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Backflip on hospital amalgamations

IN July 2023, the Victorian Department of Health commissioned an Expert Advisory Committee to examine the design and governance of Victoria's health services system. Over 10 months, they explored many of the challenges experienced by patients, communities and our health workforce within the system.

The committee have now developed the Health Services Plan which provides a number of recommendations for a more connected system that delivers the right care, at the right time, in the right place, for all Victorians.

The plan is outlined through three key pillars of reform: Establishing Local Health Service Networks (LHSN), geographic groupings responsible for planning and managing care so that it meets the population health needs of their communities; Formalised relationships between each network and a women's, a children's and a major tertiary hospital, ensuring every Victorian has seamless access to specialist care and expertise when they need it; and a Victorian Role Delineation Framework, which will support collaboration across the system through setting out the roles and responsibilities of every health service site, aligned to their size and capability.

The government will accept 21 recommendations in full and accept in principle five recommendations.

Recommendation 4.6: Likely amendments to groupings and boundaries based on further consultation with the sector. The government will provide guidance to health service boards on principles to underpin Local Health Service Network groupings. Health services will then be able to propose groupings for their region for approval by government.

Recommendation 6.1: The department will undertake further work to consider this while ensuring no reduction in service provision.

Recommendation 7.2: Hospitals will not be forced to consolidate to form LHSNs.

Recommendation 8.1: The department will continue to support those health services that wish to consolidate. The government does not accept the recommendation on forced consolidation of health services.

Recommendation 9.2: Further work is needed to understand the impact of these reforms across healthcare the Commonwealth is responsible for.

The government does not accept recommendation 7.1 relating to directed consolidations of health services outlined in the report.

Further work will now be undertaken on the accepted recommendations. Hospital budget changes are yet to be announced.

Kim Flanagan, Chair of the Board of Directors at Alexandra District Health (ADH), added Alexandra hospital's position following the release of the report.

"There are many positives that have come out of the Health Services Plan, such as, the standardisation of patient records systems, centralised payrolls and sharing of resources across services. We do already share services with Yea and District Memorial Hospital, such as People and Culture, and Financial Services, however, it will allow us to look further afield to share other services that will be of benefit to our communities.

"There will be no forced amalgamations of services, however, we will be exploring partnerships with other entities and see where we can gain efficiencies and improve service delivery.

"Some of the complexities in the announcement have to be worked out with the Department of Health over the next few weeks.

"It is the goal of the Alexandra District Health Board of Directors and Executive Management to enhance and explore how can increase service offerings to the community," Mr Flanagan said.

The full report of the Health Services Plan can be found at health.vic.gov.au/research-and-reports/health-services-plan

McLeish responds to health plan

LIBERAL MP Cindy McLeish said, "We have seen the most spectacular backflip from the Allan Labor Government [last] week and while they say they are not going to force amalgamations there are still too many questions to be answered."

The state government have pulled away from planned amalgamations for the moment and announced \$1.5 billion in additional funding for 2024-25. The distribution of these funds and what specific funding health services and hospitals in Murrindindi will receive is unknown.

"I'm so proud of how quickly and effectively locals worked together to hold rallies and collect signatures to put pressure on the government to prevent hospital amalgamations," Ms McLeish said.

"It is incredible that the government had no understanding how budget cuts and forced amalgamations would impact local health services and local communities.

"Those 15,050 signatures across the Mansfield and Murrindindi Shires really made a difference."

Ms McLeish said, "We have had months of uncertainty and while amalgamations are on hold at the moment, local communities and health services across Victoria deserve to know exactly what funding they will be receiving and when."

Shadow Minister for Health, Georgie Crozier, said, "Victorians cannot trust Labor to manage our health system. Their chaotic decision making has proved that. There are still too many questions to be answered. They are going to provide some top up funding for one year, but are not ruling out amalgamations in the future, so there will be amalgamations by stealth."

A new governmental department under the banner 'Hospitals Victoria' will be formed.

"Sounds like back of the envelope planning to me," Ms McLeish said.



Alexandra Secondary College students enjoyed a 'bluebird day' at Mt Buller on their annual ski day on August 2. -S

Premier's statement on health services

THE following statement was received from Premier Jacinta Allan on August 8 regarding changes to health services in Victoria.

The Allan Labor Government will deliver a better, more connected health system, ensuring patients can get the care they need, in their own communities. As a government, we've made record investment in our hospitals. That includes recruiting a record number of doctors and nurses, record funding for our hospitals and health infrastructure, and of course, our record pay deal for Victorian nurses. We're continuing to build on that record.

The Labor Government will invest a further \$1.5 billion to support our hospitals deliver world-class care, building on the more than \$8.8 billion we invested in the budget.

This investment delivers the funding hospitals told us they needed, while also enabling Victoria to continue delivering a record number of elective surgeries.

The Labor Government has also accepted in full or accepted in principle 26 of 27 recommendations proposed by the Expert Advisory Committee, as part of its Health Services Plan.

These are recommendations that we know will make our health system stronger and more connected, while continuing our focus on patients and frontline care.

The Labor Government will deliver a number of key reforms in response to these recommendations. It will not, however, accept the recommendation to forcibly amalgamate Victoria's health services.

We believe that locals know their community's health needs best and, together with their health service leaders, their voices must be listened to in the delivery of local healthcare.

Forcing change risks being disruptive, impacting patient care.

Instead, health services will be supported to reduce non-clinical duplication and double-up, while at the same time promoting stronger partnerships between our hospitals.

This achieves the report's ambition of a more integrated and efficient health system, without disrupting the local services we know Victorian families trust and rely on.

Hospitals Victoria

The Labor Government will establish Hospitals Victoria, a new agency in the Department of

Health, with a CEO who reports directly to the Health Ministers, that is fully focused on supporting hospitals to deliver frontline care.

It will also help hospitals collaborate where it just makes sense.

Right now, hospitals have different payroll and IT systems. It's why, as part of its remit, Hospitals Victoria will work with hospitals to identify back-office functions that can be consolidated and streamlined.

The government will continue its existing work to improve digital systems and technology, including how virtual care can be better used, in line with the report's recommendations.

The new agency will also support the operation of our hospitals and their finances,

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Alexandra District Health
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Letters to the Editor

Yea Saleyards

I AM writing to inform John Kennedy (*Yea Chronicle*, July 31) and other Murrindindi Shire residents why the Yea Saleyards decided not to advertise in the 2024 *Stock and Land Victoria and South Australia Saleyards Guide*.

This advertising costs several thousand dollars, in addition to design and layout work, so the committee of management decided to only take up this option every second year. We have an excellent relationship with *Stock and Land* who attend the majority of our sales and always give very good coverage both online and in their paper.

We also have an excellent Yea Saleyards website and Facebook site which give in depth pre and post sale information, as well as videos and photos of sale days and all media articles.

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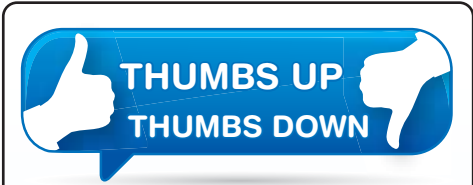
Exchange at Pakenham, Yea has attracted full yardings at practically all store sales.

Jan Beer, chair Yea Saleyards Committee of Management

Creating a group

I AM trying to get a group called *myplace* up and running in this town to fight back on the council. I am a member of the Frankston one where it started a few years ago have been in touch with Darren Bergwerf from the one in Frankston. He started this movement down there and there are currently 79 or 80 running in Victoria. You can find our more by googling them on Facebook under *myplaceaustralia.org*. I am determined to get one running in this town to fight back on government and council issues. It will happen.

Ian Perry, Alexandra



THUMBS UP:

to Tharun at the Shell Service Station at Thornton. He does so much for the public who support him. Thank you Tharun. Let's keep him in the business we waited so long for.

THUMBS DOWN:

Why can't we get a Coles in this town? The local supermarket never has the things that we would like and no point asking about it because they take no notice at all. Not to mention their prices on milk. It is a disgrace. I will be going to the federal member in regards to this issue. We need competition in this town and I am going to fight for this issue. I am going to get a petition started. We should not have to travel to Seymour to get things that we can not get in this town. They're in for a fight over this issue.

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WEEKLY

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Tue	Seniors Carpet Bowls 1.15pm
Wed	Social Bowls 11am Alexandra Bowls Club Ph 5772 1150
Thu	Take off weight naturally 5.45pm 5773 2427
Fri	Seniors Social Club 1pm
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Sun	Alanon Recovery 5.30pm. Ph Sheila 0402 428 086
Sun	Alex & Dist Dog Obedience, training. Ph 5772 1057
Thu	7.00-10pm SES, SES/CFA complex Ph 0418 576 666
Fri	Communita 10am-12pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801

MONTHLY

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

ALEXANDRA police have received a report of a drone being flown over a house in Grant Street at around 10pm on August 2.

