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Alexandra Secondary College Principal Nigel Lyttle gave a very thought-provoking and moving speech. -MP

A walk to remember

GOULBURN Valley Suicide Awareness Group (GVSAG) held their fourth annual suicide walk for people affected by suicide.

Yea Rotary Member David Anderson emceed the event, Aunty Angela Ten Buuren spoke of the smoking ceremony that was to take place before the walk commenced. She spoke of how smoking ceremonies are cleansing and have healing properties.

The officials who attended the event were local member Cindy McLeish, Mayor Damien Gallagher and Cr Sandice McAulay.

Organiser Jacky Gilbee spoke to the crowd about her experience with her son's suicide.

Jacky said, "I need to make sure my time here is not wasted, the walk helps others, it helps me." Jacky spoke of the importance of support after suicide, "I choose to keep going. It doesn't mean its easy, I choose to keep going on."

Guest speaker Steve Neff 'Neffy', lost his son to suicide 19 years ago. He spoke of the highs and lows he has experienced through this time. He encouraged the crowd to talk about the loved ones and keep their memory alive. He developed a group called we listen and opened a centre in Bendigo. He is a crisis support worker and also works for Lifeline.

He said, "Please seek help and reach out to someone, its a lot easier to talk to someone than bottle it up."

Alexandra Secondary College Principal Nigel Lyttle gave a very moving speech about suicide in his personal and professional life.

Local Member Cindy McLeish read out all the names of people that were remembered on the walk, provided by the participants on the day, and before the walk commenced Aunty Angela Ten Buuren conducted a smoking ceremony for people to walk through at the start of the walk.

Council enters caretaker period

MURRINDINDI Shire Council enters caretaker period on September 17, ending with the close of voting on October 25. Nominations to become a councillor are now open and close at noon on September 17. By this time, nominees must lodge their nomination and submit their candidate statements, photos and questionnaires. They must also complete the mandatory online candidate training through Local Government Victoria before lodging. This includes candidates who are currently or have previously been a councillor.

Candidates must make an appointment during business hours with the election manager to lodge their nomination forms and pay their \$250 nomination fee. Late nominations cannot be accepted.

More information on nominating as a candidate is available at vec.vic.gov.au/council-candidate

It's understood that at least three current Murrindindi Shire councillors will not be recontesting.

To find out more about nominating to become a councillor, visit vec.vic.gov.au

A final meeting on the current councillors will be held on October 23.



Fisheries officers Russell Strongman and Erin West at the Goulburn Fishing Festival to educate passers by on all things fishing. More images can be found on page 18. -MP

Goulburn Fishing Festival a great success

ON Saturday, September 7 river trout season officially opened at Eildon. The Goulburn River between Eildon and Molesworth and Eildon Pondage shared in 2000 stonker rainbow trout weighing three to four kilograms.

The day involved market stalls, live music performances, kids fishing classes, cooking demonstrations, tastings, and so much more.

People at the event could also book a bus and go to the Snobs Creek Hatchery

and see all the fantastic work that is done down there.

The event was well attended, and to finish off the day's events there were fireworks over the Pondage for everyone to enjoy.

Alexandra Newspapers will be **CLOSED**

Friday, September 27, 2024 for

AFL Grand Final public holiday

EGN deadlines for booking and artwork will be

NOON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

ALL OTHER DEADLINES REMAIN UNCHANGED

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 **Letters to the Editor**

Thornton
THORNTON is a small town never recognised for who we are. We are only 13km from Alexandra and 13km from Eildon and we all pay rates to Murrindindi Council. We do get the grass cut occasionally and a rubbish

collection but not much else. Turning off the Goulburn Valley Highway into Back Eildon Road we have mud on both sides of the road, forgotten since the school closed due to dwindling numbers. The sides of the road going out of Thornton towards Alexandra are clogged up with dropped rubbish from trees and blackberries. The bridges are clogged up so there is no drainage. Gilmore Bridge is a disgrace.

On local radio, a man spoke about the Master Plan for Eildon, the walking track, the water feature park, skateboard park which will bring people to Eildon (he hopes), with the latest being a rebuild of the hotel. The costs for all this have been huge as published. It would be nice if the council could do some maintenance and necessities in our town, instead of attractions for other towns.

Alexandra District Health
5772 0900

Yea & District Memorial Hospital 5736 0400

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We have a general store, butcher, hotel/motel, post office, service station, football oval, caravan park and hall. We had a café which (the council wanted) has closed. The school did have the only footpath in town, until one small footpath was put outside the butchers' shop, and outside the general store (both at owners' cost).

People in Thornton who were flooded in October 2022, have just got back into their homes in 2024. Slaughterhouse Creek flooded, and will again, septic, and water from the Rubicon went through homes to the detriment of the owners. Storm water became fountains and huge pumps had to be brought into the town to move the water from properties and roadways, which then came down the gutters to the storm water which was already choked up and full. In 2020 we received plans for a storm water/grey water upgrade that the council said was a necessity. Council now say there is no funding available for this necessity, only for Eildon play areas.

At a meeting to discuss the things that people in the town would like council to help us do, we asked for speed signs on Back Eildon Road between Goulburn Valley Highway and the Thornton Bridge, a walking bridge over the river at Thornton Bridge, blackberries removed and cleaned up at the Thornton Beach to make the river accessible to fisherman and families. We did receive a traffic track for toddlers on the old netball courts. Not many little ones in Thornton these days.

Thornton is a great place to live but we are the forgotten town in the Murrindindi Shire, and we all feel that our rates go towards some other towns 'wants' against Thorntons needs. We live in hope.

Lyn Clifford, Thornton

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This beautiful image of an Alexandra sunrise was sent in by Linda Carter.

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UGFM 88.9 Yea / Highlands
UGFM 98.5 Marysville / Lake Mountain
UGFM 98.9 Flowerdale / Hazeldene
UGFM 94.5 Kinglake Ranges

WEEKLY
Tues Art Group Eildon(Alex Tennis Rooms) 10am-3pm Ph 5773 2306
Tue Seniors Carpet Bowls 1.15pm
Wed Social Bowls 11am Alexandra Bowls Club Ph 5772 1150
Thu Take off weight naturally 5.45pm 5773 2427
Fri Seniors Social Club 1pm
Sun AA 7pm Anglican Church, Alexandra Ph 0402 428 086
Sun Alanon Recovery 5.30pm. Ph Sheila 0402 428 086
Sun Alex & Dist Dog Obedience, training. Ph 5772 1057
Thu 7.00-10pm SES, SES/CFA complex Ph 0418 576 666
Fri Communitea 10am-12pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801

MONTHLY
1st Wed Alexandra Lions dinner meet, Corner Hotel 0427 595 318
1st Sat Alexandra Quilters RSL Hall 10am-3pm Ph 0437 005 465
1st Sun Crop/Produce swap 10.30am-noon @ Embassy of Ideas
2nd Tue Alexandra District Garden Society Meeting Ph 5772 2285
2nd Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
2nd Sat Alexandra Market - at Station Street Ph 0427 509 988
2nd Sat Alex Repair Café 1-3pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801
3rd Sat Murrindindi Men 6-8pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801
3rd Wed Alex Lions business meeting, rear RSL hall 0427 595 318
3rd Thu Alexandra Ladies Probuss 10am RSL Ph 0428 976 252
3rd Thu Community Potluck dinner 6-8pm @ Embassy of Ideas
3rd Sun Alexandra RSL Ph 0409 950 913
4th Tue Yarck CWA Meeting, 10.30am Yarck Hall.
4th Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
4th Thu Alexandra Redgate CWA Meeting 1pm, Ph 0402 804 517
Last Fri Carers Group 10am. Free morning tea. 0418 402 455





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

Weekly Weather
September 11 - September 17, 2024

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	5	18	Wednesday	6	18
Thursday	6	14	Thursday	6	15
Friday	6	17	Friday	7	17
Saturday	4	13	Saturday	4	13
Sunday	3	17	Sunday	3	17
Monday	6	17	Monday	5	17
Tuesday	9	17	Tuesday	9	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	12.00pm Mon	1.31	steady	below minor
Rubicon River at Rubicon	12.00pm Mon	0.63	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	11.54am Mon	0.77	steady	below minor
Home Creek at Yarck	12.22pm Mon	0.20	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	11.07am Mon	0.59	steady	below minor
Yea River at Yea GV Water PS	12.38pm Mon	0.79	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	12.00pm Mon	3.56	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	12.00pm Mon	0.57	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Trawool	12.00pm Mon	1.17	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	12.00pm Mon	0.33	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Seymour	12.00pm Mon	1.50	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	12.12pm Mon	1.27	steady	

****ISSUED AT 12.45PM ON MONDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2024**

DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra	9mm
Buxton	22mm
Eildon (AWS)	12mm
Flowerdale	7mm
Jamieson	20mm
Kinglake	5mm
Lake Eildon	14mm
Mansfield	8mm
Taggerty	12mm
Yarck	8mm
Yea	6mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	286.15m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	89.3%
Metres below full supply	2.75m
Daily inflow	2000ML
Release	1700ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	54.9%

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77th Anniversary of Australian Peacekeeping

by Gerry Laws

SEPTEMBER 14 is observed as National Peacekeepers' Day each year. It appropriately recognises the sacrifice and continuing contribution of Australians to international peacekeeping, and is the anniversary of

the day Australia became the world's first peacekeepers to deploy into the field, in the Netherlands East Indies (now Indonesia) in 1947.

Since then, tens of thousands of Australians have served as members of a peacekeeping mission. This Saturday is a time for all of us to recognise and remember the service and sacrifice of all peacekeepers and peacemakers.

