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Happy 100th birthday to Sacred Heart Primary School

On July 19, 1923, the *Yea Chronicle* reported, "Last week, work began in the Catholic school of Yea. Three sisters of St Joseph have taken up their residence in the town and already there are 40 children on the roll. The opening of the school is keenly appreciated by the parishioners."

The Sisters of St Joseph was an order founded by Australia's first saint, Mary McKillop. The sisters initially taught small classes in one building within the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The current campus was opened in 1957 on four and a half acres of what the school likes to refer to as 'scenic countryside'.

At the same time as this shift to the current site, Sacred Heart Primary School began employing teaching and management staff, marking a move away from the Sisters of St Joseph and their way of operating the school in its early years.

To celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Sacred Heart in Yea, the school is in

the process of planning an Open Day to be held in October. The Open Day will provide opportunities for people to reminisce and connect with the history of the school, while also showcasing the current educational benefits for future families that may wish to invest in their child's education.

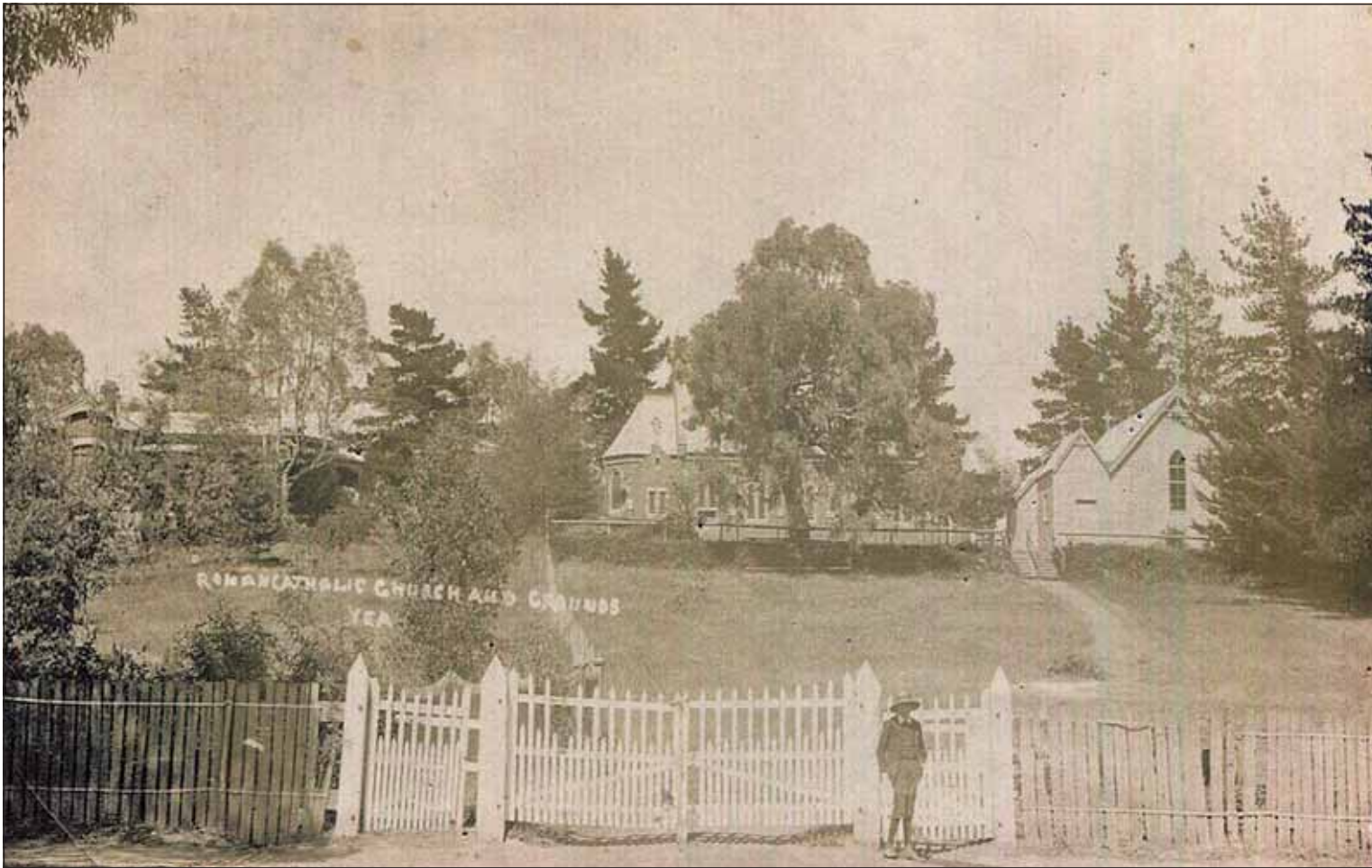
A brick pathway is also being installed to commemorate the historic occasion of the school turning 100, with the opportunity for people to buy a brick and place their name on it.

Acting Principal, Mr Nick Frederiksen, spoke of the importance of acknowledging and honouring the many connections that people have to Sacred Heart Primary School. "I can imagine future generations visiting the school site within the next 100 years and looking for the brick that maybe their grandmother or perhaps their great grandfather placed in 2023," he said.

Students who are currently enrolled at Sacred Heart Primary School will also celebrate its 100th birthday through a range of activities including olden-style games and through celebrating the current Prep students' first 100 days at school.

While acknowledging Sacred Heart Primary School's past, Mr Frederiksen said, "The 100 year anniversary is also a wonderful opportunity for the school to look towards the future and to set goals for the next 100 years through the use of innovative, evidence-based teaching practices, a strong and supportive community and a focus on developing the skills of our students as citizens who are ready to face the world."

For more information, please contact business manager Leanne 5797 2723 or email office@shyea.catholic.edu.au



The Sacred Heart Church and grounds. -S

DEECA provides update on the end of native timber forestry

NOW that the sawdust is beginning to settle following the Premier's announcement that native timber forestry would cease from January 1, 2024, the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) was asked to provide any updates on the compensation and or alternate work being offered to timber workers of various types, including harvesters, road contractors, haulage contractors and mill workers. They were also asked whether people currently undertaking contract work from DEECA will be displaced in favour of timber workers.

FFMVIC Chief Fire Officer Chris Hardman responded, "We acknowledge the hard-working and specialised contribution of timber industry contractors to bushfire management works in Victoria. They are an integral part of the work FFMVIC does to minimise bushfire risk and keep communities safe.

"Forest contractors will be engaged for DEECA land and fire management works beyond the end of native timber harvesting, using

their valuable skills and equipment as we manage our forests and prepare for and respond to fires."

The department provided the following background.

Victoria is one of the most bushfire prone regions in the world. We work every day to reduce bushfire risk and are well prepared for the season ahead.

Retaining the specialised and valuable skills and machinery of Victoria's timber harvest and haulage contractors to carry out critical fire and land management activities is a priority for the Victorian Government.

Forest contractors are currently undertaking work for DEECA and VicForests through their existing contracts with VicForests where possible. They will continue to be offered DEECA land and fire management beyond January 1, 2024. This will enable them to continue to work in the forests they know so well and contribute to bushfire risk reduction in the immediate term.

Contractors who are stood down due to lack of work are continuing

to receive stand down payments through their VicForests contracts.

DEECA are in discussion with forest contractors and the Australian Forest Contractor Association regarding longer term arrangements to provide certainty to these businesses and their workers.

Forest contractors are already engaged across DEECA's land and fire management programs to carry out numerous specialised tasks including to remove hazardous trees, maintain our strategic road network, expand our strategic fuel breaks network and treat hazardous storm debris, as well as playing a key role in bushfire suppression and recovery.

In May, the Victorian Government announced an additional \$200 million in support for workers and their families to transition away from native timber harvesting by 2024.

The government's support for the forestry transition is now more than \$875 million, including existing worker support services and investments to support the transition to plantation timber.

Yea Community Bank news

YEA Community Bendigo Bank Chair, Jim Osborne, has said that a great deal of persistent work has been going on behind the scenes, endeavouring to retain a banking facility in Alexandra. This work is leading to a successful outcome.

Mr Osborne said the board is delighted to announce that an experienced and well credentialed manager has been appointed to oversee the expansion of the Yea service and to extend this service into Alexandra and district. The Yea and district community bank is now the last remaining stand-alone bank in the Murrindindi Shire.


The board welcomes Branch Manager Bec Taylor who will commence work on July 17. She will divide her time between Yea and Alexandra.

