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Man charged over fatal collision in Molesworth

A COLLISION occurred near Molesworth on the Goulburn Valley Highway, close to the corner of Molesworth-Dropmore Road, on Thursday, October 31.

Emergency services were called to reports that a white Nissan Navara utility collided with a white Isuzu utility. The Isuzu left the road and crashed into a tree.

The male driver, and sole occupant, of the Isuzu utility was airlifted to the Alfred Hospital with life-threatening injuries but later died in hospital. Police later advised that the man was a 34 year old from Sabastopol.

The driver of the Nissan Navara utility, a 25 year old Wonga Park man, was taken to hospital with minor-injuries and placed under police guard.

Police later charged the Wonga Park man with dangerous driving causing death, failure to stop, failing to render assistance, destruction of evidence and possession of cannabis. He appeared in Shepparton Magistrates Court on Friday, November 1.

Detective Sergeant Stephen Hill from the Major Collision Investigation Unit prepared a summary of the allegations for the court. He stated that the man was seen on CCTV at the BP in Mansfield. The man was then observed by a witness who was travelling on the Goulburn Valley Highway towards Molesworth. The witness said they were travelling at 100km per hour and said they were overtaken by the accused on double white lines.

It's alleged that the accused then reached an Isuzu ute following a bus and attempted to overtake. A witness

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Maya and Isabella having fun at the Alexandra Spring Fair. -AR

Alexandra hospital receives donated satellite phone

ALEXANDRA District Health (ADH) has a brand new satellite phone, thanks to the efforts of the Murrindindi Historic Vehicle Register (MHVR), the Lions Clubs of Alexandra and Eildon, and the Rotary Club of Alexandra.

Ken Davies from the Murrindindi Historic Vehicle Register read the *Alexandra Standard's* report on the communications challenges faced by ADH following February's major storm and significant power outage. During the storm, Peter Weeks from the SES loaned a satellite phone to the hospital to ensure that they were able to communicate with the outside world.

Ken decided that something needed to be done about the situation, and spoke to the MHVR about it. They decided to donate \$2000 to the effort. This, combined with the funds from the three service clubs, meant that they

were able to purchase the \$4500 satellite phone, which Peter Weeks helped to source for them.

Now, thanks to the efforts of the community groups, the hospital will be able to communicate, no matter the circumstances. This will help to ensure the safety of all who live in the area, and the clubs are ensuring that the phone stays in Alexandra, no matter what changes may occur to the hospital in the future.

Jane Poxon, ADH CEO, said, "We were very grateful to Peter Weeks during the storm for the loan of the phone... This allows for business continuity." She thanked Phil for training the staff in the usage of the phone.

Ken commented, "In a critical incident, we all need phones when the ship hits the sand."

Congratulations to MHVR on 'driving' this great cause, in addition to their efforts in showing their vehicles at various charity events.



Alexandra District Health CEO Jane Poxon, Deb from Alexandra Lions, Helen from Alexandra Rotary, and Rod and Ken from the Murrindindi Historic Vehicle Register, and Jeanie from ADH on the phone. -AR

The MHVR's next aim is to raise \$7000 for paediatric resuscitation equipment for the hospital.

Grand Italian Feast

Sunday 24 November 2024
12noon - 4pm

A long lazy afternoon of feasting with traditional Italian fare including a welcome Aperol spritz, our own wood fired pizzas, house made pastas and dishes including osso bucco, scallopine, cacciatore, calabrese salad, tiramisu, cannoli and more.

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THUMBS DOWN: Can I please ask that the persons who sing our National Anthem at Thunderwolves and Border Cats games, sing the word 'Canada' as opposed to 'Canida'. Not sure where Canida is located, but i am absolutely proud to live in the beautiful country of Canada. The mispronunciation of Canada is very disrespectful and irritating. Anywhere else is Canada, our name is pronounced correctly. [Our newspaper is on the world wide web, but we weren't expecting this. Now remember y'all, it's Canada not Canida. -Ed]


THUMBS UP: To Reddrops and their wonderful staff, in particular Sharon and Rod. People may complain but I cannot thank you all enough for your great personal service and delivery, especially now with COVID-19. Where else do we see this wonderful service? A big cheer to all and heartfelt thanks.

THUMBS UP: To the Alexandra Pharmacy and staff for their wonderful service and home delivery. So grateful to them all and many thanks.

THUMBS UP: To Wes at Yenkins. I bought something then left it behind. He rang me up to tell me. Good service. Thank you.

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Letters to the Editor

Operation Christmas Child

THANK you all the wonderful people who helped to pack 609 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you craft group, woodturners, and Eildon, Yea, Marysville and Alexandra Op shops. The lovely young man who left items, thank you.

We have such a great community, I appreciate you all. You have blessed and shown your love, the love of God, to disadvantaged children. Bless you all.

Judy Peters, Alexandra

Remembrance Day

AS Remembrance Day approaches it is not only a reminder of our past but our future. There will be thousands of services across Australia honouring the fallen by respecting a moment of silence and flags at half mast.

Our schools have become an integral part with their support for our commemorations and history. Thank you to the Buxton Primary School staff and students for facilitating this.

Last Tuesday, the youngsters who attend Buxton Primary School, placed poppies both red and purple with personal messages and held a small ceremony, outside our hall in the memorial garden.

Some of their messages are, "To Nanny, you were brave, thank you for fighting for Australia, thanks to all the animals that fought in the war, thank you to the dogs, sorry that people have died, thank you for your sacrifice in the war, thank you for keeping us safe." Those that were not too shy were happy to read their messages out to us.

If you are passing through, please take the time to sit in reflection and enjoy the garden, and read all of the messages.

If there are any nurses throughout the shire who would like to know what the Returned Nurses Sub-branch of Victoria does with welfare, support and comradeship please contact me on 0407 103 971. Nurses can join as Returned, Service, Affiliate or Associate members.

Carmel Denham, Buxton, Returned Nurses Sub-branch

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Weekly Weather
November 6 - November 12, 2024

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	11	30	Wednesday	12	31
Thursday	12	22	Thursday	11	22
Friday	8	20	Friday	7	20
Saturday	5	20	Saturday	5	20
Sunday	6	23	Sunday	7	22
Monday	8	23	Monday	7	24
Tuesday	11	25	Tuesday	11	25

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	9.00am Mon	1.61	steady	below minor
Rubicon River at Rubicon	9.00am Mon	0.55	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	6.50am Mon	0.67	steady	below minor
Home Creek at Yarck	8.06am Mon	0.17	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	8.29am Mon	0.59	steady	below minor
Yea River at Yea GV Water PS	6.22am Mon	0.77	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	9.00am Mon	3.67	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	9.00am Mon	0.57	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Trawool	9.00am Mon	1.26	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	9.00am Mon	0.31	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Seymour	9.00am Mon	1.57	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	7.08am Mon	1.16	steady	

DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra	0mm
Buxton	0mm
Eildon (AWS)	0mm
Flowerdale	0mm
Jamieson	0mm
Kinglake	2mm
Lake Eildon	0mm
Mansfield	0mm
Taggerty	0mm
Yarck	0mm
Yea	0mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	285.18m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	85.7%
Metres below full supply	3.72m
Daily inflow	500ML
Release	3000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	59%

Standard

DEADLINES

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

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We thank you for your continued support

Man charged over fatal collision in Molesworth

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It's alleged that the accused then reached an Isuzu ute following a bus and attempted to overtake. A witness travelling in the opposite direction flashed their lights as there wasn't enough room for the accused to do so. It's alleged that the accused pulled back into the left hand lane and collided with the Isuzu ute, sending the vehicle off the road and into a tree.

