

# The Yea Chronicle

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Members of the Yea Garden Club preparing plants for a Bonanza Plant Sale at the Yea Garden Expo. -S

## Emergency Services Community Engagement Day coming up in Yea

The Emergency Services Community Engagement Day is set to be held in conjunction with the Yea Railway Market on Saturday, October 5.

Paul Stanley, Yea Group Officer and Captain of the Limestone CFA Brigade, said it started with the CFA and the police and the Yea Community House. They discussed how Yarck usually does a community engagement day, however the Yarck day is different to the one being planned for Yea.

They approached all of the emergency services, including Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, the State Emergency Service, the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, Emergency Management Victoria, the Bureau of Meteorology and Forest Fire Management.

“So every man and his dog is going to be there,” Paul said.

The event is being held on market day in Yea, but instead of having around 40 stalls,

they’re aiming for around 60 stalls for the October market.

The community engagement day will start at 8 or 9am and run until 4pm. There will be talks at the event on fire preparedness, as well as talks from Ambulance Victoria and others. UGFM will also be broadcasting the event from their mobile station.

They are hoping that the community engagement day draws people from across the shire, not just people from Yea.

Paul explained that the event is for everybody. “We’re once again thinking that it’s going to be a bad fire season. I know we say it every year, but 2009 will come around again. A couple of Mondays ago there was 120 fires burning in NSW, with 10 out of control.

He added, “We always plan for the plan for the worst hope for the best. People need to be prepared. Yea’s been impacted by various weather associated events as well in recent years.”

Paul said, “Each service will have a display and everyone will be talking about what their service does and how they can help people during especially catastrophic days.”

He wants people to know what to do if a catastrophic fire day comes along.

There will also be some lighter entertainment at the event, including face painting for the children and a singer performing at the event. The children will also be able to take a look around the various trucks on display, potentially with sirens and flashing lights.

This will be the first time that an event like this has been held in Yea.

If the event is successful, they’ll look to run the event biannually, in the years when the Yarck event isn’t held.

Members of the organising committee for the Combined Emergency Services Community Day were on site at the Yea Market last Saturday morning to check out the

facilities. Their event will coincide with the Yea Market on Saturday, October 5. Of most interest to them was finding suitable space to park the vast array of emergency vehicles which will be on site on the day.

Remember to keep the date free and meet in Yea for this all day spectacular. It will be a family friendly day with lots of free activities and entertainment for everyone with kids especially well catered for. Market stalls will be available until 4pm.

There will be an informative side to the day with talks throughout the morning and afternoon in the Good Shed Gallery from experts on many areas of planning for and maintaining personal safety in the event of a natural disaster.

The committee is hoping for a great turnout so that residents and community members can update their natural disaster preparedness plans, or get help to prepare a plan for their personal circumstances.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Farewell

TO all the wonderful people of Highlands, Yea and the surrounding districts that we've had the joy of knowing, working with or just enjoying your friendship over the last almost 38 years, thank you.

If we have not managed to catch up with you personally in the last two weeks and thank you for your friendship over the years, our apologies, it's been a whirlwind of activity.

To quote John Lennon, "Life happens while you're busy making other plans," and that just about sums up the last couple of months.

We have recently realised that with the exception of only three months, our entire lifetime of togetherness has been in this beautiful and precious part of the world.

We will certainly miss living here, but will take away many happy memories of our time spent among caring and welcoming communities.

Thank you for enhancing our lives and best wishes for the future.

*Pauline and Peter Roberts, Highlands via Homewood*

### Flooding at Yea Springs Estate

SINCE moving into our property, which sits between Jordan Way and Boundary Creek Boulevard in the Yea Springs Estate, in 2023, we have experienced three flooding events in the first five months and a major flood event in early 2024 with flooding water around our houses. Two of those flooding events have seen the Boundary Creek rise up and above the road level of Boundary Creek Boulevard and locking the residents into the estate, so we are not quite sure what the 'Flood Protection Measures' that council say they have actually put in place are.

In all of the four flooding events the residents between Jordan Way and Boundary Creek

Boulevard have experienced, the 'threat' to our properties and dwellings 'was not' the raging water rising from the Boundary Creek, but the overland water flow that attacked our properties coming from the rear, flooding our properties and around our houses. This flooding water comes from the catchment areas above Lawrances Road and is directed via a drainage pipe onto the farm land behind the high school and in turn flows down to the residents between Jordan Way and Boundary Creek Boulevard.

Council has stated that, "As the Yea Springs development is incomplete and blocks have been developed out of sequence, the current drainage system is incomplete and is not addressing issues with overland flow."

Our question is, "Why haven't they addressed the issue?"

As prospective property purchasers in 2023 we were not made aware of the overland water flow problem coming from Lawrances Road and which had not been addressed by council and would pose a flooding problem to our property and around our dwellings every time it rains, and why would they?

But council knowing this as a potential problem still allowed the estate to proceed and allowed the land to be sold, leaving the unsuspecting property owners to deal with the overland water flooding problem.

So, why was this overlooked at planning, engineering, and development stages of the estate?

It's okay to say this estate was developed out of sequence and the drainage system is incomplete, but certain criteria must be met for the safety of the residents and their dwellings.

The issue of the overland water flow coming from Lawrances Road and flooding our properties was not dealt with at that time, and

still has not been dealt with. We also wonder what is going to happen when they start to fill in the two dams that sit in the farm land above us. Will measures be put in place to protect the residents from the water that potentially will flow down hill in our direction?

Hopefully something will be done, and before the next stage of development starts at our end of the estate, because development of the next stage could be some years down the track and we all know that these rainfall events are most likely to happen again, and we will be left to deal with the flooding issue and the clean ups until its resolved. Every time we have heavy rainfall we are on edge, waiting and wondering, is this going to be the next one?

Some time ago a property owner dug a small drain to direct the water flow to the north of estate which did help for the minor rainfall events, but it isn't enough.

Council must do something to help us, to wait until the next stage of the development is out of the question.

So we are asking again as we have done many times already, can council give us something a little more substantial than what we have at the moment, even if it's temporary, until the next stage of the development starts, maybe a raised embankment along the fence line through to the north of the estate to stop the flooding water entering into our properties and around our houses, or to redirect the water from Lawrances Road into the Boundary Creek around our end of the estate, somehow, rather than allowing it to flow through our properties here between Jordan Way and Boundary Creek Boulevard.

We all need to feel safe in our homes.

*Adrian Vis, Yea*

## RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	1.00pm Mon	1.69	rising	below minor
Rubicon River at Rubicon	1.00pm Mon	0.58	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	11.54am Mon	0.73	steady	below minor
Home Creek at Yarck	12.31pm Mon	0.19	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	10.28am Mon	0.59	steady	below minor
Yea River at Yea GV Water PS	1.03pm Mon	0.90	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	1.00pm Mon	3.66	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	1.00pm Mon	0.58	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Trawool	1.00pm Mon	1.27	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	1.00pm Mon	0.35	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Seymour	1.00pm Mon	1.56	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	12.12pm Mon	1.22	steady	

\*\*ISSUED AT 1.15PM ON MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2024



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## Weekly Weather

September 18 - September 24, 2024

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

### Alexandra

### Yea

DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	8	18	Wednesday	8	19
Thursday	6	14	Thursday	6	15
Friday	7	13	Friday	7	14
Saturday	8	14	Saturday	8	15
Sunday	6	15	Sunday	6	16
Monday	8	17	Monday	8	18
Tuesday	10	19	Tuesday	10	20



## DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra	6mm
Buxton	7mm
Eildon (AWS)	3mm
Flowerdale	11mm
Jamieson	7mm
Kinglake	40mm
Lake Eildon	5mm
Mansfield	16mm
Taggerty	5mm
Yarck	2mm
Yea	6mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

## LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	286.20m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	89.4%
Metres below full supply	2.70m
Daily inflow	3000ML
Release	3200ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	68.10%

## The Yea Chronicle

### DEADLINES

Real Estate	Thursday 5pm
Trades & Services	Thursday noon
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Sports Editorial	Monday 10am
Letters to the Editor	Monday 9am
Thumbs up/down	Monday 10am

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# Murrindindi Harvest Celebration to bring together local agribusiness

MURRINDINDI Food and Wine Inc is thrilled to announce the inaugural Murrindindi Harvest Celebration, set to take place on November 16 from 11am to 4pm at Yea Railway Park.

This exciting new event aims to raise awareness and encourage the consumption of locally produced food and beverages, while also fostering sustainable practices within the community.

The Murrindindi Harvest Celebration will be a vibrant one-day showcase of the region's finest produce, featuring food stalls, cooking demonstrations, workshops, and numerous opportunities to 'Meet the Maker'. Attendees

will have the chance to engage directly with agribusiness owners, be inspired by panel discussions, and enjoy demonstrations by local celebrity chefs.

Attendees on the day can meet the maker from a wide range of local produce and agribusinesses, including trout, truffles, eggs, honey, olive oil and microgreens.

Watch celebrity chefs Byron Moore (Marmalades, Yea), Megan Knapp (The Kitchen Door, Mansfield), and Ross O'Meara (Wild Meat and Gourmet Farmer, Mansfield) showcase their culinary skills using local produce, complete with takeaway recipes.

There will be Mini Hot Seats (panels), workshops and opportunities to listen to discussions on topics such as sustainability, food waste, and regenerative farming. Learn from leading agribusinesses and producers who are innovating in this space.

Visit the market stall area to meet the producers, their suppliers, and local community groups. Don't forget to bring your basket and reusable shopping bag so that you can stock up on all the local goodies.

The festival offers a unique platform for attendees to connect with a diverse range of producers, suppliers, and local initiatives.

It is an ideal setting for networking, business skill development, and community participation. Key topics will include solar energy, agribusiness waste, eco-friendly packaging, and resilience in the face of climate challenges.

Rob Mitchell, President of Murrindindi Food and Wine Inc, shared his excitement, saying "Our region has longed for a showcase that brings together all our producers in one space. We are grateful for our local community-run markets that support our producers throughout the year. This celebration will provide a unique opportunity for networking and learning from each other's successes in all aspects of agribusiness. We are looking forward to a day of celebration and community in Yea."

