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Students and staff from Yea High School on their central Australia camp. More images on page 6. -S

Wind farm: The winds of change for Murrindindi?

Wind farm: Fera

ANDREW Lawson was unfortunately unavailable for an interview to coincide with the interview with Darryl Otzen from the Strathbogies Responsible Renewables Community Group, however he supplied some information and we hope to have an interview with him in next week's edition.

According to the information Andrew supplied, "This year will see a lot of investigation and assessment take place."

Reports, information and advice are being developed regarding the area's biodiversity and ecology, including the identification of no-go areas, cultural heritage, desktop geotechnical and bushfires. These will inform the siting of turbines and infrastructure to avoid areas of highest sensitivity or constraint.

The second group of reports include an expansion upon the biodiversity and ecology, cultural heritage, bushfire and desktop geotechnical studies, as well as noise and vibration, preliminary landscape and visual impact assessment, traffic, water and hydrology, desktop aviation, land use planning and consultation planning. These will be prepared in relation to the micro-sited layout plan.

Following the earlier desktop investigations Biosis conducted an Initial Field Survey to review the preliminary turbine and access track site inspections (late November, Early December 2023). The group inspected the

turbine locations and potential access roads to identify any potential ecology issues.

Andrew advised that five to six locations may require further investigation (potential relocation or deletion) but the vast majority were located in farmland and appeared not to have any ecology issues.

The information said, "To ensure that all key ecology elements are included in the detail surveys we met with the Landcare and Environmental group representatives from across the project in February in Yea. These meetings have been constructive and progressed to engaged discussions and good sharing of information. We have set up a portal for local ecology information to be uploaded. Following the meeting Biosis will finalise the Survey Protocol's for project Birds and Bats studies."

The preliminary Cultural Heritage desktop study is also programmed to start in the second quarter of 2024.

Fera have also put together a draft charter and have the outline of a Community Consultation Plan coming along.

The information stated, "Having conducted quarterly public sessions at Ruffy and Upton Hill through 2023 we have looked to continue in 2024 with local events where we can participate and have time to explain and discuss the project. Last weekend, we set up

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Wind farm: opposition

THE Strathbogies Responsible Renewables Community Group (SRRCG) are strongly opposed to Fera's proposed 'Seymour Wind Farm' in the Murrindindi and Strathbogie areas. SRRCG held an information session at the Country Club Hotel in Yea on Saturday, April 20, which 209 people attended.

Speaking prior to the event, Darryl Otzen, Secretary of the Strathbogies Responsible Renewables Community Group (SRRCG), stated "Fera have not made any public statements basically since May last year."

He said that Fera committed to having quarterly community consultation sessions. One was held in February 2023, another in May 2023, and one in August 2023 "with a primary school lecture on climate change... Probably two third of the people got up and walked out in disgust," Darryl said. In November 2023, people were invited to view the Cherry Tree wind turbines up close, but Darryl commented that they're half the size of the ones planned for the local 'Seymour' project. The February 2024 didn't happen, and there's been nothing since.

Darryl said that at the February 2023 meeting, "[Fera] said we have already signed up eight landowners. We have enough land already to make this project viable. We are building a power station. That to me wasn't a consultation, that was a confrontation. It was a very heated meeting, that first meeting."

He said that on the Fera website, there's been an update to their investigation area for the transmission line route, where they appear to be looking down Whanregarwen Road.

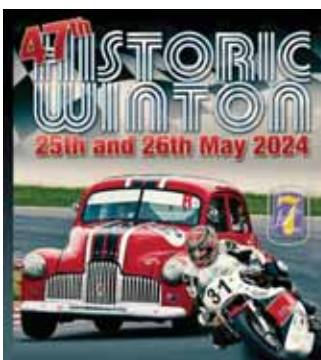
Darryl said, "What people are actually doing is going around showing the good people of Yea district a map with multiple powerlines all over it that covers both east and west of Yea." This includes Molesworth, Native Dog Road, Murrindindi Road and Ghin Ghin Road from Highlands down to Ghin Ghin, and south to Glenburn and Murrindindi.

He said that they have been showing this map to individual landholders in the area, and is uncertain of the colour coding and whether these areas are under serious consideration.

Darryl was asked for his thoughts around the fact that wind is a renewable energy with potential negative impacts in terms of land usage and visual amenity. He responded, "The objection to the communities is against the sheer scale of the development. It's an industrial development of 80 to 100 very large wind turbines."

Darryl said that while it's not pristine land, having been extensively cleared in the past. Much effort has been put into revegetation, and there is unique granite

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New walking track for Trawool

A NEW walking trail has opened in Trawool, showcasing the region's beauty and designed to encourage more people to spend time in nature.

Gawarn Baring (meaning Echidna Track in Taungurung language) is the result of a collaboration between Goulburn Valley Water, Taungurung Land and Waters Council and Biik Cultural Land Management. The project has been supported by a \$250,000 grant from the Victorian Government's Recreational Values program.

The 5km return track provides a new challenging path for locals and visitors alike and is also expected to boost local tourism by providing more opportunity for nature-based experiences. The natural earthen trail has been designed in line with the landscape's existing footprint, with new directional signage to improve accessibility and navigation.

Gawarn Baring takes people from the starting point at the Goulburn Valley Highway along the Falls Creek footprint to the historic Trawool Reservoir. It showcases the vistas of the Trawool Valley, as well as

taking people through mixed eucalypt forest, granite outcrops and creek bed areas on the outskirts of the Trawool State Forest.

As part of the project, the Trawool Reservoir has been reimagined into a new fishing destination to complement the walking track. In partnership with Victorian Fisheries Authority, thousands of native fish have been stocked into the lake, and two new fishing platforms created from recycled materials have been installed near the reservoir's picnic area.

Goulburn Valley Water Managing Director, Steve Capewell, said Gawarn Baring aimed to encourage a new generation of visitors to discover the Trawool Reservoir.

"Finding new and innovative ways to encourage people to get active in our area, while also transforming an unused water reservoir into a new destination in regional Victoria, is a fantastic outcome," Dr Capewell said.

"We know how important accessing natural spaces and water resources is to help improve

health and wellbeing, and reimagining this space into a new recreation activity is something we're really proud to support to help increase liveability in our region. "

Visitors can find more information at gvwater.vic.gov.au/gawarn-baring



THUMBS UP: To the UGFM presenters in all ways, including Peter Weeks and Peter Rice for keeping us right up to date and informed regarding local emergencies, etcetera, and also the music presenters, the Akubra Hat Man, Ray Mathieson, Sylvia, etcetera, and all other program people. Just cannot name them all. What a lucky and wonderful community radio we have here.

THUMBS DOWN: To the knockers here in our shire about what we need and what we don't have. Open your eyes and get off your respective posteriors and volunteer. Get cracking and value what we have.

THUMBS DOWN: To the people who can't mind their own business and allow others to get on with their lives.

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Temporary closure for Whanregarwen Road

WHANREGARWEN Road will be temporarily closed for road works on Monday, April 29 and Tuesday, April 30.

The works will start at 7am on the Monday and are scheduled to finish at 5pm on the Tuesday.

The road works are delivered under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), following damage to the road in the October 2022 floods.

The DRFA is jointly funded by the Australian Government and the Victorian Government.

According to the council website, the road works on Whanregarwen Road are the last scheduled works for the Murrindindi Shire regarding flood damaged roads. All other road works have been completed.

Weekly Weather

April 24 - April 30, 2024

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

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DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	6	15	Wednesday	6	15
Thursday	6	15	Thursday	8	15
Friday	5	18	Friday	5	17
Saturday	6	20	Saturday	5	18
Sunday	7	18	Sunday	7	18
Monday	6	17	Monday	6	17
Tuesday	6	17	Tuesday	6	17

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RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	1.00pm Mon	1.53	steady	below minor
Rubicon River at Rubicon	1.00pm Mon	0.46	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	12.03pm Mon	0.58	steady	below minor
Home Creek at Yarck	11.51am Mon	0.17	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	10.25am Mon	0.49	steady	below minor
Yea River at Yea	11.22am Mon	0.55	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	1.00pm Mon	3.62	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	1.00pm Mon	0.45	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Trawool	1.00pm Mon	1.21	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	1.00pm Mon	0.31	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Seymour	1.00pm Mon	1.52	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	12.58pm Mon	1.16	steady	

**ISSUED AT 1.45PM ON MONDAY, 22 APRIL 2024

DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra	N/Amm
Buxton	N/Amm
Eildon (AWS)	4mm
Flowerdale	5mm
Jamieson	0.2mm
Kinglake	14mm
Lake Eildon	3mm
Mansfield	2mm
Taggerty	3mm
Yarck	1mm
Yea	0.8mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	296.77m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	91.6%
Metres below full supply	2.13m
Daily inflow	500ML
Release	2600ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	83%

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DEADLINES

Real Estate	Thursday 5pm
Trades & Services	Thursday noon
Early General News	Thursday 5pm
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Planned burns on fire this autumn

HUNDREDS of Victorians are taking the opportunity to undertake private burn-offs as fire restrictions continue to ease across the state.

Country Fire Authority (CFA) and partner agencies will be making the most of cooler autumn conditions to conduct fuel reduction burns to lower bushfire risk for communities, while farmers and private landholders will capitalise on favourable temperatures to ignite stubble burns on their properties.

Over the weekend, wind conditions will prevent smoke from dispersing, with smoke expected to linger over the city and parts of regional Victoria into next week.

CFA Chief Officer, Jason Heffernan, said although CFA and Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMV) work closely with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Bureau of Meteorology to keep smoke impact as low as practically possible, smoke in our regional and rural areas can come from a number of sources.

"Along with the important planned burns that are conducted in our forests, parks and reserves led by FFMV and the many kilometres of road, rail and council reserve burns that are led by CFA, this time of year also sees a large amount of smoke coming from the necessary burn-offs that our farmers and rural property holders undertake," Jason said.

"These are part of traditional farming practices where burning off of crop stubble is often needed to kill off weeds and return nutrients and carbon back into the soil."

As the weather cools, smoke will also come from the many thousands of wood heaters households rely on for their autumn and winter heat source.

"This localised smoke or smoke haze can often be misinterpreted as coming from

planned burns from a long way away, but this is not always the case," Jason said.

"As the weather conditions continue to allow for lower intensity burning, we will look to conduct the most suitable planned burns to ensure that our dependant native bush and grasslands are benefitting to avoid much more devastating bushfires.

