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Direct descendants. Back: Ian Johnston, Rodney Robinson, Pamela Shannon, Chris Finlayson, Ruth Mooney (her son Ned Cvetkovic attended but is not in this photo), Heather Cassells, Helen Scott, Sophie Nell, Dianne Tosh, Neil Webster, Bernice Webster, Jason Moore, Garrie Moore, Martin Webster, Robert Keays, Clive Keays, Aaron Brophy, Kate Smith, Lenore Brophy, Gavan Bennett and Rosemary Britton. Front: Tess Robinson (behind Gwen McLean in red jacket), Gwen McLean, Emma Robinson, Lindsay Bennett, Maree Robinson, Dawn Robinson and Joy LaFranchi. Andrea Celofiga is kneeling at the front. -S

Keays family reunion in Strath Creek

by Lenore Brophy

THIRTY descendants of Frank and Mary Roberta Keays (nee Green) and their families attended a reunion at The General in Strath Creek on Saturday, August 17.

Dawn Robinson, one of Frank and Mary's many grandchildren visited the The General and was so impressed she booked the venue and set the wheels in motion for a fantastic day, not realising she had booked the date on Mary's birthday, August 17, and Frank's birthday was August 16. Family members attended from all over Victoria, as well as from Alice Springs and New South Wales.

Prue Brown of The General made it possible for all attendees to have morning tea at the new store, before moving up to the Strath Creek Hall where she provided a delicious lunch and afternoon tea.

Frank and Mary Keays played a significant role in the community at Strath Creek in the early days where they ran the general store while raising 15 children and being involved in many community activities.

It all began when Frank, just a boy of 16 years moved to Broadford to work at Dawborn's grocery store. He later worked for Seibler's grocery stores in Broadford,

eventually being sent to Strath Creek to run the store there for Mr Seibler.

While delivering groceries to the Green family at their home, 'Fairview' in Kerrisdale, he met Edward and Sarah's eldest daughter and a romance soon developed. As 'Fairview' was some distance south of Green's Cutting, it was very fortuitous that Mary Roberta, the second child of Edward and Sarah Green's 16 children, had forewarning that Frank was on his way, having seen him heading north along the King Parrot Creek Road. It has been said that she would have her younger sisters bake hot scones timed to be removed from the oven just as Frank arrived. Obviously Frank was

impressed with Mary's (or her sisters') baking and a romance followed.

Frank and Mary were married at Broadford in 1905 and moved into the house at Seibler's Store which was situated where the Strath Creek War Memorial now stands. Frank delivered goods by horse and covered wagon to a large area incorporating Tallarook, Trawool, Kerrisdale, Strath Creek, Tyaak, Reedy Creek and Flowerdale. He eventually purchased the store from Mr Seibler and in 1909 purchased the creamery site from the Yea Butter Factory. The land was situated at the corner of King Parrot Creek Road

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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.

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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.



The Dairy Creek Bridge. -S

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.

River height gauge upgrade for Yea

FROM September 16, the river height gauge at Yea Goulburn Valley Water Pump Station will have flood class levels. The flood class levels will provide the community with a better understanding of flood severity, and are defined by whether the local impacts are minor, moderate or major.

The community will now be able to access data from this gauge on the Bureau of Meteorology website and see the current height in metres as well as the new severity. This upgrade will also allow residents in the area to receive area specific warnings via the VicEmergency app.

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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		

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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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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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Real Estate	Thursday 5pm
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The Yea and District Memorial Hospital and Rosebank AGM were highly attended. Pictured are Ruth Crockett, Elizabeth Sinclair, Kay Baynes, Judy Griffiths, Joan Baumgartner and Joy Anderson. -BD



Rosebank Auxillary President Kay Baynes presenting flowers of gratitude to YDMH CEO, Elizabeth Sinclair. -BD

YDMH and Rosebank AGM

THE Yea and District Memorial Hospital (YDMH) and Rosebank Auxillary AGM took place on Thursday, September 5, in the Grace Bennetts Centre Meeting Room.