Australia has a proud peacekeeping record with multinational operations, now spanning 77 years and was part of the very first United Nations military group in 1947, when four Australians were first on the field in Indonesia. More than 60,000 Australians have been involved in nearly 100 separate peacekeeping missions.

Just about all missions are sanctioned by the United Nations, but Australia also contributes to the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in the Sinai. The MFO is maintained by 11 participating nations including Australia and New Zealand, whose involvement began

in 1982 with the formation of an Australia-New Zealand combined helicopter squadron. Both nations were founding contributors to the force, and continue to support the MFO today.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the United Nations Mission in East Timor (UNAMET) which was established to organise and conduct the vote that allowed East Timor to achieve independence from Indonesia in 1999.

Peacekeeping personnel put their lives at risk and continue to do so providing vital security and stability in missions around the world, helping host countries make the difficult transition from conditions of conflict to lasting peace. Sadly 16 peacekeepers have paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving on peacekeeping operations.

The sacrifice of all Australian peacekeepers deserves to be acknowledged with the same pride that is continuously shown by those peacekeeping veterans.

Redgate Alexandra CWA report

REDGATE Alexandra CWA'S monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26 at 1pm in the clubrooms in Perkins Street, Alexandra. The hostesses are Holly and Martine with competitions, flower of the month and photo of baby animal. The branch will be catering for the Alexandra Heritage and Machinery Festival on Saturday, October 5 at the Alexandra Timber Tramway and Museum grounds. The next coffee catch up will be Thursday, October 10 at 11am.

Vale Joan Coller

President Sue Wynn read the following Eulogy at Joan Coller's Memorial Service on Friday, September 6 at the Uniting Church, Alexandra.

All the congregation joined in the collect and it was explained that this is recited at all CWA meeting, at every level, and Joan really embraced all these values through her life. Here is an insight into her time with the CWA.

Joan passed her driver's licence test at 18 and would drive her mother to the Bannockburn CWA meeting (near Geelong) and was enjoying them so much she decided to join in 1948. CWA was the only local women's organisation and so was very popular. Joan participated in and thoroughly enjoyed the demonstrations, such as flower arranging, cake decorating, sewing, knitting and many other 'women's' crafts, also music, singing and choir work, where she assisted as pianist when necessary.

After marrying and moving to Alexandra she joined the Alexandra branch which held day meetings. As her children arrived, she was delighted when the young mothers started an evening branch, Redgate Branch in 1961. Only a few years later Joan was nominated and accepted as president of the Redgate Branch. What fun they had with dress ups, choir, as well as all sorts of demonstrations and always following the CWA ideals. Joan's love of and interest in the CWA never waned. She became group president of the Upper Goulburn Group twice and in the 1990s became state vice president. Over the years she has been branch president, branch secretary and treasurer many times and was awarded life membership. Last year she was awarded her 70 Years Service certificate.

CWA has been her life interest. She hated to miss a meeting and loved to read the CWA magazine from cover to cover. We have really appreciated Joan's talents over the years. Her cakes were prize winners, her leadership skills inspiring and her enthusiasm was infectious. She has been such a wonderful example to us all and an amazing friend and colleague, she will be greatly missed.

Rest in peace Joan.

DEECA restructure underway

THE Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) is currently undergoing a restructure. The Weekly Times is reporting that the government "will cut at least 118 of its 208 forest and bushfire staff, across 99 regional work centres."

When contacted about the restructure, DEECA's Deputy Secretary for Bushfire and Forest Services Kelly Crosthwaite said, "DEECA's Bushfire and Forest Services Group is consulting with staff about a proposed new model that will deliver value for taxpayers and make sure we have the right people working on the right things, including making sure as many Victorians as possible can continue to enjoy the great outdoors while protecting what we all love about the bush."

"We will maintain a strong regional presence across Victoria and focus our skilled staff on a forest and fire management program that delivers for local communities. The proposal is the subject of consultation with staff as we finalise the model."

The consultation is expected to take 35 days, with a final plan developed thereafter. Staff with the Australian Workers Union and those transferred from VicForests are currently not expected to be impacted. Some staff will need to submit expressions of interest for jobs, and if no suitable role is found, then packages may be negotiated.

Given the end of the native timber harvesting industry and the closure of VicForests, the restructure of DEECA may compound employment challenges in Murrindindi Shire, however given that the plan is not yet finalised, the number of staff who will lose their jobs in Murrindindi is not known.

Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish said she holds grave concerns for the safety of regional communities, noting that there are warnings over increased bushfire risk at the same time as huge job cuts to Forest Fire Management Victoria.

She said, "The warmest August on record leaves communities feeling extremely vulnerable. The last thing they need is to hear that the Labor government is once again hitting regional communities with job losses in such a crucial area as bush fire response. Our forest fighters are specialists in fighting forest fires. Local staff respond quickly to emergency fires started in the forest. They strive to minimise the impact of fire on our communities, environment and all that we value most."

"History shows the devastation that fires can cause. Our local communities have experienced this time and again. We need to be prepared for fires starting across our community. This could happen in the Upper Yarra or the High Country areas or any area of our forests."

"We know what lack of rain and high fuel loads mean for the upcoming summer. Once more we are experiencing high fuel loads in the forest. It is galling to think that Labor is taking the knife to those vital firefighting staff who help to protect our people and towns. There seems to be little regard for the implications of what this might mean in the event of an emergency."

McLeish calls for road safety repairs in Murrindindi Shire

MEMBER for Eildon Cindy McLeish is asking the Victorian Government to repair two damaged bridges on the Goulburn Valley Highway.

The guardrail on the Dairy Creek Bridge between Homewood and Kerrisdale needs repair, as does the deteriorating surface condition of the Gilmores Bridge at Thornton which has been the cause of many tyre blowouts.

Speaking in parliament, Ms McLeish said, "It is no secret that in the state of Victoria our roads are well and truly stuffed, in regional Victoria and metro alike. I have raised these issues time and time again, and we seem to have little action in this area. It is just not good enough."

A traffic light is currently in place on Dairy Creek Bridge, restricting vehicles

to one lane in each direction. Bollards block half the road, keeping vehicles away from the dented bridge railing.

At Gilmores Bridge, the guard rail is falling apart and the road surface is quickly deteriorating, with surface cracks on the road.

In the absence of repair plans from the Minister for Roads, locals have made numerous complaints to Murrindindi Shire Council and Ms McLeish about the state of the two bridges on the Goulburn Valley Highway. People are eager to know what the plan is and how long it will be before repairs happen.

"Conditions have been like this for months. I think it's only fair that locals be informed of when repairs will happen," Ms McLeish said.

ELF reading day coming soon in Alexandra

ELF Reading Day in Alexandra will be held in Grant Street, Alexandra, on Friday, September 20 from 10 to 11am.

ELF Reading Day is a community initiative aimed at promoting language and literacy skills in all children through reading, singing, talking and playing from birth. It has been a special event in the calendars of schools, kinder and childcare services in Alexandra for many years.

Children dress up as their favourite book characters and 'parade' in the main street of Alexandra, stopping at reading stations with volunteers, also in dress-up, who read stories to the children. The volunteers include business owners, council staff, students from Alexandra Secondary College, and other community members.

It's a fun, colourful, community spirited event.

GMW proposing rule changes on lake Eildon

GOULBURN-Murray Water is seeking feedback on changes being proposed to the Vessel Operating and Zoning Rules (VOZR) at Lake Eildon.

GMW is proposing the following rule changes as part of the review for Lake Eildon: removing five knot zones in inlets where the state rule is sufficient, amending existing five knot zones, and amending or adding sign and buoy locations to better identify five knot zones, no wash zones, vessels prohibited and no powered vessel zones.

In addition, new aids to navigation and educational materials will be produced to improve awareness and reinforce safe operation on Lake Eildon.

A session on the topic will be held at the Eildon Community Centre on Saturday, September 14 from 10am to noon, and online sessions are also available.

To have your say on these changes, please visit yoursay.gmwwater.com.au/lake-eildon-waterway-rules-update

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Preliminary Notice - Alex Scott and staff first Yea store cattle sale commencing at 9.30am at Yea Saleyards. Additional entries welcomed. Contact David 0409 443 473.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Weekend at Nan's, a short film by Matt Harris, will be screening at Peppers Marysville. Bar open 5pm, movie 6.30pm. Free entry, all welcome.

Alexandra Museum diesel train rides will be operating from 10am-3.30pm. Group bookings and information available from 0427 509 988 or visit alexandratramway.org.au

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Alexandra Amateur Swimming and Lifesaving Club AGM will be held at 6pm at the Embassy of Ideas. All welcome.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Paringa Livestock Premier Yearling Sale on property Yea. Contact Tom Lawson 0434 146 795 or email info@paringalivestock.com.au for further details.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

It's ELF reading day time. Head down to Grant Street, Alexandra 10-11am and see all the local children and parents and teachers dressing up as their favourite book character.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Alexandra Lawn Tennis Club AGM will be held at 5.30pm at The Corner Hotel, Alexandra. Existing and new members welcome. General meeting to follow. For further information contact Troy 0434 122 602.

Alexandra Race Club AGM will be held at noon followed by a light lunch at 1.30pm. ARC Entertainment Centre, Gordon Street, Alexandra. RSVP alexandraraceclub@gmail.com or phone the secretary 0467 413 767 for further information.



THUMBS UP: The Redgate Bazaar Opportunity Shop is a real gem. The staff are so friendly and helpful and there are some wonderful bargains to be had. Everything is clean, well priced, in good condition, often brand new, and the shop smells nice. It works in partnership with Anglicare. Do pop in. You won't be disappointed.

