

The Yea Chronicle

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The Yea Primary School Choir singing at Yea's Christmas Carols, held on Thursday, December 16. More images on page 17. -S

Exciting new developments at the Yea Wetlands

AS 2021 draws to a close there have been many changes and a number of exciting new developments underway at the Yea Wetlands.

The Y Water Discovery Centre has a new name and a whole new set of signage and branding. The centre will now be known as the Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre.

Don Knight, Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre Inc chair said, "We felt the timing was right to rebrand the centre to better align with the Yea Wetlands. The new name reflects the location and the experiences and activities on offer in both the centre and the wetlands."

Along with the new signage there is now a brand new website showcasing both the centre and the wetlands and work is also underway to develop a visitor guide and update the directional and interpretive signage in the wetlands.

Mr Knight said, "The website, visitor guide and new signage in the wetlands will be a fantastic resource for visitors and locals alike to discover the many great things to see, do and explore in the area and will assist our team of over 40 local volunteers to continue to offer outstanding visitor information services."

"We also gratefully acknowledge the significant funding support we have received from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) to help deliver these projects."

In other exciting news the centre has also received funding through the Australian Government's Powering Communities Program to

install new solar panels and a battery at the Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre.

Mr Knight said, "We would like to thank Member for Indi Helen Haines, for supporting our application and our vision to develop the centre as a model for sustainable and renewable energy. This grant will enable us to continue to transition the centre to renewables and reduce our electricity bills and carbon emissions."

Another impressive new development at the Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre is the recent installation of the Gurrong dharrang, Scarred Tree, artwork by Taungurung artist Sammy Trist. Located at the entrance to the centre, the sculpture of a eucalyptus tree features Indigenous line art and the Taungurung totems, Bundjil the wedge-tailed eagle and Waang the crow. This project was coordinated by the Honour the Taungurung Yea community group, including Taungurung Elder Aunty Angela ten Buuren, with funding from the Victorian Government's COVID-19 Aboriginal Community Response and Recovery Fund.

Works were also recently completed on rejuvenating the Yea Fossil Time Path which winds alongside the Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre and tells the story of this land's geographical history, including the Yea Baragwanathia Fossil. Interpretive signage and an audio listening post will be installed in the new year. The renewal of the path was supported with funding from the Commonwealth Government's Australian Heritage

Grants program, Murrindindi Shire Council and through contributions from the community.

A new interactive display has recently been installed in the Russell Wealds Interpretive Wing and provides a fascinating insight into environmental water flows in our waterways. The display was developed and funded by the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority and is a great addition to the educational experiences on offer at the centre.

At the recent annual general meeting, the committee for the newly named Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre Inc was announced. Joining chair Don Knight is Ian Marshman as vice chair and Greg Noonan continues in his role as secretary. Other members include Frank Larkins, Julie Lynch, Geoff Leslie, David Anderson and Corinne Border. The committee is looking forward to delivering a number of new initiatives over the coming year.

With the festive season now in full swing the centre's gift shop is fully stocked with a great range of gifts including books, homewares, toys, produce, artwork and jewellery, many of them made, grown or created locally.

Mr Knight said, "We're looking forward to a busy Christmas and summer period and encourage the local community to bring along their family and friends to check out what's new at the Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre".

For further information visit yeawetlands.com.au, call 5797 2663 or follow on Facebook.



Gurrong dharrang, Scarred Tree, and new signage at the Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre. -S



Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre committee member David Anderson, Member for Indi Helen Haines, and Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre chair Don Knight. -S



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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Beware the blue-green algae

GOULBURN-Murray Water (GMW) is encouraging people to be mindful of blue-green algae this summer.

With the warmer weather and school holidays approaching, many people will be planning visits to one of the region's water storages. However, without being properly informed about blue-green algae and its risks, these visits can easily turn sour.

GMW regularly tests the blue-green algae levels at its storages due to its unpredictable nature and significant health risks.

Water Quality coordinator Bianca Atley noted some of the potential dangers when making contact with water that has high levels of blue-green algae.

"There are numerous toxins in blue-green algae and they affect different parts of the body," she said.

"There are neurotoxins that target the nervous system, and we've had those toxins in our lakes before. They cause people to have numb lips and limbs and it's actually very dangerous.

"We more often see algae that has a toxin which takes five to seven days for symptoms to present themselves. Those toxins affect the liver and the kidneys and the symptoms are very similar to gastroenteritis."

There is no practical way to remove blue-green algae from large storages but it can be managed. Blue-green algae rests on the surface of the water, so, when possible, GMW seeks to release water from storages with high blue-green algae levels from beneath the surface. This ensures a regional bloom is not started by the blue-green algae travelling downstream.

Ms Atley said when dangerous levels of algae were detected, GMW's priority was always to alert people to the hazard.

"The way we manage it at GMW is to firstly warn our customers and the public that it's there so that they're aware of it and can change their practices in the water, knowing that we can't remove it," she said.

When GMW issues a warning, it puts up signs at the storage and uses social media channels to alert people of the threat. GMW also displays all the current blue-green algae warnings at its storages at g-mwater.com.au/news/bga

Lake Eildon is currently clear of blue-green algae, but this may change. Keep an eye on the website.



THUMBS DOWN: To the crabbit individual who repeatedly kicks my rubbish bin over. You know who you are and so do I. Whatever happened to community support?

THUMBS DOWN: To the people who do not pick up after their dogs throughout the town. It's disgusting.

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Blue-green algae can be seen near the shore in this image. -S

COMMUNITY DIARY

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UGFM 88.9 Yea / Highlands

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UGFM 94.5 Kinglake Ranges

WEEKLY

Thu Town Club, RSL Hall, 6-8pm. Ph 5797 2179

Sun AA Anglican Church, Alexandra 7pm PH 1300 222 222

Sun Alanon Recovery Anglican Church, Alexandra 5.30pm.

MONTHLY

1st Mon St Lukes Seniors St Lukes Church Ph 5797 2281

1st Thu Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057

1st Sat Yea Dance Group, 8pm Yea Shire Hall

2nd Sat Alex Repair Cafe 1-3pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801

2nd Wed Yea Camera Club, 7pm RSL Hall. Ph 0429 200 762

2nd Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.