Rosebank Auxillary President, Kay Baynes, opened the meeting and listed the apologies, which included YDMH Board Chair Ian Marshman. The official details were presided over, the minutes were accepted, as well as the treasurer's report. It was decided that the yearly fees would remain the same, and the auditor's report was accepted.

In her president's report, Kay thanked the staff and supporters of YDMH and Rosebank and detailed the work they had been doing over the previous year, including raising money. Kay expressed her gratitude to Meg Heres for providing another beautiful painting to the Auxillary. She also expressed how grateful she was that the hospital amalgamations didn't happen and the important work of the community in leading to that outcome.

CEO of Yea and District Memorial Hospital, Elizabeth Sinclair, took

the floor for the election of office bearers in the Rosebank Auxillary. No changes were made. Kay Baynes will remain president, Joy Anderson holds vice-president, Ruth Crockett stays as secretary, and Judy Griffiths will remain treasurer.

Elizabeth Sinclair was also the guest speaker for the day, detailing all the important work of the Yea hospital. Elizabeth expressed her gratitude to all those who have supported YDMH through the varied growth and challenges of the past year.

Demand on the services of YDMH has increased, and Elizabeth spoke of the strong partnership with Murrindindi Shire Council. Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor Damien Gallagher was also in attendance at the meeting.

Elizabeth spoke of the more Murrindindi focussed healthcare that is now in place, with more services on-site rather than leased. Where services previously were leased from Goulburn Valley Health, now services are based locally and shared between YDMH

and Alexandra District Health (ADH). Yea hospital now has a skin incision clinic, suturing capabilities, drug and alcohol services, and cardiovascular checks.

One of the big topics of the meeting was the potential amalgamations from the state government. Elizabeth, similar to Kay in her president's report, expressed her gratitude for the support from the community. She was particularly proud of the large turnout for the rally against amalgamations.

She also noted that the hospital has had their budget reinstated. The potential was for YDMH to lose around 33 per cent of their budget, but the hospital are able to retain their full budget, with no cuts.

YDMH and the National Centre for Farmer Health (NCFH) have partnered to provide the Yea Saleyards program, which has been a great success so far. Elizabeth reported that they had looked at around 500 people in four months at the saleyards.

Elizabeth also revealed that the hospital will be expanding in the



Artist Meg Heres with her painting that she contributed to Rosebank Auxillary. -BD

future, with YDMH purchasing the property next door to potentially turn it into worker housing or older person housing.

In her concluding remarks, Elizabeth said that YDMH will be working towards a support group for people with Parkinson's Disease, that the hospital is still struggling to access GPs, and that it is wonderful to have a nurse practitioner visit once a fortnight in aged care, to bring a higher level of skill availability to Yea.

The topic of Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED) was also discussed, with Elizabeth noting that it allowed for more care at Yea hospital when they are short on GPs.

The Yea hospital and Rosebank aged care are still looking for volunteers, so anyone interested in helping their community in the form of health should get in contact with them. More information about volunteering can be found at yeahospital.org.au/volunteering

New playground for Yea Caravan Park

Council has announced that the G'Day Parks Yea Riverside Caravan Park is getting a new adventure playground. This upgrade is set to bring new energy and joy to the caravan park, just in time for the busy Melbourne Cup weekend.

Matt Williams, the Leasee of Yea Riverside Caravan Park, said, "The Yea Riverside Caravan Park team are very excited about the adventure playground upgrade. Our guests and their children have asked for some time for a new playground and we have partnered with Murrindindi Shire to deliver it, just in time for the busy Melbourne Cup Weekend.

"This new playground will complement the recent refurbishment of our amenities blocks and the installation of 40 new powered sites."

The Yea Riverside Caravan Park is situated on crown land and council is responsible for the management of the land. Under state government requirements, council is required to invest the funds it receives from the lease rental back into capital improvements in the caravan park.

