

# The Yea Chronicle

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Students from Yea and Sacred Heart Primary Schools taking part in the tree planting in Yea. The event was organised by the Upper Goulburn Landcare Network and supported by Murrindindi Shire Council. More images on page 6. -S

## Flood gauges in the shire

MURRINDINDI Shire Council was asked to provide information about the potential installation of flood gauges for the Yea River and Murrindindi River due to their importance in the area. They were asked whether there was any action in this area, and whether they were directly responsible.

They responded, “The installation and maintenance of river gauges in Murrindindi Shire is shared among local water authorities, Catchment Management Authorities, the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) and councils.

“Murrindindi Shire Council has been advocating to Ministers and DEECA for a suite of rain and river gauges to provide timely and informed advice to emergency services. This advice should then be available to the community through the VicEmergency app and communication channels.

“Council recently supported DEECA to install a new automated river gauge on the Goulburn River at Molesworth.

“Council is also actively working with the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) on several flood modelling projects aimed at improving community flood readiness and enhancing flood intelligence data for Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES), the control emergency response agency for flood events.

“As part of these projects, we are working with DEECA to install an additional gauge at the junction of Yea and Murrindindi Rivers.

“It is important to note that many locations in Murrindindi Shire are

susceptible to flash flooding due to the steep valleys that characterise the region. In such cases, river gauges are often not useful as there is insufficient time for the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) to collect river gauge information and issue meaningful and timely warnings. To address this, council is advocating for the installation of additional automated weather stations in high-risk areas. These stations will provide real-time rainfall data, which can be used by the BOM and VICSES to assess the risk of flash flooding and to communicate any warnings.

“These additional river gauges and weather stations, along with the existing network of river gauges on the Goulburn River at Eildon and Ghin Ghin, Acheron River at Taggerty, Yea River at Devlin’s Bridge, Rubicon River at Thornton and King Parrot Creek at Kerrisdale, play an important role in informing the BOM and VICSES early warning systems.

“Council does not issue emergency warnings to the community. That is the role and responsibility of control agencies, including BOM, VICSES and the Country Fire Authority (CFA) for fire related emergencies. We rely on these agencies to assess real time data and issue warnings and advice to our communities. The responsibility for flood management and mitigation is shared among various organisations, including Goulburn Murray Water, DEECA and GBCMA.

“In a flood emergency, contact the SES on 132 500. If you need assistance in recovering after a flood event, contact council on 5772 0333.”

## McLeish concern over road spending

MEMBER for Eildon Cindy McLeish is claiming that the Victorian Government is treating Murrindindi Shire residents like fools by constantly blaming the deteriorating condition of our roads on unprecedented rainfall.

Ms McLeish said she knows locals are sick and tired of the same old excuses and quick fixes that the government falls back on.

“Our roads are crumbling due to funding cuts and neglect, not only the rain.”

“I regularly alert the Minister to potholes and dodgy road surfaces across the electorate. Every time I receive the same response that we have experienced unprecedented rainfall. This is a furphy. The real issue is a lack of road funding.”

Figures provided to the opposition show that the money spent on resurfacing and resealing contracts for our roads in the 2023/24 financial year was just 18 per cent of the previous year, dropping from \$201.4 million to just \$37.6 million across the state. This is an enormous drop.

Bureau of Meteorology rainfall charts prove that over the past 50 years there is no clear trend of increased rainfall that would explain such a dramatic reduction in the condition of our roads.

“Our roads have been in a dodgy condition for years, not only during winter.”

“Surely Labor knows filling potholes with gravel as a quick fix will only last so long. The gravel is soon kicked up, causing damage

to windshields or ricocheting at oncoming traffic.

“There has been a massive reduction in funding for repairs just when we need it the most. Our roads will only get worse.”

When contacted about the data, a Victorian Government spokesperson said, “Repeated flooding and above-average rainfall caused unprecedented damage to our roads which meant we needed to pause resurfacing and focus on rebuilding and strengthening damaged roads. Now this work is complete, resurfacing levels will significantly increase during the upcoming maintenance season.

“We’ll continue this important work investing \$964 million into maintaining our roads in this year alone, far exceeding the yearly average of \$493 million under the previous Liberal National Government.”

In response to extreme weather events, it’s understood that recent maintenance programs have been focused on rebuilding and strengthening hundreds of roads damaged by floods and extreme rainfall. These roads cannot be simply resurfaced. They need to be rebuilt from the ground up to avoid further degradation.

Resurfacing levels are expected to significantly increase during the upcoming maintenance season.

The Victorian Government is investing \$6.6 billion into the maintenance of road assets over 10 years.

Maintenance experts from the Department of Transport and Planning are finalising a program of works for the upcoming maintenance season, as part of a \$964 million investment from this package in this year alone. This 10 year investment allows the government to mitigate future risks.



Member for Eildon Cindy McLeish. -S

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5772 0900

Yea & District Memorial  
Hospital 5736 0400

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# Electoral commission urges residents to check voting enrolment

ELIGIBLE residents and ratepayers are urged to check they are enrolled to vote for the upcoming local council elections by 4pm Wednesday, August 7.

Electoral Commissioner, Sven Bluemmel, has issued a call ahead of the enrolment deadline: "If you're 18 or over and you live in or pay rates to a Victorian council, enrol and have your say on the future of your local council."

Australian citizens who have recently turned 18 or changed address can enrol or

update their details online at [vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment](http://vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment)

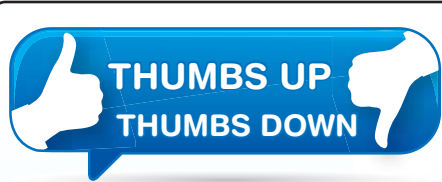
Anyone on the state electoral roll is automatically enrolled for their current address for these elections. There are also additional council enrolment categories for non-resident owners, occupiers, company nominees and non-Australian citizens who pay rates.

The rules for council enrolment have changed. Property owners who don't live in the council area but may be eligible to vote

because they pay rates should contact their local council for further information.

The 2024 Victorian local council elections will be the state's largest single election program, with a predicted 4.7 million voters participating in 465 individual elections across 78 councils.

Further information on enrolment is available by calling 131 832 or at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au), where voters can also sign up to the free VoterAlert service to receive important election reminders by SMS and email.



**THUMBS DOWN:** To council support for the rowing event on the Pondage in August. Thin edge of the wedge.

**THUMBS DOWN:** To the hypocrisy of the Victorian School Building Authority, who would like to fell seven mature native trees at the Yea Primary School. This despite being able to relocate their project to another site at the school. This Friday is national Schools Tree Day.

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Contributions will be edited and/or published at the Editor's discretion. We request that this section not be used as a slander attack on persons, businesses or property

## Eminent Panel provides update

ON Friday, July 19, the Eminent Panel for Community Engagement, engaged to seek feedback from the community about the future of the Central Highlands forests, provided an update to interested parties on their report.

The letter from the panel stated, "I am writing to let you know that the Eminent Panel for Community Engagement has completed its engagement process for the Central Highlands state forests.

"The panel would like to thank everyone who contributed their time to the process. This includes the many conversations the panel had across a broad range of local communities and groups in the Central Highlands.

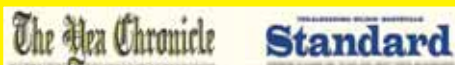
"This included: over 60 targeted engagement sessions with organisations and community representatives from over 80 groups, nine open community drop-in sessions with over 1000 people attending

across Noojee, Healesville, Warburton, Yarra Junction, Gembrook, Wandong, Marysville, Drouin and Alexandra, and an Engage Victoria page that received over 60,000 unique page visitors and 14,000 survey responses.

"Following this the panel has requested extra time to ensure that all voices are properly considered as part of its report to government and that the significant amount of data is fully analysed. Government is currently considering this request.

"The Victorian Environmental Assessment Council will finalise its economic assessment of the panel's recommendations and produce a final report, in line with its terms of reference, following the completion of the panel's report.

"The panel thanks you for your interest and looks forward to providing its report to government for consideration."



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## Weekly Weather

July 24 - July 30, 2024

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	9	15	Wednesday	9	15
Thursday	5	12	Thursday	5	12
Friday	5	12	Friday	5	12
Saturday	4	13	Saturday	3	13
Sunday	2	10	Sunday	1	11
Monday	3	12	Monday	2	12
Tuesday	3	11	Tuesday	2	12

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

## RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	1.00pm Mon	1.23	steady	below minor
Rubicon River at Rubicon	1.00pm Mon	0.78	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	12.35pm Mon	1.25	steady	below minor
Home Creek at Yarck	12.24pm Mon	0.28	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	12.40pm Mon	0.92	steady	below minor
Yea River at Yea	12.28pm Mon	2.32	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	1.00pm Mon	4.20	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	1.00pm Mon	0.90	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Trawool	1.00pm Mon	2.08	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	1.00pm Mon	0.44	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Seymour	1.00pm Mon	2.27	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	12.52pm Mon	1.26	steady	

\*\*ISSUED AT 1.15PM ON MONDAY, 22 JULY 2024

## DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra	N/Amm
Buxton	47mm
Eildon (AWS)	27mm
Flowerdale	70mm
Jamieson	73mm
Kinglake	100mm
Lake Eildon	60mm
Mansfield	7mm
Taggerty	59mm
Yarck	32mm
Yea	22mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

## LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	285.71m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	87.6%
Metres below full supply	3.19m
Daily inflow	10000ML
Release	1450ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	76.1%



## DEADLINES

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

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We thank you for your continued support

## Violence against paramedics and call takers on the rise

AMBULANCE Victoria (AV) is urging Victorians to treat our paramedics and call takers with respect when they see them at an emergency incident or in the community.