2nd Thu Yea Garden Club Yea RSL Hall 1.30pm Ph 0439 870 315

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

4th Thu Yea CWA Yea RSL Hall, 10.30am Ph 5797 2998

Last Fri Yea-Kinglake RSL. 11.30am RSL Hall. Ph 5796 9353

ALEXANDRA NEWSPAPERS

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

December 22, to December 28, 2021

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

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DAY LOW HIGH

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STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	9.00am Mon	1.38^	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	9.00am Mon	0.58	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	7.57am Mon	0.78	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	8.18am Mon	0.20	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	4.50am Mon	0.61	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	6.27am Mon	0.84	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	9.00am Mon	3.56	steady	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	9.00am Mon	0.59^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	9.00am Mon	1.21^	steady	below minor
Sunday Ck at Tallarook	9.00am Mon	0.31		
Goulburn R at Seymour	9.00am Mon	1.49	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	9.07am Mon	1.02	steady	
ISSUED AT 9.15AM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021				

DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra*	N/Amm
Buxton	8mm
Eildon (AWS)	9mm
Flowerdale	4mm
Kinglake	2mm
Lake Eildon	9mm
Marysville	N/Amm
Strath Creek	N/Amm
Taggerty	5mm
Yarck	9mm
Yea	3mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
*Alexandra totals supplied from www.alexandraweather.org	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week	285.65m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	87.4%
Metres below full supply	3.25m
Daily inflow	3500ML
Release	1700ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	46%

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DEADLINES

Real Estate Thursday noon

Trades & Services Thursday noon

Early General News Thursday 5pm

Classifieds Monday noon

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Letters to the Editor Monday 9am

Thumbs up/down Monday 10am

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We thank you for your continued support

Rotary's Yea Art Show

THE Rotary Club of Yea is pleased to be hosting their 36th annual Art Show in the Yea Shire Hall on Friday, January 21, 2022, when the opening night will be held from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, until Wednesday, January 26, 2022. The opening night cost is \$20.

The prizes this year total \$7250. The first prize is \$2500. There are also two \$1000 prizes as well as a special award of \$500. Section winners receive \$250.

Rotary would like to thank the ongoing support of The Frank Hargrave Family Trust, the Murrindindi Shire Council and many other sponsors for their generosity. The raffle prize is a beautiful painting by talented artist Julian Bruere.

Artist entry forms are available online at yearotary.org.au and close on Friday, January 7, 2022, at 6pm. All of the prizes are non-acquisitive.

The opening night will be a fun social evening. This year, the theme is a '50th Birthday party' as it is the 50th Art Show held in Yea. Everyone at opening night gets first choice for purchasing some wonderful artwork.

For just \$5 entry which includes a catalogue, you will be able to view some excellent artwork. Make sure you save the date.

Entry each day is 10am to 5pm, except for Wednesday, January 26, when doors close at 3pm.

Tickets may be pre-purchased by going to trybooking.com/BUOTK or you can pay at the door.

Fatal crash in Ghin Ghin

IN devastating news, a Highlands man was killed following a single vehicle accident near Yea on Thursday, December 16.

Police media said, "Police will prepare a report for the Coroner following a fatal single-vehicle crash in Ghin Ghin this afternoon.

It's understood a car was travelling along Ghin Ghin Road, south of Old Ghin Ghin Road, when the driver crashed into a tree about 3.40pm. The sole occupant, a 38 year old Highlands man, sadly died at the scene. Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the crash."

Anyone who witnessed the crash, has dashcam footage or further information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a report online at crimestoppersvic.com.au

Rotary Senior Citizens Christmas gifts

FOR many years, the Rotary Club of Yea has provided some Christmas cheer for the more senior members of the community as a thank you to their often many years of working and volunteering in the Yea community.

This has usually involved drinks and a two course Christmas meal at the Yea Shire Hall, together with some entertainment finishing with an old fashioned sing-a-long. Rotarians usually prepared, plated, served and cleaned up, and it included pickup and return home for those unable to get to the shire hall themselves.

COVID-19 prevented the club hosting last years Christmas dinner and sadly, the club was unable to host this year as well, so instead, the club prepared 90 individually wrapped Christmas gifts, consisting of homemade shortbread, Christmas cake and some sweets thanks to generous sponsorship from Nestle, to help bring some Christmas cheer to our seniors. These gifts are currently being home delivered to those who have attended past Christmas meals at the shire hall.

Rosebank has not been forgotten and will receive Christmas cakes, shortbread, and sweets to serve to residents and staff as appropriate.

The Rotary Club of Yea wishes all the Yea community a lovely Christmas with family and friends and, like everyone else, club members look forward to resuming normal events in 2022, starting with the Annual Art Show in late January.



One of the lovely hampers provided by Yea Rotary. -S



Helen Hauser with one of the Rotary Christmas hampers. -S

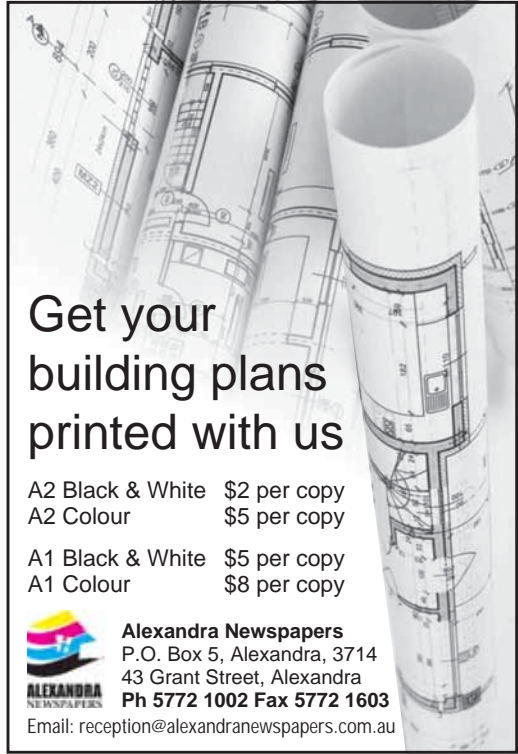
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Midnight Mass
 December 24, 11.30pm

Christmas Service
 Christmas Day 9.30am

Sunday Eucharist
 December 26, 9.30am

QR check in as usual



This week's Church Services

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 Sunday Service 9am

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Catholic Parishes of Yea and Alexandra

<p>Christmas Eve (Friday) St Matthew's, Eildon: Immaculate Conception, Alexandra: Sacred Heart, Yea:</p>	<p>Mass: 5pm Mass: 7pm Video, 'The Shepherd' – 8.10pm Carols: 8.30pm Mass: 9.00pm</p>
<p>Christmas Day (Saturday) Immaculate Conception, Alexandra: St Matthew's, Eildon: Sunday Immaculate Conception, Alexandra: Sacred Heart, Yea:</p>	<p>Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm – Sunday Vigil Mass: 8.45am Mass: 10.45am</p>



Out&About



Alexandra Pro Rodeo will be held on January 8 under lights. Proof of vaccination will be required and COVID-19 restrictions will apply. Tickets available at alexandrarodeo.com.au or contact Andrew Embling 0418 266 038.

