

Council statement on the proposed Seymour Wind Farm

MURRINDINDI Shire Council acknowledges the proposal by Fera Australia to construct a large wind farm called the Seymour Wind Farm in the area between Avenel, Longwood, Ponkeen Creek and Ruffy in Victoria. The proposed project is said to feature 80 to 100 wind turbines that are up to 245 metres tall and require approximately 30km of new 330kV transmission lines, proposed to be overhead, mainly across private and crown land within Murrindindi Shire.

While the Murrindindi Shire community generally recognises the potential benefits of renewable energy projects, council acknowledges the significant concerns raised by residents regarding the Seymour Wind Farm's potential social, economic, and environmental impacts in our 'culturally significant, environmentally sensitive, ecologically diverse and pristine' region.

Council believes it is important to carefully balance the need for renewable energy generation with the protection of local amenity, environment, agriculture, tourism, and social outcomes. We have reached out to Fera Australia to seek a more comprehensive and meaningful community engagement process to ensure community concerns are heard, considered and addressed effectively. Council has suggested that citizen panels could be effective in expressing and tackling community concerns, including consideration by Fera Australia for the undergrounding of transmission infrastructure to protect our significant and celebrated landscapes.

As the Seymour Wind Farm project is still in its preliminary stages, council encourages Fera Australia to step up community engagement efforts and conduct thorough environmental and social impact assessments. If a permit application is made to the Victorian Minister for Planning, who will ultimately assess and determine the project's outcome, council will provide a submission as a referral authority that will clearly reflect the community's views.

Murrindindi Shire Council remains committed to supporting sustainable development that benefits the local community while minimising negative impacts. We will continue to monitor the progress of the Seymour Wind Farm project and advocate for outcomes that protect the unique character and values of our shire.



DAFFODIL DAY: On Thursday, August 22, a stall was set up in Grant Street, Alexandra, selling daffodils and other items including homemade baked good and fabulous knitted items, to raise funds for Daffodil Day. All of the funds raised support cancer research. Pictured are Robyn, Cheryl, Angelina, Shelley and Sasha. -AR

Call for candidates for Murrindindi Shire Council election

CANDIDATES ready to stand in the upcoming Murrindindi Shire Council postal election are urged to use the Victorian Electoral Commission's (VEC's) newly refreshed Candidate Helper to get their applications ready for submission when nominations open on Monday, September 9.

Electoral Commissioner Sven Bluemmel reminded candidates that there are several important steps they must complete before nominating.

"If you want to represent your local community, make sure to confirm your eligibility and complete the mandatory online candidate training through Local Government Victoria before lodging your nomination. This rule applies to all candidates, including those who are currently or have previously been a councillor," Mr Bluemmel said.

The VEC's online Candidate Helper at vec.vic.gov.au/council-candidate allows candidates to pre fill their nomination forms before submitting them at their nomination appointment.

Candidates can also watch a series of videos on key topics such as the nomination process, including the rules and procedures that apply. More information is available online at vec.vic.gov.au

The *Candidate Handbook* is also available on the VEC website.

Prospective candidates are also encouraged to attend the candidate information sessions being held in each electorate before the opening of nominations.

Prospective candidates must make an appointment to submit their nomination forms and pay the \$250 fee in person during business hours. They must provide evidence that they have completed the online candidate training, as this is required by law and will be shown on each candidate's nomination form.

Candidates must make an appointment to submit their nomination form in person at the election office by calling the Candidate Helpline on 8620 1316 between Tuesday, August 20 and Monday, September 9.

From Monday, September 9, candidates can call 131 832 and they will be directed through to the relevant election office.

Nominations close at noon on Tuesday, September 17. Late nominations will not be accepted.

More information on nominating is available at vec.vic.gov.au

Jason Robertson appears on The Voice

JASON Robertson appeared on *The Voice* television show on the evening of Tuesday, August 20, and while unfortunately none of the judges' chairs turned, he put in an excellent performance, singing Daryl Braithwaite's *Horses*.

Jason's auditions took place in Brisbane, having recently moved up from Melbourne to the Gold Coast where he works as a portable toilet truck driver. As he joked with the judges, "When I'm not pooper scooping, I'm singing."

Jason was born at Alexandra Hospital and stayed in Alexandra until he was about 25 years old, before "moving to the Big Smoke seeking fame and glory. It's only happened about 35 years later."

Jason has always been a singer. When going through Alexandra Secondary College, he was in all of the school plays from year eight through to year 12. He then became involved with local bands, then bands in Melbourne.

Jason's only singing training came from locals Keith Fletcher, who was the music and science teacher at Alexandra Secondary College, and musician Brendan Rees. "They're the main driving forces behind me continuing down the music industry path," he said.

"It evolves as you grow," he said. "You have a family to consider... Fitting music in is very difficult." Jason is married and has three sons all aged in their late teens and early 20s.

Jason explained that the process of getting onto the show was quite extensive, with a variety of interviews and auditions conducted across about six months prior to filming. The show conducts auditions all over Australia, with thousands of people auditioning, so this also takes time.

He said of the filming process, "It was quite amazing. I thoroughly enjoyed it. I'm hopefully going to be doing some more TV work from now on. It was great. It was interesting to see how the entertainment industry works at that level. It was a really well-oiled machine when you get to the actual auditions. It's a huge factory and there's film sets and there's people running around everywhere. It's cool. It's extraordinary how they put it all together. Very interesting."



Jason Robertson on *The Voice*. -S

Asked whether he was nervous in the lead-up, Jason said, "Good question. Yes and no... But not really. I was sort of prepared for it. As I said to the guys, the main producer when we first touched base on the matter, was that this is pretty much 40 years in the making, so I thought to myself, no matter what happens, I'm going to give it my best shot. If it's good enough, it's good enough, and if it's not, I've had a crack and you can't ask for much more than that."

The song he performed, *Horses*, is a song "you've got to sing all the time. It's the last song of the night. I've been performing in bands forever, so it's a song I knew pretty well... It's a song for all, as one of the producers said. It's a song everyone will know."

His advice for younger singers is, "Don't give up. Everybody's got their own unique way of singing. It's not for me to say whether you're a good singer or a bad singer, but if you believe in it, and believe in yourself, anything's possible. Work hard and don't give up."

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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
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.



Letters to the Editor

Supermarkets

IN response to the letter from Wayne Miller put in last week's edition to Letters to the Editor regarding supermarkets, you as a past business owner of course will stand up and back that supermarket.

Their prices are more than most other supermarkets, so they can make it look like they are supporting local clubs. That's what you're paying for at the cash registers.

I know Aldi was knocked back on getting in up here. As for getting a McDonald's store or even other fast food chains which would support work for the young in this town and give them a start in life. That is why the young go down to Melbourne because there is no future in this dying town.

Until we get changes in this town, you might as well call this town an old people's retirement village because no-one in this town has the courage to stand up and get things done around the local area, but I will say that I am only one person that is going to push back against council and other local issues.



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I have never seen so many people that are lazy to get of their backsides and fight for what they do or do not believe in.

In regards to this council they already know who I am. As for the prices at the local FoodWorks, they are a disgrace and they never order enough, especially where there are things on in the town such as long weekends.

That's why the locals go without. The out-of-towners buy up big on long weekends and the locals can not get there regular things. So people with attitudes like yours and many others nothing will change in this town, so I and others I know will continue to support other towns like Seymour because we get a much better deal than we and many others get in this town.

I just feel for the people who don't have access to a vehicle to get over there, where they can get what they want, when they want it, and don't give me that rubbish about freight.

If that's the case why don't all the other town's prices rise as well. You people just stick your heads in the sand and do nothing but complain about it. About time something gets done about it.

No point complaining to politicians because they are most of the problems. They do nothing, never have and never will. They can't even get our roads fixed up and they wonder why there are so many accidents, with pot holes and the roads just crumbling away.

We need to get rid of the Labor Government. They take our money in taxes and it is not spent in the country. It is wasted down in Melbourne on things that we up here will never use.

It's time people start and wake up as to what these people are doing. This is not government but it is bunch of communists. This is no longer a free and democratic country as they claim it is. We are just told what to do and if we don't they try and shut us down about time people stand up and be counted.

Ian Perry, Alexandra

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STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	11.00am Mon	1.97	steady	below minor
Rubicon River at Rubicon	11.00am Mon	0.63	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	10.25am Mon	0.88	steady	below minor
Home Creek at Yarck	10.22am Mon	0.36	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	11.12am Mon	0.73	steady	below minor
Yea River at Yea GV Water PS	12.38pm Mon	1.09	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	11.00am Mon	4.35	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	11.00am Mon	0.64	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Trawool	11.00am Mon	2.21	rising	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	11.00am Mon	0.41	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Seymour	11.00am Mon	2.38	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	10.39am Mon	1.64	steady	

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We thank you for your continued support

Weekly Weather

August 28 - September 3, 2024

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	8	14	Wednesday	8	15
Thursday	11	14	Thursday	11	15
Friday	9	17	Friday	9	17
Saturday	8	13	Saturday	8	14
Sunday	8	15	Sunday	9	17
Monday	4	14	Monday	4	15
Tuesday	5	17	Tuesday	5	17

DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra	31.9mm
Buxton	37.2mm
Eildon (AWS)	26mm
Flowerdale	23mm
Jamieson	57mm
Kinglake	12mm
Lake Eildon	47mm
Mansfield	3mm
Taggerty	42mm
Yarck	59mm
Yea	25mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	286.09m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	89%
Metres below full supply	2.81m
Daily inflow	6000ML
Release	4200ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	70%



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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All letters must contain writers name, address and contact number. (not necessarily for publication). Letters without these details supplied cannot not be published. Deadline for Letters to the Editor is 9am Monday.