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Pastor - Geoffrey Johnstone
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The protesters spelled out 'No More Parks' on the road at Woods Point. -Kalesha Morgan

Over 1000 people attend Woods Point protest

by Leonie Blackwell

JUST over 1000 people attended the Woods Point event to spell out 'NO More Parks', to send a message to Spring Street that the people don't want the state forest to be converted to a national park.

Following a series of community consultations and engagements that were poorly advertised and attended, genuine bush users discovered that their access to the bush was under threat. Over 900 people attended two community engagements in Drouin and then Alexandra to express their disapproval of the proposal. VEAC's own website stated that they had engaged a total of 1000 people at nine sessions. That means less than a dozen people attended the other seven sessions.

This catapulted the issue into the hearts and minds of people and Carly Murphy set up a Facebook page called *Victorians Against The Great Forest National Park* which now has over 17,000 followers. Craig Sharman

and Leonie Blackwell through Community Advocacy Eastern Region had been running community forums providing an opportunity for people to hear from the experts directly around specific topics that were impacting their community. Uniting the bush users together, a passionate team formed focusing on holding community forums to empower people with facts not spin.

They wanted to show the state government that more people want to keep the bush open than those who want it locked up. The Victorian National Park Association spelled out 'We Love Parks' in 2017 at Mt Donna Buang where 300 to 400 people attended. They decided to put out the call to all bush users to come to Woods Point and help us spell out 'No More Parks'. The event was overwhelmingly successful with just over 1000 people attending. People had travelled from far and wide, including Geelong, Tarneit, Lakes Entrance, Shepparton, Echuca, Mornington peninsula, Holbrook NSW, and

all the places in between. Daryll Morgan arranged a 78 car convey from Warburton that rolled into Woods Point just after 12 noon.

The next event is on Saturday, September 21 in Kinglake where a rally will be held, and then on Sunday, October 6 the next community forum will be held in Pakenham.

Craig and Leonie have been conducting interviews with businesses in small rural communities asking what the impact of locking up the bush have on their business and communities which gives a real human touch to an issue that is being decided in Spring Street by people who haven't visited the bush or these communities to really understand what is best for regional Victoria.

The consistent message we hear is the balance is right. We don't need more national parks. Keep the national parks we have but don't convert our forests to national parks. The majority of bush users do the right thing and are important for the wellbeing of the bush.

Murrindindi Shire's four bin service explained

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The key elements of the four-bin service have already been determined, including a fortnightly general waste (red lid) and mixed recycling (yellow lid), weekly food and garden organics (green lid) and monthly glass recycling (purple lid) collection, the policy provides more detail on these services and what they mean for residents across the Shire.

Under the policy, residents living in more densely populated and urban areas will receive the four-bin service, while those living in rural areas along Council's collection route will receive a three-bin service, with the food and garden organics (green lid) service being optional. Facilities will also be provided at council's Resource Recovery Centres to allow residents who don't receive a kerbside collection service to recycle and dispose of their waste.

Council has also proposed a series of extensions to the collection routes across the Shire, where the service is currently not available, which will bring the services out to more residents. All commercial or industrial properties will be able to opt in to using whichever services suit their needs.

While exact charges can't be provided until council develops the Annual Budget for 2025/26, a model for cost recovery is outlined in the policy.

Council sought community feedback on the draft policy from April to June 2024 and received over 200 responses. In general, input gathered from the community indicated broad support for the mandatory service areas and route extensions. Community feedback influenced two key changes to the

policy, including allowances for the disposal of additional volumes of general waste for families that need to dispose of nappies or incontinence products and the option of shared bins for multi unit dwellings.

The Victorian State Government's *Proposed Household Waste and Recycling Service Standards 2024 (the Service Standards)* aim to ensure kerbside collection services are provided consistently across the state, in particular placing emphasis on providing a four-bin kerbside service to all households where possible. The Service Standards are anticipated to be finalised by the end of 2024 and council will review its Kerbside Collection Services Policy once the Service Standards are finalised, to confirm it complies with the revised standards.

Murrindindi Shire Council's Sustainability, Assets and Emergency Management Portfolio Councillor Karine Haslam said, "Council understands the new kerbside collection services will be a big change for our community and we're committed to make the transition as smooth as possible. While all councils across Victoria must deliver a four-bin system, which is mandated by the state government, we're focused on making sure these services meet the needs of our community, while also balancing the viability of delivering them."

"We are extremely grateful for the feedback we received from the community on the draft policy. While there was broad support for the policy, we also heard feedback from community members who don't support the introduction of the four-bin service. The state government has mandated that all councils across Victoria must provide these services to residents and this means we were unable to make adjustments to the policy based on this feedback. We have included community feedback in our policy to best serve our community as a whole, acknowledging there is no one-size fits all approach that will work for everyone."

"We will soon commence a community education and information campaign that will cover everything you need to know about the four-bin service and how it can support your household to manage waste and recycling. Keep an eye out for more information," Cr Haslam said.

For more information and to read the policy, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/kerbsidepolicy

Murrindindi Shire Council statement on the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Floods

MURRINDINDI Shire Council welcomes the findings and recommendations of the Parliamentary Inquiry into the October 2022 Floods. The inquiry has provided critical insights into the unprecedented nature of the event and the challenges faced by communities across Victoria, including our own.

Council is particularly encouraged by the recommendations that align with ongoing advocacy efforts, including:

Recommendation 34: The development of new temporary operating rules for water storage and release during high storage and high rainfall conditions. This recommendation resonates with concerns regarding the management of Lake Eildon and the need for a more adaptive and responsive approach to protect downstream communities.

Recommendation 35: That the Victorian Government ensure that the state's existing culvert infrastructure in high risk flood areas is fit for purpose.

Recommendation 17: The fast tracking of flood studies into planning schemes, ensuring that local councils and stakeholders are actively involved. This is crucial for effective flood risk management and aligns with advocacy for better coordination and funding for flood studies in our region.

Recommendation Four: Victorian Government to ensure all flood studies for local government areas are fully funded and completed.

Recommendation Six: Increasing public preparedness and clarity of roles. The chain of command during the event did not have much consideration for Murrindindi, was not

able to respond in time to our needs, and not prepared to support the local response. Due to the unpredictable and rapid speed of flood waters at the top of the Goulburn catchment, council has requested that the regional incident control centre be located within Murrindindi Shire to ensure responsiveness and better decisions informed by local knowledge and intelligence.

Recommendation Seven: The funding and resourcing of regional catchment management authorities and local councils to conduct and regularly update flood studies. This supports our efforts to ensure that flood management strategies are based on the most current data and methodologies.

Recommendation 41: The priority transfer of state owned rain and river gauges to the Bureau of Meteorology and the expansion of the gauge network. Enhancing flood warning systems is vital for improving community preparedness and response, which is a key focus of ongoing advocacy.

Murrindindi Shire Council is committed to working closely with the Victorian Government and relevant stakeholders to ensure the implementation of these recommendations. Council believes that these measures will significantly enhance the resilience of Murrindindi communities to future flood events, safeguarding lives, homes, and businesses.

Council looks forward to continued collaboration with state agencies to ensure that the lessons learned from the 2022 floods lead to meaningful improvements in flood management and community safety across Victoria.

Goulburn flows starting this week

WATER for the environment will be released into the Goulburn River in spring to promote the growth of native plants which will help stabilise banks.

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) Environmental Water and Wetlands Manager, Simon Casanelia, said the annual water release was referred to as the Goulburn River spring fresh and was expected to run from approximately September 14 to October 20.

"Environmental water will greatly benefit native vegetation by wetting the river's banks and then receding, encouraging new growth," Mr Casanelia said.

"Establishing the bank vegetation is a high priority this year as there have been several lengthy inundation periods in recent seasons that have reduced the diversity and amount of riverbank vegetation."

"Without this vegetation growth in spring the bank stays bare and is more prone to damage. This delivery of water for the environment helps long-term stabilisation of the riverbanks as native grasses, sedges, rushes and flood-tolerant native species will grow and thrive at this time of year. The roots of the plants help stabilise the bank."

Mr Casanelia said this delivery of water for the environment would also increase habitat and food resources for native fish, platypus, and waterbugs.

"Because fish are more actively migrating and spawning in spring, there is great value in the spring fresh, even with the high winter flows we've had."

Water for the environment is water allocated and managed to improve the health of rivers, wetlands and floodplains.

Decisions about using water for the environment are based on science,

including research by river ecologists and long term environmental monitoring. The research and monitoring clearly demonstrates water for the environment is improving the health of the Goulburn River.

Environmental flows are planned by the GBCMA in consultation with the local community, river ecologists, Goulburn-Murray Water, the Victorian Environmental Water Holder (VEWH), the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, and the Murray Darling Basin Authority.

The spring fresh is expected to benefit the whole length of the Goulburn River downstream of Lake Eildon. It will begin with a peak flow of approximately 9500ML/day at Trawool and Shepparton before slowly dropping back to approximately 1000ML/day later in October.

Peak flows will be well below minor flood levels along the Goulburn River. At Trawool the river will reach two and a half metres, the minor flood level is four metres. At Shepparton the river will reach 5.6 metres and the minor flood level is nine and a half metres. Timing and height of the fresh may vary depending on natural flows in the river. Delivery of water for the environment will reduce or stop if there is any flood risk.

To check how water for the environment changes flows in the Lower Goulburn, view the hydrograph on Goulburn Broken CMA's website fchmccoys.hydronet.com/ which is updated weekly.