Feedback is invited for the concept design for the Eildon Splash and Skate Park. Download from theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/eildonpark. Feedback is open until Friday, January 21, 2022.

Yea Rotary Art Show will be held at the Yea Town Hall on January 22 to January 25 from 10am-5pm, Opening night January 21 at 7.30pm.

Barefoot bowls is on at Yea Bowling Club, Sunday evenings 6pm January 23 to February 27. For full details contact Jeff on 0435 586 102.

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St Luke's Anglican Church Yea Midnight Mass December 24 at 11.30pm. Christmas Day Service at 9.30am.

The Anglican Parish of Marysville and Buxton, Christmas Eve Marysville 11pm. Christmas Day Marysville 9.30am and St Stephens Day, December 26 Buxton 10am. All welcome.

Murrindindi Shire Council advises that the libraries and customer service centres will be closed from 1pm on Friday, December 24 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 9am.

Shire swimming pools will be closed Christmas Day. Kerbside rubbish collections will remain unchanged.

Police pleading for care on roads this Christmas

DESPITE spending much of this year in lockdown, Victoria has already surpassed the number of lives lost on Victorian roads in 2020 when 211 deaths were recorded.

With a busy festive period anticipated on the roads, Victoria Police have launched Operation Roadwise, a statewide road policing effort targeting high-risk driving behaviour over the Christmas period.

Police will be out patrolling major arterials and highways to detect dangerous drivers and reduce road trauma.

There will be a focus on impaired driving and motorists can expect to see Victoria Police's fleet of alcohol and drug testing vehicles checking motorists at high-risk locations. Motorists enjoying end of year celebrations are urged to think twice before consuming alcohol or drugs and getting behind the wheel.

Operation Roadwise will also see police targeting speeding drivers. Last year more than 6200 speeding offences were detected over the Christmas and New Year's period.

There were 10 lives lost between December 18, 2020 and January 6 this year.

Operation Roadwise will involve all available personnel across Victoria Police including regional Highway Patrols, State Highway Patrol, the Heavy Vehicle Unit, Road Policing Drug and Alcohol Section and Public Order Response Team.

The operation commenced at 12.01am on Friday, December 17 and concludes at 11.59pm on Sunday, December 26.

Police enforcement will continue throughout the New Year period, with a localised focus particularly in coastal locations and holiday hot spots.

For more information and tips for staying safe on the roads during the festive period, visit the Road Safety page on the Victoria Police website.

Assistant Commissioner Road Policing, Glenn Weir said, "For most of us, this is an exciting time of year with holidays fast approaching and festive cheer in full swing.

"But for the families of the 226 people who are honoured with this Christmas tree it's a sobering reminder that their loved one will not be with them.

"Road safety is everyone's responsibility. It's up to all of us to ensure we reach our destination safely.

"While we're asking everyone to slow down, not drink or take drugs and drive, and avoid distractions like mobile phones. Rest assured police will also be doing our bit and ramping up enforcement on Victorian roads.

"Please, drive safely. We don't want to see any more names added to this Christmas tree."



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A very productive year for Yea2030

IT'S been another big year for 2030Yea. Over the year, they have worked at markets, spoken on UGFM about home efficiency and renewable energy and completed a DELWP Climate Adaptation project. They have won a number of grants based on climate adaptation strategies and the necessary move to renewable energy.

The Climate Adaptation project produced an information pod which is now on their website. It includes three short videos, *Regenerative Agriculture, Composting and Gardening*, and *Home Energy Audits*, which were produced with local team Out on a Lim. This project also provided resources for the Yea library including books, subscriptions to *Sanctuary* and *Renew* magazines, and hardware for assessing home efficiency, as well as a thermal imaging camera, a Powermate and a light meter.

Also, as part of the project, they offered six weeks of short presentations by locals and well known regional speakers at the Yea Library from April to May 2021. Topics included understanding your energy use, renewable energy options, community energy options, home efficiency, the DELWP Climate Adaptation project in Yea, and regenerative agriculture.

Adam Dennis reviewed and revised their web pages early in the year, and now Brett Groves is developing a whole new website for them.

The Community Power Agency completed an options paper called *Opportunities for Community Energy in Yea*, which was sponsored by Murrindindi Shire Council.

2030Yea contributed to Member for Indi Helen Haines's Local Power Plan which was launched in Federal Parliament on February 22, 2021. It is a fully costed plan that would support community renewable energy projects and job creation across regional areas.

In Winter 2001, they launched a newsletter, *Watt Matters*, which will be produced quarterly.

The Yea Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve is the largest recipient of the RACV Solar Resilience in the Regions program. The solar and battery installation donated is valued at \$115,000 and is split between the football and netball clubrooms. The football clubrooms installation includes 22.5kw PV mounted onto SolPod mini tilt frames, 15kw Fronius Symo SCERT, three 5kw SP-Pro inverters with generator backup modules, and a 48KWH PPS battery. The netball clubrooms installation includes 6.29kw of PV, Enphase Inverters and Tesla PW2.

The celebration of this work is a small Yea-based family fun and sustainability day at the Rec Reserve, supported by RACV Solar, which has been scheduled for February 27, 2022. They hope to see you there. They are very much appreciative of the continuing support and interest offered by RACV Solar in their endeavours.