The matter has been referred to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), and they are monitoring the situation.

Current drone rules include keeping your drone at least 30 metres away from other people and never flying over another person, only flying during daylight hours, and not flying in a populous area (anywhere people are living or gathered for a purpose). For more information, visit casa.gov.au/knowyourdrone/drone-rules

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Weekly Weather

August 14 - August 20, 2024

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	7	19	Wednesday	7	20
Thursday	8	20	Thursday	8	20
Friday	9	16	Friday	9	16
Saturday	8	15	Saturday	8	15
Sunday	6	16	Sunday	6	17
Monday	8	16	Monday	8	16
Tuesday	7	15	Tuesday	7	16

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	12.00pm Mon	1.35	steady	below minor
Rubicon River at Rubicon	12.00pm Mon	0.55	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	11.56am Mon	0.75	steady	below minor
Home Creek at Yarck	9.24am Mon	0.17	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	10.27am Mon	0.67	steady	below minor
Yea River at Yea	11.22am Mon	1.07	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	12.00pm Mon	3.56	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	12.00pm Mon	0.70	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Trawool	12.00pm Mon	1.16	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	12.00pm Mon	0.34	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Seymour	12.00pm Mon	1.49	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	9.35am Mon	1.20	steady	

****ISSUED AT 12.16PM ON MONDAY, 12 AUGUST 2024**

DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra	0mm
Buxton	0mm
Eildon (AWS)	1mm
Flowerdale	0mm
Jamieson	2mm
Kinglake	0.4mm
Lake Eildon	0.8mm
Mansfield	N/Amm
Taggerty	1mm
Yarck	0.4mm
Yea	N/Amm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	286.18m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	89.4%
Metres below full supply	2.72m
Daily inflow	2500ML
Release	1850ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	53.7%

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DEADLINES

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Letters to the Editor	Monday 9am
Thumbsup/down	Monday 10am

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We thank you for your continued support

Alexandra Opportunity Shop report

THE Alexandra Opportunity Shop Board recently had a request for funding from the Alexandra Primary School and from Kellock Lodge. Aged care is the focus of the opportunity shop's fundraising, in particular Kellock Lodge, however, the volunteers recognise the importance of supporting our young residents.

A donation of \$57,000 was presented to Kellock Lodge CEO Tania Hunter and board chair Ian Gibb by op shop board members and volunteers, Pam Delmodes and Christine Siciliano. Tania and Ian were very grateful for the tremendous ongoing support of the Alexandra Opportunity Shop.

Kellock Lodge had provided a list of items that would assist staff in caring for residents and items that would benefit residents both directly and indirectly. The op shop board was pleased to provide funding for two vital signs machines, a lunar weigh machine, a bain marie, two televisions, a commercial hair dryer, a wheelchair and a white board. The approximate cost for these items was \$32,000. The op shop board was also pleased to fund

refurbishment items, with the replacement of drapes and carpet at a cost of \$25,000.

The care and well being of our aged residents is foremost in the fundraising efforts of the op shop. However, assisting young people to take up all activities offered by their school is also an important area for support by the board and volunteers.

The Alexandra Primary School Principal Vicky Draper had contacted the op shop for assistance with reducing the cost of the outdoor education program. The board was pleased to provide \$6000 which would help to keep costs down for families. Gay Strongman, an Alexandra Opportunity Shop volunteer of over 25 years, was pleased to provide principal Vicky Draper with a cheque for \$6000.

The Alexandra Opportunity Shop Board acknowledges the community's generosity in donating goods and the tireless work of the shop volunteers. It is only through community support and volunteer commitment that the shop can provide for organisations in Alexandra and beyond.



Volunteers Pam Delmodes and Christine Siciliano, Kellock CEO Tania Hunter, and Kellock Board Chair Ian Gibb. -S



Volunteer Gay Strongman hands cheque to Alexandra Primary School Principal Vicky Draper. -S

Black Spur closure deferred

SIGNAGE on the Black Spur has recently stated that the road will be closed on Tuesday, August 20. This has now been deferred and the road will open as normal.

The Department of Transport is believed to have removed the notification from their electronic signs.

The works will be rescheduled. It's understood that the future closure is related to the removal of a tree.

Correction

ON July 24, the *Alexandra Standard* published an article titled 'The story of Ernie Hunt'. In this article, the daughter of Ernie Hunt was incorrectly written as Diane instead of Leanne. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

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Steve Lynch snapped this lovely image of an Alexandra sunset on the evening of Saturday, August 3. -Steve Lynch

Burglary in Taggerty

POLICE are investigating the circumstances surrounding a burglary in Taggerty on Tuesday, July 16.

It is believed offender/s attended a property along the Maroondah Highway and stole a red Polaris 950 and series of other tools and equipment.

Investigators have released an image of two cars that were parked near the Maroondah Highway property at 4.30am which may be able to help with the investigation.

The first car thought to be a 1990 Nissan Patrol station



Did you see these vehicles on the Maroondah Highway? -S

wagon white in colour and a 2004 Nissan Patrol tray back, grey in colour. Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report

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Out & About

THE items in Out and About are sourced from our advertising and news stories. *Out and About is not a free community listing diary.* Not all items can be included and are placed at the discretion of *Alexandra Newspapers*.

Make sure your enrolment details are up to date for the October Murrindindi Shire Council election. Visit vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment to check or update your details.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
Meet the Masons. Alexandra Masonic Centre invites the men of the district to meet the Freemasons of Alexandra. Family members are welcome, supper will be provided. Enquiries to David 0428 630 022.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17
The Yarck Market is on again with CWA morning tea and cake stall. From 9am. For enquiries or stall bookings contact Sharon 0407 879 612.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
The Vietnam Veterans' Service will be held at 11.30am at the Alexandra RSL hall memorial garden. All welcome.

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 or call 5772 2722.

Remembering our Vietnam Veterans

SUNDAY, August 18 is Vietnam Veterans' Day. This is the day we commemorate Vietnams Veterans on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966. It's a day to remember all the sacrifices of those who died during their service and to say thank you to almost 60,000 Australians who served during the 10 years of our country's involvement in the Vietnam War.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Vietnam War was Australia's longest military engagement of the 20th century.

"The arrival of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam in South Vietnam during July and August 1962 marked the start of Australia's involvement in the war.

"By the time the war had come to an end, almost 60,000 Australians served during a decade of conflict between 1962 and 1972. Tragically, 523 of them died and 3000 were wounded."

The Battle of Long Tan was a significant moment in Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War. On August 18, 1966, in a rubber plantation near the village of Long Tan, Australian soldiers fought one of their fiercest battles of the war.

The sixth Battalion Royal Australian Regiment faced a tremendous battle of some 2000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops. The battle was fought in wet and muddy conditions during a heavy tropical downpour. At the end of the day, sadly 17 Australians had been killed during action and 25 were wounded. One of these wounded died a few days later. This event was the largest number of casualties in a single operation since the Australian Taskforce had established its nearby base since a few months earlier in April.

The Vietnam Veterans' Day is not just about the Battle of Long Tan, it is also to remember all battles fought by Australians during the Vietnam War. The Department of Veterans Affairs said it's not just the soldiers on the ground to remember. The effort also included the sailors of the Royal Australian Navy who supported land operations, and the members of the Royal Australian Airforce who served in combat and transportation roles.

Vietnam Veterans' Day is a day to honour those who lost their lives during battle, returned home wounded, ill and injured, lost their lives in the years since they returned, and still carry the physical and emotional scars of their service.

On Sunday, August 18, there will be a Vietnam Veterans Day service at 11.30am at the RSL Hall in Alexandra.

New board for timber tramway

ALEXANDRA Timber Tramway and Museum Inc (ATTM) elected a new committee at its AGM on August 10.

The new executive team are Stefan Rebgetz who was returned as president, Peter Auman as vice president, Robert Eames as secretary and Katie Rebgetz as treasurer. General committee members are Carl Hopkins and Glenn Howe.

A new committee brings a new energy. Their focus will be on a stronger partnership with local and distant volunteers, an intense engagement with stakeholders, and an extensive upgrade across the site.

The committee especially wishes to thank Jane and Gerry Laws, outgoing treasurer and secretary, for decades of loyal committee service. Without their tireless efforts, ATTM would not have survived.

President Stefan Rebgetz said "This is a new chapter for ATTM. There's an air of excitement with new and returning volunteers, growing interest from visitors and an energised committee. We want to be the flagship tourist attraction for Alexandra and the area around us."

For further information please contact secretary Robert Eames at robert@eames.id.au and 0414 865 959.

