

# The Yea Chronicle

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100 Days of School being celebrated by prep students from Yea Primary School. More images from 100 Days of School can be found on page 6 of this edition. -S

## Bollards on the Goulburn Valley Highway

DRIVERS travelling on between Yea and Molesworth on the Goulburn Valley Highway may have noticed numerous damaged bollard sections. The Department of Transport was asked to provide information on when these sections will be fixed.

A Department of Transport and Planning spokesperson responded, "Our crews have been busy fixing up damaged barriers along the Goulburn Valley Highway between Molesworth and Yea, replacing around 350 barrier posts over the past 12 months.

"We have more wire rope repairs planned over the next few months along this section of the highway, weather depending."

Works to repair damaged flexible safety barriers on the Goulburn Valley Highway are being completed in priority order.

The department stated that weather events that damaged the road network across north-east Victoria have delayed ongoing repairs in the region.

## Melba Highway: The worst road in the state

THE RACV recently released the results of its *My Country Road* survey. More than 7000 Victorians providing important data on the safety of regional roads across the state. The worst road in the state for safety was found to be the Melba Highway from Coldstream to Yea.

The Melba Highway was followed by Tylden-Woodend Road from Woodend to Tylden, Kilmore Road from Monegeetta to Gisborne, and the Goulburn Valley Highway from Nagambie to Shepparton.

Potholes and poor road condition were the top issues identified, with an overwhelming 64 per cent of participants identifying these as the primary safety issue, up from 46 per cent in 2021.

Potholes are a major safety risk for drivers as they try to avoid damaging their vehicles. Swerving to avoid a pothole at the last moment is dangerous as drivers may lose control of their vehicles or swerve into oncoming traffic.

Statewide, the top voted solutions were, 60 per cent were keen to see improve road surface, 23 per cent wanted wider shoulders at the edges of roads, 15 per cent wanted wider lanes, 14 per cent sought a lower or more appropriate speed limit, 13 per cent wanted trees, vegetation or other obstructions

cleared, and 12 per cent wanted intersection safety improvements.

RACV is planning to use the data from the survey to encourage the state government and local councils to make commitments that deliver safer regional roads.

RACV Head of Policy, James Williams, said the data from the survey indicated that the condition of regional roads has become a major safety concern for Victorians.

"Over 7000 Victorians have provided us with data about safety on our regional roads, with potholes or poor road condition being the number one safety issue," Mr Williams said.

"As a safety advocate, it's important that RACV closely examines what Victorians think are the factors contributing to unsafe road conditions, so we can provide that information to all levels of government and encourage action.

"The number of responses received is a strong indicator that Victorians are concerned about safety on regional roads and are calling for urgent improvement.

"Sixty per cent of survey participants think that improving road surfaces should be the priority road safety solution.

"While in 2021, dangerous driver behaviour was the biggest safety concern on regional

roads, this year poor road conditions received more than double the number of responses as dangerous driver behaviour.

"Fifty eight per cent of the survey participants told us that they use the road they identified every day, and that level of local knowledge has been invaluable to identifying Victoria's most unsafe roads.

"Six of the top roads identified in the 2021 survey appear again this year, including the Melba Highway, Bass Highway, Bacchus Marsh Road, Phillip Island Road, Warburton Highway, and the junction of the Midland Highway and Howard Street in Epsom.

"Sixteen of the 21 most dangerous roads identified in the 2021 survey received upgrades and improvements from the government; but more work needs to be undertaken to improve the safety of regional roads," Mr Williams said.

The survey used an online interactive map that showed high speed roads with large concentrations of crashes causing death or serious injury in regional Victoria.

The map highlighted roads with speed limits of 80km/h or higher where there have been fatal or serious crashes for the five year period between 2018 and 2023.

The number of responses to the 2024 *My Country Road* survey increased by more than 75 per cent from the 4000 responses to the 2021 survey.

The full results of the *My Country Road* survey are available at [racv.com.au/haveyoursay](http://racv.com.au/haveyoursay)

When contacted, a Victorian Government spokesperson said, "This report tells us what we already know, that the major weather events of the past few years have had a big impact on our roads and what were once considered once-in-a-generation flood events are becoming commonplace.

"We know how crucial the Melba Highway is for motorists. That's why road rehabilitation works are currently underway between Coldstream and Yea with more maintenance in the works."

More than \$4 million invested in the road as part of last year's maintenance program.

Shadow Minister for Roads and Road Safety Danny O'Brien said, "Successive years of budget cuts have left our roads in a dire state and this budget ensures they won't get better. The Allan Labor Government is creating a time bomb through a lack of attention to roads, while it wastes billions of dollars in cost over runs on city mega-projects."



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 **Letters to the Editor**

**Shire insurance costs**

IN the recent July 31 edition of *The Yea Chronicle* an item in the report on the council's July meeting caught my eye:

The \$45,000 increase in cost of the shire council's Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance cover to \$385,540.13 'as impacted by a significant claim from a single road-related incident'.

Vic Roads is responsible for the upkeep of our shire's major highways which begs the questions, was this 'single road-related incident claim' on council's insurance a motor vehicle or traffic incident? If so, was it attributable to the deplorable neglected state of many of our local roads?

