in the 1960s and the trust was comprised of councillors at that time.

Since council amalgamations in 1994, the Murrindindi Shire councillors make up the members of the trust, however it remains a separate legal entity

to council and is not funded by it in any way.

The members of the trust are therefore Crs McAulay, Carpenter, Gallagher, Geren-cser, Haslam, Lording and Walsh.

The Yea Cemetery Trust has made sure that despite the challenges of COVID-19, the cemetery has been well kept. The trust is however hoping, through assistance of the community, that some further maintenance work can commence.

"Yea Garden Club assist the cemetery with the rose garden that fronts the cemetery and have just recently prepared a new native garden bed at the entrance of the cemetery, but there will be some fencing required with the new extension, if there are any fencers that would like to assist at a reduced cost or free," Kerry Tull, Team Leader of Library

and Customer Service in Yea said.

Kerry explained that the trust and the cemetery, despite many efforts, still face challenges, most of which relate to times not effected by COVID-19.

"There is always a financial challenge with an expansion of the cemetery now required and the cost of infrastructure with limited funds available," she said.

"Currently, the Yea Cemetery Trust is working on a grant application with Department of Health to obtain funds to assist in the expansion of the cemetery to meet the needs into the future

"Challenges faced with maintaining the Pioneer (old) Cemetery include wombats digging, and old graves and headstones that have fallen and are not attended to by family as they may have long since left the area are also issues."

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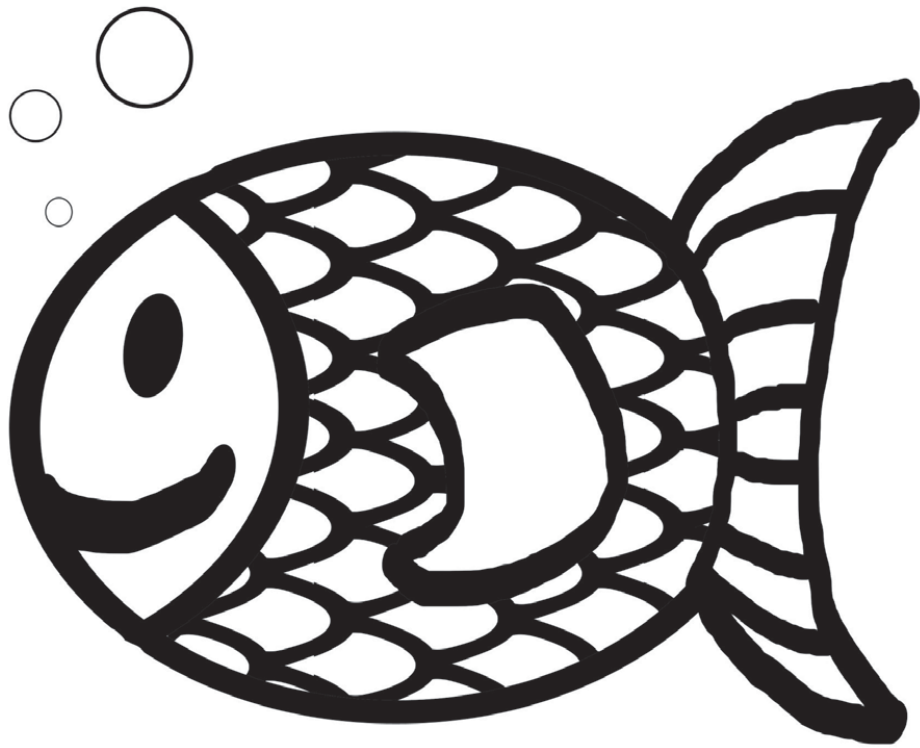
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Word Search: Dogs

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HUSKY

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POMERANIAN

POODLE

PUG

SHIHTZU

WHIPPET

Jokes

Q: What is fast and loud and crunchy?

Q: What is brown, hairy and wears sunglasses?



Sudoku

Difficulty: Medium

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

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PUZZLES

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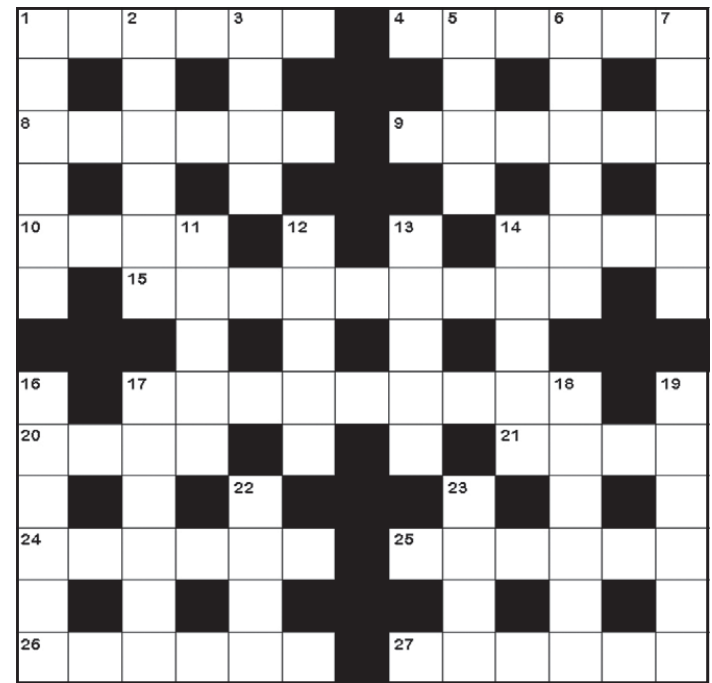
Crossword