In early July, Victorian Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change and Minister for Solar Homes Lily D'Ambrosio, announced that Indigo Power and the Goulburn Valley Community Energy group had won the Hume Community Power Hub. As part of the proposal, they submitted an implementation-ready project proposal for solar PV. As a result, they won a solar PV installation for the Yea Community Shed: Men's Shed and Pottery Studio. RACV Solar and Fronius Australia have this week installed two 5kW hybrid inverters and two 4.8kWh batteries to complement the solar PV on the Yea Community Shed roof. That should up the energy of all those potters and carpenters. Thanks again to these two big companies working for the good of our community.

In September, they were successful in winning a grant through the NAB Foundation for solar PV on the Old

Schoolhouse in Pioneer Reserve. They are still waiting for planning permission through the shire for this work to go ahead and hope that the installation will take place early in 2022.

They decided to include a broader scope for their work in 2022 in response to one of our goals, namely increase home energy efficiency. Several committee members have undertaken home efficiency training with Glen Morris from Solarquip in Healesville. If they get some funds, they would like to send some of their members to an Energy Efficiency Training course being run at Box Hill TAFE in mid February. They're looking for \$1200 if you can help. In late January, a group are off to Moora Moora outside Healesville for an afternoon with Glen Morris, and they're taking along the mayor and another councillor. Anyone else want to join us?

They won a grant through the Federal Department of Communities which they will use for governance training towards the end of February 2022 and media training just after Easter 2022.

This week, they were also successful in winning a small grant from the Murrindindi Shire Council for carbon emissions assessments and making pelmets and blinds in 2022.

Finally, they have just received a report called *2030Yea Community Batteries Report* written by two postgrad students from the Australian National University's College of Engineering Battery Storage and Grid Integration Program which explains how electrical energy is used in Yea, the first step towards deciding, with the community, what would be a useful way of storing electrical energy locally for use in the local community. They thank Dr Marnie Shaw, the ANU supervisor in this work, for her practical inputs and suggestions, along with the writers, William Ertler and Henry Dale

They have some other irons in the funding fire with FRRR, DELWP and the Hume Community Power Hub. It won't be a boring year in 2022.

So why do they do all of this? They are a small but significant part of the move to make Yea 100 per cent renewable and to reach zero carbon emissions. The website *Snapshot Climate* explains that on 2019 data, Murrindindi shire residents emit around 365,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually. We have to get that to zero or find ways of off-setting it.

Murrindindi's emissions mainly come from agriculture (41 per cent), transport (30 per cent) and electricity (25 per cent). 2030Yea is working on the 25 per cent segment by obtaining funding for and encouraging the uptake of renewables, specifically solar PV and batteries, in and around Yea. They are also working to reduce emissions (and bills) by offering advice on making dwellings more energy efficient and working towards a community energy facility in Yea.

They need others to step up and develop some strategies for dealing with the other big emissions areas, agriculture and transport. Next year, they hope to start this process by small neighbourhood meetings in Yea, where people can assess their own carbon emissions and find ways to decrease them or offset them. In order to prepare for this, when you're relaxing in January, can you gather together all your food bills, transport bills and energy bills for 2021? This is what you will need to assess your carbon footprint.

They are over the moon that almost 41 per cent of 3717 buildings have some sort of solar installation. That's fabulous. Now let's get together and do some more work in the other segments where carbon is emitted. Let's work on this together in the town that can, Yea.



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The grade six students at Kinglake Primary School have been working towards a Community Leadership Project during the past six months and have created a Little Street Library. -S

Together with the school chaplain Vikki, parent and school council member Clare Roberts, and the generosity of local business owners from Simply Timber and Roofing Kinglake and Pheasant Creek Gas and Property Maintenance, students have created a Little Street Library. Their hope is to encourage the connection to books and reading in the Kinglake community. -S

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Rotary's Pride of Workmanship presentation



Rotarians Julie Lynch and president Paul Kellett, centre director Leanne Jonson and centre staff Sue and Leesa. -S

AFTER many delays due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Rotary Club of Yea was recently able to present a Pride of Workmanship Award to Leanne Jonson, Centre Director of the Yea and District Children's Centre.

As part of its vocational program, the club encourages a sense of community pride in individual achievements. It provides employers and organisations with an opportunity to recognise employees and volunteers through the Pride of Workmanship (POW) award which recognises a job well done.

The POW award acknowledges staff and volunteers who display outstanding qualities in terms of approach, attitude, dedication and commitment.

Leanne was recognised at a small gathering of staff and children at the Yea and District Children's Centre where she was presented with her award and the centre

was also recognised for its support of the POW program.

Leanne was nominated by administration officer Leesa Bree who detailed Leanne's qualities.

Leesa wrote, "Committed and dedicated, Leanne leads with care, enthusiasm and a desire to make a difference to the lives of all children regardless of their differing capacities, interests, learning styles and cultural heritage.

"She actively engages in all aspects of our centre, working tirelessly for our educators, children, their families and our community. Her passion for our centre, her kindness to children and their families and her dedication to early learning are worthy of significant acclaim."

The Rotary Club was represented by president Paul Kellett and vocational chair Julie Lynch at the presentation to Leanne.



Christmas TRADING HOURS

THURSDAY DEC 23	8AM - 8PM
CHRISTMAS EVE	8AM - 8PM
CHRISTMAS DAY	CLOSED
BOXING DAY	8AM - 8PM
MONDAY DEC 27	8AM - 8PM
TUESDAY DEC 28	8AM - 8PM
WEDNESDAY DEC 29	8AM - 8PM
THURSDAY DEC 30	8AM - 8PM
NEW YEARS EVE	8AM - 8PM
NEW YEARS DAY	8AM - 8PM
SUNDAY JAN 2	8AM - 8PM
MONDAY JAN 3	8AM - 8PM

Belinda & the team at FoodWorks Yea thank the community for their continued support in 2021. We wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season.

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COUNCIL SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR PERIOD

Council advises all residents and ratepayers that our Library and Customer Service Centres will be closed from 1.00 pm on Friday 24 December 2021 and will reopen at 9.00 am on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Our Swimming Pools and Resource Recovery Centres will be closed on Christmas Day.

There will be no change to kerbside waste collection services.

For full details on Council services during the period, visit our website or give us a call on 5772 0333.