The police further allege that the accused continued driving with damage to his vehicle, travelling through Molesworth. A witness captured the accused on dashcam on the other side of Molesworth with a damaged vehicle. It's alleged that the accused pulled over and someone stopped to ask if they were okay. The witness stated that they saw the accused throwing something into the bushes, and later advised police of this. Two number plates were found at the location.

The accused is then alleged to have travelled further along the road and pulled over again, where he was located by police. It's alleged that he told police that the damage to his car occurred at Goughs Bay. The accused was arrested and searched, and a quantity of cannabis was located by police. A blood sample from the accused was taken within

three hours of the incident, and he was interviewed at 9am the following morning after being discharged from hospital.

The man was granted bail on \$5000 surety from his father. The conditions imposed by the magistrate are that he lives at a static address, not contact witnesses, surrender his passport and not apply for a new one, attend no points of international departure, not leave Victoria, and not drive a motor vehicle. A committal hearing will be held on April 16 next year.

The collision was investigated by Victoria Police's Major Collision Investigation Unit. Local emergency services were also in attendance, with Alexandra SES providing lights and a marquee.

The Goulburn Valley Highway was closed for around seven hours following the collision and traffic was diverted via Whanregarwen Road.

Investigations remain ongoing. Anyone who witnessed the incident or who has footage, is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or visit crimestoppersvic.com.au

Our sympathies to the deceased man's family and friends.

McLeish questions minister over patient transport ceases for dialysis

PATIENTS in the Murrindindi Shire receiving kidney dialysis treatment have been abandoned as the Victorian Government cancels patient transport to Seymour Hospital, according to Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish.

Speaking in Parliament, Ms McLeish, called on the Minister for Health to find a proper and enduring solution to address the shambles patient transport has become.

Ms McLeish said, "The minister needs to sort out this mess for those patients living in and around Alexandra who require dialysis in Seymour, almost an hour away."

On the September 24, patients were notified by Seymour Health that their transport funded by Ambulance Victoria would cease, with an extended end date of October 8. Patients were advised that if they could not find their own way there, their treatment would be discontinued.

"This is exceptionally distressing as dialysis is a life-saving treatment," she said.

"I do want to commend the staff at the Seymour hospital, who have shown care, dedication and compassion trying to help

patients find a solution to the matter. It was a real scramble to find a solution in the short term."

National Patient Transport has been deployed in recent weeks to accommodate the change however patients have found it unreliable. Alternatively, the use of ambulances leaves the rest of the community with reduced services, while the cost of a private taxi between Alexandra and Seymour is \$183 each way.

"I understand that the state is broke, and Ambulance Victoria have had their fair share of issues," Ms McLeish said.

"I suggest the government undertake a cost-benefit analysis to determine the feasibility of having dialysis chairs in Alexandra. There are currently 10 patients in the Murrindindi shire requiring dialysis, and I also understand that the transport situation is the same for cancer patients requiring treatment.

"There are solutions, and I urge the minister to intervene to make sure that they are implemented on a permanent basis," Ms McLeish said.

New stage opened at Eildon Twilight Market



The volunteers who helped Eildon to get a stage at the edge of the Pondage. More on page 15. -AR

Thornton CFA holding an open day

THORNTON CFA are all set to hold an open day in Thornton on Sunday, November 10.

Jared Sloane from the Thornton CFA explained that they will be opening up the station to members of the public. There will be a barbecue as well as a trailer of displays and information about how to stay safe in the upcoming fire season. There will be plenty of children's activities and free face painting.

In addition, there will be truck and water displays with the tanker.

The event is being held on the same day as the Thornton Community Garage Sale, so they are hoping that people drop by to the station while they are walking around.

If people are interested in joining the CFA, there will be information available, as well as members to discuss it with you.

The station will be open from 9.30am to 1.30pm on the day, with events occurring throughout the event.

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Marysville Market 9am-1pm. Distillers, cakes, sewing notions, live music, sausage sizzle and plenty more of your favourite stalls.

November 18 at noon. See ad in this edition for full details or contact Andrew Embling 0418 266 038.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
 The Yea show is on again. Cookery, crafts, Classic cars, line dancing, Royal Australian Navy Band, roaming comic character, show bags and plenty more to fill in the day.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24
 Grand Italian Feast at Holmesglen. Noon to 4pm. Enjoy a lazy afternoon of feasting with traditional Italian fare. Bookings essential 5774 2631.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
 Alexandra Historical Society AGM will be held at 2pm at Dove Cottage.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
 Murrindindi Harvest Celebration Yea Railway Park 11am-4pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
 Mansfield Clearing sale 10.30am. Inspection day Saturday, November 16, 10am-2pm. Contact Andrew Embling for full details 0418 266 038 or visit clearingsales@emblings.com.au

Acheron Hall AGM will be held at 11.30am. All welcome. Contact 0419 871 483 for further details.

Thornton CFA open day. Meet our local volunteers, tour the station and fire trucks, face painting, sausage sizzles and kids activities and more. 9.30am-1.30pm.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
 Fincham's Burando Southdowns Fifth annual sale. 60 top quality rams. Yea Showgrounds sheep pavilion. For full details contact Elders Yea, Jamie 0419 894 232.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14
 Online clearing sale - Multi vendor. Concludes Monday,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
 Alexandra show is on again. 9am-3pm. Entertainment, live music, petting zoo, gold panning, dingo display and much more. Enter our competition for your chance to win one of two family passes.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10
 Thornton Community Garage Sale, various driveway sales throughout the town. Preloved clothes, homewares, furniture, tools and more.

COMMUNITY DIARY

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UGFM 106.9	Alexandra / Lake Eildon
UGFM 88.9	Yea / Highlands
UGFM 98.5	Marysville / Lake Mountain
UGFM 98.9	Flowerdale / Hazeldene
UGFM 94.5	Kinglake Ranges
WEEKLY	
Tues	Art Group (Alex Tennis Rooms) 10am-3pm Ph 5773 2306
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
Sun	AA 7pm Anglican Church, Alexandra Ph 0402 428 086
Sun	Alanon Recovery 5.30pm. Ph Sheila 0402 428 086
Sun	Alex & Dist Dog Obedience, training. Ph 0456 583 611
Thu	7.00-10pm SES, SES/CFA complex Ph 0418 576 666
Fri	Communitea 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 Cafe 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 Probud 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
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.

Alexandra and District Senior Citizens Club report

by honorary secretary Mike Jennings

IT was a busy week with a productive committee meeting on Friday morning followed by a business meeting in the afternoon.

The bridge players entertained some members of the Mansfield Bridge Club at the Corner Hotel and the usual Monday afternoon session in the clubrooms.

The club's vice president, Barbara Mills, has stood down due to health reasons and at Friday's meeting Yvonne Neivense was elected as her replacement. We confirmed the Christmas lunch arrangements for Friday, December 13 at the Rubicon Hotel. Please get your name on the list on the front table so numbers can be confirmed.

John Roget invited members to tour Koala Cherries at Yarck, so the club will be going on Friday, November 29, assembling at the clubroom at 1pm and taking private transport to Yarck for a tour commencing at 1.30pm.

The shire council staff have been in and fixed the lights and fitted a new unit in the passage. The club thanks them for that.

This Friday, there will be a sing song so bring your singing voices. The club is interested in joining other local clubs in activities suitable to our members. Any ideas? Email us on Secretaryadscc@gmail.com

Meanwhile stay safe and keep smiling.

Alexandra Fire Brigade's Mo for a Bro

THE Alexandra Fire Brigade is gearing up for another hair-raiser with Movember Australia. The brigade members will take on the Movember challenge for another year.

Over the last three years the brigade has raised over \$25,000 for the charity. This funding contributes to research, conversations and life saving awareness.