Alexandra Seniors report

by president Marj Hall

THERE was quite a small but enthusiastic group on Friday's Alexandra and District Senior Citizens Club social meeting with many apologies. Secretary Mike was visiting Val in hospital. All our best wishes to Val for an early return home.

The club received a lovely thank you from Alexandra District Health who enjoyed their visit to the club, providing an informative presentation on diabetes. Their offer of an 'on the spot' sugar test was taken up by all the members present.

The club's trip to the Kilsyth Club for *Morning Melodies* was enjoyed by all with a

'thumbs up' for both the entertainment and the food.

A discussion was held for ongoing future activities. There is thought of a 'Mystery Tour', so watch this space. The committee will consider these. The lucky winners of the spinning wheel were Jan, Ron and June. All will no doubt have enjoyed their prize of chocolate.

As usual, Joan supplied a good bunch of amusing jokes read by David for the comedy segment. Roma brought along a 2013 calendar to show us. It features photographs of activities of the club over the years. Much fun was provided in endeavouring to identify the 'who' and 'where'? Thank you Roma.

The bridge club meet in the hall on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Newcomers are very welcome. Sadly, indoor bowls is in recess due to dwindling numbers, however on Friday afternoons you can enjoy a game of 500 with the rest of the card sharps.

The next social meeting will be on Friday, August 30 at 1pm in the hall. The committee will meet on Friday, September 6 at 10.30am followed in the afternoon by the business meeting at 1pm.

ADDOC repawt

2024 has been a busy, rewarding year for Alexandra and District Dog Obedience Club. There have been a wonderful variety of puppies and older dogs enrolled in the obedience classes. It is so satisfying for the volunteer instructors to watch how the dogs develop into happy, well behaved, friendly members of the club.

An important part of the ADDOC obedience program is to provide enjoyable, interesting, enrichment opportunities as well as class obedience sessions. This year, members and their dogs have all had fun at Scent and Tracking Workshops.

With spring just around the corner, the members are looking forward to warmer mornings on Briggs Oval.

ADDOC classes run in blocks of seven, with new puppies and dogs enrolling in the first week of each block. The final block of classes for 2024 commences on September 8. On November 24, we finish off the year with a Fun Day. Then the members take a break until the first Sunday in February.

If you would like to find out more about our program and classes, please get in touch with Jeanne on 0456 583 611 or email alexdogclub@gmail.com



This group of Eildon gentlemen, along with Wendy Faulkner, were out picking daffodils last Wednesday ready for the volunteers in Eildon to sell in support of the Cancer Council's Daffodil Day fundraiser. -S

Tourism grants and big news for Eildon

REGIONAL Victoria will have even more amazing tourist attractions for people to visit with exciting local projects getting off the ground thanks to the Victorian Government.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events, Steve Dimopoulos, last Friday visited the Art Gallery of Ballarat to announce 29 projects across regional Victoria that will receive funding through the *Enabling Tourism Fund 2024*.

"Regional Victoria has so many unique attractions and this funding will ensure we have new and exciting tourism projects in the works for years to come," Mr Dimopoulos said.

"This is great news not just for our tourism operators, but for jobs and local economies in each of these regional areas."

The grants of up to \$500,000 will support regional tourism projects to reach investment-ready status by funding feasibility studies and designing future infrastructure.

In Murrindindi Shire, Taungurung Land and Waters Council (TLAWC) was successful with regard to concept testing for a Taungurung Cultural Centre and Reddrops Management Group Pty Ltd have received funding for a Hotel Eildon Development Plan.

Further background information received from the Victorian Government about the Taungurung Land and Waters Council grant says: "The project will develop a business case for The Taungurung Land and Waters Council (TLAWC) for the development of new state-of-the-art multi-purpose engagement centre to provide an inclusive gathering place for Taungurung community and wider public to celebrate First Peoples Culture.

"Taungurung community, seeks to develop a Taungurung Cultural Centre in Seymour, Taungurung Country. Centrally located in the Goulburn Region, this new state-of-the-art multi-purpose engagement centre. Visitors would benefit from cultural immersion and educational activities as part of a vibrant

year-round events calendar, proudly led by the Taungurung People, for the advocacy and advancement of the Taungurung Nation."

In relation to the Reddrop Management Group grant for the Hotel Eildon Development Plan, the provided background said, "The project will support the develop of schematic plans and relevant town planning requirements for Hotel Eildon. Over the last decade, the Eildon region has experienced a steady increase in tourism.

"With a desire to increase tourism, the region has identified a need for contemporary commercial accommodation and quality food and beverage establishments. Hotel Eildon will deliver a 4.5-star 100 key hotel with supporting high-quality amenity including food and beverage options, function and conference facilities, a wellness centre, gymnasium and an infinity pool overlooking the Eildon Pondage."

The *Enabling Tourism Fund* is part of a \$170 million investment to create more local jobs, support our important tourism businesses and attract more people to the incredible experiences on offer across regional Victoria.

To see a complete list of the Enabling Tourism Fund projects visit tourism.vic.gov.au/grants-and-support/enabling-tourism-fund

Eildon Container Deposit Scheme hits the one million

THE one millionth container was counted on the afternoon of Monday, August 19 at the Eildon Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) centre.

Young Riley Mancuso and his mum, Jo, of Thornton were the lucky people to return the one millionth container to Eildon CDS. This feat took just 292 days to accomplish.

Riley and Jo were overwhelmed at the prize pool totalling just over \$300. Prizes included, a dinner at Pixes at the Billabong, a gift voucher to Nanny Jan's Emporium, a pizza voucher at Checkout 7, fuel voucher and a mystery dollar gift of the three envelopes containing mystery amounts, Riley's luck continued as he chose the highest mystery gift \$100 cash. Bringing his winnings to almost \$400.

Operator Jason Lodge said, "My wife and I are very proud to be offering this service to Eildon and surrounds and are very appreciative of all the support we have received over the past nine months. This one millionth container sees over \$100k returned to the community groups and charities in the local area."



Riley collecting his prizes with Jason Lodge from Eildon Container Deposit Scheme in Eildon. -S

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Yea-Kinglake RSL Ordinary general meeting will be held at 11.30am. Enquiries to 5796 9353.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Grand Ponderosa Cup Eildon Pondage. 8.30am briefing, 10am start.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Yea Hospital and Rosebank Auxiliary AGM will be held at 2pm in Grace Bennetts Centre meeting room, Yea. RSVP to Ruth Crockett 5797 3057.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Free health checks for the farming community. Mental health education and suicide awareness. Yea Saleyards. For further information visit yeasaleyards.com.au

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Walk. Registration 8.30am, event start 9am. Rail trail loop: Yea Railway Station to Two Bridges. For more information and to register visit gvsag.org.au or phone 0417 907 278.

No more parks event. It's time to send a message to the government. You are invited to take part in No More Parks at Woods Point. Noon - 2pm. Authorised by Leonie Blackwell, Eastern Region Community Advocacy.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

The Alexandra Op Shop AGM will be held at 10am in the RSL Hall.

Yea Saleyards committee are seeking expressions of interest to fill a community-farming representative vacancy. Nominations will be accepted until September 9. For details contact Lisa Elward lelward@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Yea Saleyards AGM will be held at 5pm at the saleyard canteen. For nomination forms contact Lisa Elward lelward@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

Eildon Community Opportunity Shop AGM will be held at 2pm.

ADTTA will hold their AGM at 6pm. All businesses invited to attend. For details visit alexandratourism.com/agm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

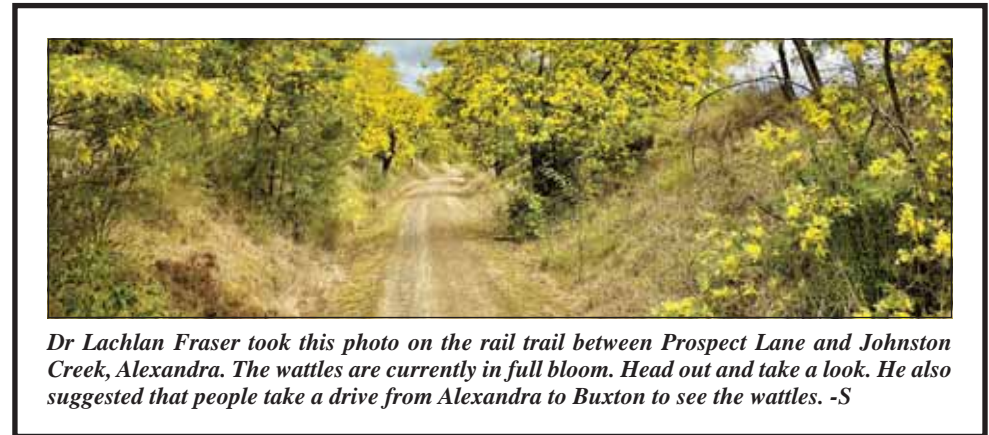
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Preliminary Notice - Alex Scott and staff first Yea store cattle sale commencing at 9.30am, Yea Saleyards. Additional entries welcomed. Contact David 0409 443 473.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Alexandra Lawn Tennis Club AGM will be held at 5.30pm at The Corner Hotel, Alexandra. Existing and new members welcome. General meeting to follow. For further information contact Troy 0434 122 602.