Nominations open for Clean Up Australia awards

THE Clean Up Australia Community Awards are open now for nomination submissions and consist of five award categories. These include the Individual Community Champion Award recognises a volunteer for their service, taking into consideration the number of Clean Up Australia events they have participated in and how they have promoted the event within their local community. Submissions can be made on behalf of someone or can be self-nominated.

The Group Community Champion Award recognises community groups and community-based organisations who have shown consistent participation in Clean Up events and promoted this within their local community. Community groups and

community-based organisations of all sizes can nominate for this category.

The Schools Sustained Environmental Award recognises education champions for how they have implemented and sustained environmental change within their school or educational institution.

The Outstanding Council Award recognises outstanding councils for their commitment, support and taking into consideration the longevity of their relationship with Clean Up Australia.

The highlight of the awards will be the announcement of the Ian Kiernan Impact Award, highlighting a particular individual or group from the entries received who are

Alexandra Seniors report

by honorary secretary Mike Jennings

ALEXANDRA and District Senior Citizens bridge players enjoyed a few hands on Monday and Wednesday, but with members still away on holidays the hall was quiet on Tuesday afternoons when we would usually have carpet bowls.

After the usual agenda items at this week's social meeting on Friday, the Alexandra District Hospital team gave us a very interesting presentation on diabetes, discussing symptoms, awareness and treatments before testing our sugar levels and blood pressure. Hopefully no-one received any bad news. As we age and slow down we have to be aware of these hazards to our health. Thank you Angel and Melissa for the presentation.

There are still a couple of seats on the coach for our trip to the Kilsyth Club for *Morning Melodies* on Wednesday, August 21. The coach leaves the Bayley Street clubroom at 8.30am.

This Friday will be a social meeting. There will be a sing song so bring your singing voices. Meanwhile, stay safe and keep smiling.

Crash on Black Spur

POLICE Major Collision Investigation Unit detectives are investigating a collision in Fernshaw on August 10.

It is believed that a white Nissan Patrol and a motorcycle collided on Maroondah Highway at about 1.30pm.

The motorcyclist, a 26 year old Templestowe man, was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The driver and sole occupant of the Nissan, a 27 year old Bonnie Doon woman, was not injured and remained at the scene.

The Bonnie Doon woman was interviewed by investigators and released pending further enquiries.

The investigation into the circumstances surrounding the collision remains ongoing.

Anyone who witnessed the incident, has dashcam/CCTV footage or information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at crimestoppersvic.com.au

The Black Spur was closed for a number of hours following the incident, with traffic diverted through Yea.

a stand-out nominee and have gone above and beyond in their commitment to the environment.

One winner and two highly commended awards will be presented for each of the four categories, and there will be one recipient of the Ian Kiernan Impact Award.

Nominations for the Clean Up Australia Community Awards are open until September 30 at cleanup.org.au/clean-up-awards



New noticeboard and book swap in Marysville



The community noticeboard in Marysville has been replaced in style, thanks to a collaboration between various community groups in Marysville. The new noticeboard was designed by Jane Fraga from the Triangle Arts Group and built by the Triangle Men's Shed (particularly Barry, Alan, Jim and Gary), funded by Murrindindi Shire Council. The book swap box was donated by the BookNest and arranged by Jim McGovern from the BookNest. The project was led by the Triangle Arts Group. -AR

Jackie Mansourian (right) cutting the ribbon with TAG project coordinator Sue Boyle at the launch event on Sunday, August 4. The box was filled with books at the end of the event. It's located at the corner of Murchison Street and Pack Road in Marysville. -S

Earthquake at Woods Point

A 4.1 magnitude earthquake occurred at 3.48am near Woods Point on Wednesday, August 7. The earthquake was felt locally, and as far as Wangaratta, South Morang, Healesville, Yarra Junction and Dargo.

By the following morning, 2178 people reported feeling the earthquake.

In the shire, there were a large number of 'felt reports' reported to Geoscience Australia. Three were near Narbethong, 11 near Marysville, one near Buxton, one near Taggerty, two near Thornton, five near Eildon, two near Taylor Bay, five near Alexandra, one near Yea, three near Kinglake and two near Toolangi.

There was no reported damage resulting from the earthquake.

Local councils to receive bushfire safety grants

GRANTS have been awarded to Victorian councils for work to reduce bushfire risk in partnership with local communities. A total of \$1.66 million will be awarded to nine councils over the next two years as part of the Safer Together Strengthening Local Government Partnerships program.


Locally, Murrindindi Shire Council and Mansfield Shire Council were successful in a joint application for \$300,000 over two years. The funding is for the LEAPINing into Resilience Extension. They will work with communities to design Local Emergency Action Plans, identify local risks and strengthen local community networks.

The grants are part of the Victorian Government's support for councils across the state, enabling them to design and implement

community centred approaches to reducing bushfire risk.

Since 2016, Safer Together, led jointly by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) and the CFA has supported Victoria's bushfire management sector to work in partnership with communities to reduce bushfire risk at a local level. The Strengthening Local Government Partnerships program was established in 2018 to further support this work and in total has now awarded almost \$4 million in funding to support community based initiatives.

A full list of funded projects is available at safertogether.vic.gov.au/strengthening-local-government-partnerships



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Zara Madsen – 3/4B

Zara is a kind and caring student with a great zest for all school activities. Zara approaches her learning with a contagious positivity.

She has joined forces with like minded students to organise activities to add to the inclusive environment at our school. We are proud to have you in our learning community, Zara. You are a star.

BUXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Grace puts in her best effort with all learning tasks and is a good friend to all.

Congratulations Grace.

EILDON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Xander displayed the school values of Resilience and Achievement this week. Well done Xander.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Bradley. S - F

Bradley is such a great leader in our class. He is always willing to help others by listening to their ideas, making others smile but he also makes responsible learning choices which allows him to focus well in his learning. Bradley encourages others and is also working hard to make progress in all areas of his learning.

Congratulations Bradley.

Student of the Week

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Why should lead bullets be banned for deer hunters?

IN the proposed Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024, one of the key reforms is the phasing out of lead-based ammunitions in game hunting. According to the Engage Victoria website, this reform is “to mitigate environmental impacts by phasing out toxic lead ammunition from all game hunting.”

A study from 2022 titled ‘Highlighting the risk of environmental lead contamination for deer management in Australia’, showed the effects of lead bullet fragmentation on carcass contamination.

The study, conducted in 2021 and 2022, looked at lead-based and lead-free ammunition in a hog deer culling program. The ammunition used was .308 Winchesters, and hog deer were specifically chosen for their smaller size, which allowed them to be x-rayed in the field.

It was found in the study that animals shot with lead bullets featured a greater spread of bullet fragments within the carcass. From this, concerns arose around the consumption of potentially lead-infused meat by humans, as well as the impacts on predators such as eagles and dingoes which eat the lead-infused carcass.

What’s important at this stage is considering the difference between lead and copper ammunition, with the latter being touted as the viable replacement for lead ammunition.

Lead bullets are created by combining a soft lead core with a harder copper outer jacket and expand or fragment when punching into an animal. This causes greater damage, and more likelihood of an instant humane kill.

On the other hand, copper bullets are solid, being made only of copper with no jacket. This means that they stay in one piece as they pierce into an animal, leading to smaller wound cavities and less chance of an instant kill without millimetre-perfect accuracy.

Copper bullets are better for punching through thick bone and muscle and are better at closer range, as well as performing better at high velocity. This makes them ideal for big game hunting.

However, given the fact that copper is lighter than lead, copper bullets are often created longer to make up for the weight difference, which can lead to feeding issues. They are also more expensive than lead bullets.

Government responds to concern around lead bullet ban

THE Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) were contacted to provide their thoughts on the new Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024 found on the Engage Victoria website. The updated regulations closed for feedback on Monday, July 29.

DEECA were asked to provide advice on the concerns from the local hunting community that lead-free ammunition isn’t available or manufactured for the majority of legal deer hunting calibres.

According to the East Victoria Deer Control Plan, “impacts to a wide range of environmental, economic, and social values have been attributed to wild deer in

Victoria. ... Population modelling indicates that if we do not act, deer populations in the east will continue to grow with impacts intensified, and act as a continuous source for spread to other parts of Victoria.”

DEECA were asked to comment on wild deer populations, and how the proposed regulations might reduce deer hunting, potentially leading to further environmental issues, at odds to the environmental reasons behind the phase-out of lead-based ammunition.

In the way of background, DEECA provided the following information: We’re consulting with the community on a number of proposed changes to the Wildlife

(Game) Regulations, including a transition away from lead based ammunition for deer hunting. The remaking of the regulations provides an opportunity to introduce common sense changes and reforms to ensure recreational hunting can continue in a safe, sustainable and responsible way... The government will consider the community’s feedback carefully.