"Our CFA brigades have already treated over 3,600ha of land this year, helping make at-risk communities safer, with more to come over coming weeks."

Landowners are urged to continue registering their burn-offs at firepermits.vic.gov.au so that if someone reports smoke to Triple Zero, the incident will be cross-checked on the register.

For the latest information about when and where planned burns are occurring near you, residents are encouraged to sign up to Planned Burns Victoria at plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au and download the app.

If you do see smoke and want to know if it is a planned burn or a fire, visits the VicEmergency App or visit emergency.vic.gov.au.

Detailed information about smoke forecasts, current air quality in your area and health advice can be found on EPA's website.

Keep your burn off safe and legal: Check fire restrictions in your area and always register your burn at firepermits.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 668 511; check and monitor weather conditions, particularly wind; to avoid unnecessary calls to emergency services, notify your neighbours beforehand; leave a three-metre fire break, free from flammable materials around the burn; have sufficient equipment and water to stop the fire spreading; never leave a burn-off unattended, stay for its entire duration; if your burn-off gets out of control, call '000' immediately.

Think smart when obtaining firewood

THE autumn season of firewood collection is currently open until June 30. The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) are strongly encouraging people who rely on firewood as their sole source of heating and cooking to plan for their firewood needs early to ensure they are using firewood in the most efficient way possible.

Firewood collectors can only collect trees or parts of trees that are already on the ground. There is no cutting down, breaking off and damaging a tree or shrub regardless of whether it is dead or not.

Maps of local firewood collection areas can be found at ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/firewood-collection-in-your-region

Some of these areas have been subject to recent planned burning, Darren Skelton, Program Manager Media and Communications from the Hume Region assured firewood collectors, "Once the planned burns are declared safe, people are free to enter the firewood collection areas. Only a small proportion of areas available for firewood collection have been subject to planned burning."

It is necessary to follow guidelines of firewood collection as you are not permitted to collect firewood within 20 metres of any rivers, creeks, lakes and dams. Video surveillance cameras are operating in state forests to monitor any illegal activity and the conservation regulator works with DEECA and Parks Victoria to conduct patrols in forest areas.

If people are found to break the law with illegal firewood collecting, serious

penalties apply including on the spot fines. Fines can include up to \$8261 or up to one years imprisonment.

If you don't have the means to get out in the designated firewood collection to collect your wood for the season and it must be purchased, it is important to do your research to ensure you aren't obtaining illegally sourced firewood.

There are many ways to purchase firewood locally and many services are advertised on local social media site. It pays to research of who you're dealing with if you go down this path.

Firewood merchants should source from a wholesale supplier, commercial wood lot or from private land with permission of the landowner.

To avoid supporting illegal firewood operations, questions you should be asking before purchasing include, where does your wood come from. They should be able to easily provide this information to customers.

Ask the question of why the wood is cheap. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is. Finally, ask if you can get a receipt for your purchase. If the merchant can't provide a legitimate tax receipt with a business name and ABN listed, it's another red flag for you to avoid the sale.

Shutting down these dodgy dealings is reducing the significant impact on the environment. DEECA urges people that if they see any offence take place to contact 136 186.

CFA grants

THE Victorian Government is supporting the hardworking volunteer emergency services with the equipment and upgrades they need to keep Victorians safe.

Minister for Emergency Services, Jaclyn Symes, joined local volunteers to officially announce the opening of applications for this year's \$15 million Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) and thank them for helping during the response to the October 2022 flood event.

"Victoria's emergency service volunteers go above and beyond to protect the community during an emergency. These grants are all about helping ensure they have the latest equipment to do what they do best, protect communities and save lives.

"These grants have been going for more than 20 years, and we're proud to continue the legacy that they leave and I encourage all eligible groups to apply," Ms Symes said.

VESEP is an annual grant program that supports Victorian emergency services volunteer groups to purchase essential equipment or make facility improvements so that they can continue their vital work.

Local grant applications include: CFA Highlands-Caveat for vehicles and appliances, worth \$128,333; CFA Molesworth for operational equipment, worth \$2256; CFA Murrindindi and Woodbourne for vehicles and appliances, worth \$128,333; and CFA Terip Terip for operational equipment, worth \$2256.

Under the program, volunteer groups can purchase equipment including generators, pumps, utility vehicles, light and medium tankers, and rescue trucks. They can also fund minor refurbishments or amenity upgrades to their station, club or unit.

Groups can apply for a grant up to a maximum of \$150,000, with the government providing \$2 for every \$1 of funding contributed by the local volunteer group.

Since 2015, the Victorian Government has invested more than \$123 million in VESEP grants to volunteer groups across the state, enhancing volunteer operational capability and service delivery to communities. This year's VESEP applications are now open and close Friday June 14.

Return to neutral conditions

ACCORDING to the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM), the tropical Pacific Ocean has made a return to El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) neutral conditions.

This means that neither El Nino nor La Nina are active. However, regular rainfall and temperature forecasts are not based on El Nino and La Nina forecasts.

The latest long-range forecast, along with showing a return to neutral conditions, predicts that temperatures are likely to be above median for most of Australia.

Clearer indication of the likely winter 2024 forecast is expected by the bureau later in autumn.

For more information on the weather, visit the Bureau of Meteorology website at bom.gov.au/

Who's driving that truck?

DRIVERLESS trucks will be on two major Melbourne roads during a six month trial of the new technology.

The trucks will be used from Port Melbourne to Dandenong, using the M1 from the West Gate Freeway through to the Monash Freeway, including CityLink, and will only operate from 10pm to 5am to avoid traffic congestion. A second route will be added in the future.

Each of the driverless trucks will have a specialist driver and an engineer on board, as well as an accompanying pilot vehicle. The trucks are designed to operate entirely without the input of a driver. The use of driving software means that traffic conditions up to one kilometre ahead are available.

A similar trial, lasting just three weeks, was undertaken by Transurban in 2022. Transurban is also the organisation behind the current trial.

Victorian Tippers United (VTU) secretary Luke McCrone told the Daily Mail in 2022, "Transport provides more than just financial security for over half a million people in Australia, it also provides a sense of purpose for people. Any roll out of job killing driverless trucks needs to bear that in mind."

Letter of condolence

MURRINDINDI Shire Council wrote the following letter of condolence to the Mayor, Councillors and Community of Waverley, in light of the tragic stabbing attack in Bondi.

To the Mayor, Councillors and community of Waverley,

Our condolences.

We write with sadness to express our deepest sympathies to you and your entire community for the tragic loss of life, and the pain the families, the community, and all those involved will sadly endure.

As an inclusive, compassionate community we know the impact of the Bondi Junction tragedy will be deep, the hurt profound, and that the shared journey ahead will not be easy. However, we trust in the power and resilience of your community to come together and support each other during the challenging period of healing ahead.

You are not alone. Our community shares your loss and grief at this time. Our thoughts are with you now, and through the period of healing ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Cr Damien Gallagher, Mayor, and Murrindindi Shire Councillors, and shire CEO Livia Bonazzi.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
Join in on information sessions to learn more about Shaping Murrindindi's Future Project and see how you can get involved in the next stage. 10am-1pm at MiRA Marysville. For more information contact Allisha Milestone 0458 758 379 or email amilestone@murrindindi.vic.gov.au, or visit shapingmurrindindisfuture.com.au

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
Yea-Kinglake RSL AGM will be held at the RSL Hall at 11.30am. Enquiries to the secretary 5796 9353.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
You are invited to the open of *The Life of Anne Frank* at the Alexandra Library, at 11am. RSVP by visiting murrindindi.vic.gov.au/annefrank or call 5772 0333.

TUESDAY, MAY 2
Online clearing sale estate of Ray Smith. Commencing at noon, concludes on Monday, May 6 at noon. Machinery, farm sundries, electrical tools and more. Approximately 370 lots. Phones online; emblingrural.com.au/online-auctions. For full details contact Andrew Embling 0418 266 038.

MONDAY, MAY 6
Murrindindi Jobs Expo is on again. 11am-5pm at the Alexandra Football Club. Skill development, networking, resource sharing and plenty more. Free business booths and spaces available. Locally catered event. murrindindifoodandwine.org.au

THURSDAY, MAY 16
Eildon Events Inc will hold their AGM at 5pm at the Eildon Tennis club rooms. For more information or a nomination form to join the committee email eildoneventsinc@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, MAY 19
Alexandra Bowling Club AGM will be held at 11am. Presentations and lunch will be held following the AGM.

Community gathers to farewell beloved doctor



Speeches were made on the night to the large crowd. -BD

OVER 200 people gathered at the Country Club Hotel in Yea last Friday, to say goodbye to Dr Martin Lowe. The event saw the pub close general service to make way for the retirement party.

Speeches were made by members of the hospital, as well as guests, and Dr Lowe's years of service were celebrated.

Ian Marshman, the chair of the Yea and District Memorial Hospital board, hosted the night. He spoke about Dr Lowe's positive impact on the community over the years.

"This is a great event. You see the sign downstairs that says, the pub's closed for Martin Lowe's farewell. That sort of says it all.

"Martin has been such a great contributor across the whole community, he's been an extraordinary general practitioner. But he's actually really been part of a community. That's been a wonderful thing, it's really made Yea a remarkable community.

"We're really looking forward to be able to thank him for all the wonderful work he's done for Yea, and taken care of all of us, and wish him and Vicky all the very best for the future," Mr Marshman said.

Dr Martin Lowe responded with gratitude to the enormous farewell.

"I wish to thank everyone who attended my farewell on Friday and to those who were not able to attend but sent their messages and best wishes. I have been overwhelmed with all of the letters, best wishes, cards and gifts. Thank you also to the Yea District Hospital for arranging a great night."