A room in the Grant Street Laundromat has been refurbished to accommodate the manager and a customer service officer. This office will be operational from July 17 and appointments will be managed by contacting the Yea Community Bank on 5797 2188.

Services provided from this facility will not be the same as a full bank. Cash withdrawals and deposits will still be available at the sub-agency at the Alexandra Newsagent. Where the need for greater amounts arises, this can be accommodated by contacting the Yea Branch on 5797 2188, just 20 minutes away.

Consultations, with regard to term deposits, loans, online banking, credit cards, changing banks, farm, personal and house loans and general banking advice will be available at the new office in Alexandra.


Mr Osborne reiterated his advice from the first public meeting held in the Alexandra Shire Hall some time ago, that the Yea Community Bank Board is prepared to establish and provide support for the Alexandra community and that the success of this venture is entirely dependent on the Alexandra community demonstrating its support for keep a banking facility in Alexandra.




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Letters to the Editor

Timber industry closure

THE shock announcement by the Andrews Labor Government to shut down the timber industry a staggering six years early has hit many small communities hard and understandably so. The city centric Andrews Government doesn’t seem to grasp the impact of the closure and the haste in which it has been delivered.

Rural townships that were built on the back of the industry are gutted. The 2500 industry workers, some who are fifth generation workers, will be without a job. There are still no answers as what compensation will be delivered or what future employment may look like. The state Government’s pitch that workers could retrain by doing a free TAFE course was an insult. That’s only the beginning.

The closure will have a flow on effect to many other industries including trades, engineers, manufacturers, mechanics and fuel suppliers.

Without the timber industry’s manpower and heavy machinery, the capacity to fight bushfires

will be significantly reduced, putting forests and regional communities in greater danger.

There will also be an impact on the environment. Victoria has much more rigorous processes and standards when it comes to timber harvesting, which includes reseedling or replanting. Timber sourced from overseas will come from countries that have less regard for the environment and their forests and animals. Further, there will be a high rise in associated emissions as timber needs to be shipped to Victoria.

Meanwhile, demand for timber in Victoria has never been higher. Trades are calling for an increased supply of materials, particularly post COVID-19, to build high end furniture, windows, floors, and stairs. The need for locally sourced, quality woods is still present. It makes no sense whatsoever to shut down this thriving industry at a time when we know we need more local manufacturing.

Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish

Net zero emissions

I WAS thrilled to read in the Murrindindi

Community Newsletter July 2023 that council was working on a plan for net zero emissions. What fun.

How about some context? The shire has about 16,000 residents. The population of Australia is about 25.7 million. So the Shire has 0.06 per cent of the population of Australia. Six one hundredths. Australia produces about 1.1 per cent (and declining) of global emissions. So, six one hundredths of 1.1 per cent is a tiny, tiny number of shire-caused emissions.

That doesn’t account for the fact that there is no heavy industry in the shire, no reliable coal fired power stations, or that zero net carbon emissions wood is a key heating resource. So our share of national emissions is likely to be well less than the average. So an even tinier number.

So here’s a better plan for the council. Move onto something you can actually have an impact on. Like the community. Fix the roads, grade the unsealed roads, deal with roadside weeds, and let the ideologues in Canberra worry about saving the planet.

Marcus Elgin, Highlands



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Be wise with your NBN

AS the NBN rollout continues in small areas over our shire, it’s a good time to look at ways to avoid falling victim to scams when it comes to accessing nbn or using your new service.

If someone who claims to be working for nbn has contacted you trying to sell you a new nbn service and you’re in doubt, always make sure to ask for their details. You can hang up and call your phone and internet provider to see if they are legitimate. It’s important to note that it can be common in these scams that the person contacting you may offer you a phone number to contact to prove they are a legitimate company. In most cases it will be someone pretending to work for nbn and are part of the scam. It’s best to find the number yourself and call as soon as you can. Nbn is a wholesaler and you don’t purchase plans through them. You need to go through a

service provider so you will never get calls from nbn selling you products.

If you are experiencing door knockers for the new nbn services, never provide your personal details including your bank account details. Nbn approved technicians and workers carry identification cards. In all cases request to see this card before providing physical access to your address.

Nbn will never call and ask to access your computer or advise you that you’re going to be disconnected, nor will they ask for payment to secure a service appointment.

Nbnco says if you have provided financial details such as bank account, credit card or personal information to a scammer claiming to work for nbn, you need to contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

The institution’s advice is, “Report the matter to your local police. You could also report your issue to the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC).

“If you have provided remote access to your computer or mobile device or given personal or financial information to a scammer, contact IDCARE on 1800 595 160. Try to record as much information as possible including phone numbers, names, or any remote access ID. Remote access companies such as TeamViewer also accept direct reports of scams via their website to investigate and block fraudulent accounts.”

To protect others, report scams to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) via Scamwatch at scamwatch.gov.au

COMMUNITY DIARY

Local Radio Frequency

UGFM	88.9	Yea / Highlands
UGFM	98.9	Flowerdale / Hazeldene
UGFM	94.5	Kinglake Ranges

WEEKLY

Thu	Town Club, RSL Hall, 6-8pm. Ph 5797 2179
Sun	AA Anglican Church, Alexandra 7pm PH 1300 222 222
Sun	Alanon Recovery Anglican Church, Alexandra 5.30pm.

MONTHLY


1 st Mon	St Lukes Seniors St Lukes Church Ph 0407 972 099
1 st Thu	Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057
2 nd Sat	Alex Repair Café 1-3pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801
2 nd Wed	Molesworth Crafty Critters, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
2 nd Thu	Yea Garden Club Yea RSL Hall 1.30pm Ph 0439 870 315
4 th Wed	Molesworth Crafty Critters, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
4 th Thu	Yea CWA Yea RSL Hall, 1.30pm Ph 0458 808 603
Last Fri	Yea-Kinglake RSL, 11.30am RSL Hall, Ph 5796 9353



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

RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT				
STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	8.00am Mon	2.72^	steady	below minor
Rubicon R at Rubicon	8.00am Mon	0.93	steady	
Acheron R at Taggerty	10.06am Mon	1.83	steady	
Home Ck at Yarck	7.59am Mon	0.51	steady	
Yea R at Devlins Bridge	8.27am Mon	0.84	falling	below minor
Yea R at Yea	8.24am Mon	2.20	steady	
Goulburn R at Ghin Ghin	8.00am Mon	5.58	steady	below minor
King Parrot Ck at Flowerdale	8.00am Mon	0.81^	steady	
Goulburn R at Trawool	8.00am Mon	3.65^	steady	
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	8.00am Mon	0.42^	steady	
Goulburn R at Seymour	10.00am Mon	3.54	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Ck at Seymour	8.33am Mon	1.47	steady	
ISSUED AT 10.15AM ON MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023				




Weekly Weather
July 12 - July 18, 2023
Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

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Yea

DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	7	13	Wednesday	6	14
Thursday	6	13	Thursday	5	13
Friday	7	12	Friday	7	13
Saturday	6	12	Saturday	6	13
Sunday	5	12	Sunday	5	13
Monday	4	12	Monday	4	12
Tuesday	6	12	Tuesday	6	12



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DISTRICT RAINFALL	
Alexandra.....	N/Amm
Buxton.....	57mm
Eildon (AWS).....	20mm
Flowerdale.....	30mm
Kinglake.....	16mm
Lake Eildon.....	27mm
Marysville.....	N/A
Jamieson.....	72mm
Taggerty.....	39mm
Yarck.....	23mm
Yea.....	17mm
Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday	
LAKE EILDON	
Height above sea level this week.....	288.29m
Capacity as at 9am Monday.....	97.5%
Metres below full supply.....	61cm
Daily inflow.....	22,000ML
Release.....	11,000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....	90%



DEADLINES

Real Estate	Thursday noon
Trades & Services	Thursday noon
Early General News	Thursday 5pm
Classifieds	Monday noon
Editorial	Monday 9am
Sports Editorial	Monday 10am
Letters to the Editor	Monday 9am
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Cabaret magic returns to Yarck Hall

ON Saturday, August 5, Artz@Yarck is hosting the cabaret *Sass and Secrets* at the Yarck Hall.

Featuring Australia's multi-award-winning illusionist and mentalist Cath Jamison and comedy cabaret star Aurora Kurth, this wickedly funny, original theatrical cabaret features awe inspiring magic, mentalism, fabulous singing, and physical comedy mayhem.

Brace yourselves for an unbelievable night of sharp wit, reality bending illusion, and a healthy dose of audience interaction.