The cost of the project is \$250,000 and is being funded equally by council and the operator of the caravan park. Council's contribution is from the revenue it receives from the lease of the land to the caravan park operator. There are no ratepayer funds allocated to the project.

The new playground will greatly enhance the facilities at the park following the flood damage, providing a safe and enjoyable space for families and children and making it more attractive for visitors to the area to stay at the caravan park and enjoy what Yea and surrounds have to offer.

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."



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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.

Keays family reunion in Strath Creek

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and Broadford-Flowerdale Road. Frank then employed a builder to erect the new Strath Creek Store which incorporated his family home. By this time Frank and Mary were already the proud parents of four children, Edward, Frank Jnr, Reginald and Mary Stuart (McDonald). Frank Jnr and Mary McDonald continued to live at Strath Creek with their own children for many years after their parents had sold the store.

Frank later bought the property across from the store and ran dairy cows on it. They also had a large poultry yard, which held hens, ducks and geese. Pigs were bred and a lot of cropping was done on the flats. Joyce remembers assisting with the milking of 32 cows before breakfast and school. She also had to assist her father when he killed pigs.

In the ensuing years, Frank and Mary ran the Strath Creek store, post office, dairy, farm, piggery, and in later years the telephone exchange. Frank also applied to the Transport Board for a licence to carry his own and other goods to and from Melbourne, and to carry goods within a radius of 20 miles of Strath Creek. Mr Kelly for the railways opposed the application. Frank responded to the board's questions with, "There are 80 people in Strath Creek. I run the store. I conduct the post office. I am Strath Creek." The licence was granted. Frank was also the local Justice of the Peace and in 1905 instigated the first committee meeting for the hall, stating that Strath Creek needed a public hall. He was appointed secretary and treasurer, and remained in that position for 41 years until his retirement in 1946. He was a fine singer and often took part in local entertainments. He also enjoyed cricket and football.

Mary ran a 'tight ship' within the home and store, was an excellent cook, kept a large vegetable garden and did a lot of needlework and sewing as well as looking after the poultry. All 15 children were allocated their share of the work as soon as they were old enough. She always kept her buggy close by as she was the person called upon if there was an emergency, illness or accident. Children from the local school were sent to Mary at the store if they were sick or had hurt themselves. If there was a death in the district, Mary would be called upon to lay out the body. She also prepared beautiful harvest festivals at the Methodist/Presbyterian Church and played a large part in setting up and running the flower shows which were held in the hall.

Lenore Keays remembers during the War helping Joyce and Mary carry large cane clothes baskets full of crockery and cutlery to the hall in preparation for the supper when dances held there. The evening would be very quiet and then they would hear Army trucks carrying soldiers from Puckapunyal arrive. One particular night some American soldiers staying at Puckapunyal followed the girls home after the dance. They were met by Mary who soon sent them packing.

Rosemary Britton remembers with great pleasure the smells of the shop, a huge wheel of tasty cheese, the herbs and spices kept in little drawers, bacon kept under a clean cloth on the slicer, honey ready to be decanted. Sugars and flours kept in bulk to be weighed up when required, lollies kept in glass jars, biscuits came in large tins as did prunes and other dried fruit. At the back of the shop, kerosene in a drum awaited pumping into the containers brought in by customers. On the left side of the shop, behind a long counter were haberdashery items including bolts of cloth, work clothes, underwear, lace and bindings, cottons, threads and buttons. Work boots, laces and shoe polish, blankets, bed linen, pots, pans, kettles and crockery and all school requisites were stored on the left side. Butter and other perishables were kept in a cellar.

The mailman from Broadford brought the mail, newspapers, magazines and a tea chest full of bread, twice a week in latter years.

Frank and Mary sold the store in 1946 and moved to Acheron and shortly thereafter to Yea. Members of the Keays family remained in Strath Creek until the mid 1980s.