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THUMBS UP: To Joanne Szwedyc for her great photos at The Pink at Pixies Event for breast cancer. It was greatly appreciated.

THUMBS UP: To Wayne Miller's Letter to the Editor in last week's Standard.

THUMBS DOWN: To the disgraceful condition of the only bus stop in Yea. The glass is all smashed and a hazard with glass all over the floor, and the curbing is all broken up along the edge, along with a huge pothole on the way to it. It is very dangerous, especially trying to climb in and out of a bus.

THUMBS UP: To our fantastic supermarket. Great service and excellent product variety and quality. I also am very grateful for all they provide and all they support.

THUMBS DOWN: To the Thumbs Down of August 14 complaining about our local supermarket. We have a fabulous supermarket with friendly helpful staff. I for one am very happy it's not a Coles.

THUMBS DOWN: To Murrindindi Shire Council for its *Kindergarten and Childcare Strategy 2024-2029*. This is largely a work of fiction as council continues to avoid taking an active role in management of any of our kindergartens, a role now beyond the capacity of volunteer committees. All council did was to spend a grant from the state government on a consulting firm from outside the shire who just told us what we already knew.

THUMBS UP: Thank you to all who contributed to the beautiful daffodils. I still have a smile on my face.

THUMBS UP: To Wayne Miller for expressing so well support for our local supermarket. Not only do they support our local community but they employ so many staff, who are friendly and helpful. They even offer to carry shopping to our cars. Where do you get that at Coles, etcetera.

THUMBS UP: To the Murrindindi Shire Council for the wonderful new gum trees recently planted down the Melbourne Road nature strip in Yea. These trees will help to provide habitat for wildlife and assist us with our fight against climate change.

THUMBS DOWN: To Vic Roads for the sunken bridge abutments, mainly Gilmores Bridge. They're very dangerous, and there are blocked scuppers.

THUMBS UP: Thank you to the Murrindindi Library here in Alexandra for the new books in the large print section. I'm loving the variety, especially the Australian authors.

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Kids Teaching Kids books delivered



The Kids Teaching Kids books on display at the Yea Library. -S



Zanni Waldstein presenting the Kids Teaching Kids books to Stephen Tate at the Alexandra Library. -BD



Students from Sacred Heart Primary School, along with teacher Zanni Waldstein (right), presented the last three years' Kids Teaching Kids books to the Yea Library. The books of student work will now be on display at various libraries around Murrindindi Shire. -BD

Job pathways for local government workers

THE Victorian Government is supporting more Victorians to get the training and skills they need to work in local government.

Minister for Local Government Melissa Horne announced a \$6.3 million pilot program to address workforce shortages in councils across Victoria, creating pathways to secure jobs with good pay and conditions.

The two year pilot will be delivered by a consortium of higher education providers led by RMIT University, filling skills shortages in areas like engineering, town planning and allied health.

Local government *Earn and Learn* program participants will commence training in 2025, creating more job pathways for local government workers wishing to retrain and new opportunities for jobseekers.

By connecting education providers with councils, the free program will help Victorians get the skills they need to work in local government and deliver important services and infrastructure across the state.

RMIT, Federation University, Swinburne University of Technology and Victoria University will collaborate with the local government sector to identify skills shortages and co-design training to directly address workforce need.

All 79 local councils in Victoria will be invited to participate in the program, addressing skills shortages across the state so that councils can deliver key services and projects.

It's understood that Murrindindi Shire Council has expressed their interest in being involved with the program, pending further investigation.

Information about the *Earn and Learn* program is available at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/earnandlearnprogram

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Authorised by Leonie Blackwell, Eastern Region Community Advocacy, 45 Commercial Pl, Drouin.

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EILDON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Lainey is someone who always looks out for others. She speaks up when she sees injustices, treats others as she would like to be treated herself and lives out our school motto to love one another. Lainey can be relied on to help in the classroom and notice when things need doing. She is a valued member of our class group. Congratulations Lainey.

Student of the Week

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Half yearly meeting for Hume Goulburn CWA

THE Country Women's Association (CWA) half yearly conference took place in Yarck last Saturday. A number of ladies were in attendance from all around the Hume Goulburn region, including Alexandra, Yarck, and Yea branches.

Group President, Margo Galloway, ran the meeting and spoke about its importance to the CWA.

"We have a half yearly conference. The one at the beginning of the year is our AGM as

well. It's an opportunity for branches to catch up, to let them know what's going on in the association, and just share in some fellowship.

"The ethos within CWA is our local communities first. When we do fundraising, our things don't go to outside charities so much, but rather our local hospitals, our local schools, aged care, any other projects within the community," Margo said.

Margo added that the CWA is always keen for new members to join, and explained how to get involved.

"We're always welcoming new members. Some branches are bigger than others. Here in Yarck, we have a very small pool of people to draw from, but we actually have people from all around the area who come to Yarck. I'm from Euroa, we have a lady from Eildon.

"It's a good way to learn new skills and just have that core group of friends that you know you can call on if you need to.

"They can contact their local branch if they know somebody there, otherwise they can contact head office via the website. They can fill out an expression of interest form, and then that information will be sent out to the local branch," Margo said.

The CWA website can be found at cwaofvic.org.au/



Yarck CWA life member Norma Hodson, who has been a member of the CWA for 70 years. -BD



The CWA Hume Goulburn half yearly meeting took place inside the Yarck Hall last Saturday. -BD



Sue Wynn speaking for the Alexandra branch of the CWA at the Yarck meeting. -BD



A lovely stall with various goods was set up for the ladies to peruse. -BD



Attendees spoke about various issues at the meeting. -BD



Cheryl Wilkins speaking for the Yea branch of the CWA. -BD

Ponderosa marks first Eildon Rowing Club event

THE Eildon Rowing Club will be hosting its first event on Saturday, August 31, from 10am to 11am. The Eildon Grand Ponderosa Cup is a 4.5 kilometre handicapped race for single sculls, inspired by the Winter Sculling Series in Melbourne.

The Lake Eildon Rowing Club will be starting a perpetual event with a training day on the beautiful and calm Eildon Pondage. Single scullers from all over Victoria have been invited to train and be coached at Eildon Pondage and there will be a timed lap to see how fast they can cover a distance of 4.5 kilometres.

There are approximately 30 scullers registered to attend and one of them is Peter Antonie, OAM recipient and Olympic gold medallist at the Barcelona Olympics of 1992. Peter Antonie, who will be first off the ranks and has a superb feel of the water, will be good to watch.

There will be bacon and egg rolls for sale and the club are hoping to get a coffee van at the Lions Rotunda in Riverside Drive, Eildon. Scullers will take to the water at 9am and the timed lap will be at 10am.

The Eildon Rowing Club's Mario Laing spoke about the details of the event.

"This is the first time [running the event], and we've had a bit of support from the rowing community, and we've talked about it and word of mouth has gone around. We've already got 15 entries, with a few of them coming to stay on the Saturday, going out to Pixies on the Billabong, and then the next day they're planning to go for another row on the lake."

The event will be run in handicap format, which means "in this situation, we're going to put the fastest scullers up front to make it safer. So there could be some up-and-coming sculler who wants to challenge the top sculler and try and get past them on their way up."

"Obviously if you manage to win the race, you still get something for that. But it goes on fastest time, not the fastest time will get

their name engraved on the Grand Ponderosa Cup," Mario said.

Due to the permit for holding the race on the Pondage not being approved, this year's event will be held on Lake Eildon proper. Eildon Rowing Club is hoping they will be able to obtain the permit next year, and hold their event on the Pondage then.

"We have a men's race and a women's race, so two races. We're starting small in it because we want to do it well, and we want to build trust in the community and then next year hopefully we'll have it on the Pondage, which is the ultimate aim. And then we'll have more races. Rowing has lots of different boats that you can row in, like singles, doubles, quads, fours, and eights."

Special guests at the event include Olympic rower, Peter Antonie, who "won the gold medal in the 1992 Olympics in a double hull with Stephen Hawkins," and Member for Eildon, Cindy McLeish, who will present the cup.

Mario added that he hopes the event will showcase the rowing potential of the Eildon area.

"Basically we want to let people know that we have this beautiful resource facility, and that people can go out for a row in winter time, or anytime. There's good water, and people just want to come up here and enjoy the surrounds as well, it's such a lovely area. Not many rowing courses are set on national parks. It's really to put Eildon on the map as a rowing venue."

"It'd be great to see locals out to support the event and see what it's like and imagine it happening on the Pondage at some stage. The more people that get behind it, the more the chances are that we can realise the potential the Pondage has to host events like this in the future."