Mini magicians are invited to a \$5, hour-long, Children's Magic Workshop with Cath at noon. Apprentice sorcerers attending the workshop are invited to the evening performance free of charge if accompanied by a ticketed adult.

High noon \$5 Children's Magic Class. Adults may stay for the class if they remain invisible. \$30 dinner at 6:30pm (disappearing fast). 8pm show bookings, full \$30 and concession \$25. Supper is free.

Please book all tickets online at Trybooking.com.au/CISXY

Conservation regulator responds to accusation

IN response to last week's article about tree geebung's, a Conservation Regulator spokesperson said, "The Conservation Regulator has received community reports and is currently investigating allegations of illegal destruction of tree geebungs at a timber harvesting coupe in the Central Highlands. The Conservation Regulator takes all allegations of illegal timber harvesting seriously. As the investigation is ongoing the Conservation Regulation won't be providing further comment."

The *Code of Practice for Timber Harvesting Production 2014 (as amended 2022)* requires protection from disturbance, where practicable, of all individual tree geebungs with a diameter of at least 10cm at breast height. Breat height of a tree is measured at approximately 1.4 metres from the ground.

Where a breach of the law is suspected, the Conservation Regulator can issue directions to VicForests or its contractors, compel the production of documents, issue official warnings, or prosecute a matter in court.

A breach of a direction or the *Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004* is a criminal offence. The maximum penalty for illegal timber harvesting is \$110,952 for a body corporate if the matter is prosecuted in court.

The Conservation Regulator encourages the community to report allegations of non-compliance or information about threatened species in timber harvesting coupes via its online portal, vic.gov.au/forest-reports.

All allegations of non-compliance are assessed by the Conservation Regulator.

Plenty of chat and an interesting talk at Yea Probus

THE July Yea Probus meeting was very well attended despite the mid-winter timing. The meeting commenced with the confirmation of minutes, reports, financials, information on upcoming events, and a rendition of Happy Birthday for the members celebrating birthdays in July.

People told some lovely personal stories relating to the Winter Woollies theme, and a metalwork 'hammer-head toy poodle' made by Daryl Callender was auctioned, going for \$50.

The guest speaker at the event was John Gribbin from Euroa. John has a particular interest in internment camps in the Goulburn Valley and gave a very engaging speech on the topic.

During World War II, nearly 10,000 prisoners were held in the Goulburn Valley, nearly half of the total number of Australian POW prisoners. The camps were centred around Murchison, Nagambie and Tatura.

The prisoners included Nazis, Japanese, Italians, Germans, and German Jews as the local authorities were concerned about whether there might be spies among them.

Many of the prisoners were engaged in chopping firewood, as well as farm work such as fruit picking and milking cows. They were watched by guards perched high up in trees.

Mr Gribbin shared some remarkable and little-known stories from the camps, keeping the Probus members interested throughout.



The Mammals and the Poppa performing at the July Yea Probus meeting. -AR



The theme for the meeting was Winter Woollies. -AR



John Gribbin. -AR

Reminder on school speed zones

STUDENTS have returned to the classroom, so school speed zones will be in operation from 8am to 9.30am and from 2.30pm to 4pm on weekdays until the end of term three on Friday, September 15. Some 40k/h zones are permanent.

Drivers have a responsibility to be especially cautious when travelling near schools, as younger children don't have the same awareness of road safety as adults do and their behaviour may be unpredictable near the roads.

Patience and courtesy from road users will help keep everyone in around around school zones safe, including students, teachers, parents or guardians, and crossing supervisors.

School speed zones are designed to keep pedestrians safe by lowering the speed limit at peak times when children are travelling to and from school. Regardless of whether a school is open or closed, all sign-posted 40k/h zones will still apply.

Refugee vigils in Alexandra and Yea

by Pauline Roberts

MEMBERS of the local branch of Rural Australians for Refugees are holding two vigils on Wednesday, July 19 to highlight 10 years since the off-shore detention on Nauru and Manus Islands was reinstated as Australia's solution to the refugee 'problem'. Eighty-eight refugees are still illegally detained on Manus Island. They have managed to escape violent and repressive regimes only to be forced into perpetual limbo.

The organisers believe that it is time that Australia ended this inhumane treatment

of other human beings and permanently closed all of its off-shore detention centres. They argue that the scheme subjects refugees to an unconscionably cruel and brutal regime of indefinite detention and enforced uncertainty, and it is also a breach of human rights and Australia's commitment to the UNHCR Convention.

The hour-long vigil will commence at 10am at the rotunda on Grant St in Alexandra and simultaneously, outside the supermarket in Yea.

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Minister: Rev. Ruwan Palapathwala
0458 113 099

ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH OF YEA

Sunday Service time
11am
Father Mario Hendricks Ph: 0437 937 433

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ALEXANDRA AND YEA

Parish Priest, Father Jose Mathew
0459 402 547
St Matthews Eildon, Saturday 5pm
Immaculate Conception Parish
Alexandra, Sunday 8.45am
Sacred Heart Yea, Sunday 10.45am

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Fr Martin Ashe, Parish Priest Ph 9717 6482
St Mary's Kinglake: Sunday 8.30am

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Station Street Yea
Colin Whiteway Ph 0419 351 267 / 5799 1295
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See this week's editions of *The Standard* and *The Chronicle* for information on flood recovery pop up hubs across the shire.

THURSDAY, JULY 13

Eildon Events Inc will hold their AGM at Morning Mist, Back Eildon Road at 10.30am. For further details contact 0400 715 319.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

Market@Yarck is on again with CWA morning tea and cake stall. Saturday, July 15 from 9am.

Suade in concert at Yea Shire Hall 7pm.
Book now \$35 trybooking.com/CIXGO

SUNDAY, JULY 16

The next Alexandra RSL general meeting will be held at noon at the RSL in Alexandra. A light lunch will follow.

MONDAY, JULY 17

Murrindindi East U3A will hold their AGM at 10.30am at the Alexandra Bowling Club. A light lunch will be provided. Enquiries to secretary@murrindindieastu3a.org.au

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

RAR are holding a Vigil at 10am at the Alexandra Rotunda and in the Yea main street to call to end off shore detention.

FRIDAY, JULY 21

Alexandra and District Senior Citizens will hold their AGM at 1pm at the Bayley Street clubrooms. All enquiries to secretaryadscc@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Alexandra District Health invites you to join them for their 2023 Open Board meeting. To be held at 4pm at the Alexandra RSL. Tea and coffee provided. RSVP to Jennifer.creed@adh.org.au by close of business Friday, July 21.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Goulburn Fishing Festival 2023. Free event at Eildon. 10am-4pm. Lions Park, Riverside Drive. Live music, market stalls, Snobs Creek Hatchery tours, Vic Fish Kids clinics and more. Fireworks at 7pm. vfa.vid.gov.au/goulburnfishfest



Margie Wright with grand daughters Lucy and Sophie. -S



A NAIDOC Week children's art activity, making clay sculptures. -S



Mr Beaky face masks, made as part of the NAIDOC Week children's activities at Y Water. -S



People gathered for the Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country. -S

NAIDOC Week celebrated at Yea Wetlands

THE Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre played host to a wonderful program of events to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2023.

The activities commenced on Sunday, July 2 with a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country led by Taungurung Elder, Auntie Angela ten Buuren.

Auntie Angela also curated a display in the Discovery Centre around the theme 'For our Elders' in which photographs and biographies of Taungurung Elders were displayed with feathers or flowers handpicked from Taungurung Country.

Later in the day, Uncle Ronald Briggs addressed

the audience in the Discovery Centre on the Voice to Parliament, Treaty and Truth. Uncle Ron is a Yorta Yorta elder, Senior Aboriginal Cultural Advisor and Program Facilitator at Caraniche. Uncle Ron discussed the origins of the Voice movement in the 2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart and what the Voice is expected to achieve.

Taungurung artist and educator Cassie Leatham held two workshops on Wednesday, July 5. One explored traditional weaving techniques using natural materials. The other catered for primary age children

with Mr Beaky story telling and painting bird sculptures.

NAIDOC Week at the Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre was supported by Murrindindi Shire Council, Taungurung Land and Waters Council and Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre Inc.

Celebrated Taungurung artist and master weaver Cassie Leatham provided a wonderful opportunity for the young participants to learn a little about Indigenous culture and caring for country through dance, clay sculpture making and colouring paper masks with natural materials.