EILDON SPLASH AND SKATE PARK

We have exciting news for the Eildon community! Council is pleased to advise that the concept design for the Eildon Splash and Skate Park is now available for community feedback.

You can download the concept design, including concept drawings of what the space could look like, on our online engagement platform, The Loop, at theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/eildonpark

Alternatively, you can visit one of our Library and Customer Service Centres, or pop-by the Mobile Library and Customer Service van when it's next visiting Eildon.

Feedback is open until 5.00 pm on Friday 21 January 2022.

TENDERS

ALEXANDRA ROTARY PARK AND VISITOR ACTIVITY PRECINCT

Council invites suitably-qualified contractors to submit a tender bid for the construction of the Alexandra Rotary Park and Visitor Activity Precinct Project.

Works will include installation of playground equipment and an asphalt pump track, as well as constructing footpaths and extensive landscaping.

Tender bids close at 3.00 pm on Friday 28 January 2022.

MT KITCHENER AVENUE, MARYSVILLE - DRAINAGE AND FOOTPATH WORKS

Council invites suitably-qualified contractors to submit a tender bid for drainage, kerb and footpath works on Mt Kitchener Avenue in Marysville.

Tender bids close at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 26 January 2022.

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



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Alexandra to be the rodeo capital in January

THE ever popular Alexandra Pro Rodeo is set for Saturday, January 8. There will be live music for an hour prior to the event, with the rodeo starting at 5pm. There will also be music after the rodeo, with Danny Phegan performing. Danny is from the Wagga Wagga area and is well known on the NSW rodeo circuit.

The rodeo will be a great event for families, with lots of great entertainment. In addition to the rodeo, there will be show rides, food and a bar.

The rodeo will be a COVID-safe event. There will be a limit of 5000 people, and people need to be double-vaccinated, and will be required to check-in using the QR codes which will be positioned at the gate. Gates open at 3pm.

Tickers are \$30 for adults, \$17 for 12 to 17 year olds, and under 12s are free. They can be purchased online at alexandrarodeo.com.au, or at the Embling Rural office in Grant Street, Alexandra.

Alexandra will also be the venue for round three and four of the Ariat NFR National Finals Rodeo, on Friday, January 28 and Saturday, January 29. There will be 15 elite cowboys in every section.

The two prior rounds will be held in Chiltern. This will be the first time that the national finals have been held in Victoria in 22 years.

On the Saturday evening, there will be presentations in the marquee, with an all-round and champion in each category.

McPhee Rodeos, Eddie Gill and sons, and Peter Everson will be providing the stock and roping steers.

Organiser Andrew Embling commented that it's very prestigious for the national championships to come to Alexandra, particularly after holding only four rodeos.

The events start at 7pm on both nights, and will be live streamed. The evening's entertainment includes female horse trick riders, and music on both nights.

Golder guitar winner Luke Austin and band will be playing on Saturday night.

Tickets are on sale now, with the audience limited to 5000 people. Tickets can be purchased online at alexandrarodeo.com.au, or from Embling Rural. Tickets are \$30 per evening at the finals, or \$50 for both evenings. Juniors are \$10.

The gates will open at 4pm for the national finals, with entertainment prior to the event. There will be a limit of 5000 people, and people need to be double-vaccinated, and will be required to check-in using the QR codes which will be positioned at the gate.

All of the rodeo events will be held at the Dame Pattie Menzies Centre grounds, opposite Yenckens Hardware.

Keep your pets away from Christmas food

VETS are urging the public not to allow their pets to consume any human Christmas foods, as even small amounts can be toxic and potentially fatal.

The Animal Emergency Centre (AEC) say that each year over Christmas they see a surge in emergency cases due to the ingestion of foods dogs cannot eat. Last year AEC recorded a 20 per cent increase in toxicity cases which required emesis over the festive period and anticipate that number will rise significantly this year with the continuing rise in pet ownership.

Pet parents love to spoil their pets at Christmas and assume feeding them some of their festive foods is okay, however this is not the case.

Certain ingredients that are seemingly healthy and completely safe for humans to consume, such as onion, garlic, chocolate and Christmas pudding among others, are so toxic to dogs that they can become very unwell and in severe cases, can be fatal.

Each year vets see an influx of pets in hospitals that have consumed some of their wellmeaning pet parent's foods. If you have a much-loved pet that you want to show your love to this Christmas, please think twice before you share your food with them and explore the many options of festive treats that are designed specifically for pets.



Roast lunch: Many families often want to offer their pet a special Christmas meal, however, common Christmas roast ingredients like onion and garlic which are usually in glazing, stuffing and seasoning, are poison to dogs. Skin, rich gravy, cooked bones and fat trimmings can contribute to upset tummies and painful pancreatitis. This can result in hospitalisation and be deadly to pets. It's best to avoid these human foods and give pets a human-grade vet approved meal made for dogs instead.

Christmas Pudding: Most Christmas puddings contain

sultanas, raisins or currants which are all toxic to dogs and can lead to kidney failure. Many Christmas desserts and cakes may also be alcohol based which pets cannot consume even in small quantities.

Chocolate: All kinds of chocolate contain an ingredient called theobromine that is toxic to pets. Chocolate toxicity could cause a wide range of problems, with severe cases causing seizures, heart issues and even death. The more bitter the chocolate, the higher the risk.

If a pet eats something they shouldn't, contact your nearest vet for advice.

Catching you before you lose control.

Right now, Victoria Police are out in force catching speeding drivers. Catching these drivers helps protect them from harming themselves and other road users. The lucky ones get caught.




