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Forestry injunction details

ON Friday, November 11, the Supreme Court of Victoria announced the details of the injunction on logging in Gippsland and the Central Highlands.

It was determined that surveys must be carried out to detect any greater gliders and yellow-bellied gliders that may be present in forests scheduled for logging, excluding coupes that have been clear-felled since 1939 as it is presumed forest this young are hostile to these hollow dependent species.

In coupes containing greater gliders VicForests must exclude the greater gliders' located home ranges from timber harvesting operations, exclude from timber harvesting riparian strips at least 100 metres wide located along all waterways in the coupe, and retain at least 60 per cent of the basal area of eucalypts in the harvested area of the coupe.

In coupes containing yellow-bellied gliders, VicForests must exclude from timber harvesting riparian strips at least 100 metres wide located along all waterways in the coupe; and retain at least 60 per cent of the basal area of eucalypts in the harvested area of the coupe, including all identified feed trees and hollow-bearing trees within the coupe.

The judge ordered that VicForests pay the plaintiff's costs of the proceeding, including any reserved costs, on the standard basis, to be assessed by the Costs Court if not agreed.

The orders do not restrain VicForests from felling or cutting trees or parts of trees in order to address a serious risk to human safety or as otherwise advised, ordered or directed by a responsible authority, including the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning or Parks Victoria; or removing and/or selling timber already felled as at November 11, or felling trees or parts of trees for the maintenance of any road, or cutting limbs of trees for the purposes of seed collection, or regeneration activities after permitted logging, or undertaking any work within a coupe to manage or prevent environmental degradation, whether on the instruction, recommendation or direction of the Department of Environment Land, Water and Planning or as otherwise required to comply with the code.

Kinglake Friends of the Forest representative Aawa White said, "Australia leads the world in mammal extinctions and Victoria is the most cleared state in the country. We have environmental laws for a reason, to protect what is left. Today's court orders show that VicForests have been breaking these laws. No industry should be allowed to operate if the cost is the extinction of species.

"As a result of these orders greater gliders and yellow-bellied gliders will now get some protections, but other endangered species that live in our forests still get nothing. It's a ridiculous scenario that volunteer community groups are having to fight the state government every step of the way to stop endangered species being killed by logging."



Matilda and Maddy assisted in handing out wreaths to community services and members. Louis, Andre, Fletcher, and Zoe laid a wreath on behalf of Yea High School, students, staff, and community. Michelle played the bagpipes. The students were supervised by Assistant Principal, Ms Byers. More images from Yea's Remembrance Day service on pages 6 and 7. -S

Great entertainment awaits at the Yea Show

AGRICULTURAL shows have been cancelling everywhere because of soggy grounds but at the Yea Show meeting last week the committee unanimously voted to go ahead with the Yea Show on Saturday, November 26.

The arena is still very soggy, and the cattle area, in a low area of the showgrounds and underwater for a week during the manor flood event recently, are both still problems and the horses and cattle events may have to be cancelled.

But the rest of the show will go ahead, providing there is not another major community flood event over the show weekend.

A great variety of entertainment for both young and old will delight at the Yea Show.

The horses may not like the skirl of the Highland Pipes but who can resist the *Yea and High Country Pipes and Drums* performing toe-tapping jigs and soulful laments. Their first performance will be around 12.30pm on the netball courts, with several other recitals elsewhere in the showgrounds.

Both children and adults will enjoy the *Skorkelaramas*,

a trio of roving comedians who will trade banter and madcap mayhem with young and old throughout the day.

Get up close and personal with an amazing variety of Australian wildlife at the Lizard Wizard exhibit. Stroke a lizard, admire the regal beauty of a hawk or cuddle a possum. A two-hour show for all to enjoy.

Thomas the Tank Engine is coming all the way from Sydney to Yea to take mums, dads and kids for a ride around the showgrounds.

Everyone enjoys seeing the beautiful displays of handcrafts, flowers, photography and cooking. So many clever people have been busy crafting, gardening and honing their cooking skills all through COVID-19 and they will produce an amazing display for the 2022 Yea Show.

Don't miss the cooking section this year in the Netball Pavilion which has activities for kids as well as cooking demonstrations. Liz from Taggerty Treats will give tips and hints on making delicious jams at 11am and chef Elizabeth Tournbos will run a

masterclass in pastry making at 12.30pm.

Local groups showing their skills include the Yea Line Dancers. Boot-scooters have a large following in Yea with several full classes held each week and the group performing at the show have been honing their skills and learning new routines for many years. They can be seen on the netball courts at 11.45am

The Yea Primary School have reformed their Jump Rope For Heart skipping team this year after two years of school lockdowns. These highly skilled kids are delighted to be back performing and will be inviting you to come and try after their performance at 11am on the netball courts.

The Children's Pet Show and Decorated Bike competitions are also held on the netball courts at 10am. It's always a popular segment with the children proudly showing off their pets, and the variety of pets is always surprising. Dogs are the overwhelming favourite and the children have to show their dog handling skills and any tricks they have taught their best friend. There is also a \$50 prize for the best decorated bike.

The Yea Pottery group are displaying their amazing skills in a special exhibition of their work and the CWA School's Exhibition is always popular and can be seen under the grandstand.

Our own wonderful CFA volunteers will have a large display of their equipment and an information booth just inside the main gate. Ther Yea community will be the first to view the CFA's new Community Engagement Unit which is being launched at the Yea Show at 11am. It's a state-of-the-art high tech vehicle, solar powered, with in-bult PA so it can provide community training or emergency consultation in remote communities as well as main-stream areas.

Nearby, the Dindi Bush Rodders will have a display of their beautifully restored classic cars. We have all been enjoying the Yea Cruise Night each month, which is being organised by our local Bush Rodders. Enjoy a close look at our local classics and a chat with the owners at the Yea Show.

Entry is \$15 adults, concession \$10 and all children under 16 are free.

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Letters to the Editor

Logging

UNDERLINING the Supreme Court's recent judgement that VicForests have broken the law in failing to protect endangered gliders when logging in Gippsland and central Victoria, is the reality that the agency has consistently been negligent in applying the precautionary principle in respect to undertaking comprehensive surveys of any logging coupe scheduled for harvesting and has not been effectively regulated by the government. It therefore must be assumed that they cannot be trusted to continue to carry out logging in any area of Victoria's native forest estate without breaking the law

or killing endangered animals.

The native forest logging industry has an unfortunate reputation for having its hand in the pockets of taxpayers to the tune of tens of millions of dollars annually. According to its 2021 annual report, VicForests made a \$4.7million loss, yet despite this, were gifted an \$18 million windfall by the Andrews Government, courtesy of the Victorian taxpayer.

These financial losses are insignificant in the big picture particularly when they are hidden from public view by accounting trickery. However, when tens of thousands of Victorians are right now, struggling

to pay their power bills, put food on the table and fuel in their cars, how can this compounding financial loss be justified?

When there now exists widespread public support both in Australia and overseas for the need to lock up our native forests to act as carbon stores, that will future-proof our communities, protect degraded biodiversity values and to mitigate the catastrophic effects of climate change, why is it left to environment groups to risk everything in taking legal action to protect our critically endangered forestry values?

From my own perspective and referencing the draconian new laws aimed at silencing forest protestors, it very much would appear that the Victorian Government are running a protection racket for the forestry industry.

Rod Falconer, Goulburn Valley Hwy, Eildon



THUMBS DOWN: To those who make up public holiday legislation. Why are we given a public holiday for a horse race or AFL grand final but never for Remembrance Day? Lest we Forget.

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Sun	AA Anglican Church, Alexandra 7pm PH 1300 222 222
Sun	Alanon Recovery Anglican Church, Alexandra 5.30pm.

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Weekly Weather
November 16, to November 22, 2022

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	3	11	Wednesday	3	14
Thursday	5	17	Thursday	6	18
Friday	4	20	Friday	6	23
Saturday	9	20	Saturday	13	24
Sunday	11	15	Sunday	12	19
Monday	5	11	Monday	7	16
Tuesday	4	13	Tuesday	6	17

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT				
STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	9.00am Mon	3.12^	steady	minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	9.00am Mon	0.93	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	9.35am Mon	1.60	steady	below minor
Home Ck at Yarck	10.11am Mon	0.67	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	8.46am Mon	1.03	steady	below minor
Yea R at Yea	9.25am Mon	2.09	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	9.00am Mon	6.21	rising	
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	9.00am Mon	0.95^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Trawool	9.00am Mon	4.51^	steady	minor
Sunday Ck at Tallarook	9.00am Mon	0.99^	steady	below minor
Goulburn R at Seymour	10.00am Mon	4.44	rising	minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	9.18am Mon	1.41	steady	

****ISSUED AT 10.15AM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022****

DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra.....	39.5mm
Buxton.....	34mm
Eildon (AWS).....	58mm
Flowerdale.....	61mm
Kinglake.....	57mm
Lake Eildon.....	41mm
Marysville.....	N/Amm
Strath Creek.....	N/Amm
Taggerty.....	48mm
Yarck.....	52mm
Yea.....	21mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week.....	288.16m
Capacity as at 9am Monday.....	97%
Metres below full supply.....	74cm
Daily inflow.....	16000ML
Release.....	14000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....	70%

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DEADLINES

Real Estate	Thursday noon
Trades & Services	Thursday noon
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Letters to the Editor	Monday 9am
Thumbs up/down	Monday 10am

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Know the risk factors this pollen season to avoid thunderstorm asthma

THE Royal Australian College of GPs (RACGP) is urging the community to know the risks, signs and appropriate steps to take as pollen levels rise and the prospect of thunderstorm asthma looms large.