Taungurung artist and educator Cassie Leatham (right) with a possum skin cloak. -S



Taungurung Elder Auntie Angela ten Buuren conducting the Welcome to Country. -S



Some of the FFM crew on the ground in Canada. -S



A group of FFM members in Canada. -S

Local firefighters use their skills abroad

SINCE May 25, a total of 115 Victorians have travelled alongside other Australians and New Zealand fire crews in response to the very large Canadian bushfires. These efforts join with other countries such as South Africa, France, Chile, Costa Rica, Portugal and Spain in providing relief to Canadian firefighters.

Last week 442 active fires were recorded across Canada. It has been reported that Canada has surpassed its record for the largest area burned by wildfires in a single year.

Forest Fire Management Victoria Chief Fire Officer Chris Hardman said it was important to support Canada in its time of need, particularly after so many Canadian firefighters helped Victoria during the devastating 2019/20 bushfire season.

“We have contributed 80 experienced campaign firefighters who have worked incredibly hard and made a real difference to the Canadian fire fight. They’ve been supported by amazing incident management, vehicle support, logistics and communications personnel from our partner agencies across from Australia and New Zealand, who are working extremely well to integrate into the Canadian wildfire management system,” he said.

Local Forest Fire Management (FFM) staff were given the opportunity to help with the firefighting effort abroad, including Luke Heard and Bill Twitchett. Both have just recently returned to Australia from their international deployment.

Luke joined in the international firefight for a total of 38 days. It was his first international deployment. Luke stayed at a fire complex at Fox Creek, three hours north west of Edmonton, Alberta.

Luke said, “It was a very exciting time. Three people from Alexandra went along. I didn’t know what to expect. To be selected is such a privilege. It was nice to get chosen and be part of representing FFM with the ‘arduous crew’ to help repay the help the Canadian firefighters gave to us in 2019 when they came to Australia.”

Luke’s job role in Canada was a heavy plant machine supervisor.

“Being a machine supervisor, my role was to supervise where the machines go. I was also to walk through, trying to find the fire edge. It was quite daunting because there was some very active black bears and grizzly bears where I was. I didn’t have to use my bear spray luckily.”

Luke recalled, “The conditions were quite wet, a lot wetter than I thought. It really had its challenges, and it was a lot different of what we are used to in Australia. It was quite swampy.”

“We were having to retrieve machines almost daily. If it wasn’t the machines we are dealing with we had to watch out for the bears.”

“Fire basics are the same as what is used in Australian firefighting but it’s different terrain and type of vegetations. There are a lot of pine trees and spruce trees which is a lot different to our eucalypt trees. We still do the methods of putting a mineral earth edge around the fire to contain it. That is all you can really do is try to contain it and hopefully the rain puts it out.”

“Halfway through my stint, we got 200mm of rain in three days. We went from

bushfire evacs to flood evacs then back to bushfires.”

Luke looks back on the recent trip very fondly, “The relationships I have developed has been great, not just the people I went with but the local people I met over there, I have made some great friendships.”

Luke says however, his best moment was being welcomed home at the airport from his wife and two kids. “It was fantastic, one of the biggest highlights,” he said.

Bill Twitchett has also recently arrived home following his deployment since May 26. The trip had a positive impact on him.

“It was an awesome experience. It was really good, both on a professional level and personal level,” he said.

“Professionally, it was the experience and the exposure to the firefighting methods in Canada and on a personal level it was helping the local community. It was such a great opportunity.”

This was also Bill’s first international deployment for FFM. Bill’s role was a divisional supervisor which was a field based role for a large division located at Rainbow Lake, 10 hours north of Edmonton.

When comparing the fire fighting methods and incident management systems in Canada, Bill explained, “There were a lot of similarities. We operate under the AIIMS system and use the same command structure roles and similar processes. When it comes to the firefighting, the basics are similar, with control lines to break up fuel and blacking out methods. The difference is mainly the forest type which is boreal forest full of spruce and aspen. It burns differently and the suppression involves a lot more blacking out as the fuel layer is quite deep.”

Bill was staying at Rainbow Lake which was quite remote, “The fire burnt right around the township. A small first nation community towards the east needed protecting,” he said.

“High value assets such as gas were also at risk. Fortunately, no community or homes were lost due to good efforts at the start of fire. The power was knocked out. It was out when we got there. I think around day 35 it was restored.”

“The current situation when we left the main fire I was on, we managed to declare that as held, that is our version of contained here, it was such a good achievement for the team after four weeks of work on it after another team did similar stints.”

Bill said he would like to acknowledge the skill Forest Fire Management Victoria has in this sort of remote work, saying that what our arduous crews did was beneficial. “Our incident management team with their knowledge, and the contribution of all the Australian firefighters, was really appreciated by the Canadians.”

A highlight of Bill’s trip was the experience of working with other international firefighters.

“I was very lucky to work with 60 Chilean firefighters. With the language barrier, Google translator got a good workout. The crew leaders spoke English and were very highly skilled.”

“Working with first nations crew and people was really good as well and also one of my highlights.”



One of the pieces of machinery used to fight the fires. -S



Flood recovery pop-up hubs Find the support for you



Murrindindi Shire Council is running a series of pop-up hubs for you to meet the flood recovery team. This is an opportunity to share your story and to find out what support is available to you.

Come and meet the flood recovery team at one of the scheduled pop-up hubs below:

- Thornton Hall, Thursday 13 July, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
- Molesworth Hall, Wednesday 19 July, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
- Alexandra Library, Thursday 27 July, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm
- Yea Library, Tuesday 1 August, 5.00 – 6.30 pm
- Yea Library, Wednesday 2 August, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Dates are currently being planned for the Flowerdale, Kinglake, Glenburn and Buxton communities.

The flood recovery team will also be attending the Yea Cattle Sales each month to offer information and support to farmers:

- Friday 4 August, 10.30 am – 3.00 pm
- Friday 1 September, 10.30 am – 3.00 pm

For more information about resources available for your ongoing recovery, visit the Flood Hub on Council's website. This hub has information on available grants, infrastructure updates, and support services available. Find out more at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/floods2022



Murrindindi Shire Council received funding by the State of Victoria through Emergency Recovery Victoria's Community Recovery Hubs grant program in response to the October 2022 flood event which impacted Victorian communities.

MURRINDINDI SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS



MANAGING OUR LOCAL ROAD NETWORK

Council is reviewing and updating its Road Asset Management Plan (RAMP), to guide how Council-managed roads and road assets are created, maintained, renewed and upgraded over the next decade and beyond.

To get involved, you can:

- join the Roads Advisory Group and represent your local community on issues and decisions on road asset management
- complete a community survey before it closes on Sunday 16 July. The survey can be completed online or at our Library and Customer Service Centres
- provide feedback on the current condition of the road network via an interactive map, which will help you record road related issues

For more information and to join the conversation, visit The Loop at theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/ramp

HAVE YOUR SAY ON HOW RATES ARE CALCULATED

Local Government Victoria wants your opinion on a new way to calculate rates. This way is called a Valuation Averaging Mechanism. It could help reduce the impact of big changes in property values on how much you pay in rates.

A Valuation Averaging Mechanism would use an average of past property values instead of the current value to calculate rates. This could make rates more stable and predictable for ratepayers.

Local Government Victoria has prepared a paper that explains how it could work and what it could do. You can read the paper and have your say at engage.vic.gov.au

Your feedback will help the Minister for Local Government determine the merits of such a mechanism. Consultation is open until 31 August 2023.



EVENTS AND INFLATABLES PERMIT PROCESS

Do you have an event coming up in Murrindindi Shire? To ensure you are covering off on any Council requirements, please submit an Event Notification Form via our website with as much notice as possible.

Council has recently implemented a permit process for the use of inflatables, including jumping castles, on Council-managed land and sites to minimise the risk of injury and keep our community, particularly children, safe. Inflatable devices can be hazardous if they are not set up and operated correctly.

If you're planning on having inflatables at your next event, you must go through a permit process and provide evidence to Council that demonstrates you are meeting Australian Standards.

Council officers will guide you through the process, so please get in touch with us nice and early.

For more information on running events in Murrindindi Shire and to submit an Event Notification Form, visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/organisingevents or call our Events team.

STAY WELL OVER WINTER - FREE RAT PROGRAM

Influenza (the flu) and COVID-19 circulate all year round, but winter is particularly bad for the spread of illness.

Free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are available for all community members to collect at the following locations:

- Alexandra Council Offices - 28 Perkins Street
- Alexandra Library - 49 Grant Street
- Kinglake Library and Customer Service Centre - 19 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road
- Yea Library and Customer Service Centre - 15 The Semi Circle
- Mobile Library – Locations and operational hours can be found at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/libraries

Everyone can collect up to two packs of five RATs per household. Face masks have also been made available. The masks are individual (not wrapped), with a limit of five per person. You do not need a Medicare card to collect RATs or face masks.