Ambulance Victoria employees and clinicians work hard to provide the best possible assistance and care to our communities, and yet they continue to be exposed to occupational violence and abuse.

From July 2023 to March 2024 there has been 105 reported incidents resulting in injury across the state.

Recent incidents include a paramedic who was grabbed and punched in the face by a patient they were treating. A paramedic suffered a dislocation after a patient became aggressive, and paramedics were harassed and followed by a man outside of a Melbourne hospital, who was threatening to assault them.

Additionally, paramedics and call takers are often exposed to situations involving verbal assault, swearing and name calling. This escalating behaviour can result in paramedics pausing their treatment or withdrawing from the scene or terminating a call.

AV Executive Director Regional Operations Danielle North said violence against paramedics is never okay and we do not accept this behaviour as part of the job.

"We know emergency situations can be stressful for people, but this is no excuse to behave aggressively towards paramedics," Ms North said.

"We are aware of several serious occupational violence incidents recently across the state and it is timely that we remind the community again that violence against paramedics, first responders and call takers is never okay.

"Our top priority is the safety of our paramedics and first responders, and they

have our full support to leave an incident if they ever feel unsafe.

"Assaulting or berating a paramedic will not help them do their job any quicker."

For paramedics to provide quick and effective treatment for you or your loved one, they need a safe environment to work in. Paramedics are fully supported by AV in reporting their experience with police.

Injuring an emergency worker in Victoria is a category one offence and carries a mandatory minimum six month jail sentence.

Paramedics are trained in a variety of strategies to assess, manage and de-escalate violent or aggressive scenes, but ideally paramedics shouldn't need to use these skills.

AV is committed to exploring ways to reduce and prevent occupational violence and our people are encouraged to report every instance of this behaviour.

To create a safe environment for paramedics it's advised to do the following: be respectful towards everyone involved in an incident

or over the phone; Put your safety first, if there is violence or aggression present at a scene, stay well back and don't do anything to escalate the situation; Advise the Triple Zero (000) call taker if anyone is demonstrating aggressive or violent behaviour on scene, they can arrange for police to attend; Follow paramedics instructions. If it is safe to do so, ask agitated family or friends to clear the area, and offer assistance by letting paramedics know that you are available to help.

If you find yourself getting frustrated in an emergency situation you need to remember that becoming angry or aggressive will only delay the care you or your loved ones need, and even though these situations can be difficult it is never ok to take your frustrations on paramedics or first responders, they are here to help.

For more information on the impact of occupational violence on paramedics and how you can help, visit [ambulance.vic.gov.au/campaigns/respect-our-paramedics](http://ambulance.vic.gov.au/campaigns/respect-our-paramedics)

## The missing child scam

MANY readers will have seen a post on Facebook in the last week, where a small, red-haired child called 'Brandan Cooper' wearing a vest saying 'Autism be kind' appears to have gone missing. The poster pleads for people to share the post, saying that the child is "considered to be in extreme danger" and "We are asking the community's help to find him. Only takes two seconds to share."

There were small variations in the location where the child supposedly went missing.

A great many people from around the world did share the post, however the post is a scam.

While a quick Google search would uncover the scam, many people were caught out.

It's believed that the way this particular scam works is that after the post has been shared multiple times, the original poster will then change the post to promote a scam business or similar. Suddenly, the new scam post appears on the wall of all the people who shared the missing child post, effectively advertising it and implying the sharer's support of the product.

While it's a good idea to check local police pages or other reliable sources regarding missing people posts before sharing them, the scammers are always trying something different.

Beware of social media posts where an unknown person is asking others to share posts widely. You should also be suspicious of people posting where they don't provide contact details or ask people to send them a direct message. Always check the profile of the poster. If their page is less than a year old, you have good reason to be suspicious. You should also be suspicious if they have very few friends, or if they're not located in the same area as the post topic. They are also likely to turn off commenting as they don't want people warning each other in the comments that the post may be a scam.

## Flood watch for Yea

ON Monday night, July 15, into Tuesday morning, July 16, the Yea area was placed on a flood watch.

Peter Weeks from Alexandra SES explained that there was a remote possibility that the town may reach moderate flood levels if there was additional rain, impacting the Yea and Murrindindi Rivers. This may have impacted the caravan park and potentially houses on Court Street.

Although the water level only reached minor level, the warning was issued as a precaution. The warning was removed later on Tuesday.

Peter thanked the Yea CFA for their support in checking river heights.

The Yea Wetlands was briefly closed following the event, due to water over some of the tracks.

Elsewhere in the shire, the Acheron River almost reached minor flood level.

## William Matthews Funerals



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An estimated 137,090 deer were harvested in 2023. -Timothy Gonsalves

## Increase in deer hunting across Victoria

THE Game Management Authority (GMA) has released the *Estimates of the 2023 deer harvest in Victoria report*. Results show an estimated 137,090 deer were harvested in 2023.

This is an 11 per cent increase on the estimated 123,400 deer harvested in 2022 and a 59 per cent increase on the long-term average (86,400).

Sambar Deer were the most harvested species with an estimated harvest of 106,500 deer, of which 53 per cent were female. Fallow Deer were the second most harvested species, with an estimated harvest of 27,500 deer, of which 59 per cent were female.

The number of licenced recreational deer hunters in 2023 was 52,321, an increase of over 3.6 per cent from 2022 (50,478). Of the 52,321 licenced deer hunters, 60 per cent actively hunted in 2023. On average, active deer hunters harvested an estimated 4.3 deer over 10.5 days.

The most popular hunting areas were around the towns of Mansfield, Licola,

Omeo, Warragul and Dargo. The highest number of deer harvested were around the towns of Mansfield, Licola, Dargo, Omeo and Benalla.

GMA Research Principal, Dr Jason Flesch, said the research was based on information gathered from randomly selected licenced deer hunters who voluntarily participated in the phone surveys.

"Throughout 2023, approximately 2400 licenced deer hunters were surveyed about their hunting activity including how many deer were harvested, where hunting occurred, hunting methods used, and the species of deer harvested.

"This research helps build a stronger understanding of deer harvest trends and hunting activity in Victoria," Dr Flesch said.

The report is produced annually by the GMA in collaboration with the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research. For a full copy of the *Estimates of the 2023 deer harvest in Victoria report*, visit [gma.vic.gov.au](http://gma.vic.gov.au)

## Youthrive Victoria Scholarships Now Open

YOUTHRIVE Victoria's round of scholarships is now open to rural and regional Victorian students planning to undertake further study in 2025.

Each year, the local not-for-profit provides a number of scholarships to Year 12 students who plan to undertake university studies, or further develop skills through vocational training.

In 2023, 11 Youthrive Victoria Rural University scholarships and 21 Rural Chances scholarships were awarded to young rural and regional Victorians looking to undertake further study in 2024.

Thanks to funding generously provided by philanthropic donors, 10 university scholarships (\$10,000 per year for three years) and 20 vocational scholarships (up to \$5000) have been made available to young rural Victorians wanting to up skill or pursue tertiary study in 2025.

Youthrive Victoria CEO Andrew McGuckian said, "We believe that our scholarships and programs are helping to create positive outcomes for students from rural and regional Victoria and hope to see a large number of applications for both our university and TAFE scholarships this year."

The scholarships provide financial support to assist with living expenses and travel costs, specifically addressing the needs of students from regional areas.

Youthrive Victoria also offers 'Wrap Around Care', which includes mentoring, capacity building and development opportunities. The impact and importance of scholarships is widely acknowledged and can often lead to very different outcomes for students who may not be able to consider further studies due to costs and/or regional distances.

University scholarship applications are now open, and close on August 25. Rural Chances vocational scholarships are now open, and close November 14. More information about Youthrive Victoria's scholarships and how to apply is available at [youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/](http://youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/)

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# Out & About

WHAT'S ON?

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

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## SATURDAY, JULY 27

Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Group 9.30am-10.30. Meeting room Yea RSL. Entry is free. For further information contact Jacky on 0417 907 278 or Kerry on 0410 597 148.

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The Fera team invites you to a community consultation for an update on the Seymour Wind Farm. Alexandra Secondary College hall 10am-noon.

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## TUESDAY, JULY 30

Murrindindi Shire Council is hosting the Great Victorian Bike ride in November this year. Anyone interested in finding out more is encouraged to attending the information session. Alexandra: 5.30-6.30pm Alexandra Shire Hall. For more information contact [events@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:events@murrindindi.vic.gov.au) or phone 5772 0333.

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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Murrindindi Shire Council is hosting the Great Victorian Bike ride in November this year. Anyone interested in finding out more is encouraged to attending the information session. Marysville: 5.30-6.30pm Marysville Community Centre - Lake View Room. For more information contact [events@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:events@murrindindi.vic.gov.au) or phone 5772 0333.

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Speak with council at an open community meeting in Taggerty. 5pm-7pm. Taggerty Hall. You will have five minutes allocated to talk directly with Councillors about issues that are important to you. Prior registration is not required. For further information contact [governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au) or phone 5772 0333.

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Alexandra Secondary College will be holding their open night from 6pm to 8.30pm at the school. The night will provide an opportunity for interested students and parents to receive the relevant information through a variety of sessions.