The flows are authorised by the VEWH in line with its Seasonal Watering Plan 2024-25. The plan is available for download from vewh.vic.gov.au, with regular watering updates posted on the Goulburn Broken CMA website gbcma.vic.gov.au

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EILDON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Logan and Heath displayed the school values of Resilience in their work this week.

BUXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Betty has been very focused in Maths and is making great progress. Keep up the great work Betty.

ALEXANDRA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Miles Farley – 5/6A

Miles consistently shows all our school values. He is a polite and respectful student. Miles strives to achieve his best and is a wonderfully curious learner. We are proud to have you in our learning community, Miles. You are a star.

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Buxton Primary School principal extends contract

BUXTON Primary School principal Sarah Irving has recently announced that she has signed a new five year principal contract, ending in January 2030. Sarah explained her journey as a teacher and now principal.

“I didn’t ever plan to be a principal. I started out in teaching back in 2002 in Melbourne and I did a range of other jobs such as retail, public relations, risk and compliance and other things like that. We moved up to Alexandra in 2010 as my husband’s job is a paramedic and we had a one year old at the time. I was ready to get back into teaching so I did some casual teaching at St Mary’s and Alexandra Primary, and then I taught at St Mary’s for five years.

“I was doing emergency teaching work and I was also doing STEM workshops as I love science and technology. I was running workshops such as 3D printing and science experiments for local children and teachers to train them up and I was doing one-on-one tutoring for students. I did some 3D printing work with Buxton Primary School and I loved the feeling there. It was such a special community and really aligned with my values about inclusiveness and making sure all students are valued for who they are.”

Everything aligned for Sarah in 2019 when she attended a community meeting at Buxton. At the time, it was thought that the

school might close due to low numbers.

“Andrew the principal, who I thought was doing a great job, announced at that meeting that he was leaving that position at the end of the year. I did have this moment of feeling ah okay, all the stars have aligned this is where I’m meant to be and I had this strong feeling this is what I should be doing.”

Of all years to become a principal, Sarah took on the position at the start of 2020.

“My first year as the principal was in 2020 and then COVID-19 hit, it was hugely challenging but what got us through was being a small community. I could regularly check in on everyone, drop off care packages for families and building those relationships through that difficult time really made the difference of how families got through. That kind of created a close community, and for me that was quite special.

“We ended up with 12 students at the start of 2020, and we now have 25. It looks like now we will 28 to 30 next year. We had six preps this year and we have four for next year and lots of little siblings coming through in the next few years which is fabulous. We are in a place now we are quite sustainable and for families it’s good because they can choose our school and not be scared that will it shut down because it’s too small.”



Principal Sarah Irving has been contracted for another five years at Buxton Primary School. -S

In 2020, the school upgraded their branding. Sarah explained, “When I first came I felt there was a bit of a branding challenge I guess, with the old maroon uniform. It didn’t fit with the school that we have, so we did some work with the school community and that’s why we changed to the teal and navy uniform with the new logo that has the Cathedral on it and the Buxton Gum leaf because that’s special to the community. That kind of signalled a new era for the school.”

With the rise in student numbers, they have been able to provide access to before and after school care and vacation care. She said, “We got a grant that started

in 2022 and that is still going on. The grant ends this year but we have managed to make it sustainable and we can keep going. We get children using the service from all over the region, it’s so good for families especially during the school holidays. We run a school managed service. We don’t outsource it. It is lot more in terms of workload, but it is so worth it because everyone knows the kids well.”

Another program Sarah is particularly proud of is the work with Aunty Lee Healy, Taungurung linguist and elder. Sarah said, “Last year we had a launch of the Warrk Warrk Trail. On the trail we have signs where students have made artworks with

information about native plants and animals, and they have little QR codes so when you scan it and it has a video of the students being interviewed talking about their totem as part of cultural awareness. Aunty Lee has given them all a totem animal to care for and the students know their names in language, and they are telling you about their animals on the walk. When you turn your phone around you will see their artwork floating in the air. It’s really interactive.”

The next step in the school’s progress is maintaining numbers, or possibly growing a bit more. “We have something special being a small school and I would be sad to see that go. Maintaining and growing a little bit but in a sustainable way,” Sarah said.

When it comes to programs at the school Sarah said, “I want to knuckle down more into the work we have been doing around student wellbeing. We have a really strong inclusive practice. All our teachers are trained in reading intervention. We have all done trauma-informed practice. We have a good collection of tools and now it’s about integrating all of that, so the children become owners of their own decisions their choices and their future. It might be little projects we are going to do, like building a chicken house so hopefully the students will do majority of it with support obviously

and they have ownership and really care about the school. Also making sure everyone has a chance to extend their learning or catch up.”

Sarah also aims to support other small schools. “I am obviously passionate about small schools so I have set up a network with some other principals in small schools. I have been going and visiting some of those newer principals that are in their first year and supporting them with strategies such as how to implement curriculum when you have a small class of 12 kids and things like that to help them feel really ready. That, for me personally, is something I am passionate about, because small schools really offer something special to the community, the teachers’ workload is huge, and we need to make sure they feel supported to get the best outcomes for the students.”

Sarah is thrilled about her extended role as principal for another five years. “I just want to acknowledge the community who have been so supportive of me. Buxton Progress Association, all the parents and families, and staff, have been supportive of me through this journey which has allowed me to learn and grow. I think sometimes it can be a lonely job being a principal but most of the time I don’t have that problem because I have great people around me,” she said.

Weekend at Nan's to screen in Marysville

MATT Harris is getting ready to present his short film, *Weekend at Nan's*, to the community, with many community members having taken part in the production.

The genesis for the film came when Matt had a conversation with his producer about the best way to progress his career, and they came up with the idea of making "a nice little regional film to hopefully share to the world and I guess it kind of grew from there," Matt explained.

Matt wrote the screenplay, which is based on "a bit of a true story... There are two very true elements to it. Once you've seen the film, you'll realise that's quite incredible."

On a normal film shoot, there might be 40 or 50 crew members present, but Matt said that for this film, "We went really high quality for equipment, cameras, light, sound, all the rest of it. We didn't scrimp on the really important things. Then we really had a small crew of four or five, but that was bolstered by a huge amount of local support."

The local support included assistance in the art department, as well as friends and family involved in catering and locations.

"It was a mix between professionals from Melbourne and people from the shire," Matt said. The film was also sponsored by Murrindindi Shire Council, the Triangle Arts Group and the Marysville Lions Club.

Matt was born and raised in Melbourne, but spent a lot of time in Sydney in the film industry. At that time, his mother Julia lived in Marysville where she ran the lolly shop for a long time. Matt had been working overseas a lot, and his wife was feeling a little bit isolated with the children by herself, so they decided in 2011 or 2012 to move the family to Marysville, closer to family.

Matt shot the film at a few locations in Melbourne, but the majority of the story takes place at the beautiful Anglican church



A scene filmed in the Buxton church. -S

in Buxton. They also shot a little bit at the Igloo service station in Buxton and at a farm in Acheron.

The post-production of the film was challenging for Matt. By the time this stage was reached, the budget was "well and truly gone," so Matt did the editing, colour grading and sky replacements himself, through watching a large number of online tutorials for the complicated software he was using.

He was also helped by "a couple of amazing, very experienced people in Melbourne who did one or two shots that I just could not manage myself."

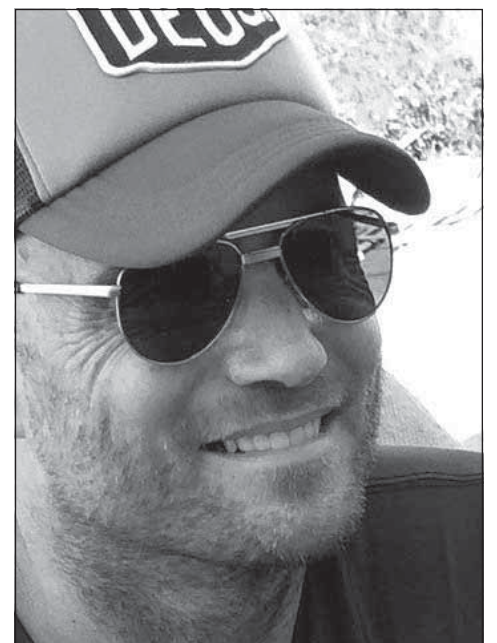
A huge amount of work that went into making the film, and Matt commented, "If I've known what it would have ended up taking and consuming time wise, I probably would have thought twice about it before I started. I think it's one of those things I just kind of plunged into head-first."

He added, "There were so many people that have done so many favours and put in so much effort for it that I couldn't possibly

stop... I had to see it through, otherwise all these people would put in so much effort for nothing if I don't finish it."

The film will screen at Peppers in Marysville on Saturday, September 14. The bar will open at 5pm and the free film screening starts at 6.30. There's no need to RSVP. Some food will be served, there will be music by Matt's son Jackson Harris, and there will be a red carpet entrance. "I'll get some Hollywood lights there," Matt said. "We're just going to try and have a lot of fun with it. We've had fun making it. So you know what? For the screening for the locals, for all those who are involved and to anybody who just wants to come to a really good laugh because it's a funny little film, we're just going to have fun and make it a huge Hollywood premiere in Marysville."

Following the premier, the film will be submitted to festivals around the world. "We'll keep submitting it until it gets accepted," Matt said. "Hopefully it'll get accepted straight away, but you know you never know these things."



Writer and director Matt Harris. -S



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MURRINDINDI SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS



ELF READING DAY IS BACK IN ALEXANDRA

ELF Reading Day is a community initiative that promotes language and literacy skills in children through reading, singing, talking and playing.