A Victorian Government spokesperson said, “Hunting matters to thousands of Victorians who love the great outdoors, but more than that, it supports regional communities and economies.

“We’re supporting recreational hunting to continue in a safe, sustainable and responsible way.”

Deer association speaks about proposed lead bullet ban

COMMITTEE member for the Victorian Deer Association (VDA), Guy Layton, spoke about the potential impacts of the phasing out of lead-based ammunition.

Of particular interest was the cost of copper ammunition, which is slated to replace toxic lead bullets.

“They’re very expensive,” Guy said. “For example, a legal round for a .308 would be about \$50 for 20 lead bullets, would be a deer legal calibre. And then you’re looking at over \$100, up to \$150 [for copper bullets]. For the bigger magnum calibres, you’re looking between \$120 to \$200 for 20 [copper] bullets. For a box of 20 bullets, you’re looking at \$7, \$8, \$10 per shot.”

He also spoke about the lack of legal calibres in non-lead ammunition.

“The calibres that you can currently shoot deer with, no-one makes them. The biggest manufacturers in the world, Remington, Hornady, you’re

talking about international large arms manufacturers for bullets, they don’t even make non-lead bullets in these calibres, because they’re not designed to be able to handle it, to be able to do what needs to be done.”

The question that was posed to both the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) and the VDA, was what the environmental impact of phasing out lead based ammunition would be.

Guy responded, “The most volume of bullets in areas where these animals are prevalent and at risk is in the national parks, where they’re currently shooting deer in aerial culling, and on-ground culling when they close the park, or close an area, whether it’s state park or national park, at night time.

“They use thermal optics, and close off an area, performing a culling operation of deer and other

pest animals. It doesn’t really matter what the animal is. They’re worried about raptors, birds of prey ingesting this lead. That’s where the bulk of the shots are coming from, in the areas where those animals are more prevalent.

“The biodiversity is quite high, and I understand they want to keep that, but they’re going up there and using lead bullets in the first place. That’s one of the big issues, and why everyone is a bit upset with it all,” he said.

Guy concluded with his thoughts on the rapid change from lead-based ammunition to non-lead.

“There’s going to be potentially less deer shot, and we’ve got a growing population of deer. And there’s going to be 60,000 licensed deer hunters in Victoria trying to get copper ammunition for their guns in two and a half years. That’s not enough time.”

Eildon Landcare busy at the Pondage



After all of the hard work, it was time to sit back and admire the wonderful view of the Pondage with a well earned cuppa. Pictured are Wendy, Vanessa and Judy. -S



Wendy, John, Vanessa and Judy spent two weeks getting rid of blackberries and some invasive species that were blocking the view, then planting native grasses. -S

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Ballot packs will be mailed to voters enrolled in the Murrindindi Shire Council general election from Monday 7 October. Complete and return your ballot material ASAP. Ballot material must be in the mail or delivered to the election manager by **6 pm on Friday 25 October.**

If you will be away

If you will be away when ballot packs are mailed, or your address has changed since Wednesday 7 August, you can request for your ballot pack to be redirected by completing the online redirection form at vec.vic.gov.au/redirections, or call 131 832.

Requests for redirection must be received by 5 pm on Monday 9 September.

Large print and braille ballot papers

Large print or braille ballot papers are available for voters who are blind or have low vision—please register by 5 pm Tuesday 10 September. To register, call 03 8620 1314 during business hours.

Early votes

If you will be away during the voting period (7–25 October), you can go to your local election office to vote in person, from 10 am on Wednesday 18 September.

The Murrindindi Shire Council election office is at:

Murrindindi Shire Council Yea Office
15 The Semi Circle
Yea

How to nominate as a candidate

To nominate as a candidate, you must:

- be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters roll for Murrindindi Shire Council AND
- be eligible to become a councillor should you be elected AND
- have completed the mandatory candidate training before lodging your nomination with the election manager.

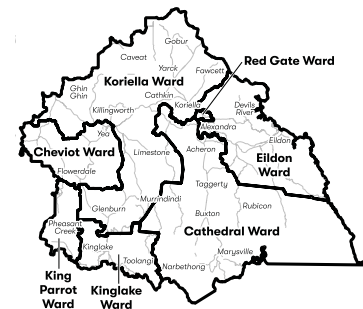
To nominate, complete the nomination form and lodge it with the election manager together with the \$250 nomination fee. Nomination forms can be lodged by appointment during business hours from Monday 9 September until 12 noon on Tuesday 17 September at the election office.

Visit vec.vic.gov.au for more information and to pre-complete your nomination form using the online Candidate Helper. The online Candidate Helper will be available from Tuesday 20 August.

If you use the online Candidate Helper, print your pre-completed form and make an appointment to lodge it with the election manager along with the nomination fee.

Call the election manager from Monday 9 September on 131 832 to make a nomination appointment.

Nominations close 12 noon Tuesday 17 September.



Candidate information session

6 pm Thursday 5 September at Election Office, Murrindindi Shire Council Yea Office, 15 The Semi Circle, Yea

Candidate information kits containing nomination forms and other electoral information will be available online and from the election manager.

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at vec.vic.gov.au



Know your dam rights

PEOPLE are being urged to check they have the necessary licences and approvals before constructing dams on their properties to avoid unfairly impacting those downstream of them, unnecessary costs, and potential prosecution.

Goulburn Murray Water (GMW) General Manager Water Deliver Services Warren Blyth said improperly built or unauthorised dams could create various problems.

“One illegally constructed dam can have a severe impact on many different people,” Mr Blyth said.

“If a dam is not built to the correct specifications, it can be a hazard not only for the person whose land it is on but those downstream of them who may be inundated if it fails.

“Dams that are built on waterways without authorisation can also prevent downstream customers from getting the water they are entitled to. In fairness to all customers, it is essential dams are licensed appropriately.”

People who build dams without the appropriate authorisation can be made to reinstate the land to its natural state at their own expense.

A licence must always be obtained prior to constructing a dam on a waterway. A waterway determination will clarify whether the land on which someone has proposed to construct a dam is classified as a waterway or not.

There are also some instances where off waterway dams require licences. These dams are labelled as “potentially hazardous” under Section 67 (1A) of the Water Act 1989.



Do you know the rules around constructing a dam on your property? - Willem van Aken, CSIRO

However, Mr Blyth encouraged anyone planning to build a dam to contact GMW to confirm they were obtaining the correct permissions.

“There are various factors that determine if a dam requires a licence and what type of licence a dam may require,” he said.

“We want to ensure all dams that are built are compliant, so we are very happy

to help people with any questions about the process.”

Further information on the licensing requirements for farm dams can be found on the GMW website g-mwater.com.au/farm-dams

People with any further questions can phone GMW on 1800 013 357 or email GMW’s Land and Licensing Team at licensingadmin@gmwater.com.au

Opportunity for women in Agriculture

THE Victorian Government is providing opportunity for women in agriculture to be part of the Victorian Rural Women’s Network Leadership and Mentoring program.

The program seeks to increase the representation of women in agricultural leadership roles by fostering their leadership capabilities, enhancing their skills, and instilling confidence in decision making.

Twenty women will have the opportunity to participate in specialised mentorship and leadership training, learning from influential leaders across industry and government.

The training is tailored to the unique challenges and opportunities faced by women in agriculture, providing participants with the tools, support and visibility they need to be leaders in their industry and communities.

To learn more about the program or apply visit agriculture.vic.gov.au

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Ambulance performance improved in the busiest time

PARAMEDICS and first responders across Victoria have faced the busiest quarter on record, with crews in the Hume Region responding to 5623 Code One emergencies.

Ambulance Victoria (AV) Hume Regional Director, Steve Doyle, said paramedics across Victoria reached Code One patients faster on average than a year ago, despite a five per cent increase in demand.

“The entire health system continues to be extremely busy due to seasonal illness such as flu, COVID-19 and RSV circulating within our communities and our workforce,” Mr Doyle said.

“Our dedicated paramedics and first responders in Hume do an incredible job in the face of record-breaking demand, providing best care to our communities every day.

“It is important that everyone does their part. If your matter is not an emergency, consider using alternative care options and keep our highly skilled paramedics available for patients most in need.”

Mr Doyle said April to June was AV’s busiest quarter ever with more than 102,000 Code One cases across Victoria, breaking the previous record of 100,238 Code One cases set in October to December 2022.

“That’s nearly 5000 more ‘lights and sirens’ cases compared to the same time last year and a huge 35.2 per cent more Code One cases before the pandemic five years ago,” Mr Doyle said.

From April to June 2024, paramedics across Victoria responded to 64.2 per cent of Code One cases within the statewide target of 15 minutes. The statewide average response time to Code One emergencies was 15 minutes and 37 seconds.