*Carmel O'Heir, Yea*

**Yea Saleyards**

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

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

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

Since prior to the December announcement of the closure of the Victorian Livestock Exchange at Pakenham, Yea has attracted full yardings at practically all store sales.

*Jan Beer, chair Yea Saleyards Committee of Management*

**Council launches Kindergarten and Childcare Strategy**

TO improve access to early childhood education for families in the region, Murrindindi Shire Council endorsed its *Kindergarten and Childcare Strategy 2024-2029* at the July meeting of council.

Murrindindi Shire is experiencing challenges with increasing demand for kindergarten and childcare services. There is steady growth in the population of children aged zero to four years and capacity issues for Three-Year-Old and Four-Year-Old kindergarten programs. Additionally, there is a shortage of educators and teachers to meet the high demand for these services and more facilities are needed to support current and future needs.

The strategy aims to clarify council's role in supporting service providers and the community, as well as addressing the current and future demand for kindergarten and childcare services in Murrindindi Shire.

It provides council with specific goals for supporting Family Day Care services, where childcare is provided in the homes of registered and qualified educators. It will help guide the future management and maintenance of buildings for early years education providers to operate from and support council in advocating for more fit-for-purpose infrastructure and services to meet demands.

The strategy also guides council's work in attracting new providers to our region, developing our local workforce, influencing policies and decisions that affect the early childhood education sector and planning for a sustainable future.

It comes as Murrindindi Shire has been announced as one of the first local government areas for the pre-prep (Four-Year-Old Kinder) roll out between 2025-2032 under the *Best Start, Best Life* reforms, which aims to increase kindergarten programs to 30 hours per week, up from the current 15 hours per week. This announcement follows the roll out of the free 15 hours per week Three-Year-Old Kinder, under the same reforms, which has been available in Murrindindi Shire since 2021.

Local service providers, the Department of Education, and private investors provided valuable input during the development of the strategy, and council will continue to engage with these groups while implementing actions from the strategy.



For more information and to read the strategy, visit council's website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/childcarestrategy](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/childcarestrategy)

Council's Community Wellbeing and Economic Development Portfolio Councillor Sandice McAulay said, "We are proud to launch our first *Kindergarten and Childcare Strategy*, demonstrating our commitment to supporting the early years sector and the families and children of Murrindindi Shire. With new services on the way in Alexandra and Yea, this Strategy will guide the work council does to improve early childhood education. Together with our partners, we will ensure that kindergarten and childcare services in our shire are accessible and affordable, and meet the needs of our community. Council will continue to advocate for improved access to services for our community."

**Weekly Weather**  
August 7 - August 13, 2024

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication



Alexandra			Yea		
DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	4	14	Wednesday	5	15
Thursday	7	13	Thursday	7	14
Friday	5	14	Friday	5	15
Saturday	4	16	Saturday	4	17
Sunday	5	17	Sunday	5	18
Monday	9	18	Monday	9	19
Tuesday	10	17	Tuesday	10	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	11.00am Mon	1.10	steady	below minor
Rubicon River at Rubicon	11.00am Mon	0.57	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	9.09am Mon	0.80	steady	below minor
Home Creek at Yarck	9.24am Mon	0.19	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	10.27am Mon	0.72	steady	below minor
Yea River at Yea	8.22am Mon	1.25	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	11.00am Mon	3.54	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	11.00am Mon	0.75	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Trawool	11.00am Mon	1.16	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	11.00am Mon	0.36	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Seymour	11.00am Mon	1.50	steady	below minor
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	9.07am Mon	1.22	steady	

**\*\*ISSUED AT 11.16AM ON MONDAY, 5 AUGUST 2024**

**DISTRICT RAINFALL**

Alexandra	0mm
Buxton	0mm
Eildon (AWS)	2mm
Flowerdale	2mm
Jamieson	0.6mm
Kinglake	9mm
Lake Eildon	0.2mm
Mansfield	N/Amm
Taggerty	1mm
Yarck	0.6mm
Yea	0.8mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

**LAKE EILDON**

Height above sea level this week	286.12m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	89.1%
Metres below full supply	2.78m
Daily inflow	3000ML
Release	1000ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	75%

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**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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## FFMVic supports firefighting efforts in Canada

FOREST Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) firefighters have answered the call of their Canadian counterparts to support the efforts to contain the country's devastating bushfires.

North east Victoria firefighters Jarrod Hayse, Matthew Parker and William Bailey were deployed to Alberta last week, taking on roles as Agency Representative, Task Force Leader and Heavy Equipment Boss during a 35-day deployment.

A total of 62 FFMVic personnel are supporting the ongoing wildfire response, continuing a long-standing relationship between Victoria and Canada. This includes locals Tori Spraggs and Luke Heard, the latter in the role of Crew Leader, who are based at Alexandra.

An additional 10 arduous FFMVic firefighters from the region departed Thursday, August 1, to further support the response, including Canadian-born Steve LeBrun.

Steve heads back to Canada after starting his firefighting career in the southern Rocky Mountains almost 20 years ago.