ACROSS

1. Liable to sudden unpredictable changes.
4. Having a common national or cultural tradition.
8. A band worn to keep a sock or stocking up.
9. To expel breath or tobacco smoke from the lungs.
10. To sound a horn or whistle in short blasts.
14. A tenant's periodical payment to their landlord.
15. Brought a blade to a thin edge capable of cutting.
17. Gave acceptance to something planned by another.
20. The front part or bow of a vessel or aircraft.
21. A narrow passage between walls hedges or fences.
24. A touring company of actors singers and dancers.
25. A dangerous or threatening thing or person.
26. Something done produced or occurring once a year.
27. A means of counteracting anything undesirable.

DOWN

1. Bundles of sticks and branches bound together.
2. Things that are unusual perhaps worthy of collecting.
3. White cylindrical bulb with flat dark-green leaves.
5. A book prepared for use in schools or colleges.
6. Drew closer and closer to the desired object.
7. Act in a role in the first production of a play.
11. Deliberately lose a fight a contest or a game.
12. Take or force away by violent pulling or twisting.
13. A reddish brown dye used particularly on hair.



14. To take part in noisy festivities and make merry.
16. An absence of interest or enthusiasm in general.
17. Any structure that resembles a crown in shape.
18. Harm that impairs the usefulness of something.
19. A belief that rejects the orthodox tenets of a religion.
22. Australia's most famous and loved gemstone.
23. Gala or bazaar held outdoors in aid of charity.

Word Search: Horoscope

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GEMINI

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SAGITTARIUS

SCORPIO

TAURUS

VIRGO

Brain teaser

Q: You are a cyclist in a cross-country race. Just before crossing the finish line, you overtake the person in second place. In what place did you finish?



Sudoku

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.

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yvonne.padgett@ydmh.org.au
by 5pm Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

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Desirable Skills:

- *A team player
- *A willing worker and learner
- *Reliable
- *Available to work weekends and school holidays.

Please send resume to Manager:
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or contact 5774 2105.

The Outdoor Education Group is a for purpose organisation, seeking to make learning in the outdoor accessible to all young Australians. We currently have opportunities to join our organisation, with the following permanent and casual positions available.

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Eildon (Casual)
- **Catering Coordinator**
Camp Marysville (Full Time)

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SITUATION VACANT

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Come and join our housekeeping team at the Tower Motel, Marysville.

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- Ensuring all quality specifications are met
- Participating in good housekeeping.

Essential requirements for this role are as follows:

- Previous experience working in a fast-paced environment
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Experience using hand and power tools
- Good standard of fitness to be able to stand and lift all day
- Must be reliable and self-motivated

These positions are full time. Please call 5772 3329 or 9728 8866 during business hours or email resumes to michael@glencoeigroup.com.au



ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Alexandra and Yea Premix is expanding and is looking to fill various roles for 2022. We are looking for a part-time administration assistant to join us with room to move to full-time.

Role:

- General business administration includes use of Xero, Excel, copying, filing and record-keeping.
- Processes invoices, payroll, purchase orders, expense reports and maintains organised records.
- Collecting data and maintaining records.
- Screens and responds to telephone calls.
- Email composing and responses.

Requirements:

- A minimum of 3 years' experience in a similar role.
- Familiarity with XERO is essential.
- Ability to perform basic mathematical and accounting functions.
- Ability to use general office equipment.
- Professional verbal and written communication skills.
- Proficiency and experience in working with Microsoft business software including Outlook, Word and Excel.
- Excellent time management, organisation, communication and, customer service skills.

Please send CV to info@thepremix.com.au or, call Clare on 0401 582 132.

SITUATION VACANT



Casual Farm Hand Full time or part time

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We are looking for a person who has:

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- experience in a number of practice areas will be an advantage
- excellent communication skills and phone manner
- strong time management skills with the ability to work under pressure to meet deadlines
- good skills in document management and formatting

The ideal candidate should also possess the following:

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The successful applicant will be required to undertake and provide:

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You must have the right to live and work in Australia to apply for this job.

To apply for this position, please complete the application via the website, <https://www.lakemountainresort.com.au/careers/>.