Performance against the 15 minute target for Code One cases improved in 55 of Victoria’s 79 Local Government Areas (LGAs) compared with a year ago. In the Hume Region, the biggest improvements were in the Indigo, Murrindindi, Strathbogie and Wodonga LGAs and the major population centre of Kilmore.

Over the past year, Code One response times decreased by two minutes and 21 seconds in the Murrindindi LGA.

Executive Director of Regional Operations, Danielle North, said AV constantly monitored demand and ambulance availability in real time and worked with hospitals to help transfer patients as promptly as possible, to ensure ambulances can get back on the road sooner.

“We also review and adjust the ambulance call taking and dispatch grid, based on research, clinical expertise and our large body of clinical data, to ensure it remains suitable for the Victorian environment,” Ms North said.

“We continue to work with our partners at Triple Zero Victoria to support the call taking and dispatch process, noting that about one in five calls to Triple Zero (000) do not need an emergency ambulance response.

“You can connect directly with the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED) at vved.org.au anywhere, anytime in the comfort of home and avoid a trip to hospital.

“Other options include your local Priority Primary Care Centre (PPCC), GP or pharmacist, or Nurse-On-Call on 1300 606 024.”

The nearest PPCC to Murrindindi Shire is located in Kilmore.

“From April to June, 41,704 people who did not need an emergency ambulance were instead connected to more appropriate care by paramedics and nurses in AV’s Secondary Triage team.

“In 2023/24, paramedics referred more than 30,000 patients to the VVED and 9574 patients were referred to the VVED following assessment in Secondary Triage.

“Staying up to date with your yearly flu and COVID-19 vaccinations helps protect you, the people around you, and makes a difference reducing demand on our paramedics during this busy time.”

For more information about routine winter vaccinations or finding your nearest PPCC, visit the Better Health website at betterhealth.vic.gov.au

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AUGUST COMMUNITY UPDATE - GOULBURN VALLEY PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT



TRADIES NATIONAL HEALTH MONTH

August is Tradies National Health Month (an initiative by APA) a special time to focus on the health of all tradies across Australia. This month helps raise awareness about the common health challenges faced by those in the trade industry.

A recent survey reveals that over 90% of tradies have suffered from work-related injuries or pain this past year. Many of these issues have worsened due to their demanding jobs, with knee and back pain as the most common injury. More than 76% of tradies say their pain affects their quality of life, with those in their late 20s to early 40s being especially impacted.

Survey results from tradies across Australia reveal some concerning issues:

- 76% said that pain significantly affects their quality of life.
- 42% described their pain as severe, with some suffering for months or even years.
- 87% use medication or self-medicate to manage their pain, and 30% resort to drugs or alcohol.
- 24% worry they might need to retire early because of the stress on their bodies.

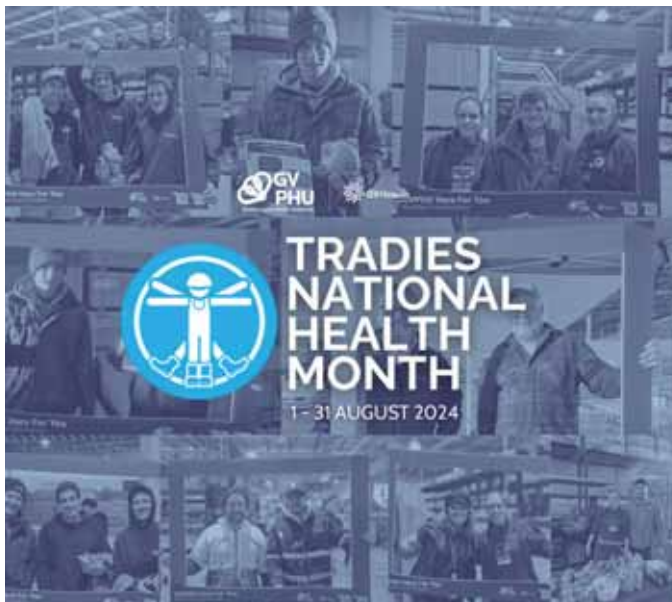
Source - <https://australian.physio/campaigns/tradies-national-health-month>

Tradies National Health Month is a great time to emphasise the importance of taking care of your health.

Top tips for Tradies:

- **Prevent Injuries:** Learn safe work techniques to avoid injuries.
- **Early Intervention:** Address pain early to prevent long-term problems.
- **Manage Your Pain:** Learn to manage your pain effectively by staying productive and enjoying daily activities.
- **Adapt as You Age:** Modify work habits to lower injury risk.

A reminder for all tradies, a healthy mind and body are your most valuable tools on the job.



PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT



There is an outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in Victoria. Legionnaires' disease is caused by Legionella bacteria, commonly found in natural water sources like rivers, lakes, creeks, and hot springs. It also thrives in spas, warm water systems, cooling towers, and potting mix.

Symptoms include: Fever, Chills, Cough, Headache and or Muscle Aches.

Other atypical symptoms may include: Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhoea and or Confusion.

There has been significant increase in the numbers of cases across multiple locations in metropolitan Melbourne since 26 July 2024. People who live in, work in or have visited metropolitan Melbourne and surrounding areas, and develop symptoms of Legionnaires' disease, should seek urgent medical care.

For further information, contact the Department of Health or visit their website - <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/> or GV Public Health Unit 1800 313 070



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Premier's statement on health services

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The new agency will also support the operation of our hospitals and their finances, ensuring that funding and health services are focused on caring for Victorians.

Hospitals Victoria will be led by Siva Sivarajah who has extensive experience running hospitals and improving the delivery of care.

Electronic Medical Record System

We will also roll out a connected Electronic Medical Record System to all hospitals, which will provide seamless and more efficient care for patients.

Currently, our health services use different patient record systems, some of them paper based. It's outdated, it's inefficient and it often causes needless stress for patients and their families.

It's why Hospitals Victoria and the department will work with health services to deliver a connected and standardised electronic record management system for Victoria's hospitals.

Not only will it reduce delays and duplication, it'll mean a patient's records move with them, regardless of the hospital they're being treated at.

Local Health Service Networks

In line with one of the report's key recommendations, the government will replace Health Service Partnerships with stronger Local Health Service Networks.

Bringing together hospitals within a geographical region, these networks will support hospitals to collaborate, enabling them to work together to deliver better care, while also better supporting staff across each region.

Each network will establish a formal relationship with a major tertiary, a women's and a children's hospital. This will mean patients can more easily and quickly access specialist care when they need it, strengthening referral pathways and enabling the sharing of expertise across specialties.

Once established the networks will share functions like payroll and IT, making sure our hospitals can focus on what they do best, caring for patients.

Protecting Frontline Services

We've always given our hospitals what they needed. We did this before the pandemic, throughout the pandemic and we'll continue this now.

During COVID-19, hospitals essentially operated without an agreed budget, because saving lives meant providing our hospitals with everything they needed to tackle the virus.

Now's the time to return to something a bit more normal, allowing hospitals to plan ahead.

It's why we've proactively worked with hospitals to develop budgets and why we will invest an additional \$1.5 billion into our hospitals.

This funding will enable our hospitals to continue delivering world-class care despite record demand, with more than half a million emergency department presentations last quarter alone, making it the busiest quarter on record.

It will also support a further 10,000 surgeries, bringing our total target for elective surgery for this financial year to 210,000, matching the almost 210,000 surgeries performed in 2023-24, the highest figure on record.

This is the funding our hospitals told us they needed, and this is what we've delivered, because Labor will always be on the side of our hospitals."

Premier Jacinta Allan said, "As the sister of a nurse, and the mum of a daughter who has relied on the life-saving care of our hospitals, my priority will always be patients and their families.

"We will always support our hospitals, because that's what Labor does."

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A long life well lived.

Rest in Peace.

SCOTT,
Joan Betty

03/01/1924 -
06/08/2024

Passed peacefully at Rosebank Hostel. Loved and loving mother and mother in law of Delma and Barry. Adored nanna of Russell and Sarah, Steven and Jenna. Great nan of Zali, Max, Archer and Willow.

You will be sorely missed and forever in our hearts.

FUNERAL NOTICES

SCOTT,
Joan Betty

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Joan will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at Yea Bowling Club, High Street, Yea commencing at 1pm.



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BEREAVEMENT THANKS

SCOTT,
Joan Betty

The family of Joan Scott wish to convey our heartfelt thanks to Drs Lowe and Teong and the staff and volunteers at Rosebank Hostel for their kindness and care offered to her during her recent residency there.

Knock knock. Who's there?

Not energy providers

THE Victorian Government is protecting vulnerable Victorians from harmful and intrusive sales tactics with a ban on doorknocking for the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) program now in effect.