Christmas Wishes



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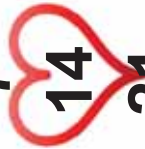
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Public Holidays 2022

New Year's Day	Sat, January 1	ANZAC Day	Mon, April 25
New Year's Day	Mon, January 2	Queen's Birthday	Mon, June 13
Australia Day	Wed, January 26	Melbourne Cup	Tue, November 1
Labour Day	Mon, March 14	Christmas Day	Sun, December 25
Good Friday	Fri, April 15	Christmas Day	Tues, December 27
Easter Saturday	Sat, April 16	Boxing Day	Mon, December 26
Easter Sunday	Sun, April 17		
Easter Monday	Mon, April 18		

OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

ANZAC Day	Mon, April 25
Queen's Birthday	Mon, June 13
Melbourne Cup	Tue, November 1
Christmas Day	Sun, December 25
Christmas Day	Tues, December 27
Boxing Day	Mon, December 26

Victorian School Holidays 2022

Term 1	January 31 - April 8
School Holidays	April 9 - April 25
Term 2	April 26 - June 24
School Holidays	June 25 - July 10
Term 3	July 11 - September 16
School Holidays	September 17 - October 2
Term 4	October 3 - December 20
School Holidays	December 21 - January 29, 2023



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Standard

Our Alexandra office will be closed from 3pm Wednesday, December 22 and will re-open from 9am Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

All the team at Yea Automotive Service Centre would like to wish their customers a safe and happy holiday. We will be closed from December 24, 2021 and reopen January 10, 2022.

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The end of a big year for council

THE final Murrindindi Shire Council meeting for 2021 was held at the Alexandra Council Chambers on Wednesday, December 15.

Nine members of the community appeared in seven public presentations.

Dawn French, vice president of the Yea Pottery Studio, asked whether the pottery studio might be able to use the ticket office in the Yea Railway Station, or the Yea Shire Hall Public to sell craft products. She suggested perhaps that the old toilets in the Yea Shire Hall could be decommissioned and used for this purpose. Councillor Walsh enquired about costings at the shire hall, and Councillor Lording sought more information from Ms French regarding the Yea Railway Station.

The other public presentations related to a proposed six unit development at 102 Falls Road in Marysville. Andrew Woollard spoke against the development. He was concerned about the precedent being set for small divisions, and said that it’s not in keeping with the nature of the area.

Stuart Shaw spoke of his concern that the development is not in accord with some of the planning policy, including saying the design is not in character with the density and design in the area.

Margaret and Peter Barry said they were very concerned about the noise level as their property overlooks the development site, and were concerned about the nature of the development. They said that local people are opposed to the development.

Johnny and Tina Wong said they are for development, but reasonable development, and said that this development is like a caravan park. Johnny Wong was critical of the lack of consultation and said that the development is out of character with the neighbourhood.

Liza Serapiglia said that her late father purchased the block, intending for each of his children to have a unit. She said, “This development is not just about making money. It’s not about going against the community characteristics or anything like that.” She commented on the changes, including reducing the size of two of the units, providing two additional car parking spaces, altered floor levels, and provision of ample outdoor space. The have also previously reduced the number of units from 10 to six. She added, “We absolutely want to provide affordable opportunities for people to be able to come to Marysville and enjoy it’s beautiful lifestyle and open spaces and things like that.” Councillor Lording enquired about trees, and Ms Serapiglia said that the landscaping will be done once the footprint is settled.

Jackson Lai, designer for the 102 Falls Road site, commented on the reduction of the footprint and said that they are trying to maintain the cottage feel.

Cr Walsh said that to avoid VCAT overruling decisions and the creation of a precedent, it was important to bring the principle of the urban design framework into the total planning policy moving forward. He recognised that this may be a long process.

Council voted to approve the development at 102 Falls Road. Cr McAulay voted against the motion.

The three lot subdivision at 44 Villeneuve Street in Alexandra was also approved by council unanimously, per the officer recommendation.

The contracts for provision of civil works were also decided, after tenders closed in July. Twenty-two submissions were received. Sixteen were recommended for appointment.

The tender for the design and construction of the Break O’Day Road Bridge in Glenburn, as well as a temporary bridge while construction is underway, was also discussed and approved.

A tender for road resealing, and a further tender for gravel road re-sheeting, were discussed and approved, as was the tender for the Yea closed landfill rehabilitation.

Council endorsed an application to the Regional Tourism Investment Fund to deliver the Eildon Improvement Precinct Project, commit up to \$1.2m over two financial years (2022/23 and 2023/24) as a contribution to the grant funded project, and request a further report be provided to council concerning the delivery of the project following community consultation that demonstrates the range of options available to meet council’s financial obligations to deliver the project. All voted in favour of the decision.

The Grants and Contributions assessment was divided into portions as there were some conflicts of interest among the councillors. These councillors left the room when the decisions were made.

Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges received a revised grant amount of \$2500 for the Kinglake Art Show, the Alexandra Community Christmas Tree Festival received a revised grant of \$3040.

Tri Gym received \$4500, the Rotary Club of Alexandra received \$2500 for the 2022 Easter Art Show, the Yea Golf Club received \$3500 for their Golf Carts Project, 2030 Yea Inc received \$4480 for curtain linings and a Carbon Footprint Assessment for home energy efficiency, Alexandra Indoor Heated Pool Inc received \$1982 for Breathing Safely, OpenRoads Travel received \$5000 for their rally, Eildon Action Inc received \$5000 for the Eildon Twilight Market, the Rotary Club of Yea received \$3000 for the Yea Art Show, and Alexandra Events Corporation Ltd received \$20,000 for the 2022 Alexandra Pro Rodeo and 2021 Ariat APRA National Finals Rodeo.

The Service Provision and Fire Danger Ratings Policy (Policy) outlines changes to council’s services on days declared to be the most dangerous if a fire started, to minimise potential risks to personal safety. Council has a legal obligation to ensure its employees, councillors and the general public are not placed in situations of risk to safety due to its services and actions. It was approved unanimously.

The council meeting dates were also fixed for 2022, and it was decided that council will livestream all open council meetings. There will be no council meeting scheduled for January 2022, due to the lack of business scheduled for this meeting. Weekly council briefings will provide opportunities for council to engage with other parts of the shire. Cr Gerenscer expressed interest in the Kinglake area being able to host a council meeting.

Cr Haslam provided a report, read by Mayor Carpenter as she was unable to attend the meeting. She said, “This is a year we will never forget. It has been one of the most trying in so many areas. However, many good things come out of difficult times. I hope we can put this year behind us and look forward to a brighter future. There is much to look forward to. The Blue Gums Recreational Trail will be a great asset for the area. There is also the opportunity to participate in the Eildon Community Plan which starts early in the new year. This is your chance to have a voice. If you have an idea or suggestion that you would like to see happen in Eildon, come and share it... Who knows what could happen or what might be achieved?” She also took the opportunity to thank the volunteers around the shire.

