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Alexandra Primary School prep students celebrating 100 Days of School with teacher Caroline Bett. More images from 100 Days of School can be found on page 7. -S

## Inquiry into the 2022 flood event

THE Inquiry into the 2022 Flood event in Victoria was tabled in Parliament on July 30 by the Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee. The report made 90 findings regarding the standard of emergency preparedness in Victoria prior to the October 2022 floods and 73 recommendations to the Victorian Government aimed at improving community readiness in the event of disasters and to respond more effectively in the future.

The government has six months to respond to the inquiry report and during that time they plan to consider all the evidence, findings and recommendations when developing a new Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy.

Liberal Member for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell said, "The Victorian Government must now respond meaningfully to the findings and recommendations of the report and ensure that warning systems are enhanced, residents are educated for disaster preparedness and response, local governments are resourced to maintain updated flood plans, and emergency services get the training and support they need to deal with future natural disasters."

Nationals Member for Ovens Valley and Shadow Minister for Water, Tim McCurdy commented that "The government needs to go away and have a good hard look at their policy failures of the last decade... It has failed Victorians before, during, and after the flood event, and is still failing Victorians now in their time of need."

### The Inquiry

The 2022 flood event affected 63 local government areas and one alpine resort, a total of 81 per cent of all local government areas across Victoria. This significant event required an inquiry to recommend ways to improve for the future regarding preparation, response and recovering from floods. Affected communities contributed to the inquiry, evidence was received from emergency responders, local authorities, climate scientists, hydrologists and urban planners. In Murrindindi Shire, 36 submissions were made to the inquiry.

The inquiry states, "For government, one of the most critical roles going forward is accurately and honestly informing communities about risk. New flood modelling is being undertaken across all Melbourne catchments, and flood studies across the state should be regularly undertaken. Communities need to be properly supported through this process and community leaders need to show compassion, offer support, and avoid exploiting genuine fear and uncertainty. Preparedness for the next disaster is another essential component of what comes from this latest experience."

It's also noted how climate change plays a part in future flood events. "As our climate changes, weather events become more intense and more severe, and as development changes the built environment around floodplains, the frequency and severity of flood events will only intensify. As a result, those living and working near watercourses are facing new pressures to adapt to these changes, and uncertainty that arises because of them. Communities will need to become more resilient and more prepared to respond to emergency events, and better supported to do so. Government must integrate the new climate induced reality in each stage of its policy development, from planning to mitigation and environmental management, through to emergency response and recovery."

### The 2022 Flood

In October 2022 Victoria experienced a historic flooding event that was primarily triggered by significant rainfall on October 12 and 13. Catchments were already filling fast. A triple La Nina event and negative Indian Ocean dipole was taking place causing intense rain to fall on saturated grounds and reservoirs, resulting in rapid river overflows and flooding in Melbourne and Northern Victoria.

### Emergency Management

The report identified several issues surrounding flood response infrastructure and procedures.

"A recurring theme was the inadequacy of existing mitigation infrastructure and

its maintenance, highlighted by frequent breaches and confusion over ownership and responsibilities," the report said.

It was also noted that emergency management not only addresses physical risks but also effectively engages with communities and supports the psychological and social needs of those affected. Impacted residents reported in the inquiry that significant trauma associated with rapid evacuation, and people with disabilities reported their needs were not considered at all. In future this highlights the need for more sensitive and well planned evacuation warnings and to consider the emotional and physical wellbeing of individuals.

The report says, "Many residents continue to experience mental health challenges and trauma from their experiences during the floods. Delays and complexities in accessing financial support further exacerbated the distress of affected individuals and businesses."

Ensuring accessibility in emergency response is crucial for enabling all community members, regardless of their location, abilities, or resources, to receive and understand emergency information and services effectively.

One of the findings included the transmission of emergency warnings was inconsistent across affected communities. Some areas received excessive warnings from competing sources while others received incorrect, limited or delayed warnings. In both circumstances communities experienced a degree of confusion which limited people's capacity to make informed decisions, impacting the effectiveness of the emergency response.

Social media played an important role in disseminating information, however its unregulated nature meant it contributed to the spread of misinformation leading to heightened confusion and uncertainty. This emphasised that official sources take a proactive approach to communications to prevent residents relying on social media.

### Lake Eildon

The inquiry said, "Stakeholders from Northern Victoria attributed some blame to the water releases from Lake Eildon for the floods their towns experienced. However, the extent of the impact is unknown. Goulburn-Murray Water has acknowledged the risk of flooding wrought by large inflows into the water storage, stating on its website there is a 'risk of flood downstream'. In its submission, Mitchell Shire Council contended that 'large inflows into Goulburn River downstream of Eildon resulted in major flooding on October 13 and 14. It further noted that the subsequent releases from Lake Eildon then maintained moderate flooding for a number of weeks following the initial devastation."

A finding on flood mitigation infrastructure showed inflows to Lake Eildon were significantly higher than its releases. While the releases from Lake Eildon contributed to flooding immediately downstream of the storage, the timing of these releases reduced the severity of the flood peak further downstream including at Seymour and Shepparton. One of the recommendations asked that the Victorian Government ensure that, for future events that are expected to replicate high storage and high rainfall conditions, new temporary operating rules for water storage and release are developed. These new rules must take account of the interest of those who are affected by Eildon and Eppalock's storages including downstream landholders and water entitlement holders.

Other recommendations to improve the operation of Lake Eildon included reviewing operational rules for Lake Eildon to ensure they are appropriately adaptive to wet or dry seasons, including restricting full supply level (with suggestions ranging from 90 to 95 per cent capacity), adopting a conservative infill curve to ensure Lake Eildon is not at full supply in September and October when annual rainfalls are more likely to peak, and abandoning the carryover policy.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Menzies land sale

THE Dame Pattie Menzies Centre Inc. trading as Menzies Support Services, would like to acknowledge a decision made by the Committee of Management to place a parcel of land zoned as 'Industrial' up for sale. The decision follows significant consideration and deliberation regarding the future of our organisation. Menzies Support Services land is comprised of both residential and industrial zoned land.

The industrial land that we are proposing to sell is located north of the UT Creek along Lamont St and is currently used for agistment.

Over the past few years, Menzies Support Services have faced unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 impact on service delivery and the escalating unfunded costs associated with NDIS business operations, which have decreased our financial reserves. The continued unfunded compliance activities and overall rising costs borne by registered NDIS providers to deliver

accredited services only exacerbates the issues for providers such as Menzies who deliver services in rural areas.

We understand that this decision may come as a surprise to some and may be met with mixed emotions, however, the current economic realities have left us with no other viable option than to sell a parcel of land with the sale funds being strategically invested to strengthen our service delivery, improve our facilities, and enhance our ability to provide care that is responsive to the needs of our community.

Selling the land will provide us with the capacity and capability to extend our services, implement new initiatives and develop Menzies Support Services into a thriving and contemporary community support service.

Menzies Support Services has long been committed to providing high-quality, group and individualised support services to clients with disability, and more recently our aged care community. This commitment has always been at the core of our organisation. Menzies will always maintain a 'Charity Heart', but to remain a part of our community delivering exceptional services, we need to make strategic changes to ensure we can continue well into the future.

We want to assure you that our commitment to serving the community remains unwavering and this sale will strengthen the sustainability and quality of the services that our community relies upon.

We deeply appreciate the support and understanding of our community throughout this process. We are committed to keeping you informed and engaged as we navigate this change. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us directly on [dpmc@menziessupport.org.au](mailto:dpmc@menziessupport.org.au)

Peter Elms-Smith, secretary Dame Pattie Menzies Centre Committee of Management

### Shire insurance costs

IN the recent July 31 edition of *The Yea Chronicle* an item in the report on the council's July meeting caught my eye:

The \$45,000 increase in cost of the shire council's Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance cover to \$385,540.13 'as

impacted by a significant claim from a single road-related incident'.

Vic Roads is responsible for the upkeep of our shire's major highways which begs the questions, was this 'single road-related incident claim' on council's insurance a motor vehicle or traffic incident? If so, was it attributable to the deplorable neglected state of many of our local roads?

Carmel O'Heir, Yea



**THUMBS UP:** To the Snobs Creek Holiday Park pub for being open seven days a week, even during this quiet winter, and offering some amazing specials.

**THUMBS UP:** To the friendly staff that work at both the Eildon and Alexandra tips.

**THUMBS UP:** To Alexandra Secondary College for the awesome Open Night last Wednesday. My son who is starting high school next year thought it was great. It was well organised and there were activities happening in every room. The teachers went above and beyond to talk to us and make my son feel welcome. Couldn't ask for a better start to his high school stage of life. Thank you.

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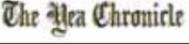
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## Weekly Weather

August 7 - August 13, 2024

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	4	14	Wednesday	5	15
Thursday	7	13	Thursday	7	14
Friday	5	14	Friday	5	15
Saturday	4	16	Saturday	4	17
Sunday	5	17	Sunday	5	18
Monday	9	18	Monday	9	19
Tuesday	10	17	Tuesday	10	17


### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	11.00am Mon	1.10	steady	below minor
Rubicon River at Rubicon	11.00am Mon	0.57	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	9.09am Mon	0.80	steady	below minor
Home Creek at Yarck	9.24am Mon	0.19	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	10.27am Mon	0.72	steady	below minor
Yea River at Yea	8.22am Mon	1.25	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	11.00am Mon	3.54	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	11.00am Mon	0.75	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Trawool	11.00am Mon	1.16	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	11.00am Mon	0.36	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Seymour	11.00am Mon	1.50	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	9.07am Mon	1.22	steady	

**\*\*ISSUED AT 11.16AM ON MONDAY, 5 AUGUST 2024**

### DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra	0mm
Buxton	0mm
Eildon (AWS)	2mm
Flowerdale	2mm
Jamieson	0.6mm
Kinglake	9mm
Lake Eildon	0.2mm
Mansfield	N/Amm
Taggerty	1mm
Yarck	0.6mm
Yea	0.8mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

### LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	286.12m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	89.1%
Metres below full supply	2.78m
Daily inflow	3000ML
Release	1000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	75%



### DEADLINES

Real Estate	Thursday 5pm
Trades & Services	Thursday noon
Early General News	Thursday 5pm
Classifieds	Monday noon
Editorial	Monday 9am
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Letters to the Editor	Monday 9am
Thumbsup/down	Monday 10am

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# FFMVic supports firefighting efforts in Canada

FOREST Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) firefighters have answered the call of their Canadian counterparts to support the efforts to contain the country's devastating bushfires.