The Murrindindi Harvest Celebration aims to increase awareness and consumption of locally produced food and beverages, promote sustainable practices such as waste reduction and eco-friendly packaging, foster local business collaboration, skill development, and resource sharing, and encourage minimal or zero waste at the event.

The Murrindindi Winemakers suggested hosting an event in Yea, and the concept quickly gained support and funding. The Murrindindi Harvest Celebration is a culmination of these efforts, aiming to bring together producers, the local community, and visitors for a day of celebration.

The event is on Saturday, November 16 at Yea Railway Park. It will be a day of local food, fun, and festivities as we celebrate all that is Murrindindi.

Want to be part of the celebration? Businesses and community groups can find out more and book a space via the website [murrindindiharvestcelebration.com.au](http://murrindindiharvestcelebration.com.au)

The Murrindindi Harvest Celebration is proudly supported by the *Vic Grown - Regional Activation Grants Program* (RAGP), the Murrindindi Shire Council and funding from the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments under the *Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements* (DRFA).

## Youth Parliament applications now open

THE Victorian Government is encouraging young Victorians to have their say on issues that matter to them at next year's YMCA Victoria Youth Parliament.

Minister for Youth, Natalie Suleyman, recently opened applications for the 2025 YMCA Victoria Youth Parliament and called for young people across the state to apply.

"We're proud to support this program that gives young people an opportunity to experience how government works and be heard on issues that matter to them," Ms Suleyman said.

"I encourage young people across Victoria to apply, get involved and use their voices to influence change.

"Our support for the Youth Parliament is one of the ways we're backing young people

in Victoria to lead, grow and reach their full potential."

The state government is investing more than \$165,000 to support the program, which will give 120 young Victorians aged from 16 to 25 the opportunity to experience the parliamentary process first-hand.

Participants will draft, debate and vote on bills in a three-day intensive sitting held in chambers of the Victorian Parliament in July next year. Bills that pass Youth Parliament are presented to government for consideration.

Youth Parliament has helped shape more than 30 Victorian laws, including a new recycling scheme, mandatory wearing of bike helmets, banning the sale of soft drinks in government schools and neutral school uniforms.

The program also includes the YMCA Victoria Youth Press Gallery, which provides young people interested in journalism with an opportunity to develop political journalism, photography, videography and social media skills.

The Youth Press Gallery is responsible for developing and publishing content for a range of media outlets, including SBS and the ABC, managing social media, and shooting and editing footage of debates.

The YMCA Victoria Youth Parliament has been empowering young people to have their voices heard since 1987.

Applications are open until October 13. For more information or to apply, visit [vicyouth.ymca.org.au/learning-and-leadership](http://vicyouth.ymca.org.au/learning-and-leadership)

## Inquiry into transmission system expansion

THE State Parliament's Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee is conducting an inquiry proposed by the Liberals and Nationals into the expansion of Victoria's high voltage power transmission system.

The inquiry will examine the expansion as proposed by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO), VicGrid and the Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) as well as the expansion of Victorian transmission connections associated with the Victorian Government's proposed 'renewable energy zones.' It will report by December 19, 2025.

While expanding Victoria's low emissions electricity generation capacity is welcome, proposed new low emissions electricity generation infrastructure must be balanced against its effect on impacted farmers and regional communities and not be driven solely by the interests of electricity consumers, most of whom live in Melbourne far from new overhead high voltage transmission lines and industrial scale solar and wind electricity generation infrastructure.

Low emissions energy generation and distribution is not cost free and not every Victorian will benefit from its expansion, which is why the committee's terms of reference importantly includes looking at ways to improve the planning rules and processes for proposed new low emissions energy generation and distribution infrastructure, including requirements for the following issues; proponents to consult with affected communities; proponents to be accountable for actioning and responding to feedback received from communities; adoption of best practice planning principles, including increasing resilience and reduction of risk to the community; whether the proposed compensation schemes are adequate; and initial project approval evaluations which capture and assess the full environmental, economic, social, risk reduction and health impact.

## Grants for Regional Victoria creative events

THE Minister for Creative Industries Colin Brooks announced recently that applications are now open for the *Small Regional Presenters* program, with grants of up to \$15,000 to help volunteers and local councils secure and present shows in 2025.

Last year's program supported a range of creative events across the state, locally this included Yea Arts as they presented musical comedy, theatre and kids puppetry for the town and visitors to enjoy.

The Small Regional Presenters program is delivered on behalf of the Victorian Government by Regional Arts Victoria, the state's peak body for creatives and creative organisations in the regions.

Applications are now open and close Wednesday, October 23. For more information including eligibility details or how to apply visit [rav.net.au](http://rav.net.au)



Yea and District Memorial Hospital (YDMH) recently acquired a property that abuts two pieces of land which it already owns. Planning for the future health care needs of the community is a key priority for the YDMH board, and it is hoped that this land will ultimately provide housing for our aging population. The population in the Yea and surrounding communities is progressively ageing with people over the age of 70 years projected to increase by 44 per cent by 2036. Pictured is Tara Heard, Director of Operations at YDMH, at 37 Station Street, Yea, the property purchased by YDMH. -S



**THUMBS DOWN:** To the two horse riders on the rail trail last week for not having their two large dogs on leash and under control. It can be very intimidating for other walkers when these large brutes are unsupervised. It's bad enough dodging the horse poo on the trail, show some respect to other walkers.

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### MONTHLY

1<sup>st</sup> Mon St Luke's Seniors, St Lukes Hall, Ph Jenny 0407 972 099  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thu Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Alex Repair Café 1-3pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu Yea Garden Club Yea RSL Hall 1.30pm Ph 0439 870 315  
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 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.



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### 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.

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### 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.

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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](mailto:alexandraraceclub@gmail.com) or phone the secretary 0467 413 767 for further information.

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## Victorian Redress For Historical Institutional Abuse

THE Victorian Government is establishing a redress scheme for Victorians who experienced abuse and neglect as children in institutional care.

Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn announced further details about redress for Victorians who experienced physical, psychological or emotional abuse or neglect in orphanages, children's homes and missions before 1990.

The scheme was developed in consultation with those with lived and living experience and their support agencies.

Before 1990, more than 90,000 children were placed in institutional care in Victoria. Many children experienced harm, and carry that trauma and grief with them as adults, at times leading to poverty and homelessness.

Redress for Historical Institutional Abuse will include payments of \$20,000, access to up to 20 counselling sessions, and a personal restorative engagement process. This will involve an acknowledgment or apology with responsible institutions.

The scheme will build on support available through the National Redress Scheme set up after the Royal Commission

into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Victorian Redress for Historical Institutional Abuse acknowledges the trauma of abuse and neglect. The *Victorian Budget 2024/25* allocated \$165 million for redress after the formal apology in Parliament in February by the Premier.

Applications are expected to open in December 2024 and the government will work to ensure payments are processed as soon as possible.

Since November, the government has provided \$10,000 advance redress payments to more than 175 people who are terminally or critically ill.

Applications for advance redress payments are still available for eligible Victorians at [services.dffh.vic.gov.au/advance-redress-payments](http://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/advance-redress-payments)

More information about redress for historical institutional abuse can be found at [dffh.vic.gov.au](http://dffh.vic.gov.au)

People who need support can contact Open Place (Relationships Australia Victoria) or Care Leavers Australasia Network. Crisis help is also available through Lifeline on 13 11 14.

## Australian Government bans genetic discrimination in life insurance

A REPORT led by Monash University's Dr Jane Tiller and Professor Paul Lacaze has led the Australia Government to announce that it will legislate to completely ban the use of genetic test results in life insurance underwriting.

Consistent with the recommendations, the government has announced that the Australian ban will not be subject to any financial limits, caps or exceptions, and will be reviewed after five years.

Dr Tiller, who was lead author of the Monash report, said a ban without exceptions was vital to provide consumers with certainty about the protection of their genetic information into the future.

"Our research has shown that the fear of insurance discrimination deters people from having genetic testing that could save their lives, or from participating in important genetic research. The announcement marks a decisive step by the government to ensure Australians can make genetic testing decisions based on health needs, not financial implications," Dr Tiller said.

Dr Tiller, a Monash University Ethical, Legal and Social Adviser in Public Health Genomics commended Assistant Treasurer Stephen Jones' commitment to consumer first policy.

"Minister Jones understood the importance of this issue immediately, and we applaud his engagement and dedication to consumer protection," said Dr Tiller. "Drafting of this legislation must now be prioritised to ensure the crucial protection is implemented urgently."

Professor Lacaze, who is Head of Public Health Genomics at Monash University, welcomed the policy shift and the impetus it created for preventive genomics.

"This decision paves the way for increased access to genetic testing and DNA screening for disease prevention, said Professor Lacaze. "The Government can now invest in more testing to enable access to preventive genetic information for all Australians, without fear of genetic discrimination."

Health insurance in Australia is community rated, meaning health insurers already cannot legally use genetic results or any other risk factors to deny coverage or change the cost of premiums.

Life insurance companies, however, can legally use applicants' genetic test results to deny them cover or increase the cost of premiums in Australia, even if they do not have any symptoms of disease.

The government's announced reforms will prohibit life insurers from asking for or using applicants' genetic results to discriminate, and bring Australia into line with other countries such as Canada, which introduced a complete legislative ban in 2017.

It will, however, allow applicants to choose to disclose favourable results that show they do not carry a genetic variant that is known to exist in their family.

Dr Tiller emphasised the importance of bipartisan support, both leading up to this announcement and in the next phase of delivery.

## Tree planting grants available

GRANT applications are open in September for Landcare and other environmental community groups and organisations to apply for funding to help plant 75,000 native trees and shrubs in urban and peri-urban areas across Australia. Landcare Australia is inviting applications for grants ranging from \$5000 to a maximum of \$25,000 (ex-GST) to support this initiative.

The Bupa Landcare Grants Program is open to a wide range of community groups and organisations to plant trees and shrubs that are endemic to the local area, including landcare groups and networks, environmental groups such as 'Friends-of', Coastcare, WildCare, Dunecare, Bushcare, and Intrepid Landcare, local governments, NRM organisations and non-profits operating nationally, Traditional Owners and First Nations organisations, as well as state and territory Landcare organisations.