Cr Gerenscer noted that council is still looking for Australia Day nominations, with nominations closing on January 3. She also thanked all in Kinglake for their patience while the Kinglake streetscape upgrade is underway. It is now nearing its final stages. There will be a new barbecue area installed outside the Kinglake council offices as the

streetscape was under budget. She also commented on the beautiful Christmas decorations in the area.

She added, “I want to thank absolutely everyone in the shire for sticking together and helping each other through another difficult year.”

Cr McAulay reported that a new municipal recovery manager is being trained in the role, important as we are coming into a late fire season. The Christmas emergency staffing roster has been updated to ensure that council is able to deal with any emergencies as required. A community advisory group is being formed, and people are encouraged to send expressions of interest to the council email address.

Councillor Gallagher attended the Kellock Lodge AGM and Friends of Kellock Lodge, and noted that most of their fundraising occurs within the Alexandra township. Work of former CEO Jo Cavill was acknowledged, along with Maurice Pawsey for his significant contributions. He also attended the Alexandra District Kindergarten AGM, and the Alexandra Library celebrations of staff and volunteer contributions. The shire’s audit and risk committee met last week and identified climate change as being the most substantial strategic risk facing the organisation. Freeza funding has also been secured for activities for young people in the shire. Through meeting with Pathways for Carers, he strengthened his resolve to support council’s advocacy priorities for access in our shire to adequate medical, mental and aged care service provisions. He urged pride in the Murrindindi Shire area, and the celebration of the community.



Thursday Dec 23	6:30am - 7:00pm
Christmas Eve	6:30am - 7:00pm
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing Day	6:30am - 7:00pm
Monday Dec 27	6:30am - 8:00pm
Tuesday Dec 28	6:30am - 8:00pm
Wednesday Dec 29	6:30am - 8:00pm
Thursday Dec 30	6:30am - 8:00pm
New Years Eve	6:30am - 8:00pm
New Years Day	6:30am - 8:00pm
Sunday Jan 2	6:30am - 8:00pm
Monday Jan 3	6:30am - 8:00pm

Toni & the Eildon Grocer team wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season. We would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support throughout 2021.



KIDS PUZZLES

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Word Search: Reindeer

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Jokes

- Q:** How many tickles does it take to make an octopus laugh?
- Q:** Why is no one friends with Dracula?



Sudoku

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

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SOLUTIONS
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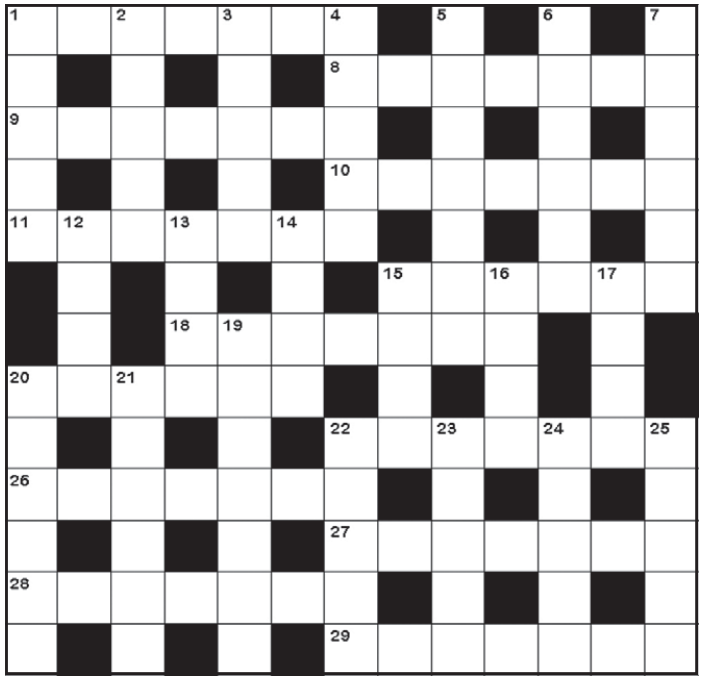
Crossword

ACROSS

- The immortal winged horse of Greek mythology.
- Kills by piercing with a spear or sharpened pole.
- Taller and thinner and more ungainly than most.
- Deliberately vague, ambiguous and elusive.
- The son of your spouse by a former marriage.
- Convert food for assimilation throughout the body.
- Wrap your arms around each and hold closely.
- Sets of data arranged in rows and columns.
- Things kept hidden from knowledge or view.
- A large aquatic mammal known as a sea cow.
- Struggle or strive in an effort to master something.
- Inspiring reverential fear, wonder or admiration.
- No longer active in your work or profession.

DOWN

- Doses of medicine in the form of small pellets.
- A type or style of literary or artistic works.
- Secretly collects sensitive or classified information.
- A warning signal that is a loud wailing sound.
- Unable to speak because of a brain lesion.



- An artificial channel for irrigating with water.
- Insist on having one's opinions and rights recognised.
- The lowest pitched brass wind instrument.
- The rind of certain fruits and vegetables.
- Any objects with a spherical shape.
- A challenge to do something dangerous or foolhardy.
- Equipment and supplies for a particular operation.
- A short humorous or satirical piece of writing.
- A reference by name, to a person or thing.
- A man sexually active with more than one partner.
- A woman's hat tied under the chin with ribbon.
- An underground pipe to drain away water or sewage.
- Swindle someone using a fraudulent scheme.
- Become a participant or be involved in an event.
- A fast and spirited horse used for state or war.

Word Search: Authors

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Brain Teaser

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What colour is the bus driver's hair?

Sudoku

Difficulty: Medium
Fill in the boxes using the numbers 1 to 9. Every row and column and every group of 9 boxes inside the thicker lines must contain each number only once.

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For more information or to discuss the opportunity further, please contact Sarah Irving, Principal - 0402 211 631

DEATH NOTICES

RIDD, (nee Kwiecinski) Jadwiga Teresa (Jadge) 01/10/1946 to 16/12/2021
Passed away peacefully at Doughty Galla Aged Care. Daughter of Witold (dec) and Antonina (dec). Much loved Mum of Douglas and Katy, and mother-in-law of Jan and Dom. Adored partner of Michael. Cherished and loved sister of Sofia and Romek (dec) and sister-in-law of Steve (dec). Dearly loved Babcia of Hamish, Scarlett, Joseph and Stephanie. Loved Jadge of Krystel, Alyce, Rory and Kylie, Shaun, Kieran and Krissy, and families.
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Top 10 Christmas lights safety tips

When buying Christmas lights, make sure they have the Regulatory Compliance Mark tick of approval.