The Lake Eildon Rowing Club was established in February 2023 to give an opportunity to the people of Murrindindi to come and try rowing on Lake Eildon. Their first season saw them competing at



Members of the Lake Eildon Rowing Club. -S

the Masters State Championships and in other country regattas in single sculls, double sculls, and quad sculls.

A scull is a rowing boat that holds only one competitor with one oar in each hand. It is the hardest of all the boats to row and balance, requiring great skill and feel for the water.

In terms of previous results, one of Eildon Rowing Club's scullers, Kathy Lloyd, won bronze in the Masters State Championships in May this year. Jeremy Laing, another sculler, won the B division single sculls race at the Footscray regatta. The club went and competed in the Rutherglen regatta that has been going for more than 100 years uninterrupted.

The Eildon Rowing Club also invites people to get involved with the sport.

"If they want to have a go at rowing, they should get in touch with me, and we run learn to row programs on a Saturday or Sunday morning, so we can teach people how to row and take them on a journey."

"[Eildon Rowing Club] have 25 members. Many of them are social members who come from Melbourne, and they're members of other clubs and they want to be members of our club as well."

"We have about eight members who are consistently going out and rowing and getting out in quads and doubles and stuff like that," Mario said.

For further updates and to keep in touch with the Eildon Rowing Club and the events they are hosting, people can follow the Lake Eildon Rowing Club Inc Facebook page.

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Wendy Selover turns 100

by Louise Flowers

WENDY Lee Jacobs was born in Randwick NSW on August 20, 1924, the only child of musical director Henry Osborne Jacobs and dancer Violet Lucie Maud Bishop.

Given her parents' occupations, her life was spent in and around theatres and theatrical people, and due to their evening work hours and travel, her grandmother M'liss Martha Charlotte Kelly played a significant role in her early life.

Her early schooling was in Elwood, Victoria, firstly at a small private school followed by Elwood Central and finally Melbourne Girls' Grammar. Ice skating interrupted her education and she left school at the end of year 10, having 'wagged' much of that year to go to the ice rink.

Her real schooling was in ballet, not academia. She had first performed on stage at the Palais Theatre in St Kilda at the tender age of two, followed by regular performances by the age of four. A visit to the Glaciarium Ice Skating Rink with a friend put paid to any thought of a career in ballet as she was

Wendy's 100th birthday celebrated at Kellock Lodge

KELLOCK Lodge were proud to host the 100th birthday celebration for resident Wendy Selover. Wendy joined the Kellock family 15 years ago, when she purchased an Independent Living Unit, moving into residential care at 95.

Kellock staff know Wendy for her tenacity and inner strength. Not much keeps her down. At 100, they still spot her walking the hallways, enjoying the sun and participating in daily activities.

Kellock is thankful to Wendy's family who provided a scrumptious afternoon tea for residents and staff to commemorate the occasion. Happy 100th birthday Wendy, and many more.

immediately enchanted by the freedom of moving across the ice.

As a teenager she was employed as a professional at St Moritz in St Kilda, teaching, choreographing and directing ice shows, and working towards her skating qualifications. She passed the tests for a Gold Medal in 1952 but never competed in competitions.

Ice skating also led her to meet dashing RAN Sub Lieutenant, Linley Selover, when he asked her to have a drink with him after her teaching duties finished. They were married in 1945 when he returned from service in World War II. There were three daughters from their marriage, Louise in 1950, Ruth 1953 and Cornelia 1959.

A highlight of her life was taking up skiing in her 50s. Even though she was an ice skater she had never had the chance to try snow sports. Going to the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, attending various events and skiing in Austria, as well as Australia, was a dream come true for her.

Wendy was a very competent sports person all her life and even at 100 she takes her daily walks. 'If you don't use it you lose it' has always been a maxim for her. She taught skating until her 60s and took up croquet later in life, playing pennant for two different clubs. Sewing also took up a large part of Wendy's time, from making tutus for young ballerinas to voluntary work at Darlingford helping residents make rag dolls.

She now has five grandchildren (Lucy, Jane, Tom, Kitty and Jack) and nine great grandchildren ranging in age from 13 to two (Harry, Ellie, Eva, Zara, Alva, Georgia, Tilda, Wolfgang and Simukai). They are all a great joy to her and in her more active days she loved nothing more than taking a grandchild to lunch or on holidays.

Her ability with embracing technology was amazing. From the early days of mobile phones she enthusiastically took up messaging, though her grandies puzzled for a while over messages from 'Iran' (Gran). Until moving into Kellock Lodge she had paid all her own bills online from her iPad.

When Wendy heard about the proposed independent living units to be built adjacent to Kellock Lodge she decided that a move to Alexandra would suit her fine, and she was the first to sign on the dotted line.

There was always a connection to this area as her father-in-law, Roland Selover, worked for the Country Roads Board and Selover's



Wendy with her letter from King Charles. -S



Wendy Selover with (L-R) Cornelia Selover, Bob Flowers, Ruth Allwood and Louise Flowers. -S

Lookout at the Maroondah Dam is a tribute to him.

No more city driving and she would be near to her daughter. Little did she know then that a second daughter and a granddaughter would follow a few years later.

Family has always been very important to her and in recent years she has reaped the rewards with lots of visits, outings and love from her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Her 100 years has spanned a fulfilled and lucky life.



Wendy as an ice skater in her younger days. -S

Leo Chambers turns 100

by David Chambers

LOCAL community member Leo Chambers is celebrating a truly remarkable milestone, his first century of life on this planet.

On Wednesday, August 28, this amazing achievement will be accomplished. Our dad is a talented and generous man who mostly has self-taught life skills that have enabled him to share a life of plenty with his family. A life we, his family, are all very grateful for. He has shared this willingly, with his own expertise, in his own way. The following is a brief history of his life so far.

Leo (Slim) Chambers was raised in a large family in various inner suburbs of Melbourne by his mother, May. Circumstances led to his leaving school early so he could work to help feed May's growing family. He is now the sole survivor of that family as all have passed away.

His physique as a gangly youth was honed by cutting timber in the forests of Gippsland at the young age of 17 years. As a youth he became a talented boxer until our mum, Felicity, came along and exclaimed to him, "It's either the boxing or me."

They subsequently married. Felicity McLeish and Leo Chambers making their early home in my grandmother's house on UT

Creek, Alexandra. Their early life together interrupted our mother's career as a nurse at Alexandra Hospital, as seven quick years whisked by and all of their four children were born; the last Hal in 1956, being the only one born in New South Wales.

Leo's early working life at this time was spent as a foreman driving the team of Joy Drills for explosive charge in the rock that helped shape the area for the 'Great Eildon Dam Project,' as it was known at the time. This employment enabled a good life for his family of six in a house at 26 Fifth St, Eildon.

Leo has always had talent at sport and played both football for Alexandra and lawn bowls for Alexandra Bowling Club in the 1950s and 60s. Many Champion Singles notices are in evidence on the walls of the Alexandra Bowling Club.

Leo was a natural at sport. He almost won a new car at his first attempt at 10 pin bowls in Richmond, New South Wales, when the family lived briefly in Springwood from 1956 to 1958.

Returning with his young family to the same street in Eildon, he continued his working life with Masonite and then the SEC Eildon Power Station. He continued working there until his retirement, some 40 years ago now.



Leo Chambers. -S



Leo Chambers. -S

Leo played golf at Eildon on a course he helped to build. His next and most important exploits were the battle he waged to get council to agree with him to make land available for the Eildon Bowling Club. He went on to organise unused sheds owned by Utah and successfully repurposed these to house the then brand new Eildon Bowling Club club house.

Eildon Bowling Club very soon proved to be a force in bowls and Leo was inspirational as a coach, green director and champion in those early years. As a life member, Leo has

served the club well featuring many club wins. His name as champion singles player has numerous listings on the club's honour boards.

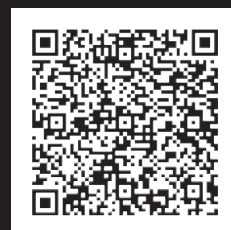
Leo Chambers celebrates his life with four children and their partners, David and Suzanne, Wendy, Robin and Kerry, Hal and Carole and lots of grandchildren including, Michelle (dec) Paul, Caitlyn, Lauren, Dan, Brad and Kris. His great grandchildren include Elyse, Allora, Arwen, Aiden, Liam, Heath, Milla, Blake and Max, and great great grandchildren are Zarina and Rhydian.



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Alex Scott and Staff heading to Yea

ALEX Scott and Staff will be holding their first sale in Yea on Friday, September 13. David Setches, their Livestock Manager, spoke about what lead Alex Scott and Staff to taking their cattle to the Yea Saleyards.

“Due to the closure of the Victorian Livestock Exchange (VLE) in Pakenham, we have a clientele base in the Yarra Valley, and northeast and west of Melbourne. Those points there have indicated to us that, from the logistical side, it’s a long way to get them down to Koonwarra freight wise, and we’ve been trying to get into Yea with Elders and Nutrien.

“The time has come now that we’ve decided to pull the trigger and have a go ourselves, and have our first sale on Friday, September 13,” David said.

“We have invited the other private agents who want to come onboard. On our sales basis, the more the merrier of private agents who want to come, because it will strengthen the sale.”

David elaborated on the challenges faced in selling at Yea.