North east Victoria firefighters Jarrod Hayse, Matthew Parker and William Bailey were deployed to Alberta last week, taking on roles as Agency Representative, Task Force Leader and Heavy Equipment Boss during a 35-day deployment.

A total of 62 FFMVic personnel are supporting the ongoing wildfire response, continuing a long-standing relationship between Victoria and Canada. This includes locals Tori Spraggs and Luke Heard, the latter in the role of Crew Leader, who are based at Alexandra.

An additional 10 arduous FFMVic firefighters from the region departed Thursday, August 1, to further support

the response, including Canadian-born Steve LeBrun.

Steve heads back to Canada after starting his firefighting career in the southern Rocky Mountains almost 20 years ago.

"For me, this is an amazing opportunity to be able to go back to Canada and lead a crew of professional firefighters to help protect communities from these devastating fires."

Hume Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Aaron Kennedy, added his thoughts on the matter.

"FFMVic firefighters and incident management staff bring extensive emergency management experience, taking on specialist roles, as well on ground firefighting," Mr Kennedy said.

"Our arduous firefighters are well-prepared to face Canada's challenging and remote terrain, bringing specialist skills in tree-felling and dry firefighting techniques. I am confident that they will be put to good use and will make a positive impact on the ground."

While the deployments provide additional firefighting resources, they also offer invaluable opportunities for FFMVic staff to expand their operational experience in different environments.

In 2019-20, Canadian firefighters supported Victorian firefighting efforts, and since then, FFMVic staff have been part of multiple deployments to Canada over the past two fire seasons.

As Victoria prepares for the upcoming bushfire season, FFMVic is recruiting several hundred Project Firefighters to bolster their permanent firefighting staff.

These roles offer a valuable entry point into careers in environmental and emergency management. Some of FFMVic's former Project Firefighters have gone on to support firefighting efforts across Australia and internationally.

While applications closed on July 28, FFMVic is still accepting applications for locations across the north east with vacancies. For more information, visit: [jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/pff](http://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/pff)

# Daffodil Day is on the way

CANCER Council's much loved and most iconic national fundraiser, Daffodil Day will take place on Thursday, August 22. Now in its 38th year, this celebrated event urges Australians to buy a bunch of daffodils to support life-changing cancer research.

Daffodil Day raises vital funds and awareness about the importance of ongoing cancer research and support for individuals and families impacted by cancer.

This year's goal is to raise more than \$2.6 million across Australia. Beautiful daffodils are on sale at Cancer Council pop-up stalls around the country on Daffodil Day and donations can be made online.

Almost one in two people will be impacted by cancer during their lifetime.

More than 40,000 fundraisers got behind Daffodil Day in 2023, raising more than \$2.5 million and taking us one step closer to a cancer-free future.

To donate or find your nearest daffodil stall, visit [daffodilday.com.au](http://daffodilday.com.au)

You can also find information about registering to fundraise at the website.



Daffodil Day will be held on August 22. -John O'Neill



John George from Broadford with crew leader Luke Heard and Tori Spraggs. Both Luke and Tori are based in Alexandra. -S

# Landcare grants now open

Landcare grants of between \$5000 and \$20,000 are now open. They are aimed at supporting Landcare and other environmental community groups with a wide range of Landcare activities.

The \$300,000 Landcare Australia Community Grants Program will support what matters most to Landcare groups, using local knowledge to restore, enhance and protect their natural environment, increase biodiversity and help improve community engagement in landcare activities.

Landcare Australia is particularly interested in grassroots projects which galvanise community action to help increase

the number of people rolling up their sleeves for conservation projects in their local patch.

Eligible activities include educational workshops, field days, restoring wildlife habitat, creating shelterbelts, installing fences, protecting waterways, managing weeds and feral pests, working with Traditional Owners and First Nations organisations, purchasing plants and equipment, installing signage, amongst other landcare activities.

For more information, visit [landcareaustralia.org.au/news/landcare-australia-community-grants-program-2024](http://landcareaustralia.org.au/news/landcare-australia-community-grants-program-2024)

# Council's intention to develop land for Key Worker Housing

COUNCIL will soon be seeking expressions of interest from residential developers to develop two council owned sites in Alexandra for key worker housing, 174 Grant Street and 94 Nihil Street.

These sites were identified as suitable for development in council's Key Worker Housing Strategy, which aims to support local industry and provide a pathway for the development of safe, secure, and suitable housing for all residents.

Council's intention is to maintain ownership of the land and enter a long

term lease or joint venture arrangement to secure key worker housing.

Community members can provide feedback or seek more information on this lease proposal up to August 21 by emailing [customer@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:customer@murrindindi.vic.gov.au) or by calling Amanda Vogt, Manager of Governance and Risk on 5772 0333.

Residential developers interested in developing these sites are encouraged to register with council's e-tendering portal.

Registered businesses will receive an email notification when each Expression of Interests process commences.

# Affordable Living

Affordable dwellings from \$35,000 are available at Eildon Lifestyle Village, offering a safe and secure environment in which to live.

Village amenities include a recreational building, solar heating swimming pool, a community vegetable garden, on-site management, an alfresco area abutting the pool with pizza oven, BBQ, for dining and socialising.

Only a 10 to 15 minute leisurely walk into the town of Eildon and the Pondage.

The Eildon Lifestyle Village is a peaceful and tranquil oasis, in which to spend a relaxing retirement.

See [www.eildonlifestylevillage.com.au](http://www.eildonlifestylevillage.com.au) and email us at [info@eildonlifestylevillage.com.au](mailto:info@eildonlifestylevillage.com.au) or alternatively call us on 5774 2128 to arrange an inspection.



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3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	Alexandra RSL Ph 0409 950 913
4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Yarck CWA Meeting, 10.30am Yarck Hall.
4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
4 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Alexandra Redgate CWA Meeting 1pm, Ph 0402 804 517
Last Fri	Carers Group 10am. Free morning tea. 0418 402 455



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

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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8**

Pyalong Online Clearing sale, Sugar Loaf Creek. 280 lots, some located Alexandra. Commencing noon. Concludes Monday, August 12 at noon. Inspection day Thursday, August 8, 10am-2pm. Pick up day Wednesday, August 14, 10am-3pm.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**

Alexandra Timber Tramway will hold their AGM at 5pm in the Goldfields Room at The Corner Hotel. Any enquiries phone 0427 509 988.

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The diesel train will be running at the Alexandra Timber Tramway from 10am-3.30pm. For group bookings and further information contact 0427 509 988.

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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13**

Alexandra Garden Club AGM will be held at 2pm at the Uniting Church, Alexandra.

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Friends of the Yea Library AGM will be held at 2.30pm at Yea Community House. All bookshop volunteers are welcome to attend.

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**MONDAY, AUGUST 26**

UGFM AGM will be held at 7.30pm via Zoom. For the meeting link or to nominate for the committee, contact the secretary at [info@ugfm.org](mailto:info@ugfm.org) or call 5772 2722.

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**McLeish comments on flood inquiry**

THE parliamentary inquiry into the October 2022 floods has found that changes need to be made to avoid a catastrophic repeat of the event.

Shadow Minister for Water, Tim McCurdy, said that it was important that government adopt the recommendations to develop new rules for major flood events that would balance the needs of entitlement holders and the community.

“Labor was asleep at the wheel during the flood event, failing farmers and community members before, during, and after the floods,” Mr McCurdy said.

“There was a lot of concern and confusion around the role of Lake Eildon, and then the subsequent lack of alerts and information caused more distress for those downstream.

“Locals need a clear message about the role of Eildon in future floods, and they also need alerts about major releases before their houses are flooded.”

Liberal Member for Eildon, Cindy McLeish, said that those downstream of Lake Eildon were let down badly by the government.

“An enormous volume of water was released from Lake Eildon near midnight with no warning, flooding landowners and communities downstream in the darkness causing massive stress. This is simply not good enough,” Ms McLeish said.

“Two years later the community of Acheron still suffers the impact of the flood, with the road and historic Breakaway Bridge yet to be repaired.”

“The government needs to learn from their mistakes, rather than to pass it off as a one in 100 year flood event.”

**Alexandra Senior report**

by honorary secretary Mike Jennings

THE Alexandra and District Senior Citizens Club opened the Friday Business meeting remembering Cath Chanter. Cath was a life member and former club treasurer. She passed away a few days ago in Darlingford Nursing Home. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Following the usual agenda items, the members retired to the tearoom for refreshments and the usual games of 500 and UNO. The planned excursion to the Kilsyth Club for *Morning Melodies* and lunch on Wednesday, August 21, will go ahead with the coach departing from the Bayley Street clubroom at 8.30am. There are still a few seats on the coach so if you want to join us please let Mike know as soon as possible. Following the lunch, the attendees will be visiting Hunters and Collectors Antiques in Bayswater. If you would like details of the club activities, please email [secretaryadsc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryadsc@gmail.com). Meanwhile stay safe and keep smiling.