Consider using battery-operated LED or solar lights which don't require electricity.

Inspect your Christmas lights for any sign of damage or wear and tear. Make sure there's no exposed wiring, that the lights are in good working order and that there are no missing globes.

When decorating the outside of your home, only choose lights and fittings designed for external use.

Make sure you have a safety switch in your meter box or have a qualified electrician install one.

Don't overload power boards; use no more than three sets of lights per power board, even if there are four or more outlets on it, and avoid using double adaptors.

Make sure electric cords are completely uncoiled and are not placed under rugs or mats.

Place your tree as far as possible from any heat source, curtains or furnishings.

Maintain water in the base of natural Christmas trees to stop them drying out and remove lights once they show signs of drying.

Make sure you have working smoke alarms in all bedrooms, living areas and hallways.

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KIDS - JOKES

A: Ten-tickles

A: Because he's a pain in the neck

KIDS - SUDOKU

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Christmas Carols at Railway Park



Some of the audience at the carols. -S



The community choir. -S



Alma Smith attended the carols on her 91st birthday. -S



Vicki Patten. -S



Brooke Leary. -S



Geoff Leslie. -S



Santa was a popular arrival at the carols. -S



Alma Smith, Judy Henwood, Peg O'Connor, Alma and Joan Coles attended the Yea Chistmas Carols, held at Railway Park on Thursday, December 16. -S



Rotarians looking after the popular sausage sizzle. -S



The Sacred Heart Primary School Choir led by Geoff Leslie. -S



Members of the Mansfield Clay Target Club. -S

Mansfield Clay Target Club Christmas shoot

by Marty McLachlan

THE annual Mansfield Clay Target Club Christmas shoot was held on Sunday, December 19 in humid and variable conditions with periods of rain mixed with calm and clear sky. A field of 43 competitors were divided among eight squads with shooters coming from far and wide including Alexandra, Benalla, Euroa, Wangaratta, and Woods Point.

The day's events were not about record book shooting, but about getting together to celebrate the end of the shooting calendar for 2021 with like-minded friends. In keeping with Christmas shooting tradition a mixed bag of unorthodox programs was held with the normal competitive nature of trap shooting taking second stage to having fun. All attending shooters received a club prize of a leg of ham ensuring an even spread of festive cheer. The highest scoring shooters per grade over the combined day's

events also received an additional hamper of goodies.

The first event was 20 target double barrel crossing targets shot from 21 metres thrown from the skeet towers. This was followed by a walk-forward, walk-back with shooters starting at 16 metres and shooting double barrel targets, advancing one metre at a time to 11 metres then each metre going backwards to 25 metres, 20 targets in total.

These two events were followed by a Christmas lunch with all the usual trimmings coordinated by Pam Kirley, Linda Lay, Anne Skinner and helpers. This was well enjoyed by competitors, spectators and family and friends.

After lunch the third competition was a two target presentation being 10 pair, the first a right to left rabbit presentation, immediately followed by an incoming looping target, with one shot permitted per target, this was lots of fun and was accomplished with some creative shooting.

The last segment of the day was shot as two person teams 'Dueville Triples' with a pair of clays thrown away from the shooters simultaneously, from the ball trap house and immediately followed by an incoming single target. This gave the competitors four chances to break all three targets and this was repeated for 10 triples. Two teams came in with 18/20 and quite a few just another target further back.

As usual all shooters were supported by family members who participated by scoring, refereeing and generally helping out to ensure a successful day. All who attended contributed to the festivities by bringing along something to munch on, or a raffle prize. At the end of the day everyone left with something.

First place getters per grade were AA grade: Geoff McLure from Alexandra, who also won the same event last year; A grade: Iain Towers (Euroa); B grade was local junior Carson Weignot and C grade was another local Jason Foster. The day's overall

competition was sponsored jointly by Mansfield Clay Target Club and FoodWorks Mansfield.

As part of the presentations club president, Anthony Kirley, offered seasons cheer and thanks to all who chipped in through the year to make the club the success that it is.

Mansfield Clay Target Gun hosts the North East Zone shoot the third Sunday of each month; the next program will be Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 10am. Spectators and new shooters who wish to come and try are always welcome. Pre-competition practice from 10am.

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. Every Thursday throughout daylight savings the club will be open for practice from 4pm, for more information telephone Marty 0490 702 083.

Kris Kringle and Ambrose at Yea

by Alan Pell

TEN teams of three played Ambrose at Yea Golf Club last Wednesday followed by Kris Kringle and lunch at Royal Yea. Even a little rain couldn't dampen players spirits as everyone had a fun day out.

Winners with 64 off the stick were professionals Ken Whitfort, Michael Spagnolo and Jo Clayton with a nett 57 5/6th. Second were Russ Wealands, Alan Pell and Karen Sangster with 69 nett 59. Third was Brendan Chenhall, Rob O'Halloran and Jan Wealands with 71 nett 60 2/3rd. Fourth team in the contest was Neil Peterson, Peter Johnston and Di Elliott with 71 nett 61 1/3rd. Nearest the pin for the ladies was Penny Britton and for the men Neil Peterson.

Today, Wednesday sees a stableford competition at Yea with the weekend golf being a stableford round on Sunday, Boxing Day. The Gender Competition will restart on the Wednesday, December 29 with a stroke round.



Members enjoying the Yea Gold Club Kris Kringle and lunch. -S

Picnic racing at the Yea & St Pats Racing Club



The Orwin family. -TM



Hannah, Kathryn and Rhiannon. -TM



Joel, Colt, Peter, Dylan, Ryan and Daniel. -TM



Back: Sean, Jeff and Ross. Front: Robyn, Janine, Kaye, Mary, and Jacqui. -TM



Jim, Palm, Keith, Ron, Noel and Graham. -TM



This group of friends travelled from Eltham and Yarrawonga to be at the Yea races. -TM



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