Thunderstorm asthma claimed 10 lives and triggered a 672 per cent rise in respiratory related presentations to Melbourne and Geelong public hospitals during one tragic event in 2016, and has previously struck many communities repeatedly such as Wagga Wagga and surrounding areas.

It can affect anyone, even those who do not have a known history of asthma and have never experience asthma symptoms.

Thunderstorms asthma take place when thunderstorms occur during high pollen periods, usually from October to December in Victoria and New South Wales.

Symptoms include wheezing, chest tightness, difficulty breathing and coughing.

Along with people with asthma, those with allergic rhinitis or ryegrass and pollen allergy are at higher risk. It can also impact people with no history of asthma or allergy, so everyone must be vigilant.

The RACGP's fact available at link has useful tips for GPs and general practice staff on how to best help patients at risk of thunderstorm asthma.

RACGO President Adj. Professor Karen Price said it was vital for patients to be prepared.

"Be alert and be prepared because this promises to be a particularly dangerous thunderstorm asthma season," she said.

"Recent high rainfall levels and warm, humid weather has allowed grass to bloom, and thunderstorm asthma events could prove deadly, just like in 2016. We have already had thunderstorm asthma warnings issued for the Wimmera in the state's west as well as the Mallee district and I suspect that will only be the beginning.

"There is no need to be unnecessarily alarmed but it is important to take this seriously and there are positive steps you should take without delay. People who suffer from hay fever as well as current, past, or undiagnosed asthmatics are at increased risk and should be prepared to carefully monitor and manage symptoms in the months ahead. We strongly recommend you monitor the thunderstorm asthma risk, carry your reliever with you at all times, take

your preventive medication even if asthma symptoms aren't present, avoid being outdoors when storms strike or during the winds that often precede storm events and follow your asthma action plan to the letter.

"If you don't have an asthma action plan now is a great opportunity to arrange one. So, book a consult with your GP and talk about how to best manage your asthma and be prepared for potential thunderstorm asthma events this spring and summer.

"It also useful for those with high-risk factors to regularly check the Victorian Department of Health's epidemic thunderstorm asthma risk forecast and information on thunderstorm asthma from NSW Health. By taking these straightforward but vital steps you can stay safe if and when thunderstorm asthma strikes."

Professor Price also said that practices can play an important role in keeping patients safe through education and awareness.

"I'm sure many GPs and general practices team will take full advantage of the RACGP's helpful thunderstorm asthma resource and continue to do everything possible to help keep people safe," she said.

"That includes displaying notices in clinics with facts and information about thunderstorm asthma emphasising that it can affect people with no prior history of asthma and developing robust asthma action plans with patients who have allergic rhinitis or ryegrass or pollen allergies despite no known history of asthma. GPs can also raise the topic of thunderstorm asthma and make sure that patients have access to preventers and relievers as part of their asthma plan.

"The 2016 event also showed the importance of increasing awareness in the general community, as people with no known history of asthma were affected. It is important people are prepared when there is a possibility of high pollen counts and thunderstorms occurring at the same time, and that more people recognise the symptoms of an asthma attack so they are better prepared to help people who may be affected.

"By working together and being prepared we can save lives in coming months. No one can 100 per cent predict when thunderstorm asthma will strike, but we can prevent harm by being aware of the dangers and taking sensible precautions."

Buruli ulcer concern over summer

AN increase in buruli ulcer cases in Victoria has experts concerned that the flesh eating ulcers will hit Melbourne Suburbs in the upcoming summer months.

So far there have been 266 cases notified in 2022 and the numbers are climbing. This time last year, there were 227 cases and in 2020, 165 cases.

Even though the buruli disease hasn't hit Murrindindi Shire, you may have visited areas where the disease has been found. They include the Mornington Peninsula region, Bellarine Peninsula region, Westernport, Frankston, south eastern Bayside suburbs, east Gippsland, Aireys Inlet, greater Geelong suburbs and Phillip Island. Some inner Melbourne suburbs have also been hit.

The buruli ulcer is an infection of the skin and soft tissue caused by the bacterium mycobacterium ulcerans. The toxins made by the bacteria attack the fat cells under the skin leading to swelling and redness, and can form a nodule leading into an ulcer.

The buruli ulcer is not fatal, but it can leave people with cosmetic deformity which can sometimes lead to functional complexity of the limbs.

The buruli ulcer is not transferred from person to person, however household contacts of someone with buruli ulcer should monitor any skin lesions that appear that aren't healing and see a professional as soon as possible.

There is increasing evidence that mosquitoes and possums have a role in transmitting the diseases. It has also been detected in vegetation and faeces where these species live.

The incubation period of this disease varies from four weeks to nine months,

with an average of four to five months. Symptoms of the buruli ulcer starts as a spot that appears to look like a mosquito or spider bite and it will grow bigger over days or weeks. It may form a crusty scab that doesn't heal and then develops into an ulcer. The ulcer continues to grow and seems to be more painless than it should be. Prompt treatment can reduce the skin loss and tissue damage.

Treatments for buruli disease include getting a confirmed diagnosis via a PCR test from a health laboratory. Public health laboratory testing for buruli is free. Buruli disease is a notifiable disease with the Department of Health within five days of diagnoses. The current treatment is oral antibiotics for around eight weeks. In some cases, surgery is needed depending how much damage the ulcer has done.

To prevent the contraction of buruli disease extra measures to take, especially for those who live in the endemic areas, is to reduce mosquito breeding sites around houses and accommodation and mosquito proofing your home by using proper insect screens on windows and doors. To avoid bites, use insect repellents and covering up by wearing loose long fitting light clothing. Protect cuts and abrasions with a dressing and wash new scratches or cuts with soap, then apply antiseptic and a dressing, and exposed skin contaminated by soil or water should be washed following outdoor activities.

Early recognition, diagnoses and treatment of buruli disease is the key. Always remember if there is a skin lesion that doesn't heal over weeks to months you should see a doctor for assessment.



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WHAT'S ON?

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Garden Design Fest will be held in Euroa on Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20. Beautiful landscape designed homestead gardens open. Single entry \$12, children under 16 free. 10am-5pm both days. gardendesignfest.com.au

Eildon Action Inc special general meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17 at 4pm at the information centre. Agenda is election of committee. Enquiries to 0417 053 109.

Pool season is upon us. Murrindindi Shire pools will open on Saturday, November 19. This season will again be free of charge.

Market @ Yarck will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 9am. Pick up some CWA Christmas goodies.

Thornton Eildon District Football Netball Club AGM will be held on Saturday, November 19 at the football club. For further information contact 0467 977 450.

Glenburn Community Planning Program,

November 19 from 6pm at Glenburn Hall. This is a family friendly event. A free dinner will be provided. RSVP necessary. Come along and learn more about the program and identify your town's strengths and priorities for the future.

The next general meeting of the Alexandra RSL will be held on Sunday, November 20 at noon, followed by a light lunch.

Grand Italia Feast, Sunday, November 20 at Holmesglen at Eildon. Traditional Italian fare, house made pasta, wood fired pizza, tiramisu and much more. Bookings essential 5774 2631.

Alexandra and Eildon Lapidary Club AGM will be held on November 22 at 2pm at the club rooms. All welcome.

Alexandra & District Netball Association AGM will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm at the Corner Hotel. Enquiries to Kylie Cairns 0409 932 761.

The AGM of Murrindindi Community Enterprise Ltd – Yea and District Community Bendigo Bank will be held on November 22 at the Yea RSL at 11am. Morning tea will be at 10.30am. Nomination forms for positions on the Board of Directors may be requested by emailing admin@mcelcommunitybank.com.au or by visiting the branch.

Darlingford Nursing Home will hold their AGM on Wednesday, November 23 at 1.30pm via Zoom. RSVP for a Zoom invitation to darlingford@dughn.com.au by November 20.

Alexandra Ladies Probus next meeting will be held on November 24. Christmas lunch will be held on December 6.

CHANGE OF DATE: Friends of Kellock Inc AGM will be held in the Alexandra Library on Thursday, November 24 at 9.30am.

Alexandra Historical Society AGM will be held on November 24 at 2pm at Dove Cottage.

Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre Inc AGM will be held on Friday, November 25 at 10.30am. Morning tea will be available from 10am RSVP to secretary@yeawetlands.com.au

Murrindindi Shire Council are holding an Open Community meeting in Flowerdale for residents to speak to councillors about issues of ideas in the area. Wednesday, November 30 from 5-7pm at the Flowerdale Community House. For further information contact council on 5772 0333 or email governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

Alexandra and District Darts Association AGM will be held on Wednesday, November 30 at the Alexandra Bowls Club at 7pm.

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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WEED?

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

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

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

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



This week's Church Services

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11am

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Yarck hall to get a splash of colour

THE original Yarck Hall building has not been painted for more than 20 years and is looking very tired and flakey.

Using markets and other functions and with the special help of the Yarck CWA, the hall committee worked hard to slowly amass a hall painting fund.

Unfortunately it all came to nought two years ago when a massive storm ripped off half of the 134 year old roof and dumped it on Maroondah Highway. With the help of the shire and insurance the damaged roof was replaced but the committee decided it was necessary to replace the entire roof given the age of the supporting beams.

After the storm, dreams of repainting the hall fell into disarray, like the roof, as

precious funds were spent on reroofing. The new roof is wonderful but the need to repaint the hall became increasingly urgent.

The Yarck Hall Committee was forced to seek funding elsewhere. Months ago the committee sought help from philanthropic groups and local state and federal members of parliament.