“Elders and Nutrien said they were happy to sell our cattle off-site, and they couldn’t really



Members of the team of Alex Scott and Staff Livestock. -S

accommodate them numbers wise if we were to join in their sale, but they were happy to sell them on consignment, which doesn’t really make sense.

“Why would we give half the commission away to another agent when we can sell them ourselves?” David said.

“With Pakenham’s closure, the Yea Saleyards are one which

could potentially increase by 20, 30, 40,000 cattle per year. The facility really at 3000 cattle is about maximum capacity, so I can’t see any other option but Elders and Nutrien will have to have a bi-monthly sale.

“If you have 30,000 cattle per year, and 12 sales per year, they can’t fit them all in. Three thousand, when they sort of capped the

saleyards, they wouldn’t let us in on their sales, so we just picked a date opposite to them and we thought we’ll go then.”

David concluded by sharing the companies excitement to be back selling cattle in Yea.

“Alex Scott and Staff, in 2012, or eight years ago back when I started, we did initially sell in Yea. We were selling in Yea back in the day.

“We’re really excited to get back into the Yea district area and be an alternative option for anyone who may want to sell cattle up there and certainly look after our existing clientele that the company has on that side of the ranges,” David said.

For more information about Alex Scott and Staff, visit their website at alexscott.com.au

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Riddellvue spring sale offering at standout despite dry times

RIDDELLVUE Angus has faced poor seasons and falling cattle markets since moving to Markwood last year, but it hasn't hindered the continued improvement of its herd.

Principal Ian Bates said despite having to feed cattle through the winter, the spring sale bulls are looking as good as ever at Riddellvue.

"Old timers in this area are saying the season is one of the worst they've seen, so it has been a battle, but the bulls are going along really well," he said.

"This will be our fourth sale at Markwood, and since the move the climate in the beef industry has been very tough.

"And while opening new doors is harder in tough conditions, the locals have been really receptive to us in the area and past clients have followed us along, so it has been a good balance."

Ian will catalogue 36 angus bulls aged 18 months for the spring sale, to be held on-property and via AuctionsPlus on Thursday, September 12.

The offering will include sons of the \$64,000 Reiland Ricochet R952, a bull which has a TransTasman Angus Cattle Evaluation estimated breeding value in the top five per cent of the breed for calving ease and top 10 per cent for docility and intramuscular fat.

"When I saw the Ricochet bull I wasn't necessarily looking to buy a new bull but we went up to the Reiland sale at Gundagai and we liked everything about the bull. It had a great set of numbers, and he has proved the ground that he is stronger than his 600-day

numbers show, so to me it is a very special bull," Ian said.

"We will end up retaining 50 to 60 females, and he has been used heavily in the Reiland herd and other prominent studs. We have now sold him on to Merlewood Angus for stud duties."

It will be the first time Riddellvue will offer Reiland Ricochet progeny under the hammer, and Ian is excited for clients old and new to see the bulls.

"They have great temperament; confirmation and their feet are fantastic. I am really looking forward to them coming through the sale," he said.

As usual, Riddellvue will also offer 20 registered females at the spring sale, and there is a chance of Ricochet progeny to be included in that lineup as well.

One of the other prominent sire lines in this year's spring sale will be by Blackjack Genesis Q04, a son of Pathfinder Genesis with growth figures in the top 10 per cent.

"I've never seen such good feet as the Genesis bulls in this sale, and there is a bigger group of them," Ian said.

"It is just a great lineup of bulls across the catalogue, consistent right through and presenting really well."

With early bull sales in the north of the country looking promising, Ian is hopeful there will be a change of sentiment, and weather, moving into the spring.

"We've had 50ml this month, which has made a little bit of movement, and the days are getting longer so we are heading in the

right direction, with a lot of crops looking good in the district," he said.

"The spring sales in the north are going well and Victoria is normally the cheapest place to buy bulls, which isn't a reflection of the bulls, it is just that there are a lot of good bulls in Victoria that people overlook."

Last year's spring sale at Riddellvue sold 21 bulls to a top of \$12,500 and average of \$6675, while in the autumn of this year a Genesis son made the top price of \$10,000 and the 21 bulls cleared averaged \$6450.

Gates will be open for a bull inspection day from 10am to 2pm on Wednesday, August 28 at Riddellvue, 153 Markwood-Tarrowingee Road, Markwood, Victoria.

The sale, on a new day this year, will follow at 1pm on Thursday, September 12, with pre-sale inspections available from 10am.

For the latest news and sale updates, visit riddellvue.com.au or the Riddellvue Angus Facebook and Instagram page.



Farmers and the Fire Services Levy

MEMBER for Eildon Cindy McLeish believes that the Victorian Government is favouring corporate-owned wind and solar farms, granting international proponents cheaper fire service levy payments, while Victorian farmers are being forced to pay the full amount.

Ms McLeish said that the government has given enormous concessions to the proponents of renewable projects, seeing them pay a collective total of \$600,000. Ms McLeish believes that this is an injustice to local farmers, many of whom are CFA volunteers, and who are being charged \$75.7 million in fire service levies this financial year, compared to \$47.5 million last year.

"The Allan Labor Government are clearly looking after the major corporate and internationally owned companies while hanging Victorian farmer's out to dry.

"Farmers are the backbone of the Murrindindi and Mansfield Shires and play a major role in our community and economy yet are being financially slugged."

Wind and solar farm owners will see a 92 per cent reduction to their fire service levies, being classified as public figure rates, the same rates as schools and hospitals. Meanwhile, the farmers that live around those wind turbines, are paying 72 per cent more after this year's state budget.

"Many of our farmers also man the CFA trucks and are first responders to grass fires, bush fires and car accidents on our country highways. Through this levy, they are effectively paying for the services they provide to our community.

"The Allan Labor Government continuously ignore calls from local CFA brigades for urgently needed funding, facility and equipment upgrades, leaving brigades to do so much of their own fund raising. It is a disgrace and again highlights that this government will forget about hard working volunteering Victorians.

"We know out of control wind turbine fires are a real threat. They cannot be easily extinguished and are typically left to burn out. This is a major concern as we lead into what will be a very dry summer. Our farmers and CFA Brigades need more support, more funding and upgraded equipment," Ms McLeish said.

Premier comments on state forests and transmission lines

THE Premier of Victoria, Jacinta Allan, made a series of comments in recent days about governmental decisions and proposals.

Speaking at the Bush Summit, she said, "There are eight million hectares of public land in Victoria – close to a third of our state. And there are pockets we must protect, areas we must conserve. But, to me, the most important thing we can do for our bush is make sure it's enjoyed. That's why today I want to be very clear: as Premier, and a proud country Victorian: I will never put a padlock on our public forests. It's not who I am, and it's not what I believe. I want to make sure our kids and grandkids can get out in the bush and fall in love the same way I did."

She also made a series of statements at the Rural Press Club of Victoria luncheon in Bendigo on Friday, August 23.

About hospitals, she said about not supporting the amalgamation recommendation in the Health Services Plan, "We know that local people at local hospitals do have a very clear sense of what their communities need. And just as those organisations listen to their communities, government should as well. And as I said, I know how much local health services matter and I'm extremely proud of the work we've done over a sustained period of time to make it even stronger."

As the premier was speaking at the event, protesters were outside the building, particularly concerned about transmission lines on farm lands.

When asked about this, the premier responded, "Rural and regional communities, primary producers and farmers are the most exposed to the challenges of climate change, they are the most exposed to the negative

consequences of a change in climate... Part of the answer to that is delivering more renewable energy and delivering more renewable energy means that we provide better energy security."

The vice president of the Victorian Farmers Federation said, "Farmers are feeling increasingly frustrated. Death by 1000 cuts, whether you look at wild dog, pest transmission, renewables and welfare legislation and... Farmers feel extremely unheard. Are you open to committing to a holistic food and fibre strategy across the whole of Victoria that actually prioritises agriculture and rural regional?"

The premier responded, "We are working on an economic growth strategy at the moment, looking at those sectors of the economy that have served us well."

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Varroa mite detected in Victoria

AGRICULTURE Victoria has confirmed varroa mite has been detected for the first time in Victoria at a property in Nangiloc near Mildura.

The infested hive was identified during Agriculture Victoria's surveillance activities

which are carried out each year during almond pollination.

Agriculture Victoria Acting Chief Plant Health Officer Dr Stephen Dibley said Agriculture Victoria is working with the affected beekeeper and others close by to minimise spread and guide management actions.

"This early detection of Varroa mite enables Victorian beekeepers to prepare and manage their hives effectively," Dr Dibley said.

Varroa mite (*Varroa destructor*) is a parasite of adult honey bees and honey bee brood. It weakens and kills honey bee colonies and can also transmit honey bee viruses.

It was first detected in Australia near Newcastle in NSW in 2022 and is being

managed through the National Varroa Mite Response Plan which is focussed on preparing industry to live with and effectively manage Varroa mite.

Varroa mite does not affect native bees.

In line with the National Varroa Mite Response Plan, Agriculture Victoria is working closely with beekeepers and orchardists to minimise the impacts on beehives and the almond pollination.

A team of 12 varroa development officers have been recruited in Victoria under the National Varroa Mite Response Plan and they are available to provide guidance directly to beekeepers on how to manage Varroa mite and appropriately utilise the chemical control options available.