Come down to Grant Street in Alexandra on Friday 20 September from 10.00 - 11.00 am and dress up as your favourite book character, or just enjoy the storytelling at one of the reading stations.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY GROUPS

Council provides a range of services to support local community groups and organisations to thrive, including:

- Online Community Directory - listings to promote your group or initiative
- Community Event Listings - promote and attract people to your community event
- Community Buses for Hire - for community groups. Not for private hire
- Capacity Building and Training - help your group or initiative grow
- Community Grants and Sponsorships, and Grant Seeking Support
- Council Venues for Hire - facilities can be hired for private or public functions.

If you're interested in learning more about these services, get in touch with our Community Wellbeing team on **5772 0333** or visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au

SLEEP & SETTling INFORMATION SESSIONS

Join our FREE Sleep and Settling Information Sessions, facilitated by our dedicated Maternal and Child Health experts. Topics include frequent overnight waking, bottle dependency, bedtime or nap refusal, cot to bed transition and catnapping.

- Tuesday 17 September - Kinglake Library
- Tuesday 15 October - Yea Maternal and Child Health Centre

Reserve your spot at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/mch

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YEA R U OK? COMMUNITY CONVERSATION STALL

Council is hosting pop-up community conversation stalls across Murrindindi Shire in September in recognition of R U OK? Day.

Come down to Yea Foodworks on Thursday 12 September, between 10.30 am - 2.30 pm to chat with a local mental health representative and enjoy a Kit Kat!

To find out about other locations, visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/ruok2024

Find out more about this initiative, signs to look for and how to ask 'Are you OK?' at ruok.org.au



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- Flowerdale, 18 September, 7.00 pm
- Highlands, 20 September, 6.00 pm
- Buxton, 25 September, 7.00 pm

Please RSVP by calling **5772 0333**.



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Students exploring the number of insects in the water at the wetlands. -AR



Students from Sacred Heart in Yea taking turns presenting. -AR

Kids Teaching Kids at the Yea Wetlands

THE annual event for primary school children, Kids Teaching Kids, took place in perfect weather at the Yea Wetlands on Tuesday, September 3.

Organiser Zanni Waldstein explained that each school picks a different topic to focus on and that follows their own interests or priorities, or what is relevant in their area, and they work on that. They pick their topic at the end of term one and work on it throughout term two to research, become experts and then start developing a presentation and a book contribution throughout the end of term two and into term three, and then that's what they brought in to the conference.

Many different topics were covered. Our Lady of the Way in Wallan took part for the first time. They did a Connecting to Country presentation.

Zanni said, "They did beautifully and really deeply engaged with it, which was great. Another highlight was Middle Kinglake Primary School. They did the fungi one and they did the play at the start of the day well. It was hilarious and fabulous and really well done... Yea Primary did some stuff on food miles, which was great. That's a topic that nobody's really tackled yet to date. And there were there were lots of other great ones, like the kids from Avenel Primary did an incredible TV segment in their presentation with a game show and quiz show about their renewable energy and electricity topic."

Just over 100 students took part on the day, coming from eight different schools including Alexandra Primary, Yea Primary, Sacred Heart Primary in Yea, Our Lady of the Way in Wallan,

Avenel Primary, Kinglake Primary, Middle Kinglake Primary and Kinglake West Primary.

Zanni said, "It was really enjoyable. And we had Mike from Black Snake Productions for the central presentation, which was a big hit."

The schools have now put in their contributions for the book, which Zanni will produce and print over the next month or two, before it is distributed to schools and libraries.

Zanni said that the program is "fostering a next wave of environmental leaders and environmental advocacy" and commented on "how thoroughly into the topics the schools and the kids get. It's just inspiring."

Zanni has been running the program since 2019, and the program has been running for the past 12 years.



The students enjoyed a fun day of learning. -AR



Students from Sacred Heart Primary and Wallan's Our Lady of the Way making insect hotels. -AR



There was a presentation of native animals by Black Snake Productions. This student volunteered to help out on stage and ended up with a huntsman on her head. -AR



A Yea Primary School student volunteered to help on-stage and ended up being draped in a snake. -AR



A glider being shown to the children. -AR



A masked owl. -AR



Yarra the dingo was a hit with the students. -AR



Health alert for whooping cough

CHIEF Health Officer Dr Clare Looker has released a health alert as cases of pertussis, otherwise known as whooping cough, continue to increase in Victoria particularly among school aged children. There have been over 10 times the number of pertussis cases in 2024 than for the whole of 2023. Children aged nine to 12 years account for nearly 40 per cent of all notified cases.

All Australian states and territories have recorded increases in pertussis cases in 2024 compared to previous years. Population-wide increases in pertussis typically occur every few years. The increasing number of pertussis infections seen in Victoria is a public health concern, as it has led to an increase in cases among the most vulnerable population, infants under the age of six months.

Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory illness known for causing a cough, symptoms of which may be indistinguishable from

other respiratory infections, especially in its early stages.

Pertussis can lead to life threatening infections in babies, especially those who have not had the chance to be immunised. Adults and older children can also get pertussis and pass it on to infants.

People with pertussis should limit their exposure to others, particularly babies, to prevent spreading the infection. As not all cases of pertussis are diagnosed, anyone with respiratory symptoms should be cautious and avoid contact with infants. With prompt diagnoses, isolation and treatment the reduction of transmission can occur and vulnerable infants will be better protected.

Pertussis vaccination for infants and pregnant women is strongly recommended to reduce the risk of infection and complications. Ensure infants are vaccinated on time, and all pregnant women are vaccinated between 20-32 weeks.

Pertussis usually begins with cold-like symptoms, such as a dry cough, tiredness, runny nose, and low grade fever, which may last for one to two weeks. A more definitive cough may then develop, lasting for 10 weeks or more. The cough comes in long spells and may be followed by a high-pitched 'whooping' sound on inhalation, or post-tussive (after coughing) vomiting in toddlers and older children.

Infants under six months may have apnoea (pauses in breathing), cyanosis (turning blue), feeding difficulties, gasping, or choking instead of a cough. In adolescents and adults, pertussis may present as a non-specific protracted cough.

Vaccinated people can still contract pertussis, but their symptoms are likely to be less severe, and they are less likely to transmit the infection to others.

Pertussis is mostly spread to other people by droplets from coughing or sneezing. People with pertussis are considered infectious from the onset of catarrhal cold-like symptoms

until 21 days after the onset of cough, or until they have received five days of appropriate antibiotic treatment.

Immunisation is the best way to reduce the risk of pertussis. The free pertussis-containing vaccine is available for the following people under the National Immunisation Program. It is recommended that pregnant women get vaccinated during each pregnancy. Vaccination during pregnancy reduces the risk of pertussis in young infants by 90 per cent. Routine pertussis vaccination is also recommended for infants, children and adolescents. Vaccinate infants starting at six weeks of age. Catch-up vaccines are free for eligible people aged up to 20 years, refugees and humanitarian entrants of any age, and vulnerable citizens. Vaccines are also recommended for household contacts and carers of infants less than six months old if they have not had one in the last 10 years. Childcare workers and early childhood educators working with children less than four years old, as well as healthcare workers are also recommended pertussis boosters every 10 years. For more information speak to your healthcare provider.

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SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY UPDATE - GOULBURN VALLEY PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT

Did you know?

- One third of Victorian women lack adequate physical activity and have insufficient fruit and vegetable intake.
- 45% of Australian females have experienced a mental health problem at some point in their lifetime.
- One in five Victorian women are affected by family violence over the course of their lifetime, being the leading contributor to preventable death, disability and illness.

Here's what you need and when:

- A blood pressure check every two years.
- Regular STI screening for sexually active women of all ages.
- A Breast self-check once a month.
- A Bone Health check once a year from age 45 or post-menopause.
- A Cervical screening test. Ask your health provider about self-collection.
- Pay attention to your mental health and know the difference between occasional moodiness and an emerging mental health concern.

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WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

Regular health checks can help prevent and detect diseases early, often when they can be more easily treated. This information is provided as a general guide, and you may need other or more frequent checks. The source for this document is Jean Hailes, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and Women's Health Victoria.

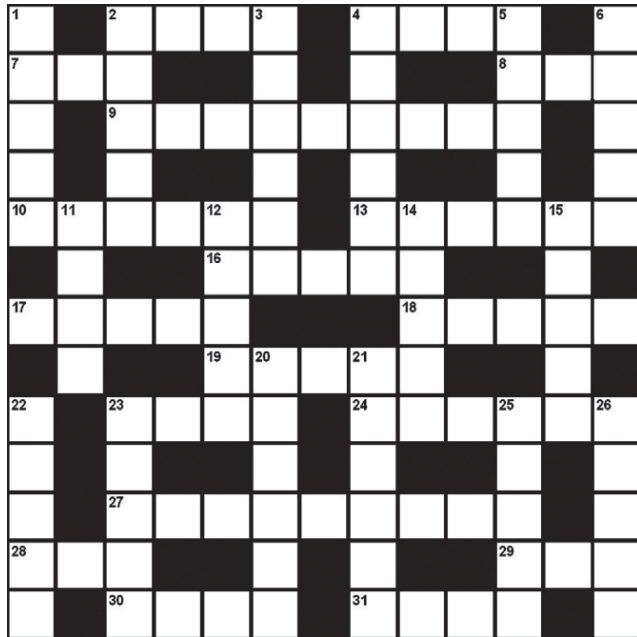
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Crossword

ACROSS

2. Either point of a crescent moon.
4. Begin impetuously.
7. Even the smallest amount.
8. A coniferous tree.
9. A bell tower.
10. A light red colour.
13. Small reptile.
16. Place of safety.
17. Vivid and showy.
18. A reception room.
19. Molten rock in the earth's crust.
22. A dealer in textiles.
24. A small hole for a lace.
27. Tunnels of tombs.
28. Make lace.
29. Ill temper.
30. Leave out.
31. Flexible sheepskin leather.