Jaclyn Symes, State Member for Northern Victoria was able to suggest a Victorian State Government Living Local Regional Grant to cover the work, for which they were successful. A feature of this grant is that it encourages the employment of local trades people. Councillor John Walsh and members of the hall committee attended the official announcement and thanked the state government for its assistance.



Victorian Attorney General and Member for Northern Victoria, the Hon. Jaclyn Symes, with Jane Judd, Labor Candidate for Eildon, meeting the Yarck Hall Committee members Sharon Fox, Geoff McPherson and Graham Halliburton at Yarck Hall to officially announce a grant for the long awaited repainting of Yarck's grand old hall. -S



Geoff McPherson President of the Yarck Hall Committee explained the history and events that led to the need for the grant. The Hon Jaclyn Symes and Candidate for Eildon Jane Judd, Councillor Walsh, Yarck Hall secretary Sharon Fox and committee members Graham Halliburton and Robyn Walsh listened intently. -S

Beat the bite this season

WARM and wet weather can mean more mosquito biting and breeding, including the ones that can carry diseases that make you sick. These could include Japanese encephalitis, Ross River virus, Murray Valley encephalitis or buruli ulcers.

Many mosquitoes bite around dusk and dawn, but some can bite day and night. The only way to prevent mosquito-borne disease is to avoid being bitten. Know how to prevent mosquito bites. Cover up, repel, clean up.

Mozzies can bite through tight clothing, so cover up and wear long, loose-fitting clothing.

Use mosquito repellents containing Picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin. Limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about.

On holidays make sure your accommodation is fitted with mosquito netting or screens.

Use 'knockdown' fly spray, mosquito coils or plug-in repellent where you gather to sit or eat outdoors.

Don't forget the kids. Always check the insect repellent label. On babies, you might need to spray or rub repellent on their clothes instead of their skin. Avoid applying repellent to the hands of babies or young children

Around your home

To protect yourself from mosquito bites at home it is best to prevent mosquitoes getting into your house. Maintain fly screens on windows, doors, vents and chimneys.

Use insect sprays and repellents containing either picaridin or DEET, both inside and outside the house to kill mosquitoes.

Remove stagnant water around the house so mosquitoes can't breed.

Change pet drinking bowls, bird baths and vase waters at least once a week.

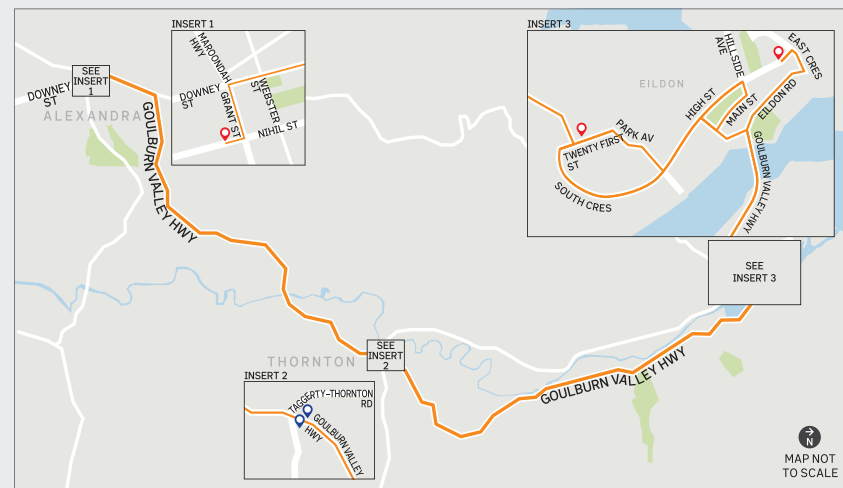
Check and maintain rainwater tanks and water storage vessels.



More buses between Alexandra and Eildon

From Monday 21 November, the Alexandra to Eildon bus service will be extended within Eildon and operate every weekday, giving residents better access to public transport.

The Alexandra to Eildon service will be known as Route V63 Alexandra-Eildon via Thornton and will complement the existing Route 684. Together, these services will provide three return trips each weekday between Alexandra and Eildon.



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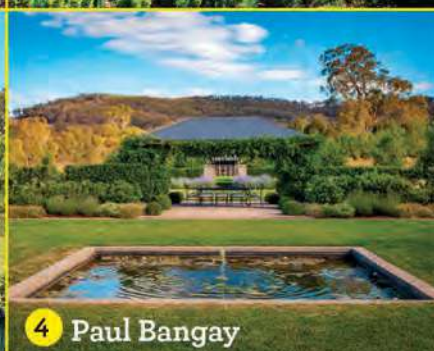
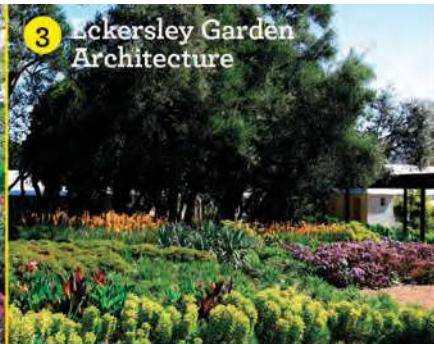
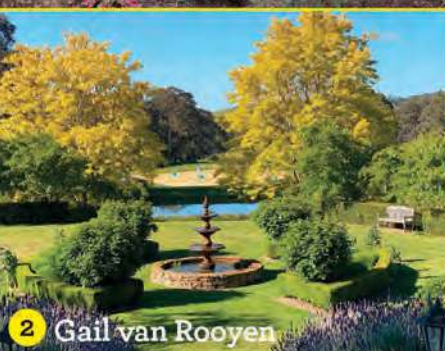
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Yea Primary School students of the week

Kensi
For helping others, checking on friends and working cooperatively with others.

Savannah
For showing respect by being a focussed learner in class and for working hard to complete learning tasks.

Harley
For showing persistence during learning tasks and when practising skipping tricks.

Holly
For showing persistence and resilience when working through a challenging task.

Izzabelle
For showing responsibility and being respectful when completing and beautifully presenting her geography work

Harper
For showing always showing respect by listening to others and helping students and teachers in her classroom..

Student of the Week

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Remembrance Day in Yea

Ed Davies, president of Yea-Kinglake RSL Sub-Branch

ON behalf of the Yea-Kinglake RSL Sub-Branch, I would like to thank the Rotary Club of Yea for hosting the Remembrance Day 2022 Commemoration at the Yea Cenotaph.

Thank you Gary Cocks and your team of Rotarians, for providing our community with a simple, brief and dignified commemoration which was well planned and conducted.

Our thanks also to all those who, by participating, ensured that our fallen are remembered, commemorated and never forgotten.

Lest We Forget.



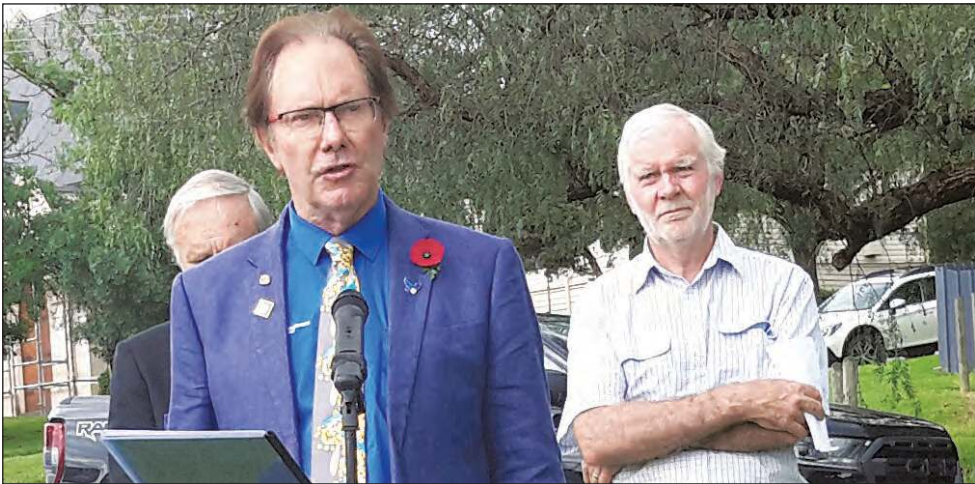
Assembled veterans and emergency services members from Yea and surrounds. -S



Yea-Kinglake RSL President, Ed Davies, placing the RSL wreath. -S



Sacred Heart Primary School Yea students Ashton Fontana, Olivia Webb, Ruby McKay and Isobel Martin placing wreaths. -S



Glen Milliken (partially hidden) recited The Ode, MC David Anderson and Father Geoff Leslie gave the opening and closing prayers. -S

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Remembrance Day in Yea



At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, we will remember them. Julia from Yea High School read the poem In Flanders Fields -S



Yea Primary School students Louis McAlpin, Edison Waghorn, Lily Neilson and Evie Glassford placing their wreath. -S



Yea High School students Fletcher Archibald, Zoe Gregory, Louis Callander and Andre Graham-Carey placing their wreath. -S



Mayor Sue Carpenter placing a wreath. -S

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Know Your Council results for Murrindindi

THE 2021/2022 Know Your Council results have been released. How did Murrindindi Shire Council compare to other councils?

Animal Management

ON average Murrindindi Shire Council took two days to action animal management requests. Council said all dog attacks, animals in traps or cages, and animals found are always responded to within 24 hours while all other animal management requests are actioned within two days. For similar councils the average time was 1.69 days and the average for all councils was 1.95 days.

Murrumbidgee had an average of 47.83 per cent of all collected cats and dogs reclaimed. Of the 47 dogs, 42 were reclaimed while only 13 of the 68 cats collected were reclaimed. This is higher than both the similar councils average of 45.04 per cent and all council average of 45.77 per cent.