The bans follow extensive consultation over the past year on high-pressure sales tactics and other inappropriate marketing practices under the VEU program.

This ban has been designed to protect consumers and promote professional conduct by the industry to deliver the program that consumers can trust.

As the independent regulator, the Essential Services Commission will actively monitor compliance of the ban through an expanded range of tools and will take strong enforcement action for breaches of the ban.

A ban on telemarketing under both the VEU and Solar Victoria also came into effect on May 1. Doorknocking for Solar Victoria programs has been banned since September 2021.

The VEU reforms strengthen the 2022 VEU Code of Conduct, VEU accredited providers and participants can still use digital and traditional media advertising, and direct marketing such as social media and email.

All Victorian households and businesses are eligible for VEU discounts, which cover heating and cooling, hot water, and more.

Through the VEU program, a household can save about \$900 when installing a reverse-cycle air-conditioner to replace an old gas heater, saving about \$150 to \$200 off their annual energy bill, or save about \$3600 when replacing a gas ducted system with a reverse-cycle system, saving about \$500 to \$600 off their annual energy bill.

Victoria's nation leading Gas Substitution Roadmap demonstrates the importance of homes and businesses going all electric, it saves money on energy bills, is better for the environment and healthier for families to live and work, according to Minister for Energy and Resources, Lily D'Ambrosio.

"All-electric homes are healthier, cleaner and cheaper to run. Victorians need information they can trust on how to get there, and we're making sure they get that appropriately and effectively," Ms D'Ambrosio said.

"These bans strike the right balance between ensuring the program is accessible to all Victorians but protects them from unwanted contact or high-pressure environments."

Victorians should report breaches of the VEU door knocking and telemarketing bans via 9032 1310 or veu@esc.vic.gov.au

For more information on the VEU program, visit energy.vic.gov.au/victorian-energy-upgrades

Life expectancy in Murrindindi

THE Australian Institute of Health and Welfare have recently released *Australia's Health 2024: In brief*, presenting a summary of Australia's health.

Interestingly the brief showed over the last 100 years, life expectancy in Australia has increased considerably and deaths from infectious diseases have declined. However, for the first time in over 50 years, an infectious disease is in the top five causes of death, which is COVID-19.

The report stated that a boy born in between 2020-2022 can expect to live to 81.2 years and females born in that time can expect to live on average to 85.3 years. This is an increase of around 40 per cent since the start of the 20th century.

In the Murrindindi Shire snapshot that was released in October 2023 it stated that the life expectancy at birth for males was 80.27 years and was lower than the state average of 81.9 years, but for females it was 85.82 which was slightly higher than the state average of 85.55 years.

In Australia the leading cause of death was coronary heart disease, followed by dementia, COVID-19, cerebrovascular disease and lung cancer. Over the last 100 years, deaths from infectious diseases have declined, while deaths from chronic conditions, such as cancers and dementia, have increased. Today, chronic conditions are an ongoing cause of substantial ill health, disability and premature death in Australia.

Since the start of the 20th century life expectancy has increased quite substantially as it used to be the average age was around 55 years. This life expectancy increase is due to social conditions, advances in medical technology (such as mass immunisation and antibiotics) and health promotion and protection activities.

For the first time since the mid 1990s, life expectancy in Australia decreased in 2020-2022 (by 0.1 years for males and females from 2019-2021). This is likely to be due to the increase in deaths seen in 2022 of which close to half were due to COVID-19 and the remainder due to increases in other causes. Greater declines in life expectancy were seen in the United States (from 78.9 in 2019 to 76.4 in 2021) and the United Kingdom (from 81.3 in 2019 to 80.4 in 2020). Australia's life expectancy in 2020-2022 is higher than it was prior to the COVID-19 pandemic by 0.3 years for males and females (life expectancy in 2017 to 2019 was 80.9 for males and 85.0 for females).

Thankfully, over the last century there has been a significant decrease in child and infant mortality rates which also contributes to the overall life expectancy rate. Death rates for children under five declined by 97 per cent between 1907 and 2022. It was documented that among children aged one to 14, land transport accidents were the leading cause of death. Suicide was the most common cause of death among people aged 15 to 44, while chronic diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, and cancer were common causes of death among people aged 45 and over. Dementia was the most common cause of death among people aged 85 years and over.

To view more on Australian's Health visit aihw.gov.au/reports/australias-health/australias-health-2024-in-brief/summary

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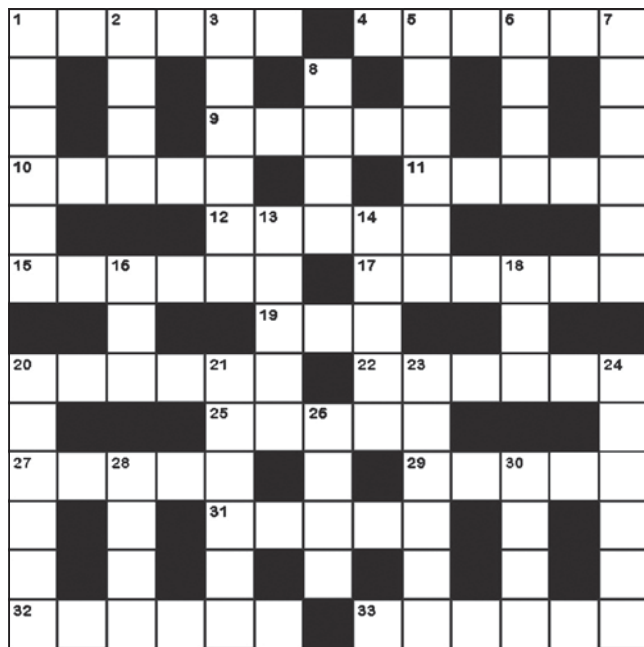
Crossword

ACROSS

1. A long and tedious speech.
4. Expressed in words.
9. Fritter away.
10. Anything with a spherical shape.
11. Bungle the job.
12. Take without permission.
15. Connect with.
17. Undiluted fruit juice.
19. Repetitive Strain Injury.
20. Finger and toes.
22. Empty areas.
25. Reject with disgust.
27. Regard highly.
29. More than is needed.
31. In a softened tone.
32. Go back again.
33. Calm and peaceful.

DOWN

1. Hang around.
2. Three performers.
3. Most up-to-date.
5. Three times as much.
6. Pulled tight.
7. Fuss about.
8. A small island.
13. Brief and to the point.



14. Licorice-flavoured seeds.
16. Fall behind.
18. A muscle twitch.
20. Eat up greedily.
21. A small earthquake.
23. Promise solemnly.
24. A solid sculptured figure.
26. A course of action.
28. Tilt to one side.
30. Run out of energy.

Word Search

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Aboriginal words

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Math Square

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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.

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.

SPORT

Ball in tree at Marysville Golf Club

by Lesley Rundle

LAST Saturday in excellent conditions both the men and the ladies played a stableford round.

The ladies' winner was Jody Doran (13) with 39 points followed by Sabrina Stow (21) with 36 points. Ken Whittingham (33) won the men's competition with an excellent 40 points. Travers Stow (20) with 36 points was the runner-up on a countback from Andrew O'Shea and Ross Ansell.

Colin Davies was closest to the pin on the fourth and ninth holes, Gail Leigh on the 18th and Peter Lilley who won the Golden Shot was the closest on the 18th.

Richie Clark had an interesting start to his round when on the first fairway his ball ended up in a tree. Richie decided he didn't want to climb the tree and try to hit the ball without a penalty, so he declared it unplayable, took a one stroke penalty and continued with his game.

Next week all players will play a stroke round.

While the district events are in winter recess the Marysville members are preparing for a number of events being held at the club

before the end of the year. A family trivia night will be held on Saturday, September 21 from 6 to 9pm.

Details are on the Marysville Community Golf and Bowls Club Facebook page and flyers will be displayed locally. Accompanied children are welcome to attend and enjoy what promises to be an evening of fun and frivolity.

The ladies' annual tournament will be held on Thursday, October 10. Details will be given at a later date.

The club will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the back nine holes with a major fundraiser which includes an ambrrose game and dinner on Saturday, November 9. Flyers will be distributed throughout the district and state, entries and payment can be made on trybooking.com/CSFWJ and any enquiries can be directed to Jody Doran on 0412 654 555.

To complete a weekend festival of golf on Sunday, November 10, the annual mixed Marysville tournament will be held with an 18-hole stroke game. All Dalhousie clubs will be receiving a flyer with details of the tournament and email enquiries can be made on colindavies31@bigpond.com

Rounds in Euroa and Mansfield for winter tennis

by Rhonda Carpenter

THERE were three matches in Euroa and one in Mansfield for Round 14 last Monday week.