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| 1. Widespread destruction. | 11. Weigh anchor. | 21. An essay on a learned subject. |
| 2. The orbit of a celestial body. | 12. Corresponding sound. | 22. Large ray fish. |
| 3. Oval melon-like tropical fruit. | 14. Decoration that is set in. | 23. Right-hand page. |
| 4. Make resentful. | 15. Currency of Russia. | 25. A protein in the blood. |
| 5. Laughing carnivore. | 20. Completely such. | 26. Weedy annual grasses. |

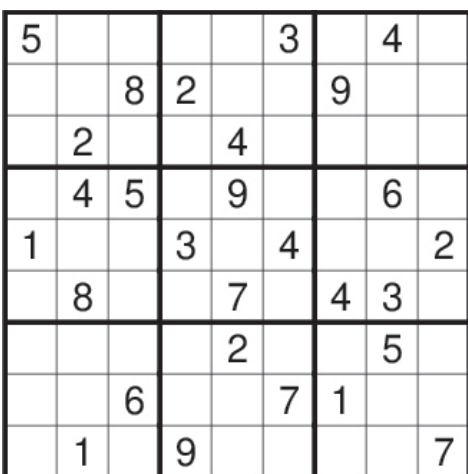
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Difficulty: Very Hard

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Fill in the missing numbers.

The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 9. 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.

Alexandra and District Senior Citizens Club report

by honorary secretary Mike Jennings

THE bridge players were busy last Monday and Wednesday as usual, and last Thursday some members attended the funeral service for Valda MacRae at Marysville Golf Club followed by the graveside ceremony at Marysville Cemetery.

The committee met up on Friday morning before the business meeting in the afternoon and discussed club activities and looked ahead to Christmas. The Treasurer advised the members that there is enough money for future plans and had everyone smiling with the Comedy Corner. Ron conducted the

FoodWorks voucher raffle which was won by Marion. The president tested the members with some quiz questions before the meeting ended and we retired to the tearoom for the customary refreshments and the usual games of 500 and UNO.

I would like to thank President Marg Hall for writing the club report for the past two weeks in my absence. The club is always pleased to welcome new members so if you feel like a chat, a cuppa and a game of cards please come along to the Bayley Street clubroom on a Friday afternoon. Meanwhile stay safe and keep smiling.

McLeish lobbies against proposed national park

THE future of Victoria's state forests remains unknown as the Victorian Government are yet to make any announcements on whether forests in the Central Highlands will become national parks.

The Eminent Panel for Community Engagement were convened to undertake public consultation and have not yet delivered their report and recommendations on the matter.

Member for Eildon McLeish said, "Although the premier says bush users will be able to have access to our forests, she is silent on whether or not some of the forests will be turned over to national parks.

"The premier needs to tell bush users that none of our existing public forests will be locked up as national parks. Until she does, bush users remain uneasy that they will lose access to their local forests and favourite hobbies.

Ms McLeish believes that plans for public land use and maintenance must involve collaboration with bushfire and forestry experts, and bush user groups. Too many park facilities, whether it be walking tracks, bridges or camping grounds are not being maintained. She also said that the government underestimates the popularity of horse riding, hunting, four-wheel driving, dirt biking, fishing, prospecting or simply walking the dog in the bush.

She said that maintaining these areas should be a priority to reduce risk of bushfires and keep feral pests, invasive weeds and overgrown tracks at bay.

Ms McLeish also invites people to sign an online petition to help prevent the state government locking up and turning our state forests into national parks at parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/stop-the-creation-of-any-new-national-parks/

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Sunny weather for cattle sales at Yea

FRIDAY, September 6 saw large crowds and a decent amount of cattle at the Yea Saleyards as a result of the warm spring sunshine.

There were 3300 cattle yarded, with barely any empty stalls during the sale. Elders and Nutrien Ag Solutions were the agents for the day.

In terms of the market trends, Will Phillips from Elders Yea reported that the market

trend was firm to dearer across all categories, light Angus heifers improving the most. Angus feeder steers 450 to 600 kilograms made 390 to 430c/kg. Lighter steers that went back to the paddock made 390 to 480c/kg, depending on quality.

Heifers weighted 350kg plus were 320 to 370c/kg, to feed or to join. Lighter heifers made 340 to 400c/kg for Angus and 290 to 330c/kg for colours. Cows and calves topped at \$2080.

Yea and District Memorial Hospital, in partnership with the Murrindindi Shire Council and the Yea Saleyards Committee of Management, provided free mental health education and suicide awareness on the day. Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Group were also present on the day, promoting suicide awareness and their walk on Sunday, September 8.

Upcoming events at the Yea Saleyards include an Alex Scott and Staff stock sale on September 13, then the Yea Rotary Garden Expo on September 21, and a combined agents store sale on October 4.

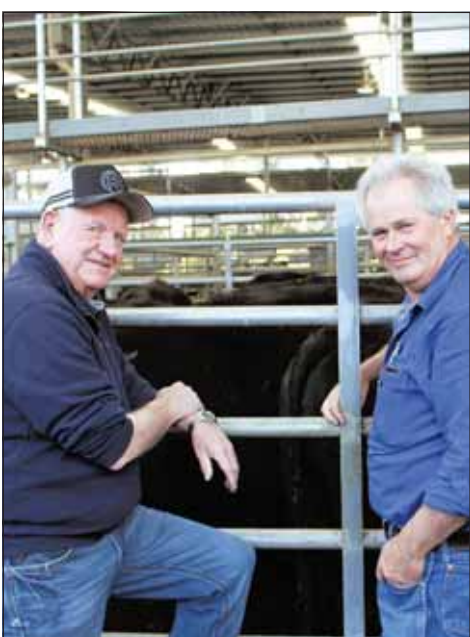
Further information about upcoming events and cattle sales can be found on the saleyards website and Facebook page at yeasaleyards.com.au



Representatives from Yea and District Memorial Hospital for their saleyards program. Adele, a psychologist, Sarah, a mental health nurse, Jacky, from the Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Group, and Crystal, also a mental health nurse. -BD



There was quite a large turnout at last Friday's cattle sales in Yea. -BD



Andrew Embling with his client Tim Halligan and the prime cattle from Fawcett Lodge. -BD

STOCK REPORT 6 SEPTEMBER 2024			
6 September 2024 Store Sale (Elders/Nutrien)	Total Yarding	Steers	Heifers
Number of head	3,328		
Average \$ per head	\$1,250		
Average weight per head	378.65kg		
Top price per head		\$2,480	\$1,550
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Turnover	\$4.11 million		

The Rabbit Trap

By Jed Dunstan



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OCTOBER 4, Yea Saleyards

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OCTOBER 11, Yea Saleyards

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NOVEMBER 1, Yea Saleyards

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NOVEMBER 8, Yea Saleyards

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NOVEMBER 29, Yea Saleyards

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DECEMBER 6, Yea Saleyards

Store Sale

DECEMBER 13, Yea Saleyards

Store Sale



A huge array of garden goods will be available. -S

Spring towards the Yea Garden Expo

GARDENERS, it's time to check out all the lovely goodies available at this year's Rotary Club of Yea's Garden Expo. You will not be disappointed.

On the weekend of Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22 from 9am to 3pm each day, the Yea Rotary Club has organised their annual Yea Garden Expo. It's the time of year for all interested gardeners to get ready for spring colour.

The expo provides an opportunity to view a host of garden related products at the Yea Saleyards site on Flat Lead Road, just off the Yea-Whittlesea Road, a few kilometres on the south side of Yea. The site is flat, sealed, dog friendly and easily accessible for everyone.

Why not take advantage of the \$10 entry fee, free parking, a wide range of good and services, and a plentiful supply of food and drinks, including a gourmet barbecue, Devonshire teas, home made soup, Indian food and more? Almost 70 vendors will be on site, including some new ones with exhibits

ranging from bulbs, seeds, seedlings, roses, flowering plants and trees to garden tools and equipment, garden art and ornaments, compost, fertilisers and more. Check out the quirky horseshoe garden sculptures, produced by local Darryl Callander and which can be made to order, and those wonderful creations of Darren Gilbert.

There will even be a plant creche where purchases can be left until ready for pick up on departure.

The popular speakers program will this year include topics such as bees, managing weeds and creating compost (both on Saturday), and on Sunday morning how to create a bee friendly garden.

Find out more on the websites yeagardenexpo.com.au or yearotary.org.au or keep up to date via Facebook at Yea Garden Expo. This year tickets can be bought at the gate or prebooked via trybooking.com/CQSGD



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Some happy shoppers at last year's Yea Garden Expo. -S

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Lead remains as new game regulations announced

THE Victorian Government has announced new changes to recreational hunting to ensure the activity remains safe, sustainable and responsible.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos recently announced the new *Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024* that are now in effect.

“These new regulations will make recreational hunting in Victoria safer, more sustainable and responsible,” Mr Dimopoulos said.

“Victoria has some of the best game hunting opportunities in Australia. That will be continued with stronger compliance and better animal welfare outcomes.”

From the rugged High Country to the Gippsland plains, Victoria has some of the best and most exciting hunting opportunities in Australia.

In announcing these new regulations, the state government reaffirms its support of game hunting as a legitimate recreational activity that contributes positively to regional economies.

The state government has consulted extensively with peak hunting groups, animal welfare advocates and traditional owners to ensure that the right protections are in place for both the environment and the public.