They are asking the community to please help us give to a cause that is close to most of our hearts and donate to the Alexandra Fire Brigade at au.movember.com/team/2409656

They hope to be in our new team shirts kindly donated by Alexandra Apparel.

The brigade has also made a terrific video which can be seen on their Facebook page.

Church Services

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Cars and stalls in Taggerty



The array of vehicles on display the Taggerty on Saturday morning at the inaugural Taggerty Show and Shine, with CFA trucks in the centre. If people would like to find out more about joining a brigade, contact your local station. -AR



There was good attendance at the Taggerty Four Seasons Market on Saturday, including many tourists. -AR



Two of the beautiful cars on display in Taggerty on Saturday. -AR

MURRINDINDI SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS



PURRFECT CARE PROGRAM

Council is running a program for valid Pensioner Concession Card holders in our community who care for any cat, whether owned or stray. The program includes free desexing, microchipping, worming, vaccination and registration services.

We encourage eligible Pensioner Concession Card holders to apply before 6 December 2024 by calling 5772 0333 or visiting murrindindi.vic.gov.au/catcareprogram



JOIN US IN MARYSVILLE!

Get ready for an exciting November, with three big events coming to town:

- **Marysville Marathon:** Saturday 9 to Sunday 10 November
- **Giro della Donna cycling event:** Friday 22 to Sunday 24 November
- **Great Victorian Bike Ride:** Saturday 30 November to Sunday 1 December

There will be road closures and detours, so make sure to check the details and plan ahead.

For more information on road closures, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/marysville-events

POOLS TO OPEN SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER

It's almost swimming pool season, and we are pleased to announce that entry will again be FREE this year!

All our pools open on Saturday 16 November and we're looking forward to welcoming everyone for a great season of swimming.

Head to our website for opening hours and upcoming events at your local pool. Visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/pools

FIRE DANGER PERIOD AND WARNINGS

The CFA declares a Fire Danger Period for each municipality in the lead up to fire season, to restrict the use of fire in the community and help prevent fires from starting.

There are four levels of fire danger in the system:

- Moderate - Plan and prepare
- High - Be ready to act
- Extreme - Take action now to protect your life and property
- Catastrophic - For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

To see the Fire Danger Rating forecast for your area, visit cfa.vic.gov.au/home/local-information and download the VicEmergency app to get timely information and emergency warnings.

COUNCIL SUPPORTS 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

Council is proud to again actively support this year's 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign, that runs from 25 November to 10 December, encouraging individuals and organisations to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

There are a few local events, including:

- **Latte with a Lawyer:** Enjoy a free hot drink and chat with lawyers from Goulburn Valley Community Legal Centre on Wednesday 27 November, from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm at the Grant Street Grocer in Alexandra
- **Call It In!** A free workshop for men to talk about mental health on Saturday 30 November, from 9.30 – 11.30 am at the Embassy of Ideas in Alexandra
- **Mitchell Shire Council Steps Towards Change Walk:** Thursday 5 December, from 10.00 am at Hadfield Park in Wallan.

This year, with funding from Safe + Equal, Council has offered to gift three new books from the Respect Victoria book list to all our Early Childhood services, Primary and Secondary Schools. This is one way we hope to recognise the importance of educating future generations on the fundamental right to feel safe and respected.

To find out more about the events, the campaign, access helpful resources and local support services, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/16days or contact the Free From Violence Team via email at communitydevelopment@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

BUXTON MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE UPDATE

Our Mobile Library service in Buxton has changed. We will now be in Buxton from 9.45 to 11.30 am, every Tuesday.

Don't miss out! Visit us during the new hours at the Buxton Memorial Hall, 2206 Maroondah Highway, Buxton, for all your favourite books, resources and more.

See you there! For more information about Council's library services, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/libraries

FREE GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL

Council is offering free green waste disposal at our Resource Recovery Centres (RRCs) in the lead-up to the fire season, during October and November. This is a great way to remove your unwanted green waste and fuel loads on your property without having to burn off.

Unsure what is accepted at our RRCs? Visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/rrc

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ALEXANDRA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Jake Aromataris – 5/6B
Jake showed outstanding care and respect this week when supporting others to achieve the learning goal in our coding class. Jake was a brilliant team teacher, showing his patience, resilience and respect for other learners. Jake is a very talented coding expert. I really appreciated your support, Jake. We are proud to have you in our learning community. You are a star.

BUXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Lucas
Lucas has been a wonderful role model for his peers this term. He is a focused learner, a kind and thoughtful classmate, and great leader.
Keep up the excellent work Lucas.

EILDON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Shannon and Brayden displayed the school values of Cooperation and Achievement throughout the work this week. Well done.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Patrick G
For his kindness and generosity towards his peers. Patrick is a dedicated and committed student, striving to lift his standard. Patrick loves to discuss his work and readily takes on feedback to improve his skills. He is always ready to help and support his peers. Patrick always includes them in activities in class and out at play. This was particularly evident on Father's Day when Patrick took his peer under his wing and shared his much loved father with his friend. What a true act of kindness. Congratulations Patrick you are a superhero.

Student of the Week

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Council celebrates new citizens

MURRINDINDI Shire Council celebrated two new Australian Citizens on Tuesday, October 22 at an official Citizenship Ceremony held at the Alexandra Council Chamber.

Gason and Riya have pledged their loyalty to Australia, its people, and

its democratic beliefs, and to uphold and obey the laws of Australia and respect the rights and liberties of its people.

In attendance were distinguished guests including former Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor Damien Gallagher, CEO

Livia Bonazzi, Member for Indi Helen Haines, Pamela Thompson, Janene Simpson, Gordon Simpson, Julie Steyger and Ray Steyger, who were pleased to congratulate our newest Australians.

Council extends its warm congratulations to the conferees and wishes them all the best as Australian citizens.

Council will host more Citizenship Ceremonies in 2025.

To learn more about becoming an Australian citizen, please visit the Department of Home Affairs website immi.homeaffairs.gov.au or call the Citizenship Information line on 131 880 during business hours.



Murrindindi Shire Council CEO Livia Bonazzi, Member for Indi Dr Helen Haines, Janene Simpson, Gordon Simpson, conferee's Gason and Riya, family and friends, Ray Steyger, Julie Steyger, and former Mayor Damien Gallagher. -S



Some very happy staff members at Alexandra and District Kindergarten after their exceeding rating with the National Quality Framework. -S

Alexandra Kindergarten receive 'exceeding' rating

ALEXANDRA and District Kindergarten recently received the exciting news that they exceeded in four out of the seven National Quality Standards. They exceeded in educational program and practice, staffing arrangements, relationships with children, and collaborative partnerships.

The National Quality Framework aims to improve education and care across long day care, family day care, pre school and kindergarten, and outside school hours care services. The National Quality Framework includes National Law and National Regulations, National Quality Standard, assessment and quality rating process, and national learning framework.

The educational program at Alexandra and District Kindergarten is designed based on approved learning frameworks. It provides children with extended periods of uninterrupted play and access to rich experiences and resources that connected with their interests.

The program allows children to freely explore and engage in a wide array of experiences, integrating literacy, numeracy,

culture, creativity, and sustainability in both indoor and outdoor settings. The service values flexible routines so that children can engage in activities of their choice. Positive and respectful relationships between educators, children, and families contributed to the children's sense of confidence and security.

The service encourages children's physical and emotional needs, ensuring large areas for children to freely explore and engage in fine and gross motor skills throughout the service environments. Resources and materials are sourced from recycled materials as well as from the natural environment. Children have opportunities to develop an awareness of sustainability, learning to nurture and care for animals both in and outside the service environment.

Alexandra and District Kindergarten has well-established and experienced staff, who effectively support children and families. Positive and respectful relationships between educators, children and families and the collaborative relationships between educators significantly contributes to children's sense of confidence and security.