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## COMMUNITY DIARY

### Local Radio Frequency

UGFM 88.9 Yea / Highlands  
UGFM 98.9 Flowerdale / Hazeldene  
UGFM 94.5 Kinglake Ranges

### WEEKLY

Thu Town Club, RSL Hall, 6-8pm. Ph 5797 2179  
Sun AA Anglican Church, Alexandra 7pm PH 0402 428 086  
Sun Alanon Recovery, start 5.30pm. Ph Sheila 0402 428 086

### MONTHLY

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



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.

## Church Services

### ST PETER'S MEMORIAL ANGLICAN CHURCH

Cnr Bald Spur/Whittlesea Kinglake Rds,  
Sunday Services, 8.30am Communion.  
Minister: Rev. Ruwan Palapathwala  
0458 113 099

### ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH OF YEA

Sunday Service time 11am  
Prayerful Reflection - held each Tuesday,  
10am to 11am - all welcome  
Father Mario Hendricks  
Ph: 0435 953 777

### CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ALEXANDRA AND YEA

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

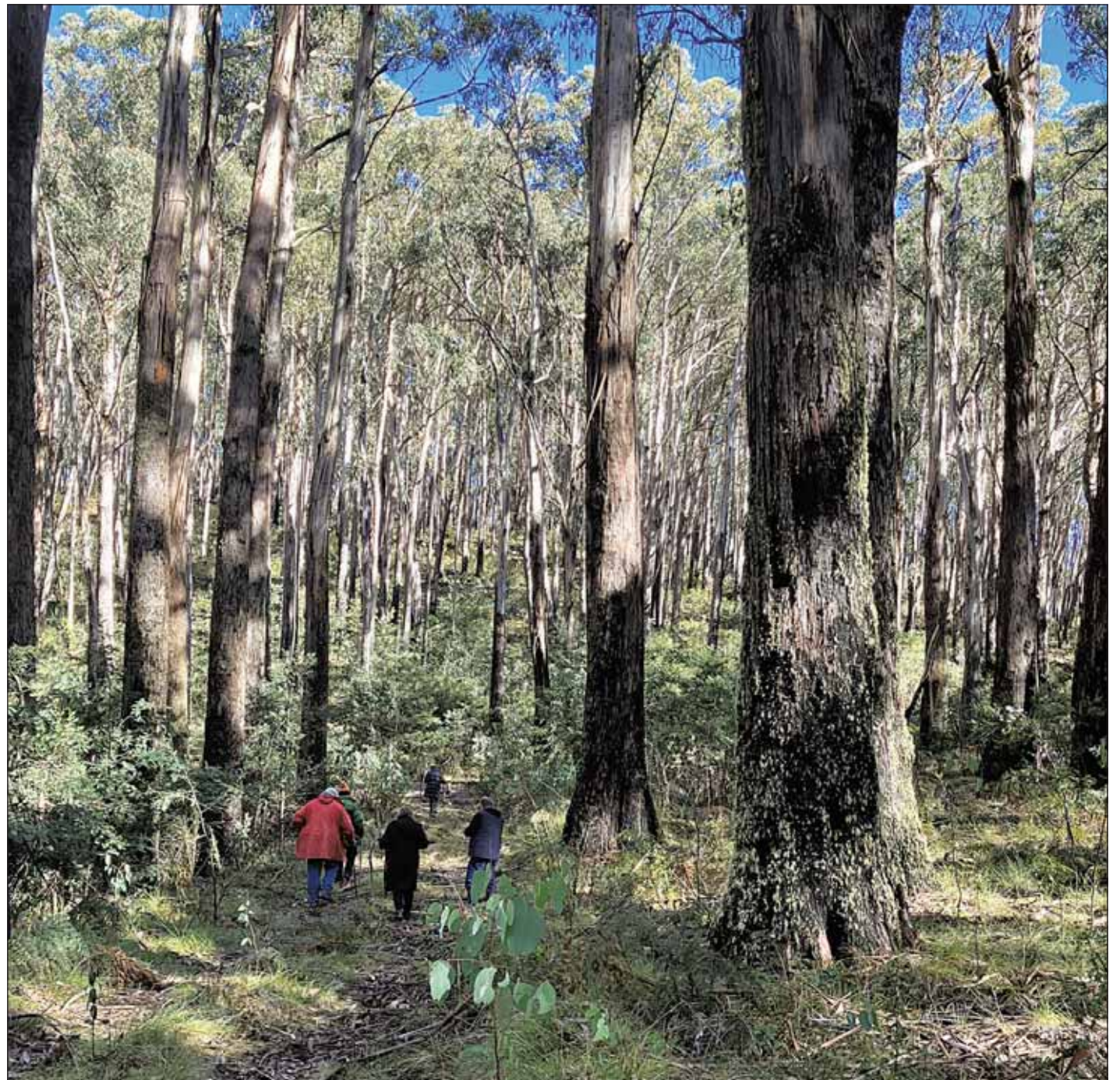
Fr Martin Ashe, Parish Priest  
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St Mary's Kinglake: Sunday 8.30am

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## Taungurung statement on the future of the Central Highlands forests

THE Taungurung Land and Waters Council (TLaWC) has released a statement about the future of the Central Highlands forests. The TLaWC represents the Taungurung Nation, the First Peoples of the Rivers and Mountains of Central Victoria.

It said, "The TLaWC believes that the state government must put Country and people first when deciding on the future of the Central Highlands forests following direct involvement in the Eminent Panel for Community Engagement.

"TLaWC's position is expressed in a report, *Rapid Biocultural Expressions Assessment of the State Forests within the Central Highlands Regional Forest Agreement (CHRFA) area occurring on Taungurung Country*, that represents the findings of a Taungurung-led research project, identifying significant cultural landscapes in the Central Highlands.

"TLaWC requests that forests within these cultural landscapes be designated as Cultural Reserves rather than National Parks to enable this significant part of

Taungurung Country to be managed consistently according to Taungurung cultural knowledge.

"Active management for a broad range of values is needed to heal and care for Country, which includes the health and wellbeing of plants and animals; cultural values such as stories, connections and physical cultural heritage; care for dreaming places and journey pathways; and restoring conditions for the return of culturally identified species

"TLaWC advocates for healthy Country for all people, aware that local communities are deeply connected to these state forests and want to continue accessing these forests for a range of uses and support the protection and management of healthy forests.

"The organisation seeks to enact the responsibilities and obligations to Taungurung Country that are guided by Taungurung cultural lore, and the future of the Central Highlands forests we've proposed connects deeply with this approach.

Matthew Shanks, Executive Manager of Biocultural Landscapes at TLaWC and proud Taungurung man said, "Cultural Reserves allow Country to be managed in a way that is consistent with our knowledge and values as Taungurung people.

"This is the way Country has always been for the Taungurung. People belong to Country.

"In contrast, National Parks reflect a 20th century model of conservation that believes the best way to conserve the natural values is through the exclusion of people.

"Taungurung biik (Country) is a human-made landscape that has been developed over tens of thousands of years through intimate relationship between Country and Taungurung people.

"This relationship was disrupted with colonisation, and the 'locking away' of Country from people has resulted in the ongoing decline of the health of Country.

"Country needs people, and it needs right-way relationships with people."

# Yea Rotary's new president Penny Paxman



Yea Rotary President Penny Paxman is positive about Yea Rotary's presence in the community this year. -S

NEWLY elected Yea Rotary President Penny Paxman has a longstanding connection to the Murrindindi Shire, originally coming up to the area 35 years ago to run a guesthouse in Alexandra.

You may have met Penny during your daily interactions as she has had many roles in the shire ranging from public relations, customer service, hospitality, just to name a few.

Coming into her fifth year as a Rotarian, Penny fondly reflected how it all started, "Working at Alexandra Newspapers, I was running the Yea office for *The Yea Chronicle* two days a week and this is where I met a lot of Yea Rotarians, and they were a really nice group of people, and I was invited to join. I was a part of the Alexandra group before joining the Yea group.

"I got interested in Rotary because there were a few things happening around, and especially World Polio Day which is a huge campaign worldwide and to raise money to immunise mainly children mostly against polio. I got intrigued how it worked, the latest report says they have reduced the incidents of polio cases now to 11 people in the world. It's a huge project, it [polio] was very rife and the Bill Gates Foundation supports the cause, so every dollar we raise to what is now called End Polio Now, Bill Gates pays us twice the amount so we end up with three times the amount.

"After learning about that, I went out the Yea Garden Expo, open gardens in Alexandra and Yea and saw how Rotary worked with all of these events, and I thought I could keep busy with this group."

Before Penny's new presidential role, she had a part of many projects in Rotary, these included taking on the job of writing the bulletin, being involved in the running of the Yea Rotary Open Gardens and being a part of sub committees such as the art show.

Penny described her involvement as "I set out to find an area I liked working in, I have joined committees over the last few years and to see what I felt most useful in."

In the last 12 months as president elect Penny has learnt so much along the way to get where she is today to confidently lead the Yea Rotarians.

"I have learnt so much, Rotary has a full program of learning where you can do lots of online courses such as directing a team, working with new members, inducting, marketing for Rotary, it covers all aspects being a leader, and then I did local president elect development and that covered a lot of the similar stuff but more local focused.

"I'm quite excited and I have a fantastic team around me. I started building that team this time last year and we have been working on several projects and been to members about what they would like to do. They all know what to do and they are out there doing it, it's great," Penny said.