A surprise visit from Santa at Christmas in July at Holmesglen. -S

**Christmas in July at Holmesglen**

THE festive spirit was alive and well at Holmesglen at Eildon as it hosted its highly anticipated Christmas in July celebration dinner. The event, held on July 20, saw an enthusiastic turnout of guests eager to indulge in a night of holiday cheer and winter warmth.

The evening kicked off at 6.30pm with a reception featuring mulled wine, setting the perfect cozy tone for the festivities. Attendees were then treated to a sumptuous three course meal that included succulent roast turkey, glazed ham and traditional plum puddings with brandy sauce.

Many local guests attended, including Mayor Damien Gallagher, and visitors to

the area from Melbourne. Some staff from Holmesglen’s Melbourne Campus’s were also welcomed, enjoying the night away with their families.

Entertainment for the night was top notch, with live music from Barry Tudor and his band filling the air, enchanting performances by a roving magician captivating the audience, and a special visit from Santa Claus bringing joy to both children and adults.

Holmesglen at Eildon extends its thanks to all who participated and looks forward to hosting more such delightful events in the future. For more information on upcoming events, visit [holmesglenateildon.com.au](http://holmesglenateildon.com.au) or contact [eildon@holmesglen.edu.au](mailto:eildon@holmesglen.edu.au)

**Reliable communication for Acheron CFA**

ACHERON CFA has upgraded its communications by investing in a Starlink set up for the fire station. This will allow the station to have backup when outages happen, it can also offer mobile Wi-Fi calling and internet access.

Adam Kamenek, Captain of the Acheron brigade explained how the idea came from the major power and phone outages that was experienced earlier in the year.

“We had the big communication outage around six months ago, everyone was down, mobile and power was down, and I was the only one in the brigade with Starlink at home with a generator, so I was still in communication with the outside world.

“We thought it would be a good idea the brigade is also in communication with the outside world as well and as a bonus it gives it as an opportunity to the community as well. In these cases, if residents need to make a phone call come down to the station and you can use our Wi-Fi to do it. Its part of our five to 10 year plan we are working on now to upgrade our station, to make it a bit more of a community hub when things like this happen.”

The generous donations from the Breakaway Twin Rivers Caravan Park after they held an event on Australia Day this year has helped the brigade achieve this goal.

“They wanted us to spend the donation money on something practical, we thought Starlink was very practical. They were happy to support that.” Adam said.

“As a brigade we are the first in the area to get Starlink.”

The brigade has 40 members and out of those members 18 are operational members.

“We are doing alright for a little brigade,” Adam said.

The Acheron brigade is holding a trivia night in September.

Adam said, “The Trivia night is more of social/community gathering. Last year we had our first awards night, this year we will do this, and next year we’ll do another awards night.”

The upcoming trivia night is on Saturday, September 14, for more information visit Acheron CFA on Facebook.

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# MURRINDINDI SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS



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All cats and dogs over the age of three months are required to be microchipped and registered with Council. This helps keep your pet safe and helps us reunite lost pets with their owners.

Our Community Safety team will soon follow up with owners who have not completed their pet registration this year. We'll be commencing door knocks to check-in and make sure your details are up to date.

For residents who may have moved or who no longer have a pet that was previously registered, you can update your details by completing our online 'Change of Details' form at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/animaldetails](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/animaldetails)

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## HAVE YOUR SAY ON FOUR-STREAM WASTE AND RECYCLING REGULATIONS

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action is working with councils across Victoria to implement a new four-stream household waste and recycling system, which includes services for glass, food organics, garden organics, and mixed recycling.

Have your say on the proposed regulations and service standards, which specify when and how councils are to provide the four-stream service.

Public feedback is invited until **Wednesday 14 August 2024**.

The final regulations will be informed by this consultation and published on Engage Victoria. Visit [engage.vic.gov.au](http://engage.vic.gov.au)

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Visit [vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment](http://vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment) or contact us to enrol in one of the special council enrolment categories.



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**Tuesday 17 September:** Kinglake Library

**Tuesday 15 October:** Yea Maternal Child Health Centre

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### ALEXANDRA PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Marlee Creighton - 3/4B**  
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### BUXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Zarhlia** showed great perseverance and effort when skiing.  
  
Great job, Zarhlia.

### ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Asha**  
Asha is always willing to help out and make sure her classmates feel safe and happy. She notices when someone is upset and supports them to seek help. Asha's caring nature is so valuable in our school. She makes a fabulous role model.

Congratulations Asha.

**Student of the Week**

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## Alexandra Primary School's tree planting day



Alexandra Primary School students planting trees near the tennis courts in Alexandra on Friday, August 2. -AR



The students worked cooperatively throughout the event. -AR



The students had a great time getting out into nature and planting trees. -AR

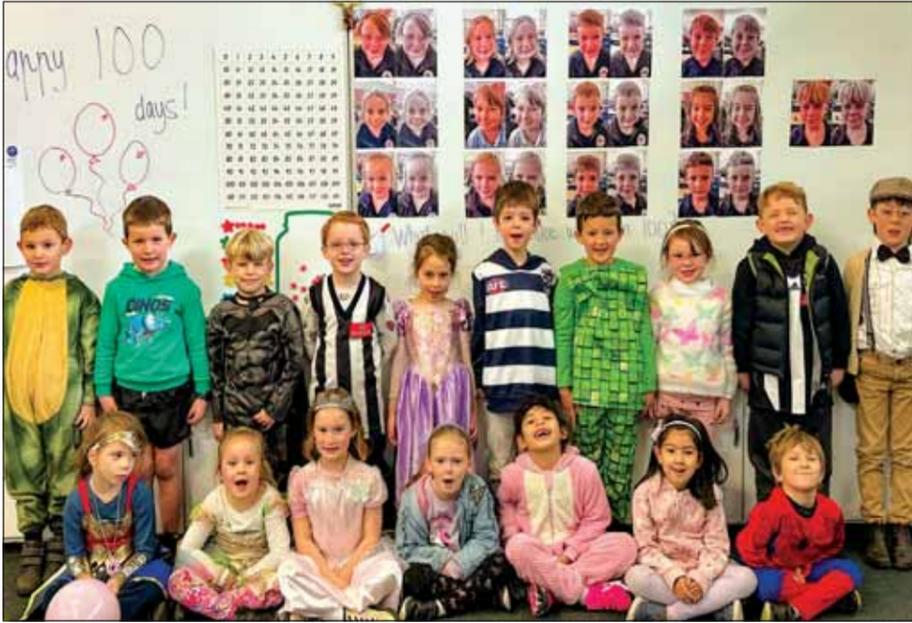


The event was held in conjunction with the Upper Goulburn Landcare Network and the Murrindindi Shire Council. -AR



Although it was a cold morning, the students were keen to get their hands dirty. -AR

# Prep students celebrate 100 Days of School



St Mary's Primary School prep students celebrating 100 Days of School.



Buxton Primary School prep students with a 100 Days of School cake. -S

## Council launches Kindergarten and Childcare Strategy

TO improve access to early childhood education for families in the region, Murrindindi Shire Council endorsed its *Kindergarten and Childcare Strategy 2024-2029* at the July meeting of council.

Murrindindi Shire is experiencing challenges with increasing demand for kindergarten and childcare services. There is steady growth in the population of children aged zero to four years and capacity issues for Three-Year-Old and Four-Year-Old kindergarten programs. Additionally, there is a shortage of educators and teachers to meet the high demand for these services and more facilities are needed to support current and future needs.

The strategy aims to clarify council's role in supporting service providers and the community, as well as addressing the current and future demand for kindergarten and childcare services in Murrindindi Shire.

It provides council with specific goals for supporting Family Day Care services, where childcare is provided in the homes of registered and qualified educators. It will help guide the future management and maintenance of buildings for early years education providers to operate from and support council in advocating for more fit-for-purpose infrastructure and services to meet demands.

The strategy also guides council's work in attracting new providers to our region, developing our local workforce, influencing policies and decisions that affect the early childhood education sector and planning for a sustainable future.

It comes as Murrindindi Shire has been announced as one of the first local government areas for the pre-prep (Four-Year-Old Kinder) roll out between 2025-2032 under the *Best Start, Best Life* reforms, which aims to increase kindergarten programs to 30 hours per week, up from the current 15 hours per week. This announcement follows the roll out of the free 15 hours per week Three-Year-Old Kinder,

under the same reforms, which has been available in Murrindindi Shire since 2021.

Local service providers, the Department of Education, and private investors provided valuable input during the development of the strategy, and council will continue to engage with these groups while implementing actions from the strategy.

For more information and to read the strategy, visit council's website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/kindergartenstrategy](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/kindergartenstrategy)

Council's Community Wellbeing and Economic Development Portfolio Councillor Sandice

McAulay said, "We are proud to launch our first *Kindergarten and Childcare Strategy*, demonstrating our commitment to supporting the early years sector and the families and children of Murrindindi Shire. With new services on the way in Alexandra and Yea, this Strategy will guide the work council does to improve early childhood education. Together with our partners, we will ensure that kindergarten and childcare services in our shire are accessible and affordable, and meet the needs of our community. Council will continue to advocate for improved access to services for our community."

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## Inquiry into the 2022 flood event

*Continued from Page 1*

The committee received multiple submissions from stakeholders in the Goulburn area which described the impact of Lake Eildon releases on flooding in the area. A common theme among these submissions is that the very high capacity of the dam at the time of the flood event, which did not leave sufficient remaining capacity to handle large inflows, led to significant releases, in turn contributing to local flooding.