Hundreds gathered to say goodbye to Dr Martin Lowe. -BD



Ian Marshman hosted the event, while Dr Martin Lowe looked on as the guest of honour. -BD

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Sun	AA Anglican Church, Alexandra 7pm PH 0402 428 086
Sun	Alanon Recovery, start 5.30pm. Ph Sheila 0402 428 086

MONTHLY

1 st Mon	St Luke's Seniors, St Lukes Hall, Ph Jenny 0407 972 099
1 st Thu	Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057
2 nd Sat	Alex Repair Café 1-3pm @ Embassy of Ideas 0422 225 801
2 nd Wed	Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
2 nd Thu	Yea Garden Club Yea RSL Hall 1.30pm Ph 0439 870 315
4 th Wed	Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
4 th Thu	Yea CWA Yea RSL Hall, 1.30pm Ph 0400 424 888
Last Fri	Yea-Kinglake RSL, 11.30am RSL Hall, Ph 5796 9353

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

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Cnr Bald Spur/Whittlesea Kinglake Rds,
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Minister: Rev. Ruwan Palapathwala
0458 113 099

ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH OF YEА
Sunday Service time 11am
Father Mario Hendricks
Ph: 0435 953 777

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ALEXANDRA AND YEА
Parish Priest, Father Jose Mathew
0459 402 547
St Matthews Eildon, Saturday 5pm
Immaculate Conception Parish
Alexandra, Sunday 8.45am
Sacred Heart Yea, Sunday 10.45am

CATHOLIC PARISH OF KINGLAKE
Fr Martin Ashe, Parish Priest
Ph 9717 6482
St Mary's Kinglake: Sunday 8.30am

SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, YEА
Station Street Yea
Sunday Service 11.15am
Colin Whiteway
Ph 0457 340 525

UNITING CHURCH
1st and 3rd Sundays 9am, 1050 Main Road,
Kinglake West. 9716 2330

Wind farm: opposition

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Much effort has been put into revegetation, and there is unique granite in the area which is extensively studied by universities.

Fera is required to conduct an environmental survey and have engaged Biosis. Their report identified a number of endangered or critically endangered species in the area immediately impacted by the proposal.

He said that consideration needs to be given to what it will do to the environment, not just the visual impact, although the latter may have an effect on tourism-based businesses. He believes that any works done will run into the Hughes Creek and this will have a huge impact on endangered wildlife, such as the Macquarie perch. Darryl believes that hundreds of kilometres of roads will need to be built for the project, on private properties, as the towers will need to be a minimum of five kilometres apart.

The committee has no issue with wind farms, or renewable energy in any form. He said wind turbines are "amazing machines." He said that the state and federal government preference is for wind farms to be offshore. There, they will become a natural reef, and no harm will come to whales or other sea creatures.

Darryl said that the scale and siting of the current project is the issue, and he pointed out that there's nowhere to really connect it. The renewable energy zones are all centred around terminal stations, and there is no terminal station near this project apart from South Morang and Dederang, on the Victoria-NSW transmission line which run through Murrindindi Shire near Alexandra. A terminal station would therefore need to be constructed, bringing disruption, and three to five years of planning.

Darryl also discussed the removal of the right of third parties to appeal to VCAT over renewable energy planning decisions. He said that the Planning Minister "has introduced the Victorian Development Facilitation Program, which is basically a fast-track program for infrastructure projects, it doesn't

need to be renewable projects, it could be housing, it could be other infrastructure. Eligible projects can apply directly to the minister, and the minister will assess and directly sign off on that project. It doesn't go through the planning department and there is no process for appeal to VCAT. The only appeal you could make at that point would be to the Supreme Court."

Eligibility includes a requirement that the project be financially viable and start development within 12 months. For renewable energy projects, the financially viable requirement has been removed.

He also noted that in February, the Community Engagement Review from the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commission (AEIC) was released. The AEIC spoke to communities about their engagement with renewable energy developers. The report asked, 'How do renewable energy developers engage with communities' and the answer was, 'They don't'. Developer ratings were considered. VicGrid has taken up the opportunity to audit land in the state to determine whether particular areas are suitable for renewable developments.

A survey was recently conducted via Engage Victoria to develop the Victorian Transmission Plan, where the community could place markers on a map and make comments. VicGrid are developing a transmission plan based on this, with a draft due mid-year.

Daryl suggested that Fera may build multiple 132kw lines instead of a single 330kw line, coming from multiple substations within their project, connecting to a single point on the main grid. Instead of having a big lattice tower, they would have monopoles, possibly 35 metres tall, and due to the cable weight, they would be close together. "As a result, the visual impact is not much different to having those big towers," Darryl said, adding that a clear-felled easement would be needed beneath each powerline, and "they want to run multiple lines."

He believes that the impact of the alternative solution is "probably worse" than the single powerline.

Wind farm: Fera

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Last weekend, we set up a stand at the Farming Expo in Seymour over the three days (Friday, April 12 to Sunday, April 14) and will seek similar events through the year. This approach was a success with strong support for the project across the three days."

Andrew appears to be referring here to the Alternative Farming Expo in Seymour.

The text also states, "In March, Robert Gardiner presented to the Yea 2030 group (following in on from my presentation to the group last August). We have had meetings in Euroa and with BEAM and remain keen to meet with all interested groups in the area. Equally we have continued our meetings with local residents across the turbine and transmission areas."

Broadford Environmental Action Movement (BEAM) Mitchell Environment Group states on its website, "Our members are engaged in supporting sustainable outcomes in government projects, advocating for our local region, supporting green initiatives and generally causing a fuss about protecting the environment."

It is unclear which group Fera met with in Euroa as no advertisements could be found.

The information also said, "Everyone had a good day at Cherry Tree [Wind Farm on November 25, 2023] with 40-45 attendees. Virtually to a person they all came up and said they enjoyed the visit. I wish all community sessions were as positive and well received across the community.

"We set up a stand at the Seymour [Alternative] Farm Expo from Friday, April 12 to Sunday, April 14. The expo was well attended, and we had good opportunity to talk with people over the three days. A strong success. In total we talked with 318 people. We set up a survey and sought people's views on climate change, renewable energy and their views on regional renewable projects including whether or not they supported the local Cherry Tree and proposed Seymour project. Below are some of the main survey results."

The first question was, a scale of one to 10, (one not at all to 10 extremely) how much do you think climate change threatens your personal health, the weather and impacts drought / floods? Twenty-six people gave it a 10, 14 a nine, and 22 an eight.

Over 50 per cent of people felt 'somewhat familiar' with renewable energy sources and almost 30 per cent said they were 'very familiar'.

Sixty-four per cent of respondents had implemented renewable energy systems in their homes. Of those, around 44 per cent did so for cost savings and 38 per cent to help combat climate change or for the environmental impact.

Sixty-six per cent of respondents said that were 'very supportive' of wind or solar regional projects, and 17 per cent 'somewhat supportive.'

Eighty per cent of the people at the Seymour Alternative Farming Expo said that they supported the "local Cherry Tree [Wind Farm] and proposed Fera wind project."

Information was also provided on transmission alignment. It stated, "A key focus is continuing the investigation of the transmission alignments to connect the project. We are focussed on two alignments with the aim of narrowing down to a single alignment over the coming months. The target is to have the transmission alignment by the end of July.

"There continues to be a lot of activity across all areas on the project and 2024 will see the detailed investigations across all the reports required for planning. Robert Gardiner (lives in Yea) and I have been working away on route option for the transmission lines.

"We developed an agreement for the transmission alignment landholders. They are significantly more generous than the state government announced flat \$200,000 or \$8000 per annum payments. The approach is to provide an offer [which] is attractive and provides a strong incentive for hosting transmission lines."

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR LOCAL ECONOMY

Council's draft Economic Development Strategy is now ready for review!



Council is inviting community and business to provide feedback on our draft Economic Development Strategy, to help guide the future of our local economy.

From October to November 2023, we engaged the community to better understand how Council can support industry and employment growth in Murrindindi Shire through a five-year economic development strategy.

Community feedback supported the identified priorities and outcomes for the Strategy. There were 34 ideas shared and over 100 participants at the pop-ups held across the Shire. This feedback helped us shape the draft Economic Development Strategy.

The draft Strategy outlines the key priorities, outcomes, and initiatives to be undertaken, drawing upon local strengths, and addressing specific challenges. Council will develop a two-year rolling Action Plan to deliver the Priority Outcomes.

To review the draft, scan the QR code or visit

theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/economicstrategy

Feedback closes on Sunday 12 May 2024.



Native timber support available now

Native timber harvesting has ended in Victoria but support is still available.

Native timber businesses, workers and communities can continue to access a range of support including:

- **The Victorian Forestry Worker Support Program** – including payments and training, 1:1 case management, employment services, health and wellbeing support.
- **Business support** – including exit packages and funding to help diversify.
- **Community support** – health and wellbeing services and community development planning and funding.

For more information:

- Forestry Transition hotline - 1800 318 182
- Victorian Forestry Worker Support Program - 1800 122 001 vic.gov.au/forestry



Four bin service starting July 2025

MURRINDINDI Shire Council has announced the introduction of a new four bin kerbside collection service, starting July 2025. This new service aims to enhance waste management practices, aligning with the Victorian Government’s policy requirements to improve recycling services, reduce landfill waste, and minimise greenhouse gas emissions.

The four bin service will include the following bins, collected at different frequencies: General waste in the red bin, collected fortnightly. Mixed recycling in the yellow bin, collected fortnightly. Food and garden organics (FOGO) in the green bin, collected weekly. Glass recycling in the purple bin, collected monthly.

To determine the most suitable service model, council engaged with the community in late 2022, receiving valuable feedback from over 200 residents. The overwhelming support for the four bin service helped shape the design of the service.

Now, council is seeking further input from the community on the finer details of the services, as outlined in the draft *Kerbside Waste and Recycling Services Policy*. This policy includes proposed changes to collection routes, mandatory zones for the four bin service, optional FOGO service zones, and opt-in options for commercial and industrial properties.

Residents are invited to provide feedback on the draft policy by visiting *theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/kerbside*

People can also attend a pop-up event or register for an online community conversation session. Feedback closes on Sunday, May 19.

Council will provide additional guidance to ensure the community understands these changes and how to adapt to the new collection services when they are introduced next year.