"For me, this is an amazing opportunity to be able to go back to Canada and lead a crew of professional firefighters to help protect communities from these devastating fires."

Hume Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Aaron Kennedy, added his thoughts on the matter.

"FFMVic firefighters and incident management staff bring extensive emergency

management experience, taking on specialist roles, as well on ground firefighting," Mr Kennedy said.

"Our arduous firefighters are well-prepared to face Canada's challenging and remote terrain, bringing specialist skills in tree-felling and dry firefighting techniques. I am confident that they will be put to good use and will make a positive impact on the ground."

While the deployments provide additional firefighting resources, they also offer invaluable opportunities for FFMVic staff to expand their operational experience in different environments.

In 2019-20, Canadian firefighters supported Victorian firefighting efforts, and since then, FFMVic staff have been part of multiple deployments to Canada over the past two fire seasons.

As Victoria prepares for the upcoming bushfire season, FFMVic is recruiting several hundred Project Firefighters to bolster their permanent firefighting staff.

These roles offer a valuable entry point into careers in environmental and emergency management. Some of FFMVic's former Project Firefighters have gone on to support firefighting efforts across Australia and internationally.

While applications closed on July 28, FFMVic is still accepting applications for locations across the north east with vacancies. For more information, visit: [jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/pff](http://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/pff)



John George from Broadford with crew leader Luke Heard and Tori Spraggs. Both Luke and Tori are based in Alexandra. -S

## Government response on agricultural land

IN last week's edition, there was an article about the seeming conflict regarding agricultural land between two Victorian Government consultations currently underway, the *Developing the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan (VTP)* and *Help us shape the future for Victoria (Big Ideas)*. The Victorian Government's response was provided after the article had gone to print.

A spokesperson said, "VicGrid is putting in place a new approach to planning renewable energy and transmission as we transition away from coal-fired power, including a long-term strategic Victorian Transmission Plan. This plan for Victoria will guide future growth and change over the next 30 years, establishing a unified approach to deliver and take the necessary actions to shape more liveable, affordable and sustainable future for the state."

"We will work closely with landholders and farming communities through the consultation process to ensure we protect food

security and water security while planning for energy security into the future."

They also provided the following information as background.

The Victorian Transmission Plan will ensure we build the right amount of energy infrastructure in the right places at the right time.

The study area map released last week with the draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines is just the first step in investigating locations for potential future renewable energy zones.

It's important to note only a proportion of the study area will be needed to host new energy infrastructure.

The broad study area will be narrowed down to much smaller areas over the next 12 months as we work with landholders, communities, and industry to identify appropriate places for potential future renewable energy zones.

Land eventually proposed for renewable energy zones needs to minimise impacts on land uses including agriculture, as well as communities, water, and biodiversity have been identified.

Eight Big Ideas from over 9000 pieces of data and more than 850 hours of engagement with the community, local councils and stakeholders.

These Big Ideas are aimed at creating a future that is liveable, sustainable and enriching. The feedback will be used to inform a plan for Victoria.

The study area is the result of a strategic land use assessment that took into account 60 statewide datasets covering agriculture, land use, biodiversity, cultural and social factors.

The government is working with agriculture industry advisors to identify productive agricultural areas that may be less favourable or not compatible with hosting renewable

### Police seeking identity

POLICE have released an image of a person they believe may be able to assist enquiries in relation to a theft in Kinglake on Friday, June 28.

Police are seeking the person in the image or anyone who could assist in identifying the person to contact Kinglake Police Station on 5786 1333 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

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energy development. This ongoing work will continue to guide decisions as they narrow down the study area.

VicGrid encourages people to provide feedback so they can make the best decisions possible about where to site the state's future renewable energy zones.

Engage Victoria consultation on *Developing the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan* is open until August 25 and consultation on the study area in the guidelines is open until September 30.

To find out more on VicGrid's Engage Vic consultation, visit [engage.vic.gov.au/victransmissionplan](http://engage.vic.gov.au/victransmissionplan)

The government will produce the VTP in 2025, 2027 and then every four years following. Each will outline how much new renewable energy is needed, the best place to generate that energy and the transmission infrastructure needed to transport it over a 25 year period.

One of the Big Ideas is greater protection of our agricultural land. Agriculture is particularly important for regional Victoria, including by supporting jobs in other industries (such as tourism and hospitality) and thriving regional communities, many of which rely on agriculture for their economic prosperity.

Victoria has some of the best quality agricultural areas in Australia and grows a diverse range of food for ourselves and for export. We need to protect our agricultural land from urban expansion, climate change, natural disasters and resource scarcity.

We can do this by establishing township boundaries to create a clear edge between housing and agricultural land as well as developing a map to show and better define land uses in regional areas, including agricultural land and future land to be used for renewable energy. This will ensure we can live sustainably.

The top priorities for Victoria are leafy green streets with trees, parks and open space; better public transport, walking and cycling connectivity; affordable homes for everyone; protecting the valuable land where our food is grown; and vibrant and social places for people to connect and thrive.

We need community feedback about how we can collaborate to deliver these Big Ideas as part of the new Plan for Victoria.