Sadly, in 2015, the store built for Frank and Mary in 1909 burnt down. Although a very sad time for the Keays family, they were thrilled to learn a new store emerged and I am sure that Frank and Mary would be very impressed with the new store which opened in 2023, The General.

Just to keep a little history of Frank and Mary's life at the store, Lenore donated some photos so visitors to the new store will be able to connect with the store's long history.

Thank you to Prue Brown from The General and the Strath Creek Progress Association for making the Keays Family Reunion such a success.

Frank Snr and Mary Roberta's 15 children

Ted (Gippsland);
Reg (Melbourne then Western Australia)
Frank who remained in Strath Creek running the carrying business as did his son Raymond. His daughter Rosemary Britton has just moved into Seymour from Trawool.

Mary McDonald, who followed her father on the hall committee until she moved from Strath Creek to Yea due to the ill health of her husband, George McDonald. Both her daughters married boys from Yea, Heather married Darrell Callander and Lynette married Alan Bain.

Myrtle married Stephen Lade from Strath Creek and continued to live at Strath Creek with her two daughters, Jocelyn and Barbara while Stephen was overseas during WWII. On his return he was allocated a soldier settlement block near Mortlake.

Alfred Keith (Keith) married Mollie Sutter from Strath Creek. Mollie and their children, Dawn, Gwen, Joy and John, lived at Strath Creek during and after WWII. Upon Keith's return from overseas he applied for, and was allocated a soldier settlement block near Sunbury.

- Lorna Jean (Springvale).
- Daphne (Garfield).
- Nancy Agnes (Geelong).
- George (Bulleen)

Ethel May married Noel Moore and settled in Yea where they raised their three children, Wendy (Sundblom), Dianne (Tosh) and Garrie.

Cecil John married Lenore Lake when home on two weeks leave from the Middle East in 1943 (WWII). He was then sent to Borneo after jungle training in Queensland. He returned from Borneo in 1946 and lived at Killingworth, Yea and Flowerdale until allocated a soldier settlement block at Beaufort. Cec and Lenore had three children, Clive, Lenore and Robert, the two eldest attended Yea Primary School and then Flowerdale Primary School prior to moving to Beaufort.

Joyce Wynette (retired to Tewantin, Queensland)
Roberta June (June) married Ben Ford and lived in Broadford before they retired to Queensland.

Edna Stella (Stella) married Arthur Webster from Acheron where her children Bernice, Neil, Martin, Kate and Frances were raised.

Some of the Keays girls worked in the ammunitions factory during the Second World War.

More images from the event will be included in next week's edition.

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 contesting.

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.

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- Sun Alanon Recovery, start 5.30pm. Ph Sheila 0402 428 086

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- 1st Thu Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057
- 2nd Sat Alex Repair Café 1-3pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801
- 2nd Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
- 2nd Thu Yea Garden Club Yea RSL Hall 1.30pm Ph 0439 870 315
- 4th Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
- 4th Thu Yea CWA Yea RSL Hall, 1.30pm Ph 0400 424 888
- Last Fri Yea-Kinglake RSL, 11.30am RSL Hall, Ph 5796 9353



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.

Church Services

ST PETER'S MEMORIAL ANGLICAN CHURCH

Cnr Bald Spur/Whittlesea Kinglake Rds, Sunday Services, 8.30am Communion. Minister: Rev. Ruwan Palapathwala 0458 113 099

ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH OF YEA

Sunday Service time 11am
Prayerful Reflection - held each Tuesday, 10am to 11am - all welcome
Father Mario Hendricks
Ph: 0435 953 777

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

CATHOLIC PARISH OF KINGLAKE

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

SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, YEA

Station Street Yea
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Colin Whiteway
Ph 0457 340 525

UNITING CHURCH

1st and 3rd Sundays 9am, 1050 Main Road, Kinglake West. 9716 2330

Murrindindi Shire's four bin service explained

CHANGES to kerbside bin collection services are on the way for Murrindindi Shire, with a new policy outlining details of the four bin service, including collection frequencies, mandatory and optional services and how waste and recycling charges will be applied.