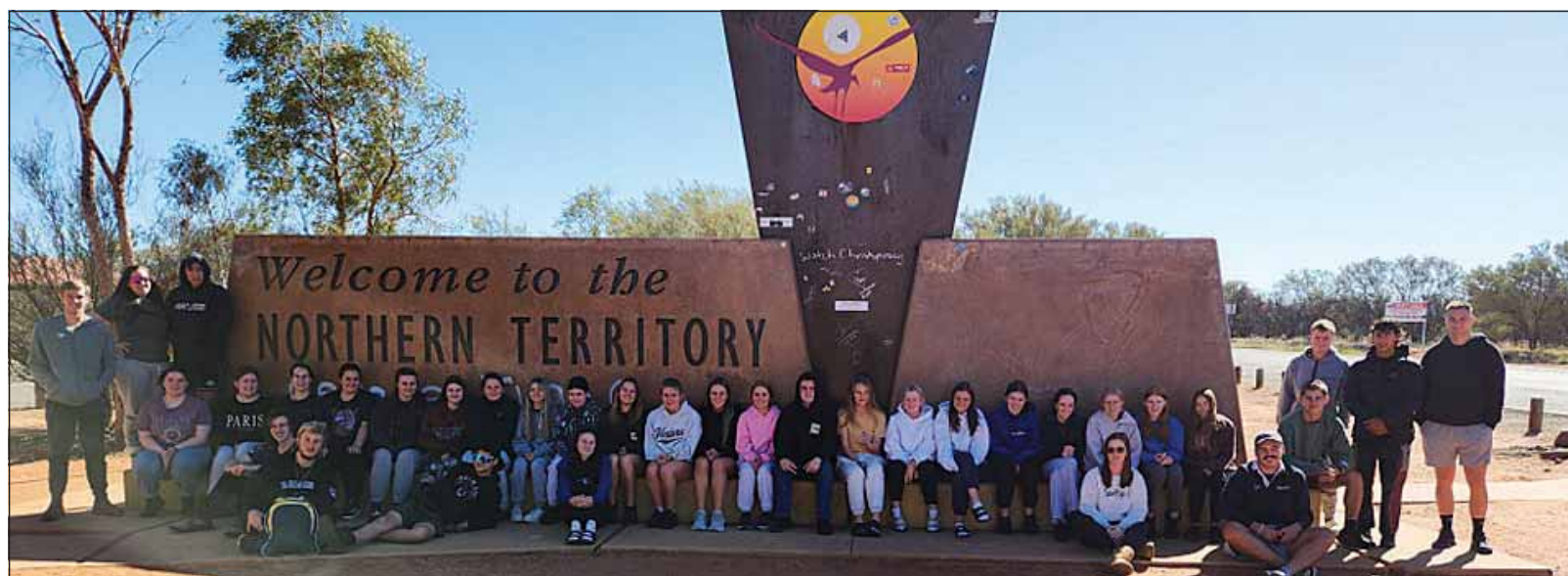
Council’s Sustainability, Assets and Emergency Management Portfolio Councillor Karine Haslam said, “Council is preparing to transition to a four bin collection service from mid-2025. We aren’t alone in this change, with all other Victorian councils required to introduce four-stream household disposal system in line with the state government’s policy. While we’ve

decided on the format and frequency of our kerbside collection services, based on feedback gathered from the community in late 2022, we’d like to see what our community thinks about some of the finer details outlined in our *Kerbside Waste and Recycling Services Policy*. This policy will guide the roll out of the four bin services so it’s important we get valuable feedback from our residents to make sure the transition goes as smoothly as possible. We’re also planning a comprehensive education campaign to help our community make the most of the new kerbside collection services. We are excited to move our shire closer towards a circular economy, for the benefit of our community and the environment.”

Yea High School’s central Australia camp



Staff and students exploring some of the natural beauty around Alice Springs. -S



On Tuesday, April 9, 31 Yea High School students from years 10, 11 and 12, along with four staff members, departed on their central Australia camp. They returned on Friday, April 19. Pictured are the staff and students when they made it to the Northern Territory border. -S

ANZAC DAY SERVICES 2024



The following services will be held across Murrindindi Shire to commemorate ANZAC Day on Thursday 25 April 2024.

Thursday 25 April

Alexandra

Dawn service at 6.00 am at Leckie Park Memorial.

Assemble at 10.45 am at the RSL Hall for a march to Leckie Park Memorial, Vickery Street for 11.00 am service.

Eildon

Private service at 10.15 am for residents of Darlingford Nursing Home.

Assemble at 10.50 am for 11.00 am service at Cenotaph, Utah Place

Flowerdale

Assemble at 10.45 am for 11.00 am service at Flowerdale Community Hall, 3380 Yea-Whittlesea Road, Flowerdale. Refreshments to follow.

Glenburn

Assemble at 5.45 am for 6.00 am dawn service at Glenburn Community Centre (opposite the Glenburn Hall, 3876 Melba Highway, Glenburn).

Kinglake

Dawn service at 5.30 am, followed by traditional gunfire breakfast at St Peter’s Community WW1 Memorial Church, Kinglake.

Service at 10.00 am at the Lions Club ANZAC Memorial, Kinglake Community Centre, 436 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road, Kinglake (entry via Extons Road).

Marysville

Assemble at 10.30 am at corner Murchison Street and Lyell Street for a march at 10.40 am to the Marysville Cenotaph for 11.00 am service.

Strath Creek

Assemble at 8.45 am for 9.00 am service at Strath Creek Pioneer Reserve Memorial, Glover Street, Strath Creek.

Yarck

Wreath laying service at 10.00 am at the Yarck War Memorial, 6592 Maroondah Highway, Yarck.

Yea

Private service at 9:45 am at Yea Memorial Hospital for Rosebank Nursing Home residents and family.

Assemble at 10.45 am at the Yea Cenotaph for 11.00 am service.



There were some amazing sights to be seen on their trip of a lifetime. -S



The students had a great experience riding the camels. -S

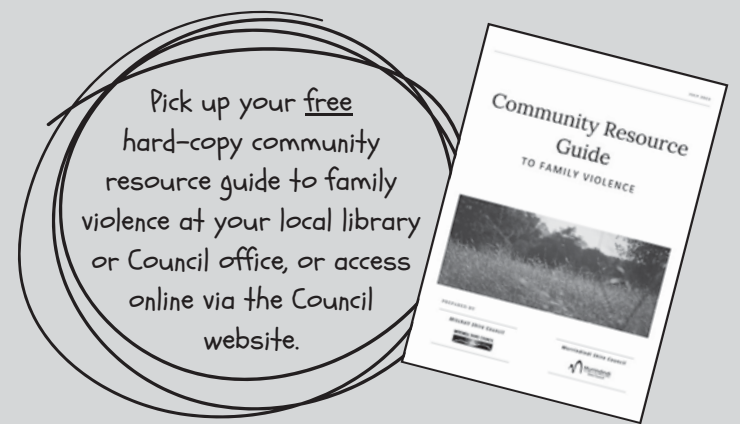


The students went on some great hikes through Kings Canyon and around the base of Uluru. -S



A Little Respect

Creating space for conversations in our community about important topics related to relationships, gender equality and family violence prevention.



Lee has worked in a variety of fields spanning multi-national corporations, social non-profits and Local Government. She is passionate about raising awareness of important issues in the local community, particularly related to gender equality and family violence. Lee operates with curiosity over conflict and believes we all have something to learn from one another. Lee's work aligns with her studies in law and criminology, but mostly with her lived experience as Victim-Survivor. She recently spoke at a state-wide Local Government Forum headlined by Grace Tame, and is currently the Free From Violence and Gender and Diversity Officer at Murrindindi Shire Council.

Topic of the month: Andrew Tate

Andrew Tate is the latest in a string of influencers peddling ideas about male supremacy. He is a self-described misogynist and is currently being detained on charges related to alleged sexual assault and human trafficking. Despite these giant red flags, he has a massive following of men and boys looking to emulate his supposedly flashy 'alpha male' lifestyle in which he exploits women, whom he refers to as 'intrinsically lazy'. But don't worry – Tate also describes himself a 'good guy'. Yep, Tate says he genuinely cares about and wants to 'protect' women – presumably, from men like... Tate? If you think this is scary and a backwards step for gender equality, you're not alone.

Reader question of the month

I am concerned to witness the increasing influence of Andrew Tate among the student population in our Shire and the wider community. As a parent, I am worried about my daughter's experience in the classroom and about her general safety. Why are boys finding Tate's views appealing and what can we do to challenge their thinking without alienating them? –Concerned

Answer

In aligning with Tate, these boys are seeking reassurance and belonging above all else. They want to feel important, like we all do. As some boys (and men) see minorities gaining ground (even though some are very much losing ground) in their valid fight for equality, these boys/men may feel threatened or 'othered'. Some of them feel they are being framed as 'bad guys' when they want to be seen as 'good guys' by default. Followers of Tate believe the rhetoric that they are under attack by those advocating for equality, and that if others gain more rights, they will somehow lose theirs, which simply isn't true.

This isn't to say Tate doesn't raise real issues relevant to men, including increased male suicide rates, loneliness and relationship struggles. The problem is that he frames the cause of these issues as being directly related to feminism. In other words, he thinks women are to blame for many struggles faced by men today. This is also untrue. It is a society rooted in patriarchal and gendered stereotypes that dictates men (and women) behave in certain ways, that is the problem. Men should be able to express vulnerability and feel safe in their peer groups when they do. There are many studies already out there on the Andrew Tate problem but unfortunately there is no precise roadmap on how to really counter his destructive views. In other words, there is no quick fix. Coming to the table with facts seems to no longer be an effective tool in educating young people, and alarmingly, many older people too. Because, if you're not saying the things that Tate fans want to believe, they will simply opt into an alternative reality that makes them feel more validated, comfortable and powerful.

But, if in response to Tate, we only call boys out (i.e., shame them for their views in front of their peers), we will only push them further to the fringes, leaving them feeling so isolated, so on the edge of things – that it just reinforces a belief that they are entitled to retaliate to this exclusion with aggression or even violence. So maybe, just maybe, if we call these boys in, invite them (and ourselves) to get curious about the source of these ideas – perhaps with support, they can begin to imagine a kind of belonging that doesn't push anyone down or out.

We all have a responsibility to raise one another up, especially young people. It may be frustrating to do this work gently, but gentleness and kindness is exactly what we want to see young men fostering. There is a strength in that. Let's ask and really hear the answers about what boys find appealing about Tate's ideas. From this place, we can start to unpick what it is boys want to feel, not just what they say in front of other boys. More often than not, what we'll uncover is fear, loneliness and a desire to feel connected. Surely, we can work with that.

The Tate problem is not the role of just one person to fix, nor is it up to women alone to solve. All of us, especially men, need to rally and commit to joining together to create safer communities and safer conversational spaces for boys. And beyond this, we must agitate for our leaders to do the same. Yes, it is uncomfortable and yes, it is worth doing.

**This article is supported by peer reviewed research.*

Let's Talk: A Space for Men

Thursday 20 June, Yea Shire Hall
12.30- 2.30 pm

Men's mental health is vitally important. Men and boys need more spaces to talk about the things that impact them. Nobody gets everything right all the time and that's okay! We invite men, boys (and anyone with an interest in the issues facing men and boys) to join together for this exciting event and FREE leadership opportunity, headlined by keynote speaker Tarang Chawla. Guest Cr Damien Gallagher, Murrindindi Shire Mayor, an expert from the Men's Project, a local sporting club leader, as well as some other local blokes you might know, will also be part of the panel. Scan the QR code to secure your place.