There are also Varroa Management Training Workshops occurring across Victoria this month, which cover monitoring and threshold surveillance actions, integrated pest management techniques, record-keeping, and chemical treatments, including organic options.

"With varroa mite established in New South Wales and measures in place to slow the spread nationally, the detection this week was not unexpected despite the requirements in place to enter the state," Dr Dibley said.

"I encourage all beekeepers to be prepared to manage varroa in their hives by attending one of the free workshops, engaging with Varroa Development Officers and accessing all the resources available."

Beekeepers with concerns can contact Victorian varroa development officers at Victorian.VDO@agriculture.vic.gov.au or on 1800 958 485.

Beekeepers in Victoria are urged to check their hives and to report suspected cases of varroa mite to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881.

All Victorian beekeepers are encouraged to record all hive movements and inspections, and the results of mite testing in *BeeMAX*.

For more information and updates on this detection, and any further Victorian varroa mite detections, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/varroa

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Spring firewood collection opens this weekend

FIREWOOD collection areas will soon be open on Sunday, September 1. People who rely on firewood as their sole source of heating and cooking are encouraged to plan and to make sure they are using firewood in the most efficient way possible.

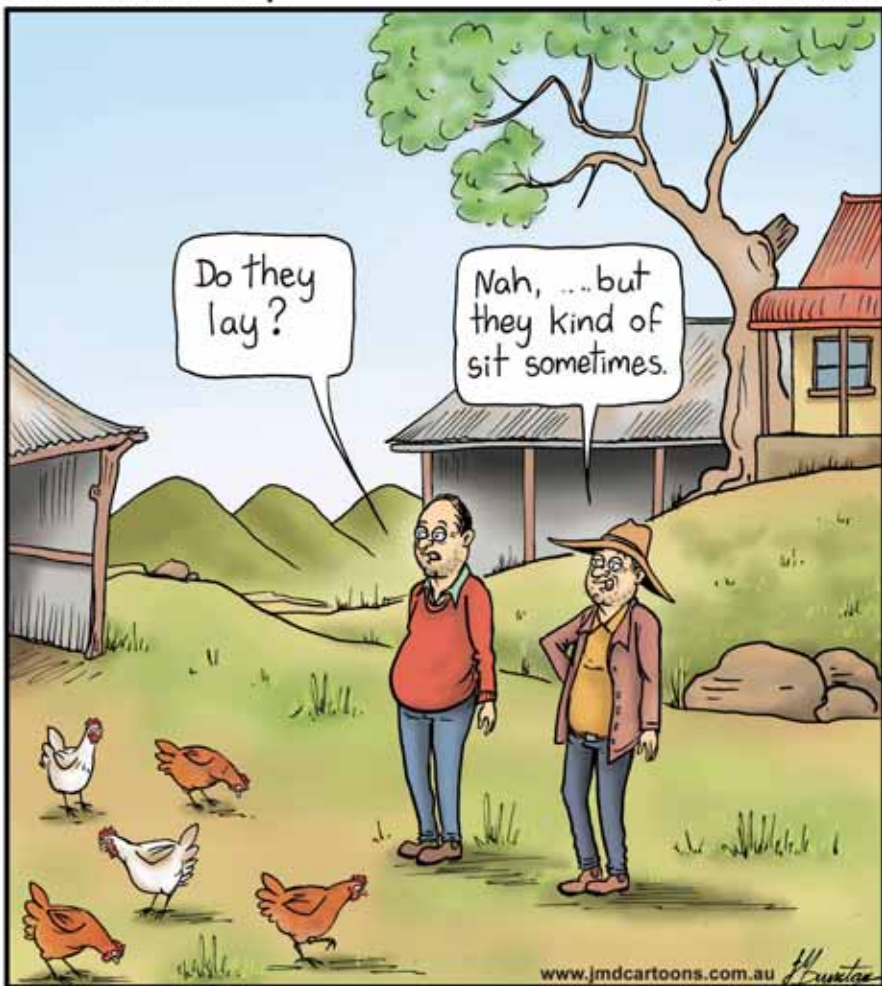
The spring season firewood collection is September 1 to November 30, firewood cannot be collected outside these times.

There are serious penalties for failing to follow firewood collection rules. Forest Fire Management works with the Conservation Regulator to regularly patrol state forests and make sure people are adhering to firewood collection rules.

Maps of collection areas will be published at ffm.vic.gov.au from September 1.

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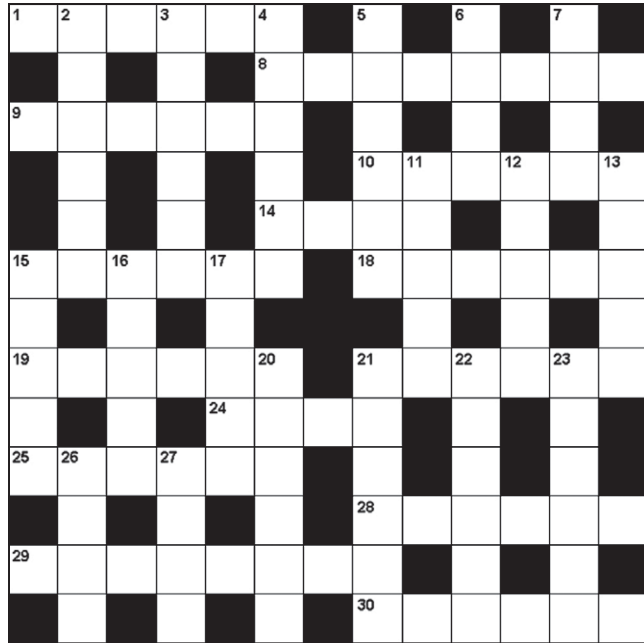
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Crossword

ACROSS

1. Morally pure.
8. Inside the country.
9. Fit snugly into.
10. Japanese unarmed combat.
14. Layers one atop another.
15. Tempestuous weather.
18. Conventionally correct.
19. The earth's surface.
21. Cloth with a crisscross design.
24. State of prolonged unconsciousness.
25. Smelled badly.
28. A small hole for a cord.
29. Reject a formerly held belief.
30. Seen as necessary.



DOWN

2. Not deceptive.
3. A wooden or metal spike.
4. That which has its own existence.
5. Placed a bet on.
6. A journey.
7. Lager of high alcohol content.
11. A playing field.
12. Very attentive.
13. Taken a meal.
15. Used as a sweetener.
16. A gas in the stratosphere.
17. Cut into small pieces.
20. Tried to avoid.
21. A building licensed to sell alcohol.
22. Move back and away from.
23. Resist separation.
26. God of love.
27. Caress with the lips.

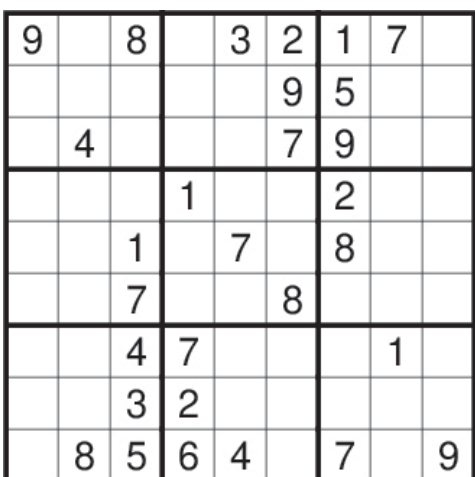
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Fill in the missing numbers.

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.



Judith Turner, Nancy Anderson and John C Turner enjoying the gym at Alexandra District Health. -S

ADH gym-based programs

DID you know that Alexandra District Health (ADH) provides many programs to promote your physical health, meeting more than just the medical and post-surgical needs of the community?

ADH's team of physiotherapists and allied health assistants are there to help you recover after a life-changing event such as a bad fall, surgery or a cardiac event, and also deliver programs designed to build strength and stability to help prevent some of these events from occurring in the first place.

Some of these are tried and tested programs that have been offered on-site at ADH for a long time, others are new programs borne from the latest evidence from around the world.

Cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation programs help people regain their strength, endurance and confidence after a cardiac event or if they have a long-term lung condition. Both of these programs are run across eight weeks and the cardiac program has been successfully running at ADH for over 15 years.

Lungs in Action also assists people living with a chronic lung condition, or those who may have difficulty breathing or doing day-to-day activities comfortably. This program is delivered by a Lung Foundation trained worker and is recommended after the completion of the Pulmonary Rehabilitation, although this is not a prerequisite.

The GLA:D Program was developed in Denmark and has been running at ADH since 2018. This six week program is for people living with hip and/or knee osteoarthritis, and aims to reduce the pain they experience, the amount of pain relief required and the progression of symptoms that may lead to surgery.

Stall the Fall is also a six week program that has been running at ADH for approximately 12 years. People participating in this program may have experienced a fall, may have been identified as high-risk of a fall by their GP or just feel they have lost some strength and confidence in this area and are seeking some support.

The Gentle Exercise Program is another long-term program and is more suitable for those who have limited weight bearing ability, experience chronic pain or prefer chair-based exercises. This gentle approach to strength building is tailored to each individual, with some participants improving and progressing into the Stall the Fall program.