All applications must include an up-to-date resume and a brief covering letter.

For further enquiries or a copy of the position description, please contact careers@southernalpine.vic.gov.au

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DEATH NOTICES



McCORMACK, John
Members of the Molesworth Rural Fire Brigade regret the passing of esteemed member John, whose volunteer service to CFA spanned more than 65 years – a remarkable effort. John will be sadly missed by the Molesworth community. We extend our deepest sympathy to Tom, Mary, Jack and family.
Captain and members of the Molesworth Rural Fire Brigade

McCORMACK, JOHN
09/07/1935-16/11/2021
Passed away peacefully with family by his side. Adored husband of Margaret (dec). Loving father of Tom, Mary and Jack. At peace and now reunited with mum.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

ROBERTSON, Lorraine (nee Ward). Thinking of our beloved sister on her 80th birthday on November 27, 2021. Memories last a lifetime. Love Brian (dec.), Val, Judy, Jeff, David and Dot.

FUNERAL NOTICES

McCORMACK, JOHN
A service to celebrate the life and love of Mr John McCormack will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yea on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 commencing at 11.30am. Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

In accordance with COVID-19 mandatory regulations, physical distancing will be in place and proof of double vaccinations for persons 16+ will be required.



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ESSENTIAL SELECTION CRITERIA

- Experience with office cleaning preferred
- Ability to work in a team environment
- An understanding and willingness to comply with occupational health and safety policies

Apply by email to info@valleyseeds.com or by written application to 295 Maroondah Link Highway, Yarck Victoria 3719.

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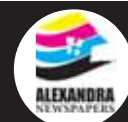
Vacancies exists for the right applicants to join our enthusiastic care, environmental and catering teams.

The successful applicants for catering roles require a food handler's certificate.

Carers will require a successful NDIS worker check clearance whilst catering and environmental teams require a current police check. Evidence of COVID-19 vaccination is required for all staff. Hours may include weekends and public holidays.

Enquiries / applications in writing or by email may be forwarded to Mrs Linda Dover, CEO/DON, Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street Alexandra Vic 3714, Ph 5770 2100 or info@kellocklodge.com.au by COB Monday, November 29, 2021.

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SITUATION VACANT



Maintenance Trade Assistant – Full Time

Koala Cherries Pty Ltd is a grower, packer and marketer of sweet cherries in Australia. We currently have an exciting opportunity for motivated and reliable Maintenance Trade Assistant to join our team. The position is based at our packhouse in Yarck, Victoria.

Working as part of a small team, you will assist with maintenance and repairs of mechanical/automotive assets on the farms and at the packhouse including cars, tractors, RTV/ATV's, forklifts, motorbikes and other assets as required.

The role offers a great deal of variety and would suit someone with an automotive trade qualification plus, a minimum of two years' experience, ideally in an agricultural setting. A current driver's license is required.

This position is full time, with overtime hours available during our busy harvest period. (Nov-Jan) The successful applicant will have great communication skills; a high level of attention to detail; value working in a team environment and; be keen to assist in other areas of the business when required.

Skills and experience in maintaining and repairing farm equipment would be an advantage, but not essential as training will be provided to the successful applicant.

Please email your resume and cover letter to the Maintenance Manager: admin@koalacherries.com.au before close of business on Monday, December 6.

SITUATION VACANT

FOODWORKS

CASUAL SUPERMARKET STAFF REQUIRED

FoodWorks Yea & FoodWorks Alexandra are looking to fill a number of positions across multiple departments.

All applicants must be polite, hard working and honest, with good communication skills and reliable. In line with the Victorian Government mandate, all applicants must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

To apply for a position, please email your covering letter, resume (with references), and contact details to jobs@reddrop.com.au or pick up an application from the customer service counter at your preferred store.



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Relevant experience with computerised Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, GST and General Ledger functions is required.

The trainee position is an opportunity for the successful candidate to kick start their career and gain a valuable qualification.

As this position is in a small team, the successful candidate must be able to multi task, stay organised, be able to work efficiently and accurately, have a great sense of humour and have the ability to work with and for a variety of personalities.

In line with the Victorian Government mandate, all applicants must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

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KIDS - JOKES

A: A rocket chip
A: A coconut on holiday

Slip, slop, slap, seek and slide

SUNSMART is reminding Victorians to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide into new-found freedoms, and has noted that less than half of men use sun protection in their daily routine.

A national Cancer Council study showed that men are neglecting certain body parts when it comes to sun protection.

The 2019 Summer Sun Protection Survey (Life in Australia, found that males who were sunburnt on summer weekends were more likely than females to report having been burnt on the following specific body parts: nose (43 per cent compared to females at 24 per cent); ears (28 per cent compared to females at seven per cent); legs (26 per cent compared to females at 13 per cent); and back of the knees (12 per cent compared to females at one per cent).