Penny's vision and plan for the next 12 months for Yea Rotary is to get visibility.

"The theme for the year which is set by the Rotary International Board is the *Magic of Rotary* and that's all about making things happen, and I want to make sure we are out there doing things and making things happen.

"Sometimes we aren't as visible and I want to make it look like a fantastic organisation to join. Rotary as an international organisation is changing and evolving, so they are recognising we need to make changes in our clubs in our region to give people what they want instead of what we think they want."

If becoming a Rotary member interests you, contact Tony Jacobs on 0407 062 948 and to see what Yea Rotary is up to. You can visit their website at [yearotary.org.au](http://yearotary.org.au) or Facebook at Yea Rotary.

## Murrindindi Shire Council postal election

My council, my vote



### You must be enrolled to vote

A general election for Murrindindi Shire Council will be held in October 2024. To be able to vote in the election, you must be enrolled by the close of roll at **4 pm on Wednesday 7 August 2024**. Two categories of voters can be enrolled to vote in the Murrindindi Shire Council election: State-enrolled voters and Council-enrolled voters.

#### State-enrolled voters

##### Am I enrolled to vote?

You are automatically enrolled for this election if:

- you will be 18 years of age or over on Saturday 26 October 2024 and
- you live in Murrindindi Shire and you are on the State electoral roll for your current address.

##### You need to enrol if:

- you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over on Saturday 26 October 2024 and
- you live in Murrindindi Shire and you are not on the State electoral roll or
- you have lived at your current residential address within Murrindindi Shire for at least a month and have not yet updated your enrolment details, including any changes to your postal address.

##### How do I enrol?

You can enrol online at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

You can also download an enrolment form from the website.

All enrolment applications must be received by the Victorian Electoral Commission by the close of roll at

**4 pm on Wednesday 7 August 2024.**

##### How can I check my State enrolment?

You can check your enrolment details online at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) at any time, or call 131 832.

#### Council-enrolled voters

##### Am I enrolled to vote?

To be a Council-enrolled voter, you must be:

- 18 years of age or over on Saturday 26 October 2024 and
- not a State-enrolled voter within Murrindindi Shire.

New rules mean you are no longer automatically enrolled if you are a non-resident property owner (e.g. a landlord or a business owner that pays rates). If you are a non-resident property owner within Murrindindi Shire, you need to apply to enrol if you wish to vote in the Murrindindi Shire Council election.

##### Who else can enrol & vote?

You may also apply to enrol if:

- you have purchased a rateable property within Murrindindi Shire since the last election but you are not a resident of Murrindindi Shire, or
- you are not an Australian citizen and you live in, and pay rates for, a property within Murrindindi Shire, or
- you pay rates on a property you occupy within Murrindindi Shire and have no other voting entitlement within Murrindindi Shire, for example you are a shop tenant and pay rates to the Council for your tenancy, and you have no other voting entitlement within Murrindindi Shire, or
- you are a director or company secretary of a corporation within Murrindindi Shire that pays rates to Murrindindi Shire Council and you have no other voting entitlement within Murrindindi Shire.

#### How do I apply to be a Council-enrolled voter?

If you meet any of the above criteria and wish to enrol, contact Murrindindi Shire Council on 5772 0333 for a council enrolment form. Council enrolment forms must be received by the Council by the close of roll at **4 pm on Wednesday 7 August 2024.**

##### How can I check if I am Council-enrolled?

You can check your enrolment details by contacting the Council on 5772 0333.

##### Thinking about standing for election?

To nominate as a candidate for Murrindindi Shire Council, you must:

- be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters' roll for Murrindindi Shire Council and
- be eligible to become a councillor and
- have completed the mandatory candidate training provided by Local Government Victoria before lodging your nomination with the Election Manager.

For further information, visit [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

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**4 pm Wednesday 7 August 2024**




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# Student of the Week

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## Local primary school students say Yea for trees

LAST Friday both Yea Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School students gathered on the edge of Boundary Creek for a session of tree planting.

The event, which spanned around an hour and a half, was organised by Murrindindi Shire Council and Upper Goulburn Landcare Network (UGLN).

Zanni Waldstein, one of the key organisers from UGLN, spoke about the event and what it meant for the students involved.

“So we’ve got two schools. We’ve got Yea Primary School over here, they’ve started on one side. We’ve got Sacred Heart starting on the other side.

“Both schools came down here last year and started this planting for tree day, and so they’re able to see the stuff that survived and the stuff that hasn’t, and we’re replanting inbetween.

“It’s really nice that they’ve got this ongoing project that they’re connected to, and they’re really enthusiastic. They’re going ‘oh look, there’s one I planted last year’.

“It’s for Schools Tree Planting Day, which is actually next Friday, but we needed to scatter it since we have so many schools doing it.

“Council have provided the resources and we’ve organised the schools and the day. They all understand that it is really important for helping with climate change, and biodiversity, and everything,” Zanni said.





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# Illegal firewood collection to be axed



Almost 10,000 trees were illegally felled in 2023, a new report shows. -5

THE silent and devastating toll of firewood theft from Victoria’s forests and parks has been revealed. Public land authorities have announced a crackdown on escalating illegal firewood take and habitat destruction, which threaten the survival of native wildlife and Aboriginal cultural heritage.

In 2023 alone, firewood thieves damaged or destroyed more than 9200 native trees or cleared roughly 462 hectares, which is approximately 178.5 MCGs worth of public land in Victoria, with much of the stolen wood sold on to unsuspecting Victorians by illegal firewood operators.

The Conservation Regulator and Parks Victoria have launched Taskforce Ironbark, a joint state-wide initiative targeting illegal commercial firewood removal from public land and empowering Victorian firewood consumers to make choices which help protect Victorian forests and native wildlife.

Brady Childs from the Conservation Regulator, and Taskforce Ironbark Manager, said: “We have seen a rapid rise in firewood-related damage on public land, and native trees are being stolen from Victoria’s forests and parks faster than they can be replaced, leaving our native birds, reptiles, and small mammals without crucial habitat.

“We formed Taskforce Ironbark to disrupt illegal commercial firewood operators and remind all Victorians they play an important role in preserving our forests and parks, protecting wildlife habitats, and reducing the harm associated with firewood theft.”

With winter here and factors like rising living pressures and a lack of community awareness, the demand for cheap firewood is likely to increase, exacerbating illegal firewood theft and the destruction of vital habitat.

When Victorians unintentionally buy illegally sourced firewood, often through online marketplaces, roadside stalls, and word-of-mouth, they could also be inadvertently supporting the individuals

and syndicates destroying native forests and wildlife habitat.

“Illegal firewood theft is devastating our local parks, forests, wildlife, and cultural heritage. With nearly 10,000 trees destroyed last year alone, the impact is far-reaching, threatening the survival of native species and damaging irreplaceable Aboriginal cultural sites,” Mark Breguet, Senior Manager of Enforcement at Parks Victoria, said.

“Taskforce Ironbark is targeting these illegal activities and raising awareness among Victorians about the importance of sourcing firewood responsibly. By making informed choices, we can all help protect our parks and the vital habitats they provide.”

To help buyers recognise reputable firewood sellers and tell if wood has been illegally sourced, they are encouraged to ask them, where does your wood come from? They should be able to detail where their wood was sourced; can I get a receipt? They should provide a tax receipt with a business name and ABN listed; why is the wood so cheap? If the firewood seems cheaper than similar nearby, ask them why.

Many of the trees targeted by thieves are large, old, slow-growing species that are unlikely to recover or be replenished in this generation or the next, and their illegal felling directly risks the survival of some of the most threatened native species, including the red-tailed black cockatoo and the brush-tailed phascogale, who rely on hollows in both standing and fallen trees for habitat.

Victoria is also rich with Aboriginal cultural heritage and only a small percentage of historical sites have been recorded. Firewood theft has serious potential to damage Aboriginal scarred trees, and once gone, these important cultural representations and reminders of Indigenous land use practices are lost forever.

Authorised Officers are conducting targeted patrols across public land and using intelligence-gathering methods, such as concealed cameras and community reports, to catch commercial firewood thieves.

Last year, the Conservation Regulator and Parks Victoria issued 130 infringement notices and laid more than 220 charges related to habitat destruction and the illegal cut and take of firewood from forests and parks.

In Victoria, it is illegal to cut and take timber from public land without authorisation and offenders face maximum penalties of more than \$9879 and/or 12 months in prison for each charge. Chainsaws, trailers, and vehicles used in the offending can also be seized.

The community can help by reporting suspicious sellers or firewood theft from public land to 136 186. For more information on responsible sourcing of firewood, visit: [vic.gov.au/sourcing-firewood](http://vic.gov.au/sourcing-firewood)

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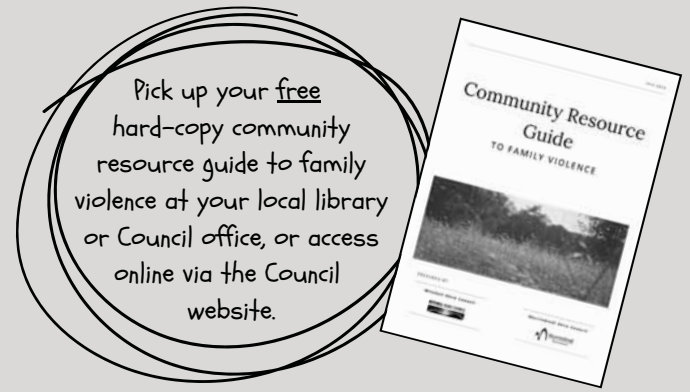
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# A Little Respect

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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: Men's mental health and the link to family violence

Last month, the local community came together for 'Let's Talk: A Space for Men' in Yea. The session discussed men's mental health and how this relates to anger, aggression and sometimes violence; as well as how to be a better friend and partner. Erin (a local social worker who works mainly with men) was a panellist on the day. But we want to keep the conversation going. I sat down with Erin again to chat about the role men can play in eradicating family violence in the community. Coming together as a collective cultivates more meaningful relationships and improves mental health outcomes.