Visit [Help us shape the future of Victoria](http://Help us shape the future of Victoria) to explore these Big Ideas and tell the government more about how to bring them to life. Submissions are open until Friday, August 30. To find out more, visit [engage.vic.gov.au/shape-our-victoria](http://engage.vic.gov.au/shape-our-victoria)

### Daffodil Day is on the way

CANCER Council's much loved and most iconic national fundraiser, Daffodil Day will take place on Thursday, August 22. Now in its 38th year, this celebrated event urges Australians to buy a bunch of daffodils to support life-changing cancer research.

Daffodil Day raises vital funds and awareness about the importance of ongoing cancer research and support for individuals and families impacted by cancer.

This year's goal is to raise more than \$2.6 million across Australia. Beautiful daffodils are on sale at Cancer Council pop-up stalls around the country on Daffodil Day and donations can be made online.

Almost one in two people will be impacted by cancer during their lifetime. More than 40,000 fundraisers got behind Daffodil Day in 2023, raising more than \$2.5 million and taking us one step closer to a cancer-free future.

To donate or find your nearest daffodil stall, visit [daffodilday.com.au](http://daffodilday.com.au)

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# Prep students celebrate 100 Days of School



Sacred Heart students celebrating 100 Days of School. -S



YEA Primary School celebrated the Preps 100 days of school together by dressing up inspired by numbers between 0-100. Classes participated in a variety of '100' themed activities throughout the morning. After lunch the whole school got together for house sports. They searched the whole school for special numbered tags from one to 100 in their house colours to create a 100's frame. -S

## 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.

## Out & About



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

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### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Pyalong Online Clearing sale, Sugar Loaf Creek. 280 lots, some located Alexandra. Commencing noon. Concludes Monday, August 12 at noon. Inspection day Thursday, August 8, 10am-2pm. Pick up day Wednesday, August 14, 10am-3pm. For full details visit

[emblingrural.com.au/online-auctions/](http://emblingrural.com.au/online-auctions/) or contact Andrew Embling on 0418 266 038.

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### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Alexandra Timber Tramway will hold their AGM at 5pm in the Goldfields Room at The Corner Hotel. Any enquiries phone 0427 509 988.

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The diesel train will be running at the Alexandra Timber Tramway from 10am-3.30pm. For group bookings and further information contact 0427 509 988.

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### TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

Alexandra Garden Club AGM will be held at

2pm at the Uniting Church, Alexandra.

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Friends of the Yea Library AGM will be held at 2.30pm at Yea Community House. All bookshop volunteers are welcome to attend.

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### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

UGFM AGM will be held at 7.30pm via Zoom. For the meeting link or to nominate for the committee, contact the secretary at [info@ugfm.org](mailto:info@ugfm.org) or call 5772 2722.

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## 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

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## Grant success for Yea hospital

THE Yea and District Memorial Hospital has secured a \$50,000 grant from the Violet Vines Marshman Centre. This funding will support the continued delivery of the successful Yea Saleyards Healthcare Program and potentially enable the replication of the model within the local community and across regional areas.

The Yea Saleyards Healthcare Program, developed by the Yea and District Memorial Hospital (YDMH) team in October 2023, aims to bring healthcare services to the farming and broader community. Over the past nine months, attendees at the sale have had access to a range of health services including skin, hearing and eyesight checks; cardiac health assessments; diabetes education; flu vaccinations; and mental health and drug and alcohol support program. These services are provided one Friday per month at the cattle sale and have seen up to 120 per day.

The program has exceeded expectations, prompting YDMH to seek funding to expand services at the saleyards. A member of the local farming



Project manager Naomi McNamara, YDMH CEO Elizabeth Sinclair and RHAN Researcher Jennifer Keast. Elizabeth and Naomi accepted the grant at the Latrobe Rural Health School Research Conference. -S

community described the value of the program. "We think we're bulletproof and only see a doctor if we're really crook, but you are

right here under our noses at the sale. It's a wonderful service."

The Violet Vines Marshman Centre for Rural Health Research

is embedded within the La Trobe Rural Health School. The centre provides grant opportunities annually to short term projects that directly improve the health or well-being of people living in rural and remote locations.

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

Jennifer Keast, RHAN Researcher based at YDMH said, "Being awarded this prestigious and highly sought after grant really validates our Saleyards Program and will enable us to evaluate it, expand it and promote it to other organisations and regions to support farmers' health and wellbeing more broadly."



# MURRINDINDI SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS



## PET REGISTRATION REMINDER

Are your pet registration details up to date?

All cats and dogs over the age of three months are required to be microchipped and registered with Council. This helps keep your pet safe and helps us reunite lost pets with their owners.

Our Community Safety team will soon follow up with owners who have not completed their pet registration this year. We'll be commencing door knocks to check-in and make sure your details are up to date.

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Have your say on the proposed regulations and service standards, which specify when and how councils are to provide the four-stream service.

Public feedback is invited until **Wednesday 14 August 2024**.