Next month: celebrating IDAHOBIT Day

How our differences strengthen the community

For many of us, we have things that make us unique and different. Things that make going into a new environment feel overwhelming. This is why we need days like the International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), which is held annually on 17 May. What are your thoughts on IDAHOBIT Day? Do you think communities understand the link between IDAHOBIT Day and creating safer spaces for everyone in our Shire? Is there an experience you would like to share around this? We'd love to hear from you! Simply email communitydevelopment@murrindindi.vic.gov.au to get in touch. Your identity will remain anonymous.

Getting support

Call 000 in an emergency or if you are in immediate danger.

- 1800 RESPECT: 1800 737 732
- Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre: 1800 015 188
- Orange Door Goulburn: 1800 634 245
- Nexus Primary Health: 1300 737 732
- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- Djirra Aboriginal Women Support Service: 1800 959 563
- Mensline Australia: 1300 789 978
- 'Are You Safe at Home?' website: areyousafeathome.org.au

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IMPORTING second hand farm machinery such as tractors, seeders, sprayers, harvesters, baling or storage equipment from interstate can provide an alternative to buying brand new.

However, there are a few matters to consider before you buy.

Besides the costs of the machine and its transport, there are other costs involved in ensuring the machine meets Victorian biosecurity legislation (*Plant Biosecurity Act 2010*) and the conditions of entry described in the Victorian Plant Biosecurity Manual.

Used agricultural equipment and spare parts could pose a high risk to Victoria's unique environment and agricultural industries.

Given the nature of their work, there is a high possibility used machinery could harbor weeds, pests and diseases that isn't wanted in Victoria.

Therefore, unless they meet specific conditions of entry outlined in the Plant Quarantine Manual (PQM), they are prohibited from entry.

For example, Annual Ryegrass Toxicity (ARGT) is not in Victoria. ARGT host material includes cereal crops, first cut lucerne, pasture hay, stock feed or plant waste and could be located anywhere in Western Australia, South Australia or New South Wales.

Any machinery from these states must meet the specific conditions of entry to minimise any risk of introducing ARGT into Victoria.

Equally, Victoria is free from the fungal disease, Lupin Anthracnose (LA). Important lupin growing states like SA and WA don't have area freedom from LA and therefore, restrictions apply to the importation of machinery into Victoria from there.

These (and other) biosecurity risks are carried in soil, animal or plant material found on or inside used farm machinery.

Therefore, they must be thoroughly cleaned, free of plant material and visible soil, and inspected by a government officer.

A Plant Health Certificate must then be issued before movement into Victoria.

There are costs and time involved with such a thorough clean, often requiring the partial dismantling of the machine or equipment to access all the hidden away, hard to get at areas.

For example, debris is commonly found collecting in the driver's cabin, on the chassis, in the grain bin, augers, belts, elevators, spreaders, choppers, tyres, rims, sieves, radiator and under any guards.

Always check early with an Agriculture Victoria Biosecurity Officer before you sign up to import a used farm machine into Victoria.

The import prohibition doesn't apply if the host material is grown on, sourced from, or last used on a property that is located in a state or territory for which area freedom exists.

In the case of LA, this exemption currently applies for Queensland, NSW, Tasmania and the Northern Territory, meaning the unrestricted importation of LA host material from these locations is allowed (provided no other quarantine restrictions apply).

Currently Queensland, Tasmania and NT have state freedom for ARGT so no permit or PHC is required for machinery from these states.

Tips for buyers: It's the importer's responsibility to ensure all imported, used agricultural equipment is thoroughly clean prior to export and a PHC is obtained. The cost of dismantling, cleaning, and certifying a grain harvester sometimes totalling over \$10,000; used agricultural equipment found to be unacceptably contaminated on arrival will be re-exported or subjected to an expensive cleaning process at the expense of the new owner; use an experienced machinery dealer who regularly imports from other states. Different dealers offer varying support and services in the price they quote; don't get stuck with a dirty machine. It's a massive biosecurity risk to your farm and the grains industry. If it doesn't arrive clean, you will have to clean it before using it.

Practical and inexpensive farm biosecurity tactics are found at farmbiosecurity.com.au and agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity

Please contact Agriculture Victoria on 136 186 for any biosecurity related matters.

Disastrous fire ant consequences without urgent action

THE report of the Senate inquiry into fire ants, released on Friday, April 19, called for an urgent review of funding and other changes to the response program if Australia is to win the battle to keep the country fire ant free.

The inquiry found that there would be 'disastrous consequences' for Australia's natural environment and economy if eradication was not successful.

If the highly invasive fire ants are not eradicated from the massive infestation area in south east Queensland, all Australians will suffer their impacts.

For the last 23 years the government-funded eradication program run by the Queensland government has had multiple setbacks due to limited funding, slow decision-making and unnecessary secrecy.

The committee confirmed that eradication remains possible, but warned that unless major changes are made to the response program, the ants will continue to spread.

The committee made clear that 'current resources and funding are unlikely to meet that eradication goal' and recommended an urgent review of funding and the program's structure.

Reece Pianta, Advocacy Manager at the Invasive Species Council, said, "The senate committee report is a call for our government to boost fire ant eradication efforts. While the report makes it clear that the eradication program has successfully slowed the spread of fire ants, that approach is not a solution. The evidence to the committee was damning. There's now no excuse, the government must conduct an urgent review of fire ant eradication funding.

"The Prime Minister and Minister Murray Watt and state and territory governments must act on these urgent recommendations to get fire ant eradication back on track. Governments that let fire ants spread will be judged harshly by future Australians. This report comes on the heels of new economic modelling that fire

ant impacts in Australia will exceed \$2 billion per year."

The report titled *Red imported fire ants in Australia: Don't let this come back to bite us* contained 10 recommendations and received unanimous support from the cross-party Senate committee.

The recommendations call for an alternative independent agency or commission for fire ant eradication program delivery, a rapid review of current funding to ensure it is sufficient and uninterrupted to get the job done, greater eradication program transparency and a public awareness campaign, an increased investment in research on emerging fire ant eradication techniques, more resources for public self-treatment of fire ants in the infestation zone, and increased compliance to control fire ant movements in freight.

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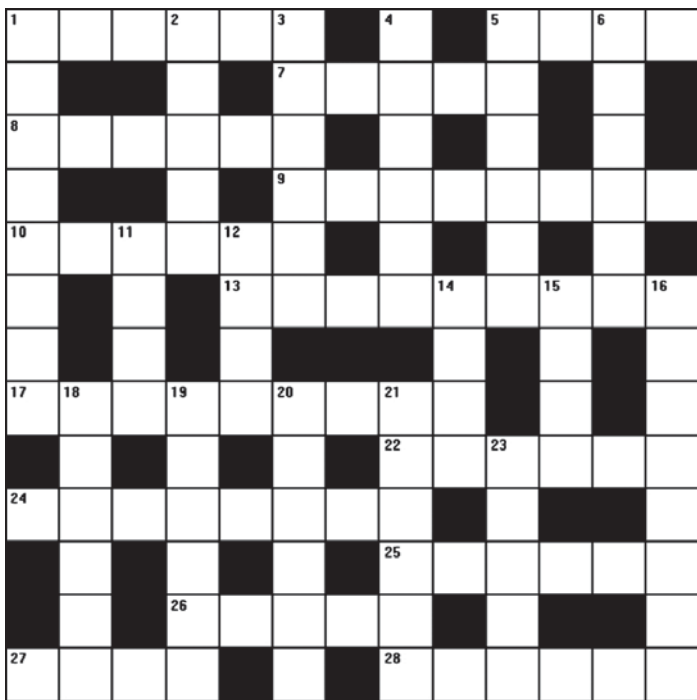
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Crossword

ACROSS

1. A narrative song.
5. A stunted tail.
7. Take on a certain form.
8. A religious retreat.
9. In a frugal manner.
10. A Scottish design.
13. A favourable position.
17. Person who arrives before others.
22. Land surrounded by water.
24. Reflected and twinkled.
25. Fire breathing mythical beast.
26. Strip of water made for boats.
27. Small casks.
28. The full amount.



DOWN

1. OK, but unpleasant.
2. Truck designed to carry heavy loads.
3. Blocked up.
4. A musical composition.
5. A thoroughfare.
6. Free from obstruction.
11. A toothed wheel.
12. A polite name for a woman.
14. Bobs up and down.
15. A song for a solo voice.
16. Proof.
18. Relating to the Alps.
19. Words to a song.
20. Arranging into stacks.
21. A brain-teaser.
23. Jumped out.

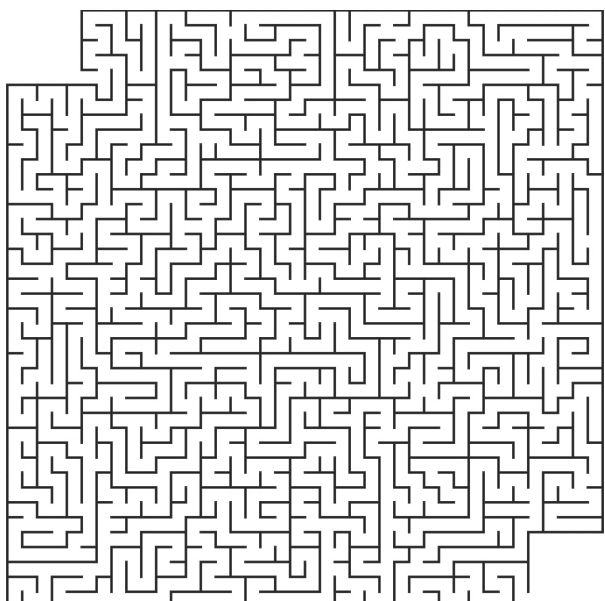
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Have you considered getting a tracker for your wayward pet? -Sheila Sund

Keeping your pets on track

HAVE you ever become annoyed at all of the lost pet posts on Facebook community pages, and have you then been mortified to discover that you had to post one yourself? Fortunately, there's a way around it. Pet GPS and bluetooth trackers are available for your favourite furry escape artist.

A wide range of trackers are on the market, offering extended ranges and real-time tracking.