Despite 79 per cent of men surveyed agreeing that if they regularly protect themselves from the sun, they can avoid skin cancer, less than half agreed that sun protection was part of their daily routine (49 per cent).

When it comes to the five recommended forms of sun protection, it was found that when outdoors on summer weekends, less than a third of men slipped on protective clothing, sloped on sunscreen, slapped on a wide-brimmed hat, or sought out shade. However,



around half of men surveyed reported they slid on a pair of sunglasses when heading outside.

Compared to women, it was found that men were worse at protecting themselves with three out of the five: sunscreen and sunglasses use, as well as seeking out shade.

Craig Sinclair, Head of Prevention Division at Cancer Council Victoria, said the new campaign served as an important reminder for men not to be complacent when it comes to protecting their skin.

"As a dad, my first instincts are to protect my family, so I understand how easy it is to

forget to show myself the same level of protection" he said.

"Twice as many men as women die from melanoma each year, demonstrating that we still need that reminder to be SunSmart, especially when males are more likely to spend time outdoors on weekends than females (75 per cent compared to 63 per cent).

"It's never too late to protect your skin and sun protection is essential at any age to significantly reduce skin cancer risk."

Head of SunSmart, Heather Walker urged all Victorians to remember sun protection when

venturing out and about this summer.

"Seventy-one per cent of men know melanoma kills more men than women, so it's alarming to see them not heeding our advice to cover up and protect themselves," she said.

"Masks might be coming off outdoors, but sun protection is here to stay. As we start to enjoy our outdoor pleasures after lockdown, it's the perfect time to remind all Victorians to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide to protect their skin from damaging UV.

"Check your sunscreen expiry date, invest in a new broad-brimmed hat for the summer, and download the SunSmart app for daily access to the UV levels and sun protection times in your area."

Sun protection is recommended when UV levels are three or higher. SunSmart recommends people slip on clothing that covers as much skin as possible, slop on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen, slap on a broad-brimmed hat that shades the face, ears and neck, seek shade and slide on sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard for UV protection

For more information visit sunsmart.com.au

Many still feeling unsettled

A NEW survey has revealed that many Australians are feeling unsettled as a result of the pandemic.

Beyond Blue CEO Georgie Harman said that many people found it hard to express what they were feeling as Australia entered a new phase of living alongside COVID-19.

"The pandemic and the transition to living with COVID-19 are affecting us all in different ways and it's understandable if you're a little unsure about what to feel right now, or if you're feeling a few different things at once," Ms Harman said.

Beyond Blue commissioned a survey of 1600 people from around Australia from October 15 to 27 as restrictions began to ease. More than half said the pandemic had negatively affected their mental health.

Further results show that one in four felt worried or restless, one in five were finding it difficult to engage with others, and one in three felt unmotivated and found it hard to perform daily tasks.

Among those who hadn't used a support service in the past year, more than one quarter said they hadn't done so because they felt like other people needed support more than they did, or they didn't feel comfortable seeking support.

A new early intervention initiative called Mixed Emotions will appear on radio, digital channels and streaming services, reassuring people that mixed feelings are common and encouraging people to reach out to the Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service.

Ms Harman said people were feeling exhausted after two years of rolling uncertainty and stress, but also hopeful for the future.

"You're certainly not the only one experiencing mixed feelings right now. These emotions make sense given the major adjustments we're having to make. But that doesn't mean you have to manage those feelings alone," Ms Harman said.

"It's not at all uncommon for first-time callers to our services to feel unsure or awkward about what they should say, or to worry that someone else needs the call more than they do.

"So we want to reassure people that you don't have to have the perfect words. Our empathetic counsellors can help you make sense of how you're feeling. Just talking things through can make you feel less alone, give you some practical advice, and contribute to better mental health."

Ms Harman said it was important to focus on prevention and early intervention to support Australia's mental health and wellbeing.

"Feeling unsettled doesn't mean you're unwell. It means that you could benefit from a few strategies and tools to get you through a tough time. You don't have to manage these ups and downs on your own. There are steps all of us can take to stay mentally healthy and prevent mental health issues from developing," she said.

"As tough as this pandemic has been, we've all learned so much about our mental health and wellbeing. Let's take those lessons forward through the transition to living with COVID-19 and beyond. The Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service offers self-guided support, immediate free counselling, and pathways to longer term support and help in a crisis."

Beyond Blue supports the mental health of all Australians with a range of services and supports. This includes The Way Back Support Service for those recovering after a suicide attempt, online peer support forums, as well as prevention and early intervention initiatives such as Mixed Emotions.

The Commonwealth-funded Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service, delivered by Beyond Blue, exists alongside the ongoing Beyond Blue Support Service.

"Beyond Blue is here for everyone, no matter who you are, where you're from or what you're feeling. You can call if you're worried about someone else. You don't have to be in crisis to call us. It's never too late and it's never too early to start looking after your mental health," Ms Harman said.

The Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service and further information can be found at coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au, or through calling 1800 512 348.