For all collected cats and dogs, council had a rehoming rate of 15.65 per cent. Council said that where assessed as suitable the rehoming of animals collected by council is facilitated by an external organisation and the reduction in rehoming of animals is offset by an increase in animals reclaimed. This is a lower rate than both the similar council average of 38.33 per cent and all council average of 35.99 per cent.

The direct cost to the Murrumbidgee Shire Council for the animal management service per population was \$12.11. Council said vacancies within the department resulted in a slightly lower cost per population than previous years and that this change is not significant. Across similar councils the average cost was \$18.48 and across all councils it was \$13.06.

Murrumbidgee Shire Council had a 100 per cent success rate for animal management prosecutions, progressing with four prosecutions that year. There were no prosecutions in previous years. Across similar councils the average success rate was 27.06 per cent and all councils had an average success rate of 67.60 per cent.

Aquatic Facilities

The average number of health inspections of aquatic facilities carried out by an authorised officer for Murrindindi Shire was one, with the four aquatic facilities across the municipality inspected. Similar councils also had an average of one and across all councils they averaged 1.27.

The shire averaged 1.81 visits to aquatic facilities. Council said the second year of free pool entry resulted in an increase of patronage despite the impact of COVID-19. Similar councils had an average of 2.43 while all councils totalled an average of 3.10.

The average of the direct cost to council, less any income received, of providing aquatic facilities per visit was \$15.50. Council said the increase of patrons using aquatic facilities has resulted in a decrease of cost per visit to council. An average of \$23.58 was seen in similar councils and all councils totalled an average of \$12.66.

Food Safety

Council averaged two days to action food complaints received from members of the public about the safety or handling of food for sale. This is lower than the similar council average of 2.19 days but higher than the all council total average of 1.93 days.

Murrindindi Shire Council had a 100 per cent rate of required food safety assessments undertaken. Similar councils had a 71.58 per cent rate and all councils had an 81.28 per cent rate.

The direct cost of the food safety service per food premises registered by council or for which council has received notification during the year for Murrindindi Shire Council was \$1007.99. For similar councils the average cost was \$485.38 and for all councils it was \$487.56.

Murrumbidgee had a 100 per cent rate of critical and major non-compliance outcome notifications followed up by council. In similar councils this rate was 74.18 per cent and across all councils it was 86.83 per cent.

Governance

Murrindindi Shire Council had no council resolutions made at an ordinary or special meeting of council closed to the public, as there were no council meetings closed to the public throughout the reported time. Similar councils had 10.34 per while all councils had 8.12 per cent of council resolutions made at a meeting closed to the public.

Council had a community satisfaction rating of 54/100 with the consultation and engagement efforts of the council. They said the slight drop may be attributed to the challenges it faced on engagement activities during lockdowns and facilities being closed. This is higher than the similar councils satisfaction rating average of 53/100 and lower than all councils average rating of 55/100.

Council had a councillor meeting attendance percentage of 90.11 per cent, remaining constantly above 90 per cent the last four years. This was lower than both the similar council average of 94.70 per cent and all council average of 94.82 per cent.

The direct cost of delivering council's governance service per councillor was \$41,141.29. Council said all categories of allowances payable to mayors, deputy mayors and councillors saw an increase and the deputy mayor payment was a new allowance. This was higher than the similar councils average of \$40,810.96 and lower than the all council average of \$53,579.03.

Council had a community satisfaction rating of 53/100 for its performance in making decisions in the interests of the community. Council said the slight drop in satisfaction may be attributed to their inability to conduct in-person engagement for key policy decisions, as well as the requirement to mandate COVID-19 vaccination and mask wearing for community members accessing council facilities. Similar councils had the same satisfaction rating of 53/100 and all councils had a rating of 55/100

Libraries

The number of physical library items collected for Murrindindi Shire was 1.95 with council attributing this increase to improved access to the physical collections compared to the previous years with COVID-19 restrictions. Similar councils had an average of 1.94 and all councils had a higher average of 3.18.

Murrindindi Shire Council had 56.16 per cent of their library collection purchased in the last five years. Similar councils averaged 54.45 per cent of their library collection less than five years old and all councils averaged 64.26 per cent.

In the shire 14.31 per cent of the population were active library borrowers and council said this decrease reflected the continued impact of COVID-19 restrictions. Similar councils had a 11.48 per cent average and all councils averaged 12.19 per cent.

The direct cost to council of the library service population was \$38.89 per cent. According to council this slight increase in cost is due to the recommencement of library programs post COVID-19 restrictions. The direct cost average for similar councils was the same with \$38.89 and the all council average was lower with \$33.63.

Maternal and Child Health

Council had 99.28 per cent of infants enrolled in the MCH service. This was lower than both the similar council average of 100.68 per cent and all council average of 100.90 per cent.

The cost to council of the MCH service per hour of service delivered is \$69.26. This was lower than the similar council average of \$93.45 and all council average of \$84.58.

Murrumbidgee Shire had 89.89 per cent of children enrolled in the MCH participate. This was higher than the similar council average of 84.44 per cent and all council average of 77.42 per cent.

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Wednesday 30 November from 5.00 - 7.00 pm

Would you like to speak to Council about topics or issues that affect you and your community? Council is hosting an Open Community Meeting in Flowerdale for residents to talk directly to Murrumbidgee Shire Councillors about issues or ideas that are important to you or your community.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday 30 November from 5.00 - 7.00 pm
at the Flowerdale Community House, 36 Silver Creek Road, Flowerdale.

During the meeting, you will have five minutes allocated to present to Council. As this meeting is an open meeting, you may be speaking in front of members of the public as well as Council officers.

Any questions raised by community members will be taken on notice and a response will be provided following the meeting.

If you would like to speak to Council, you are invited to attend the meeting. Prior registration is not required, we'll greet you and collect your details on the evening. For more information, email governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au
You can also give Council a call on 5772 0333.

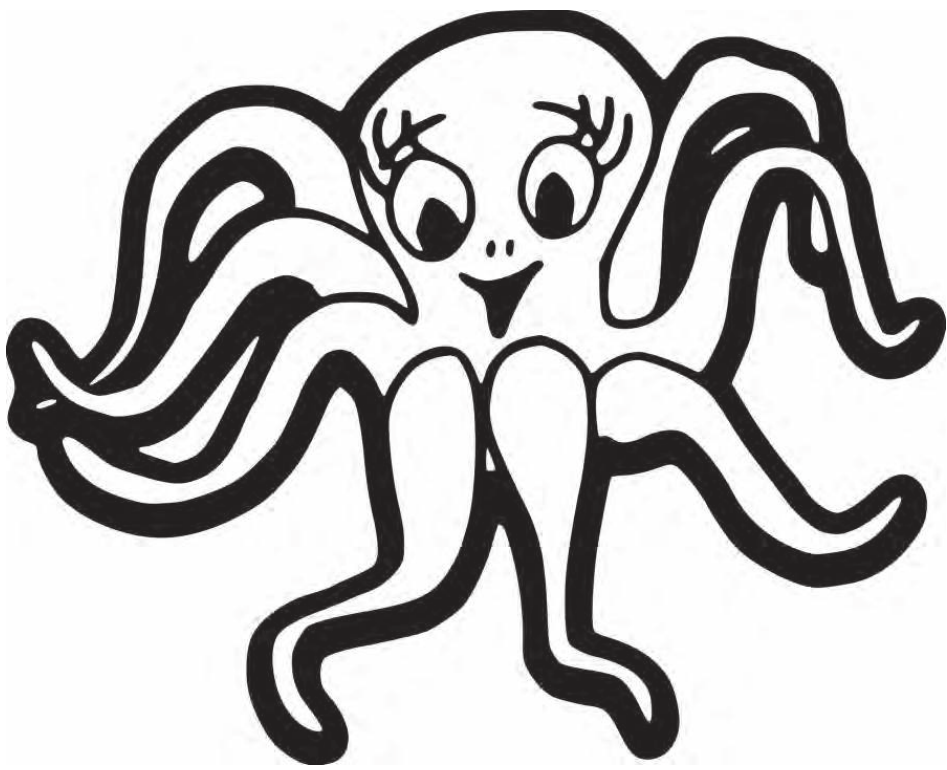


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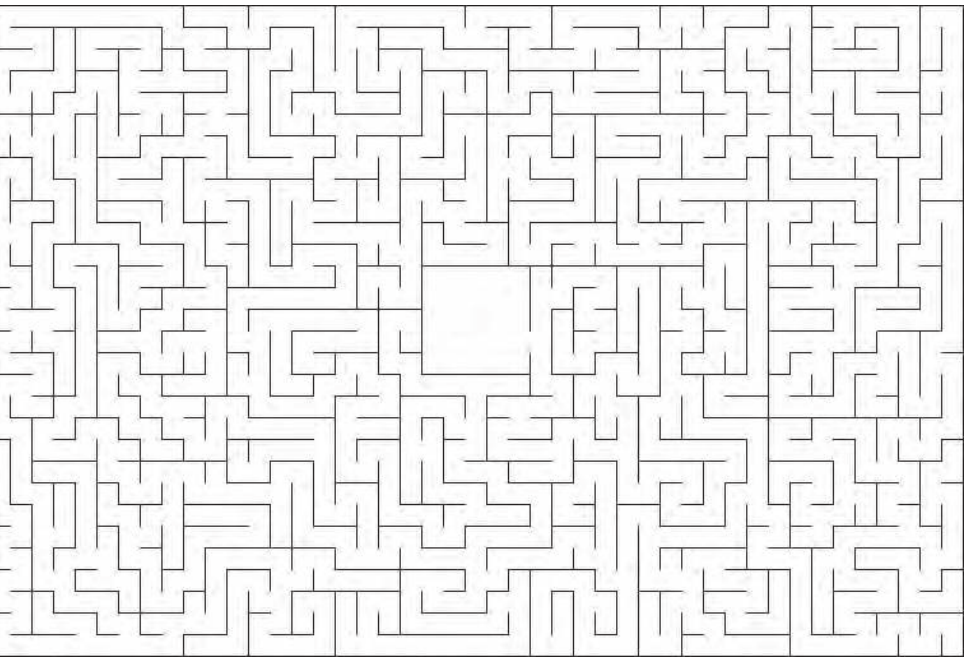
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Word Search - Summer

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Jokes

- Q:** What do you call an elephant in a phone box?