UPCOMING FEATURES

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Publication date: November 13
Deadline date: November 7, 5pm



Publication date: November 20
Deadline date: November 14, 5pm



Deadline date: November 27, 5pm

Government announces road upgrades

MINISTER for Roads and Road Safety, Melissa Horne, last week announced that works funded through the \$210 million *Safer Local Roads and Streets Program* had begun. The program is helping councils to identify, plan and deliver projects that keep drivers, cyclists and pedestrians safe.

“Working alongside Victoria’s councils, we’re delivering important upgrades on local roads today, so our communities are safer into the future,” Ms Horne said.

The state government is allocating up to \$2 million each to 79 councils across the state and will provide a wide range of safety improvements until June 30, 2027, with projects set to deliver new raised crossings, upgrades to kerbs, intersections, roundabouts and pedestrian islands.

Locally, upgrades to the Melba Highway are on the cards, though details are vague at the moment.

“We’re rebuilding, repairing and resurfacing hundreds of kilometres of roads right across Victoria, including the Melba Highway, thanks to our largest single-year investment in road maintenance in the state’s history,” a Department of Transport and Planning spokesperson said.

The Department of Transport and Planning provided background to say that they are investing \$964 million towards maintaining Victoria’s road assets between now and mid-2025, the equivalent of \$2.6 million every single day.

They also said that they’ll keep the community informed about where and when they can expect to see these works starting, along with any associated disruptions.

Early Remembrance Day commemoration at Buxton

THE students at Buxton Primary School participated in an early commemoration of Remembrance Day last week, placing poppies in the memorial flagpoles garden.

The students attend the RSL service in Marysville each Remembrance Day, so the poppies are usually planted just prior. This year, the local commemoration was scheduled to coincide with Cuppa Time, so it was the first opportunity ahead of Remembrance Day, albeit a little early. Those attending Cuppa Time joined with the staff and students for the Poppy Planting.

The poppies are knitted by Buxton resident, Carmel Denham, who is a veteran of the first Gulf War and a member of the Returned Nurses RSL Sub-Branch. The students study the history of Remembrance Day and write a message to attach to their poppy. A number of the students explained what they had written on their message cards.

During the morning’s planting, Hendrix gave a traditional Acknowledgement of Country in the Taungurung language. After each student had placed their poppy, Ella placed a wreath supplied by the Returned Nurses RSL Sub-Branch.



Members of the Buxton Primary School community on Tuesday, October 29, commemorating Remembrance Day early. -S

Local government authorities own and operate 87 per cent of Victoria’s roads, and every year about 40 per cent of road trauma occurs on council-managed roads.

Head of Road Safety Victoria, Marcelo Vidales, said, “As part of Victoria’s Road Safety Strategy, we’re partnering with local government and communities to reduce trauma on Victorian roads and streets including those around our homes, schools and workplaces.”

The Safer Local Roads and Streets Program is backed by the government’s 2030 Road Safety Strategy targets, which aims to halve road deaths, reduce serious injury and ultimately achieve zero trauma by 2050.

Transport Accident Commission CEO, Tracey Slatter, added, “This program represents a collaborative approach to addressing road safety concerns across our state. Working together towards a safe environment for all road users.”



THORNTON COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

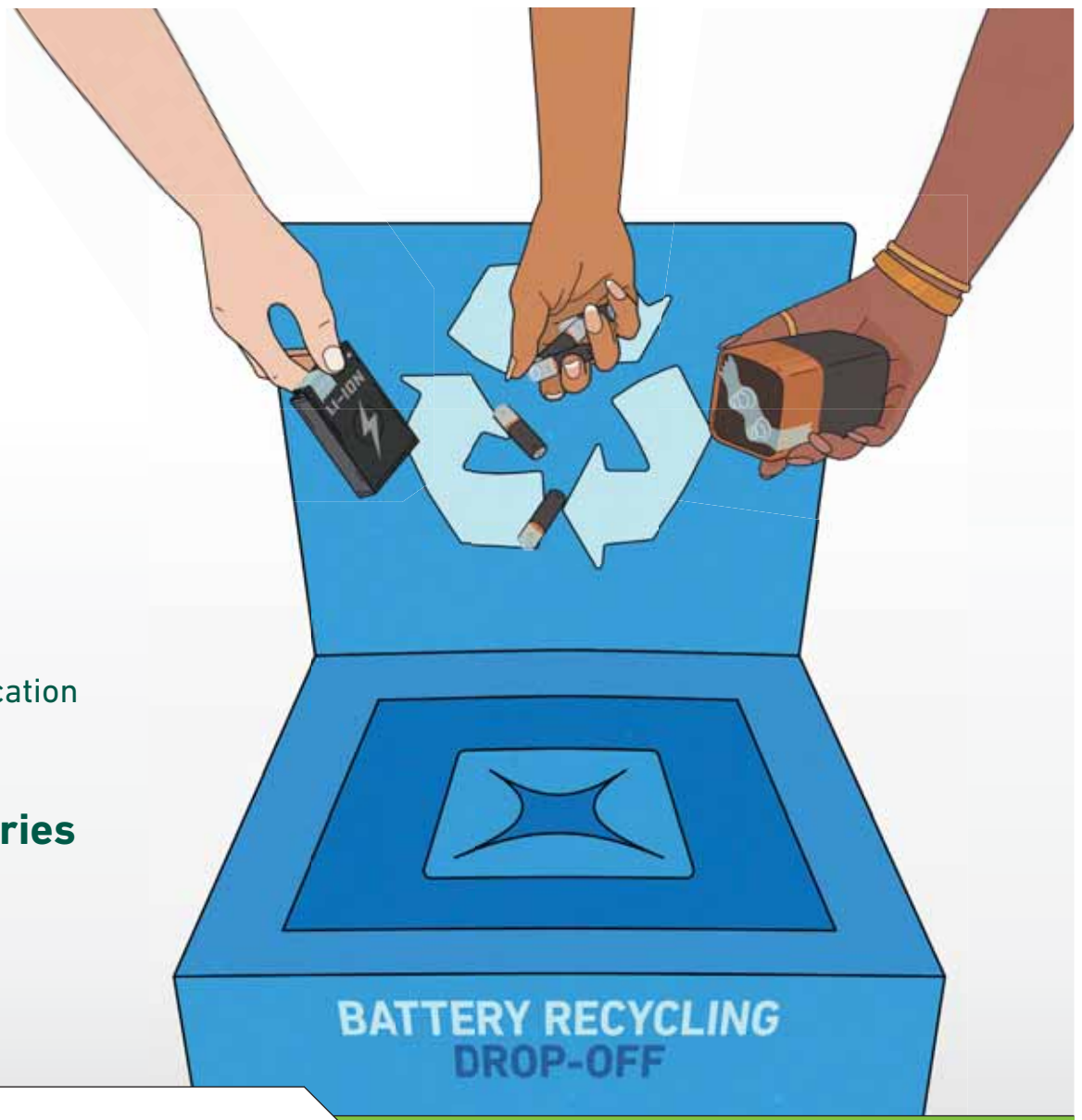
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A spooky night in Alexandra



Pam looking spooky. -AR



Jayne with lollies for the children. -AR



Hazel. -AR



Emma, Penny and James. -AR



David, Logan and Sophie. -AR



Harvey, Jayla, Tori, Eden, Arthur and Jedd on Halloween in Alexandra. -AR



The ladies from Crescent Moon Coffee at the Mount on Halloween. -AR



Isabelle, Oliver, Penelope, Addison, Matilda and Riley. -AR



Deb and Steve with a bowl of treats for the children. -AR



Helen, Kirsty, Brett, Izzy, Nixon and Tyler. -AR



Kristopher, Ashley, Alexis and Alisha. -AR



Ethan, Shirley and Emma at Menzies. -AR



Kellie, David and Karina from Menzies put a terrific amount of effort into their costumes. 108 community members attended the Halloween event at The Mount. -AR

My work on regional housing unlocks critical infrastructure for new homes

Read my statement



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Michael Dally was the winner of the BookNest Award. -AR

Art on display in Marysville

THE 52nd annual Marysville Art Show opening night was held on the evening of Friday, November 1. The event is the Triangle Arts Group's biggest project for the year, and was well attended by people keen to see the terrific art on display. The special guests included Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish and shire CEO Livia Bonazzi.