Be aware of the top five scams

REQUESTS for money transfers, phishing and fake missed call or text messages are among the top five scams targeting Victorians, according to data revealed by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

Promises of large sums of money, in return for an upfront payment, topped the list with 660 reports in 2020/21, compared to just 330 in the previous financial year.

Consumer Affairs Victoria received more than 2000 reports of scams during 2020/21, with the top five being money transfer scams with the promise of a cash refund for a fee) (660 reports); phishing where people steal personal details via email, text or voicemail (567 reports); mixed call and text message scams (315 reports); investment and financial scams (182 reports); and fake tradies (105 reports).

Many people who experience a scam never report it to anyone due to feelings of shame, but it's important to keep talking to reduce stigma and prevent scams from happening in the first place.

Victorians are encouraged to keep the conversation going by reminding their family and friends to do their research before sending any payment to online sellers and to never give money or bank details to claim a prize.

Further information about scams and how to protect yourself can be found at consumer.vic.gov.au/scams

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation Melissa Horne said, "There is no shame in being caught out by a scam and it's important to keep having conversations to understand the warning signs before it's too late.

"Scams can cause both financial and emotional distress. The best defence is to speak out, educate yourself on what a scam looks like and continue raising awareness to prevent others falling victim."

Yea High School celebrates diversity

YEA High School Student leaders organised lunchtime activities and a barbecue to celebrate Diversity and Inclusion at school on Friday, November 12.

Student leaders gave their thoughts on the meaning of Diversity and Inclusion:

“Inclusion means that you’re including people and you’re not excluding them. You let them join into what you are doing.” - Ruby, Year 7

“Inclusion means having pride in everyone’s individualism.” - Freya, Year 8

“Helping others.” - Sascha, Year 9

“Being around people even if they are different from you.” - Chelci, Year 9

“Inclusion is having empathy and kindness for everyone.” - Layla, Year 12

“Everyone working together.” - Jess, Year 11

“Inclusion is when you associate yourself with a group or individual regardless of their

religion, race, sexual orientation or beliefs.” - Zoe, Year 10

“Everyone helping each other.” - Lilly, Year 7

“Inclusion is making sure no one, no matter who they are, is excluded.” - Louis, Year 10

“Inclusion means including people into your group.” - Noah, Year 8

“Inclusion means an action of including someone in a group setting.” - Bailey, Year 7

“Inclusion is feeling like you belong.” - Emma, Year 11

“Inclusion means making sure everybody is in a team or making sure everyone in a group is collaborating with each and asking other people if they would like to join in.” - Jasper, Year 7

“Asking people if they want to join in.” - Ebony, Year 7

“Making sure someone’s not left out.” - Stephen, Year 9

“Inclusion means that everyone is the same no matter the race or gender, we are all humans after all.” - Noah, Year 7



Yea High School's sponsor child



Adoniya Mutayi - S

ADONIYA Mutayi is the 12 year old Ugandan boy sponsored by the the Yea High School community.

With the assistance of Plan International, the school's community provides support to Adoniya by providing essential access to healthcare, nutrition, education, housing, and a sustainable livelihood.

Fundraising is conducted throughout the year by student leaders that goes towards the \$600 annual sponsorship fee to assist Adoniya and his family.

Adoniya is grateful and thankful to have the Yea High School's ongoing support.



\$150m for local disaster mitigation projects

THE Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has welcomed the release of guidelines for the \$150 million community infrastructure component of the Commonwealth's \$600 million Preparing Australian Program.

The program is focused on disaster preparedness and responds to recommendations of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements aimed at better preparing communities for more severe and frequent disasters.

The release of the funding guidelines comes 13 months after the Royal Commission's report.

Under the 'Preparing Australian Communities – Local' component of the program, local governments and communities can apply for grants from \$20,000 to \$10 million for projects which will help them better prepare for future disasters and lessen their impacts.

ALGA President Linda Scott said the opportunity to enhance the resilience of essential local infrastructure and boost post-COVID-19 economic recovery would be welcomed by all communities.

"Investing in betterment funding saves communities and

governments millions of dollars in the long term by ensuring that our community infrastructure can better withstand natural disasters," Cr Scott said.

"By funding local governments, the federal government is investing in our communities who receive additional benefits through the creation of new jobs, local economic growth, lower insurance premiums, and faster reductions in greenhouse gas emissions."

Cr Scott said consultation with ALGA and its members was an excellent example of the commonwealth and the

sector working together to ensure maximum impact for local governments and their communities.

Grants will be open to all local government areas at high risk of disasters (not just the 110 disaster-declared ones) and the commonwealth has reduced co-contribution requirements.

Projects under \$100,000 will require no co-contribution, nor will planning and awareness-raising projects. For infrastructure projects over \$100,000, local

government's co-contribution can be in kind.