The Bupa Landcare Grants program aims to enhance both environmental and health outcomes by improving the connectivity of native vegetation and creating new green spaces in urban areas.

Landcare Australia CEO, Dr Shane Norrish commented on how the partnership and this new grant program marks a significant moment for the organisation and the landcare community.

"This is Landcare Australia's first health partnership of its scale with a national impact, and we're excited to collaborate with Bupa on a program that truly values the connection between human health and environmental restoration. This funding will not only encourage people to get outdoors and engage with their local environment for their own wellbeing but also contribute significantly to the health of their local environment by improving biodiversity, native habitat and landscape restoration," he said.

For more information about the Landcare Project Funding go to [landcareaustralia.org.au/bupa-healthy-cities-landcare-projects/](http://landcareaustralia.org.au/bupa-healthy-cities-landcare-projects/)

## Neighbourhood Policing Forum for Benalla, Mansfield and Murrindindi LGA's

VICTORIA Police invites members of the community, to attend the Benalla Neighbourhood Policing Forum on Thursday, October 10.

The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum welcomes local businesses and community members to talk with local police members about what is important to your community.

The forum will explore a range of topics including: Current crime trends and crime prevention, family violence, young people, road policing and drugs, and drug related crime.

The forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event. To attend this event, you must register online and present your ticket on arrival.

Arrival is from 12.15pm with the event commencing at 12.30pm and finishes at 3.30pm at the Mansfield Golf Club.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact [BENALLA-DISTRICT-OFFICE-OIC@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:BENALLA-DISTRICT-OFFICE-OIC@police.vic.gov.au)

Refreshments and food will be offered, if there are any dietary requirements, please email [BENALLA-DISTRICT-OFFICE-OIC@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:BENALLA-DISTRICT-OFFICE-OIC@police.vic.gov.au)

"Support for this legislative reform has come from across the political spectrum, including advocacy from independents and members of the opposition," she said. "Ongoing bipartisan support will be essential to ensure its rapid passage, so that community benefit is delivered in a timely manner."



Dick Dashwood. -AR

## Dick Dashwood keeping busy at 94

A WELL-known face in Yea, Dick Dashwood is 94 years old, and he's certainly packed a lot into his busy life. At the time we spoke, he was about to have a carpal tunnel operation and other medical checks, but all in all, he's in good order.

Dick's son Rob came to Yea at around Christmas in 1983, having been moved to the State Bank in Yea as the accountant. Dick and his wife Pam decided to make the move to Yea about six months later.

Rob explained, "Probably about six months later, I was looking at land out at Junction Hill that was in a couple of titles, but they wanted to sell everything. It was 300 acres in three titles, and I couldn't afford all of it, so I talked to Mum and Dad about it and they said, well, we'll buy the other two blocks of land and I bought one. So that's how we came here. Of course, I moved on in the bank and Mum and Dad have stayed here since then, so that ever since."

At the time, Dick had sold in Mitcham and they decided to build at Junction Hill, and he's stayed in the area ever since.

Dick said, "I used to odd job around the town. When I was with them, I was doing country houses. That kept me working. It was good money and I used to get them done quick and come home for three or four days and go and do another one." The work was carpentry and building.

Dick and Pam bought a property in the Yea township in 1990, initially as a rental property. After two good sets of tenants, he unfortunately encountered a bad one. After extensive repairs and renovations, Dick and Pam decided to move into the house instead.

Dick worked for a time at Dalgetys doing a big renovation for them. This bought in a lot of work as people were able to see the quality of what he was doing.

Dick and Pam have two children, Margaret and Rob. Margaret lives in Lilydale. He has six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. The youngest great grandchild is around 10 and the oldest is about 26.

Dick's wife Pam was a dressmaker and cakemaker for weddings, both in Melbourne and when they moved to Yea. She also used to be the fore-lady in a large factory in Melbourne.

When Dick first joined Rotary, women weren't permitted, but as times changed, Pam became more involved in Rotary as well.

Dick is still a keen Rotary member and is often taken there by Gary Fitzgerald. Gary and David Evans used to be in a band, and Dick and Pam would often go dancing. David was the president of Rotary in the late 1980s or early 1990s and invited Dick to join.

Rob explained that Dick and Pam's real passion was dancing. "They were magic together," he said. They used to go around the district to all of the dances... One of my earliest memories is my Mum and Dad dancing and them holding me in their arms."

They also used to train all of the debs for the Debutante Ball.

Dick and Pam also became involved with the Yea Bowls Club, with Dick winning two pennants, one at "the turn of the century" and the other won the premiership this year. He also coached with the club.

## Council motions carried at MAV State Council Meeting

MURRINDINDI Shire Council advocated on behalf of its community and the Hume Region Local Government Network (HRLGN) at the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting at Melbourne Town Hall on August 23, gaining overwhelming support and recognition on several important issues and challenges facing rural and regional councils.

The MAV is a membership association and the legislated peak body for local government in Victoria. The State Council is the governing body and is made up of delegates from each member council, including delegates from Murrindindi Shire Council and Mansfield Shire Council.

Murrindindi Shire Council submitted three motions to the MAV prior to the meeting, with two submitted on behalf of the HRLGN, which is made up of 12 member councils including Alpine, Benalla, Indigo, Mansfield, Mitchell, Moira, Murrindindi, Shepparton, Strathbogies, Towong, Wangaratta and Wodonga.

The motions called for recognition of significant challenges faced by rural and regional councils across the state. The three motions were; Enhancing Road Safety, Renewal, and Disaster Recovery for Victoria's Regional and Rural Roads; Review of Victorian Grants Commission Funds Allocation Methodology; and Retaining the Country Character of Rural and Regional Townships.

On behalf of HRLGN, Council advocated for enhanced road funding at both state and federal levels. The motion requested a 10 per cent increase in Federal Financial Assistance Grants for roads, improved state funding for Regional Roads Victoria, streamlined disaster recovery funding with provisions for infrastructure enhancement, better road maintenance standards, and increased funding for road safety and performance accountability. It also requested

acknowledgment and support of the federal government's increase in Roads to Recovery funding for the next five years.

Council also requested the MAV seek the Minister for Planning's commitment to preserving the character of rural and regional townships through tailored Planning Scheme controls. This commitment would provide planning controls that recognise local constraints and fit the size, character, and location of our rural townships, avoiding local policy being over-ridden by policy and regulations more appropriate to metropolitan Melbourne.

Additionally, council requested the MAV call on the Victorian Grant Commission to review the methodology for allocating Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants and address the impacts of natural disasters, climate change, limited revenue options, and rising costs for capital works and infrastructure projects.

All three motions were successfully carried and received significant support from delegates.

To read more about council's submissions and other topics raised at the meeting, visit [mav.asn.au](http://mav.asn.au) and search 'state council'.

Murrindindi Shire Council CEO Livia Bonazzi said, "Advocacy involves ensuring our community's voices are heard loud and clear. It can involve seeking competitive grant funding to help our shire prosper or bringing about changes to policies that improve how we live and work.

"Overwhelming support for our motions at the State Council meeting confirms we are not alone in facing these challenges. Carried motions drive policy change, impact local operations and empower the MAV to advocate for us at all levels of government. Council will keep pushing our advocacy priorities and we encourage locals to get involved as well. Let us know what matters to you."

## Emergency Services Community Engagement Day

At Yea Railway Market

9am - 4pm | 5 October 2024

Come along and meet your local emergency services teams and community groups. Check out the fire trucks and rescue vehicles, and learn about keeping yourself and your family safe during emergency events.

Enjoy free talks, live entertainment, face painting, and more.



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Funding for this event was made possible by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments under the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

## 3G shutdown may impact locally

The 3G closure has already commenced, with TPG Telecom/Vodafone having switched off its 3G mobile network services as of January 2024. Telstra and Optus will shut down 3G from October 28.

If you have an older device that relies on a 3G network, you need to upgrade your device now. This includes mobile phones, tablets, smart watches, efbos machines, personal emergency response solutions, medical alarms and other internet-connected devices.

Some early 4G handsets don't support 4G voice calling, which means they use the 3G network, and after the closure these devices will no longer be able to make a call. There are also a number of devices that support normal 4G voice calls, but force Triple Zero calls to 3G.

If you are in a vulnerable circumstance or experiencing financial hardship, contact your service provider to discuss options.

To find out if your phone will be impacted, you can text "3" to the number 3498 to check.

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# Trev's Story: helping tradies through dark times

TREVOR and Helen Renison are passionate about changing the high rate of suicide in the trades. Trevor explained that one tradie dies every four hours from suicide, a much higher rate than in the general population. It's also an industry which is heavily male dominated and where people are less likely to seek help for mental health challenges. "Everything gets internalised," Trevor said.

Trevor is familiar with the pressures placed on tradespeople, and recalled a time where he came close to killing himself at a worksite. He has also seen others around him in the workplace commit suicide, or come close, and he decided that he needed to do something about it.

Trev's Story works with trade-based organisations, and to get a role with them, you have to be a tradesperson so you understand the issues, and you have to be a survivor of

a suicide attempt. They know the challenges and know about how to recover.

Their aim is to start conversations on worksites around the issues, and to reduce the stigma. They want to intervene before an issue snowballs.

At the worksite, they do a short talk and play a video. They also ask the workers to write a yes or a no on a piece of paper which they then put into a bucket. Sometimes, the person might instead write their phone number or another message. Trevor said that about nine out of 10 responses say 'yes'. They then hang around onsite for another couple of hours, in case anyone wants to talk.

They also have a 24 hour service where tradies can call and talk. If the person needs more help, Trevor or one of the other staff will go to them, or possibly call an ambulance if required.

They've found that bullying is a big issue on worksites, and that sometimes the best course of action is for the worker to remove themselves from the situation, and sometimes legal recourse, such as complaining to the discrimination board, is the best way forward.

Another challenge facing young tradies is the debt cycle. The pressure to work an extreme number of hours to keep up the repayments, and what happens when there isn't enough work available?

Additionally, drug and alcohol abuse can come into play. The construction industry has the highest rates of recreational drug use, domestic violence and alcoholism within its sector.