### In Conversation with Erin

*Social worker who works mainly with men*

### We know men experience family violence. How can we validate all experiences while addressing the statistical imbalance of men as perpetrators?

It is true that some men can experience violence, and it's very important that we hear and validate these experiences just as we would for anyone else. The reality is that most of these men will be a victim of a male perpetrator. Additionally, while men are likely to experience violence from male strangers at a social event, women are most likely to experience violence in their own home, at the hands of a male they know. We begin to address this imbalance by addressing social attitudes and gender stereotypes.

### How does gender inequality tie in with men's violence? Are sexist jokes really that bad?

Gender inequality underlies all four of the recognised drivers of men's violence against women. Very briefly, these consist of holding rigid gender stereotypes, condoning violence against women, men having more access to decision-making roles, and the friendships and attitudes that promote aggression, dominance and hyper-masculinity. This means that gender equality is a very large part of the solution to men's violence. Sexist jokes form the scaffolding that supports men's violence against women. When sexist jokes are acceptable, it normalises degrading women and treating them as 'less than'. This contributes to an environment where men's violence against women is more likely to occur.

### In your daily work with men, what do you observe?

Mostly, I talk to men who have used harmful and at times dangerous behaviours towards their families and loved ones. The most common issues I see are mental health problems (often based in trauma), as well as rigid ways of thinking about gender (i.e., gender roles in the home) and their attitudes and expectations around this.

### Do you think family violence is a men's issue? Why?

Yes, I firmly believe family violence is a men's issue. Unfortunately, the evidence very clearly shows that most family violence is used by men. Additionally, the attitudes that are supportive of this (i.e., victim-blaming, the idea that "good men" don't need to do anything) is contributing. It is true that "not all men" are violent. But, while "good" men stand by, women continue to suffer. Men are strongly encouraged to get involved in eradicating family violence. All voices matter here, now more than ever. We must work as a collective.

## Do you think men feel limited by the emotions they believe are acceptable to express? Why?

Yes, I think that men can feel limited in the emotions they think are acceptable to express, both in public and private. The stereotypical idea that men have to be strong (both physically and emotionally) has long been present in society. I believe this has resulted in men feeling that it is more acceptable to express emotions such as frustration or anger, rather than hurt, sadness or fear - which is limiting.

### What is your message to men who might be struggling?

It's ok to struggle, and it's ok to need help. It's not ok to take it out on the people around you. I could never say it better than the amazing Matt Brown, co-author/co-founder of 'She Is Not Your Rehab'. It is about acknowledging the hurt that many men have experienced and realising that while that trauma is not your fault, it is your responsibility to heal from it, and not let it become someone else's trauma. Check out Matt Brown's TedTalks on YouTube.

### Can you give us some tips for supporting men to share their emotions or shift harmful attitudes?

Be open and willing to listen without judgement. Be curious about where these attitudes have come from and the impact this has on those around them. Do they know how women are impacted by this? Think about how feeling restricted in emotional expression may have impacted them. Would their life be easier if they felt able to express themselves better? Has bottling emotions up or using anger to deal with things helped? Talking always helps when the conversation remains respectful and reciprocal.

### What gives you hope for the future in this space?

The fact that we are having this conversation. People are paying more attention. I am hopeful that by acknowledging the violence and trauma that occurs now, we can prevent it in the future. We can break the cycle of violence together.

## Have you heard about our 'Free From Violence Activity Cards'?

Scan the QR code below to register your interest and we will get in touch make sure you don't miss out on this great conversational and icebreaker tool!



## Are you passionate about gender equality, men's mental health or violence prevention? We want to hear from you!

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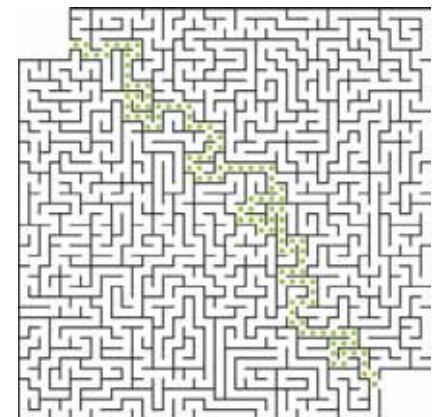
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**TATE, Ann**  
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15/07/2024

Loved wife of Bob (dec). Mother of David and Peter (dec). Loved grandmother of Chris, Samantha, Jessica and Laura. Great grandmother of Noah, Eden and Magnus.

Sadly missed. Reunited with dad and Pete.

As per Ann's wishes, a private cremation to be held.



**HALL, Edward (Ted)**  
21/08/1936 -  
17/07/2024

Husband of Val. Father to Kaylene and Frank. Brother to Evelyn (dec), Margery, Helen, Betty, Joy and Dot.

Free to roam the hills again.

**HALL, Edward (Ted).** Fond memories of our brother Teddy, Joy and Roy Comrie and family, Dot and Jim Kidd and family.

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## Queen Alexandra's head found

ALEXANDRA Police have advised that the head from the Queen Alexandra statue has been located. It was found at the back of Briggs Oval in Alexandra, behind the recreation centre.

Aside from being decapitated, it's understood that the head suffered only minor damage.

It's understood that the head was found during the preparations for a tree planting event, located in a cluster of blackberries.

The Queen Alexandra statue, also known as the Princess Alexandra statue, sits in the Jack Shiel Gardens on Perkins Street. The statue was damaged on Friday, February 9. The head was removed in an act of vandalism and has been missing ever since.

The statue was created by Charles Somers, born in 1825, and has been on permanent loan to Alexandra from the National Gallery since 1939.

Speaking about the discovery of the Queen Alexandra statue's missing head, Mayor Damien Gallagher said, "We're absolutely delighted. Princess Alexandra is obviously a vitally important asset to our community. There was genuine distress when the incident happened earlier this year, so the fact that we're in a better spot now to reinstate the statue is something that's very important to everybody."

If you saw, heard or know anything further, please contact the Alexandra police on 5772 1040 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

## Scam warning following CrowdStrike outage

LAST Friday, a global outage struck around the world as a result of an update malfunction from cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike. The update applied to computers running the Microsoft Windows program, causing many of them to fail.

The outage grounded flights and crashed payment systems, as well as causing a variety of disruptions to other important services like the rail network and health services.

The problem appeared as a blue error screen. Solutions have and are being put in place to fix the problem, with a definitive fix just needing to be applied.

Full information on what happened and how to fix the problem can be found directly through the CrowdStrike website at [crowdstrike.com/falcon-content-update-remediation-and-guidance-hub/](https://crowdstrike.com/falcon-content-update-remediation-and-guidance-hub/)

People are also being warned of scams relating to the CrowdStrike outage.

The National Anti-Scam Centre is warning consumers and small businesses to be wary of unsolicited calls, emails or messages requesting they download a software patch or provide remote access to fix or protect their computer from the CrowdStrike/Microsoft outage.

Consumers should also be alert to unsolicited requests from individuals claiming to be from their financial institutions or other businesses requesting they update or verify their personal or financial information due to the CrowdStrike/Microsoft outage.

"Criminals look to take advantage of incidents like this CrowdStrike outage, creating a sense of urgency that you need to do what they say to protect your computer and your financial information," ACCC Deputy Chair Catriona Lowe said.

"Anyone can be scammed, so it is important to be wary of any unsolicited contact that purports to provide assistance in the aftermath of a major event like this."

## Don't go hungry in the shire

IN the local area food insecurity is an issue that is getting recognised more frequently with many organisations lending a hand to help combat what was once a silent issue.

Sadly, the Foodbank hunger report in 2023 showed 3.7 million households in Australia experienced food insecurity in the last twelve months. The common cause for the ever growing problem is the increased high living expenses we are all experiencing these days. In fact, 79 per cent of people experiencing this reported that was the main reason. This is up significantly from 64 per cent in 2022. Forty two per cent reported reduced low income or government benefits, 26 per cent said changes in household and living arrangements were the cause, 16 per cent said limited access and ability to travel and get food, eight percent said natural disasters such as floods, bushfire and drought.

The report said the cause for food insecurity is the cost of our most basic needs which is food and shelter with the cost of food and groceries reported as the chief contributor to food insecurity (69 per cent), followed by energy costs (56 per cent) and then housing costs (50 per cent). Increasing rent (34 per cent) is twice as likely to be cited as a factor compared to increasing mortgage repayments (18 per cent).

Increased credit/debt repayments were cited by 16 per cent of food insecure households as a contributing factor and this may climb further given the number of references made by people to resorting to Buy Now Pay Later services for general expenses including food.

What people are doing to get through food insecurity, the report states, food and groceries are the first items people cut back on when trying to make ends meet. Ninety four per cent of food insecure households reported changing their shopping and eating out habits in the last 12 months. This included looking

for sales/discounts on food and grocery items (71 per cent), cutting back on meals out of the home (69 per cent) and swapping foods for cheaper alternatives (59 per cent). Nearly half (48 per cent) of people reported reducing their purchasing of fresh produce and protein.