In addition to Lake Eildon being at near capacity coming into the October 2022 flood event (a part of the operational policies of the site), several stakeholders were also concerned about the lack of sufficient warning given when outflow changed. On October 14, the outflow from Lake Eildon increased from under "Minor Flood Level" to just under "Major Flood Level" at 38,000ML/d. The Committee was informed that residents did not receive adequate warning

and were unable to prepare for the implications of increased outflow.

### Flood Mitigation Infrastructure

A finding surrounding flood mitigation infrastructure showed there was confusion about the ownership and maintenance of these assets. The lack of formal or unclear management led some sites to deteriorate, making them ineffective in providing mitigation during the October 2022 flood event. The recommendation for this was the Victorian Government clarify responsibility for flood mitigation infrastructure, with clear accountability and transparency for who is responsible for each asset.

### Victoria State Emergency Service

The Victoria State Emergency Service (SES) is designated as the lead control agency for flood events under Victoria's State Emergency Management Plan. However, a flood event this size is complex and involved multiple agencies to manage events. The inquiry highlighted the increasing number of emergency events that SES are attending over time. With climate change and weather events this will continue. The SES needs more support. Despite increased funding over time, the SES lacks appropriate resources to prepare and respond to these events. The 2022 flood event had approximately 62.5 per cent of volunteers involved with the SES were involved in flood response activities, coming from 98 per cent of the units across the state.

In the inquiry, Peter Weeks said, "The Alexandra SES performed seven water rescues by boat saving the lives of 11 people stranded by the floodwater unaware that it had risen rapidly during the night."

Volunteer fire brigades and career firefighters also assisted with the efforts. The report said that due to issues of available resources and personnel fatigue, there is a need for improvement for the first responders.

### Flood recovery

When it came to the initial flood relief effort, some emergency relief centres activated by local councils experienced challenges in being

ready for the event and efficient in its handling. From this, there was a recommendation that the Victorian Government, working with local councils establish statewide operating guidelines for Emergency Relief Centres. These guidelines should include protocols on rapid activation, streamlined communication and resource mobilisation. It was advised that local councils should remain empowered to tailor protocols to meet local needs. These resource recovery hubs, including online access need to be developed to provide long term community recovery and resilience building.

Locally, caravan parks were affected significantly during the floods, the inquiry has recommended that the Victorian Government recognise caravan parks as essential businesses in disaster prone areas as providers of housing and emergency support and ensure support is available, including grants under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements to caravan park operators including those who operate on Crown Land.

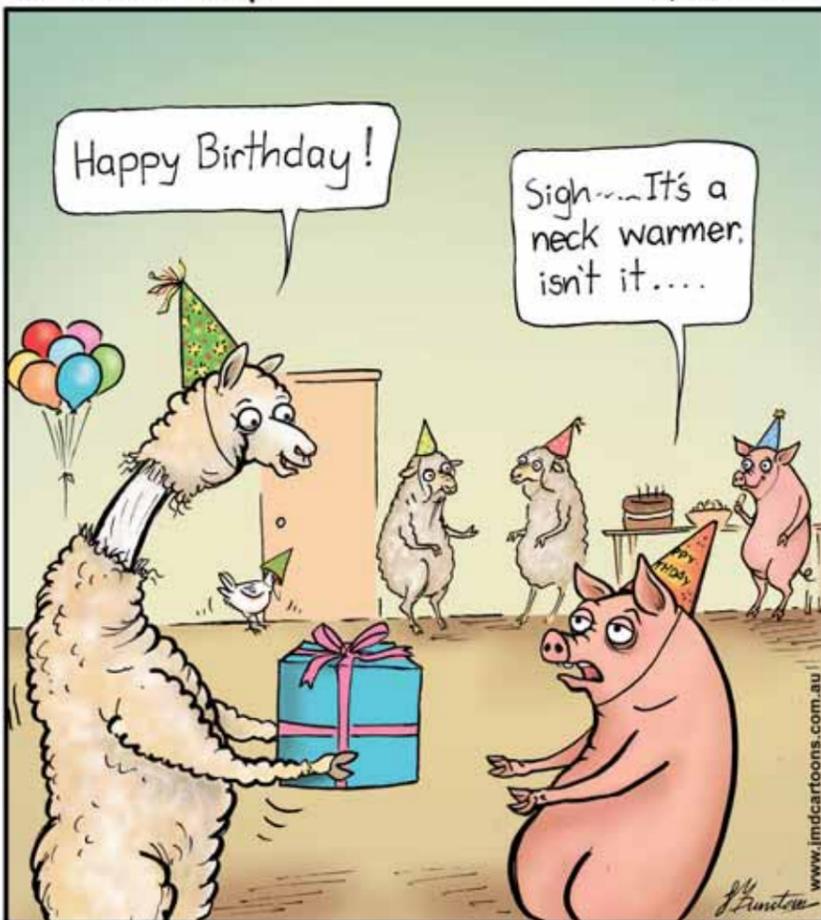
When it comes to recovery and mental health, many people suffered trauma and continue to do so, for this to improve it was recommended that the Victorian Government provide long-term funding contracts for mental health services in flood affected regions, with a focus to securing dedicated mental health professionals and effective service delivery in communities impacted by natural disasters.

Insurance claims resulting from the 2022 floods amounted to \$489 million, being over 10,000 claims. Eighty seven per cent of claims have been closed, with a lower rate for residential and commercial property claims. These numbers have supported a recommendation for timely insurance processing as it's crucial to ease financial strain and postponing the rebuilding process. Prolonging this hinders recovery communities and individuals.

For more information on the inquiry into the 2022 flood event, you can find it at [parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/inquiries/floodinquiry/reports](http://parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/inquiries/floodinquiry/reports)

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By Jed Dunstan



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# Real Estate GUIDE



Rental supply in Murrindindi has reduced and the media average rent has increased.  
-Øyvind Holmstad

## Median rents in Murrindindi

THE median rent in Murrindindi Shire has increased significantly, but the supply has decreased in the years since 2018, according to data from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

The data explores the private rental market across Victoria, broken down by local government area (LGA). The data below relates to three bedroom houses in Murrindindi Shire, as only scattered data is available for the other sub categories, including units and houses with a different number of bedrooms.

In Murrindindi in 2018, there were 105 rental properties available, with an average weekly rent of \$318.75.

By 2019, there were 107 properties available, with a median weekly rent of \$311.25.

In 2020, there were 102 properties available, with a median weekly rent of \$333.25.

In 2021, there were 88 properties available, with a median weekly rent of \$350.

In 2022, there were 85 properties available, with a median weekly rent of \$380.

In 2023, there were 86 properties available, with a median weekly rent of \$415.

In the first quarter of 2024, the median weekly rent was \$420.

That's an increase of 31.76 per cent.

More information can be found at [dffh.vic.gov.au/publications/rental-report](http://dffh.vic.gov.au/publications/rental-report)

## New home approvals on a decline

ACCORDING to Master Builders Australia, the newly released Australian Bureau of Statistics data has shown another slow month for building approvals, with just 13,237 new dwellings approved in June, a 6.5 per cent decline since May.

Concerningly, only 163,000 homes were approved in the 2023/24 financial year, 77,000 homes short of the annual Housing Accord target said Master Builders Australia chief economist Shane Garrett.

"We saw a glimmer of hope during May, but this downturn in June means the industry is starting the Accords period on the wrong foot.

"This was driven by an 18.4 per cent reduction in higher density dwelling approvals,

their lowest monthly total since July 2012.

"Annual building approvals are now at their lowest levels in over a decade despite strong signals from government to increase housing supply.

"If approvals continue at this level, Australia will fall 385,000 homes short of the 1.2 million Housing Accord target," Mr Garrett said.

Master Builders Australia CEO Denita Wawn added, "It's clear more needs to be done, particularly in policy areas outside of the housing portfolio which are driving up building costs and blowing out construction times.

"The industry is hopeful that the recent ministerial reshuffle will provide an opportunity for a

refreshed 'whole of government' approach to the housing crisis... Australian builders are willing and ready to get on with the job of building new homes, but they currently have one hand tied behind their back.

"The industry is being held back by worker shortages, slow planning approvals and critical infrastructure delays, as well as high taxes and charges deterring investment. Combined with industrial relations challenges and recent revelations of alleged union misconduct, costs and building times are blowing out.

"Over the last decade productivity in the industry has fallen 18 per cent and over the last five years building costs have increased by 40 per cent," Ms Wawn said.

## Heat pump hot water system improvements

VICTORIA and New South Wales have joined forces with industry to improve the development of heat pump technology as consumer interest rapidly grows.

Funded by both the Victorian and NSW Governments, the industry-led *Roadmap for Heat Pump Hot Water Systems in Australia*, developed by Energy Efficiency Council (EEC), provides industry and governments a path forward to scale up the heat pump hot water market.

The roadmap includes 17 recommended actions including revising standards, end-of-life stewardship, industry training, product quality, consumer protections, minimum energy performance standards, and auditing of installations.

In the last 12 months, the uptake of heat pumps in both states has been significant, with more than 104,000 across both states, driven by the Victorian Solar Homes Program and the NSW Energy Savings Scheme.

In Australia, water heating is a major source of household energy, accounting for around 23 per cent of a home's total energy use. By replacing a gas hot water system with a quality heat pump hot water system, consumers are estimated to save up to \$250 per year, on top of additional savings in going all electric.

To progress the recommendations, both governments will progress a key recommendation to develop a consultation group of industry representatives to support and oversee the development of systems and standards.

Beyond the roadmap, both government's advocated to urgently progress minimum energy performance standards at the recent Energy and Climate Minister's Council meeting. Ministers endorsed this key recommendation from the roadmap.