There are two main types. Bluetooth trackers connect to your phone, but only have a range of 30 to 40 metres. This means that if your pet runs away, the tracker may not be helpful at finding them. On the upside, they're low-cost, the batteries are long lasting, and are generally small and lightweight.

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is unlimited, and as an added bonus, you can also see how active your pooch has been during the day, to ensure that they're getting enough exercise. The GPS trackers are connected to your phone or other device via an app. With a GPS tracker, you can also set up a safe zone (such as your backyard) and receive a notification if your pet steps outside of this zone. Be aware that some GPS trackers charge a monthly fee while others are free. They also only work where there is mobile coverage.

GPS trackers will also require much more frequent battery charging than Bluetooth trackers. They are priced at around \$70 to \$250.

If you do decide to get a tracker for your pet, make sure that it is a suitable weight for the dog. You don't want your chihuahua trotting around with a brick attached to its collar.

How to report potholes online

THE condition of local roads is a big deal, given it impacts the safety of shire residents. VicRoads is giving citizens the opportunity to report potholes on their website.

Head to vicroads.vic.gov.au/traffic-and-road-use/report-a-road-issue to report road issues that are not an immediate threat, such as small potholes, signs that have fallen over, faded linemarking, etcetera. To report urgent road hazards that present an immediate danger, call 13 11 70.

On the website, select a category for feedback from the drop-down list. For potholes, select the category Road and Traffic Hazards. Then select a subject from

the second drop-down list (road conditions/potholes, bridges and structures, road signs, etcetera).

Once you've made your selection, click next, and a new page will open up. On this page there is space to write a comment on the subject, such as the condition of the road, as well as space for providing the pothole's location address, and details to contact you if further information is required.

Fill out all the required fields by typing the information. After that, just click the button at the bottom of the page that says submit feedback or enquiry to lodge your report.

Prep enrolments open for 2025

THE Victorian Government has opened enrolments for the 2025 intake of Prep students, encouraging families to plan their applications for their preferred school as their children prepare to start their primary education.

Minister for Education, Ben Carroll, today announced enrolment applications are open until Friday, July 26, giving families time to plan, visit schools and get the information they need to apply.

"Planning for your child's education is exciting – we're making sure families have the most up-to-date information to enrol their children at our fantastic primary schools," Mr Carroll said.

Students have guaranteed access to their designated neighbourhood school.

"We're making sure all Victorians have access to first-rate schools close to home so that students have every chance to thrive at school," Mr Carroll said.

Parents and carers will receive offer letters back by Friday, August 9, while applications received after Friday, July 26, will be considered by schools as they are received.

Families with children in Year Six will receive a Placement Information Pack at

the start of term two, which includes an Application for Year Seven Placement Form, which will need to be submitted by Friday, May 10.

Families applying for places at their local government school from the start of term two can now also access the recently updated Find my School website, which gives parents and carers the latest information on school zones.

The Find my School website allows families to find their designated neighbourhood government school and other government schools nearby, giving them clarity on what their government school options are for their children.

It now includes six new government schools set to open in 2025, along with small changes to existing government school zones to reflect changes in school provision and adjustments to improve accessibility for all students.

Schools can be found by typing in a residential address or searching by school name or categories such as primary, secondary, or specialist school.

To find your local school zone, visit findmyschool.vic.gov.au and to learn more about the enrolment process, visit vic.gov.au/starting-school.

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Two standard mail deliveries each week from Australia Post

AUSTRALIA Post has welcomed historic changes to the regulations governing the organisation, with new Prescribed Performance Standards effective from Monday, April 15. These changes follow the federal government's announcement in December last year regarding the first phase of reform to modernise Australia Post.

Australia Post's letters business has been in unstoppable decline for more than a decade, a trend which has been playing out globally. However, eCommerce continues to grow year-on-year, with 9.5 million Australian households shopping online in 2023. The changes to the regulations establish a platform for Australia Post to build a more financially sustainable business, while still providing stable employment for thousands of team members and delivering for customers.

Australia Post has conducted a national trial of its new delivery model, which will be gradually rolled out until the end of 2025. The new delivery model sees posties deliver priority mail, express letters and parcels every day, while standard letters and unaddressed mail will be delivered every second day. This means posties can deliver more parcels, more often.

Australia Post Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Paul Graham, said, "This is a very significant day in the modernisation of Australia Post and we welcome the new regulations for letter delivery.

"The new regulations will enable Australia Post to focus on what Australians want most; flexible and more reliable parcel deliveries with enhanced tracking technology and more delivery options.

"Households now receive about two letters per week, and we expect this to halve in the next five years. By contrast, Australians spend about \$64 billion a year shopping online and want reliable parcel deliveries. Australia Post is the vital eCommerce link between those digital stores and the front door of millions of homes.

"Urgent mail, including Express Post, will still be delivered every business day as it always has, and our commitment to the service and support we provide across Australia continues.

"The regulations governing Australia Post had previously required us to focus on everyday letter delivery, even when there were no letters to deliver. This has been contributing to significant financial losses for Australia Post.

"With the strong support of the federal government, this is an important first step for Australia Post to address those financial losses by focusing its services on the growing parcel-delivery business and a better experience for our customers," Mr Graham said.

Under the regulatory changes, the delivery of non-urgent letters will take place every second business day, rather than every business day. The change will be implemented progressively across Australia through to the end of 2025.

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DEATH NOTICES

SMITH, Alan
 On behalf of Alexandra District Health, we express our heartfelt condolences on the recent passing of Alan Smith.

Alan was a dedicated founding member of the ADH Community Advisory Committee and will be fondly remembered by ADH staff and board members.

May he rest in Peace.

MEETINGS

THE ALEXANDRA BOWLING CLUB AGM will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 11am. Following the AGM, presentations will be held, and lunch will be provided. General Business for the AGM must be in writing and submitted to the secretary one week before the AGM.

EILDON EVENTS INC. AGM will be held at the Eildon Tennis Clubroom, Eildon Road, Eildon on Thursday, May 16 at 5pm. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining our committee. For more information or a nomination form, email eildoneventsinc@gmail.com

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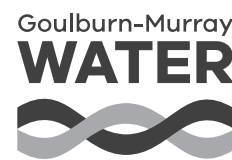
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Dishing the dirt on illegal rubbish dumping

WHEN it's costing \$30 million per year in Victoria across all levels of government and the community to clear illegal waste disposal, it is obviously displaying a bigger problem at hand as to why waste isn't going to the correct waste disposal centres.

According to the EPA, "illegal waste disposal is leaving waste at a place that's not licensed to accept it. This includes dumping, tipping, burying, and stockpiling. These methods are illegal whether it occurs on public or private land. Poor storage or handling of waste is a dumping offence."

Murrindindi District Manager of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), Lucas Russell, said, "Rubbish dumping and littering on public land is illegal and risks the health of our environment. Authorised Officers investigate cases of illegal dumping, and an offence can result in an on the spot fine of \$385 or the most serious offences can carry fines of more than \$46,000 if a matter is taken to court."

The most common items found dumped on public land are household waste, mattresses, garden waste, car tyres, and building materials, including asbestos. All these items are accepted at most resource recovery centres so why is it more desirable to dump them on public land and risk an even greater fine than the waste disposal fees themselves?

Some barriers that may contribute to this way of thinking are the price of the waste disposal fees, gaining access to resource recovery centres and the issue of certain items only being accepted at specific resource recovery centres. An example of this exact issue is the Murrindindi Shire operates five resources recovery centres and the Alexandra Landfill.

The Marysville Resource Recovery doesn't accept mattresses and couches, tyres or electronic waste, and the Eildon Resource Recovery Centre doesn't accept electronic waste. This is due to facilities at the resource recovery centres and contractual arrangements.

Caroline Lintott, Director of Assets and Environment for the Murrindindi Shire, said the reason for this is, "the collection of e-waste is based on a network outlined by the Victorian state government, who provided funding to set up compliant collection points on that network only. It did not include Eildon or Marysville because of their locations and low

volumes of waste received. The Marysville Resource Recovery Centre does not receive mattresses or couches because it does not have the infrastructure and the site has limited scope for expansion."

Unfortunately, in this day and age with the cost of living and fuel prices, is this a barrier as to why these items are found in local state forests and public land instead of where they should be disposed of?

In the Murrindindi Shire, illegal dumping of rubbish is costing council \$80,000 to \$100,000 per annum. This figure is dependant on the nature of the dumped material, this particularly includes the disposal of asbestos as it's a costly exercise requiring skilled contractors to remove the waste.

Ms Lintott said, "The substantial costs are primarily borne by land managers, including Parks Victoria, Rural Roads Victoria, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), HVP Plantations who manage the majority of timber plantations in Victoria, and Council...The largest volume of dumped rubbish we see is construction rubble, followed by other commercial waste. We also see mattresses, children's toys, dead animals, and bagged domestic waste.

"Where dumping occurs on Council roadsides or property, Council will usually receive notifications from community, and we will coordinate the clean up. In the past 12 months, Council received 57 dumped rubbish customer requests from the community."

Ms Lintott added, "Anyone who dumps rubbish can be fined under local laws or the Environment Protection Act. The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has mostly delegated compliance responsibility to local government. Council's Community Safety team attends numerous incidents of illegal dumping on Council land and roads to conduct detailed investigations to identify the offenders and arrange removal. The EPA will get involved in large incidents, such as a recent dump of truckloads of tyres on public land in Kinglake."

If you see littering on public land, please report it to DEECA on 136 186. If you witness somebody illegally dumping their rubbish on a street, footpath, park or other public space, please phone the 24 hour EPA pollution hotline on 1300 372 842 or Murrindindi Shire Council on 5772 0333.

and the second highest number of submissions came from Murrindindi, with 36 submissions, ahead of Greater Shepparton, Gannawarra, Loddon and Greater Bendigo. Despite this, the committee looked at the experiences of residents of Echuca, Rochester, Seymour and Shepparton most closely. A total of 880 submissions were received.

While the interim report commences the committee's discussion of recovery needs in northern Victoria, the final report will make recommendations to the Victorian Government, and will include the causes and contributing factors to the October 2022 flood, including planning, governance, flood mitigation, flood warnings and SES responses.

The committee noted Lake Eildon's filling target and said, "Releasing water from dams can be a significant mitigation measure. However as noted above, some stakeholders from the flood affected areas in Northern Victoria attributed some blame to the water releases for the magnitude of flooding their towns experienced. Water releases at Lake Eildon and Lake Eppalock is discussed further in the Final Report."