Over the previous week alone, 25 locals have participated in these programs. Some programs require a referral from the ADH physiotherapist or from your GP and some require no referral. ADH's friendly Intake Officer can provide information about this and any associated cost, and can be contacted by calling Alexandra District Health on 5772 0900.

For people, industry and the planet

UPPER Goulburn Landcare Networks extend its gratitude to the Murrindindi Shire Council for the Quick Response Grant that allowed an Alexandra-based food waste consultant to attend the National Food Waste Summit, held on July 24 and 25 in Melbourne. The summit brought together food experts and industry leaders from some of the nation's largest food retailers, all united in their mission to tackle the national challenge of food waste.

Many countries, including Australia, have set a target to halve food waste by 2030. However, with no penalties for missing this target, the current trajectory would only reduce food waste by 28 per cent in the US by 2030. Food waste costs the US \$428 billion annually, while \$18 billion is needed by the food industry to scale up solutions.

Fortunately, initiatives like food banks are rapidly expanding, helping to divert food from landfills and providing those in need with healthy, nutritious options. A notable local effort is the Alexandra Hub and Food Share, which distributes excess food to those in need.

In the hospitality sector, leaders like Grant Street Grocer have partnered with Landcare and Sustainability Victoria to demonstrate how small businesses can show courage and commitment in

reducing food waste and recycling what remains into soil for growing more food.

Key takeaways from the event included eye opening statistics on the global challenge of food waste. Craig Reucassel, from the ABC's *The War on Waste*, shared that 58 per cent of people in the UK believe they don't waste food. However, part of the problem is that many individuals think their waste is insignificant. Reucassel sparked discussions on how to help people understand that they are part of a larger issue and that every effort counts.

One practical tip discussed was to shop for fresh fruits and vegetables more frequently, rather than making one big trip weekly or fortnightly, to reduce waste.

Looking ahead, the question remains; how can we help each other normalise saving food from landfills and make it more convenient? Ideas such as improved storage solutions, cooking classes, or a bulk buy food shop in town could be explored.

In Alexandra and across Murrindindi, we are already known for our excellent in home food waste management, including leftovers, animal feed, and composting. With the introduction of FOGO (Food and Organics) collection next year, this could be the perfect opportunity to broaden the conversation about understanding and reducing our food waste.

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YEA SALEYARDS COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE - NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) AND FARMING REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY

The Yea Saleyards Community Asset Committee is a volunteer committee, responsible for overseeing the operations and management of the Yea Saleyards. The AGM will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, commencing 5pm at the Yea Saleyards Canteen.

The Committee is also seeking expressions of interest to fill a Community – Farming Representative position vacancy. Nomination forms will be accepted until Monday, September 9, 2024. For further information regarding the AGM or the vacancy, contact Lisa Elward via email lelward@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

SITUATION VACANT



WORK WITH US SEASONAL FIRE CREW

Alexandra, Benella, Myrtleford and Shelley

Applications are sought for **Seasonal Fire Crew** (Summer Plantation Workers) for the 2024/25 fire season.

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CINCOTTA, Antonio (Tony) of Eildon passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 18. His funeral will be held on Thursday, August 29 in Federation Chapel at Lilydale Memorial Park at 3.30pm.

NOLTE, Judith Anne (McClure)

Judy, mum and gran'ma to Lisa, Graham, Cameron, Thu, Isaac, Jacob, Reuben, Asher, Elise, Amelie and Finn. Partner to Bill (dec).

A strong and independent woman who influenced many. Always curious and adventurous, with an abundance of gentle kindness, a sense of wicked humour and great fun.

Our thanks to all at Regis East Malvern and Home Instead for the wonderful care.

The funeral service to celebrate Judy's life will be in the Le Pine Chapel, 339 Warrigal Road, Burwood on Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 10.30am.



BEREAVEMENT THANKS

CHANTER, Kathleen – We would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, visits and phone calls on the passing of our mum. We sincerely thank all the staff at Darlingford Nursing Home for the wonderful care they gave mum over the last six and a half years. Thank you also to Brooke and Andrew at McCormacks, Father Mario and the catering committee at the Alexandra Football Club. From all her family.

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MEETINGS



Yea Hospital and Rosebank Auxiliary Annual General Meeting

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Yea-Kinglake RSL Ordinary General Meeting. RSL Hall, Friday, August 30, 2024 at 11.30am. Enquiries to secretary 5796 9353.

EILDON COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY SHOP INC. AGM, Tuesday, September 10, at 2pm. Fay Crimeen, President

THE ALEXANDRA OPPORTUNITY SHOP Inc. Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, at 10am at the RSL Hall.

ALEXANDRA, Lawn Tennis Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 5.30pm at The Corner Hotel, Alexandra. Existing and new members are welcome to attend. General meeting to follow. For further information, contact club president Troy Surkitt on 0434 122 602.

THE ALEXANDRA AND DISTRICT TRADERS AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION (ADTTA) will be holding their 2024 Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 10, at 6pm. All businesses invited to attend. For details please visit alexandratourism.com/aggm.

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The declaration made on 5/08/2024 takes effect 01/09/2024 to 30/11/2024 inclusive.

They specify areas of State forest which have been declared public safety zones for;

- conducting fire operations and the maintenance of public safety.

The declaration specifies the period for which the areas have been declared public safety zones; the times or periods during which access to the public safety zones is restricted or prohibited; activities permitted, prohibited, or restricted in the public safety zones; restrictions or conditions (if any) applying to the public safety zones; and persons or classes of persons exempt from their operation.

A copy of the declaration, and maps showing the location of public safety zones, may be inspected at the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, Victoria, 3002 (by appointment with the State Planned Burning Coordinator, telephone 136 186).

A copy of the declaration is available at Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action web site at: <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/permits-and-regulations/closures-of-parks-and-forests>

A copy of the maps showing the location of fire operations is available at Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action web site at: <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management/joint-fuel-management-program>

Chris Hardman,
Chief Fire Officer,

as delegate of the Secretary of
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Tahnee Heard was awarded most consistent.



Thornton Eildon Football Club recently held their club presentations for the year, celebrating the achievements of the women's team. Best and fairest went to Rose Kealy. -S



Izzy Weston received runner up in best and fairest, leading goal kicker, and players' player choice award. -S



Most determined went to Emma Whitehead. -S

Thornton Eildon Football Club

PRESENTATIONS



Trinity Tebutt was awarded most improved for the season. -S



Amy Campbell took home the coaches award. -S



Pam and Ron Heard won club person of the year. -S



The best first year award went to Abby Coolahan. -S

SPORT

Small numbers for Alexandra Golf

by Elizabeth Goss

ONLY nine players on Tuesday, August 20, and one can only assume that the rain deterred a few. As it happened, there wasn't that much of it, and most of the afternoon was fine.

Greg Millard was the winner with 34 points, with Dave Silverman in second on 33, and Russell Purcell came in third on 31.

Greg also took the only nearest the pin to go off, which was on seven, and vouchers went to John Greatorex and Leo Dynes.

A very small field for last Wednesday's Stableford round, with only first place paid out on. Julie Lyon was the winner with 32 points, and nearest the pins went to Barb Doyle on five and 18, and Sandy Wettenhall on seven.

HG Turf was the sponsor for last Saturday's Stableford round, played in fine, sunny conditions.

Brad Newton was the top scorer with 34 points. Second place went to Simon Rouget on 33, Brendan Smith was third on 30, and John Norfolk and Brad Kidd were fourth and fifth on 30 points.

Dave Silverman claimed nearest the pin on two, Simon took five, Corey Jack got seven, and 18 went to Steve Darmody.

Winter tennis in full swing

by Rhonda Carpenter

THE courts were abuzz with activity as three matches played out in Euroa, and one in Mansfield, under blue skies last Monday week.

In a potential semi final preview Euroa and Benalla played out the longest match of the day. Euroa's Lyndall Bigland, Di Ellis, Julie Harrington, and Ruth Nolan were determined, and after the teams split the sets two each way Euroa led by one game.

Benalla's Kate Campbell, Claire Sharp, Maureen Jewell and Helen Checucti made their move in the final pairings, winning one 8-3 and the other in a tiebreak. Benalla 4-38 defeated Euroa 2-33, firming up their finals credentials in second spot.

Wappan took a few games to get onto the scoreboard against Moglonemby who began strongly. Wappan's Anna Speirs, Liza Karras, Jenny Bell and Rhonda Carpenter ran hard in the contrasting sun and shade on Euroa's back courts.

Moglonemby's Robyn Johnson and Lyn Johnston needed to include Euroa's Ros Doxey and Lyn Pierce into their side and the match went the distance. Both teams found cross court angles and strategic placement but eventually Wappan found a way to overcome their opponent in lengthy sets.

Wappan 6-48 defeated Moglonemby 0-18.

Seven Creeks also needed to recruit late, and Rowena Ellis, Kerry Hewlett, and Genevieve Calvert included Mary Dewis to play against the ladder leaders. Terip's Bec Lyttle, Cindy Hayes, Phoebe Macdermid, and Jenny Martin controlled the play early and stamped their authority on the match. Not getting it all their own way, Rowena and Mary won their final set 8-5 in a tight battle.

Terip 5-45 defeated Seven Creeks 1-16.