The judge for this year was Marian Rennie. She spoke about how challenging it was to select the winners, and about how very bland the world would be without the arts, in all their forms.

The Murrindindi Shire Council Award went to Maxwell Wilks for his painting, *Sunlight and Shadows, Yarck* and the Joy and Lloyd Gould Award went to Ron Muller for his painting, *Summer Morning*. Winners in other categories included Michael Dally, Phillip Brady, Alison Hemsworth, Christine Caffarella-Pearce, Kelly Roberts and Jessica Garvey. Encouragement Awards went to Nadine Dudet, Peter Cherry, Col Ruffin and Dennis Hull.

All of the volunteers were thanked for their hard work in creating the art show, particularly Glenys and Sharen.

The show is on display until November 30.



Phillip Brady won the Cindy McLeish Award. -AR



Ron Muller's painting, *Summer Morning*. -AR



Maxwell Wilks' painting, *Sunlight and Shadows, Yarck*. -AR

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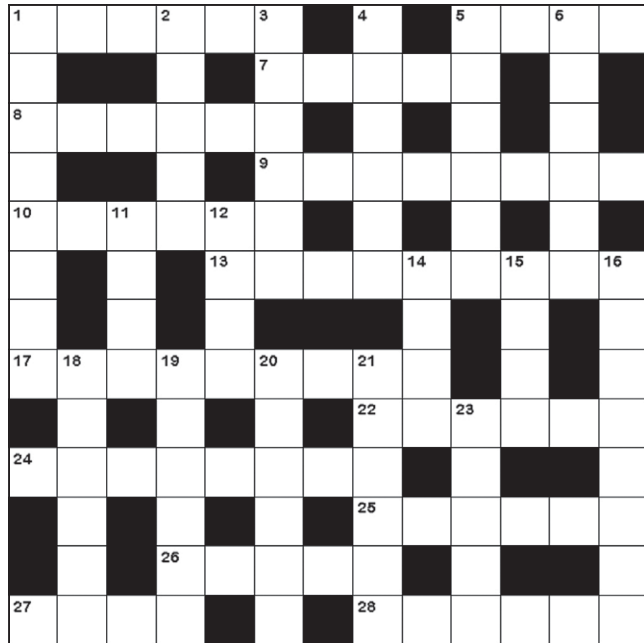
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Crossword

ACROSS

1. Tried the flavour.
5. Bars and wire for confining animals.
7. Determine how heavy something is.
8. Sullen and bad tempered.
9. Grant freedom to.
10. A horizontal beam over a door or window.
13. Makes by putting pieces together.
17. Not genuine or natural.
22. The state of being male or female.
24. A surgical cut.
25. A narcotic drug that contains opium.
26. Utter obscenities or profanities.
27. Be visibly worried or distressed.
28. Free from an obligation.



DOWN

1. Not affected by the passage of time.
2. A freshwater game and food fish.
3. Lives as a permanent resident.
4. Bite off a very small piece.
5. An angel portrayed as a winged child.
6. Having a kindly or tender nature.
11. The middle of the day.
12. Every one considered individually.
14. Small rodents that eat your cheese.
15. Assumed a reclining position.
16. Not as tall as the others.
18. Distant but within sight.
19. The need to have a drink.
20. Expelled from a country.
21. Take no notice of.
23. Lacking experience of life.

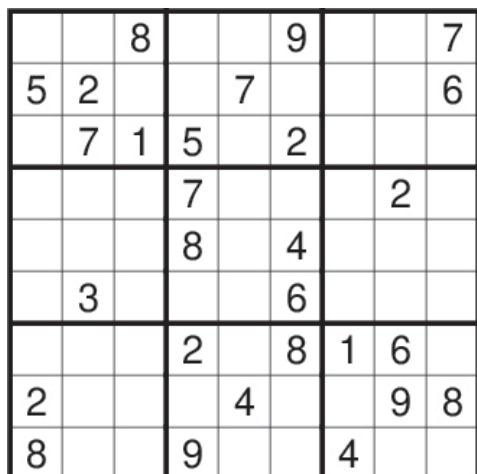
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Sudoku



Difficulty: Medium

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

Cryptogram

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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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.



Access and Inclusion officer Andrew Langley talking to the lunch attendees. -MP



A great chance to catch up with friends new and old. -MP



A very well attended lunch for Seniors week at the Corner Hotel in Alexandra -MP

Time to celebrate our seniors

ON Thursday, October 31, Murrindindi Shire Council held its fourth and final lunch to celebrate Seniors Week across the shire. Over 100 people attended the lunch at the Corner Hotel in Alexandra. Over the four events approximately 330 Seniors joined the festivities in Alexandra, Yea, Kinglake, and Marysville.

Andrew Langley, Access and Inclusion Officer, opened the event and seniors advocate Sue Hendy spoke to the audience about ageing and agism. This can involve being treated badly and ignored, including rationing of health services because of one's age.

Sue gave some great advice. She said that when you age, you don't lose capacity. That is a myth and you can improve with age and learn new skills. Sue also spoke of the importance of pulling apart age and capacity, as they simply aren't related.

Another topic Sue touched on was memory. "It's not just the elderly who forget things, even school children do it. Several things can impact memory such as lack of sleep, medication, brain injury and drinking alcohol," she said.

The people at the well attended lunch also enjoyed music from local musician, Steve Paix. It was a great event for the local seniors.



Seniors advocate Sue Hendy gave a thought provoking speech about the stigma attached to ageing and how to change our patterns of thinking. -MP



Steve Paix ready to entertain the seniors. -MP



Let's eat, it's our treat

Congratulations Angelina

THE winner of our \$50 Let's Eat voucher was Angelina Bell from Alexandra. Angelina has chosen to use her voucher at Trawool Estate.

Be sure to get your entry form from this edition for your chance to win a \$50 meal at one of our advertised venues.

Graze and gaze at Sedona Estate

WITH 2024 drawing to its end, it's time sit back and enjoy the good things in life.

Just in time for the holiday summer season, the new Sedona Estate white wines are ready to be enjoyed. When it comes to sipping a dry white wine in the warmer months, sauvignon blanc is still a winner. Sedona Estate's 2024 release is no exception. Packed with floral aromatics and a crisp palate of kiwi and grapefruits, this new sauvignon blanc is the perfect summer drink.

First launched in 2021 and after two successful vintages, the new 2024 Sedona Estate rosé is hard to resist.

"Like any good wine, our new rosé has started its winemaking journey in our estate vineyard. It is well balanced with a crisp dry finish and pairs well with local trout dishes, mild curries and salmon; all trialled and approved in our home kitchen," owner and winemaker Paul Evans said.

In recent years, Paul and Sonja's dedication and passion for their land and wine business have reached new levels. This year three of the winery's reds were awarded Silver Medals at the 2024 London Wine Competition. Paul and Sonja are immensely proud that their vineyard in Murrindindi produces fruit that competes on the world stage.



Graze on Sedona's popular artisan platters this holiday season. -S

"The most important seal of approval though comes from our loyal wine friends who trust the product and enjoy the experience of drinking a great wine grown and made in our pristine region," Sonja said.