If you have symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, please do not collect RATs until you are well.

If you can't get to a location, a guardian or carer can collect your free RATs for you.

For more information about getting tested and reporting a positive RAT result, visit the Department of Health website at coronavirus.vic.gov.au or alternatively, you can call the National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 675 398.

For more information on how to stay well this winter, visit the Better Health website at betterhealth.vic.gov.au/stay-well-this-winter



CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN - NEXT STEPS

Council would like to thank everyone who has provided feedback on the draft Climate Change Action Plan: Towards 2035.

Input from residents, business owners and landholders is valuable and will help shape the actions we take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Together we are taking action for a more sustainable future.

The next steps for the Plan are to review and analyse all community feedback we received in May and June, and then present the finalised Climate Change Action Plan to Council for adoption in the coming months.

Visit theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/climateaction for the latest updates, or drop in to our Library and Customer Service Centres.

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Agriculture, Horticulture, Viticulture, Aquaculture and Silviculture

A large crowd in attendance at the Yea cattle sale



33 Charolais X heifers. The average weight across the two pens was 444.7kg and they sold for \$1360 and \$1430 per head. -S

AT the Combined Agents Store Sale on July 7 at the Yea Saleyards, 1443 cattle were yarded, including 904 steers and 511 heifers.

The average price per head was \$858, and the average weight was 287.45kg.

The top price for a steer was \$1810 and for a heifer \$1600.

The turnover at the sale was \$1.25 million.

Chris Pollard from Nutrien Ag Solutions Yea said there was "A good run of grown cattle and a number of well-bred spring drop calves on offer. Demand for all classes of

cattle was subdued, with the grown steers and the run of heifers seeming to attract the most interest.

"A large crowd was in attendance with the majority there to gauge the market with a small number of volume buyers amongst the attendees. The continued wet and constant media attention on the likelihood of an El Nino seems to be having a negative effect on store markets with buyers uncertain of what lies ahead of them over the next few months," Mr Pollard said.



The sun was out and so was the crowd. Gauging the market, comparing rainfall and predicting the balance of the season were the hot topics of the day. -S



Three generations of the Beer family at the Yea Saleyards. -S

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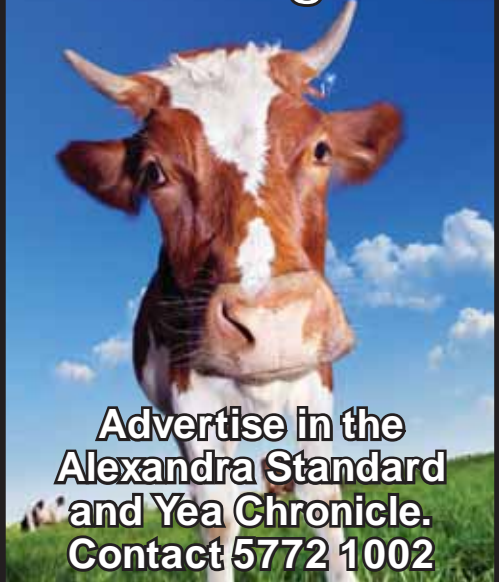
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Are you protecting your farm under the new laws?

VICTORIAN farmers work hard to keep their animals safe and protect them from pests and diseases with robust biosecurity systems. The changes to the *Livestock Management Act 2010* and Livestock Management Regulations 2021 will deter behaviour that puts that hard work at risk.

These new laws aim to reduce biosecurity risks and the spread of diseases on Victorian livestock farms, deter people from

trespassing on farms with the introduction of new offences, and better enable prosecutions of trespassers and allow for the issuing of on-the-spot fines.

The new laws establish a voluntary framework for livestock producers to require visitors to follow prescribed biosecurity measures. Visitors failing to do so is an offence.

This framework provides a tool to reduce biosecurity risks, including those arising from unlawful entry by trespassers.

Biosecurity management plans (BMPs) contain measures to prevent, eliminate or minimise the risk of biosecurity impacts at places where livestock management activities occur. BMP coversheets can be used to add to your existing on-farm biosecurity plan to ensure these requirements are met.

BMP coversheets are prepared by the livestock manager and are to include mandatory content. They can be prepared for any place where livestock activities occur, including private farms, feedlots and abattoirs, and may apply to the whole or part of that place.

For an offence to apply under the new laws, a BMP coversheet must be in place that includes the following a clear title including the words 'biosecurity management plan'

and the address of the premises to which it applies, the name and contact details of the nominated person(s), a description, map or plan of the whole or specified part of the premises to which the BMP applies that accurately describes the boundaries of the premises, and additional details including the day that the BMP comes into operation and the name of the person who prepared the BMP.

Producers may already have a biosecurity plan, for example through an industry quality assurance or accreditation program. A BMP coversheet should be added to this plan.

For the purposes of the framework, specific biosecurity signs are to be placed in clear view at all vehicle access points to the area outlined in the BMP. Where there are no vehicular access points, signs are to be placed at all pedestrian access points, for example if a biosecurity plan applies only to a shed. This is to ensure that all potential visitors are aware of their obligations.

Biosecurity signs must contain the word 'stop' or 'visitors' a reference to the 'Livestock Management Regulations 2021', a statement that a contravention of a prescribed biosecurity measure is an offence, a summary of any prescribed biosecurity measures that apply to the premises (or the

specified part of the premises), the method of contacting a nominated person (such as phone number, email, QR code) for a visitor to obtain consent for a prescribed biosecurity measure.

Livestock managers who are concerned that a person is breaching or has breached a prescribed biosecurity measure have the following reporting options available to them.

Where life or property is in danger or a trespass is occurring, contact Victoria Police on Triple Zero. Where there has been a suspected crime and the person is no long at the property, call 131 444. Where there is concern about the risks to the biosecurity of the property or animal welfare, then during business hours, contact Agriculture Victoria on 1300 502 656, or after hours contact the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

The new laws are intended to deter people from trespassing on agricultural premises through the introduction of an offence for non-compliance with prescribed biosecurity measures, where compliant signs are displayed and a BMP coversheet containing mandatory content is in place. Penalties for the offences reflect the serious biosecurity threat trespassing poses to Victorian agriculture.

Farmers need to speak up in national farm crime survey

THE Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is urging farmers to have their say on the impact of farm and rural crime through the Australian Farm Crime Survey.

VFF President Emma Germano said the survey has been commissioned by the University of New England and aims to provide a comprehensive snapshot of all farm crime across Australia.

"This is the first national survey to have been undertaken in two decades and the results will provide invaluable insight into farm crime across Australia.

"Livestock theft in Victoria alone has hit a 10 year high, costing farmers a staggering \$6.7 million dollars last year. We know farm crime is underreported, so the real figure could easily be much higher.

"Whether it be theft involving livestock, farm equipment or property damage and illegal trespass, farm crime has an enormous financial impact and can be a terrifying experience for farming families and staff, which can't be tolerated," Ms Germano said.

Ms Germano added the results of the survey would be used to advocate for greater resources and awareness campaigns to combat farm crime.

"It's so important that as many Victorian farmers as possible take part in the survey to ensure issues faced by local farmers are understood."

"The results will help provide the VFF with valuable insight and data which can be used in our advocacy for greater government action in dealing with farm crime," Ms Germano said.

More information, including the online link to complete the survey is available at tinyurl.com/23wysymx



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from the CWA River Cookbook

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4 cups Self Raising flour
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METHOD

Sift flour (very important)

Add other dry ingredients, add cream and milk to dry ingredients and mix to make a soft dough.

Place on a lightly floured board and pat out to a thickness of about 2.5cm.

Cut with a floured scone cutter.

Place on tray and bake in hot oven about 12- 15 minutes.

Re roll and cut dough until it is all used.

HINTS

Adding 1 tbsp cornflour to each cup of self raising flour makes scones lighter

Children love cheese and vegemite scrolls-- roll out the scone dough quite thinly, spread with vegemite, sprinkle with grated cheese and roll up like a sponge roll before cutting into slices to bake cut side up on a tray.

You can add dried fruit or savory ingredients. Variations are only limited by your imagination!

Redgate CWA meet on the fourth Thursday at 1pm of each month at 31 Perkins Street Alexandra. Contact Maureen on 0402 804 517.