For more information and to download the Roadmap, visit the EEC website at [eec.org.au](http://eec.org.au)

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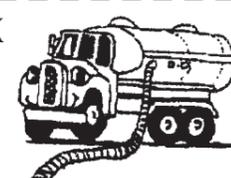


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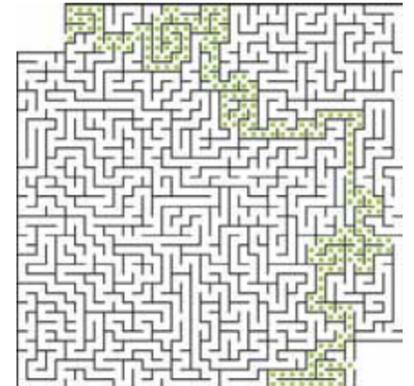
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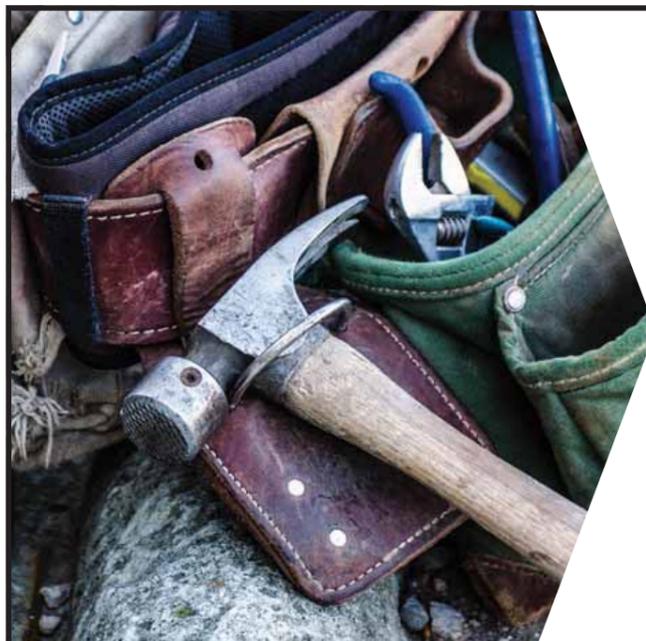
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### DEATH NOTICES

**DODGE, Beverly.** 1935 - 2024. Passed away peacefully on August 2, 2024. Loved wife of Bob (dec). Loved mother of Vicki, Sandy and Rob. Loved grandmother and great grand mother of many. Will be sadly missed.

**PYKE, Dorothy Lorraine.**  
14/02/1934 - 29/07/2024

Passed peacefully at Kellock Lodge. Cherished wife of Barry (dec). Loved mother of Leanne and Bronwyn. Adored nanna of Jessica, Renae, Jordan and Jacquelyn. Grannan to Levi, Abi, Joshy and Hugh.

*At rest in His arms.*



**PYKE, Lorraine.**  
The members of the Whanegarwen Rural Fire Brigade are saddened by the passing of member Lorraine Pyke, who served the brigade and CFA for over 40 years.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with Leanne, Bronwyn and families.

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### FUNERAL NOTICES

**PYKE, Dorothy Lorraine.**  
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### IN MEMORIAM

**GESLER, Rex.** 08/09/1948 – 09/08/2022. It was two years ago today that you were taken from us. We don't know why you had to go – but know that each day you are missed. The seasons come and go and your birthday does too. But nothing is the same since we don't have you. On that terrible day as you were taken away, you took all our hearts with you, but know that we will all be with you again some day. We love and miss you always. Your family.

### MEETINGS



**Upper Goulburn Community Radio**  
Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, August 26 at 7.30pm via Zoom. For a meeting link or to nominate for committee contact secretary via email [info@ugfm.org](mailto:info@ugfm.org) or PO Box 270, Alexandra, Vic, 3714 or call 5772 2722.

**FRIENDS OF THE YEA LIBRARY AGM** will be held on August 13, 2024 at 2.30pm at Yea Community House. All bookshop volunteers are welcome to attend.

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## Shire celebrates National Tree Day throughout July

THROUGHOUT July, the Murrindindi Shire community came together to celebrate National Tree Day with a series of events and activities promoting the importance of trees in the environment and encouraging collective action to protect and nurture the natural surroundings.

On July 16, nature enthusiasts and community members gathered at the Yea Shire Hall for a talk by Dr Gregory Moore OAM. A Senior Research Associate at Melbourne University, Dr Moore shared his knowledge and passion for arboriculture and talked about the crucial role trees play in maintaining biodiversity and mitigating climate change.

Attendees of all ages participated in activities, including art and craft sessions where children explored their creativity through nature-themed projects. Every participant left with a piece of the celebration, native plants and a wooden bookmark.

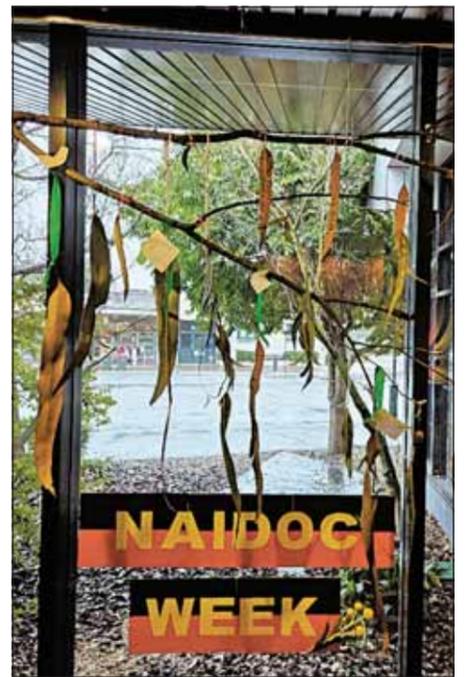
Over the month of July there were at least eight planting events in Murrindindi Shire, where over 2500 plants were planted by at least 32 volunteers from Eildon, Intrepid and the UT Creek/Leckie Park Landcare Groups, students and teachers from Alexandra High School, and Alexandra, Sacred Heart and Yea Primary Schools.

Council also ran the 'Longest Gum Leaf Competition', which saw residents get out in nature in search of the longest gum leaf they could find. The competition attracted 34 entries from across the shire and libraries in Alexandra, Kinglake and Yea each held their own adult and youth competitions.

In Alexandra, Lucas Barter won the youth competition, with a 58cm leaf found at a caravan park in Eildon, and Emma Williams won the adult competition with a 53cm leaf also found at a caravan park in Eildon.

In Kinglake, the youth winners were Jan, Freya and Elsie Chambers with a 53cm leaf found in Flowerdale. The adult winner was Lyn Robinson with a 31.8cm leaf found at a bike track in Pleasant Creek.

In Yea, Barrett and Kai Dettering won the youth competition with a 49.5cm leaf found near Flowerdale Community House.



The longest gum leaf competition display at the Alexandra Library. -S

The Longest Gum Leaf Competition celebrated the beauty and resilience of Australia's gum trees and served as a reminder that small actions, like measuring a leaf, can contribute to a greater understanding and appreciation of the environment.

Council's Environmental Programs Unit is planning more events throughout the year, so keep an eye on council's website or call 5772 0333 to find out what council is planning.

Council's Sustainability, Assets and Emergency Management Portfolio Councillor Karine Haslam said, "National Tree Day is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the vital role trees play in our environment. It's inspiring to see so many people, especially young ones, getting involved and learning about the importance of trees. I would like to thank all the volunteers and groups who make events like this possible. Let's continue to work together to create a greener, healthier future for all."

## Grants to slash bushfire risk

THE state government is making sure schools across Victoria are well-prepared for the upcoming bushfire season by providing grants to slash vegetation growth and reduce the risk of fire.

Minister for Education, Ben Carroll, recently announced 332 government schools across 348 campuses will share in more than \$8.4 million to carry out essential maintenance work through the Bushfire Preparedness (Vegetation) Program (BPVP).

In Murrindindi Shire, there are 18 sites receiving funding across Flowerdale, Kinglake, Marysville, Eildon, Thornton, Toolangi, and Buxton. Of these, many are local primary schools and kindergartens, and a few are campuses.

The program was introduced in 2018 to help schools undertake essential vegetation clearance around school buildings prior to the bushfire season and in accordance with municipal fire danger periods.

"We know how devastating bushfires are and just how long-lasting their impacts can

be, and that's why we're continuing to support schools to be as fire-ready as possible.

"These grants will help more than 330 schools at risk of fire clear vegetation to protect their classrooms and facilities in the event of a bushfire," Mr Carroll said.

Schools receiving funds are listed on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR), with the work aimed at mitigating the risk of harm to the school's community and buildings in the event of a bushfire.

The BPVP also provides a School Support Program, where an accredited Bushfire Planning and Design consultant visits a school twice a year to help them prepare for the upcoming bushfire season while also making sure they complete a Vegetation Management Plan every three years.

The state government is ensuring local schools are as safe and prepared as they can be, and continue to provide Victorian students with access to world-class environments for learning and thriving in the education state.

## Bollards on the Goulburn Valley Highway

DRIVERS travelling on between Yea and Molesworth on the Goulburn Valley Highway may have noticed numerous damaged bollard sections. The Department of Transport was asked to provide information on when these sections will be fixed.

A Department of Transport and Planning spokesperson responded, "Our crews have been busy fixing up damaged barriers along the Goulburn Valley Highway between Molesworth and Yea, replacing around 350 barrier posts over the past 12 months.

"We have more wire rope repairs planned over the next few months along this section of the highway, weather depending."

Works to repair damaged flexible safety barriers on the Goulburn Valley Highway are being completed in priority order.

The department stated that weather events that damaged the road network across north-east Victoria have delayed ongoing repairs in the region.