A: A tusk.
- Q:** What do you call a man with a seagull on his head?

A: A bird's head.

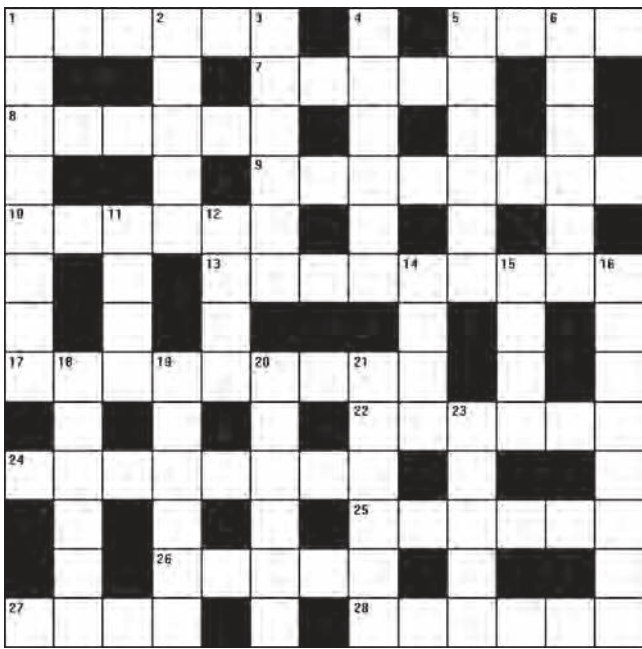
Crossword

ACROSS

1. A narrative song.
5. A stunted tail.
7. Take on a certain form.
8. A religious retreat.
9. In a frugal manner.
10. A Scottish design.
13. A favourable position.
17. Person who arrives before others.
22. Land mass surrounded by water.
24. Reflected brightly.
25. Fire breathing mythical beast.
26. Strip of water made for boats.
27. Small casks.
28. The full amount.

DOWN

1. Endurable though unpleasant.
2. Truck designed to carry heavy loads.
3. Blocked off to passage.
4. A musical composition.
5. A thoroughfare.
6. Free from obstruction.
11. A toothed wheel.
12. A polite name for a woman.
14. Signs of assent.
15. A song for a solo voice.



16. The basis for belief.

18. Living above the timber line.

19. Words to a song.
20. Arranging into stacks.

21. A difficult problem.

23. Jumped out.

Number Squares

Fill in the missing numbers

The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 16.

Each number is only used once.

Each row is a math equation.

Each column is a math equation.

Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

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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.

	9	2	4		8	5	3	
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Brain Teaser

- Q:** How far can a deer run into the woods?



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We encourage and welcome all players, parents, coaches and umpires to attend. We need your support and involvement to run, develop and ensure we keep our competitions going.

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Skills and experience

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SITUATION VACANT



A great opportunity in a supportive organisation Nurse Unit Manager

Yea & District Memorial Hospital (YDMH) provides acute, aged and community healthcare, to people of all ages from the Yea and surrounding western Murrindindi District communities. Our services have a strong focus on best practice clinical assessment, treatment and care.

The Nurse Unit Manager (NUM) will lead, manage, and support the nursing team across the YDMH mixed ward (acute and aged care), to provide an integrated holistic model of care to patients/residents needing acute assessment, care and support both as inpatient and via the organisation urgent care centre.

The position reports to the Executive Director of Clinical Operations and works collaboratively with other YDMH staff members across the organisation, providing timely reporting of all service activity to management and committees as required.

The NUM has a responsibility to ensure the safety and quality care to all patients, residents, staff, visitors, contractors, students, and volunteers.

Please note – Accommodation can be provided if required.

For more details and to access the position description please head to our website yeahospital.org.au

Please forward your resume and cover letter by close of business Friday, November 25 recruitment@ydmh.org.au

THE OUTDOOR EDUCATION GROUP

Catering Coordinator

The Outdoor Education Group is a for purpose organisation, seeking to make learning in the outdoor accessible to all young Australia's. We are currently seeking a Part time Catering Coordinator to join our Camp based team at Camp Marysville.

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- Working with children check required

Do you have cooking skill, experience, and passion to be successful in this role? We would love to hear from you.

Please email Ash Creighton creightona@oeg.edu.au or call on 5770 8256 if you wish for further information or to apply.

SITUATION VACANT



A great opportunity in a supportive organisation Dietitian / Grade 2

Yea & District Memorial Hospital provides acute, aged and community healthcare, to people of all ages from the Yea and surrounding western Murrindindi District communities. Our services have a strong focus on best practice clinical assessment, treatment and care.

The dietitian practices as a part of a multi-disciplinary team across all parts of the organisation – Community health, Acute and Aged Care.

The role involves clinical dietetic, preventative health and nutritional interventions for the management of a wide range of physical and chronic disease conditions, as well as the delivery of tailored support and health promotion/nutrition services across the organisation.

You will ensure the clients in all service areas have access to high quality nutrition interventions, focussing on screening, early identification, support and onward referral, individual nutrition support and guidance for care management, group interventions and community health promotion exercises around health and nutrition. Objective assessment and improvement the quality of services being provided reports on improvements to internal committees.

For more details and to access the position description please head to our website yeahospital.org.au

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



Appointments to the Board of Directors of Alexandra District Health

The Department of Health is pleased to invite applications for part time Board Director positions of Alexandra District Health with terms of office commencing from 1 July 2023.

These positions provide an exciting opportunity for members of the Victorian public to contribute to the health and wellbeing of our communities. Applicants are selected for their capabilities, including personal and professional attributes, skills, knowledge, and experience that contribute to the strategic leadership of public health care for the Victorian community.

Safe and high quality healthcare for all Victorians is a priority of the Department of Health. Applicants must be able to demonstrate and provide evidence in support of the capabilities they identify in their applications.

The Department of Health is committed to ensuring boards, and committees, reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community. We encourage applications from women, people of all ages, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and from lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, gender diverse, intersex and queer people.

Applications close at midnight, Monday, November 21, 2022.

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DEATH NOTICES

MCLEISH, Ron
Very saddened by the passing of a great mate, family friend for over 35 years. Many great memories. Keep on trucking. Gary and Julia Skiller and family.



NOBELIUS, Carl Axel
The Marysville RSL Sub-Branch is sad to report that their esteemed member and friend, Carl, passed away on November 3. We extend our deepest sympathy to Alyson, family and friends.
LEST WE FORGET

REDDROP (Shea).
Margaret Mary
12/02/1940-08/11/2022
Margot (Mutti) left the world unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 8. Beloved wife and long life teammate of Norm. Cherished and beautiful mum of Michael and Kim. Loving mother in law of Tina and David. Devoted, cheeky and adored Mutti to Jack, Ruby, Sophie, Tom and Charlie. She was so loved by her family and we can't imagine our lives without her. My darling wife of nearly 57 years. My guiding star, my angel and boss. If anyone deserves to be in Heaven, it is my Margot.

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MEETINGS

THE next general meeting for the Alexandra RSL, will be held on Sunday, November 20, at noon, followed by a light lunch.

ALEXANDRA & DISTRICT DARTS
Association AGM will be held on Wednesday, November 30, at the Alexandra Bowls Club at 7pm. Can all team captains try to attend or send a representative. We will be selecting a new committee as well as discussing the new season and how to get more teams for a bigger comp. Let's all try and get there to support the league.

CHANGE OF DATE
THE FRIENDS OF KELLOCK Inc. Annual General Meeting has been changed to Thursday, November 24 at the Alexandra Library at 9.30am. Please feel welcome to attend.

MEETINGS

Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre Inc

Annual General Meeting

10.30am, Friday, November 25

Morning tea at 10am

Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre

2 Hood Street Yea

RSVP

secretary@yeawetlands.com.au

ALEXANDRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AGM. November 24, at 2pm at Dove Cottage.

ALEXANDRA AND EILDON LAPIDARY CLUB AGM. November 22 at 2pm at club rooms. All welcome.

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Questioning the candidates

THE Victorian election is set to occur on Saturday, November 26. In the lead-up, we have asked the candidates for the electorate of Eildon a series of questions, which they have answered in their own words. They have been included here in the order in which they were received.

Unfortunately, we didn't receive a response from Robert Thornton (Independent), Joshua Rusic (Freedom Party) or Tim Lacey (Family First).

The questions were:

1. Are you able to provide a short biography, including your aims if elected?
2. What are your concerns around Victoria's infrastructure?
3. What are your views on native timber harvesting?
4. How do you propose to address the housing challenges in regional Victoria?

Further topics will be covered in next week's edition.