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PHOTO COMPETITION



'Spillway lights' at Eildon taken by Andrew Tummons of Rubicon

And the winner is Andrew Tummons with his 'night time' themed photo of the Eildon Spillway under lights. Andrew has won a \$50 voucher kindly donated by Embling Rural in Alexandra.

Judges comments: I loved the spillway. It captured the spilling water beautifully; it was positioned nicely within the frame and the noise was kept to a minimum. Nice depth of field and focus. I liked the slowness of the shutter speed used in the image as well to give the spillway water a mist-like appearance. Congratulations and thanks to all who entered.

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Stay well this winter

WINTER is here and the Goulburn Valley Public Health Unit is urging the community to keep protecting themselves and their families from the flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and COVID-19.

Across the Goulburn Valley region, case notifications remain consistent, however influenza cases in children were reported to be higher and RSV cases continue to be reported in children under three (according to the Summary Surveillance Data on July 5).

Cherie Holland, Operations Director for the Goulburn Valley Public Health Unit, said, "It's still important to get vaccinated even if you're fit and healthy. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself against getting flu or COVID-19 and especially important in children under five who are at a higher risk of becoming severely ill with these diseases."

The good news is there are things you can do to protect yourself and your family from the flu. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone

aged six months and older, and are available through GPs and pharmacies.

Some people have a higher risk of severe illness from flu and are eligible for a free flu vaccine. They include children from six months to under five years of age, people aged six months and over with certain medical conditions that increase their chance of severe influenza and its complications, pregnant women, and people aged 65 and over.

If your last COVID-19 vaccination or previous COVID-19 infection was at least six months ago, you can have a COVID-19 booster and influenza vaccination on the same day.

If you have any flu or COVID-19 like symptoms, it's important to stay at home and get tested. Even if you get a negative RAT result, stay home until you feel well again.

You can also help reduce the spread of viruses like flu, RSV and COVID-19 by washing your hands regularly with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand sanitiser, coughing and sneezing into your elbow or sleeve instead of your hands, wearing a mask if you cannot socially distance or if you need to visit a sensitive setting like hospital or aged care facility, or be in close contact with someone who is ill. Let fresh air in by opening doors and windows where possible, and staying home if you are unwell.

This winter, we know what to do to stay well. Getting your flu shot, and staying up-to-date with your COVID-19 vaccinations, will help you and the people around you stay well.

More information can be found at GVHealth.org.au/publichealthunit or contact your local GP or pharmacist.

Rural placements help to boost health worker numbers

NEW research from the University of South Australia shows that having a rural experience could be the key factor in increasing the number of health workers in Australia's rural and remote communities.

Examining the work locations of UniSA health graduates, researchers found that nearly half of the new rural allied health workforce (in 2020) originated from metropolitan areas, with 88 per cent completing a rural placement during their studies.

Significantly, 25 graduates from the same cohort moved from metro employment to rural practice within two years of graduation. Most of these graduates (76 per cent) had done a rural placement.

These findings offer crucial insights for a sector that has long struggled to attract and retain health workers.

In Australia, around 7,000,000 people, or 28 per cent of the population, live in rural and remote areas. Despite having greater medical needs, these communities face severe health workforce shortages.

UniSA Department of Rural Health researcher Dr Lee Puah said that understanding the connection between rural placements and rural practice is vital for addressing workforce shortages.

"Every Australian deserves access to quality healthcare, yet Australians living in rural and

remote communities experience challenges in accessing health services in comparison to Australians living in metropolitan centres," Dr Puah said.

"This type of research can help us understand and plan future placements to help address the maldistribution of the workforce.

"Our study found that rural placements were fundamental in attracting allied health professionals to rural areas, both after graduation and beyond as they provide a taste of the rural work environment."

The study assessed 264 students who had completed podiatry, occupational therapy, or physiotherapy at UniSA in 2019. After graduation, 40 were practising in rural areas, with 26 remaining in rural practice two years later (a 65 per cent retention rate). Interestingly, by 2022, 25 city-based allied health professionals had transitioned to rural areas (76 per cent had done a rural placement and 20 per cent had rural origins).

Dr Puah says that the experience and insights gained through the rural placement programs prove critical for securing allied health workers in rural and remote areas.

"Addressing the health workforce shortage in rural and remote communities is a challenge, though a rural placement program may be part of the solution," Dr Puah said.



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ALL ABOUT YOUR EYES

1. Heterochromia can be complete, where each eye is a complete different color from the other.
2. Your eye has 10 muscles.
3. We blink to lubricate our eyes to prevent dryness, and to wipe away potentially harmful substances.
4. Dogs can't distinguish between red and green.
5. The world's most common eye color is brown.
6. Babies can't produce tears until they're at least six weeks old.
7. Owls can't move their eyes.
8. Our eyes close automatically to protect us from harm or danger.

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What do you call a dinosaur with no eyes?
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**GARLICK,
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In memory of an uncle who has made us laugh, smile and enjoyed the simplicity of life. We say happy trails to you as you ride into the sunset on Jenny. From Julie, John, Knippel, Russey, Jacque Garlick and families.

DEATH NOTICES

**GARLICK,
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23/02/1932-06/07/2023
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Lyn and family would like to thank all family and friends for their beautiful cards, floral arrangements, chocolates and phones calls following Johnnies passing. They were very much appreciated. To the ambulance drivers, who were called many times day and night over the last 12 months, we thank you for your wonderful care and kindness. To Dr David and Dr Charles at Alexandra Hospital, we thank you both for everything you did for Johnnie and our entire family. To the nurses and staff, your kindness and care will never be forgotten, and our entire family will be forever grateful. Thank you all. Lyn and family.

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MEETINGS



The next general meeting for the Alexandra RSL will be held on Sunday, July 16, at noon, followed by a light luncheon.

MEETINGS

MURRINDINDI EAST U3A AGM will be held on Monday, July 17, 10.30am at Alexandra Bowling Club, 4 Paynes Avenue. Guest speaker will be Bruce Hyatt, local MICA Paramedic, followed by a light lunch. Enquiries to secretary@murrindindieastu3a.org.au.

EILDON EVENTS Inc. will be holding their AGM on August 13, 2023, at 10.30am at Morning Mist, 840 Back Eildon Road, Eildon. Please call 0400 715 319 if you would like a nomination form.

ALEXANDRA AND DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB AGM will be held at 1pm on Friday, July 21, at the Bayley Street clubrooms. All enquiries to secretaryadscc@gmail.com.

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THE Victorian Government is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards, until Friday, July 28.

The Victorian Senior of the Year Awards are a way of acknowledging the efforts that senior Victorians make in giving their time, skills and energy to improve the community.

For over 25 years, these significant awards have highlighted the work seniors do every day in volunteering in neighbourhood houses, places of worship, and on community projects that benefit us all.

Victorians are this year being encouraged to nominate residents aged 60 and above and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorians aged 50 years and above.

Nominate an older Victorian in your life who makes an important contribution

to your community, such as through volunteering or supporting community groups.

Visit the awards webpage of Seniors Online to download a nomination form or complete an online nomination form.

Categories for the nominations include Victorian Senior of the Year, Promotion of Multiculturalism Award, Healthy and Active Living Award, Veteran Community Award, Ageing Well Award, and Victorian Senior Achiever Awards.

Every nominee will receive a certificate acknowledging their contribution, and recipients of the 2023 awards will be honoured at a ceremony during the Victorian Seniors Festival in October.

For more information or to make a nomination visit Seniors Online at seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards

Seasonal road closures

THE cost of seasonal road closure breaches is significant, from replacing broken locks, gates, chains and fencing to repairing damage to roads, tracks and drainage. There is also associated damage to vegetation and cultural sites. Rehabilitating damaged areas takes time and resources away from visitor services and protecting the environment.

Seasonal road closures are important to minimise damage to roads and tracks over the wetter months and allow for rehabilitation and other works to occur in some cases. It's imperative that some tracks are closed during the wetter season as they become unsafe, impassable and pose a significant safety risks to drivers.

Hound hunters are reminded to respect land boundaries, only hunt in legal areas and start hunts well away from private property or public land where hound hunting is not permitted.

On-the-spot fines for breaching a seasonal closure and for interfering with or damaging a gate or sign is \$925 per offence. Those found to be hunting illegally or behaving irresponsibly can also be fined or prosecuted, have their equipment seized and or lose their Game and Firearms Licences.