# Kellock Lodge residents enjoy armchair travel to France

ON Wednesday, July 24, the residents of Kellock Lodge enjoyed their major annual armchair travel event, this year to France.

Residents and staff put in a mighty effort to transform the main dining room with decorations including the Notre Dame cathedral, a French patisserie, the Arc de Triomphe, and many Eiffel towers.

Residents and lifestyle staff made table decorations, placemats, wall pictures, and of course they had to have can-can girls from the Moulin Rouge. They looked great on the windows.

Kellock are fortunate to have a French resident who, as a bonus, sang the French national anthem several times (Bonjour Estelle).

Kellock's new chef developed a fabulous menu. There was a mini leek and goats cheese tart, seafood bouillabaisse served with baguette, bourguignon beef cheeks with ratatouille, butter potato puree, grilled asparagus and flaked almonds, and a fine dessert of crepes with grand marnier or berry compote.

Kellock Lodge would like to sincerely thank the staff who dressed in costume and invested so much of themselves to create this very special day. Many exclamations were heard as residents experienced life in France.



Senior Management at Kellock Lodge, Maria Price, Tania Hunter and Amy Webb join in the fun. -S



The Mona Lisa. -S



Bourguignon beef cheeks with ratatouille, butter potato puree, grilled asparagus and flaked almonds. -S



Notre Dame Cathedral, created by Jen Goates. -S



The Eiffel Tower was created by Mal and Viv Gill. It took 15 hours. -S



Café De Kellock, created by Pam Petersen and Sophie Dent. -S

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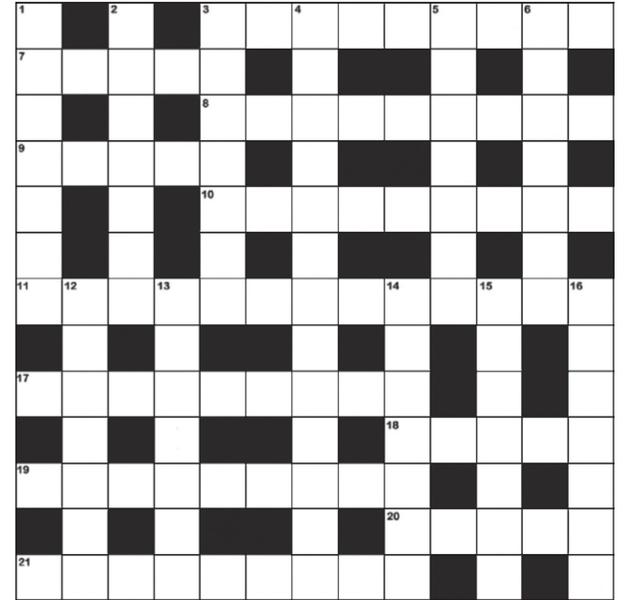
## Crossword

### ACROSS

3. Make an exact copy of.
7. Doglike mammal of Africa.
8. Height of a ship between water and deck.
9. Period of darkness.
10. Easily affected by feelings.
11. A revival of consciousness.
17. Abounding with light.
18. Showing extreme anger.
19. Frees from servitude.
20. 8th letter of the Greek alphabet.
21. An early, typical example.

### DOWN

1. Follows lightning.
2. Elevations above given levels.
3. Beams that support a roof.
4. Much greater in number or influence.
5. Typically a barbecue.
6. A violently destructive windstorm.
12. Prior to.



13. The most hideous.
14. A public performer.

15. Penetrates and assaults.
16. Symbol used in counting.

## Word Search

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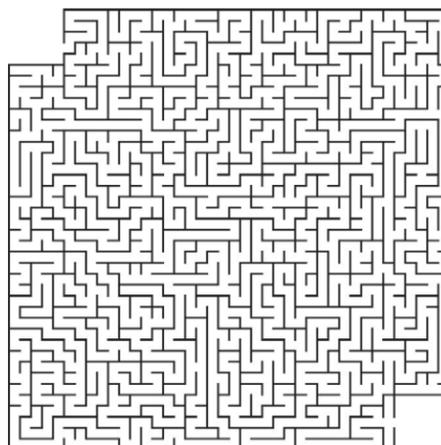
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## Difficulty: Medium

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



# Melba Highway: The worst road in the state

THE RACV recently released the results of its *My Country Road* survey. More than 7000 Victorians providing important data on the safety of regional roads across the state. The worst road in the state for safety was found to be the Melba Highway from Coldstream to Yea.

The Melba Highway was followed by Tylden-Woodend Road from Woodend to Tylden, Kilmore Road from Monegeetta to Gisborne, and the Goulburn Valley Highway from Nagambie to Shepparton.

Potholes and poor road condition were the top issues identified, with an overwhelming 64 per cent of participants identifying these as the primary safety issue, up from 46 per cent in 2021.

Potholes are a major safety risk for drivers as they try to avoid damaging their vehicles. Swerving to avoid a pothole at the last moment is dangerous as drivers may lose control of their vehicles or swerve into oncoming traffic.

Statewide, the top voted solutions were, 60 per cent were keen to see improve road surface, 23 per cent wanted wider shoulders at the edges of roads, 15 per cent wanted wider lanes, 14 per cent sought a lower or more appropriate speed limit, 13 per cent wanted trees, vegetation or other obstructions cleared, and 12 per cent wanted intersection safety improvements.

RACV is planning to use the data from the survey to encourage the state government and local councils to make commitments that deliver safer regional roads.

RACV Head of Policy, James Williams, said the data from the survey indicated that the condition of regional roads has become a major safety concern for Victorians.

"Over 7000 Victorians have provided us with data about safety on our regional roads, with potholes or poor road condition being the number one safety issue," Mr Williams said.

"As a safety advocate, it's important that RACV closely examines what Victorians think are the factors contributing to unsafe road conditions, so we can provide that information to all levels of government and encourage action.

"The number of responses received is a strong indicator that Victorians are concerned about safety on regional roads and are calling for urgent improvement.

"Sixty per cent of survey participants think that improving road surfaces should be the priority road safety solution.

"While in 2021, dangerous driver behaviour was the biggest safety concern on regional roads, this year poor road conditions received more than

double the number of responses as dangerous driver behaviour.

"Fifty eight per cent of the survey participants told us that they use the road they identified every day, and that level of local knowledge has been invaluable to identifying Victoria's most unsafe roads.

"Six of the top roads identified in the 2021 survey appear again this year, including the Melba Highway, Bass Highway, Bacchus Marsh Road, Phillip Island Road, Warburton Highway, and the junction of the Midland Highway and Howard Street in Epsom.

"Sixteen of the 21 most dangerous roads identified in the 2021 survey received upgrades and improvements from the government; but more work needs to be undertaken to improve the safety of regional roads," Mr Williams said.

The survey used an online interactive map that showed high speed roads with large concentrations of crashes causing death or serious injury in regional Victoria.

The map highlighted roads with speed limits of 80km/h or higher where there have been fatal or serious crashes for the five year period between 2018 and 2023.

The number of responses to the 2024 *My Country Road* survey increased by more than 75 per cent from the 4000 responses to the 2021 survey.

The full results of the *My Country Road* survey are available at [racv.com.au/haveyoursay](http://racv.com.au/haveyoursay)

When contacted, a Victorian Government spokesperson said, "This report tells us what we already know, that the major weather events of the past few years have had a big impact on our roads and what were once considered once-in-a-generation flood events are becoming commonplace.

"We know how crucial the Melba Highway is for motorists. That's why road rehabilitation works are currently underway between Coldstream and Yea with more maintenance in the works."

More than \$4 million invested in the road as part of last year's maintenance program.

Shadow Minister for Roads and Road Safety Danny O'Brien said, "Successive years of budget cuts have left our roads in a dire state and this budget ensures they won't get better. The Allan Labor Government is creating a time bomb through a lack of attention to roads, while it wastes billions of dollars in cost over runs on city mega-projects."

## SPORT

### Terip on top of the ladder

by Rhonda Carpenter

ROUND 13 was sunny and cold for matches in Mansfield, Euroa and Terip last Monday week.

In the top of the table clash Terip faced Benalla who got off to a flier winning the first three sets. Terip's Bec Lyttle, Phoebe McDermid, Jenny Martin and Michelle Lees warmed up and Phoebe and Jenny took their set 8-5.

Benalla's Kate Campbell, Claire Sharp, Maureen Jewell, and Helen Chectuti had come to play and strongly secured both final sets on the plateau. Benalla won 5/45 to 1/19 to edge closer to Terip at the top of the ladder.

Mansfield hosted Moglonemby in a tough battle, winning both openers, then losing the next two. Judy Sands, Debbie Seach, Robyn Johnson and Mary Kelly began plotting their comeback, but Peta Kelly, Keira McDonagh, Sophie Yencken and Clare Beecham had other ideas. Mansfield took both final sets 8-3 and won the day 4/41 to 2/27.

Delatite welcomed Euroa with Karyn Fraser and Jo O'Brien beginning strongly and taking their opening set to a tiebreaker, unlucky to lose it. Euroa's Lyndall Bigland, Chris Ellis, Di Ellis and Mary Dewis found their range in the remaining sets and won the match 6/48 to 0/15.

In Euroa the battle of the creeks played out in a tightly contested match. Creightons Creek's Marja Wondergem, Gayle Furphy, Erica Mercer and Lisa Krepp enjoyed lengthy rallies and good quality tennis. The teams alternated the winning sets all day, but Seven Creek's Rowena Ellis, Kelly Hill, Kerry Hewlett and Genevieve Calvert edged out their opponents by three games.

Seven Creeks defeated Creighton's Creek 3/39 to 3/35 to switch places with them on the ladder.