Drop by the winery's cellar door at 182 Shannons Road, Murrindindi to taste these new wines or buy them at a local outlet. On weekends, delicious artisan cheese platters and charcuterie and salumi boards to share are offered at the cellar door.

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Yea Saleyards committee of management report

by Jan Beer, chair Yea Saleyards committee of management

JUST when we thought we had accomplished most of our long term Capital Projects for the Saleyard Complex, and we could enter a phase of consolidation and mainly maintenance, circumstances changed significantly with the announcement in December 2023 that the Pakenham Saleyards would close in June 2024.

The committee understood that this would consequently mean increased numbers of cattle coming from the Yarra Valley and surrounding areas north of Pakenham, to the Yea Saleyards as we are in a prime central location to receive these cattle. During the intervening first six months of 2024 we have seen the monthly store cattle sale numbers increase to consistently be at full yard capacity.

Throughput for 2023-2024 was 37,204. Nutrien Ag and Elders now have booked extra sales to cope with the increased volume of cattle for the 2024-2025 year, holding three sales in November, three sales in January, and three sales in May, including the regular store sale per month.

In December 2023, Alex Scott and Staff who operated out of Pakenham met with the Committee of Management to request that they be able to participate in the existing monthly Store cattle sales run by Nutrien Ag and Elders. As store sale numbers we knew were already reaching yard capacity, Alex Scott and Staff were informed that they were welcome to sell in Yea on any other day but not those days already booked by the local agents.

Alex Scott and Staff have decided to book stand alone store sales on the second Friday of the month, commencing on September 13, 2024.

The committee is ever mindful of the need to provide a safe, efficient working environment for all employees and sale attendees and provide a superior venue that facilitates the safe transaction and exchange of livestock, while also maintaining a viable business. This means continually being flexible and proactive in quickly upgrading and expanding to meet future trends.

This is clearly illustrated in the major projects the committee has just completed or are currently ongoing.

The front fence of the saleyards has now been completed, giving a much improved appearance and greater security. A black cyclone fence with two B-Double gates, double exit gates and a front gate with laser cut Yea Saleyards name panel has been fabricated and installed. Apart from increased security, this project has lifted the appearance of the yards.

A successful grant application was gained through AgVic for an in ramp NLS reader on the Angle ramp with a data box and touchscreen. This allows full traceability of all cattle coming through our yards which is an extremely important bio-security measure, as the yards are used on a daily basis for cattle in transit.

A truckwash at Yea is another facility which is very important for maintaining bio-security, however the cost, siting and ongoing maintenance of this is challenging, and a project which the Committee would like to see advancing. This project will require a large funding grant. It is very much a necessity with the closure of Pakenham

meaning there is no available truckwash anywhere between Yea and Melbourne.

In February, the committee accepted a Truckwash Final Report from CAF Consulting and advised council that the preferred location was at the Yea Water Management Facility, just north of Yea on the Goulburn Valley Highway. The Murrindindi Shire Council CEO has requested a more detailed financial analysis to gauge feasibility.

During the first six months of 2024, it quickly became obvious with our yards at capacity, we were not coping with the large number of volume buyers post sale needing to put together B-Double loads for transport, either immediately after sale or to be held overnight awaiting transport.

With the increase in cattle throughput and all store sales currently being at full capacity the committee has had to be flexible and adapt to the changed conditions acknowledging the need for large capacity holding pens.

These pens provide an area to feed large numbers of cattle pre and post sale. The holding pens will also eliminate the need to feed cattle in selling pens resulting in less maintenance of soft flooring in these pens. Other benefits include addressing animal welfare and OH&S concerns, ease of moving stock to loading ramps when often only a single operator is working. It is hoped these pens will be constructed and operational by November.

These six large capacity holding pens will be constructed on the western side of the yards on the site of the current car park adjacent to the yards.

Drainage work will allow water that flows across the front of the B-Double ramp to be diverted to ponds at south of yards. There will be a re-siting of carpark to truck parking area with minimal gravel surface work required and clear division from truck parking area.

There will also be investigation into the provision of two offices for the stock agents and ongoing Allied Health Services. Currently these services are being provided in the canteen area which long term is not satisfactory. The agents have never had an office base at the yards and with cattle numbers increasing it is seen as necessary.

Governance

Governance of the committee of management has changed significantly, brought about initially by changes to legislation put in place by the Andrews Government. The Yea Saleyards committee is now a Section 65 Community Asset Committee of Management.

The chair thanked the local agents, Chris Pollard, Rick Wills and Jamie Quinlan for their many years of voluntary work on the committee and their valuable input in that agents have been major drivers in getting the saleyards to where they are today. Chris and Rick have both been voluntary committee members for over 30 years

each and have always prioritised the welfare and advancement of the Yea Saleyards.

The last six months has seen two committee members resign, Jo-Anne Jackson and Trevor Sergeant, and we thank those members for their time, valued input and support over a number of years.

Ian Marshman and Ross Armstrong joined the committee.

The Yea Saleyards Healthcare program has been a joint project between the Yea and District Memorial Hospital (YDMH), Murrindindi Shire Council and the Yea Saleyards Committee to provide allied health services at the saleyards to the farming and broader community. It has been a huge success with sale attendees having access to skin, hearing and eyesight checks, cardiac health assessments, diabetes education, flu vaccinations, and mental health and drug and alcohol support program. These services are provided one Friday per month at the cattle sale. A member of the local farming community described the value of the program, "We think we're bulletproof and only see a doctor if we're really crook, but you are right here under our noses at the sale. It's a wonderful service." The initial funding was jointly provided by the Victorian and the Australian Governments.

The continued high level of engagement by farmers has led to a study by Melbourne University to examine the reasons why it is so successful and to potentially secure ongoing funding.

The program has exceeded expectations, prompting Yea and District Memorial Hospital to seek and gain funding to expand services at the saleyards.

The Violet Vines Marshman Centre for Rural Health Research Centre has provided a \$50,000 grant to directly improve the health or well-being of people living in rural and remote locations.

The grant will also fund additional specialist and allied health services as part of the existing program and support a comprehensive evaluation through YDMH's partnership with the University of Melbourne Rural Health Academic Network (RHAN), which will help develop a transferable healthcare model. Additionally, the grant will enable two trial programs within the local area and support the expansion of the program into other communities.

Jan and Lisa attended the annual two day Australian Livestock Saleyards Association conference held in Melbourne, which was very enlightening. Most saleyards have the same concerns, these being compliance, truck effluent, funding sources, financial viability, throughput, secure fencing, cameras for monitoring, skilled staff, bureaucracy, up to date website, importance of social media.

Points of interest from the conference were: 40 million head of animals are transported annually throughout Australia. Seventy-seven per cent

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Yea Saleyards committee of management report

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Points of interest from the conference: 40 million head of animals are transported annually throughout Australia. Seventy-seven per cent stock go through saleyards. Nine per cent stock go to processor. Five per cent of cattle are sold online.

Increased Maintenance

Due to increased throughput numbers and increase in numbers of larger grown cattle, a decision was made to increase the height of selling pens in lane one to maintain safety of both stock and humans.

Ongoing maintenance at the yards has seen replacement or upgrade of water troughs, replacement of the air compressor required for increased dependability of weighing scales, as previous compressor had failed on several occasions.

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The Fincham's invite all interested parties to the fifth annual sale of 60 top quality stud and flock Southdown rams. The ram sale will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 1pm at the Yea showgrounds sheep pavilion in Yea.

This year's sale rams are an outstanding group; with many in the top five per cent to 20 per cent for all terminal sheep breeds for birth weight, fat and also top 10 per cent for IMF marbling, essential for eating quality.