Mansfield and Delatite met at home in Mansfield for an interrupted lop sided contest. Mansfield's Peta Kelly, Michelle Pigdon, Sophie Yencken and Clare Beecham were taking no prisoners, and Delatite needed to forfeit one set. Mansfield 6-48 defeated Delatite 0-10.

Thanks to the players who helped Moglonemby and Seven Creeks field teams. Creighton's Creek had the bye.

After Round 16 Terip has 110 points, Benalla 97, Euroa 91, Mansfield 89, Seven Creeks 74, Wappan 71, Creighton's Creek 65, Moglonemby 38 and Delatite 5.



Justin awaiting Phil's smashing serve. -S

Tight matches at Alexandra Squash Club

by Kristelle Leary

Monday competition Blue Vein versus Camembert

LACHLAN versus Ethan: A really close match. Both players showed their skill and played some fabulous shots. Ethan took home the trophy, winning by two points. 48 to 50.

Matt versus Lee: Outstanding rallies that kept the match close all the way through. Matt had some great court coverage, but it wasn't enough to stop Lee sprinting to victory. 60 to 48.

Pep versus Jared: Sending Jared running in all directions, Pep didn't let up. Taking each game by a few points, Pep took the win with a good margin. 74 to 46.

James versus John: James was doing well at the end of the game. Turning the tables, John was pumped up in game three and squashed the small lead that James had. John kept James on the back foot to win the match. 62 to 50.

Feta versus Gouda

Tyler versus Eric (fill in): Tyler was playing exceptionally well and didn't let Eric get a look in. Tyler was the champion. 79 to 45.

Sally versus Chris: Chris had some great serves which Sally returned with equally impressive gameplay. Sally kept the games close, however Chris won all four games and the match. 65 to 53.

Phil versus Justin: Some incredible rallies and exceptional low deep power shots. Ultimately Phil's mix of gentle and power shots is what won him the match. 65 to 53.

Thursday competition Barracudas versus Hammerheads

Matthew versus Lachlan (fill in): Both players have been improving throughout the pennant. Lachlan did very well filling in up a level. Matthew got in his own head and made some unforced error which helped Lachlan hold onto his lead and win the match. 66 to 40.

Lucas versus Travis (fill in): A good match. Travis managed to keep the middle

games close, but Lucas won the first and last with a large lead. Lucas won the match. 67 to 47.

Phil (fill in) versus Michael M: Keeping a level head, Phil persisted throughout the match and Michael didn't have any trick to take him down. Phil was victorious. 66 to 44.

Orcas versus Piranhas

Matthew (fill in) versus Beth: Playing his second match for the night Matthew was in for a long match. Beth showed no mercy and obliterated Matthew. 79 to 32.

Kristelle versus Sam: An arm wrestle at the start with two close games. Sam outran Kristelle in the third, but she came back in the fourth with a dominant performance, however it wasn't enough to seal the win. Sam was the champion. 70 to 60.

Stuart versus Michael H: Stuart fought hard for every point and managed to win the last game. Unfortunately for him, Michael was in top form and did not want to go down. Michael's skill shone through to win the match. 70 to 55.

Prizes galore for Eildon Golfers

by Puttomatic

THIRTEEN players contested a stableford competition last Saturday at Eildon Golf Club, with an after the game at random partners draw for a two person combined score match.

Congratulations to Peter McNair and Leigh Munro with a combined score of 70 points, coming in second was Ian Lakeland and Marion Williamson with 60 points, Marion also teamed up with Colin Long to take out the ball run with 59 points.

Nearest the pins this week, second shot on the third Rod Taylor, John Rachcoff on the fifth no winner this week on the 11th, Grant Walters was successful on the 12th and Rod Taylor took the honours on the

14th. Colin Long was able to secure drinks for his group with a birdie on the eight there was no birdie this week on the 15th.

Other winners this week, Marion Williamson in the winner's circle again being drawn out as the lucky entry draw winner, Colin Long had a spin with the swindle and Rod Taylor had a go drawing the Joker, with no success this week. Congratulations to Leigh Munro winning the 12 week competition, taking home a brand new golf bag.

Well done to everyone that competed and congratulations to all our winners. This Saturday is a stroke round and August monthly medal.

Until next time, take care and happy hitting.

Spring is in the air in Marysville

by Lesley Rundle

IT was a fine day weather wise for golf on Saturday, with a touch of spring in the air and flowering wattles and camelias scattered around the course. Both the men and the ladies played a stableford round. The ladies winner was Lesley Rundle (33) with 31 points on a countback from Heather Jenkins.

Ken Whittingham (32) was the men's winner with an excellent 39 points followed by Richie Clark (14) with 36 points. The nearest the pins were won by Peter Lilley, Keith Atwell and Gail Leigh who won on the ninth and 18th and Gail also won the golden shot. Next week both the men and the ladies will be playing for the Neil Murphy Trophy. It will be a stableford round with the playing groups mixed and tee off at 10am.

The club AGM will be held before play on Saturday,

September 14 and members are asked to nominate players for committee membership as soon as possible.

The Dalhousie districts events are about to begin after the winter recess and Marysville players will be traveling throughout the district to support other clubs. The Marysville Ladies Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 10.

Detailed information regarding the Trivia Night on September 21, the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the back nine holes and fundraiser on Saturday, November 9 and the Mixed Dalhousie Tournament the following day can be read on the Marysville Golf Club's website.

The special Father's Day offer is still available with a \$30 nine hole voucher and a \$40 18 hole voucher available from the club. Each voucher includes three free golf balls.



D Grade player Rose Hurrey assessing her options for the game. -S



D Grade player Maddy Northmore ready to pass. -S



A Grade player Jorja Gesler doing a great job on court. -S



A Grade player Caitlan Haggis reaching high to keep the ball. -S

D grade netballers still have chance for grand final

by Ray Steyger

THE Outer East League 2024 season division one finals series got under way last Sunday with the Rebels represented by A and D grade netball together with the senior's football team.

centre bounce and kicked a goal as the siren sounded to end the Rebels season.

The club says well done to coach Nick Wal, support staff, all the players, parents and supporters on a great season.

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 senior sitting.

Alexandra is now represented in the finals by D grade netball, the first three weeks to be played on Sundays with the grand final on Saturday, September 14. Venues for this coming Sunday are Yarra Glen and Woori Yallock with the league to advise in due course as to where teams are to play.

Save the date, the club senior presentation is at Peppers Marysville on Saturday, October 5, and the club junior presentation is at the club rooms on Sunday, October 6.

Football Seniors Alexandra 10.13 - 73 defeated by Belgrave 11.12 - 78

The seniors, having finished fifth at the end of the home and away season, faced the fourth placed Belgrave in an elimination final at Emerald, the game starting earlier pending the arrival of projected severe weather conditions.

Belgrave settled the better and kicked four goals to one in the first quarter, both teams kicking a goal each in the second quarter, the Magpies leading by three goals at the main break. Belgrave started well in the third quarter to take a five goal lead but the Rebels dug in and narrowed the lead back to the three goal margin at the final break.

An arm wrestle in the final quarter saw the Rebels kick a goal with the Magpies trying to control the game, the Rebels kicking another goal to get within five point with a couple of minutes to go. The Magpies kicked forward and took a contested mark which resulted in a goal, the Rebels then clearing from the next



Seniors player Will Stewart. -S



Seniors Nick Meehan kicking off. -S



Seniors player Tom Halligan. -S

Netball

In an elimination final, A grade lost 45 - 61 to Healesville to end their season, the club says well done to coaches Loren and Sharon Hedger, all the players and supporters on a great season.

In a qualifying final, D grade lost 25 - 29 to Belgrave so the team advance to a first semi final next Sunday, opponent and venue to be confirmed during the week by the league.

The Penstock Pastoral Joker Jackpot card was not located and will be worth \$400 this



Seniors Mitch Parker going for the tackle. -S

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Alexandra under 13 netballers win the Grand Final

by Ray Steyger

LAST Sunday the Alexandra Football Netball Club teams played in the grand final round in the Goulburn Murray Junior League, with finals played at Kings Park in Seymour.

Football Under 12

Alexandra 2.0 – 12 defeated by Wandong 4.9 – 33

The club says well done to coach Ben Broadway, support staff, players, parents and supporters on a great season.

Netball Under 11

Alexandra Red 10 defeated by Seymour 11

The club congratulates coach Lisa Francis, support staff, players, parents and supporters on a great season.

Under 13

Alexandra Black 18 defeated Yea 14

Best on court: Koa Parker. The club offers congratulations to coach Phoebe Parker, support staff, players and

supporters on a great season.

Alexandra Football Netball Club gives a very big thank you to the award sponsors for their continued support of the junior footballers and netballers in 2024.

They also say thank you to all the families that have paid their season 2024 junior football and netball player memberships. 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.

The Goulburn Murray Junior League Presentation function is in Shepparton on Sunday, September 1, and the following Alexandra players have been invited to attend the function; Marli and Zoe Coller, Jaidyn Dimech, Ava Krijt, Tilly Miljkovic and Jayde Stewart.

The Alexandra Football Netball Club Junior Presentation function is on Sunday, October 6 at the club rooms. If anyone would like to sponsor a trophy or set of team medallions, please contact Ray Steyger on 5772 2627.