The final regulations will be informed by this consultation and published on Engage Victoria. Visit [engage.vic.gov.au](http://engage.vic.gov.au)

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## Student of the Week

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Attendees at Dr Greg Moore OAM's National Tree Day Talk in Yea. -S



Newly planted trees on Yea Spur Road, Flowerdale. -S

## Shire celebrates National Tree Day throughout July

THROUGHOUT July, the Murrindindi Shire community came together to celebrate National Tree Day with a series of events and activities promoting the importance of trees in the environment and encouraging collective action to protect and nurture the natural surroundings.

On July 16, nature enthusiasts and community members gathered at the Yea Shire Hall for a talk by Dr Gregory Moore OAM. A Senior Research Associate at Melbourne University, Dr Moore shared his knowledge and passion for arboriculture and talked about the crucial role trees play in maintaining biodiversity and mitigating climate change.

Attendees of all ages participated in activities, including art and craft sessions where children explored their creativity through nature-themed projects. Every participant left with a piece of the celebration, native plants and a wooden bookmark.

Over the month of July there were at least eight planting events in Murrindindi Shire, where over 2500 plants were planted by at

least 32 volunteers from Eildon, Intrepid and the UT Creek/Leckie Park Landcare Groups, students and teachers from Alexandra High School, and Alexandra, Sacred Heart and Yea Primary Schools.

Council also ran the 'Longest Gum Leaf Competition', which saw residents get out in nature in search of the longest gum leaf they could find. The competition attracted 34 entries from across the shire and libraries in Alexandra, Kinglake and Yea each held their own adult and youth competitions.

In Alexandra, Lucas Barter won the youth competition, with a 58cm leaf found at a caravan park in Eildon, and Emma Williams won the adult competition with a 53cm leaf also found at a caravan park in Eildon.

In Kinglake, the youth winners were Jan, Freya and Elsie Chambers with a 53cm leaf found in Flowerdale. The adult winner was Lyn Robinson with a 31.8cm leaf found at a bike track in Pleasant Creek.

In Yea, Barrett and Kai Dettering won the youth competition with a 49.5cm leaf found near Flowerdale Community House.

The Longest Gum Leaf Competition celebrated the beauty and resilience of Australia's gum trees and served as a reminder that small actions, like measuring a leaf, can contribute to a greater understanding and appreciation of the environment.

Council's Environmental Programs Unit is planning more events throughout the year, so keep an eye on council's website or call 5772 0333 to find out what council is planning.

Council's Sustainability, Assets and Emergency Management Portfolio Councillor Karine Haslam said, "National Tree Day is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the vital role trees play in our environment. It's inspiring to see so many people, especially young ones, getting involved and learning about the importance of trees. I would like to thank all the volunteers and groups who make events like this possible. Let's continue to work together to create a greener, healthier future for all."

## Landcare grants now open

Landcare grants of between \$5000 and \$20,000 are now open. They are aimed at supporting Landcare and other environmental community groups with a wide range of Landcare activities.

The \$300,000 Landcare Australia Community Grants Program will support what matters most to Landcare groups, using local knowledge to restore, enhance and protect their natural environment, increase biodiversity and help improve community engagement in landcare activities.

Landcare Australia is particularly interested in grassroots projects which galvanise community action to help increase the number of people rolling up their sleeves for conservation projects in their local patch.

Eligible activities include educational workshops, field days, restoring wildlife habitat, creating shelterbelts, installing fences, protecting waterways, managing weeds and feral pests, working with Traditional Owners and First Nations organisations, purchasing plants and equipment, installing signage, amongst other landcare activities.

For more information, visit [landcareaustralia.org.au/news/landcare-australia-community-grants-program-2024](http://landcareaustralia.org.au/news/landcare-australia-community-grants-program-2024)

## Local nominee in Landcare awards

THE 2024 Victorian Landcare awards featured 12 nominations from the Goulburn Broken catchment, highlighting the depth of skill and commitment to improving the region's natural environment. Nine individuals and three groups were nominated for awards, presented in Melbourne on July 18.

John Gilson from Up2Us Landcare Alliance in Mansfield received the highest accolade of the local nominees, receiving a Commendation in the Joan Kirner Landcare Award.

The local nominee in the Goulburn Broken Joan Kirner Award was Ron Litjens from the Yea River Landcare Group. He was nominated for working tirelessly on his property to bring back nature after the Black Saturday fires. Ron freely gives his time to present talks on fauna and insects, bringing the appreciation and joy of nature where they live.



The Longest Gum Leaf competition at the Kinglake Library. -S



The Longest Gum Leaf competition at the Yea Library. -S





# ON THE LAND

## Agriculture, Horticulture, Viticulture, Aquaculture and Silviculture

### Inquiry into the 2022 flood event

THE Inquiry into the 2022 Flood event in Victoria was tabled in Parliament on July 30 by the Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee. The report made 90 findings regarding the standard of emergency preparedness in Victoria prior to the October 2022 floods and 73 recommendations to the Victorian Government aimed at improving community readiness in the event of disasters and to respond more effectively in the future.

The government has six months to respond to the inquiry report and during that time they plan to consider all the evidence, findings and recommendations when developing a new Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy.