The changes include important updates to improve public safety, such as taking a

common-sense approach to hunting start times for duck hunting seasons and further measures to help tackle illegal spotlighting of deer.

To support these new regulations, the state government is investing in better compliance with more officers in the field to make sure the rules are followed.

The government is also upholding its commitment to ban lead shot for quail hunting from 2025, while confirming that lead-based ammunition will continue to be permitted for deer hunting.

Other changes include improving animal welfare by requiring hunters to make all reasonable efforts to immediately dispatch struck deer and allowing the use of handheld thermal imaging devices for hunting deer during the daytime.

These reforms are supported by a \$10.1 million investment over four years. This is in addition to \$11.6 million announced in the *Victorian Budget 2024/25* to bolster the compliance and enforcement of recreational hunting.

The new regulations also address the need for fairness and transparency in hunting license fees, ensuring all hunters continue to contribute to the sustainable management of Victoria's wildlife while enjoying their time outdoors.

For more information about the changes visit djsir.vic.gov.au/game-hunting

Bird swooping warning as spring approaches

AS spring approaches, some native birds may swoop during their breeding season.

Simon Ruff, Senior Wildlife Projects Officer at the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) said, “Every spring, some native birds swoop to defend their eggs and chicks for a short time while their young are most vulnerable.

“While swooping is unsettling, it's normal behaviour for a range of native birds, warning people and animals not to come near their young. It's rare for birds to make contact.”

Native birds swoop in urban and rural areas, parks and gardens, along bike tracks or anywhere that birds are nesting. Species that may swoop commonly include magpies, masked lapwings and butcherbirds.

“Not all birds swoop during the breeding season, so the presence of magpies or other common swooping birds doesn't necessarily mean you'll be swooped,” Mr Ruff said.

“Remember, the swooping behaviour will only last a short time, normally stopping soon after the young leave the nest.”

If you are worried about being caught out by a protective bird this spring, here are some steps you can take to feel safe, while also helping native birds: Know your local swooping hotspots and avoid the area; move quickly but do not run if you find yourself close to a swooping bird; wear protective head and eye coverings; don't harass birds as this can make swooping worse; don't feed the birds and do not destroy their nests.

Avoid known swooping hotspots by planning your route. Report a swooping incident on Victoria's interactive swooping bird map by visiting: wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/swooping-birds

All native wildlife is protected by law. Harassing, harming or disturbing native birds and other wildlife is illegal in Victoria and penalties apply.

You can report wildlife crime such as harassing, harming or disturbing wildlife to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000.

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SCOTT, Joan.
We would very much like to thank everyone for the lovely cards and support given to us on the passing of our dear mum. Special thanks to Yea Bowls Club for the use of their club rooms and for catering. Delma and Barry Moore.

IN MEMORIAM

RYAN, Sandra.
29/11/1954-10/09/2023.
I can't believe it's already been one year since I last saw your smiling face and heard your voice. You are always in my heart and thoughts. I love you and miss you always.
Your daughter, Kylie.

DEATH NOTICES



COLLER, Joan

Redgate Alexandra Branch of the CWA of Victoria would like to express our deepest condolences to the Coller families on the passing of Joan Coller (aged 95). Joan was a Life Member and enjoyed sharing her skills and enthusiasm. She is sadly missed at our monthly meetings.

MEETINGS



The next general meeting for the Alexandra RSL will be held on Sunday, September 15, at noon, followed by a light luncheon.

ALEXANDRA, Lawn Tennis Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 5.30pm at The Corner Hotel, Alexandra. Existing and new members are welcome to attend. General meeting to follow. For further information, contact club president Troy Surkitt on 0434 122 602.

MEETINGS

ALEXANDRA Amateur Swimming and Lifesaving Club AGM will be held on Monday, September 16, at 6pm at the Embassy of Ideas. All past, present and new members welcome.

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Tenders to be submitted by mail and marked Tenders to Secretary Nicole Marshall 43 Pennington Lane, Gobur, Vic, 3719 by 5pm Friday, September 27, 2024.

Phone 0417 311 954
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Commencing January 28, 2025**

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Selection criteria:

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- commitment to Catholic education and identity
- willingness to build strong partnerships and links between our families and school
- ability to adhere to St Mary's Child Safety Policy and Code of Conduct and other policies relevant to Ministerial Order 1359
- current registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching with an up to date Criminal Record check
- an ability to develop and maintain respectful and caring relationships with students, families and colleagues
- an understanding and demonstrated use of evidence based best practice
- a capacity to use data to make informed decisions about learning and teaching
- accreditation to teach Religious Education in a Catholic School is desirable (or be willing to study for accreditation)

Please include the following in your application:

- Your CV including a cover letter addressing the selection criteria.
- Mobile phone contact details for 3 referees including current/most recent Principal/employer

How to apply:

A detailed position description and application requirements are available by accessing the school website at smalexandra.catholic.edu.au or by contacting the principal via email - principal@smalexandra.catholic.edu.au
Applications close: September 20, 2024

St Mary's is a child safe school

DEATH NOTICES

JESSOP, Glehn Raymond

29/04/1945 - 28/08/2024

Glehn passed away on August 28, 2024. He will be missed by his many friends in Taylor Bay and surrounding areas. He now joins his much loved wife June.

Glehn's funeral will be held at Clavering Park Memorial Gardens, 428 Candelowolumla Road, Wolumla, NSW on Thursday September 12, 2024 at 11am. The event will be livestreamed. Contact admin@whymanfunerals.com.au for livestream link or dial (02) 6492 4111. Please circulate.

A local Memorial gathering to celebrate Glehn's life will be held at El Lago, 190 Sugarloaf Road, Eildon on Friday September 20, 2024. Tea/coffee and finger food will be provided. Drinks at bar prices. If you have any photos that you wish to be included in a slideshow please forward them to cmdawson98@gmail.com

All welcome for a celebration of a legend.

MEETINGS



**TEDFNC Annual
General Meeting**

11am

**Sunday, October 13
Thornton Sports Club**

All welcome to come along. All positions will be declared vacant. Anyone wishing to nominate for a committee position please express interest by Friday, October 4, by emailing tedfnc@outlook.com.

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Alexandra, Benella, Myrtleford and Shelley

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- Be available for regular rostered weekend standby within 15 minutes of the nominated depot

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Job Description



Skills Summary



It was a beautiful morning for the walk to remember loved ones. -MP



Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish read out the names of the people that attendees were walking for at the event. -MP

A walk to remember



Event organiser Jacky Gilbee during the speeches. -MP



Guest speaker Steve, 'Neffy', a trained crisis support worker, spoke of his journey. -MP



Yea Rotarian David Anderson emceed the event. -MP



Aunty Angela Ten Buuren did a welcome to country and smoking ceremony. -MP

Goulburn Fishing Festival a great success



Charlie checking the Trout Cod on display from Native Fish Australia. -MP



Richard Kos from Australian Trout Foundation showing his fly tying skills. -MP



Young Emerald getting her face painted. -MP



Jack from Cobram trying his luck on the Fishing Simulator. -MP

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Matt and Nick from Goulburn Murray Water talking about general lake information. -MP



Sonia and Jess from VFA's Aquaculture team. -MP



Paul Ray and Ashleigh Davon entertaining the crowd. -MP

A wonderful Ladies Day event for local football and netball club

by Ray Steyger

SATURDAY, August 10 was the last home game of the 2024 season for the Alexandra Football Netball Club, one away game at Seville remaining, hosting Yarra Junction at Rebel Park. Marking the last home game of the season, a spectacular celebration of Ladies Day event was held at the Showgrounds picturesque grounds. An enthusiastic crowd of 102 women revelled in a day filled with community spirit, engaging speakers, and exceptional auction items.

The Ladies Day event provided a vibrant atmosphere for supporters and guests, the highlight of the day an inspiring speech by Olivia Lewis from the Melbourne Mavericks, who shared her journey and insights into the world of professional netball. Her engaging address resonated deeply with the audience, offering a glimpse into the dedication and passion required to excel in elite sports.

Adding to the day's excitement was Tim Marshall, a respected SSN umpire, who spoke about his highlights and low lights of officiating in netball. His informative talk and personal anecdotes provided a valuable perspective on the challenges and rewards of umpiring at the highest levels.

The day was not only about celebrating the women at the club but also about a range of activities including an exciting auction, special thanks to our auctioneer extraordinaire John Tossol who provided attendees the chance to bid on an array of fantastic items, from exclusive memorabilia to unique experiences. The auction, which proved to be a highlight of the event, successfully raised funds that will assist the club's future endeavours.

The club extends its heartfelt thanks and sincere gratitude to organisers Kylie Cairns, Roxane Coutts, Sharon Hedger, Michelle Jack, and Katherine Quinsee for their enthusiasm and effort in making the Ladies Day event a highlight of the season.

A very big thank you to the fantastic bar staff, Marshall Cairns, Darren Ritchie and Ben Van Lierop who ensured that everyone had a great time and the emcee Steven Hedger who was responsible for providing a lively and engaging atmosphere.



Guest speaker Tim Marshall, Club secretary / organiser Kylie Cairns, guest speaker Olivia Lewis. -S

The club appreciates the amazing donations and support of the event, the auction items and contributions significantly enhanced the day, and are incredibly grateful for your generosity.

The 2024 Ladies Day event is done and thank you to everyone that attended, now it's time to make 2025 bigger and better again.

Sun for Marysville golfers

by Lesley Rundle

IT has been a few months since the Marysville golfers have felt the sun on their backs, but the glorious spring sunshine last Saturday provided them with such pleasure. Both the ladies and men played a stroke round for the September monthly medal and the ladies round included the final of the Barton Shield.