These changes are required under new rules by the Victorian Government and aim to enhance waste management practices, reduce landfill waste, and minimise greenhouse gas emissions.

Murrindindi Shire Council will join all other Victorian councils in introducing a four-bin kerbside collection service, to commence in July 2025, as per the new Kerbside Collection Services Policy adopted at the August 28 council meeting.

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.

McLeish stands against national parks

A CLOUD remains over the future of Victoria's state forests as the Victorian Government keeps quiet on possible plans to convert forests in the Central Highlands into national parks.

Liberal MP Cindy McLeish knows the devil is in the detail when it comes to the state government and says the premier needs to be upfront with future plans.

Speaking in parliament, Ms 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.

"The city centric Labor Government, being pushed along by the Greens, are out of touch with regional Victorians. They underestimate the popularity of horse riding, hunting, four-wheel driving, dirt biking, fishing, prospecting or simply walking the dog in the bush."

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

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 says 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/

The petition closes February 8, 2025.

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 vevh.vic.gov.au, with regular watering updates posted on the Goulburn Broken CMA website gbcma.vic.gov.au

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



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



Yea Rotarian David Anderson emceed the event. -MP



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



Rocks were donated from Alexandra Garden Centre for people to write names of people who are no longer with us. People could either take the rocks home or throw them over the bridge. -MP



There were plenty of items to choose from at the merchandise table. -MP



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



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



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



There were plenty of dogs at the event, both soft toys and the real thing. -MP



A smoking ceremony took place before the walk started. -MP



Walkers on the bridge, raising awareness about suicide. -S



Musician David Dean-Draper. -MP



People registering for the event. -MP



Event organiser Jacky Gilbee during the speeches. -MP

A man with a beard is sitting in the driver's seat of a car at night. He is holding a yellow breathalyzer device to his mouth and blowing into it. The device has a red screen and the number '99' and 'SYDNEY' on it. The car's interior is dimly lit, and the background is dark with some blurred lights.

Stop kidding yourself. If you drink, don't drive.

Thinking about driving after a couple of drinks? Think again.
If you blow .05 or over, you could face serious penalties,
including fines, losing your licence, getting an interlock installed
in your car and having to blow zero for three years.





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.

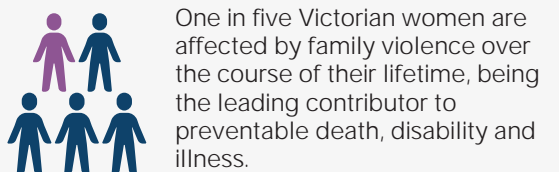
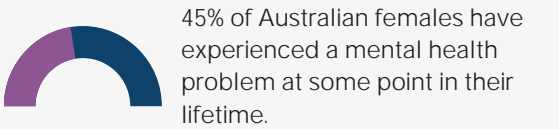
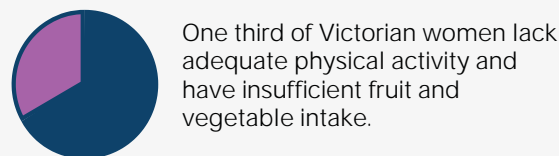
Immunisation is the best way to reduce the risk of pertussis. The free pertussis-containing vaccine is available for the following people under the National Immunisation Program. It is recommended that pregnant women get vaccinated during each pregnancy. Vaccination during pregnancy reduces the risk 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.

Here for You

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY UPDATE - GOULBURN VALLEY PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT



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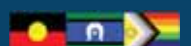


Here's what you need and when:

- 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.

DON'T PUT IT OFF! PUT YOUR HEALTH & WELLBEING FIRST!

WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK





ON THE LAND

Agriculture, Horticulture, Viticulture, Aquaculture and Silviculture

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



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



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

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 13, Yea Saleyards

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DECEMBER 6, Yea Saleyards

Store Sale

DECEMBER 13, Yea Saleyards

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SEPTEMBER PHOTO COMPETITION

Submit your photo competition entry for September, for your chance to win a \$50 voucher from *Dindi Country Clothing* in Alexandra. The September theme is *'Spring foliage'*.