"There is a mismatch between the amount of local government infrastructure exposed to climate change risks, and the resources we have to effectively manage these risks," Cr Scott said.

"Preparing for natural disaster events is a shared responsibility, and we look forward to working with all stakeholders to ensure the Royal Commission's disaster risk reduction recommendations are fully implemented."

Stay calm and control panic grass

AGRICULTURE Victoria is encouraging landowners in the northern region of Victoria to plan ahead for the summer weed season and the emergence of panic grasses.

Panic grasses (panicum species) are summer grasses, germinating from spring and throughout the warmer weather months with summer rain events, then flowering from summer through to autumn.

Agriculture Victoria Leading Biosecurity Officer Kate Cunnew said Victoria has a number of endemic panic grasses, both native and introduced, including hairy panic and Hillman's panic grass, which is considered an agricultural weed.

"Many panicum species are palatable to stock, however, they may also have a toxic component that could cause liver issues and photosensitisation in livestock," Ms Cunnew said.

"Problems are more likely to occur when stock are young, where panic grass forms a larger proportion of their diet, or where

hungry stock are introduced to the plant.

"Any stock grazing areas with panic grass should be monitored regularly and removed from contaminated paddocks if any symptoms of toxicity appear.

"A key management issue with panic grass is the mobility of the seed head. Panic grasses in the northern region produce large, open loose branching heads which are perfectly adapted to spreading by wind."

Ms Cunnew said in suitable conditions this can result in large amounts of seed heads spreading from farmland to pile up against fences, along roads and against buildings, causing a significant nuisance to the community.

"Prior to any control or treatment programs, it is important for landowners to identify which species they have and ensure they understand their legal obligations when managing weeds in areas with native vegetation."

Information on native vegetation management and removal

requirements can be sought from Murrindindi Shire Council.

Ms Cunnew said control options to consider include mowing and slashing to reduce seed spread, complemented with improved pasture practices.

"Promoting suitable pasture species through pasture practices such as top dressing, over sowing, and grazing management is important to maintain cover and will assist in out-competing undesirable panic grasses.

"In cropping situations, management of fallow is important to reduce seeding events. Consideration should be given to prevent a green bridge, for example by using chemical fallowing to reduce the infestation load."

Landowners are encouraged to approach their local agronomist for advice on what control options are appropriate to their situations.

For more information visit the Agriculture Victoria website or call 136 186.

Youth voices matter

YOUNG Victorians are being encouraged to have their say on issues that matter to them at next year's YMCA Victoria Youth Parliament.

Minister for Youth Ros Spence opened applications for the 2022 Youth Parliament program and called on young people from across the state to apply, which gives young people aged 16 to 25 an opportunity to gain hands-on experience of the parliamentary process.

"This is a unique opportunity for young leaders to see how government works, and to influence change on the issues that matter to young Victorians," Mr Spence said.

"I encourage young people from across the state to get involved in this opportunity."

Participants will draft, debate and vote on bills in a three-day intensive sitting held in the chambers of the Victorian Parliament. Bills that pass Youth Parliament are presented to government for consideration.

Youth Parliament has helped shape more than 30 Victorian laws, including the new container deposit scheme, mandatory wearing of bike helmets, banning the sale of soft drinks in government schools and gender-neutral school uniforms.

The program also includes the YMCA Youth Press Gallery, which provides an opportunity for young people with an interest in journalism to meet professional state and national political reporters and participate in a real press gallery.

The Youth Press Gallery is responsible for developing and publishing content for mainstream media outlets including SBS and ABC, managing social media, and shooting and editing footage of debates.

Applications are open until Thursday, December 9. For more information or to apply, visit vicyouth.ymca.org.au/learning-and-leadership/youth-parliament/get-involved

SPORT

Local rifle team wins the McAuliffe Shield for 2021

by Leigh Enfield

ON Friday, November 19, East Central shooting team members attended the presentation dinner for the regional pennant competitions between seven active clubs in the district association.

We will leave it to the reader to count how long the McAuliffe Shield has been contested. This competition is now handicap based, like the golfers, which gives advantage to the teams that have shooters of a bygone era continuing competition using contemporary equipment. This means their often-failing eyesight is less of a disadvantage, and their wisdom remains on the range to

assist younger shooters to build their skillset. East Central has prevailed over the seven regional clubs in straight succession since 2010, excepting one narrow loss, and the hiatus of 2020.

Naturally, the most avidly contested competitions are straight merit based (in shooting the term is 'off rifle') and again the Katandra Rifle Club took the prized Parker Cup for those competing in the traditional Target Rifle discipline which has direct provenance to the 303 service rifle matches that spawned all the rifle cubs from the 1880s. Katandra Rifle Club boasts membership of a good number of shooters who have

been represented in state, national and international competition

The competition is scored using the Mixed Category Score Index which allows the different shooting equipment categories to compete on equal terms. Katandra Rifle Club proved this year that they are the true champion team on the big stage, on a tie break with Karramomus Rifle Club.