After Round 13 Terip has 84 points, Benalla 79, Euroa 79, Mansfield 71, Wappan 57, Seven Creeks 55, Creighton's Creek 52, Moglonemby 38 and Delatite 5.

### Mutliple rounds with hints of sunshine for Alexandra golfers

by Elizabeth Goss

WHAT a cold week but lovely and sunny. Lots of signs of spring with the daffodils and camellias showing their colours. On Tuesday last week, there were a good number of players with Russel Purcell the winner (17) with 34 points.

The runner-up was Todd Galloway (16) with 33 points followed by Frank Devries (26) on 31 points. Nearest the pin on the seventh went to Russel Purcell and on the 17th to Brad Newton. Ball rundown: Dave Silverman and Alan Kirkpatrick.

The numbers were good again on Wednesday for a par round, just a bit of fog to start with. The winner was Bronwyn Howell (30) -2. Ruth Worland came next with (16) -3 followed by Julie Lyon (22) -5 and then Marie Stace (29) -6.

Nearest the pin on the second and 12th went to Ruth Worland and on the seventh to Marg Fahey. Marie Stace won the nine holes with a square, what happened on the other nine? Next Wednesday, August 14 is stableford.

Not such a good rollup last Saturday despite it being the August Monthly Medal. The Medal was won by Simon Rouget with a very good score of 85 (18) 67. The runner-up was Michael Holohan 81 (8) 73 followed by Michael Bossonnet 86 (11) 75. The fourth place went to Daniel Burns 92 (16) 76 on a three-way countback from James Kidd 82 (6) 76 and Matt Richards 79 (3) 76.

Brad Kidd had the fewest putts with 28. Nearest the pin on the second went to James Kidd, on the fifth to Matt Richards, on the seventh to Brad Kidd, on the 12th to Simon Rouget and on the 18th to Mick Holohan. Saturday, August 10 is stableford.

## Squash pennant results

by Kristelle Leary

### Monday Competition Blue Vein v Mozzarella

ETHAN versus Eric: A close match until the final game where strong serving from Ethan gave him a convincing lead. Ethan took the win. 65 to 47.

Matt versus Mick: Some great rallies that were enjoyable to watch. Matt's ability to chase the ball down was on another level and gained him the victory. 62 to 60.

Pep versus Daniel W: Every rally was a fight with neither opponent wanting to lose the point. Daniel took the second game from Pep who took three games and the match. 52 to 48.

James versus Daniel K: A battle of power versus guile. Daniel was too tricky for James, however it was a great match to watch. 76 to 45.

### Camembert v Gouda

Lachlan versus Tyler (fill in): Tyler stepped in at the last minute to fill in. There were nice serves and boast throughout the match. Lachlan won the trophy. 63 to 39.

Lee versus Chris: Chris put in a tremendous effort and made Lee earn each of her points. However, the experience of Lee proved too great and she took home the victory. 65 to 44.

Oli versus Justin: High energy and speed. Going into the last game Justin was a head by three points. Oli made all the right choices to win the final game and the match. 62 to 60.

Andrew (fill in) versus Derrick: Two games each saw a very close match. Andrew scraped in a few extra points to steal the win. 58 to 55.

### Thursday Competition Hammerheads v Piranhas

SHANNON versus Beth: Mere points differences in each game. Shannon brought the goods to win all games and the match. 64 to 56.

Jodie versus Sam: Jodie had too much skill for Sam. Sam took the final game to gain back some respect in what was otherwise a Jodie dominated match. 72 to 46.

Michael M versus Stuart (fill in): Michael held the upper hand after two games. Stuart pulled out the freaky shots in game three to blow the match apart. Giving it his all Michael tried to close the gap but despite him winning three games Stuart won the match. 58 to 54.

### Barracudas v Stingrays

Matt versus Jessica: Jessica kept the ball away from Matt to take an early lead but took the pressure off in the third game giving Matt the opportunity to claim a game. Jessica came back out to take the fourth game and the victory. 74 to 38.

Lucas versus Travis: Lucas used a long then short strategy to put Travis under pressure and claim some easy points. Travis was able to dig out a number of the deep serves and drop them out of Lucas's reach. This didn't stop Lucas from taking the match. 62 to 55.

Jack versus Jim: Mixing up his shots, Jim put Jack under pressure, taking control of the first three games. Rushed shots in game four gave Jack the chance to take the fourth as a consolation win, while Jim won the match. 60 to 47.

### Running events on the Pondage

THERE has been some discussion around why some events are permitted on the Eildon Pondage when others are not. Clarification from Goulburn Murray Water (GMW) was sought.

GMW Water Storage Services General Manager, Alan Shea, said "If GMW deems the application for exemption appropriate, it is then sent to Safe Transport Victoria for final endorsement."

Boating is not permitted on the Eildon Pondage, however, GMW is able to seek exemptions for events from Safe Transport Victoria if certain safety standards are met.

For context, GMW added that to obtain an exemption, organisers need to submit an event permit to GMW, which demonstrate how the organisers have planned to ensure the safety of all participants and spectators.

This includes detailing their rescue and recovery procedures, and their cancellation policy for if the weather is not suitable on the day.

It's understood that Lake Eildon Rowing Club has lodged an event permit that is currently being reviewed by GMW.

### A successful monthly medal

by Lesley Rundle

THE monthly medal played on the first Saturday of each month is a popular event on the syllabus and last Saturday was no exception. A good field of men and ladies played a stroke round for the August monthly medal. The ladies winner was Lesley Rundle (33) with nett 77 followed by Jody Doran (12) with nett 80. Jody had played at Spring Valley golf club on Thursday and had a terrific round of 81 off the stick nett 69. The men's winner was Adam Littlejohn (23) with an excellent nett 65 and Adam's round included just 27 putts. The men's runner up was Andrew O'Shea (6) with nett 73. Just two of the four possible nearest the pins were won with Richie Clark winning both the ninth and 18th.

This Saturday both the men and ladies will play a stableford round.

This year the club celebrates the 50th anniversary of the opening of the back nine holes. To mark the occasion preparations are underway for a major celebration on Saturday, November 9. This will also be a fundraiser for funds needed to replace the expensive equipment stolen from the club in January. Those in attendance will be able to play a four person ambrose and enjoy an evening dinner in the clubhouse. Non golfers will be welcome to attend the dinner and have the chance to win some major prizes, bid for auction items and win a raffle prize. The Marysville mixed tournament will be held on Sunday, November 10 providing local golfers and visitors with a weekend festival of golf. More details will be given at a later date.

A Trivia Night is also being held at the club on Saturday, September 21.

**SPORT**

# Last set of home and away games for Alexandra juniors

by Ray Steyger

THE Alexandra Football Netball Club junior teams were split across several venues for round 14, the final home and away round of the 2024 season, with the majority of football and netball teams travelling to Nagambie to play Tabilk. The under 16 footballers played Moama in Shepparton, the three Red netball teams played St Marys in Seymour and the under 15 Black netball team travelled to Broadford. The under nines and 10s football had games with Tabilk but theirs is non-

competitive and non-scoring so there is no win loss for that competition.

**Football**

**Under 12**

**Alexandra 11.18 – 84 defeated Tabilk 1.1 – 7**

Penstock Pastoral: Harrison Winch; Essence Coffee Lounge: Harish Balansag; FoodWorks: Logan Reid; Alexandra Bakery and Café: Ben Harris; Coach: Sem Kiljstra, Charlie Fallon, Hudson Brooks.

**Under 14**

**Alexandra 6.16 – 52 defeated Tabilk 3.3 – 21**

North Central Construction: Hamish Wilson; Essence Coffee Lounge: Harrison Christie; FoodWorks: Declan Armstrong; Alexandra Bakery and Café: Aiden Campbell; Coach: Sam Weisse.

**Under 16**

**Alexandra 6.9 – 45 defeated by Moama 11.8 – 74**

Nutrien Harcourts: Heath Sutcliffe; Essence Coffee Lounge: Toby Lucas; FoodWorks: Will Granter; Alexandra Bakery and Café: Lachlan Williams; Coach: Jesse Winch.

Family: Matilda Woehl; HBI Constructions: balance of team.

**Under 13**

**Alexandra Black 21 defeated Tabilk 9**

FoodWorks: Holly Williams; Alexandra Bakery and Café: Chloe Woehl; Edwards Family: Indi Hoornweg;

**Under 15**

**Alexandra Black 12 defeated by Broadford 27**

FoodWorks: Ashlyn Newman; Alexandra Bakery and Café: Ashlee Collett; Coach: Cassie Kidd.

The club gives a very big thank you to the above award sponsors for their continued support of the junior footballers and netballers in 2024.

This concludes the home and away rounds of the season. Next Sunday, Alexandra start finals which will run for three weeks. The first week of finals will see the two semifinals in each grade of football and netball played at Broadford, week two will have the preliminary finals played at Alexandra on Sunday, August 18 with the grand finals played at Kings Park in Seymour on Sunday, August 25.

The Outer East League will confirm during the week which teams are playing in each grade and the times for all games.

Alexandra is hosting the Junior League Preliminary Finals on Sunday, August 18 so we will have under 12 and under 14 football games together with under 11, under 13 and under 15 netball games on the day. If anyone can assist with the canteen, please speak to Melissa Crane to go on the roster.



## Thornton Eildon finishes their season

by Scott Whitehead

IN the final round of women's football, Thornton/Eildon took the scenic journey to play the heavily favoured Warburton/Millgrove at the Mac Sparke oval. The round was also pink ribbon round, aimed at bringing attention to breast cancer and its prevention.

In spring-like conditions Warburton/Millgrove won the toss and chose to kick downhill and were the first to score with some clean ball use. They continued to consistently score throughout the quarter while denying Thornton/Eildon any effective forward entries. When the siren sounded Warburton/Millgrove had a handy 21-point lead.