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-  Garden sculptures
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-  Plant Creche
-  Speakers Program
-  And much more.....

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 Pay at the gate or book online via www.trybooking.com:
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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

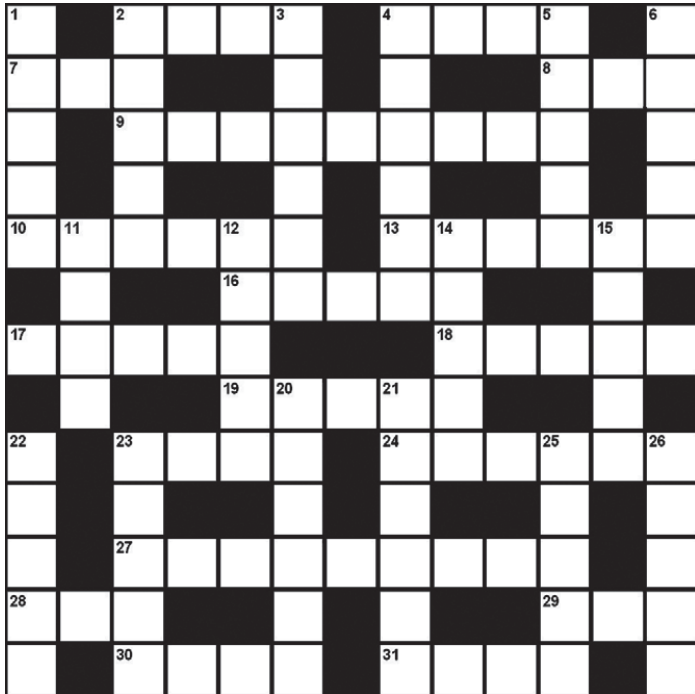
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- Either point of a crescent moon.
- Begin impetuously.
- Even the smallest amount.
- A coniferous tree.
- A bell tower.
- A light red colour.
- Small reptile.
- Place of safety.
- Vivid and showy.
- A reception room.
- Molten rock in the earth's crust.
- A dealer in textiles.
- A small hole for a lace.
- Tunnels of tombs.
- Make lace.
- Ill temper.
- Leave out.
- 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. | 18. Completely such. | 26. Weedy annual grasses. |
| 6. Thick woolen fabric. | | |

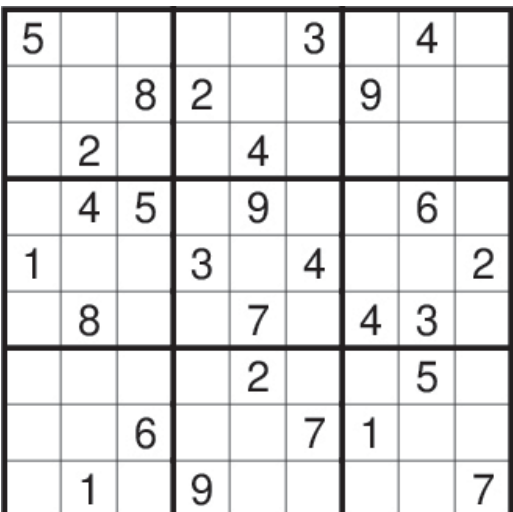
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Fill in the boxes using the numbers 1 to 9. Every row and column and every group of 9 boxes inside the thicker lines must contain each number and letter only once.

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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.



The echidna and Mallee fowl chick in *Someone in the Dark*. -AR

Students treated to puppet show

YEA Arts Inc (YAI) send delegates each year to Showcase Victoria, a state government-run event in collaboration with Regional Arts Victoria to promote various performances that are touring Victoria. The delegates watch excerpts from up to 60 acts and select which ones they'd like to attract to their local area.