Wappan welcomed Terip to Mansfield under grey skies with the hosts keen to avenge a two-game loss in their last encounter. Terip's Cindy Hayes, Bec Lyttle and Phoebe Macdermid were thankful to include Wappan's Agnes Kay in their side.

The opening sets went one each way with Jenny Bell and Rhonda Carpenter fighting hard for every game to win 8-2 while Cindy and Bec won 8-4 against Anna Speirs and Liza Karras in lengthy rallies. Balls found every part of the court, especially the lines, and everyone enjoyed the hard high-quality hitting.

Terip's superb placement allowed them to control play and the physical contest saw them find their best form. Agnes dominated at net with quick reflex touch for the visitors.

Terip were again victorious by two games to win 4/37 to 2/35.

In Euroa the home sides were comfortable against their visitors. Seven Creeks' Rosie Cameron, Ro Ellis, Kelly Hill and Kerry Hewlett defeated Delatite's Karyn Fraser, Jo O'Brien, Deb McCormack, and Deb Mims

who had also included Jill Hayes into their team. Seven Creeks won 6/48 to 0/11.

Creighton's Creek Marja Wondergem, Sue Vaughan, Gayle Furphy and Ros Doxey were convincing winners over Moglonemby. Judy Sands, Marlene Hanrahan, and Lyn Johnson were joined by Benalla's Maureen Jewell and toiled hard all day, but the Creeks won 6/48 to 0/23.

Euroa's Lindall Bigland, Di Ellis, Ruth Nolan and Julie Harrington were challenged in both openers against Mansfield in a hard-fought contest. Michelle Pigdon, Amanda Steele, Sophie Yencken and Clare Beecham won the first eight-six while Euroa took the other in a tiebreaker.

The lengthy warmup suited the home side who took all the other sets, so Euroa won 5/46 to 1/35 to move back up into second spot on the ladder.

Four rounds remain with several teams still in contention to make finals. The semi finals will be played in Mansfield on September 9 and the grand final will be held in Euroa on September 16.

After Round 14 Terip has 92 points, Euroa 88, Benalla 79, Mansfield 72, Seven Creeks 65, Creighton's Creek 62, Wappan 59, Moglonemby 38 and Delatite 5.

Regional football and netball grants available

APPLICATIONS are now open for the latest round of the Victorian Government's *Country Football and Netball Program*.

Grants of up to \$250,000 are available for regional and outer metropolitan councils to apply for grants for sports infrastructure developments including court lighting upgrades, changeroom overhauls, new pavilions and more, to benefit their local clubs and communities.

Developed in partnership with the AFL, AFL Victoria, and Netball Victoria, the program has invested more than \$40

million and delivered more than 575 projects since 2005.

The state government's *Country Football and Netball Program* is part of more than \$23 million invested in this year's budget and more than \$2.3 billion invested since 2014 to deliver world class community sport infrastructure and programs that increase participation and improve accessibility for more Victorians.

Applications close on Monday, September 30. For more information on the program and to apply, visit sport.vic.gov.au/funding

Two-person ambrrose at Eildon Golf Club

by Puttomatic

SEVENTEEN players enjoyed a cool start before the sun broke through on a beautiful winter's day for a two-person ambrrose competition at Eildon last Saturday.

A terrific turnout for this fun format of the great game. The club congratulates Leigh Munro and Peter McNair who entered the clubhouse with a nett 64.25 to secure first place from Kerry Power and Grant Walters

on nett 65.5 earning runner-up honours. In third place and taking the ball run was the pairing of Sue and Tony Grayson.

There were no takers for nearest the pin on the fifth, while Leigh was successful on the 11th, Tony on the 12th and John Beale the 14th. No birdies were on offer due to the ambrrose format.

Tony Grayson took out the entry draw, Ken Collier the swindle and Marion Williamson the joker draw.

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Squash: Round four never a bore

by Kristelle Leary

Blue Vein versus Gouda

ETHAN versus Lochlan: Lochlan played some long deep forehand shots while Ethan did the same on his backhand. The serving of both players is improving, and it was a close match. Ethan snuck ahead to take the win. 50 to 46.

Lee (fill in) versus Chris: An interesting match. Trying to stay in it, Chris persisted through the match. Lee stayed just ahead in each game for a clean sweep and the match. 57 to 43.

Pep versus Justin: A court of commotion is a given when these two are playing. Pep had Justin on the run all night. Justin didn't manage to get a game leaving Pep victorious. 73 to 52.

James versus Derrick: Never ending rallies were prevalent in this close high energy match. Utilising good depth, James crept ahead to come out the champion. 63 to 54.

Feta versus Mozzarella

Tyler versus Eric: Both players had great shots, but Tyler's killer serve proved too good for Eric. Tyler won the match. 68 to 44.

Sally versus Mick: Mick had a strong lead in the first three games. Sally fought back

to claim the final game, but the outcome of the match was already sealed. Mick was triumphant. 55 to 35.

Ruth (fill in) versus Daniel: A great match. Ruth came out strong to take the first game before Daniel swung into gear to take the last three games and the match. 73 to 55.

Barracudas versus Piranhas

Matthew versus Beth: Doing his best Matthew ran the court in an attempt to take down his opponent. Beth had too much experience for Matthew and took home the win with ease. 84 to 31.

Lucas versus Sam: Two games each with both battling for supremacy. Sam won the first and last game but took a hard loss in game three which ultimately led to his demise. Lucas triumphed. 65 to 60.

Jack versus James (fill in): The first half of the match was close with only a few points difference. There was a drastic shift in the second half where Jack seemed to lose the pep in his step, giving James the opportunity to ruthlessly gain points. James won the match. 91 to 35.

Orcas versus Stingrays

Blake versus Jess: In the beginning Jess was giving Blake a run for his money. Blake turned the tables to take the last two games and won the match. 58 to 52.

Kristelle versus Jodie (fill in): Keeping herself in the running, Kristelle kept the games close at the start. Come to game three and she lost her way, opening the way for Jodie to vastly increase her lead. Kristelle tried to claw her way back in the final game, but Jodie took the victory. 71 to 46.

Stuart versus Jim: Jim was on the ball tonight. Stuart didn't manage to get a single game. Jim won the match in a clean sweep. 69 to 47.



Players hit the ball in intense competition at recent squash round. -S

Alexandra golfers making to most of the sun

by Elizabeth Goss

A GOOD compliment of players enjoyed the sunny day last Tuesday week, including a welcome visitor from Future Golf. Paul Martin was the winner with (30) 33 points, the runner up was Nigel Waterhouse (16) 32 points followed by Alan Kirkpatrick (24) 32 points. Nearest the pin on the seventh went to Dave Silverman, on the 17th to Paul Martin, and on the 18th to Steve Wersham.

Ball Rundown: Russel Purcell and Steve Wersham.

Good numbers again last Wednesday for the August monthly medal, sunny with a light breeze. Julie Lyon was the medallist with 93 (22) 71. The runner/up was Helen Findlay 102 (27) 75 followed by Marion Williamson 106 (30) 76. Next came Barb Doyle 94 (15) 79. Nearest the pin on the second went to Helen Findlay, on the fifth to Barb Doyle and on the 18th to Sandy Wettenhall. Sandra Moris won the nine holes with 41 nett.

Next Wednesday, August 21 is Puttos.

Todd Galloway won the Stableford round on Saturday with (16) 37points. The runner up was James Kidd (6) 35 points on a countback from Brad Kidd (9) 35 points followed by Dave Silverman (11) 33 points on a countback from Shane McGorlick (11) 33 points. Nearest the pin on the second went to Shane McGorlick, on the seventh to Simon Rouget, on the 12th to John Steer and on the 18th to James Kidd. Shane McGorlick won the raffle. Saturday, August 17 is four ball best ball stableford.

Junior sport winding up

by Ray Steyger

LAST Sunday was the first round of finals in the Goulburn Murray Junior League, played at Broadford. The under 16s football played Seymour in Mooroopna.

**Under 12 Football Qualifying Final
Alexandra 5.9 - 39 defeated Wandong 2.3 - 15**

Penstock Pastoral: Eli Van Lierop; Essence Coffee Lounge: Harrish Balansag; FoodWorks: Logan Reid; Alexandra Bakery and Café: Hudson Brooks; Coach: Javi Miljkovic.

**Under 14 Football Elimination Final
Alexandra 7.7 - 49 defeated by Tabilk 8.6 - 54**

North Central Construction: Fletcher Van Lierop; Essence Coffee Lounge: Aiden Campbell; FoodWorks: Sienna Heard; Alexandra Bakery and Café: Tybar Reid; Coach: Harrison Christie.