Chloe Bond - Animal Justice Party

1. My name is Chloe Bond and I live in Wesburn with my husband, daughter, horses, dogs, chickens, and ducks. I am standing as your lower house candidate for Eildon on behalf of the Animal Justice Party. My election platform is simple; I stand for animals, people, and our planet. I have spent the last 18 months working as a victims of crime lawyer where day in and day out I would stand in court for the victimised, marginalised, and silenced. I have vowed to always stand unapologetically for the voiceless. This election, I vow to stand for animals by ending cruel and morally unacceptable practices, I vow to stand for people by introducing subsidies that ease the burdens of everyday living, and I vow to stand for our planet by

committing to ambitious climate targets.

2. The reliance on fossil fuel industries for power needs and the regulation of water being determined in accordance with commercial interests.

3. I believe that habitat preservation is imperative to protecting biodiversity. Further, protecting our native forests is a low-cost and effective method of taking real, immediate action on climate change. Trees have the amazing ability to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store it long term, indefinitely, if left undisturbed. However, when forests are logged, this stored carbon is released back into the atmosphere. Although forests do regrow after logging, it can take centuries to re-capture

the emitted carbon. We do not have centuries to wait. I therefore propose the protection of Victoria's native forests and the introduction of plantations for all of our timber needs. With the proper investment, plantations have the ability to meet all of the country's wood needs while retaining employment in the sector.

4. I recently had the pleasure of reading the Election Platform of the Victorian Public Tenants Association which advised of the significant existing waitlist of families and individuals in need of public housing in my electorate. Both short-term and long-term solutions were addressed to reduce this waitlist. Further, they proposed to recognise the human right to housing in legislation.



Chloe Bond. -S

This will entrench Victoria as Australia's leading jurisdiction in social housing reform. As somebody who has experienced homelessness, I understand that appropriate housing is not always attainable. This is why I will prioritise liaising with the VPTA and other relevant organisations to ensure a safe and secure home for all people and companion animals in my electorate.

Wil Mikelsons - Greens

1. I live in Launching Place in the Yarra Valley. I grew up on a small family poultry farm. My parents worked that farm successfully for 30 years, despite some hard times. My working life was as a school teacher for 35 years. Most of that time I worked with disadvantaged young people either in a last chance community school or running a program to integrate students with disabilities into the mainstream education system. I have been doing CRT work at Upper Yarra Secondary College this year. The main aim of the Greens is to get strong action to mitigate climate change.

2. Infrastructure priorities include maintaining our roads. Local roads underpin local economies and communities. Local roads should be the focus of our expenditure when it comes to looking at where we are spending money on roads. Upgrading hospitals/clinics so that more services can be provided. Upgrading the transmission network to unlock a renewables boom, and expanding the number of Electric Vehicle charging stations in regional areas to encourage the uptake of EV's.

3. Protecting native forests will help meet our climate obligations.

Native forest logging in Victoria produces about 3 million tonnes of carbon emissions each year, equivalent to the pollution from 700,000 medium-sized cars. Ending logging now would reduce emissions by an estimated 24 per cent in Victoria. Science also tells us that logging our native forests is contributing to an extinction crisis of native flora and fauna and increases the fire risk to communities. The Greens will legislate to end native forest logging in 2023, with a transition plan to move workers into new jobs.

4. There is a housing shortage in our townships. A dozen applications



Wil Mikelsons. -S

for every advertised rental is common. Part of the problem is that governments have sold off social housing in the area and affordable housing stock is in short supply. More social housing is a big part of the answer and the Greens plan includes building 100,000 new public homes across Victoria over the next 10 years.

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Questioning the candidates

Continued.

Jane Judd - Labor

1. I am a local living in Healesville in the Eildon electorate for 38 years. As a trained social worker and teacher, I am driven by social justice and am a passionate change agent. I am standing because I think it is time for a change. I worked in education, community health and community welfare, including seven years at Alexandra District Health, with a short stint in Eildon at Darlingford residential aged care. I have been active in the community, establishing services for Anglicare, Maroondah City Council and Eastern Health, building community groups to advocate for what is important. I like to be effective and make a difference. I am grateful for so much in my life. My free tertiary education, a wonderful family and simply the best jobs. I am blessed

to live on bushland, teeming with wildlife.

2. Infrastructure investment in Victoria has been unprecedented under the Andrews Labor Government. In 2016, six years ago, the Labor government released a 30 year Infrastructure Strategy. Literally more of our money has been invested in bricks and mortar, in schools, world class cancer centre, new children’s hospitals, kindergartens, 150 new child care centres, new roads, linking up parts of the broken transport network, building public transport hubs, committing to social affordable house and removal of 85 level crossing projects that stopped traffic. We can see these improvements. I have accessed the extensive record of funding announcement across Murrindindi groups and these have

clearly been highly successful. The downside is clearly the roads. There are roads badly impacted from unprecedented unrelenting water damage. Water under or on road surfaces causes potholes, add heavy freight vehicles and there is a recipe for damage. As soon as we have optimal conditions, large chunks of money will need to be spent bringing roads up to standards we need.

3. I am very pleased that the Andrew Labor Government has developed a Forestry Plan that supports the transition of the native timber industry to a future based on plantation supply while protecting as many jobs in the timber communities as possible. If elected to represent Eildon I will support the Andrews Government policy transition away from native forests to plantation

timber, work hard to see that local communities are strongly supported by the government as part of the transition plan, and work hard to ensure that the transition plans are fully supportive of our contractors and workers.

4. We need Dan Andrews to initiate a housing summit, in partnership with the Albanese Labor Government. We need the best brains around the table to look for solutions. We need private industry, business bodies, social housing providers, regulators like VHA, unions, local, state and federal government. There are lessons to be learned overseas too. Labor plans 30,000 affordable houses a year but 250,000 are needed according to some advocacy groups. Shared equity schemes have been mooted. The \$100m building fund is a great



Jane Judd. -S

start. Maybe superannuation funds can be encouraged to invest in innovative housing projects. Housing accessibility and affordability are major issues. If elected, I will be an advocate for government to take the lead in developing an integrated collective approach to this nationwide problem.

Kammy Cordner - Independent

1. I live in Mansfield. I worked here as a jillaroo while a university student, then got my first job teaching (science and maths) in Mansfield in 1986. I have been politically active for about 30 years, starting with being a Mansfield Shire Councillor, and then being involved with lobbying and policy making, always on environmental issues, climate action and integrity

2. The loss of our railway system was short-sighted, so needs to be replaced with effective public transport. This gives us an opportunity to bring in small,

nimble electric buses. Rolling out an electrice vehicle charging web across regional Victoria will enable the state to transition away from fossil fuels for transport, and we could pilot that in Eildon electorate. Today’s tourists and travellers are looking for charging stations. Our roads have really suffered from the extreme weather events. Victoria was once famous for its high quality roads, which had been a priority for funding in the past. I note with dismay the decline, and with wet conditions it is becoming almost third world in places. We need to get our

priorities right and direct funding where it is needed, and trim all the other waste.

3. For reasons of the climate crisis and species preservation, I am in favour of an immediate cessation of native logging. I recently met with members of the local logging industry, and they are people who really connect to the forest that has been their livelihood for generations. Their skills and knowledge are very valuable to Victoria, and they have the energy to contribute and participate. We have to make the

most of the attributes they can offer, creatively and profitably, as we transition away from native forestry.

4. There is a housing and rental crisis across the electorate exacerbated by the gig-economy (AirBnB) and urban exodus during COVID-19. At the last census, 1.4 million homes in Australia were vacant. There are too many incentives and rewards for property owners to remove their assets from the rental market, affecting critical aspects of our communities (schools and hospitals). We need



Kammy Cordner Hunt. -S

a strong commitment to tackle this trend and create solutions, including looking at how the same problem has been successfully addressed overseas.

Cindy McLeish - Liberal

1. I was born and went to school in Yea. I grew up on a farm and my mum owned and ran a local pub. I moved to the city for university and earned degrees in science, education, psychology, and business administration and am now back living on the farm. Prior to entering Parliament in 2010, I worked as a consultant in leadership development and organisation effectiveness, been the CEO of a sports association, worked as a psychologist and a secondary school science teacher. The Liberal’s Real Solutions Plan will fix the healthcare crisis, put an end to Daniel Andrews’ era of spiralling debt, reward

hard working Victorian families by cutting taxes and easing the increasing pressure on the family budget and help small business.

2. A Liberals and Nationals Government will implement a Regional Infrastructure Guarantee, committing 25 per cent of all new government capital investment for infrastructure projects in regional Victoria, up from the current 13 per cent. Everyone knows our roads are in a deplorable state. That’s why the Liberals have committed \$10 billion to road maintenance over ten years, delivering better and safer roads. The Liberals

and Nationals are committed to fixing the current health crisis by shelving Labor’s \$35 billion rail line from Cheltenham to Box Hill and put that money into health care, including a redevelopment of Mansfield District Hospital, which is key to many people in Murrindindi Shire as a maternity unit.

3. Forestry is a legitimate and important industry that has a strong place in Victoria. The IPCC supports sustainable harvesting, and their most recent report confirms younger trees absorb carbon at much greater rates than more mature trees. We have 7.8

million hectares, of which 3.1 million is within the scope of state forests on public land. Of that there are three trees in 10,000 that are harvested, 0.03 per cent. Greater certainty and support for the industry needs to be provided.

4. A Liberals and Nationals Government have committed to unlocking 150,000 extra lots of land across Melbourne and regional Victoria and has a long-term economic plan to ensure it can be done without introducing any new taxes. This follows our plan to slash stamp duty for first home buyers, saving Victorians up to \$55,000 on the purchase



Cindy McLeish. -S

of their first home. Our plan to cut red tape, speed up planning reforms and deliver 150,000 new housing lots in the first two years of a Matt Guy-led government is a real solution to address housing affordability.