YAI delegates in 2023 chose Black Hole Theatre's show *Someone in the Dark* as a theatrical work they would love to bring to Yea. The show is from Nattimuk in the Mallee, where there is a burgeoning creative community in conjunction with their Fringe festival.

Eighteen months after seeing their excerpt and with grants obtained by YAI and contributions from the two primary schools in Yea, the show came to the Yea Butter Factory on Thursday, September 5. The company spent a full day erecting an incredible Mallee fowl's nest-inspired dome, designed by Dave Jones, inside the historic building. The performance was within the dome from the perspective of a Mallee fowl chick and covered themes such as feeling scared, overcoming fear of new experiences, strategies of what to do if we're feeling unsure and similar material. The performers used puppetry, music, movement, sound and lighting, coding and robotics. It was truly immersive.

All of the Sacred Heart and Yea Primary School Foundation to Year Four children

who attended seemed to be engaged with the experience and had a most enjoyable day. They all walked to the venue and it made such a novel local excursion for them.

Someone in the Dark was written by Indigenous Dimboola filmmaker, Tracey Rigney, in collaboration with Nancy Black from Black Hole Theatre.

Nancy explained that the show was developed with Nattimuk and Horsham artists. The touring has been a lot of fun for the artists as well as the audiences, with Nancy saying, "The interaction is so rewarding."

The artists researched how to make the dome, and the best materials to use. They also researched how to develop the 360 degree animations without millions of dollars. Fortunately, they were able to find affordable solutions, and found people to build the dome in Nattimuk.

After the main performance, the puppeteers talked to the students about Mallee fowl and the Wimmera, as well as showing them how to use the software on the ipad and the animation.

Someone in the Dark is available for touring. If people would like to know more, visit blackholetheatre.com.au

Thanks to Yea Arts Inc for all of the preparation they put in to bringing this play to Yea for local students to be inspired by.

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.

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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

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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:

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- 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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Skills Summary



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.

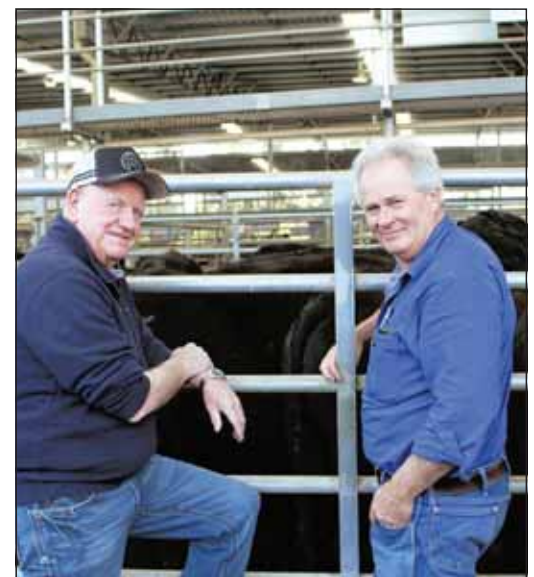
Yea and District Memorial Hospital, in partnership with the Murrindindi Shire Council and the Yea Saleyards Committee of Management, provided free mental health education and suicide awareness on the day. Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Group were also present on the day, promoting suicide awareness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

The agents and auctioneers presented the cattle in a quick but knowledgeable fashion. -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
Top weight		597.7kg	507.5kg
Turnover	\$4.11 million		



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



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



Nearly all of the pens were full at the Yea Saleyards last Friday. -BD



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



Some of the cattle up for sale last Friday. -BD

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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.

YEA FLOOD GAUGE

As of 16 September, the river height gauge at Yea Goulburn Valley Water Pump Station will have flood class levels. The flood class levels will provide the community with a better understanding of flood severity, and are defined by whether the local impacts are minor, moderate or major.

What does this mean? The community will now be able to access data from this gauge on the Bureau of Meteorology website and see the current height in metres as well as the new severity. This upgrade will also allow residents in the area to receive area specific warnings via the VicEmergency app.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY GROUPS

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

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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**.