**Under 16 Football Elimination Final
Alexandra 5.5 - 35 defeated by Seymour 12.10 - 82**

Parental volunteers were awarded for their hard work throughout the season. Nutrien Harcourts: Alysha Munro; Essence Coffee Lounge: Carol Ross; FoodWorks: James Cowell; Alexandra Bakery and Café: Renee Pearson; Coach: Don Cabban.

**Netball Under 11
Alexandra Red 16 defeated by Seymour 20**
The team will now proceed to the Preliminary Final this week at Alexandra.

**Under 13 Netball
Alexandra Red 14 defeated by Tabilk 18**
The team's season comes to an end, well done to coach Kate Mullins and all the players and

support staff on a great season.

**Under 13 Netball
Alexandra Black 16 defeated by Yea 29**
The team will now proceed to the Preliminary Final this week at Alexandra.

**Under 15 Netball
Alexandra Red 31 defeated by Seymour 34**
The team's season comes to an end, well done to coach Kelly Golland and all the players and support staff on a great season.

A very big thank you to the award sponsors for their continued support of our junior footballers and netballers in 2024. This coming week, Alexandra will be hosting Preliminary Finals at Rebel Park and on Sunday, August 25 the Grand Finals will be played at Kings Park in Seymour.

Times for all netball and football games for this coming Sunday finals at Rebel Park will be released by the league during the week.

As mentioned, Alexandra will host Junior Preliminary Finals of football and netball at Rebel Park on Sunday, August 18 so if you can assist with the canteen, please speak to Melissa Crane to go on the roster. We need additional volunteers for other tasks on the day including scoreboard and umpire escort so if you can assist, please contact Ray Steyger.

Thank you to all the families that have paid their season 2024 junior football and netball player memberships and any families that have not done so yet, it would be appreciated if you could attend to this as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please contact Club President Ray Steyger on 5772 2627.

Congratulations to the under 12 football team that has progressed to the Grand Final, with a number of junior football and netball teams working to join them in this week's Preliminary Finals. We invite everyone to get behind the Rebels and show their support with red white and black in shop windows and house windows around town, be proud, be loud.

Outer East Football and Netball League Ladders

Football - Seniors		
Seville	272.20	12
Healesville	249.92	12
Warburton Millgrove	195.01	13
Belgrave	152.53	8
Alexandra	188.67	9
Yea	111.10	8
Yarra Glen	37.14	2
Yarra Junction	33.86	2
Powelltown	22.37	1

Netball - A Grade		
Warburton Millgrove	183.89	13
Seville	161.69	13
Yarra Glen	149.72	10
Healesville	88.41	6
Alexandra	74.45	6
Belgrave	86.76	4
Yarra Junction	75.49	4
Yea	46.19	1

Football - Reserves		
Belgrave	463.29	14
Seville	366.85	12
Healesville	322.22	12
Warburton Millgrove	256.69	11
Yea	94.05	7
Alexandra	55.97	6
Powelltown	28.20	3
Yarra Junction	33.31	1
Yarra Glen	18.18	1

Netball - B Grade		
Seville	68 pts	15
Belgrave	52 pts	11
Yarra Glen	52 pts	11
Warburton Millgrove	44 pts	10
Yea	36 pts	7
Yarra Junction	24 pts	4
Powelltown	24 pts	4
Healesville	20 pts	3
Alexandra	20 pts	3

Football - Senior Women		
Monbulk	52 pts	13
Woori Yallock	52 pts	12
Warburton-Wesburn	50 pts	12
Officer	34 pts	8
Wandin	30 pts	7
Emerald	30 pts	7
Seville	8 pts	2
Thornton Eildon	0 pts	0

Netball - C Grade		
Yarra Glen	66 pts	14
Seville	60 pts	13
Warburton Millgrove	50 pts	11
Belgrave	48 pts	10
Yea	36 pts	7
Yarra Junction	32 pts	6
Alexandra	18 pts	2
Powelltown	14 pts	1
Healesville	12 pts	1

Football - Under 16		
Euroa	78.57	11
Moama	64.28	9
Seymour	53.84	7
Alexandra	21.42	3
Yea	15.38	2
Broadford	14.28	2

Netball - D Grade		
Seville	100.00	12
Alexandra	73.07	9
Belgrave	65.38	8
Yarra Glen	61.53	8
Warburton Millgrove	57.14	8
Yea	23.07	3
Yarra Junction	14.28	2
Powelltown	0	0

Football - Under 14		
Broadford	421.43	10
Wandong	211.34	6
Tabilk	123.72	6
Alexandra	132.53	5
Seymour	101.07	3
Yea	5.03	0

Football - Under 12		
Wandong	48 pts	12
Alexandra	40 pts	10
Broadford	28 pts	7
Seymour	28 pts	7
Tabilk	12 pts	3
Yea	12 pts	3
St Marys	0 pts	0

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Alexandra defeat Yarra Junction in all but one category

by Ray Steyger

Football Reserves

Alexandra 18.8 - 116 defeated Yarra Junction 2.4 - 16

ALEXANDRA returned to Rebel Park and hosted Yarra Junction last Saturday for round 17 of the Outer East League 2024 division one season. The reserves welcoming Mitchell McDonald for his first game for several seasons. The weather was kind, the ground looking amazing and more than capable of hosting a final, signs of spring on the way.

The Rebels kicked three unanswered goals in the first quarter followed by five unanswered goals in the second as Junction was trying hard while undermanned. The Rebels added another 10 goals to two in the second half in a good team effort, Will Ellis rewarded for his efforts with a goal and Jordan Rice kicking two in his retirement game.

Awards: Shepparton Volkswagen: Michael Coombs; Ampol fuel card: Toby Ward; Alexandra Hotel: Mitch McDonald; Buxton Hotel: Jack McKay; Sportspower: Jake Steyger.

Seniors

Alexandra 16.22 - 118 defeated Yarra Junction 4.2 - 26

The seniors needed a win to stay in the hunt to play finals but the Eagles were keen to impress in front of the Ladies Day marquee. Two goals in it at the first break but the Rebels responded to the coach in the second quarter with six goals from 15 scoring shots.

The second half was a good contest with the Rebels adding eight goals to three to take the win.

Awards: Incentives: Tom Massey, Lachlan Nankervis, Harry Reed and Riley Frankcombe; Alexandra Hotel / Ampol volunteer award: Des Rasmussen; Gate raffle: Kim Forster; meat tray: Frances Miljkovic; wine: Lachlan Nankervis.

Netball

A grade won 50 to 43: Incentive: Caitlan Haggis; Corner Hotel / Grant Street Grocer: Ellie Hedger, Alpine Butchery: Belinda Shaw;

B grade won 31 to 26: Incentive: Louise Hurrey; Corner Hotel / Grant Street Grocer:

Brodie Wheelhouse; Alpine Butchery: Jess Shaw;

C grade lost 17 to 32: Incentive: Taylor Dean; Corner Hotel / Grant Street Grocer: Sophie Coward; Alpine Butchery: Karen Cole;

D grade won 37 to 11: Incentive: Maddy Northmore; Corner Hotel / Grant Street Grocer: Emily Van Lierop.

Last Saturday, Kylie Cairns and crew organized the annual Ladies Day event and with 102 in attendance, it was a very entertaining afternoon. The club says well done to guest speakers Liz and Tim on their insights and a big thank you to all the sponsors that made the day a success.

Club volunteer Neil Robinson had a medical incident at the gate on Saturday morning, and the club gives thanks to everyone that responded and the quick attendance of the ambulance that transported Neil to the Alexandra Hospital where the staff provided excellent care. Everyone wishes Neil a speedy recovery.

Thursday's Rebel Raffles continued last week and the club thank their sponsors The winners were Jayden Saggin, Jake Steyger,

Riley Frankcombe, Elizabeth Kidd and Sam Kidd. The Penstock Pastoral Joker Jackpot was found by Jayden who took home the \$300, so the raffle will recommence at \$200 this week. 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 is the last round of the home and away season, the Rebels travelling to Seville for two games of football and four games of netball. It now comes down to the final round results which will determine if the senior football, A and D grade netball teams can finish in the top five to play finals. Everyone is invited to come back to the Alexandra Hotel for the awards and club hospitality.

The league has released the finals venues for division one as per the following: Week one, qualifying and elimination finals at Woori Yallock and Emerald; week two, semi finals at Woori Yallock and Yarra Glen; week three, preliminary finals at Woori Yallock; week four, grand finals at Woori Yallock.



Lachlan Nankervis fighting with opposition for peak setup for a mark. -S



Alexandra seniors player Harry Correa booting the ball while opposition takes a short rest. -S



Quite a mark from Dylan Jack. -S



Ben Jack believes he can fly. -S



Ben Broadway sending the ball up the field despite pressure from opposition. -S



Alexandra reserves player Tom McKinlay sending the ball up the field. -S