With hard work and long hours, it also means that people can't use sport or other activities as an outlet, and as an additional friendship group.

Trevor and Helen felt so passionately about the issue that they cashed in their superannuation and set to work.

They are planning to hold a golf day at the Marysville Golf Course, supported by Murrindindi Shire Council and the golf club and a variety of volunteers. In addition to golf, there will also be a barbecue, barefoot bowls and raffles. They are also hoping that businesses will make donations of cash or prizes through sponsoring a hole.

Trevor is hoping that people will get a team together, sponsor a hole, or to do whatever they can to help, even if that's just spreading the word.

The event will be held on October 25, kicking off at 8.30am. The cost is \$110 for either golf or barefoot bowls, and people can register on the website [trevsstory.com](http://trevsstory.com)

The funds raised will go towards "the basic fundamentals," Trevor said. This includes an additional microphone set-up, so they can have two teams operating at different sites at the same time. They are also focused on the goal of purchasing Kerami Manor or a similar establishment so that tradies in crisis, or bereaved family members, can come and stay.

He added, "We've got some great people out there. We just need to get that funding and inch our way up and get it happening."

Trevor will also be doing a fundraising walk, pushing a wheelbarrow, from Marysville to Canberra in March 2025, where he'll be meeting with Senator Jacqui Lambie. It's called the 'Barra Push', and people will be invited to push the wheelbarrow for a distance and raise some money. It's about "helping to carry the load," and even Trevor and Helen's dogs will be taking part.

They are also providing tradies with marbles, to remind people that when they're in a dark spot, they're not alone.

Trevor and his team are also available to speak to groups and companies within Murrindindi Shire.

To find out more, visit [trevsstory.com](http://trevsstory.com)

Help can also be found through Lifeline on 131 114 or Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636 or Men's Health Line on 1300 789 978.



Trevor and Helen Renison. -AR

# Dr Haines questions the Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission

MEMBER for Indi Dr Helen Haines has called out two major parties for weakening the new Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission.

The Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission is the new watchdog which will have the power to investigate Members of Parliament (MPs) and their staff accused of bad behaviour, which could result in sanctions including suspensions, removal from committees and docking of pay.

Under the government's proposal, which was agreed between the major parties, it will be up to the Privileges Committee, which is made up of MPs, to decide what those sanctions are.

Dr Haines said, "The bill as currently drafted means serious findings could be made about an MP, but they could face no sanction and the public could never know. I want to see more transparency around this process."

Crossbenchers are pushing for the Privileges Committee to publish reasons if it departs from the recommendations of the commission.

Dr Haines criticised the government as it added a key change to the composition of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission through the House of Representatives.

"The government made two last minute changes to its own legislation that would

reinforce the major party duopoly, ensuring no member of the crossbench can be deputy chair of the Parliamentary Standards Oversight Committee. What a stitch up," Dr Haines said.

The bill was also changed to restrict members of the Oversight Committee of the Commission to MPs who were also members of the Privileges Committee.

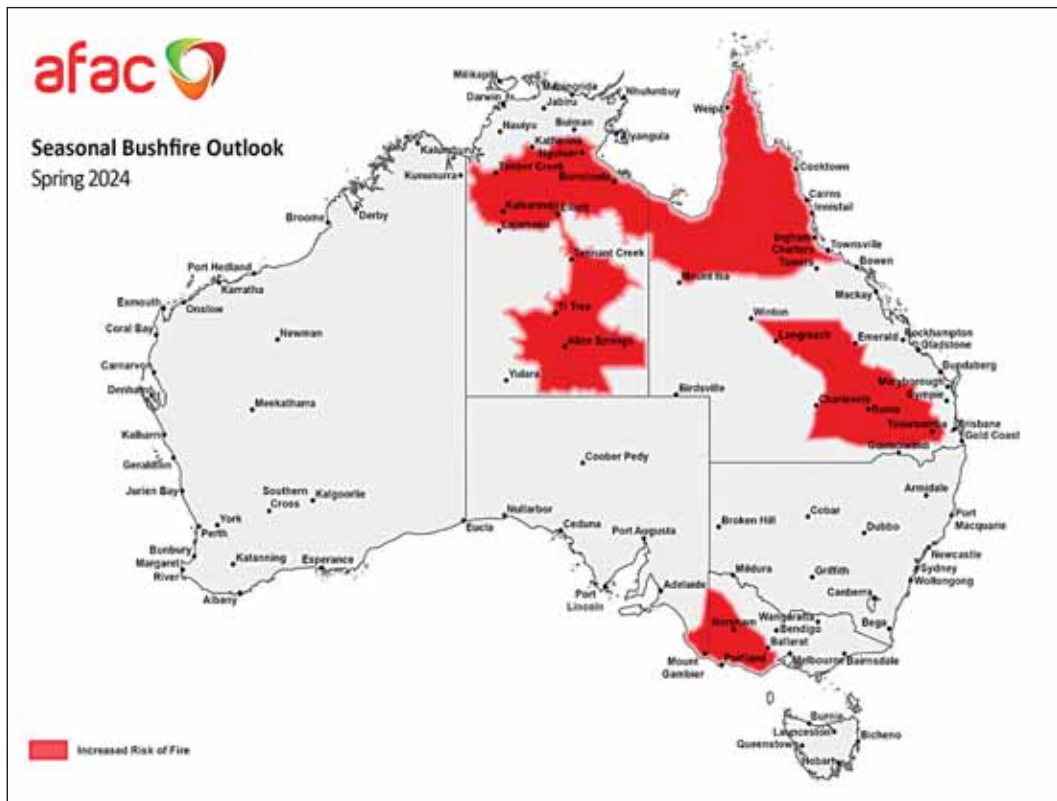
"We're going to have the same people on the Joint Select Committee as on the Privileges Committee, meaning the people who are meant to make sure the whole system is working are the same people who are part of it.

"I'm really staggered by this, and it isn't right. This move compromises the

Parliamentary Standards Commission and I'm really disappointed in the government for doing this deal that tarnishes a significant and important piece of legislation."

The Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission was a key recommendation of the Australian Human Rights Commission in its report into parliamentary workplaces in 2021 (informally known as the Jenkins Review) and is designed to improve accountability for bad behaviour in parliamentary workplaces.

The commission was also a key pillar of the private members bill for a federal integrity commission introduced by Dr Haines, after being first pursued by the former Member for Indi, Cathy McGowan.



The Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for Spring 2024. -S

## Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for spring 2024

THE Australian Fire and Emergency Services Authorities Council (AFAC) has released the Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for Spring 2024, and it shows increased risk of fire for large areas in Northern Territory and Queensland, as well as far west and southwestern Victoria, and the southeast corner of South Australia.

Mean temperatures for the year to date have been above average to very much above average for most areas, with areas of western Western Australia and northern South Australia experiencing highest on record maximum temperatures for the period. August saw widespread above average temperatures and was the warmest August on record.

For spring, there continues to be an increased likelihood of unusually high maximum temperatures across most of Australia. There is an increased chance of above average rainfall for much of New South Wales, Queensland, Eastern Tasmania and far southeast South Australia, while large parts of Western Australia have an increased chance of below average rainfall.

For this outlook period, increased risk of fire for southern and central Queensland is driven by dry grasslands caused by winter frosts and dry winds. In northern Australia, unseasonal rainfall in Queensland and Northern Territory has led to increased fuel loads. In both cases, fire authorities warn of increased fire danger as temperatures increase.

Further south, large parts of southeast South Australia and Western Australia and parts of Tasmania received rainfall in the lowest 10 per cent on record for the first half of the year. However, August saw above average to well above average rainfall in both southwest Western Australia and western Tasmania, easing dry conditions in the region. Fire authorities are advising communities of the potential for an early start to the fire season in parts of South Australia and Victoria, and extending to Tasmania if warm and dry conditions continue to dry out fuels towards summer.

While other parts of Australia show normal risk of fire during this outlook period, communities are encouraged to be vigilant and stay alert through winter months. Destructive and deadly fires can still occur during normal bushfire seasons across Australia.

AFAC CEO Rob Webb urged communities to prepare and adhere to advice of local fire authorities this spring.

“Fire and emergency services are prepared for the fire season ahead and are here to encourage communities to do the same,” Mr Webb said.

“Now is the time to make a plan. Understand your local risk, know where you will get your information, and talk to your family about what you will do.”

## New social media age limits in the works for Australia

THE Victorian Government is planning to work with South Australia and the Commonwealth to introduce age limits for social media, which they say will protect children from harm and help parents push back against the tech giants.

Premier Jacinta Allan, Minister for Education Ben Carroll and Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn last week began a discussion with parents and children about the change ahead.

“It’s absolutely time for change. There are benefits to social media, but for children, the harms outweigh the good.

“The voices of parents, schools and kids must be heard as we shape these reforms. We’ll make sure of that,” Ms Allan said.

Following detailed work commissioned by the Government of South Australia and supported by Victoria, the Commonwealth announced a plan to deliver social media age limits through national legislation, with further detail on age limits and definitions to be determined through national-level consultation.

Minister for Education, Ben Carroll, said that the ban will promote engagement between adult care givers and young people.

“This ban supports teachers, parents, and carers to have important conversations that protect young people online,” Mr Carroll said.

While Victoria was prepared to introduce state legislation, it will prioritise a nationally

consistent approach and work with the Commonwealth to help deliver one set of clear rules to keep the tech giants in check.

Over the coming months, Victoria will also lead a consultation round with parents, schools and children to make sure their diverse needs and circumstances are considered during the development of the national reforms.

The state will share findings with the Commonwealth following its consultation process, to be coordinated by Parliamentary Secretary for Children, Nathan Lambert, and Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Nina Taylor.

As a commonsense starting point for the national laws, Victoria points to the model outlined by the Honourable Robert French AC in his legal examination prepared for the South Australian Government.

Under this model, social media access would be prohibited for children aged under 14 and would require parental consent for children aged 14 and 15 to access. The model also proposed options for enforcement.

Importantly, under this model, a mechanism would be provided for social media services to be exempt if they pose little risk and support healthy development, such as educational sites, or programs designed for diverse learners.

## Register your burn off online

AS hundreds of thousands of Victorians begin preparing their property for fire season, emergency services are encouraging landowners to register any planned burn-offs online, through the *Fire Permits Victoria* website.