Our history: two boys caught in flood

by Yea and District Historical Society

ON Monday, September 15, 1898, the two sons of Inspector Donohoe, aged 15 and nine respectively, went out rabbiting on the flooded river flats opposite Cr Quinlan’s residence.

By various means they made their way across to a strip of land near the river and for a few hours enjoyed quite a delightful time at the expense of the gay and festive bunnies.

About dusk the lads sought to beat a retreat homewards, and after wandering about and around a perfect maze of lagoons and flooded dips, were alarmed to find they were cut off from land on the railway side by the overflow of the Muddy Creek, which unknown to them had been rising rapidly while they had been so enraptured in the slaughter of the farmer’s aversion.

They at once set up a continuous cooing and eventually attracted the attention of Peter Richards, one of Quinlan’s employees. He quickly made known the fact that someone was in distress on the river flats. The boy’s parents were already in search of the missing ones and learning of their whereabouts, quickly organised a rescue party. The rescuers were confronted with many difficulties. The night was dark, the flood waters were exceedingly swift and full of floating dead timber.

It was decided nothing could be done until a boat was procured, and Messrs Drysdale and others, in a spring cart, at once set off for Killingworth to procure a boat owned by Mr McGillivray. There was no chance of this coming to hand for some hours. A party led by James Drysdale went round by the two bridges with a view of approaching the exiles via a log across

the river. However, the log was found to be completely submerged.

One of the rescue party hailed from a place called Beavertown, because of its propensity to flooding, stripped off and swam to the lads. They were found camped against a tree on a small knoll of ground, the elder in good spirits, the younger cold and nervous. After some manoeuvre through the flood, they were brought to the bank of the main overflow and were thus only divided by about a chain of water from their distressed father and about 50 townspeople.

As there was no immediate danger further operations were delayed until the arrival of the boat at 2am. When it was launched it was found to be without rowlocks and provided only with improvised paddles. As a good supply of ropes had been provided by Mr Purcell, a light line was attached to

the boat which pushed off but was unable to contend with the current and was quickly hauled back but not before the “Saucy Jane” was nearly waterlogged.

A swimmer was again requisitioned and successfully crossed the stream with a light line and made fast to a tree on the opposite shore, and by this means the boat was pulled backwards and forwards and the lads thus safely recued. They were at once conveyed to ‘Laurel Hill’, where Mr and the Misses Quinlan, who are renowned for their hospitality, had a good fire, dry clothing and warm nourishment awaiting them.

A characteristic of the affair was the large number of willing hands who turned out to assist in work of the rescue. Many are to be commended in their thoughtfulness in providing rescue appliances, spirits etc.



Sacred Heart Primary School held a Colour Fun Run on Friday, November 4 to raise money for the St Luke's Christmas Appeal and the school. The students raised a remarkable \$10,473.90. Pictured is a students versus teachers and parents tug-o-war. -S



Olivia and Ava. -S



Daisy and Sophie. -S



Ainslie. -S



Ivy. -S



Benji -S



Ollie, Ava and Lachie. -S

Sacred Heart students spread the joy

ON behalf of the Parents and Friends Committee of Sacred Heart Primary School, Father Mario Hendricks parish priest of St Luke's Anglican church Yea, was presented with a cheque for \$1000 by school leaders Olivia Webb and Josh Dredge.

The donation is for the St Luke's Christmas Hamper project and is one of many donations from community organisations towards the Christmas hampers. The hampers are distributed locally to bring a little joy to families who are struggling at this special time of the year.

Sacred Heart students raised the money donated as part of their successful Colour Fun Run.

This generous giving highlights the support locally for St Luke's and this outreach programme and acknowledges the students, parents and the school's care for those less fortunate than themselves.

The hampers are distributed to over 60 families and application forms to receive a hamper are available from the St Luke's Op Shop or the Yea Community House.

All completed applications are treated confidentially and

anonymously distribution just prior to Christmas, and is coordinated on behalf of St Luke's by Penny Bristow and Liz Cuckson.



Father Mario with the cheque. -S



Sacred Heart presenting their cheque for the Christmas Hamper Appeal to St Luke's Church in Yea. Pictured are Penny Bristow, Olivia, Josh, Anne Danieli and Father Mario. -S

Know Your Council results for Murrindindi

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Maternal and Child Health

Council had 99.28 per cent of infants enrolled in the MCH service. This was lower than both the similar council average of 100.68 per cent and all council average of 100.90 per cent.

The cost to council of the MCH service per hour of service delivered is \$69.26. This was lower than the similar council average of \$93.45 and all council average of \$84.58.

Murrindindi Shire had 89.89 per cent of children enrolled in the MCH participate. This was higher than the similar council average of 84.44 per cent and all council average of 77.42 per cent.

The percentage of Aboriginal children enrolled who participate in the MCH service in the Murrindindi Shire was 91.11 per cent with council stating the decreased enrolments is consistent with a decrease in Aboriginal births. It was higher than both the similar councils the average of 80.02 per cent and all council average of 79.94 per cent.

In the shire 89.21 per cent of infants enrolled in the MCH service participated in the four week Key Age and Stage visits. Council attributed this decrease to families moving to other municipalities prior to these visits. This was lower than the similar councils average of 100.43 per cent and the all councils average of 97.36 per cent.

Roads

Council received 44.96 sealed local road requests per 100km. Council said fewer sealed local road requests can be attributed to the targeted maintenance and renewal works undertake in recent months on sealed roads. Similar councils averaged 41.12 requests and all councils averaged 59.24 requests.

Murrindindi Shire had 97.87 per cent of sealed local roads below the renewal intervention level set. Similar councils had a lower average of 92.53 per cent and all councils averaged 95.70 per cent.

The direct cost to council of sealed road reconstruction per square metre reconstructed was \$70.09. Council said the increased cost is due to price increase of materials due to rising inflation. This was higher than the average similar councils cost of \$51.02 and lower than the all council average of \$94.76.

The direct cost to council of sealed local road resealing per square metre resealed was \$6.14 with the increase also attributed to material costs. For similar councils it was \$5.43 and all councils \$14.61.

Council had a community satisfaction rating for how it has performed on the condition of sealed roads of 44/100.

Council said low satisfaction rating may be attributable to increasing community expectations and to delays in programmed maintenance due to weather and availability of materials. They said it is also a reflection of the sustained pressure on service delivery due to rate capping, low levels of recurrent grant funding, and higher costs of material and contractors due to inflation. Similar councils averaged 49/100 and all councils averaged 54/100.

Statutory Planning

The median number of days taken between receipt of a planning application and a decision on the application for Murrindindi Shire Council was 54 days. Similar councils averaged 68.81 days and all councils averaged 77.74 days.

Murrindindi Shire Council had 75.68 per cent of VicSmart planning application decisions made within 10 days and regular planning application decisions made within 60 days. This was higher than both the similar council average of 69.11 per cent and all council average of 67.31 per cent.

The direct cost to council of the statutory planning service per planning application received was \$1790.61. This was lower than the similar council average of \$2836.11 and all council average of \$2546.49.

Fifty per cent of Murrindindi Shire Council's planning application decisions subject to review by VCAT were not set aside. Out of the four decisions referred to VCAT, two were upheld with two set aside. This was more successful than the similar council average of 43.14 per cent but lower than the all council average of 53.37 per cent.

Waste Collection

Murrindindi Shire Council had 105.38 requests for kerbside bin collection per 1000 kerbside bin collection households. Council said this increased number of requests reflects the growth in services currently provided. The average for similar councils was 86.38 per cent while all councils had an average of 132.58 per cent.

Council missed 0.75 of kerbside collection bins per 10,000 scheduled kerbside collection bin lifts. This is lower than the 4.34 average reported for similar councils and the 5.83 average reported for all councils.

The direct cost to council of the kerbside garbage bin collection service per kerbside garbage collection bin was \$110.44. Council said this rate reflects increased cost of landfill levy. Similar councils averages \$132.16 and all councils averaged \$126.60.

The direct cost to council of the kerbside recyclables collection service per kerbside recyclables collection bin was \$75.91 with

similar councils averaging \$89.05 and all councils averaging \$72.10.

Council diverted 33.82 per cent of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins from landfill. This is lower than both the similar council average of 38.20 per cent and the all council average of 47.82 per cent.

Financial Performance

Murrindindi Shire Council averaged \$3593.45 of council expenditure for each property. This was lower than the similar council average of \$4036 but higher than the all council average of \$3559.66.

Council charged \$1808.43 of rates on average for each property. This was higher than the average similar council average of \$1737.42 but lower than the average of all councils of \$1832.33.

Council's current assets as a percentage of current liabilities was 330.89 per cent. Council said its current liabilities have increased due to the need to recognise grant income in the year when the funds are expended and the required outcome has been delivered. These are the grants council has received, however the matching expenditure will be incurred in future periods. This amount was higher than the similar council average of 280.59 per cent and the all councils average of 247.14 per cent.

The unrestricted cash amount as a percentage of current liabilities for Murrindindi Shire Council was 32.61 per cent. This was significantly lower than the 76.67 per cent average of similar councils and was also lower than the 35.18 per cent average of all councils.

With no loans or borrowings councils percentage of rates was 0 per cent. Similar councils averaged 5.66 per year, while all councils averaged 14.11 per cent.

Council also had a 0 per cent total for interest bearing loan and borrowing repayments. Similar councils averaged 2.44 per cent and all councils averaged 4.68 per cent.

Non-current liabilities as a percentage of own source revenue for the shire was 29.83 per cent. This was higher than the similar council average of 13.53 per cent and the all council average of 19.91 per cent.