Each of the 15 individual matches has a top scorer recorded, but it is essential that we record two performances by national team representatives that set absolute range records. On June 26, at the match against East Central on the Nathalia Rifle Range, David Black of Shepparton Maroon Rifle Club recorded a Target Rifle Score of 150 with 26 centres. On July 10, at the match against East Central on the Katandra Rifle Range, Peter O'Dwyer of Katandra Rifle Club recorded a Target Rifle Score of 150 with 25 centres.

Next Saturday's shooting is at Nagambie Rifle Range, which will follow a Violet Town complex site governance meeting at the Violet Town facility from 8.30 to 10am. Members are reminded Saturday, December 18 is the East Central Annual General Meeting, at Violet Town, which will be followed by an end of shooting year shoot and celebration.



The presentation of the shield. -S



The Avenel Shield trophy. -S

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Return to cricket for Tigers

*A Grade
Broadford 5/202 def Yea 123 all out.*

*C Grade
Yea Tigers 10/92 def by
Kilmore Blue 3/96*

IN the first game for the season, Yeas C Grade cricketers travelled to Wandong to face Kilmore Blue in a rematch of last year's semi-final.

Unfortunately Yea was unable to replicate the last season's result, as Kilmore comfortably chased down Yeas total of 92. After a promising opening stand from Rhys Harding (21) and Paul Hildebrand (18), Yea's middle order failed to capitalise on the solid start, falling to 6/53. However, a brilliant cameo from Reece Hargreaves (25 not out) helped the Tigers to bat through until the 40th over and post a slim but defendable score of 92.

Yea needed early wickets to put the pressure on the chasing side but Kilmore's openers batted patiently, laying a solid foundation. Gary Harding and Dylan Thompson snagged a wicket each, the latter coming off the back of a cracking catch from Lucas Zipsin in the deep. Despite Yea's efforts in the field, Kilmore comfortably passed Yea's total in the 25th over. Yea will head up the highway to Avenel next week looking to bounce back against last year's premiers.

Any interested players (young and old) are encouraged to go down to training on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5pm at the Rec. Please also feel free to contact the club if you are interested in filling in for the occasional game.

Cricket back at MCG after four years

by Rohan Berriman

MERTON Cricket Club has returned to the MCG after a four year absence where they hosted Beechworth in the WDCC C Grade match played in perfect conditions at Merton.

The visitors won the toss and sent Merton in, making a slow but steady 6/99 off 36 overs. Daryl King played his first game in many years in the district made 19 along with young gun James Benton, 18 not out. Jarrod Cummins and Luke Berriman got starts to make 15 apiece.

Beechworth steady bowling and a lush out field restricted Merton's scoring opportunity. The match ended up being a tight battle lead predominantly by the two captains with Dylan pool smashing the Merton attack with 63 with no other batsmen making double figures.

MCC thanks the home sides captain Berriman taking a career best of 7/25 off 8 overs.

Beechworth won the match nine wickets down in a tight finish ending all out for 109.

Cummins, Luke Benton and Jed Murray both taking their first wickets for the club were the other wicket takers.

Merton will have to up the run rate next week when they host Greta at the G.

Mansfield Clay Target

THE Mansfield Clay Target Club monthly shoot was held on Sunday, November 21, in perfect weather, fine and sunny with a slight breeze. The day attracted a good turn out with a field of 43 shooters making up nine squads.

This shoot comprised the delayed Mansfield verses Woods Point Shield, being a 25 target handicap event which was conducted along with a 75 target mixed event and commencing with an eye opener.

Competitors from other clubs made up the attendance and included shooters from Alexandra, Euroa, Woods Point, Wangaratta, Melbourne, Corowa, Albury, Werribee, Bendigo and Yarrawonga.

Things kicked off at the scheduled start time of 10.30am with squad one shooting on ground one for the 10Target Points-Score eye opener, immediately followed by the other eight squads. Sharing the cash in AA Grade with perfect scores were Bob Leita (Boarder CTC), Michael Ward (Woods Point), Cameron Ford (Corowa), Darryl Hunt (Yarrawonga). A Grade by himself Darren Clarke (Mansfield), B Grade; Kirsten Chinn (Woods Point), Phil McDonough (Mansfield) and C Grade Jason Foster (Mansfield).

The big event for the day was 75 mixed targets comprising 25 double barrel, 25 single barrel and 25 point score with a maximum score of 125. The eye opener on layout one lead straight into the first leg, at the completion of which it was over to layout two for the single barrel. After

all shooters cycled through it was back for the points component with a first barrel break being awarded three a second barrel two.