Liberal Member for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell said, "The Victorian Government must now respond meaningfully to the findings and recommendations of the report and ensure that warning systems are enhanced, residents are educated for disaster preparedness and response, local governments are resourced to maintain updated flood plans, and emergency services get the training and support they need to deal with future natural disasters."

Nationals Member for Ovens Valley and Shadow Minister for Water, Tim McCurdy commented that "The government needs to go away and have a good hard look at their policy failures of the last decade... It has failed Victorians before, during, and after the flood event, and is still failing Victorians now in their time of need."

#### The Inquiry

The 2022 flood event affected 63 local government areas and one alpine resort, a total of 81 per cent of all local government areas across Victoria. This significant event required an inquiry to recommend ways to improve for the future regarding preparation, response and recovering from floods. Affected communities contributed to the inquiry, evidence was received from emergency responders, local authorities, climate scientists, hydrologists and urban planners. In Murrindindi Shire, 36 submissions were made to the inquiry.

The inquiry states, "For government, one of the most critical roles going forward is accurately and honestly informing communities about risk. New flood modelling is being undertaken across all Melbourne catchments, and flood studies across the state should be regularly undertaken. Communities need to be properly supported through this process and community leaders need to show compassion, offer support, and avoid exploiting genuine fear and uncertainty. Preparedness for the next disaster is another essential component of what comes from this latest experience."

It's also noted how climate change plays a part in future flood events. "As our climate changes, weather events become more intense and more severe, and as development changes the built environment around floodplains, the frequency and severity of flood events will only intensify. As a result, those living and working near watercourses are facing new pressures to adapt to these changes, and uncertainty that arises because of them. Communities will need to become more resilient and more prepared to respond to emergency events, and better supported

to do so. Government must integrate the new climate induced reality in each stage of its policy development, from planning to mitigation and environmental management, through to emergency response and recovery."

#### The 2022 Flood

In October 2022 Victoria experienced a historic flooding event that was primarily triggered by significant rainfall on October 12 and 13. Catchments were already filling fast. A triple La Nina event and negative Indian Ocean dipole was taking place causing intense rain to fall on saturated grounds and reservoirs, resulting in rapid river overflows and flooding in Melbourne and Northern Victoria.

#### Emergency Management

The report identified several issues surrounding flood response infrastructure and procedures.

"A recurring theme was the inadequacy of existing mitigation infrastructure and its maintenance, highlighted by frequent breaches and confusion over ownership and responsibilities," the report said.

It was also noted that emergency management not only addresses physical risks but also effectively engages with communities and supports the psychological and social needs of those affected. Impacted residents reported in the inquiry that significant trauma associated with rapid evacuation, and people with disabilities reported their needs were not considered at all. In future this highlights the need for more sensitive and well planned evacuation warnings and to consider the emotional and physical wellbeing of individuals.

The report says, "Many residents continue to experience mental health challenges and trauma from their experiences during the floods. Delays and complexities in accessing financial support further exacerbated the distress of affected individuals and businesses."

Ensuring accessibility in emergency response is crucial for enabling all

community members, regardless of their location, abilities, or resources, to receive and understand emergency information and services effectively.

One of the findings included the transmission of emergency warnings was inconsistent across affected communities. Some areas received excessive warnings from competing sources while others received incorrect, limited or delayed warnings. In both circumstances communities experienced a degree of confusion which limited people's capacity to make informed decisions, impacting the effectiveness of the emergency response.

Social media played an important role in disseminating information, however its unregulated nature meant it contributed to the spread of misinformation leading to heightened confusion and uncertainty. This emphasised that official sources take a proactive approach to communications to prevent residents relying on social media.

#### Lake Eildon

The inquiry said, "Stakeholders from Northern Victoria attributed some blame to the water releases from Lake Eildon for the floods their towns experienced. However, the extent of the impact is unknown. Goulburn-Murray Water has acknowledged the risk of flooding wrought by large inflows into the water storage, stating on its website there is a 'risk of flood downstream'. In its submission, Mitchell Shire Council contended that 'large inflows into Goulburn River downstream of Eildon resulted in major flooding on October 13 and 14. It further noted that the subsequent releases from Lake Eildon then maintained moderate flooding for a number of weeks following the initial devastation.'"

A finding on flood mitigation infrastructure showed inflows to Lake Eildon were significantly higher than its releases. While the releases from Lake Eildon contributed to flooding immediately downstream of the storage, the timing of these releases reduced the severity of the flood peak further downstream

including at Seymour and Shepparton. One of the recommendations asked that the Victorian Government ensure that, for future events that are expected to replicate high storage and high rainfall conditions, new temporary operating rules for water storage and release are developed. These new rules must take account of the interest of those who are affected by Eildon and Eppalock's storages including downstream landholders and water entitlement holders.

Other recommendations to improve the operation of Lake Eildon included reviewing operational rules for Lake Eildon to ensure they are appropriately adaptive to wet or dry seasons, including restricting full supply level (with suggestions ranging from 90 to 95 per cent capacity), adopting a conservative infill curve to ensure Lake Eildon is not at full supply in September and October when annual rainfalls are more likely to peak, and abandoning the carryover policy.