The men's winner was Andrew O'Shea (7) with nett 71 on a countback from Ming Kuan (19). Andrew also won the putting with 25 putts and his round included an Eagle on the par four 12th hole. The ladies winner was Lesley Rundle (34) with nett 73 and the runner-up was Gail Leigh (10) with nett 75.

The nearest the pins were won by Adam Littlejohn, Keith Atwell, Jody Doran and Mark Bambery who also won the Golden Shot. Next Saturday the club AGM will be held at 9am in the clubrooms after which golfers will play a stableford round.

Detailed information regarding the Trivia Night on September 21, the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the back nine holes and fundraiser on Saturday November 9 and the mixed tournament the following day can be read on the Marysville Golf Club's website. Preparations for all these events and the ladies tournament on October 10 are well under way.



Jody and Heather putting at Marysville Golf Club. -S

Fine conditions for Eildon Golf Club

by Puttomatic

LAST week the Eildon Golf Club had 15 players contest a stroke count your putts competition and in fine conditions it was ideally suited to great golf. Two players visited the club from Eastwood Golf Club to join in the Saturday competition, Bill Hammen and Glenn Whyte. The club and members hope they had a great day.

The club offers congratulations to the winner Allan Mackwell, returning a nett 69, and coming in second on a countback was John Rachcoff with nett 71, with Ian Lakeland also with nett 71 in third. Close behind was Michael

McLear with a nett 72 followed by Rod Taylor also with nett 72.

Other winners, Michael McLear won the putting competition with 28 putts followed by Mark Mackwell on 29 putts, Ian Lakeland also 29 putts and Bill Hammen with 30 putts, Kerry Power and Grant Walters both with 31 putts.

The nearest the pins for the week, Glenn Whyte with his second shot on the par four third, Leigh Munro got closest on the par three fifth, Rod Taylor was successful on the par three 11th, Ken Coller was too good on the par three 12th and John Rachcoff took the chocolates on the par three 14th.

Ian Lakeland and Kerry Power both secured drinks for their groups with birdies on the par four-eighth.

Entry draw for the week was taken out by Leigh Munro, Dennis Seamer had a spin with the swindle and Grant Walters had a shot at the elusive joker.

The course is looking great, which is the product of a lot of hard work from all the volunteers putting in lots of hours, so a big thank you from the club and all of those who are beneficiaries of all that hard work.

Next Saturday is a four ball best ball bring your own partner competition which is always a good day, and remember golfing starts at 12pm.

A tale of two Michaels at Alexandra Squash Club

by Kristelle Leary

Monday competition Blue Vein versus Mozzarella

ETHAN versus Eric: Eric put in a good effort, but Ethan was just too strong for him and took home the match. 68 to 28.

Matt versus Sally (fill in): There were some good long rallies in this match. Both players put in maximum effort and were running the court. After taking the first game, Sally couldn't get another game from Matt, who went home with the victory. 70 to 48.

Pep versus Simon: An energy filled match with amazing rallies and impressive shots. Pep was on the ball, winning three games and the match. 69 to 45.

James versus Andrew (fill in): Drawing the first game, James took control and claimed the second. Turning the tables, Andrew dominated the second half to become champion. 68 to 54.

Camembert versus Gouda

Lachlan versus Lochlan: Both players had some lovely shots. Lachlan proved to be the better player, taking every game and making over double his opponent's score. 75 to 29.

Lee versus Chris: A close seesawing match. Both players had great placement, but Lee reigned supreme and took home the trophy. 55 to 51.

Jared versus Justin: The first game ended in a draw. Justin was firing on all cylinders in the second and third games to give himself a huge lead. Taking the final game, Jared took back some points, but Justin was victorious. 70 to 59.

John versus Derrick: John won the first two games, putting himself in a good position for the rest of the match. Derrick took the third and the final game was a draw. John's prior lead proved helpful, and he won the match. 61 to 53.

Thursday competition Barracudas versus Stingrays

Matt versus Beth (fill in): Matt put in some good work, but Beth's experience won out and she went home with a clean sweep. 79 to 39.

Lucas versus Travis: Lucas has been developing a methodical and careful serving game. This proved too challenging for Travis in the first game and left him minimal opportunities to snatch points. Games two and three were a draw. Lucas won the final game, rounding out the match and taking home victory. 63 to 45.

Jack versus Stuart (fill in): Coming out strong Jack took the first game with double his opponents score. Stuart pulled it together to draw game two and win game three with a great lead. Jack turned the tables again to win the last game and the match. 54 to 52.

Hammerheads versus Piranhas

Jodie versus Sam: Consistent as always, Jodie came out swinging. Sam tried to take her down, but Jodie was too good and claimed the victory. 66 to 48.

Michael M versus Michael H: A battle to find the supreme Michael. Michael M did his best, taking to the floor to try and stay in the game. Unfortunately, Michael H had done too much damage in the first half, winning him the match. 64 to 39.

Alexandra Race Club AGM

THE running of the 156th Alexandra Race Club AGM is on Sunday, September 22 at noon followed by a light lunch. It will be conducted on course in the entertainment centre, just behind the old railway station.

The club had a great last season topped off by winning Racing Victoria's Picnic Club of the Year Award.

As always various new infrastructure has been added over the past season. The biggest new asset is a fine steel shed to house the starting stalls. The AGM provides an opportunity to showcase the club and the activities of the last 12 months.

The committee is always open to new ideas and new people so the club invites you to head along and feel the vibe. Horse person or not, new to the area or not, young or old, male or female, brawn or brain, if you would like to help maintain and develop the grand old lady, the Royal Alexandra Race Club. You would be most welcome.

Head along and see if it's a fit for you. Please accept this as your invitation to the club AGM on September 22.

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September monthly medals at Alexandra Golf Club

by Elizabeth Goss

BEAUTIFUL weather for golf last week, lots of sunshine and quite warm. It was great for monthly medal week.

There were 15 for golf last Tuesday. Jan Petrzela was the winner with (25) 35 points on a countback from Leo Dynes with (20) 35 points. Dave Silverman came third with (11) 33 points. Nearest the pin on the seventh went to Leo Dynes, on the 17th to Brendan Chenhall and on the 18th to Dave Silverman.

Ball rundown: Frank Devries, Russel Purcell, Brad Newton and John Greatorex.

Marg Fahay was the ladies September Monthly Medal winner with 99 (23) 76. The runner-up was Sandra Morris with 131 (53) 78. Next came Judy Pearson 104 (24) 80. Nearest the pin on the second went to Ruth Worland, on the seventh to Marg Fahey and on the 18th to Julie Lyon. Marg Fahey had the fewest putts with 29. Next Wednesday, September 18 is stableford.

The winner of the men's September Monthly Medal was Todd Galloway 85 (16) 69 and as a bonus he also tied for fewest putts and won the raffle. The runner-up was Jared Sloane 79 (9) 70 followed by Michael Bossonnet 83 (11) 72 then Brendan Smith 82 (8) 74. Brad Newton was fifth with 86 (11) 75 and John Steer came sixth with 89 (13) 76.

Nearest the pin on the fifth went to Corey Jack, on the seventh to Peter Phillips, on the 12th to Brad Newton and on the 18th to Len Jenkins. Tod Galloway and Brad Kidd tied

for the fewest putts with 28. Next Saturday, September 14 is a two person ambrose.

There was a sad event last Friday at the club to farewell one of their veteran golfers, Bev Dodge, who died recently. Bev, along with her husband Bob, was a stalwart of the club working tirelessly for the club over many years. Bev was a keen and competitive golfer, regularly playing on both Wednesday and Saturday. Her dry sense of humour and happy personality will be missed.



Bev Dodge with her husband Bob celebrating a win. -S



Bev Dodge enjoyed her hobby of golf for many years. -S

September rally brings fun and excitement to pony club

by Elissa Page

SEPTEMBER was a fantastic month for the Alexandra Pony Club, with an action-packed rally that left everyone smiling. Riders had a blast with lessons from both Louise Bayly-Jones and Nicky Embling.

Nicky led some fun jumping lessons, setting up an intricate and challenging set of exercises that was perfect for all horse and rider combinations. Meanwhile, Lou dazzled the kids with her creative dressage lessons and even transformed them into a magical Harry Potter-themed competition. The sight of kids casting spells from horseback and laughing together was truly enchanting.

The club were thrilled to see some familiar faces return after a break, and they gave a warm welcome to Jed, who joined for his first rally with his fancy palomino pony.

In other news, the recent AGM saw a change in leadership. Dedicated President Charlie Bissett handed over the reins to Brent Kelly. Charlie has been a remarkable leader, creating numerous opportunities for



Heidi, Ava, Annabelle, and Chase, enjoying a crazy game of quidditch on horseback. -S

the club. Brent, with his extensive equine knowledge and fond memories of his time at Drysdale Pony Club, is excited to take on the role.

The club also welcomed Nicky Embling as the new Vice President. Alexandra Pony Club gives a big thank you to the rest of their hardworking committee for their continued support and willingness to continue in their positions.

The day wrapped up with a delightful lunch of soups and fresh bread, all provided by members. The morning tea was as enjoyable as ever, filled with great conversations and catch-ups since the August rally.

Looking ahead, the club is gearing up for the Sunday, September 22 working bee. They hope to see many members there to help out and enjoy a free lunch as a thank you. October's rally will focus on



The next generation of members riding the bucking barrels Gabby, Ellie, Summer and Lennon. -S

skills for the upcoming show season, with members preparing for the Alexandra Show in the Pony Club ring and the Freshmans jumping ring.



Summer giving it all she's got during the games session. -S



Annabelle having a terrific day on her pony Sipsi. -S