Find out more about seasonal road closures, got to the Parks Victoria website parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/safety-in-nature/seasonal-road-closures

To find out where you can legally hunt in the Victorian high country, go to the Game Management Authority website gma.vic.gov.au/hunting/hunting-maps

Andrew Dean, Senior Enforcement Officer Parks Victoria said, "Authorised Officers have been encouraged to see the majority of visitors and hunters in state forests and adjoining national parks have been respecting seasonal road closures. We hope this will continue throughout the winter months.

"Information from the community is a key part of our intelligence and evidence gathering and we encourage community members to report any suspicious behaviour to Parks Victoria on 131 963. Please remember that your safety is most important. Don't put yourself at risk to gather information."

Paul Stevens, Compliance and Intelligence Director, Game Management Authority added, "With the hound hunting season well underway, we are reminding hunters to use GPS collars and make sure their hounds remain inbounds.

"When hunting Sambar with hounds, hound possessors need to ensure their hounds conform to the Australian National Kennel Council breed standards and maximum height specified in the regulations."

Yea Hospital and Rosebank Auxillary AGM

YEA Hospital and Rosebank Auxillary held their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, July 6 at the Grace Bennetts Centre in Yea.

The meeting was chaired by Yea hospital Chief Executive Officer Elizabeth Sinclair. Attendance was taken and apologies noted.

Minutes of the previous year's AGM were read and approved. The President and Treasurer gave their reports. The largest expense of the auxiliary in the past year was the purchase of an electric lift chair for the hospital's acute care service.

Ms Sinclair declared the office bearer positions open. President Kay Baynes,

Vice-President Joy Anderson, Treasurer Judith Griffiths, and Secretary Ruth Crockett were all re-elected un-opposed.

The guest speaker was Judy Peters, Leader of the Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child shoe box project.

Operation Christmas Child partners with local churches in developing nations to provide Christmas gift boxes to children to "demonstrate that they are not forgotten and are loved," Ms Peters said.

After the meeting closed, a delicious afternoon tea was served.

Victorian Volunteering Awards

IT'S time to nominate a volunteer from the local community for the 2023 Victorian Volunteering Awards.

The awards are now open for nominations but close on July 17. The awards include recognition for individuals and organisations who have improved

community outcomes by volunteering their time and skills.

Anyone can nominate a deserving volunteer. For more information and to put forward a nomination visit volunteeringvictoria.org.au/events/awards/

SPORT

Yea junior netball reports

Netball

Under 13 Yea 32 defeated Broadford 6

by Racheal DeCaneva

IN true wintry conditions, the Under 13s took to the court against Broadford on Sunday, July 9. The Tigers moved the ball well down the court in a fast paced game. Sisters Lola and Ivy teamed up in the mid-court, moving the ball easily to the shooting end where the accuracy from shooters Jemma, Ruby, Charlotte and Pippa was outstanding and demonstrated a growing confidence. Good communication and well rehearsed drills resulted in Yea taking a strong lead by half-time. With Abbey and Lily out this week, we were lucky to have Lexi and Kensi who stepped up to support the Tigers. Jemma and Grace also worked well in defence, taking a number of great intercepts throughout the game. Yea were happy to take the win.

Awards: Marmalade's player of the day award; Charlotte Armstrong, Yarra Valley gas Improved; Payton. Just encouragement award; Pippa Butterworth

Under 11s Yea 17 defeated Broadford 4

by Andrew Harris

IT was cold and drizzly at times for the home game against Broadford, though fortunately it didn't turn into rain. Some players took to the court for the first time in several weeks, and they were all very excited to be competing again. The game was a great opportunity for some of the younger players to put their skills into practice, and they demonstrated just how much they have improved while also being great team members. The game was tight in the first half with goals hard to come by, but in the second half the team found their rhythm and came away with the win. Congratulations to this week's award winners for their amazing contribution to the game.

Awards: Marmalade's Player of the Week; Isla. Yarra Valley Gas Most Improved; Payton. Just Great Coffee Effort Award; Evie.



Yarra Valley Gas encouragement award winner Pippa Butterworth and Marmalade's player of the day award winner Charlotte Armstrong. -S



The Yea Tigers under 11 award winners. -S



A Fontana and E Porter. -S



L Steiner, O Skilling and T Jolly were the award winners in the under nines. -S



T White and D Fisher were the award winners in the under 14s. -S

Junior Tigers kicking goals

Under 9

by Kirstie Fotheringham

ANOTHER proper wintery day at home for our game against Broadford this week. For her first week with the Under 9s team, Brooke was a very welcome addition, playing some fabulous tackles and getting involved as Yea moved the ball from one end of the ground to the other.

Logan was on from the first bounce, tackling hard in defence and keeping the pressure on throughout the game. Ollie got Yea off to a flyer in the first with a thumping goal.

Quarter two saw the Tigers really fire up. Josh worked hard in defence, not giving away any easy possessions. Jack took some strong marks in the middle and was able to send the ball down to our forwards. Atticus was unlucky in front of goal, just missing to the left. Tatye kicked a great goal and was involved in another great string of play, with Atticus and Tayte both working hard to get the ball to Emmett who finished it off with a goal.

Ollie started quarter three with a thumping kick from the middle to Jack in the forward line. Unable to capitalise this time, Jack, alongside Henry and Zac, worked hard to get possession again. With a second go at it Jack was able to kick it through the middle. Zac followed up with some magic of his own, with Henry supplying him the ball. The goal celebration being shared by the whole forward line.

Atticus had a strong final quarter, tackling hard and getting the ball out to his teammates when Broadford put the pressure on. Josh and Logan fought hard, sharing the ball around to really keep the other team on their toes. The game was a real team effort.

Awards: Marmalades Player of the Week; Logan Steiner. Just Great Coffee Great Player; Ollie Skilling. Yarra Valley Gas Most Improved; Tayte Jolly.

Under 10

by Lyndal Tait and Claire Geeson

THE Tigers took to the wet ground with one less player against Broadford this week, enabling the Tigers to run one player through two zones, with Sienna taking on this role in the first quarter. Fynn, in his first game back from injury since the first round, was very keen to get on the ground, and he took the ruck, tapping to the Tigers advantage. Sienna and Izzy combined with handballs and a kick to work the ball forward to Charlie in the forward line, who snapped a ripper goal. Luke in defence was strong and dominant, defending well and sending the ball back to the Tigers advantage. Sienna ran all quarter gaining several possessions. Fynn dominated the ruck and chased down loose balls to deliver forward. Darby grabbed a great loose ball and kicked to Angus, who then tapped on to Darby again. Darby then kicked forward where Charlie grabbed the ball and snapped at goal, to hit the post for a point. The

Tigers kept Broadford scoreless in the first quarter. Jonah and Luke worked hard in the backline to defend against Broadford's attack. Luke smothered a Broadford kick, and Toby G supported his teammates in the ruck contests around the ground. Toby G tapped to Darby, who pushed the ball to Izzy. Toby J worked hard in defence. Toby SD kicked into the centre third and Sienna broke from the pack with possession to kick a super goal for the Tigers. Toby G rucked with a tap to Angus who was roving and he ran on to kick the ball forward.

The second quarter saw the Tigers start strongly again with Luke taking the centre ruck. Broadford attacked quickly but Charlie and Sienna shut them down and pushed back into the centre. Charlie G and Izzy worked hard in defence, clearing the ball to Darby, who went to ground with Toby J at the bottom of the pack, coming out with the ball to push forward. Toby G held up the ball in the forward line. Angus took a hard ball to the chest which took the wind out of him for some time. He ran all quarter and despite copping another hard ball to his stomach, which winded him again, he sucked it up and kept on running and gaining possessions. Fynn attacked and kicked at goal to miss and score a point. Charlie G defended well and after Broadford kicked a point, he took control of the kick, delivering to Izzy who then kicked beautifully to Sienna. Another strong quarter and a great team effort by the Tigers to again keep Broadford goalless and to lead going into the half time break.

Coach Al addressed his players, congratulating them on their efforts at the ball, attacking and defending and stopping the opposition from scoring. He encouraged them to continue to work hard, support each other, stick to their opponents and continue in the attacking style they had been playing.