The committee received multiple submissions from stakeholders in the Goulburn area which described the impact of Lake Eildon releases on flooding in the area. A common theme among these submissions is that the very high capacity of the dam at the time of the flood event, which did not leave sufficient remaining capacity to handle large inflows, led to significant releases, in turn contributing to local flooding.

In addition to Lake Eildon being at near capacity coming into the October 2022 flood event (a part of the operational policies of the site), several stakeholders were also concerned about the lack of sufficient warning given when outflow changed. On October 14, the outflow from Lake Eildon increased from under "Minor Flood Level" to just under "Major Flood Level" at 38,000ML/d. The Committee was informed that residents did not receive adequate warning and were unable to prepare for the implications of increased outflow.

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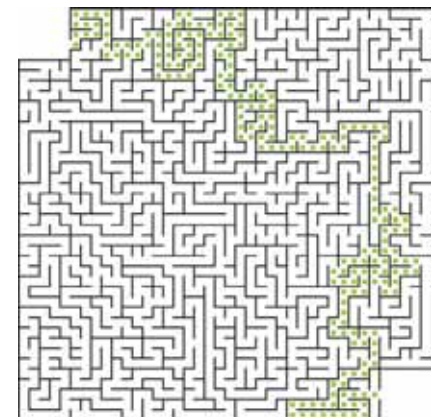
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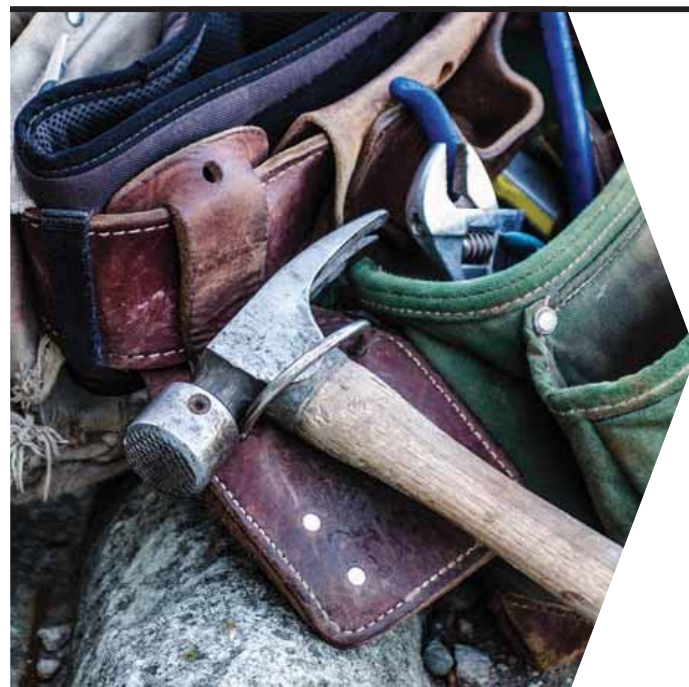
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#### DEATH NOTICES

**DODGE, Beverly.** 1935 - 2024. Passed away peacefully on August 2, 2024. Loved wife of Bob (dec). Loved mother of Vicki, Sandy and Rob. Loved grandmother and great grand mother of many. Will be sadly missed.

**PYKE, Dorothy Lorraine.**  
14/02/1934 - 29/07/2024

Passed peacefully at Kellock Lodge. Cherished wife of Barry (dec). Loved mother of Leanne and Bronwyn. Adored nanna of Jessica, Renae, Jordan and Jacquelyn. Grannan to Levi, Abi, Joshy and Hugh.

At rest in His arms.



**PYKE, Lorraine.**

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**GESLER, Rex.**

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#### MEETINGS



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Police are hoping to speak to the occupants of this vehicle. -S

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Police are wanting to speak to the driver of this vehicle and any other vehicles that may have dash cam footage in an attempt to identify offenders.

Police are also appealing for dash cam footage from vehicles in the vicinity during the above times which may assist an investigation. Anyone with information is urged to contact Alexandra Criminal Investigation Unit or Crime Stoppers Victoria.

## Inquiry into the 2022 flood event

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#### Flood Mitigation Infrastructure

A finding surrounding flood mitigation infrastructure showed there was confusion about the ownership and maintenance of these assets. The lack of formal or unclear management led some sites to deteriorate, making them ineffective in providing mitigation during the October 2022 flood event. The recommendation for this was the Victorian Government clarify responsibility for flood mitigation infrastructure, with clear accountability and transparency for who is responsible for each asset.

#### Victoria State Emergency Service

The Victoria State Emergency Service (SES) is designated as the lead control agency for flood events under Victoria's State Emergency Management Plan. However, a flood event this size is complex and involved multiple agencies to manage events. The inquiry highlighted the increasing number of emergency events that SES are attending over time. With climate change and weather events this will continue. The SES needs more support. Despite increased funding over time, the SES lacks appropriate resources to prepare and respond to these events. The 2022 flood event had approximately 62.5 per cent of volunteers involved with the SES were involved in flood response activities, coming from 98 per cent of the units across the state.

In the inquiry, Peter Weeks said, "The Alexandra SES performed seven water rescues by boat saving the lives of 11 people stranded by the floodwater unaware that it had risen rapidly during the night."