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A group of the sale rams. -S

The Rabbit Trap

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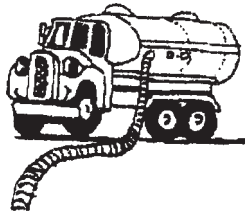
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Stalls at the Eildon Twilight Market. -AR



Foz, Johnny and Jenny promoting the Eildon CFA Christmas raffle. -AR



Karine Haslam and Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish unveiling the plaque. -AR

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The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that government boards reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community. This includes diverse leadership of the health system that represents the variety of backgrounds and cultures of Victorian communities to enable the vision of achieving the best health, wellbeing and safety for everyone.

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Applicants must be able to demonstrate the capabilities identified in their applications.

Applications close at **midnight Sunday, November 24, 2024.**

Further information about Victorian health service boards and how to apply can be found at www.health.vic.gov.au/board-applications



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Marysville's Twilight Market



The stalls on the oval at the Marysville Twilight Market on Sunday evening. -AR



Jamie Fiske with her stall inside the community centre. -AR

Sunny skies for Alexandra's Spring Fair



Lions Club members John, Mary, Steve, Ron and Deb at the barbecue. -AR



Having fun in the ball pit. -AR



The musical entertainment included Bev Fraser and her band. -AR



Two of the youngest attendees at the Spring Fair, Chloe and Katherine. -AR



Noah on the slide. -AR



Some of the many stalls at the Alexandra Spring Fair. -AR



The weather cleared to become a beautiful day. -AR



CWA ladies with some beautiful homemade treats. -AR

SPORT

Perfect Day for Little Athletics

UNDER a blue sky filled with sunshine and smiles, the Little Athletics community came together for what was truly a perfect day. The day kicked off with the usual warm up, but with a twist, older athletes teamed up with the littler ones for a series of fun movements, a game of "steal the tails," and a solid stretching session to get everyone limbered up.

Excitement grew as the presentation of Centre Records began. Records set were Hazel Dalton under seven 500m, Kai Goonan under seven 500m, Shiloh Clacy under eight 700m, Viyan Solanki under nine 700m, Clay Hilder under 12 1100m race walk, Declan Baker under 13 200m hurdles, Charlotte Boulton under 14 200m hurdles, Chase Hilder under 14 Javelin, Cate Caswell under 15 200m hurdles, and Levi Campbell under 14 Shot Put, 200m hurdles, triple jump. With so many records already shattered so early in the season, we're gearing up for even more success at the Regional Level later this year.

In other exciting news, Murrindindi's very own Levi Campbell has earned a place on the Victorian development tour team heading to New Zealand from January 8 to 15. Levi will compete over three days at the North Island Colgate Games, the biggest annual athletic event for juniors aged seven to 14. Levi will represent Victoria in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, and long jump, making his club and community proud. Fundraising efforts are underway to support Levi's journey, and we can't wait to see him showcase his talent on the international stage.

To top off the day, athletes wrapped up with a fantastic relay training session, practicing their baton changes. This year, the club is sending its largest team in years to the Regional Relay Event in Shepparton on Sunday, November 17.



Levi Campbell clearing 152cm in the high jump. -S



New records set this season Levi, Shiloh, Clay, Hazel, Chase, Kai, Charlotte, and Viyan. -S



Juniors taking off in the 100 metre race. -S



Alisha about to let the shot put fly. -S

Welcome to the jungle: Alexandra squash

by Kristelle Leary

Monday Competition Kangaroos versus Wombats

Jordan versus Lochlan: Great rallying with good winners hit by both players. A hard fight to the end with Jordan getting the upper hand in the end. 62 to 59.

Mick versus Kelly (fill in): With games changing hands it was anyone's match. Kelly lifted her game in the middle of the match while Mick showed great strength at the beginning and end. Mick had a good win in the final game to take the match. 57 to 44.

Justin versus Daniel W: Started strong, Daniel gave himself a solid lead for his opponent to chase. Justin won the next two games but barely scratched the surface of Daniels' lead. Daniel was victorious. 66 to 57.

Jack versus James (fill in): Both players came out firing. James would streak ahead only for Jack to reel him in. The first two games were tied-up. Jack's placement in the third and fourth games delighted the crowd and edged him ahead by five points for a dramatic win. 56 to 51.

Platypus versus Koalas

Tyler versus Eric: Great second half of the match. After mastering Ethan's big serves, Tyler played some skilful squash. Ethan still had the win with points and took the match. 56 to 46.

Matt (fill in) versus Lee: An entertaining and even match. Some beautiful placement from Lee and extraordinary court coverage from Matt. Coming down to the wire, Lee won out. 57 to 54.

Michael M versus Simon: Very tight second game followed by Michael coming out swinging in the third. Sensational swan diving in the final game saw Michael take the last set and match. 54 to 46.

John versus Daniel K: A steady start gave John confidence that he had a chance. Daniel shattered John's hope by dealing a merciless beating in games two and three. John rallied in the fourth game to stop his point deficit from growing. Daniel went home with the trophy. 73 to 45.

Thursday competition Tigers versus Lions

Randy versus Blake: Blake came out strong to give himself a solid lead. Randy did a good job of keeping the game a bit closer in the middle two games but had to concede defeat to his opponent who went home with a commanding win. 79 to 42.

James versus Stuart: Keeping the second game a draw, Stuart was excelling at keeping James from getting too far ahead. James took it up a notch in the last half of the match to take home a good victory. 79 to 50.

Leopards versus Cheetahs:

Beth versus Jess: Rallying in the third game, Beth got the jump on Jess. Unphased by that development, Jess continued to keep up her good form to outplay her opponent and win the match. 61 to 51.

Kristelle versus Travis: Travis won the first game. Kristelle pulled herself together long enough to take the second game but lost her touch after that. Travis's court coverage and serving won him the match. 68 to 52.



Chris, Michael, Nathan and David having fun at Yea Cruise Night. Nathan is from Melbourne and the rest of the people on the bike are from Marysville. The next Yea Cruise Night is on Saturday, November 9. -AR

Club championship continues at Eildon

by Puttomatic

LAST week was another stroke round and the second round of the club championships and also the second round of the golden putter competition at Eildon Golf Club. They had 19 players compete in the week's competitions and the course is look great after the coring a couple of weeks ago.

A grade last week, saw Mark Mackwell take out first place with a nett 69 followed by Kerry power with a nett 70 and the ball run winners Ken Collier with a nett 72 and Leigh Munro also with nett 72.

B grade for the week and overall winner was Dennis Seamer with a nett 68, coming in second was John Beale with a nett 71, the ball run winners on a countback and also on 71 John Monteath, followed by Peter McNair with a nett 73.

Other winners last week were Allison Southwell was nearest the pin with her second shot on the third, Denis McDonald was closest on the fifth, and there was no winner on the 11th for the week. Colin Long was successful on the 12th and John Monteath was too good on the 14th. Entry draw winner for the week was John Rachcoff, Rod Taylor had a win with the swindle draw, and Denis McDonald selected the joker and took out the big prize with the joker draw.

This Saturday will be another stroke round and the third round of the club championships and the golden putter. The following week of November 16, will be the first round of the Murrindindi Masters to be held at Eildon Golf Club and the club is expecting a big turn up for this great competition, generously sponsored by FoodWorks.

November competition for Alexandra Bowls Club

by Marie Evans

LAST Saturday's pennant was quite the family affair at the Alexandra Bowls Club. Division four had the father and son combination of Tim and Saxon Langmead and division six had three generations playing in the one rink with Rodd Petersen, daughter-in-law Sue-ellen and Rodd's grandson David all taking to the green in Rodd's rink.

Saturday Pennant was another win for division four who played Seymour at home. The best winning rink was Greg Gilmore (Skip), Larry Scott, Marie Evans and Lauren Gilchrist.