Tim McCurdy, the Shadow Minister for Water, criticised the Allan Government for its slow response, noting that many communities are still waiting for appropriate support 18 months on from the floods.

"Regional communities continue to miss out on the funding required to upgrade local infrastructure, making vital improvements that could help prevent severe infrastructure damage and save lives in a future flood event," Mr McCurdy said.

The Nationals Member for Northern Victoria Gaelle Broad spoke on the issue as part of the regional sitting. Ms Broad is a member of the committee undertaking the inquiry.

She said, "It is time Victoria looks to the example of states like Queensland and builds back better to ensure that we are better prepared for disasters in future."

Past Olympians from Murrindindi Shire

MURRINDINDI Shire has fielded a number of athletes for the Olympics over the years, and with the build up to the Paris 2024 Olympics in full swing, now is the perfect time to recall their exploits.

The most successful Olympian from the shire, Bill Roycroft from Flowerdale, won two bronze medals and a gold medal across his years of equestrian events. He competed in all the summer Olympics spanning from 1960 through to 1976 in the equestrian category. In 1960 he won gold in the team event, and took home a bronze medal for the 1968 team event and the 1976 team event.

Laurie Morgan, born in Yea, competed with Bill Roycroft in the 1960 summer Olympics, winning gold alongside Roycroft in the team equestrian event, and winning gold for himself in the individual competition.

Another winter Olympian, Andrew Paul, was born in Alexandra and competed in the 1984 and 1988 winter Olympics. He placed 50th in the 10km biathlon in 1984, and 47th in the 20km biathlon of the same year, marking his best results for the sport.

Ray Weinberg, born in Alexandra, competed across various athletics events in the 1948 and 1952 summer Olympics.

Born in Yea, Matt Gray competed in the archery category in the 1996, 2000, and 2008 summer Olympics. In 1996 he finished fourth in the team event, and finished 26th in the individual competition. These were his best results across the years.

Casey Wright stands as the most recent athlete, originating from Alexandra, and competing in the 2018 winter Olympics and the 2022 winter Olympics. Her feats in the skiing category include placing 63rd in the sprint event in 2018, and 16th in the 2022 team sprint.

If anyone has any links to people competing in the Olympics this year, call us on 5772 1002, or email editorial@alexandranewspapers.com.au

Pointing down a step up for night sky preservation

AS the world steadily trundles forward with technology, there are increasing concerns about humanity's impact on the environment. The Australasian Dark Sky Alliance (ADSA) provides advice and guidelines for environmentally friendly outdoor lighting, with a focus on decreasing light pollution in the southern hemisphere.

The organisation was established in 2019 and is dedicated to reducing light pollution by bringing awareness to the unnecessary extravagance of outdoor lighting.

They recommend that outdoor lighting, especially street lighting, be pointed downwards, and shielded if possible, so that it only illuminates where people walk or drive. This could include positioning lighting on handrails, or the edges of boardwalks, or other low places where very little light is projected into the night sky.

To work towards their goal, ADSA created a set of guidelines for Dark Sky Approved lighting, that councils, designers, or even the community, can refer to in order to decrease their impact on the night sky.

ADSA approves lighting based on its upward waste of light, correlated colour temperature (CCT) value, time turned on, number of lights, and other factors.

As it stands, light pollution disrupts animal breeding and migration habits, can have a negative impact on people's health, as well as their sleeping habits, and restrict the ability of observatories, and people, to study the night sky.

To find out more about the Australasian Dark Sky Alliance and their mission to preserve the night sky, visit australasiandarkskyalliance.org

Interim 2022 flood report released

THE interim report from the state Legislative Council's Environment and Planning Committee into the 2022 flood event in Victoria has been released.

The report included the following findings.

Finding 1: The complexity of processes associated with flood recovery financial supports exacerbated the distress of some flood-impacted individuals, families and businesses. Some communities experienced delays to immediate relief and some were potentially deterred from claiming assistance which would have facilitated recovery.

Finding 2: Despite the availability of a wide range of grants and financial support programs, the support available does not always effectively align with the actual needs of affected individuals and communities.

Finding 3: In Northern Victoria, the broader issues of housing availability, affordability and suitability in the region created additional strain in housing flood-affected people. These issues underscore a systemic challenge extending beyond the immediate emergency response.

Finding 4: In Northern Victoria, the October 2022 flood event has seen the prolonged submersion of land and infrastructure resulting in extensive damage and erosion. The damage of the floods has been widespread including the tragic loss of life, displacement of residents and damage to thousands of homes and businesses.

Finding 5: There is a pressing demand for comprehensive community support, including practical measures, and a critical necessity for increasing support mechanisms addressing emotional and mental impacts for an effective emergency response.

Finding 6: Timely insurance processing is crucial for easing financial strain and expediting post-disaster rebuilding. Delays or inadequate coverage prolong hardships, hindering recovery for individuals and communities.

In forming the interim report, the committee received 429 submissions from Campaspe Shire,

Protect your paddock trees

Landholders are being urged to take the necessary steps to protect paddock trees when burning stubble on their properties.

Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) Regional Manager of Natural Environment Programs, Jane Roots, said native paddock trees have significant biodiversity benefits and are protected by law.

Good planning and management before burning off on your property is important and will help avoid impacts, ensuring these valuable trees are protected in the long term.

There are a few actions you can take to protect paddock trees: slash around the tree to establish an adequate fire break and wet the area around the tree before beginning your burn.

It is also important to ensure you have adequate water and the right equipment on hand to extinguish the fire before starting a burn.

Jane Roots, also said it is important to protect native paddock trees.

"They provide shade to stock, reduce wind impacts to crops, store carbon, and provide habitat to important pollinators and birds that feed on pests.

"We encourage landholders to be well prepared before beginning a stubble burn.

"Creating firebreaks around trees and having water and equipment ready to extinguish the fire will ensure you can protect your valued native trees," Ms Roots said.

Anyone wanting to report concerns about stubble burning and the destruction of any paddock trees should contact their local council.

Away games for Yea's junior footballers

FOOTBALL

Under 9

by Michael Beer

THE team played well together today and a great day of football was had.

Hamish had great energy, roving around the pack. He was making opportunities for the team and provided a great example.

Ashton's confidence with marking and getting in front of opponents was impressive.

Logan was always chasing and giving real effort around the ball, with determination that his teammates can draw a lot of energy from.

Fox saw a real improvement, taking some great marks in the back and forward lines, whilst also getting the hang of hit outs in the ruck.

Josh was impressive in his running, clearance and attack. Beyond playing a great game, it was good seeing him encourage his teammates.

Jake showed real courage in front of much bigger opponents, with his head down to win the ball.

Jack showed great energy in the way he attacked the game. His movement around the ground and penetrating kicking is game changing.

Awards: Marmalade Player of the Week: Josh Frankcombe; Yarra Valley Gas most improved: Jake Aldrich.

Under 10

by Budgie Kiss

FIRSTLY the club would like to thank Mat Pollard for helping set up the ground and Shane Barbetti for umpiring. On a great sunny Sunday, the under 10s had a great hit out against Alexandra and got off to a flying start with onballers Archie Armstong, Toby Johnston, and Henry Reid sending balls into the forward line. The second and third quarters saw all the Tigers tackling and putting pressure on very well. Immi Kiss was on the end of a good team play. Atticus Barbetti was very solid up forward. Whilst in the backline Dougie was bringing the ball to ground. Safari Kiss was putting pressure on all day and Oliver Skilling was dominating all day.

Awards: Marmalade Player of the Week: Toby Johnston; Yarra Valley Gas most improved: Oliver Skilling.

Under 12 Alexandra Rebels 5.9 - 39 defeated Yea 1.0 - 6

by Shane Barbetti

THE first home game was against Alexandra. Alexandra got off to a strong start, with some of their bigger-bodied players dominating. Yea's backline, led by Cooper Baynes, held up well under the pressure with contributions from Jack Johnston, Toby Geeson and tireless running by Evan Porter. Benji Dredge was working really hard in the ruck and Sienna Duncan put on her usual display of courage and determination. In the second half, the move of Cooper Baynes to the centre paid dividends. He was able to capitalise on the ruck-work of Benji Dredge and give Yea first use of the ball. Their teamwork paid off with a quick clearance and some great passing resulted in the Tigers' first goal of the season to a quick-thinking Angus McGillivray. The improving fitness of the team and a bit more self-belief allowed them to keep Alexandra to two goals in the second half.

Awards: Marmalades player of the week: Ashton Garlick; Just Great Coffee encouragement award: Benji Dredge; Duncan's Paint and Panel, Red Hot Go Award: Cooper Baynes.

Under 14 Alexandra 15.15 - 105 defeated Yea 2.1 - 13

by Tania Day

A GLORIOUS autumn day saw Yea host Alexandra for the first home game of the season. With bolstered numbers and again the generosity of the under 12's, they managed to field a side of 17.

The team played very well under the tutelage of returned coach Hayden Gilmore, and assisted by Mark Steiner, the Tigers kept Alexandra at bay for the first half kicking two goals one to Alexandra's four goals to eight. Pumped up by the coach the team headed into the second half with plenty of enthusiasm and bravado. As the second half progressed, Alexandra got away and the legs began to tire, not surprisingly, as almost half the side played eight quarters of football. A big shout out from the club to all the families for helping and getting behind the club to get this team on the ground. Next week Yea plays Tahlk at Nagambie.

Awards: Louis McAlpin; Hamish Antrobus.



The under 14s. -S



B Dredge, C Baynes and A Garlick from the under 12s. -S



J Frankcombe and J Alrick played in the under nines. -S



O Skilling and T Johnston from the under 10s. -S



L McAlpin and H Antrobus. -S

National Street Stock Champion wins Victorian Production Sedan Title at Alexandra

by Dean Thompson

ALEXANDRA and District Speedway Club played host to the 2023 / 2024 Victorian Production Sedan title on April 20, with the sole South Australian in the field taking victory in the big race. This was a race that was filled with thrills and heartbreaks before Nathan Brackstone-Thorne passed the chequered flag to be declared the winner. Other winners on the night included Nathan Shortis in the Goulburn Ovens Sedan Association series round, Xander Baxter in Junior 1200s, Blake Beach in Junior New Stars, Matt Nelson in Street Stocks, Ian Thomsen in Sports Sedans, and Jasmin Molloy in Ladies Sports Sedans.