Landowners will be looking to take advantage of the spring conditions and authorities expect a surge in burn-off registrations over the coming weeks.

The quickest and easiest way to register your burn-off is by using the *Fire Permits Victoria* website at [firepermits.vic.gov.au/notify](http://firepermits.vic.gov.au/notify)

Triple Zero Victoria Chief Operating Officer Nicole Ashworth said registering a burn-off online was quick and easy.

“Using the *Fire Permits Victoria* website to register your burn-off helps keep our non emergency phone lines free for higher priority calls,” Nicole said.

“Every year at this time we see a spike in demand on the phone lines as landholders look to take advantage of suitable weather in the lead up to the fire danger period. This can sometimes lead to long wait times to register your burn-off.”

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said the *Fire Permits Victoria* website is the preferred platform for community members to register their burns.

“By registering your burn-off, it allows emergency services to verify the fire is not an emergency and avoid unnecessary call outs for local brigades,” Jason said.

“It also allows us to display burn-offs on the CFA website, preventing needless calls to Triple Zero (000).”

The website allows you to notify emergency services of your burn-off, and also check and apply for a permit, if necessary.

However, if your burn is taking place within the next two hours, you must register your burn via the phone line on 1800 668 511.

Before you notify *Fire Permits Victoria*, make sure you follow regulations or laws by CFA and local council; notify your neighbours if the burn will generate fire and smoke; check the weather conditions are safe to burn.

Postpone your activity if high fire risk conditions develop; Establish a gap in vegetation or fire break of no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material; There are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively, and never leave a burn-off unattended.

For more information about burning off safely, visit [cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff)

## CFA asks are you ready for the fire season

by Jason Heffernan, CFA Chief Officer

VICTORIA could be facing an earlier start to the fire season this year and the CFA are asking those living in high risk areas to take action to prepare their family and property.

The Spring Seasonal Outlook released last week predicts an increased risk of fire to the southwest, west and northwestern parts of Victoria due to a drier than average first half of the year.

Without significant rainfall it is likely to lead to an above average fire risk and an earlier start to the fire season during the spring period.

There is an increased level of fuel hazard due to an accumulation in the amount of dead plant material resulting from reduced rainfall in the areas identified as increased risk of fire.

Grassland curing in these areas are likely to advance earlier than normal in the absence of significant rainfall.

The fire risk across the rest of Victoria is predicted to be normal, noting there is a chance the fire season may also begin earlier than normal in areas dominated by drier forests, woodlands and heathlands, inland and coastal.

CFA is ready to protect communities, as they do every year and has been working with Victorian emergency service partners throughout the cooler months to prepare for fire season and this year is no exception.

Crews urge the community to understand that fire safety is a shared responsibility between fire services and the community, and asking all Victorians in high-risk areas to take simple actions to prepare their family and property as the weather begins to warm.

If you live near areas with bush, forest, long grass or coastal scrub, these actions and decisions may well save your life and property in the event of a bushfire.

Find some time to sit down with your family or household and make a Bushfire Survival Plan, and if you already have one, it’s a great time to review it.

It’s also the perfect time to tidy up your property, this can include clearing your gutters, pruning branches away from your roof or walls, keeping grass shorter than 10cm and removing leaves and twigs from around your property.

Landowners should also consider private burn offs to remove green waste ahead of Fire Danger Period (FDP) declarations.

All burn-offs must be registered, which can be done online at [firepermits.vic.gov.au](http://firepermits.vic.gov.au)

Stay informed by downloading the VicEmergency app to stay across incidents and fire danger ratings in your area.

I urge all Victorians to visit the CFA website to learn more about how they can prepare themselves ahead of this bushfire season at [cfa.vic.gov.au/prepare](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/prepare)

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# Photos from the Keays family reunion in Strath Creek



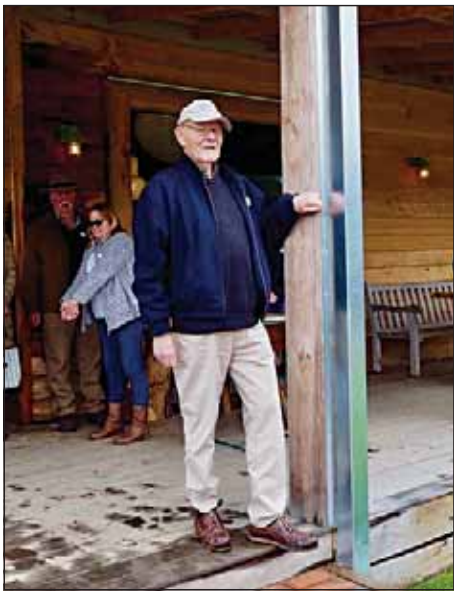
Lenore and Aaron at the top of the Murchison, always a beautiful scene that they can never pass by without stopping. Two of the Keays boys, Ted and Keith, on different occasions accidentally missed the corner at the top of the Murchison on their way home to Strath Creek and went straight down that hill. Both walked away at the bottom. Half of Keith's ashes were scattered from this point. -S



The fruit cake recipe was found written on a docket from the Strath Creek Store, being a very old recipe of their grandmother's from Scotland. Martin Webster made the cake for the reunion. -S



Dining in the hall. -S



Ian Johnston, son of Daphne Johnston (nee Keays). -S



The road to the Green's property and the cutting is named after them. Lenore and son Aaron are standing under the sign. -S



Lenore Brophy with the photos she donated to the Strath Creek store. -S



Prue from the store delivered the lunch to the hall, including two varieties of hot soup, sandwiches and hot finger food, and later for afternoon tea slices. The designated kitchen assistants from the reunion were Aaron Brophy (purple shirt) and Chris Hall foreground (floral shirt). -S



The Keays Quilt with Joyce McEwan and Lenore Brophy pointing to their families. The photo was taken in 2012, with some details on the quilt incomplete. Joyce made the quilt. -S



Lindsay and Val Bennett, and Gavin Bennett. Lindsay and Gavin are sons of Nancy Bennett (nee Keays). -S



Keith and Mollie (nee Sutter) Keays daughters, Joy, Gwen and Dawn and their families. Back: Lynley Robinson, Maree Robinson, Tess Robinson, Pamela Shannon, Neville Robinson, Emma Robinson, Anne-Maree Robinson, Andrea Celofiga and Rodney Robinson. Front: Heather Cassells, Joy LaFranchi, Gwen McLean and Dawn Robinson. -S



Jayne Garrett (wife of Phillip Garrett, deceased) and Jenny and Linda Garrett. -S



Frank and Irene Keays daughter Rosemary and her family. Left to Right: Sophie Nell, Megan Scully, Ruth Mooney (Ruth's son Ned not in the photo but attended), Martin Keays, Melissa Blagrove, Andrew Carroll-Keays, Evelyn Blagrove, Johanna Keays and Rosemary Britton. -S



Cecil Keays (formerly Yea resident) children Clive, Lenore and Robert with family members. Back: Andrew Keays, Clive Keays, Robert Keays, Aaron Brophy, Ken Nunn and Chris Hall. Front: Judy Keays, Tik Keays and Lenore Brophy. -S



Stella Webster (nee Keays), an Acheron resident, with children, Neil, Martin, Kate and Bernice and family. Back: Brian Smith, Neil Webster and Martin Webster. Front: Kate Smith, Angela Webster and Bernice Webster. -S



Joyce McEwan (nee Keays) children Chris and Helen with family members. Back: Chris Finlayson, Shelby Michael and John Scott. Front: Brenda Finlayson and Helen Scott. -S



Ethel Moore (nee Keays), Yea resident, children Garrie and Dianne with family members. Back: Garrie Moore and his son Jason Moore. Front: Vicki Moore, Dianne Tosh (nee Moore) and Tracey. -S



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## Free teaching degrees for Victorians

THE state government is providing free degrees for student teachers with round two of teaching scholarships now open to support workforce numbers and support future educators.

Scholarships covering the cost of degrees are available for all Victorians studying secondary school teaching degrees in 2024 and 2025, relieving cost of living pressures for students.

Students who need support to return to their teaching study are also eligible, with scholarships available to those who may have started prior to 2022 and returned in 2024 or 2025. Students commencing their studies in semester two this year are eligible to apply for the round two scholarships.

More than 1700 students have benefitted from the scholarships so far, helping them with their costs of studying and living, reducing the financial barriers for people who want to study teaching.

This year Victoria has seen a 23 per cent increase in student teachers enrolling in secondary undergraduate education courses through Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) compared to 2023, showing that the scholarships are increasing the number of people studying to become teachers.

The total scholarship for students who complete their studies and then choose to work in government secondary schools will match the HELP fees charged by the Commonwealth Government for Commonwealth Supported Places is \$18,000 for a four year undergraduate program or \$9000 for two years of postgraduate study.

The scholarships are part of the Victorian Government's \$229.8 million investment to support the teaching workforce in Victoria, which includes development for early years teachers and career support for more experienced staff.

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## Building skills for the Clean Economy Workforce

STUDENTS, trainees and workers will be able to get the skills they need to join Victoria's fast-growing clean economy workforce, with a new investment into training programs to help people enter the sector by the state government.

Minister for Skills and TAFE Gayle Tierney recently announced a nearly \$9 million funding package to boost skills in environmental sustainability and the clean economy, while visiting RMIT to meet students undertaking short courses in sustainable building design.

The investment will support TAFEs, universities, training providers and

industry to establish practical Skills Labs where innovative new short courses called Skill Sets can be developed.

In response to the 2021 Macklin Review of Victoria's training system, Skills Labs will involve industry partners in the development of new training approaches, including the creation of new Skill Sets, which are flexible, nationally recognised short courses designed to rapidly respond to skill shortages in the economy.

The funding package announced includes \$3.45 million to establish three Clean Economy Skills Labs, hosted at TAFE Gippsland and Melbourne Polytechnic, to

develop training in offshore wind, circular design, manufacturing and meeting net-zero emissions targets.

As part of the package, RMIT will receive \$970,000 to co-design three new Skill Sets in sustainable building practices. These Skill Sets are currently being piloted with industry professionals and students.