Coming out on top was junior shooter Cameron Ford with a perfect score, taking overall and AA grade. Hot on his heels was local Mick Ward on 124 after dropping a single target in the single barrel component. A Grade saw two locals sharing the spoils with Marty McLachlan 121 and Laurie Durham 120. Goughs Bay local Zac Lambevski returned a great result with 112 closely followed by three others, Kirsten Chinn, Sean Wood and Geoff Foster requiring a decider shoot-off which was taken out by Geoff after a further 25 points. C Grade first were Ryan Adams on 111 and Jason Foster 109.

A lunch break followed with all competitors and visitors partaking in delicious roast chicken and salad put together by Pam Kirley and helpers. Following the break, the sun was shining and everyone was ready for the final handicap Shield event.

25 targets were presented with shooters standing at various distances based on handicap grading. Three competitors came in with perfect scores requiring a shoot-off to determine placings, Mingo Diaz (Mansfield) shot another 18 to win over Kirsten Chinn (Woods Point) with 17 and Darryl Hunt (Yarrawonga) dropped off after five. As this was a first to fourth prize event a shoot off was also required



Mansfield President Anthony Kirley attempting to pry the Mansfield v Woods Point Shield from the grip of Woods Point President Daniel Chinn. -S

to determine fourth place with four shooters hitting 24 targets in the main round. Marty McLachlan took out that place after a further 18 targets over Geoff Foster, Darren Clarke and Bob Leita.

The Shield is calculated by taking the top five scores for each of the attending Mansfield and Woods Point shooters in the handicap event. The winning team this year was Mansfield team comprising Mingo Diaz, Geoff Foster, Marty McLachlan Darren Clarke and Jason Foster with 120 out of a possible 125 over Woods Point 116.

A great day was had by all with special thanks to attending shooters and family members who participated with scoring and generally helping out to ensure a successful day. Co-ordinating the shoot and results John Winters and Marty McLachlan ran the office to deliver a smooth program.

Mansfield Clay Target Gun hosts the North East Zone shoot the third Sunday of each month; the next program will be the annual Christmas shoot on Sunday, December 19 at 10.30am. Always a fun day with a full program of novelty events, Christmas lunch and lots of Christmas hams and other prizes on offer. Spectators and new shooters who wish to attend and try out are always welcome.

The club is family focused with lunch provided and all junior shooters competition fees sponsored by the club. If you are interested in attending or want to come along and try, just turn up to the club, Pikes Road Mansfield, or come and try any Thursday throughout daylight savings when the club is open for practice from 4.30pm, for more information telephone Marty 0490 702 083.



Cameron Ford, Danial Chinn, Anthony Kirley, Marty McLachlan, Ryan Adams, Kirsten Chinn, Mingo Diaz. -S

Yea ladies golf report

by Karen Sangster

WHAT a change in the weather. From the previous weekend of rain, hail, snow in some places, wild winds, you name it Yea got it, to an absolute glorious day complete with sunshine. Just so golfers could enjoy themselves.

Wednesday, November 17 was the last day for the championships and the first round of the Mona Clark stableford event. For those who could actually play the three rounds for the championships (different set up this year due to COVID-19) all but one grade, it is all over and no one will know the results until presentations at the Christmas breakup which will be held at the Mandalay course this year.

In conjunction with the championships another

competition allowed 15 ladies to get another slice of the pie, well at least the first round done and dusted for the Mona Clark 36 hole stableford. A much sort out event as Mona not only played for more than 50 years was a past president and a Life Member, the first Shield awarded by Mona was in 1984. Mona was a wonderful lady full of life.

Vicki Clements (24) had a great day out with 35 points. The course although picturesque, was a little tricky in places. Well done Vicki a good start to the competition. Runner up with a score of 32 was Doreen Lehmann (33) go girls.

Another momentous occasion, our newly elected captain, Jan Wealands had a top Nearest the pin but no Birdie. Much jovial banter about it in

the club rooms after. Next time Jan.

Congratulations to all taking on committee positions for this year and a big thank you to all who have worked hard the past year. It has been a bit stressful for all at times. The Yea ladies look forward to a much better year and playing lots of golf. Happy golfing all.

The Cook Wins

by Alan Pell

WEDNESDAY saw the men play a stroke and putting competition with a barbecue afterwards. Winner with a nett 71(10) was the barbecue organiser and head chef Bob Glenister. Second was Ken Whitfort with a nett 72(6) from visitor David Sandford (27) from Sydney with 73. Fourth on

count back was Mic Sheather from Bill Dredge (19) with 74 each. Ken was Nearest the pin on the 14th and Norm McCallum won the Club Award.

Thursday saw 41 Vets at Royal Yea in the first competition since the return to golf after lockdown. Best of the Yealiens was Russell Wealands winning B Grade with 32 stableford points. Barry Archbald from Kilmore won A Grade with 34 points. There were many accolades from participants on the great condition of the course. Many thanks to the ladies who provided lunch and the men who collated results and worked the bar. The Murrindindi Masters were held on Saturday at Eildon Golf Club. There were over 20 Yealiens participating. Results next week.