After winning all three heat races in the Junior 1200cc Sedans, Xander Baxter would rip around Alexandra Speedway to claim a victory in the final ahead of Alexandra member Brody Barton, Tylor Claridge, Dayne Murdoch another from the host club and Chase Doherty.

Alexandra members Luke Fallon, David Donegan, and Ian Thomsen all shared heat race wins in the Sports Sedan class before Thomsen led every lap in the final to back up his last start win at Alexandra in the Power series events. Thomsen defeated Donegan, Denni Reid, rookie racer Lachlan Pottage of the Alexandra club and Tim McKenzie.

Matt Nelson, a winner of multiple state championship races himself, led the charge for Alexandra in the Street Stocks winning all three heats and then the final in a perfect night of Street Stock racing for him. Leigh Gooding finished the final in second with Tyler Barton, Troy Polley and Mat Bishop rounding out the top five. Along the way Nelson put in the record books a new one lap time of 21.169 seconds and a twelve-lap time of four minutes and 43.161 seconds.

Ladies competed under the name of Ladies Sports Sedans at Alexandra for the first time and Kayla Mannix, Cobie McGraw and Mannix again shared the three heat race results. Starting from the second row in the final Jasmin Molloy would move to the lead

of the race by lap four, however Mannix and McGraw kept the pressure on the leader. The three Ladies cleared out from the field in a twelve-lap final with Leah Orgill in fourth almost a complete lap behind those at the front. In record time Molloy would hit the finish line just six hundredths of a second ahead of Mannix and .217 of a second in front of third placed McGraw in a new best time for the Ladies across twelve laps of five minutes and 23.522 seconds with Orgill finishing in fourth and Emma Threlfall fifth to round out the top five.

Racing returns to Alexandra Speedway on May 11 with Junior Sedan Promotional Association events, a Ladies Standard Saloon series round, plus more.

Annual foursome championships for Yea

by Alan Pell

SATURDAY saw 40 players contest the annual Foursomes Championships at the Yea Golf Club. The weather and course were ideal. The few "Augusta" type greens did however cause problems for some pairings.

In the mixed event Judi Newman (40) and Steve Rumney (26) took the honours with nett 70. Runners-up were Jeff (21) and Sue Aurisch (34) with nett 71.5. Third were Phil (21) and Cindy Armstrong (32) with nett 76.5. Scratch winners were Jo (23) and Paul Clayton (10) with 95 off the stick.

Mens foursomes winners were Brendan Chenhall (15) and Kevin Coghlan (22) with nett 73.5 from second Mic Spagnolo (6) and Ken

Whitfort (9) with nett 75.5 on countback from third Allan Coates (10) and John Tanner (25). Scratch winners were Mic and Ken with 83 off the stick. Nearest the pin on the 14th was Sam Wright, with John Phillips and Margie Wright nearest the pin on the 11th. The Club Award went to Neil Peterson and Rob O'Halloran.

This Saturday is the Four Ball Better Ball (4BBB) Championships for both men and ladies. Get a partner, book in online and be there at 11am for an 11.30am start if you can.

Numbers were up also at Wednesday's golf at Yea with 19 men and 13 ladies in the fields. The stroke and putting event was won by Peter Johnston (17) with nett 72 from second Brian Priestley (28) with nett 74, third on

countback Russ Wealands (23) with nett 75, from fourth Phil Armstrong (21) and fifth Brendan Chenhall (15). Nearest the pin on the 14th was Mic Spagnolo and John Renehan won the Club Award. The putting was won by Sam Wrights with 26 putts. In the ladies' event, the Monthly Medal was won by Di Holdsworth (27) with nett 70. Cindy Armstrong (32) and Jan Wealands (31) were place getters with nett 78.

Last Thursday Yea Golf Club hosted the Dalhousie Vets with 47 players in the field. Vicki Clements won C Grade with 38 points from runner-up Sue Aurisch with 36 points. In B Grade Jeff Aurisch was runner-up with 33 points and in A Grade Alan Pell was runner-up with 33 points also.



Judi Newman topped off a good day by winning the Chook and Mary Peterson the collectors stubby holder in Chooklotta. -S



Blue skies at the course. -S



The players last Saturday. -S



Mic Spagnolo and Ken Whitfort. -S



Judi Newman and Steve Rumney. -S



Kevin Coghlan and Brendan Chenhall. -S



Jo and Paul Clayton. -S



Well done to Vicki Clements, the Dalhousie C Grade Winner. -S

Term two squash begins in Alexandra

by Kristelle Leary

Monday competition Redfins v Trout

Daniel W v Pep: A CLOSE match starting with a tied game. Pep took the next two games with a narrow margin. A big fourth game saw Daniel come from behind to take the match. 64 to 61.

John v Derrick: Great shots and play from both players. Derrick managed take all games to clock up a few extra points in each game to take the win. 57 to 44.

Eels v Cods

Justin v Jared: Justin raced to an early lead with a twelve-point

margin after two games. Jared turned the tide taking the third and fourth game but couldn't pull it together for the win. Justin took the victory. 65 to 60.

Daniel K v Jim: Daniel was not messing around. His reflexes and placement were perfection, taking all four games and the match with a resounding lead. 83 to 36.

Thursday competition Cherry Ripe v Aiden

Beth v Aiden: Out of the gate Beth took the first two games. Aiden claimed the third game with a lead only to lose it in the fourth with a one-point loss. Beth was the winner. 57 to 56.

Kristelle v Lucas: Close games throughout. Going into game four there was a three-point lead in Lucas's favour. The intensity stepped up in the final game. Kristelle scraped together enough points to win. 66 to 62.

James W v Michael H: A fine line between loss and victory in this match. Two games each with seesawing wins. James kept it up and came out victorious. 63 to 62.

Jaffas v Smarties

Blake v Sam: Sam was in great form tonight. Blake attempted to stay in the match but lost out in the end. Sam won with a solid lead. 68 to 39.



John waits for a rebound off the left wall. -S

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Under 11 division two netballers. -S

Yea junior netballers shine in away games

Under 13

Yea 21 defeated Alexandra Black 10

FIRST home game of the season and the sun was shining and so were the under 13 Tigers. The focus of the game was tight defence with hands over the ball. The first quarter was an even affair both on the court and on the scoreboard with Yea only just pipping Alexandra Black by one goal, five to six. The second quarter saw Yea stretch the lead out to seven with some free-flowing ball movement through the mid court and the reinforcement of the days focus, defensive pressure. The rolling substitutes worked to Yea's advantage and all girls got an equal share of court time due to the depth that these young netballers are already showing. Their confidence is growing in the fact that when they are placed anywhere on the court they are having an impact. The third was another strong quarter with Yea cementing the lead, 20 to eight. The last quarter's defensive pressure from both teams was solid and

impressive attacking and defense from the Tigers saw the ball stay in Yea's possession even though it wasn't converted.

Awards: Yarra Valley Gas most improved: Izzy White; Marmalades player of the week: Ruby McKay.

Under 15

Yea 36 defeated Alexandra Black 9

by Kelly Harris

THE weather was magnificent in Yea for the Tiger's second round match against Alexandra Rebels Black. This provided its own challenge with several players certainly feeling the heat. The Tigers came out strong with Maya and Marley in the goals scoring 12 goals in the first quarter and Sienna and Micayla holding the Rebels to two. A second quarter change saw Sophie in the centre to assist with working the ball from end to end. The Tigers continued to build on their lead outscoring the Rebels again. At

half time the Tigers had the lead at 20 to seven. The third quarter saw Maya and Ella working in the goals to further advance the tigers while in defence Flynn, Sophie and Sienna were relentless and stopped the Rebels from scoring for the entire term. Scores at three-quarter time were Tigers 27 to Rebels seven. The Tigers continued to mix things up with their players and Hannah moved into goals with Sophie in the final term. Consistency in their shooting coupled with strong support outside of the ring from Ella and Marley saw the lead grow even further. Elsie demonstrated why she is reliable in defence, working with Flynn and Micayla to ensure that opportunities for goals by the Rebels were limited. Teamwork, flexibility, persistence and regular encouragement between each other saw Yea take the win.

Awards: Marmalade's player of the week: Micayla McGillivray; Yarra Valley Gas most improved: Ella Harris.

Blue skies for opening round of winter tennis

by Rhonda Carpenter

THE Euroa and District Winter Women's tennis competition began on a beautiful blue sky day Monday, April 15.

Terip hosted Moglonemby who began strongly taking both opening sets eight to five. Judy Sands, Debbie Seach, Marlene Hanrahan, and Lyn Johnston were all in fine form for their first match.

Terip's Frances Lawrence and Phoebe MacDermid wrestled their set back in a breaker, but the Moglonemby women were determined and took the next two. Bec Lyttle and Phoebe won theirs, but Moglonemby won the day four sets to two, 41 games to 33.

Over in Benalla Kate Campbell and Maureen Jewell drew on spare players from Euroa, Di Ellis and Julie Brook, for their match against Seven Creeks. Rosie Cameron, Row Ellis, Kelly Hill, and Jill Hayes worked hard in a skillful somewhat topsy-turvy contest. Sets were split evenly, but Benalla edged out the visitors by five games. They won the day 3/36 to 3/31.

New team Creighton's Creek also welcomed replacements for their contest against Delatite on the lawn and were convincing winners taking every set. Faye Mollison, Gayle Furphy, Kerry Hewlett and Triona King combined strongly against the visitors. Delatite's Karyn Fraser, Jo O'Brien, Belinda Cipa and Loretta Armitage warmed to the contest though and were warmed up for the final pairings. Creighton's Creek won 6/48 to 0/20. The win saw them take top spot on the ladder with 10 points.

In conditions resembling the best of summer, Wappan hosted Euroa in Mansfield for a marathon first outing. Euroa's Chris Ellis, Julie Harrington, Mary Dewis, Ruth Nolan, and Lyn Pierce were placing the ball with precision while Wappan ran hard to chase balls down in an entertaining and enjoyable day of tennis.

Wappan's Liza Karras, Jenny Bell, Rhonda Carpenter and Di Bergelin were in for the long haul and were delighted to take one set eight to four from the more experienced visitors. Two other sets were taken narrowly by Euroa, eight to six, and in a tiebreak nine to seven.

Euroa took the win 5/44 to 1/26 and second spot on the ladder. Weary players acknowledged each other's good play in the clubhouse over refreshments after the match.



The under 13 award winners. -S



The under 15 netball award winners. -S



The under 11 award winners. -S



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