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#### How to apply?

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Please scan the QR code for the **Skills Summary Form to upload as a cover letter.**

Applications close: **September 6, 2024**

#### Job Description



#### Skills Summary



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Commencing January 28, 2025

**Classroom Teacher: Fixed Term FTE 1.0**  
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- commitment to working with students from diverse backgrounds
- ability to plan and implement engaging learning experiences based on current learning and evidence-based teaching practices
- commitment to Catholic education and identity
- willingness to build strong partnerships and links between our families and school
- ability to adhere to St Mary's Child Safety Policy and Code of Conduct and other policies relevant to Ministerial Order 1359
- current registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching with an up to date Criminal Record check
- an ability to develop and maintain respectful and caring relationships with students, families and colleagues
- an understanding and demonstrated use of evidence based best practice
- a capacity to use data to make informed decisions about learning and teaching
- accreditation to teach Religious Education in a Catholic School is desirable (or be willing to study for accreditation)

#### Please include the following in your application:

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

#### How to apply:

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A healthy number of cattle were for sale at the Yea Saleyards last Friday. -BD

STOCK REPORT 13 SEPTEMBER 2024			
13 September 2024 Store Sale (Alex Scott)	Total Yarding	Steers	Heifers
Number of head	983		
Average \$ per head	\$1,233		
Average weight per head	317.3kg		
Top price per head		\$1,840	\$997
Top weight		452.2kg	390.6kg
Turnover	\$1.19 million		



The staff of Alex Scott and Staff introducing themselves at the Yea Saleyards. -BD

## First Alex Scott and Staff monthly sale in Yea

LAST Friday saw the second store cattle sale at the Yea Saleyards for the month of September, this time with Alex Scott and Staff conducting business.

There were around 1000 cattle yarded from all over Victoria, and the occasion marked the first time in 30 years that Alex Scott and Staff have sold cattle in Yea.

Neil Darby from Alex Scott and Staff began the sale with an opening speech, in which he thanked the vendors, Murrindindi Shire Council, the carriers, and the staff of Alex Scott and Staff.

David Setches, a livestock manager at Alex Scott and Staff and the auctioneer on the day, spoke about the sale.

“There were very pleasing results there. We had a very good lineup of cattle and it was good to see great buying support from our fellow Risk Management Authority (RMA) agents, as well as Nutrien and Elders from Euroa and Yea. The job was very good.

“Calves sold extremely well, well into the mid- to high-four-dollar range for mid-300-

kilogram calves, which was very pleasing to see,” David said.

“We’re just really excited, as it’s been 30 years since Alex Scott and Staff have conducted a store sale in Yea. It’s great to be back. We’re excited to keep growing the business up here.”

Some results from the sale are listed: D Young 16 Angus steers 400kg \$1840 4.18c; Sackville Stud 19 Angus steers 356kg \$1500 4.21c; Mayneline Angus 11 Angus steers 315kg \$1450 4.60c; Taralinga Farms 16 Angus steers 316kg \$1460 4.60c; Water grass Hill Angus 13 Angus steers 309kg \$1400 4.52c; Pendleside 13 Angus steers 296kg \$1345 4.53c; 15 BB steers 274kg \$1320 4.81c; Settlement Farm 16 Angus steers 277kg \$1280 4.61c; D and C Rieniets 7 Hereford steers 406kg \$1500 3.69c; MJ Nominees Pty 17 Hereford steers 255kg \$1200 4.69c; BE and I Wallis 14 Hereford steers 280kg \$1210 4.31c; Hackett and Rober 9 Angus Heifers 390kg \$1360 3.48, 11 Angus heifers 351kg \$1210 3.44c; Mayneline Angus 22 Angus heifer’s 317kg \$1170 3.68; Yarra Downs 16 Angus heifers 286kg \$1020 3.56.

Upcoming events at the Yea Saleyards include the Yea Rotary Garden Expo on September 21, a combined agents store sale on October 4, and the monthly Alex Scott and Staff store sale on October 11.

Further information about upcoming events and cattle sales can be found on the saleyards website and Facebook page at [yeasaleyards.com.au](http://yeasaleyards.com.au)



A decent turnout of people for the second stock sale of September. -BD

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## SAVE THE DATE

**OCTOBER 4, Yea Saleyards**

Store Sale

**OCTOBER 11, Yea Saleyards**

Store Sale

**NOVEMBER 1, Yea Saleyards**

Store Sale

**NOVEMBER 8, Yea Saleyards**

Store Sale

**NOVEMBER 22, Yea Saleyards**

Store Sale

**NOVEMBER 29, Yea Saleyards**

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**DECEMBER 6, Yea Saleyards**

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**DECEMBER 13, Yea Saleyards**

Store Sale

**JANUARY 10, 2025 Yea Saleyards**

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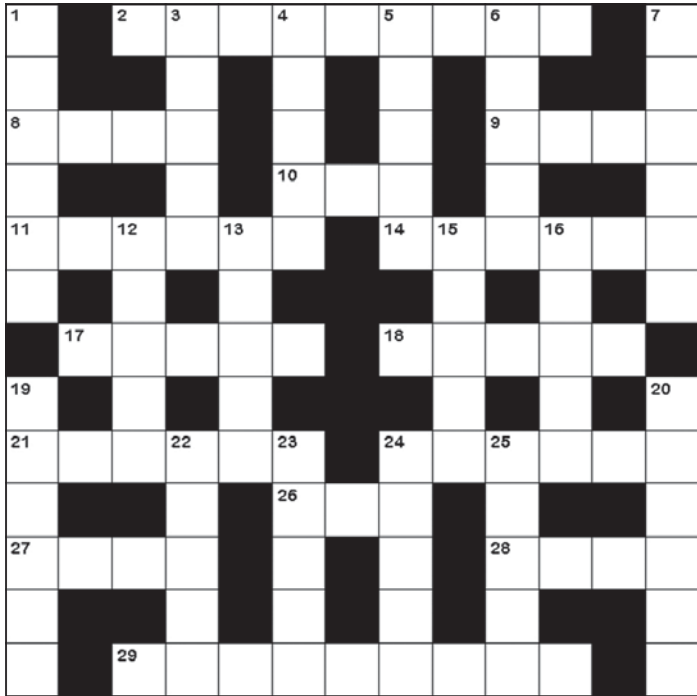
# PUZZLES

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## Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 2. Move in a circle towards the right.
- 8. Movable stairs for leaving an aircraft.
- 9. The stub of a cigarette.
- 10. A truck with a covered cargo space.
- 11. To obstruct the progress of.
- 14. Whirl around in circles.
- 17. Of primary importance.
- 18. Hold in contempt.
- 21. Become mouldy due to humidity.
- 24. Caused by pressure and tension.
- 26. A common small social insect.
- 27. Unable to find the way.
- 28. A small high-pitched flute.
- 29. Treated so as to prevent decay.



**DOWN**

- 1. Refuse permission.
- 3. A momentary lack of attention.
- 4. Cut into slices for eating.
- 5. The incorrect answer.
- 6. A heavy cavalry sword.
- 7. Walk unsteadily as if about to fall.
- 12. Jewel found inside an oyster.
- 13. Operate a vehicle.
- 15. A light sailing-vessel.
- 16. Have the same opinion.
- 19. Beaten eggs cooked until set.
- 20. No longer awake.
- 22. Try to discourage or prevent.
- 23. Needs and desires.
- 24. A castrated bull.
- 25. Gun with a long barrel.

## Word Search

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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.

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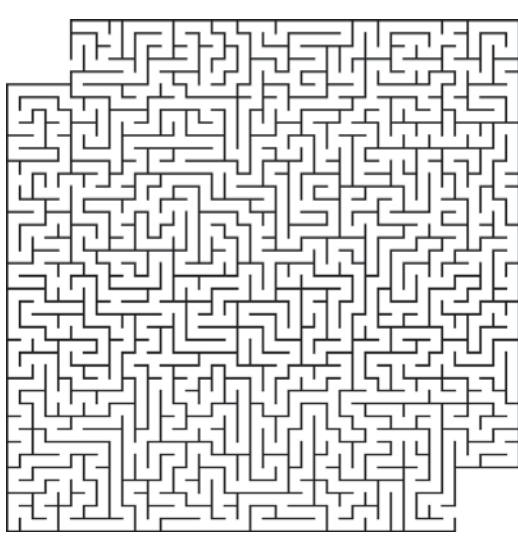
## Sudoku

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**Difficulty: Hard**

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.

## Maze



Students at Kinglake Primary School participating in an emergency preparedness session with Kinglake Red Cross. -S

# Emergency preparedness at Kinglake Primary School

EACH year, the Australian Red Cross (ARC) reminds Australians of the importance of getting prepared before disaster strikes.

With extreme weather events of increasing frequency and intensity in Australia, the importance of being prepared ahead of time cannot be understated. The research shows the better prepared people are before disaster strikes, the better the response and recovery from the emergency.

The Red Cross have new research from ARC's independent annual survey of 1000 Australian adults across the country that showed despite the increase in prevalence and intensity of emergencies, only one in three households (34 per cent) have talked to their children about being physically prepared and even less (27 per cent) about how to mentally prepare.

With the impact of emergencies having devastating and persistent impacts on families, particularly children who are most vulnerable, Australian Red Cross is urging families to get prepared ahead of time by attending a workshop or making an emergency plan using RediPlan from the ARC website.

Kinglake Primary School suffered significant damage during the wild storms of June 2021 with flooding and strong winds knocking large mature trees over. The clean up following was immense. Given the high-risk area the school is located in, the students took part in Australian Red Cross' pillowcase program on Friday, September 6.

Aimed at kids aged eight to 10 (years three and four), Pillowcase was originally inspired by events during Hurricane Katrina in the US. While evacuating campus, students from a local university used pillowcases to carry their cherished and basic possessions.

After hearing this, American Red Cross staff developed the concept of using a pillowcase as an emergency kit. The program quickly grew into a global preparedness education program that has since become known as Pillowcase.

Delivered by Red Cross volunteers and staff, the workshop encourages children to be active participants in their own emergency preparedness. One hour workshops involve engaging discussions and interactive activities to help students know what to pack in case of an emergency, as well as prepare their mind for the thoughts and feelings that may arise from an emergency.