Sadly, 62 per cent of food insecure households attempted to cope through changing their expenditure on their housing and finances including dipping into personal or household savings (42 per cent) or deferring payments by spending more on credit cards or Buy-Now-Pay-Later services. Fifty eight per cent made savings by cutting back on their energy usage or changing plans, and 41 per cent reduced their transport costs by driving less and 48 per cent reduced purchasing of fresh produce and protein.

More than half (56 per cent) of food insecure households didn't get help in 2023, 31 per cent received help from family and friends and only 24 per cent received help from formal food relief services.

Some common barriers to gaining access to food relief services include feeling embarrassed and ashamed, people didn't know about services nearby and available and some would prefer to ask for help from family and friends instead of formal services.

In our local community there are many food relief services available. Foodbank has gotten on board and helped with hampers for families in need through schools and kindergartens, assisted with food supply efforts at community houses and the healthy school breakfast clubs in government schools.

With all the available services out there in the community, no one should go hungry and if you see or hear of a family going through this experience please point them out to the above mentioned services, there is help available.

# Fun facts about fruit and vegetables

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## Carrots

CARROTS were originally cultivated in Europe for their seeds and leaves, rather than the root. They are closely related to parsnips, parsley, coriander, fennel, anise, dill and cumin. Wild carrots are generally purple with a white interior.

Around 900AD, famers in Asia began breeding carrots, creating the colours of yellow, red, white and black.

Orange carrots didn't occur until the 17th century, when Dutch farmers began engineering them to change the colour. The stable variety of orange carrots was created at the start of the 18th century. Many people claim that the orange carrots were created to honour the Dutch royal house, the House of Orange.

Carrots do not help people to see in the dark, unless they suffer from a deficiency of vitamin A.

Carrots contain 86 to 95 per cent water, while the humble cucumber is 96 per cent water.

Baby carrots are not teeny little carrots. They have been shaved down by industrial machinery to make them look small.

## Tomatoes

Tomatoes are fruits, specifically berries, rather than vegetables, although in the USA, the Supreme Court in 1893 decided that they are vegetables, even though they're not. They were trying to thwart a tax dodge. They still stand by their decision.

Tomatoes were considered to be poisonous in 18th century USA, and according to legend, President Thomas Jefferson decided to prove that they weren't poisonous by eating one. As he didn't die, people decided that they must be alright. Tomatoes are now the most popular fruit in the world.

## Pumpkins

Pumpkins are also fruit as they are the product of the seed-bearing structure of a flowering plant.

There is evidence of pumpkin cultivation between 7000BCE and 550 BCE in Mexico.

## Spinach

Popeye the Sailor became incredibly strong when he ate spinach, encouraging children worldwide to eat the spinach on their plate. However, the idea that strength comes from spinach was actually the result of a notational error. German researcher Erich von Wolf reported in 1870 that 100g of spinach contained 35mg of iron, but unfortunately he popped the decimal point in the wrong place. It should have been 3.5mg, so it's not as good for you as people thought.

## Bananas

Bananas are berries. They also grow on herbs not trees, defined by the soft trunk. They originally grew with large hard seeds.

The popular Cavendish variety of banana are all descendents of a single plant from Asia, cultivated for its sweet and seedless fruit. They have been propagated by cuttings not seeds.

There are over 1000 different varieties of banana grown around the world.

In 2016, Andrew Lawrence ran the London Marathon in two hours, 47 minutes and 41 seconds, making him the fastest person to complete the race while wearing a fruit costume, in his case, a banana.

Banana flavouring tastes nothing like a real banana, right? Wrong. Apparently it tastes like a Gros Michel variety of banana. Gros Michels were the original commercial banana.

If you have a scratched DVD or CD, rubbing a banana peel on it can stop them from skipping as it fills up the scratches without damaging them.

## Watermelons

Watermelons are berries. To choose the best one, fine the ones with a yellow spot (not white

or green as they may have been picked while unripe) and pick the heaviest.

King Tutankhamun had watermelon seeds in his tomb. It's understood that this was for the water content of the fruit, rather than the taste, on Tutankhamun's trip to eternity. While modern day watermelons last about three weeks, in ancient Egyptian times, it has been suggested that they would have stayed fresh for months.

## Blackberries, strawberries, mulberries and raspberries

Blackberries, strawberries, mulberries and raspberries are not berries. They are in fact aggregate fruits, meaning a fruit which consists of a number of smaller fruits.

## Boysenberries

Boysenberries were invented by Rudolph Boysen in the 1920s. They are a combination of raspberries, blackberries, dewberries and loganberries. By 2016, New Zealand had become the world's largest producer of boysenberries.

## Apples

Apples are closely related to roses, along with pears, cherries and plums.

Apples can be kept fresh for up to a year by reducing oxygen levels and increasing carbon dioxide, and many supermarkets have made the most of this.

Apples were also domesticated very early, between 4000 and 10,000 years ago, or even before.

## Cranberries

Ripe cranberries bounce.

## Potatoes

Now a crowd favourite, potatoes were first cultivated by the Incas of Peru. The Spanish conquistadors took some potatoes back to Europe in 1536. In 1589, Sir Walter Raleigh introduced potatoes to Ireland.

Marie Antoinette sometimes wore potato blossoms in her hair.

The Irish potato famine was the result of phytophthora infestans. Almost one million people died from starvation or disease in the famine.

Potatoes were the first vegetable to be grown in space, on the space shuttle Columbia.

## Oranges

In subtropical regions, the temperature doesn't get cold enough to turn the skin of an orange orange, but may instead stay green or yellow.

## Lemons

Electrodes attached to a lemon creates a battery which can be used to power a light.

## Cucumbers

The waxy coating on the skin of a cucumber can apparently erase ink writing. It can also be used to erase permanent pen off various surfaces including tables and windows.

Cucumber peel can also deter ants, moths, mites, wasps and silverfish.

Cucumbers are berries.

## Corn

Corn is a member of the grass family. The cobs are now 1000 times larger than they were 9000 years ago, due to selective breeding.

## Wild cabbages

Broccoli, cauliflower, savoy cabbage, red cabbage, kale and brussell sprouts all result from the selective breeding of wild cabbages.

## Grapes

There is evidence of the human cultivation of grapes as early as 22,000 years ago, and people were managing wild crops even earlier. The oldest evidence of wine production was in 6000BC. One wonders why it took so long.

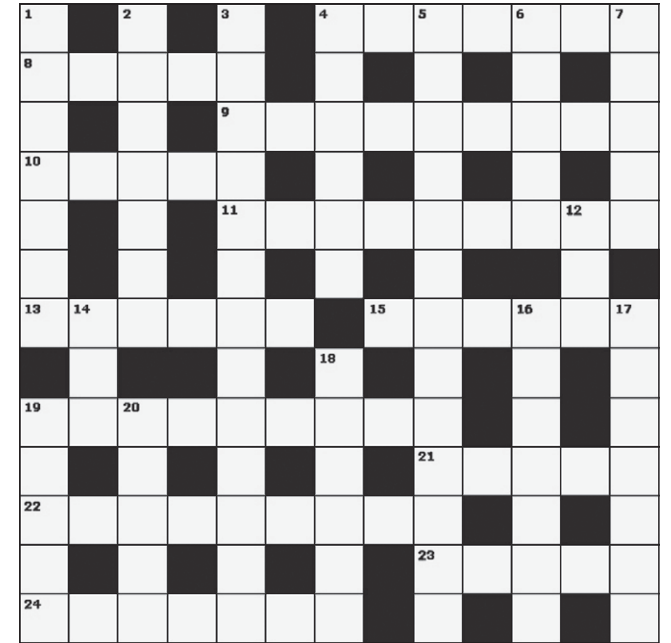
## Crossword

### ACROSS

- Sweet mixture poured over desserts.
- Doglike African mammal.
- Creating clothes from cloth.
- Farm consisting of a large tract of land.
- A means to an end.
- A fine cord used in sewing.
- Small cold-water silvery fish.
- Strict accuracy.
- Travels by ship.
- The male head of a family.
- Religious paintings in oil on a small wooden panels.
- A person who is being taught a skill.

### DOWN

- A horse-drawn battle vehicle.
- A curve in a stream.
- Person skilled in the science of numbers.
- Curly tightly.
- Skill in fencing.
- Moving quickly and lightly.
- A finger or toe.



- A hard-shelled seed.
- Of a female.
- Reference book containing an alphabetical list of words.
- Support oneself.
- Ruthless in competition.
- Small songbird.
- Something additional.