After a refresh and a drink, the Tigers gave out a big team 'Go Tigers' and they were off to a roaring start to the third quarter. Charlie applied a strong tackle and Fynn showed he had not lost any form whilst recovering from his broken wrist, taking a great mark in defence. Izzy burst through the pack in the centre to take possession and deliver to Sienna who took a great mark. Izzy applied a strong tackle to receive a free kick, and Toby J, who was running across two zones, worked hard all quarter. Luke kept the ball in front and earned a free kick. Jonah was constantly on the bottom of the pack and was rewarded with a free kick. Oscar worked hard to stick to his opposition and supported his teammates to gain possessions. Sienna made a hard ball get, spun around and kicked Yea into attack. Broadford responded and kicked forward to score a point then went on to kick three more points for the term but failed to kick a goal. Fynn cleared the ball to kick back to the centre and the Tigers reset, moving the ball well into their attack. Toby J burst through the centre into the forward zone and took a strong mark. Izzy stood strong in defence, supporting team mates with great shepherding and

using her strength to keep her opponent from the ball. A more even quarter between the teams who were both determined to win possession.

Following the final break, the Tigers were keen to get some more goals on the scoreboard. A few position changes, with Tigers placed in key positions that suited their attributes, and they were set to finish off the game in great form. Fynn rucked strongly and the Tigers pushed forward. Toby J kicked into goal, just missing for a point. Toby SD and Toby J combined well to lock the ball in Yea's forward line from the kick in. Broadford got a good run on, taking the ball the length of the field to score a goal from a distance, with the Tigers only narrowly missing the touch on the line. Sienna gained possession from the centre ball-up and kicked forward for Yea, with Charlie grabbing possession in the forward line and snapping a fantastic goal. From the centre bounce, Broadford moved the ball forward, but the Tigers repelled with Darby kicking the ball out of defence and Izzy again stepping up to gain possession and move the ball forward. Charlie attacked and defended well at full forward, gaining a strongly contested possession and kicking his third goal for the match. Broadford responded with a point. Yea took control of the ball from the kick-in with Darby kicking to Izzy who moved the ball to the centre. The Tigers pushed forward in a great line of play with a number of quick possessions, but they ran out of time to score further with the final siren sounding. A fabulous game by the Tigers against great opposition. Coach Al congratulated all players on their efforts, skills and teamwork.

Awards: Marmalades Player of the Day; Charlie Grant. Yarra Valley Gas Most Improved; Luke Miller. Duncan's Panel & Paint Red Hot Go; Fynn Wallace.

Under 12

by Claire Geeson and Lyndal Tait

IT was a tough slog for the Tigers this week in muddy and wet conditions against a strong Broadford side. Cooper presented strongly in defence, applying a tough tackle, and Jack J saved a certain goal. Ashton was fiercely defending with strong tackles in the centre and Hunter in the ruck covered the entire ground, trying hard all day. Tyler, Jack and Evan combined well in defence to take down the opposition and earn a free kick to Evan from a super tackle. Tyler marked strongly in the backline and Dom kicked clear. Despite Broadford scoring several times, the Tigers were resilient and applied great pressure to defend and stop the opposition from scoring several goals. The quarter time message from coaches was to push forward, man up, and make Broadford work harder to get the ball. Positive encouragement in relation to the Tigers efforts at the ball.

The second quarter saw the Tigers under pressure early, but Archie worked the ball

deep out of defence. Evan continued to defend well, with Hunter punching the ball to Angus who roved well. Sienna applied a strong tackle and Jack J was tough in defence, tackling and stopping Broadford gaining possession. Evan took a clean mark and kicked to Ashton. Lucas kicked out of the backline and Hunter applied a strong tackle to receive a free kick. Cooper remained strong in defence. The half time message was more of the same, with defence being praised for their ongoing efforts and ability to clear the ball, and the mid field being encouraged to apply the same pressure and intensity to then move the ball further forward.

The Tigers started strongly in the third quarter, moving the ball into their forward zone. They worked harder in the mid field, and limited Broadford's run. Darby smothered a kick, and Angus cleared the ball quickly with a fine sprint forward. Archie applied a strong tackle to win a free kick, to deliver the ball into the Tigers attack, however they were not able to capitalise on it. Jack J tackled hard, gained possession, and delivered to Tyler, who then kicked on to Darby in a quarter that did not see the Tigers score, but saw a great improvement in their skills and ability to hold Broadford to minimal scoring opportunities. The three-quarter time coaches' message was simple: keep doing what you have been this past quarter. Stick to your players, and when defence work hard to get it out of the backline, it's up to the centre players to continue the momentum and move it into the forward zone, concentrating on their individual positions and roles.

In the final quarter the Tigers continued to work hard. Although under pressure in defence for nearly the entire quarter, they never gave up and continued to work hard to defend. Broadford, a skilled and quick side were tough opposition, but the Tigers remained upbeat and encouraging of each other. Ashton continued to work hard in defence as he had done all game, applied tackles, and chased down his opponent. Toby G worked hard to get the ball and kick forward. Archie received a free kick for his tackling efforts. Dom kicked to the centre half forward line and the Tigers continued to work the ball out of defence on many occasions. A tough and tiring game for the Tigers who went down to a stronger side on the day.

Awards: Marmalades Player of the Day; Evan Porter. Yarra Valley Gas Most Improved; Ashton Fontana.

Under 14

Yea 12.21-93 defeated Broadford 0.1-1

by Nick Fisher

ON Sunday, July 9 the Yea Tigers U14s challenged Broadford at Yea. The Tigers came out strongly and never looked back having another very convincing win. Next week we play Tabilk in Nagambie.

Awards: Tom White and Dustin Fisher.

The Chronicle Sport



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F Waller, C Grant and L Miller were the award winners in the under 10s this week. More information and images on page 15. -S

The return of Yea football seniors

AFTER a year of no senior football the Yea Football Netball Club have announced they have appointed new senior and assistant football coaches to lead the club in 2024.

Mitch Skelly has accepted the role of senior coach and club legend Daniel Evans returns as his lead assistant playing coach for season 2024.

Club President Peter Armstrong announced the return. "Senior footy is back at Yea. This has been the most challenging few years of our club's history. We cannot be more thankful and appreciative of the support we have been able to maintain through this season, off the back of having great junior and netball teams in 2023. Those teams have really kept our club afloat. We have also received lots of community support and offers of assistance from all over Victoria," he said.

"This news gives our club and the entire Yea community so much hope for not only next season, but well into the future. The quality of the coaches that we have been able to attract to the club is a credit to our hard-working committee, the committees that preceded us and to some past players that reached out and got heavily involved in the recruitment process," Mr Armstrong said.

Mitch Skelly, who accepted the role after a lengthy and rigorous process, is an Australian Football League level 3 accredited coach. He has experience as a head coach in the Victorian Football League Womens and more recently has been coaching at the very successful Heidelberg club in the Northern Football Netball League. Mitch had an outstanding community football career

himself and donned the yellow and black for the Yea Tigers in season 2021.

Mitch could not be more excited about joining the Yea Tigers. "I can't wait to get started and lead what is a great club back into senior football. In my dealings with the club, I was presented with a very professional strategic plan that gave me confidence that the committee and its leaders have a great understanding of the work that we need to do to bring this club back to where it belongs - competing against the very best teams the outer east has to offer in all grades of football," he said.

"I was able to play five or six games for the club in 2021 and the place left a lasting impression on me. The people were all so welcoming and the culture was second to none. I watched from afar as the club battled in the last few years and I had a sense that I could really help in some way. At the time I didn't know it would be as their senior coach, but the pitch made to me from the committee was something I couldn't pass up. I can't wait to start the recruitment process with all the players and for pre-season to begin," Mr Skelly said.

Yea FNC is equally excited that Daniel Evans, known as "Pup" around the club, is back as the lead playing assistant coach for 2024. Pup has held senior leadership roles at Yea and played over 200 games for the club. He returns after a stint with Forest Hill as their Playing Assistant Coach for the past two seasons.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Forest Hill and will continue to give my absolute all to the club for the rest of this season. I have made lifelong friends and Forest Hill will hold a special place in my

heart. But those who know me well, know I am a Yea Tigers man through and through. I love the place and my family has all been heavily involved at the club in some way for as long as anyone can remember.

"The opportunity to return and get the place back up and running is one I couldn't pass up. My partner and I can't wait to get back involved at the club and I look forward to working closely with Mitch, to help lead the Yea Tigers back to successful times in senior football," Pup said.

Both Skelly and Evans have to complete current seasons with their respective clubs

but have already begun putting together a team of assistants that will start the process of recruiting new and past players for both senior and reserves for next season.

President Peter Armstrong noted, "We are in the marketplace now and although we can't make announcements this early, we are right in the mix for some very talented players to join our ranks next season. We are very confident that our senior teams will be able to compete next season and we will be able to build a senior football program that will thrive not only in 2024 but well into the future."



Mitch Skelly. -S



Daniel Evans. -S