In the second quarter the contest tightened with Thornton/Eildon getting used to the conditions and were the first to score via a smooth clearance from Izzy Weston to full forward Jessica Waixel, who found herself 30 meters clear of her opponents and ran into an open goal kicking her first for the season. Warburton/Millgrove then took control of the remaining time in the quarter kicking another two goals to take a commanding 30-point lead at half time.

Thornton/Eildon's backline, led by newly crowned Women's Outer East 'Community Bank' team of the week player Tara Pederson, did their best to drive back the opposition but Warburton/Millgrove continued on their merry way having 10 scoring shots downhill, resulting in three goals for the quarter.

At three quarter time the team spoke of their journey through the season and the challenges they had faced and called on each other for one final effort before the season concluded.

In heartwarming scenes Warburton/Millgrove found a way to get breast cancer survivor and returning player Nicole Lumsden an opportunity in front of goal and she didn't miss sparking wild celebrations and admiration from both teams.

This emotion sparked something in Thornton/Eildon, and they managed to score two goals of their own in the final quarter. The first going to Trinity Tebutt whose improvement this season has been exceptional and the second through a rare forward freekick to Izzy Weston. Despite the increased output from Thornton/Eildon, the home team were far too good, winning comfortably by 58 points.

Awards: Simpsons Fuel voucher: Rose Kealy; Coaches Award: Izzy Weston; Mitchell and Co Hair Artistry \$50 voucher: Trinity Tebutt; Club Meal voucher: Lucy Adel.

The final event for the season will be the presentation night to be held at the Eildon Bowls Club on August 24 with formalities beginning at 5.30pm. Tickets can be purchased through the clubs Facebook page.

The Thornton/Eildon Women's football club wish to thank all their sponsors and supporters for their ongoing support throughout the 2024 season and hope to continue that relationship into the 2025 season and beyond.



D Grade player Rose Hurrey. -S



Alexandra Rebels D Grade player Emily Irwin receiving the ball. -S

Football - Seniors			Netball - A Grade		
Seville	272.20	12	Seville	161.69	13
Healesville	256.13	11	Warburton Millgrove	192.35	12
Warburton Millgrove	180.13	12	Yarra Glen	155.26	10
Yea	115.41	8	Healesville	82.67	5
Belgrave	140.15	7	Alexandra	71.61	5
Alexandra	178.80	8	Belgrave	86.76	4
Yarra Glen	38.89	2	Yarra Junction	74.64	4
Yarra Junction	34.77	2	Yea	45.98	1
Powelltown	21.78	1			
Football - Reserves			Netball - B Grade		
Belgrave	447.71	13	Seville	64 pts	15
Seville	366.85	12	Belgrave	48 pts	10
Healesville	333.88	11	Yarra Glen	48 pts	10
Warburton Millgrove	253.86	10	Warburton Millgrove	44 pts	10
Yea	96.27	7	Yea	32 pts	6
Alexandra	45.75	5	Yarra Junction	24 pts	4
Powelltown	29.47	3	Powelltown	24 pts	4
Yarra Junction	35.46	1	Healesville	20 pts	3
Yarra Glen	17.26	1	Alexandra	16 pts	2
Football - Senior Women			Netball - C Grade		
Monbulk	52 pts	13	Yarra Glen	64 pts	14
Woori Yallock	52 pts	12	Seville	56 pts	13
Warburton-Wesburn	50 pts	12	Warburton Millgrove	48 pts	11
Officer	34 pts	8	Belgrave	44 pts	9
Wandin	30 pts	7	Yea	32 pts	6
Emerald	30 pts	7	Yarra Junction	28 pts	5
Seville	8 pts	2	Alexandra	18 pts	2
Thornton Eildon	0 pts	0	Powelltown	14 pts	1
			Healesville	12 pts	1
Football - Under 16			Netball - D Grade		
Euroa	78.57	11	Seville	100.00	12
Moama	64.28	9	Alexandra	70.83	8
Seymour	53.84	7	Belgrave	62.50	7
Alexandra	21.42	3	Warburton Millgrove	61.53	8
Broadford	15.38	2	Yarra Glen	58.33	7
Yea	8.33	1	Yea	23.07	3
			Yarra Junction	15.38	2
			Powelltown	0	0
Football - Under 14			Football - Under 12		
Broadford	421.43	10	Wandong	44 pts	11
Wandong	211.34	6	Alexandra	36 pts	9
Tabilk	123.72	6	Broadford	28 pts	7
Alexandra	132.53	5	Seymour	28 pts	7
Seymour	101.07	3	Tabilk	12 pts	3
Yea	5.03	0	Yea	12 pts	3
			St Marys	0 pts	0

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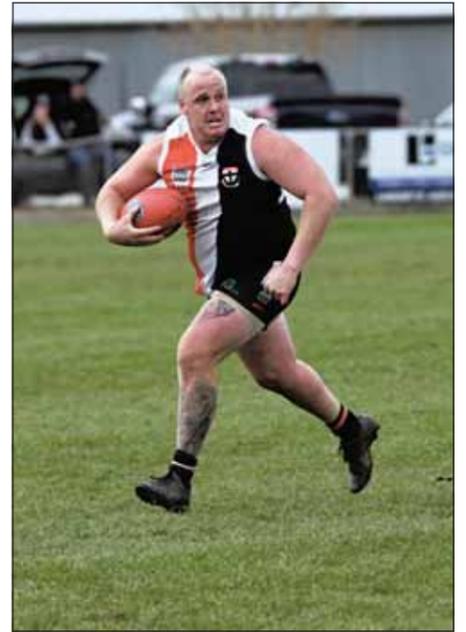
Riley Frankcombe absolutely sending the ball. -S



Alexandra Rebels senior player Luke Wal fighting to keep control of the ball. -S



Steven Steiner struggling to keep hold of the ball. -S



Alexandra reserves player Michael Coombs running with the ball. -S

## Great matches for Reserves and Seniors

By Ray Steyger

### Football Reserves

**Alexandra 6.8 – 44 defeated  
Yarra Glen 5.9 – 39**

ALEXANDRA returned to Rebel Park and hosted Yarra Glen last Saturday for round 16 of the Outer East League 2024 division one season, the Reserves welcoming Tyler Rice to play his first game with his father Jordan Rice.

The weather was kind, albeit cool, but at least the potential rain held off, the ground looking amazing despite the recent rains. The Rebels kicked two unanswered goals in the first quarter before adding two goals to one in the second to hold a handy lead at half time.

The visitors took control in the third quarter with three goals to one to see the margin reduced to five points at the last change. Both teams were keen for the win and the River Pigs kicked a goal to lead by a point late in the quarter. A contest in the Alex forward half resulted in a free kick to Jake Steyger and a subsequent 25 metre penalty took him with range of the goals as the final siren sounded. With the Yarra Glen team standing on the mark and giving 'encouragement', the kick was taken which just made the distance and went through for a goal, coach Max sprinting from the box to celebrate with the players.

Awards: Shepparton Volkswagen: Michael Coombs; Ampol fuel card: Jake Steyger; Alexandra Hotel: Lachlan Collard; Buxton Hotel: Tyler Rice; Sportspower: Will Ellis.

### Seniors

**Alexandra 24.18 – 154 defeated  
Yarra Glen 5.3 – 33**

THE Seniors needed a win to stay in the hunt to play finals, but the River Pigs matched the Rebels in play to be a goal down at the first break. Strong words of advice from coach Nick spurred the players who responded with nine unanswered goals in the second quarter to take a handy lead at the main break. The Rebels kicked three goals to one in the third quarter before finishing the final quarter with seven unanswered goals.

Awards: Incentives: Harry Kelly, Lachlan Nankervis, Josh Edwards, and Ben Jack. Alexandra Hotel / Ampol volunteer award: Todd Galloway; Gate raffle: Wayne Miller; Meat tray: Melissa Crane; Wine: Mitch McDonald.



Toby Ward booting the ball despite tough opposition. -S

### Netball

A GRADE lost 25 to 64: Incentive: Belinda Shaw; Corner Hotel / Grant Street Grocer: Ash Frankcombe; Alpine Butchery: Katherine Quinsee.

B grade lost 13 to 75: Incentive: Aleesha Kerr; Corner Hotel / Grant Street Grocer: Louise Hurrey; Alpine Butchery: Ash Creighton.

C grade lost 14 to 78: Incentive: Kate Broadway; Corner Hotel / Grant Street Grocer: Karen Cole; Alpine Butchery: Emiliyah Del Conte.

D grade won 45 to 24: Incentive: Ash Frankcombe; Corner Hotel / Grant Street Grocer: Emily Irwin.

Last Saturday, Scott Ferrier organised an MND Big Freeze fundraiser with the annual dip into the ice water enjoyed by Michael Coombs, Sharon Hedger, Steve Hedger, and Sam Kidd at half time of the senior football game. At the end of the football, coach Nick Wal and Scott Ferrier also took the dive into the icy water, everyone contributing to a great day and over \$2000 raised for a very important cause.

Thursday's Rebel Raffles continue last week and we thank our many sponsors. The Penstock Pastoral Joker Jackpot was not found and will be worth \$300 this week so go along and buy some tickets at \$1 each but you need to be at the club rooms at 8pm for

the draw, meals available at the junior and senior sittings.

This coming Saturday there is another home game at Rebel Park and the club will host Yarra Junction. Ladies Day is on with a large crowd anticipated to enjoy the activities planned for the event organized by Kylie Cairns and crew, plenty of prizes and giveaways so book your ticket and don't miss out. Everyone is welcome to attend Rebel Park for the last home game of the season and come into the social rooms at the end of the day to enjoy club hospitality.