## Word Search

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## Math Square

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## Friendship

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| ACCEPTING | KIND    |
| CARING    | LOYAL   |
| GENEROUS  | PLAY    |
| GIVING    | RESPECT |
| HELP      | SHARE   |
| HUG       | TRUST   |

## Fill in the missing numbers.

The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 9. Each number is only used once. Each row is a math equation. Each column is a math equation. Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

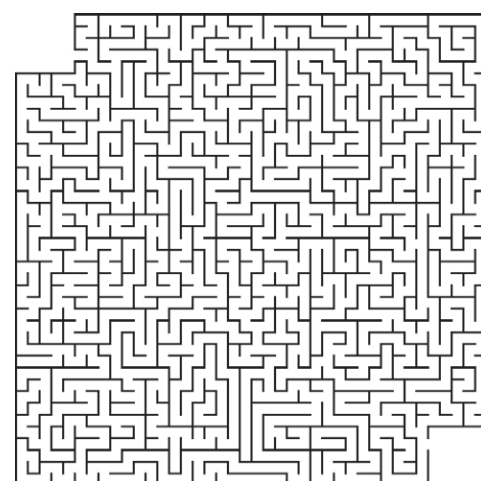
## Sudoku

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		3			9

## Difficulty: Very Hard

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

## Maze





Players focused, ready to win. -S



Yea High School Badminton team ready to play at the Hume region. -S



A great serve by one of the Badminton players. -S

## Well done to Yea High School Badminton team

ON Thursday, July 18 Yea High School's Intermediate Boys Badminton Team competed at the Hume Regionals. The team consisted of Brodie, Jack, Liam and Jasper.

The boys played both singles and doubles matches throughout the day. Competition was tough with many of the other competitors playing competitively outside of school. The boys competed hard all day making their opponents work for each point they won; hence the scores did not truly reflect the boys' efforts.

Brodie, Jack, Liam, and Jasper not only tried to the best of their abilities in each game, but their conduct also on and off the court was a credit to Yea High School, their families and to themselves.



The badminton team getting into the action of the game. -S

# Hospital Sunday in Yea

Yea Chronicle, Thursday, December 25, 1913

HOSPITAL Sunday was celebrated at Yea on Sunday afternoon last, in the recreation grounds, where the trees surrounding the grounds afforded a very welcome shade to both bandsmen and those who attended. The collection taken up in the boxes amounted to £8 3s 11d; but this was supplemented by the efforts of Cr F Purcell and Mr A Backland junior who carried the drum around in order to raise the total to £10, their efforts being successful.

Owing to the hot weather experienced during the day and the rather hurried arrangements, there was not as large an attendance as was anticipated, but when it is taken into consideration that the amount collected is within a few shillings of being nearly double, that collected last year the promoters have every reason to be satisfied with the result, and as time goes along there appears to be every reason to believe that with each succeeding a hospital Sunday the amount subscribed will be larger and larger.

There was a good attendance of Alexandra residents including the president and committee of the Alexandra Cottage Hospital, the journey being made in three

drags, a motor, and several private vehicles. Prior to the proceedings in the recreation grounds the massed bands, to the number of 55, assembled at the railway station, from whence they marched through the main streets to the grounds, the three bands enlivening the march with quicksteps.

The numbers of the various bands which took part were Alexandra 28, Salvation Army 7, Yea 20. On arrival a set programme consisting of 14 selections was gone through, in three of which the massed bands played together, the remaining selections being played by the individual bands.

During the proceedings the president of the Shire (Cr A McLure) apologised for the absence of Mr M K McKenzie, their parliamentary representative, and also for the very small attendance, which he attributed to the very hot day. He expressed the hope that those who were present would respond liberally to the appeal which was now being made to them, as the object in view was a very deserving one, and further said that the committee of the Alexandra Cottage Hospital would gladly welcome any gifts of fruit, linen, or any contributions in kind. He also quoted several figures in connection with the cost of maintenance of the hospital and the benefits

which had been derived from it by residents of Yea during the past year.

Prior to leaving the ground Mr McDonald, president of the Alexandra Cottage Hospital committee, on behalf of the committee, thanked the president of the Shire (Cr A McLure) for the kindly reference he had made regarding the hospital. He also desired to thank Cr Drysdale, president of the Yea band and Mr Stillman, the president of Alexandra band, and also the captain of the Salvation Army for the assistance they had rendered the hospital committee on that day. He desired to make special reference to the Salvation Army, adding that whatever the Army band lacked in numbers they more than made up for it by the splendid quality of the music which they had rendered.

The hospital committee were sadly in need of funds, and he wished the Yea people to thoroughly understand that although the hospital was situated at in Alexandra it was for the benefit of Yea as well, and if there were any too poor and unable to pay for proper medical attention they could always be sure of receiving proper attention at the hospital, and need have no fear in going there. They had beds to spare. He might also mention that the hospital had received the great praise from the inspector of factories.

Last year accommodation had been provided for 12 patients from Yea, who remained in the hospital for 405 days, and taking the average cost of maintenance at per day they cost the committee £106 10s. During the year, outside the regular donations received from Molesworth, £46. had been received from the residents of Yea, so that Yea had actually received a benefit of £60 10s. They had accommodation for six females and eight men, and the average cost per bed was about £91 8s. During the present year there had been 65 indoor and 149 outdoor patients.

At the Hospital Sunday held at Alexandra they had collected £17, and the week previous the ladies had held a linen fair, which realised another £17 as well as providing them with about £14 worth of linen. Added to this they had the £10 collected that day and he thanked those who had contributed for their generous response. A special mention being made to the splendid rally effort made by Cr F Purcell with the big drum. There was one thing more that he would like to mention, and that was that when the next egg day came around in Yea hoped that they would not forget the Alexandra Hospital; also that the committee would at all times be very pleased to receive donations it money or fruit, linen, etc. The proceeding then terminated.

# A lot happening for round 11 winter tennis

by Rhonda Carpenter

WINTER had truly set in after the school holidays and players were expecting washouts for their resumption matches across the district last Monday week.

Much to everyone's surprise, matches in Euroa, Benalla, Terip and Mansfield went ahead. Fortuitously the rain held off until the end of play and every match finished despite the weather.

In Euroa, Moglonemby hosted Seven Creeks and both teams gave it their all with lengthy, seesawing sets across the day. Deb Seach, Marlene Hanrahan, Robyn Johnson and Mary Kelly recovered from an early wobble to secure three sets and multiple games in the others. Rowena Ellis, Kelly Hill, Kerry Hewlett, and Genevieve Calvert would've been wondering 'if only' at the end when only one game separated the teams.

Moglonemby 3-38 defeated Seven Creeks 3-37.

Benalla prepared their grass courts for Delatite and provided sunshine for parts of the day. Kate Campbell, Claire Sharp, Maureen Jewell, and Wendy Maxwell got the jump on their visitors winning both openers.

Delatite's Jo O'Brien, Deb McCormack, and Deb Mims included replacements Agnes Kay from Wappan and Julie Harrington from Euroa for their contest. The replacement pair combined strongly, going down six to eight. Benalla was all class on the grass, and everyone enjoyed the company, the lawn surface and the hard hitting.

Benalla 6-48 defeated Delatite 0-18 and moved into second spot on the ladder swapping places with Euroa who had the bye.

Over in Terip Cindy Hayes, Frances Lawrence, Phoebe McDerimid and Jenny

Martin had their work cut out against Mansfield's Michelle Pigdon, Peta Kelly, Keira McDonagh and Clare Beecham. Mansfield played with conviction to overcome the ladder leader.

After the lengthy contest the rain bucketed down, and Mansfield 4-40 had defeated Terip 2-32.

After heavy rain overnight the Mansfield courts were checked early then given the go ahead after a brushing to lift the sand from the damp synthetic grass. Creighton's Creek arrived to take on Wappan with both teams keen to improve on results from their previous meeting, a draw.

While lengthy battles ensued, players retreated to the warmth of the clubhouse between sets while waiting for the next one. Wappan's Jenny Bell maximised her court time rallying superbly in every game, and combined strongly with all her partners; Rhonda Carpenter, Jenny Smith and Di Berglin to win all her sets.

In the other pairings Gayle Furphy, Sue Vaughan, Ros Doxey and Erica Mercer had the answers using superior court craft and placement to out manoeuvre their opponents. Ros was dynamite on the net. Despite the bitter cold the women were undaunted and layered up and down over the day to keep warm.

Misty rain fell throughout the last set, but a serious downpour decently held off until the women had walked off the court.

Creighton's Creek 3-42 defeated Wappan 3-29 and swapped places with them to slot into fifth on the ladder.

Ladder: Terip 73, Benalla 68, Euroa 64, Mansfield 55, Creighton's Creek 49, Wappan 48, Seven Creeks 43, Moglonemby 36 and Delatite 4.

## Surprise sun for stableford event

by Alan Pell

WHILE some Yea members have fled north and still others locally who are afraid of the cold as well, 19 golfers played in a mixed four ball best ball stableford event last Wednesday.

Surprisingly, on a rain predicted day it was sunny for most of the time in Yea. Winners of the day were Phil Armstrong (21) and Trevor Connell (20) with 40 points. Second on countback were Anthony Coleman (4) with Brian Priestley (28) from third, Anthony again with Khai Mohammed-Noor (37) both with 39 points. Nearest the pins on the 14th were Anthony and Trevor for the Men, and Meryl Connell for the Ladies. Meryl was closer than Trevor. The club award went to Sam Wright/Graeme Bryant.

Individual Mens winner was Steve Rumney (27) with 35 points from second Anthony Coleman 34. The Ladies winner was Margie Wright (22) 35 points from second Sharon Grogan (29) 32.

Saturday's Ambrose event was washed out.

## First squash round of term three

by Kristelle Leary

THE new pennant has started and has brought a lot of fresh new faces to the courts.

Monday Comp

Blue Vein versus Camembert

Ethan versus Lachlan: Lachlan's great serves were too strong. Ethan started to hit his serves in and with his power he will be one to watch. Lachlan took the match. 67 to 37.

Mick (fill in) versus Lee: It was all about the serves in the first two games. Game three brought great rallies and great use of angles. Lee managed to get the last game, but Mick took the match. 55 to 43.