OUR KERBSIDE SERVICES ARE CHANGING

Changes to kerbside bin collection services are on the way for Murrindindi Shire, with a new Policy outlining details of the four-bin service, including collection frequencies, mandatory and optional services and how waste and recycling charges will be applied.

These changes are required under new rules by the Victorian Government and aim to enhance waste management practices, reduce landfill waste, and minimise greenhouse gas emissions.

Murrindindi Shire Council will join all other Victorian councils in introducing a four-bin kerbside collection service, to commence in July 2025, as per the new Kerbside Collection Services Policy adopted at the 28 August Council Meeting.

To read more, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/kerbsidepolicy



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.

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Lots of competitions for Yea golfers



Sharon, winner of the monthly medal, with nearest the pin Jo. -S

by Alan Pell

Par three events

TWENTY-two members played on the par three course which took its source from Kyabram's Parkland Golf Club. With a par 54, stroke index 55 and a slope rating of 92 men and 98 for ladies, everyone's handicap came down a little for the day.

Winner of the ladies event was Cindy Armstrong (30) with an impressive 41 points. Second was Vicki Clements (22) with 39, Sharon Grogan (20) third with 36. Miranda Gill fresh from holidays up north took out the nearest the pin on the second.

Winner of the Men's event was Martin Lowe (16) with 36 points on countback from Steve Rumney (22) second. Graeme Bryant (23) took out third with 35 points. Mic Spagnolo was nearest the pin on the second and Brian Priestley won the club award on countback from Gary Pollard, both on 28 points.

The Yea Golf Club AGM is on next Tuesday, September 10 at 7pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

Monthly medal

LAST Saturday saw 20 men contest the monthly medal stroke and putting. The winner of the medal was young Tom White (17) with 68 on countback from his mentor Rick Wills (9). Michael Sheather (26) was third with nett 70, also countback from fourth another youngster in Oakley Ness (26). Brian Simmons was nearest the pin on the second and John Renehan took out the club award. Putting went to Rick Wills with 26 putts.

In the Ladies event Sharon Grogan (29) with a nett 69 was a clear winner with Cindy Armstrong (36) nett 74 second. Jo Clayton was nearest the pin on the second.



Winner of the monthly medal Tom White. -S

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.

Last round of winter tennis competition

by Rhonda Carpenter

FEROCIOUS winds forced the cancellation of matches for the final round of winter competition last Monday. The match in Euroa got underway but had to be abandoned midway when rain hit.

The executive determined that split points would be awarded to all teams barring Terip who had the bye. There were no implications for the final four.

The final ladder had Terip on 120 points, Benalla 112, Euroa 106, Mansfield 97, Wappan 83, Seven Creeks 79, Creighton's Creek 70, Moglonemby 43 and Delatite 10.

For the semifinals in Mansfield, Terip will play Mansfield and Benalla will meet Euroa for a spot in the grand final in Euroa. Spectators are welcome to watch from 10.30am.

New round of Sporting Club Grants Program

THE Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence has announced that applications are open for the *Sporting Club Grants Program*, with grants of up to \$5000 for clubs to improve the skills and knowledge of volunteers, coaches and officials, helping clubs across the state to empower and enhance the experience of volunteers.

Grants of up to \$4000 are also up for grabs to help clubs delivering a new sport or active recreation program.

Clubs can also apply for grants of up to \$1000 to purchase uniforms and equipment, and \$750 travel grants are available to help clubs participate in competitions away from home.

The *Sporting Club Grants Program* has injected more than \$17 million into thousands of community sport and recreation clubs across the state since 2015.

The program is backed by the *Regional Community Sport Development Fund* that is delivering infrastructure upgrades and other programs including the *Regional Community Sport Infrastructure Fund* to help more regional Victorians get active and be part of their local sporting club.

Applications close October 7. For more information and to apply for *Sporting Club Grants Program* visit sport.vic.gov.au.