Council averaged 133.66 as a percentage of depreciation for asset renewal and asset upgrade. Council said this increase in asset renewal and upgrade works includes completion of previous years' projects. This was lower than the similar council average of 145 per cent but higher than the all council average of 117.44 per cent.

Council had an adjusted underlying deficit of -0.34 per cent of underlying revenue.

Council said the decrease is predominately due to unconditional grant funding received in advance and a reduction in employee costs in 2020/21 due to the end of the Working for Victoria grant funded program. The average for similar councils was 1.06 per cent and 1.21 per cent for all councils.

Council had a rate of 60.51 per cent of adjusted underlying revenue. Council said this is lower due to Grants Commission funding received in advance. Similar councils had a lower average of 51.23 per cent and all councils averaged slightly higher with 60.71 per cent.

Murrindindi Shire had an average of 0.36 per cent of rates of property values in the municipality. This was lower than the similar councils average of 0.44 per cent and the all council average of 0.37 per cent.

Sustainable Capacity

Council expenses per head of the municipal population were \$2462.09. This was lower than the similar council average of \$3345.26 but higher than the all council average of \$2176.09.

The value of infrastructure per head of the Murrindindi Shire population was \$26,425 with council attributing the increase to the addition of new assets and revaluation of council's assets. This was lower than the similar council average of \$27,729.65 but higher than the all councils average of \$16,560.10.

Murrindindi Shire had a population density of 11.96 per length of road under council control. This was higher than the similar council average of 10.45 per cent but significantly lower than the all council average of 109.68.

The own-source revenue per head of municipal population for the shire was \$1761.54. This was lower than the similar council average of \$2013.46 but higher than the all council average of \$1557.25.

Murrindindi Shire Council is expected to receive \$608.18 in recurring government grants. Council said this increase is due to Grants Commission funding \$1.8m received in advance. This is lower than the similar council average of \$1183.90 but higher than the all council average of \$534.13.

The survey measured the relative socio-economic disadvantage of the municipality with a score of 10. Murrindindi Shire scored a six out of 10 rating higher than the similar council average of 3.89 out of 10 and the all council average of 5.54 out of ten.

Murrindindi Shire had an average of 14.07 per cent of workforce turnover. This was lower than the 21.05 per cent of similar councils and 19.77 per cent for all councils.

Further information can be found at knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au

Ending cervical cancer in Australia

FOUR out of five Australians are unaware Australia could become the first country in the world to eliminate cervical cancer, according to the results of a new consumer poll released by the Australian Cervical Cancer Foundation to launch National Cervical Cancer Awareness Week which ran from November 8 to 14.

The trailblazing efforts of Australia in cervical cancer prevention over the last 20 years have led the world, with the successes bringing us to the critical point where we could be the first country to eliminate a cancer.

Yet despite the significant strides in science and public health innovation, and considerable government investment in national prevention programs, it appears many Australians remain unclear how

they can help make cervical cancer history.

Cervical cancer is almost always caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV), a common sexually transmitted infection.

It is possible to prevent up to 93 per cent of potentially harmful HPV infections with vaccination however, 43 per cent of Australians surveyed did not believe vaccination could prevent the life-threatening cancer.

Australian scientist Professor Ian Frazer co-invented the HPV vaccine that is now used globally to prevent cervical cancer. In 2007, Australia became the first country to launch a national funded schools-based HPV vaccination program. Since vaccination was introduced, HPV infections and pre-cancers have plummeted.

Australia's National Cervical Screening Program, which is used to identify persistent HPV infections early before they become cervical cancer, has been in place since 1991. Since it was introduced the program has halved the number of new cervical cancer diagnoses and the number of deaths from cervical cancer, but 32 per cent of Australians surveyed did not identify screening as a prevention strategy.

"These results are concerning and suggest despite our best efforts there may be a major gap in Australians' understanding of the main cause of cervical cancer and how to prevent it," Australian Cervical Cancer Foundation CEO Vicky Darling said.

"We know our world-leading cervical cancer prevention programs work but we can't

afford to become complacent and lose the focus or the momentum we have created. We have the tools we need to eliminate cervical cancer readily accessible, but we need to continue with our national prevention programs and invest in public education to ensure we all understand the role we can play to help make cervical cancer history and that importantly, no one is left behind."

Women and people with a cervix are reminded by the Cervical Cancer Foundation to make sure they're enrolled in the National Cervical Screening Program and screen every five years. If you have symptoms such as abnormal bleeding, unusual discharge, pain during intercourse ensure you speak to a health professional.

The foundation also reminds parents of young people aged

12 to 19 years to make sure all children get their full course of HPV vaccination or school or to see their GP for any missed HPV vaccinations.

"Australian women and people with a cervix deserve a future free from cervical cancer. With elimination within reach, we can all take positive action to keep us on track to achieving this important goal," Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care the Honorable Ged Kearney MP said.

"Australia has delivered many firsts when it has come to cervical cancer prevention through vaccination and screening. The ultimate 'first' is now within our reach. We need everyone to play a role."

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Merton cricket report

by Rohan Berriman

MERTON cricketers finally played their first match in the B grade competition after the first four rounds were called off due to the rain affected grounds in the district.

Merton hosted Beechworth Wanderers at the surprisingly well presented Merton Cricket Ground and the club extends their thanks to the Mansfield Shire and the club volunteers who get the oval up to standard for the first game of the season.

Beechworth won the toss and batted, making only 34 all out off 19 overs.

Last season's club champion Luke Benton destroyed the top order taking 5/16 off eight overs. He was well supported by Jai Lerch-Mckinnon with 3/ 11 and James Benton with 1/ 6 rounded out a top bowling performance.

Wanderers' captain D. Cogger was the only batter to make double figures with 12.

Merton's batters were looking a little rusty, passing the visitors score of four

wickets down in the 14th over with opener Luke Berriman seeing off the opening bowlers.

Merton continued to play out their 36 overs finishing on 8/112 with youngster James Benton top scoring with 26 not out. Mark Noye 15 and captain Ross Mackinnon 13 were the other players to get a start.

Merton travel to Wangaratta next Saturday to take on the Wangaratta Magpies



Winner Vicki Clements. -S

At last golf of some sort

by Karen Sangster

UNABLE to play some of the holes due to wet weather, a course was mapped out by team at Alexandra Golf Club with the final decisions enabling golfers to play a game of sorts on November 9.

It was put into play an unusual course of round robin holes to make up the 19.

Keeping an eye on the ball was a necessity if you wanted to find said ball among the long grass with lots of walking and searching being done that day.

By the end of the day golfers were a little tired with some of the ladies finishing after completing nine holes.

On the day the club had two things to finalise; the Gold Medal and Silver spoon play off.

Those who had qualified during the year went out to try their luck alongside the daily event.

This year the winner was a very pleased Vicki Clements(26). The club extends their congratulations to Vicki who took the pool winning all three competitions having a 74 nett.

Vicki will go onto compete in the final of the Silver spoon at Chirnside Park on the November 21.

Runner up for the day was Karen Sangster (25) 76 nett and she also claimed a gobbler. There was no NTP.

Mixed stableford

by Alan Pell

AFTER hard work on the course by Rob, fairways, and the volunteers on rough and surrounds, golfers were able to play on Saturday.

With tee-up on fairways and preferred lies thru the green, 15 players competed.

Winner with an exceptional 41 points was Brian Simmons from second Rick Wills 37 and Cindy Armstrong 34 third. Rick Wills was NTP on the 11th and in a 3-way CB Steve Rumney won the club award.

Last Wednesday saw three players complete Jan's nine twice with Neil Peterson coming out on top.

The club said golf is very difficult to program at the moment with the current weather conditions.

The Murrindindi Masters at Alexandra Golf Club scheduled for next Saturday has been postponed until February. The first round will now be on January 14 at Yea.

As any golf is dependent on how much more rain there is, Saturday's golf will most likely be another mixed stableford event.



Mooroopna and Yea bowlers alike enjoyed the nicer weather on the day. -S

Yea bowlers off to a good start

by Viv Cavanagh

THE start of the GMBR Pennant season was delayed for two weeks due to several clubs in the playing area having to contend with flood damage. One of these games will be played later in the season whereas the other one was considered a tied game with each club being awarded the same number of points.

The first game that was supposed to be played at Euroa had to be played at Yea. Even though there was a slight loss, with the scores Euroa 68 to Yea 64, two of the three teams won on the day.

The next week Yea travelled to Stanhope using the Shire of Murrindindi community bus

which saved individual players driving and was considered a great idea. Yea played capably on Stanhope's well-kept grass green winning the game Stanhope 50 to Yea 58.

This week a team from Mooroopna came to Yea and enjoyed the pleasant weather and good competition, even though Yea were winners on the day with a score of Yea 61 to Mooroopna 52.

Next week there will be no teams playing pennant as the day is reserved for the Victorian Open games to be played in the Goulburn Valley. On November 26 Yea will travel to Kyabram.



Mooroopna and Yea bowlers at the Yea club. -S

Yea Angling Club results

by Jacque Garlick

THE Yea Angling Club's November competition, with supply areas Lake Nillah Cootie, Lake Eildon and Eildon Pondage, saw 15 members fishing.

Gareth Androbus finished first was heaviest bag of 6.04kg and heaviest fish with 1.552kg.

Angus Androbus came second with 5.409kg and Hamish Androbus came third with 4.602kg and the biggest bag junior. Rounding out the top four was Cooper with 3.264kg and the heaviest junior fish 0.855.

The club said it was a fantastic effort by all and the event was proudly sponsored by the Yea Meat Supply.



Members with their catches. -S