Pep versus Oli: A stupendous game with cracking rallies. Pep won the first two games, but Oli kept on him to take the third and draw the fourth. Oli snuck in to win the match. 63 to 62.

James versus John: James came out strong only for John to claw it back and take control in the second game. Game three had great rallies and depths, but John pulled the pin in the fourth with an injury, leaving the game inconclusive.

Feta versus Gouda

Tyler versus Lochlan: Tyler started strong and held the upper hand in the first three games. Lochlan pulled it together to take the last game, but the match was lost. Tyler was victorious. 66 to 49.

Sally versus Chris: Very narrow wins in all games. Both new players found their footing to play a good match. Chris managed to collect some extra points along the way to win the match. 51 to 47.

Daniel W versus Justin: Chaos reigns on the court when these two play, they should come with a safety warning. Two

games were drawn but Daniel composed himself for long enough to win the other games and the match. 69 to 65.

Daniel K versus Derrick: Daniel was in good form and had Derrick against the ropes for most of the match. With a short burst Derrick won the third game, but the damage was done and Daniel took home the win. 61 to 45.

Thursday Comp

Barracudas versus Hammerheads

Matthew versus Randy: Matthew had boundless energy and put in a valiant effort. Randy is more experienced and took the match with a good lead. 78 to 51.

Lucas versus Jodie: Jodie's accurate shots drew a whole series of mis-hits from Lucas who was flailing at sea to begin with. Lucas started attacking Jodie's serves before she adapted her game again to run away with a comfortable victory. 79 to 38.

Jack versus Michael M: Two very different players. The loud chaotic styling of Michael against the calm and collected Jack. Michael kept his head above water, but he didn't manage to take a single game from Jack. The glory went to Jack. 71 to 40.

Orcas versus Piranhas

Blake versus Beth: With a commanding lead in the first game, Blake was going to be hard to beat. Beth made a play for the lead, winning game three. However, Blake had done too much damage in the first game and took the match. 67 to 52.

Kristelle versus Sam: An unusually uneven see-sawing match, both players took a game each with a tremendous lead to even out the score. In the end Sam triumphed with a four-point lead. 68 to 64.

## Outer East Football and Netball League Ladders

### Football - Seniors

Healesville	267.30	10
Seville	246.72	10
Warburton Millgrove	154.79	10
Yea	108.88	7
Alexandra	174.15	7
Belgrave	142.55	6
Yarra Glen	42.77	2
Yarra Junction	38.72	2
Powelltown	23.60	1

### Football - Reserves

Belgrave	420.33	12
Seville	374.84	11
Healesville	328.62	9
Warburton Millgrove	207.41	8
Yea	105.25	6
Alexandra	47.17	4
Powelltown	33.96	3
Yarra Junction	36.50	1
Yarra Glen	16.61	1

### Football - Senior Women

Monbulk	48 pts	12
Warburton-Wesburn	46 pts	11
Woori Yallock	44 pts	10
Emerald	30 pts	7
Wandin	26 pts	6
Officer	26 pts	6
Seville	4 pts	1
Thornton Eildon	0 pts	0

### Football - Under 16

Euroa	75.00	9
Moama	58.33	7
Seymour	54.54	6
Alexandra	25.00	3
Broadford	16.66	2
Yea	9.09	1

### Football - Under 14

Broadford	450.28	9
Tabilk	164.83	6
Wandong	222.27	5
Alexandra	133.12	4
Seymour	88.15	2
Yea	4.45	0

### Netball - A Grade

Warburton Millgrove	182.24	11
Seville	166.31	11
Yarra Glen	150.00	8
Healesville	84.16	5
Alexandra	70.26	4
Belgrave	89.13	4
Yarra Junction	73.41	3
Yea	45.24	1

### Netball - B Grade

Seville	56 pts	13
Belgrave	40 pts	9
Warburton Millgrove	40 pts	9
Yarra Glen	40 pts	8
Yea	28 pts	5
Healesville	20 pts	3
Yarra Junction	20 pts	3
Powelltown	20 pts	4
Alexandra	16 pts	2

### Netball - C Grade

Yarra Glen	56 pts	12
Seville	48 pts	11
Warburton Millgrove	40 pts	9
Belgrave	36 pts	8
Yea	32 pts	6
Yarra Junction	24 pts	4
Alexandra	18 pts	2
Healesville	12 pts	1
Powelltown	10 pts	1

### Netball - D Grade

Seville	100.00	11
Alexandra	70.00	7
Belgrave	63.63	7
Yarra Glen	63.63	7
Warburton Millgrove	54.54	6
Yea	27.27	3
Yarra Junction	9.09	1
Powelltown	0	0

### Football - Under 12

Wandong	40 pts	10
Alexandra	39 pts	9
Broadford	24 pts	6
Seymour	20 pts	5
Tabilk	12 pts	3
Yea	12 pts	3
St Marys	0 pts	0



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## Very close match for Yea junior netballers

### Netball

#### Under 11 Division One

by Joanne Madden

YEA started off well against Broadford, holding a two-goal lead in the first quarter. Charlotte and Tahlia were once again passing beautifully and shooting accurately, with strong support from Velvet and Milly in the centre and wing attack positions. However, Broadford's defence was strong and challenging to penetrate.

The defensive end was also impressive, with interceptions and pressure from Evie in the wing defence, Isla in goal defence, and Ivy in the goalkeeper positions. Excellent defending, rebounding, and strong leads from the girls helped move the ball quickly back to Yea's attacking end.

Unfortunately, Broadford pulled ahead halfway through the third quarter. Despite scoring a few late goals, it was not enough to secure the win.

Award winners: Yarra Valley Gas Most Improved: Charlotte Grant; Player of the Day: Isla Anstey; Just Great Coffee Encouragement Award: Evie Madden.

#### Under 11 Division Two

ANOTHER Sunday netball game, another very enjoyable morning out for the Yea girls.

On Sunday Yea played across in Broadford and put on quite an impressive show. They

mixed it a bit with positions and the girls lifted and give it their all.

The club can't wait to see them again in action this Thursday at training. Yea have an inter-club game against Under 11 Division One. They will be starting at 4pm instead of training and the club would love as many parents to head along to watch and support.

Awards: Evie: Player of the day; Emily: Most Improved.

#### Under 15

#### Yea 31 defeated Broadford 27

by Kelly Harris

THE Yea Tigers travelled over to Broadford to take on the Roos in what was going to be a challenging match. The Roos were undefeated for the season and have a tendency to bring their "A" game but even more so when at home.

Yea had almost the complete team back and available for the match. Elsie started as the team anchor in centre for the first quarter with Sophie and Maya in the goals.

Marley worked in wing attack as an excellent reader of the play, feeding the shooters who managed to convert despite tough defence. Jemma in wing attack with Sienna as goal defence and Flynn as goalkeeper challenged the Roos shooters, making it difficult for their attackers to cleanly get the ball in.

Yea defenders in the goal were fierce for a rebound, meaning that if the Roos didn't get it in they were often not getting a second chance to go again. Scores after the first quarter were Roos five to Tigers eight.

The Tigers were determined to build on their lead in this quarter. Flynn moved into centre and provided a good target for moving the ball down the court. Ella in wing attack worked effectively with Marley and Sophie in the goals who managed to shoot Yea's largest quarter total.

Lily stepped into wing defence to support Sienna, Elsie and Flynn who all worked in the goal circle. Again, many rebounds resulted in turnovers that the Tigers capitalised on. The Tigers had managed to grow their lead with half time scores Broadford Roos 12 to Yea Tigers 18.

Jemma was back in a position she relishes, centre, in the third quarter. Marley and Maya teamed up in the goals for this quarter with Hannah assisting as wing attack. The Roos defenders increased their pressure this quarter and held Yea's shooters to 4 goals for the quarter.

Flynn moved out into goal defence with Ella in wing defence. With a combination of Lily and Elsie keeping Yea's defenders also continued to apply pressure to stop Broadford from converting in the ring. Broadford gained one on Yea in this term with the scores going into the final quarter Roos 17 to Tigers 22.

The Tigers held their composure and remained disciplined in the final quarter.

They were eager for a win but knew that they needed to remain focused if they were going to hold off a late charge by the Roos. This quarter was the highest scoring quarter for the entire game and competition was fierce. Elsie returned to centre and held the team steady as a regular option. Both Ella and Marley worked consistently to feed the ball into the shooters from the wing.

The combination of Sophie and Maya were again in the goals and showed how they could hold their nerve and not only accurately shoot but also get the rebounds if required. Jemma again demonstrated agility in wing defence. Flynn had returned to keeping with Sienna in goal defence. As a duo they were under immense pressure from an accurate Roos shooter but they both read the play well and managed to keep penalties to a minimum.

The hard work, determination, teamwork and belief saw the Tigers walk away with a gallant win.

Award winners: *Marmalade's Player of the Week*: Flynn Brennan and *Yarra Valley Gas 'Most Improved'*: Sienna Porter.

### Football

#### Seniors

Yea 6.9 - 45 defeated Powelltown 5.11 - 41

#### Reserves

Yea 5.8 - 38 defeated Powelltown 2.3 - 15



Under 11 Division One award winners Charlotte Grant, Isla Anstey and Evie Madden. -S



Under 11 Division Two award winners Evie McKay and Emily Wilsher. -S



Under 15 award winners Sienna Porter and Flynn Brennan. -S