It was a slow start but after end six Seymour was kept scoreless for the next five ends and Alexandra led 12 to seven on end 11. It was 12 to nine at the break. Alexandra won seven out of the last eight ends to win 26 to 12. They won 14 out of the 21 ends.

Doug Cooper (Skip) continued his winning from last week and won with 12 shots up 25

to 13. The rink Doug Cooper, Ben Gilchrist, Karen Jackson and Janice Dunston won 12 out of 21 ends and led from end five.

David Nicklos (Skip), Bob Mayfield, Andy Tobias and Christine Mayfield trailed zero to five at end three but took the lead by end nine to be 11 to seven. They won the next five ends to lead 16 to seven at the break. Despite Seymour winning five out of the next seven ends Alexandra won 20 to 13.

The final winning rink Tim Langmead (Skip), Bob Binghamy, Mark Stone and Saxon Langmead won 12 out of 21 ends. They were 13 to five up after the break. Seymour rallied and won the next three ends to trail eight to 13.

However, Alexandra won the next two ends and regained a handy lead 19 to eight. Seymour won the last three ends, but Alexandra ran out comfortable winners 19 to 12.

Alexandra won 90 to 50 overall. Alexandra plays away to Mooropna next week. The

ladder is Alexandra 48 points, Euroa 44, Mooropna 33, Tatura Hilltop 30.

Division six played away to Violet Town and had mixed success. John Blamey (Skip), Scott Ferrier, and Rob Roach were one player short on their rink and still managed a great win 16 to 14. A fantastic effort.

Alexandra led seven to four on end eight. It was 10 to 10 on end 13. Violet Town won the next three to be three shots up 13 to 10. However, Alexandra won the last three ends to win the game.

Ray Mathieson (Skip), Trevor Stewart, Steve Kirby and Warren Nelson had a slow start and trailed three to 16 on end six but had reduced that to 13 to 20 by end 13. Violet Town extended their lead 26 to 10 on end 15. However, Alexandra won four out of the last six ends to lose but had reduced the margin 20 to 30 by the end of the game.

Rodd Petersen (Skip), Anne Gunton, David Petersen and Sue-ellen Petersen trailed three to 21 on end 11 but won five out of the next

six ends to be 11 to 22. Violet Town were eventual winners but what a fantastic effort from the new players David and Sue-ellen.

Violet Town won the overall, 70 to 48. Alexandra plays Euroa at home next week.

Midweek played at home against East Shepparton. The best Alexandra rink was Doug Cooper (Skip), Trevor Stewart, Pauline Gilmore and Levi Ronalds. It was Levi's first game in pennant. Alexandra closely contested the game and lost 14 to 17. A great effort.

David Nicklos (Skip), Clive Murphy, Christine Murphy and Martin Manning had a tough game and were defeated 10 to 20.

Mark Stone (Skip), John Blamey, Coby Petersen and Ian Franklin met an experienced side and lost 12 to 25.

East Shepparton won 61 to 36. Alexandra plays at home on November 12 against Dookie. There was no game on Cup Day.



Winning rink for division four of Bob Mayfield, Christine Mayfield, David Nicklos, and Andy Tobias. -S



Anne Gunton, Rodd Peterson, David Petersen, and Sue-ellen Petersen, resplendent in their bowling uniforms. -S

Champions announced at Alexandra Golf Club

by Elizabeth Goss

LAST week was the time to find out who this year's champions would be, but the Alexandra Golf Club offers congratulations to all.

Donna Meggitt is the ladies' Scratch Champion with 264 and Ruth Worland the ladies' Handicap Champion with 218. The days winner was Ruth Worland with 89 (16) 73

in a three-way countback from Sandra Morris 126 (53) 73 and Sandy Wetenhall with 100 (27) 73.

Nearest the pin on the second went to Marie Stace, on the fifth to Sandy Wetenhall and on the 18th to Donna Meggitt. Donna Meggitt also won the nine-holes with 34.5. Next Wednesday, November 13 is a stableford round.

Matt Richards is this year's men's Scratch Champion with 225.

The other 2024 Champions are: B Grade Scratch: Greg Millard 270; C Grade Scratch: John Greatorex 277; A Grade Handicap: Dave Silverman 222; B Grade Handicap: Simon Rouget 223; C Grade Handicap: Leo Dynes 222.

The day's winner and November Medal winner was Leo Dynes with 87 (19) 68 followed by John Greatorex on 87 (18) 67. Next came Greg Millard with 87 (18) 70 on a countback from Matt Richards 73 (3) 70. They were followed by Greg Murphy 79 (3) 71 and Trevor Biffin 86 (14) 72.

Nearest the pin on the second went to Luke Heard, on the seventh to Trevor Biffin, on the 12th to John Steer and on the 18th to Dylon Jack. Luke Heard had the fewest putts with 24. Next Saturday, November 9, is stableford.

The Tuesday winner was Brad Newton with (12) 38 points. The runner-up was John Greatorex on (18) 36 points followed by Greg Millard with (17) 35 points.

Nearest the pin on the seventh went to Alan Kirkpatrick, on the 17th to Bruce Colville, and on the 18th to Nigel. Don't forget the Cook Run on Thursday evenings at 5pm.



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Spring weather continues for Marysville golfers

by Lesley Rundle

SATURDAY was another perfect day weatherwise for golf and the players enjoyed being among the colourful shrubs and green and lush fairways. Both the men and the ladies played a stroke round for the November monthly medal.

The men's winner was Travers Stow (21) with nett 70 followed by Brian Worcester (19) with nett 72. Lesley Rundle (34) with nett 72 won the ladies' medal on a countback from Sabrina Stow (24). Lesley also won the putting with 25 putts.

The nearest the pins were won by Keith Atwell, Travers Stow, Richy Clark and Adam Littlejohn who also won the golden shot. During presentation members celebrated Julie O'Shea's birthday with some delicious cake.

This Saturday, November 9, the much anticipated and meticulously planned 50th Anniversary and fundraising event will be held. Golfers are coming from far and wide to play a two person ambrose game before being joined by a number of non-golfers for dinner in the clubhouse.

On Sunday the Marysville mixed tournament will be held with a number of visiting golfers staying overnight in the district to play in that event.

On Monday, November 11, the Dalhousie Jean Wallder Bowl is being played at Yea and a ladies team from Marysville are entered and on Thursday, November 14, a number of ladies will be playing in the Seymour Bowl while the Dalhousie Veterans are playing at Marysville.

Last Thursday, five ladies travelled to Lancefield to play in their ladies bowl. The club says congratulations to the Lancefield team for winning the bowl and thanks to the Lancefield ladies for their hospitality.

The first round of the Foodworks Murrindindi Masters is being played at Eildon on Saturday, November 16, and local golfers are reminded to put their entries in. The other three rounds will be at Alexandra on January 11, Yea on February 1, and the final round at Marysville on March 1.

It is a busy time for all golfers and the club thank all the volunteers who make these events possible and the golfers who support them.

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A great chance to catch up while walking along. -MP



Students and teachers catching up while they walked. -MP

St Marys holds spring Lap-a-thon

ON Thursday, October 31, St Marys Primary School held a spring Lap-a-thon fundraiser at Leckie Park Oval, raising money to support the recent swimming and water safety program, as well as purchasing sports and play equipment for the children to enjoy.

The students completed as many laps as they could in two hours, with a break in between to enjoy a sausage and a icypole. The weather was perfect for the event.



All the children and adults enjoying the sunshine as they continue with their laps. -MP



Clay Hilder enjoying the task at hand. -MP



Ava and Scarlett having a break between laps. -MP



Some of the grade five cohort; Riley, Clay, Bella, Lillian, Charlotte, and Lila.