# Victorian National Parks Association concerned about logging on private land

THE Victorian National Parks Association (VNPA) has said that investigation by nature protection groups has exposed a trend of logging endangered wildlife habitat on private land.

The Victorian Government put a stop to logging native forests on public land on January 1.

Over a dozen logging projects have been identified on private land by VNPA, including in the Central Highlands, East Gippsland and Central Victoria. Private landowners are seeking permits to log, while others have already logged or cleared native forest.

VNPA stated that at least 187 hectares of land, has been cleared or logged to date across the state.

VNPA is joining other conservation groups to call on the Victorian Government to intervene and end native forest logging on private land.

VNPA Executive Director Matt Ruchel said, "The government has largely closed the door on native forest logging on public land but left the window wide open on private land. This loophole should be closed. Environment Minister Steve Dimopoulos must act immediately to close all native forest logging loopholes, including on private land."

The group said that the native animals at risk from logging on private land included Leadbeater's possums, greater gliders, yellow-bellied gliders, sooty owls, powerful owls, smoky mice and tree geebung.

VNPA is concerned that Leadbeater's Possums have been detected within 80 metres of private land logging. The Leadbeater's Possum Action Statement prescribes 200 metre buffers around confirmed detection sites, but this does not apply to operations on private land.

Friends of Leadbeater's Possum (FLbP) President, Steve Meacher said, "The state government shut down native forest logging because it had been caught out destroying endangered wildlife habitat, validated by Federal and Supreme Court cases. To find loggers are plundering the same critical habitat on private land beggars belief."

VNPA and other community and nature groups have written to 57 regional and peri-urban local governments responsible for issuing permits to log on private land.

The Victorian Office of the Conservation Regulator is investigating alleged breaches on public land but has no power to intervene on private land.

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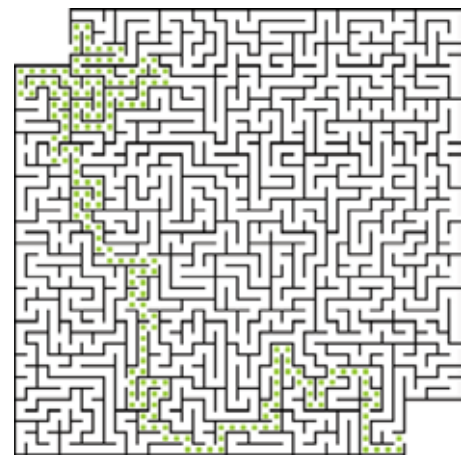
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### MAZE



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### DEATH NOTICES

ARMSTRONG,  
Joyce

05/02/1932 –  
08/09/2024

Loved wife of Bill (dec), adored mother of Ross, Kerry and Wendy and mother in law of Mary and Clem. Grandmother of Simon, Lachie, Cameron; Ben, Tim, Darcy; Claire and Jack and partners Jacqui, Amy, Lily, Sarah, Emily, Libby and Lizzie. Great grandmother of Zoe, Tilly; Harriet, Maisie; Will, Archie, Ted; Harry, Polly; Oscar, Maggie and Hazel.

Died peacefully in Ararat in her 93rd year.

A celebration of Joyce's life will be held at the Yea Tennis Pavillion on Monday, September 23 at 11.30am

MUNRO, Stuart  
(Stuie)

04/10/1961 -  
15/09/2024

Passed away peacefully at Mansfield District Hospital Palliative Care. Loved and loving husband of Louise (Lou). Loved and cherished dad of Casey (dec), Ryan, Brant and Sophie. A devoted father in law to Sarah and Cam. A fun loving pa to Jayden and Kylah.

Words cannot express how sad we all are, you fought to the bitter end. Stuie, you were a special man who touched so many lives.

A special mention to Dr Arun Azad, Iris, Maritza and Claire (Oncology team at Peter Mac) A huge thank you to Mansfield Hospital Palliative Care Team, especially Cass Fraser and Dr Ben Nally.

Forever in  
our hearts.

## Results from Women's Pain Inquiry

THE Victorian Government's Inquiry into Women's Pain has revealed the significant impact pain conditions like endometriosis, pelvic pain and migraines are having on the lives of Victorian women and girls.

The results from the survey of more than 13,000 women, girls, carers, families and healthcare workers highlight the negative experiences that many have had when seeking care.

Women and girls have shared their experiences of sexism and misogyny, feeling ignored or dismissed by clinicians who attributed their pain to psychological and personality factors, as well as culturally unsafe care.

Participants spoke about cases of delayed diagnosis, the high cost of care and the impact pain can have on their quality of life, relationships with family and friends, and their careers.

Nurses made up the majority of healthcare workers who participated, observing that lack of knowledge about women's health of available clinicians was the biggest barrier to care for many of their patients.

The survey was offered in 10 community languages, including Arabic, Turkish, Vietnamese, Italian and Greek.

About 40 per cent of women who participated in the survey were from regional and rural Victoria, their insights highlighted the importance of being able to access the right care closer to home.

The stories and experiences generously shared by Victorian

women and girls in the survey, via written submissions and forums over last few months will now form the development of recommendations to improve the way women's healthcare is delivered in Victoria.

The results come at the same time as the government prepares to launch its \$5 million *Mobile Women's Health Clinic*.

Operated by *BreastScreen Victoria* to make free healthcare more accessible for women living in rural and regional parts of Victoria, the new mobile women's health service hit the road in late October.

The mobile clinic will offer a variety of women's health services including sexual and reproductive health information, advice, clinical services and referrals to other necessary specialists.

All services will be delivered by an experienced nurse who will work to build connections with women, their community and local health services.

This is an expansion of BreastScreen Victoria's existing successful mobile breast screening service and will be open to women of all ages.

The state government's

\$153 million transformation in women's health is also delivering 20 new women's health clinics, expanding sexual and reproductive health hubs network, doubling the number of laparoscopies for endometriosis and associated conditions and providing scholarships for more than 100 women's health specialists.

## Neighbourhood batteries grants now open

APPLICATIONS through the state government's *Neighbourhood Batteries Program* are now open. This is the second round of the \$42 million Neighbourhood Batteries Program, which has expanded to include energy back up systems that will improve energy reliability for local communities.

The new energy resilience category will help to further improve the resilience of the communities who install them, helping them maintain an independent power source during emergencies such as storms to cook meals, charge devices and access critical information.

Larger than a household battery but smaller than grid scale batteries, neighbourhood batteries return power into the hands of local communities, soaking up cheap and clean renewable energy when it is plentiful and dispatching it when it is needed most.

This round will also prioritise projects that provide benefits to diverse, low income and vulnerable households, as well as outer suburbs and regional areas, helping to drive down energy bills for those who need it most.

Applications opened on August 30, with increased funding of up to \$400,000 per project also available, building on the success of the first round of the 100 Neighbourhood Batteries Program, which has already funded 25 batteries across the state.

The funding could enable applicants to establish community hubs with energy back-up systems, such as the 26 sites funded through the *Energy Resilience Solutions Program*, where community can access information, hot water and charge their devices during a prolonged power outage caused by extreme weather.

The *Neighbourhood Batteries Program* is open to councils, community groups, businesses, developers and not-for-profits. The new Project Readiness Assessment Tool helps applicants determine whether a neighbourhood battery is the right fit for their community and apply.

This round, the minimum size of each battery is 20kW/40kWh, and the maximum size of each battery is 5MW/20MWh.

Application guidelines are available at [energy.vic.gov.au/grants/neighbourhood-batteries](http://energy.vic.gov.au/grants/neighbourhood-batteries)

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# Bushfire safety overlooked by nearly half of Victorians in risk areas

A RECENT CFA survey revealed that 45 per cent of Victorians living in bushfire-prone areas are not concerned about bushfire safety despite being at increased risk.

People in these areas were also waiting too long to leave in the event of a fire, putting themselves and their families in jeopardy.

CFA's annual Bushfire Community Survey also revealed that 22 per cent of residents did not interact with CFA within the last six months because they felt they did not require more information or were unaware of CFA's programs and resources.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan expressed concern over these statistics, urging all residents in fire-risk areas to take their safety more seriously and begin preparation now.

"Many Victorians may not be aware they're living in a bushfire-prone area, with fire season fast approaching, it's vital that Victorians know their level of risk and plan accordingly," Jason said.

"It may be a result of people who are new to the area or who have not experienced a significant fire in the past and are unaware of the dangers.

"CFA has resources available to help people prepare, but it's vital that the community actively seeks out this information before it's too late."

Alarming, a further 30 per cent of respondents would delay leaving during a bushfire event, with 14 per cent planning to assess the situation and 16 per cent intending to wait for instructions from emergency services. Twelve per cent stated they would stay and defend their property.

"These are dangerous decisions," Jason added. "Bushfires can spread unpredictably and quickly. Waiting to assess the situation or hoping for instructions from emergency services can result in tragedy. The safest option is always to leave early.

"While CFA is well-prepared to respond to emergencies, it's crucial to remember that bushfire safety is a shared responsibility.

"We can't guarantee that every home will be reached in time during a bushfire. Every resident needs to have their own bushfire survival plan and take proactive measures to protect their property."

The AFAC Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for Spring 2024 has further highlighted the need for Victorians to be fire prepared. Current indications suggest the west and southwest of the state face increased fire risk this coming season due to a notably dry autumn and winter.

"Considering the outlook, we are urging residents in western and southwestern Victoria to stay updated with the latest

warnings this fire season," Jason said. "The increased fire risk in these regions means that understanding and responding to fire danger ratings is more critical than ever. Do not drive into or through high-risk areas on hot, dry, and windy days. Plan an alternate route or postpone your travel if possible. We urge everyone to have a clear bushfire survival plan in place. Know your triggers for leaving early and ensure that all household members know what to do in case of a fire."

Across the rest of the state, Victorians can expect a warmer-than-average spring with an uncertain rainfall outlook. While the fire risk is considered normal, it's important not to be complacent. Fires can still occur anytime and anywhere when temperatures rise and vegetation is dry.

Victoria's integrated warning system includes the Vic Emergency website, app and social media channels, VicEmergency Hotline 1800 226 226, emergency broadcasters including ABC radio, Sky News TV, commercial radio and select community radio stations.

Warnings are issued when an incident is occurring, and you need to act. Make sure you understand the three levels of warnings and additional messages such as 'Evacuate Now':

'Advice' means an incident is occurring or has occurred. Access information and

monitor conditions. 'Warning (Watch and Act)' means an emergency is developing nearby. Conditions are changing and you need to act now to protect yourself and your family. 'Emergency Warning' means you are in imminent danger and need to act now. 'Evacuation' means an evacuation is recommended, or procedures are in place to evacuate.

The CFA is asking people to take the following actions: Move your winter woodpile away from the house or sheds. Prune tree branches so they are not overhanging the roof or touching walls. Clear your gutters. Keep grass shorter than 10cm. Remove leaves and twigs from around your property. Test anything that is part of your fire plan such as sprinklers, pumps, and generators. Check that your home and contents insurance is current and includes a level of cover in line with current building standards and regulations. If you are burning off to remove green waste, register your burn-off online at Fire Permits Victoria at [firepermits.vic.gov.au](http://firepermits.vic.gov.au), or call ESTA on 1800 688 511.

Make sure your household has a Bushfire Survival Plan. Find out how at [cfa.vic.gov.au/bushfireplan](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/bushfireplan)

## SPORT

# Great Rounds of Golf for Yea



Tim Quinlan presented Michael Sheather and Di Elliott with their prizes. -S



Cindy Armstrong congratulates Khai Mohammed-Noor on her round of 40 points. -S



Doris Chambers Foursomes winners. Jo Clayton and Cindy Armstrong. -S

by Alan Pell

LAST Wednesday, golf saw some great results in both the mens and ladies competitions. Mick Spagnolo (9) appreciated the excellent course conditions, recording 40 points to be a clear winner in the men's stableford event. Gary Pollard (15) and Sam Wright (30) returned with 35 points apiece, but Sam went home with the chocolates, taking out second place on countback.

The 11th green proved elusive and there were no nearest the pin winners. Graeme Bryant and Rob Gill had a tight tussle for the club award, but Graeme took the honour on countback.

The Ladies competed in the first round of the Doris Chambers Foursomes. Jo Clayton and Cindy Armstrong combined to be runaway winners with 35 points. Jo and Cindy will now represent Yea Golf Club in the state final in October. Special mention to Khai Jarvis who recorded an individual personal best with 40 Stableford points while playing in the ladies event. Well done Khai, a great round.

Forty seven people participated in golf last Saturday in the Mary Walker Canadian Foursomes and a mens stableford event. The weather was typical springtime with bouts of icy wind and rain followed by sunshine with little wind. Nineteen pairs contested the Mary Walker Event. Mary was a tireless worker for the Yea Club. She was the First Lady President of a Victorian Club and a golf fanatic. Tim Quinlan representing the family sponsoring the day said "Mary would have played golf eight days a week if she could."

Winners of the Mary Walker Canadian foursomes were Di Elliott (30) and Michael Sheather (26) with an excellent 86 off the stick nett 65. Second were Penny Britton (33) and Alan Pell (16) with 87 nett 68 5/8. Third were Sharon Grogan (28) and Mic Spagnolo (9) with 83 nett 69 and a half and fourth were Brian (13) and Christine Simmons (30) with 89 nett 73 1/4. Nearest the pins were Michael Sheather on the second, Rick Wills on the 14th, Miranda Gill on the 18th and Brian and Christine Simmons nearest the pins for two on the 11th.

In the men's stableford young Oakley Ness (24) played an outstanding round of 42 points to win from his father Jono (18) second with 38 points. Oakley's handicap has reduced from 42 to 21 this year. It will further decrease if he continues this form. Great to see life member Terry Chaplin back at the club and he took out nearest the pin for the 11th in the stableford event.



Sam plays at a deep ball from Jodie. -S

# Some great wins for squash

by Kristelle Leary

## Blue Vein versus Gouda

Ethan versus Eric (fill in): Both players had great rallies and amazing court coverage. Ethan's serves helped to tip the odds in his favour and he took home every game and the match. 65 to 76.

Matt versus Chris: Matt ate his weetbix this morning, so much energy on the court running every ball down from Chris to take home the match. 86 to 36.

Pep versus Justin: Big hitting game. Close in the first three games before Pep was ruthless and dominated the final game. Pep was victorious. 65 to 52.

James versus Derrick: Outstanding form by James with deep and tight shots. Derrick

came back in the third game with a good lead. Derrick took the final game but couldn't overtake James. The trophy went to James. 58 to 55.

## Feta versus Mozzarella

Tyler versus Eric: A great match with two tied games. Eric took the other two games to secure his victory. 56 to 52.

Sally versus Mick: Sally is improving with each passing week, but Mick's experience gave him the upper hand and he took home the match. 72 to 48.

Phil versus Ruth (fill in): A great contest. Phil took the early lead, but Ruth pipped him at the post. Coming from behind to take the last two game Ruth claimed the win. 61 to 59.

Andrew versus Daniel: They know how to put on a show, really great to watch. Andrew did an amazing job, however Daniel had all the shots and won out. 76 to 46.

## Barracudas versus Piranhas

Matthew versus Beth: Matthew put in a great effort running down the ball. Unfortunately, he couldn't match Beth's skills, and she took home the win. 85 to 41.

Jodie (fill in) versus Sam: Sam had Jodie on the ropes a few times, but Jodie's wicked serve was able to give her the edge to regain control and win the points to take the match. 62 to 56.

Jack versus Michael H: Running for everything Michael was everywhere, but

Jack had the upper hand and spectacular drives that earned him the win. 62 to 45.

## Orcas versus Stingray

Chris (fill in) versus Jess: Coming out strong, Chris sailed through the first three games. Jess turned the tides and won the last game, but it was too late, and Chris claimed the victory. 56 to 53.

Kristelle versus Travis: With strong boasts, serves and her ability to read the play Kristelle proved too much for Travis on the night and won with a commanding lead. 83 to 48.

Stuart versus Jim: Stuart claimed the first game and looked to be in good form. The next three were all about Jim making an impact and winning the match. 73 to 46.

## New Computer, Printer and Scoreboard Signs at Yea Bowls Club

by Maurie Finn

IT'S all happening at the Yea Bowls Club. A recent grant from the Murrindindi Shire

Council contributed 50 per cent of the costs toward purchasing a much needed new computer and colour printer. The club is very grateful for this assistance.



The colour printer kindly donated by the Murrindindi Shire Council. -S



New scoreboard signage from sponsors of the Yea Bowls Club. -S

New scoreboard signage from the following sponsors is now displayed, ready for our upcoming season: Alexandra Newspapers, Marmalades, Noble Knight, Nutrien Harcourts, Williams Hunt and Bett and Yea Automotive Service Centre. A big thanks to these local businesses who contribute greatly to the successful running of the club.

With the current Pennant season fast approaching, a roll up will be held on Saturday afternoons for the next two weeks, followed by a challenge match against Yarra Glen on October 5. A club pairs event coinciding with the season launch is to be held on Saturday October 12, with Cindy McLeish, the State Member for Eildon, doing the honours.

Anyone interested in joining the club come down and make yourself known, you will be made very welcome.



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## Start of the season for Flowerdale barefoot bowls

FLOWERDALE Sports Club had their first barefoot bowls session of the summer season alongside regular tennis games.

The club has recently given fresh life to their bowling greens, and has plans for many more activities to be centred in the Flowerdale Recreation Reserve.

Club secretary, Craig Green, spoke about how the club is trying to turn itself into a place for the Flowerdale community to gather and mingle and have a good time.

On top of the renovated greens, the club rooms have been furnished with new updated furniture to provide more comfort for members.

The club has received support from Foundation Murrindindi, Murrindindi Shire Council, and is working with the Flowerdale Men's Shed on several projects. The activities of the club, however, are volunteer funded.

Barefoot bowls takes place on the third Sunday of the month from 2pm to 6pm, September to April. For enquiries, contact the Flowerdale Sports Club at [flowerdalesportsclub@gmail.com](mailto:flowerdalesportsclub@gmail.com)



These fine gentlemen enjoyed the first game of barefoot bowls for the summer season at the Flowerdale Sports Club. -BD



There was a good turnout for tennis in Flowerdale. -BD



Youngsters Elliott and Russell enjoying a round of tennis. -BD

## Down to the wire in tennis

by Rhonda Carpenter

UNDER cloudy skies Mansfield faced top side Terip in their semifinal clash and Benalla met Euroa alongside them in Mansfield last Monday week. Many enjoyed watching the spectacle of the high quality matches.

Terip's Cindy Hayes, Rebecca Lyttle, Frances Lawrence and Phoebe Macdermid began with a burst, by winning one opener 8-2 but Mansfield's Peta Kelly, Michelle Pigdon, Keira McDonagh and Clare Beecham took the other 8-4.

The next pairs were also split, and only four games separated the teams. Powerful ball striking and clever courtcraft were on display in

entertainingly lengthy rallies. Terip stamped their authority in the final sets, winning both, 8-2 and 8-6, to book their spot in the grand final next week by defeating Mansfield 4/42 to 2/30.

Euroa jumped out of the blocks against Benalla in their semifinal, winning both opening sets. Faye Mollison, Lyndall Bigland, Chris Ellis and Julie Harrington were keen to make a statement with power hitting and precise placement.

Benalla warmed up, fought back hard and took two of the next three sets. Kate Campbell and Maureen Jewell won their set in a tiebreak while Claire Sharp and Helen Checucti were unlucky to lose theirs in a tiebreak.

The longest match of the day needed a third tiebreak to decide a winner, and Euroa's Lyndall and Chris won that one. After an amazing match of inspirational tennis Euroa booked their spot in the grand final by winning 4/43 to 2/36.

Afterwards in the packed clubhouse, players and their supporters reflected on their season, made plans for the summer competitions, and found nourishment.

Since 2016 Terip have won the flag for the past six finals. After many attempts Euroa Iis challenging Terip's dominance for the premiership this week in Euroa.



Flowerdale local Luke took on the important job of feeding the hungry sports enthusiasts with woodfired pizza. -BD