Volunteer fire brigades and career firefighters also assisted with the efforts. The report said that due to issues of available resources and personnel fatigue, there is a need for improvement for the first responders.

#### Flood recovery

When it came to the initial flood relief effort, some emergency relief centres activated by local councils experienced challenges in being ready for the event and efficient in its handling.

From this, there was a recommendation that the Victorian Government, working with local councils establish statewide operating guidelines for Emergency Relief Centres. These guidelines should include protocols on rapid activation, streamlined communication and resource mobilisation. It was advised that local councils should remain empowered to tailor protocols to meet local needs. These resource recovery hubs, including online access need to be developed to provide long term community recovery and resilience building.

Locally, caravan parks were affected significantly during the floods, the inquiry has recommended that the Victorian Government recognise caravan parks as essential businesses in disaster prone areas as providers of housing and emergency support and ensure support is available, including grants under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements to caravan park operators including those who operate on Crown Land.

When it comes to recovery and mental health, many people suffered trauma and continue to do so, for this to improve it was recommended that the Victorian Government provide long-term funding contracts for mental health services in flood affected regions, with a focus to securing dedicated mental health professionals and effective service delivery in communities impacted by natural disasters.

Insurance claims resulting from the 2022 floods amounted to \$489 million, being over 10,000 claims. Eighty seven per cent of claims have been closed, with a lower rate for residential and commercial property claims. These numbers have supported a recommendation for timely insurance processing as it's crucial to ease financial strain and postponing the rebuilding process. Prolonging this hinders recovery communities and individuals.

For more information on the inquiry into the 2022 flood event, you can find it at [parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/inquiries/floodinquiry/reports](http://parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/inquiries/floodinquiry/reports)



# McLeish comments on flood inquiry

THE parliamentary inquiry into the October 2022 floods has found that changes need to be made to avoid a catastrophic repeat of the event.

Shadow Minister for Water, Tim McCurdy, said that it was important that government adopt the recommendations to develop new rules for major flood events that would balance the needs of entitlement holders and the community.

“Labor was asleep at the wheel during the flood event, failing farmers and community members before, during, and after the floods,” Mr McCurdy said.

“There was a lot of concern and confusion around the role of Lake Eildon, and then the subsequent lack of alerts and information caused more distress for those downstream.

“Locals need a clear message about the role of Eildon in future floods, and they also

need alerts about major releases before their houses are flooded.”

Liberal Member for Eildon, Cindy McLeish, said that those downstream of Lake Eildon were let down badly by the government.

“An enormous volume of water was released from Lake Eildon near midnight with no warning, flooding landowners and communities downstream in the darkness causing massive stress. This is simply not good enough,” Ms McLeish said.

“Two years later the community of Acheron still suffers the impact of the flood, with the road and historic Breakaway Bridge yet to be repaired.”

“The government needs to learn from their mistakes, rather than to pass it off as a one in 100 year flood event.”

## SPORT



The Yea Tigers under 16 team for 2024. -S

# Yea under 16 footballers dominate their final game of season

### Under 14

**Yea 1.4 – 10 defeated by Seymour 8.9 - 57**  
by Tania Day

THE last round of the season saw Yea at home against Seymour. After big numbers at training this week the coach and team were fired up to make the last game the best. Yea’s first quarter was their best of the season.

They played aggressively and defensively and managed to keep the ball in the forward the majority of the time. A fabulous mark in the goal square by Hunter followed by a goal got the crowd up on their feet and the players feeling confident leading into the second quarter.

Seymour headed into the second quarter a little more prepared for Yea’s defensive play and kicked two goals and two behinds, ending the first half in front by seven points.

Yea restricted Seymour to only four goals in the second half, a vast improvement on the last time they met. The win went to Seymour however the team should be very proud on how they played and how much they have improved over the season.

The club congratulates Hunter Steiner who won this round’s Spirit of Footy Medal for demonstrating the values of sportsmanship, teamwork and fair play, awarded by the Seymour Coach and Captain.

Goals: Hunter Steiner (1); Awards: A Madden, T Hopner.

The club also gives thanks to Coach Hayden “Happy” Gilmore for all his encouragement throughout the season and to all the parents and volunteers for supporting the kids.

### Under 16

**Yea 8.18 – 66 defeated Broadford 1.1 - 7**  
by Nick Fisher

WHAT a final round for the Yea Tigers under 16s. They played at home against Broadford, and for the first time this season, they had their entire team. With all the boys there, they showed what they were capable of.

Both teams came out firing with Yea dominating the play. But they only managed to score four points for the opening quarter. In the second quarter, Broadford scored the first goal for the game before Yea promptly replied, kicking three goals.

In the second half of the game the Tigers only got stronger dominating the play in what was a good clean game of football.

The weekly awards went to Andrew Bree, Tayte Hoefchen, Thomas Undy, and Sam Charles. The Yea team manager, Nick Fisher, thanks Shane Undy for coaching, John Purvis for medic, Cameron Fairchild for umpiring, the Dignam family for helping with every game and all the other parents and siblings that volunteered each week to make the games possible.

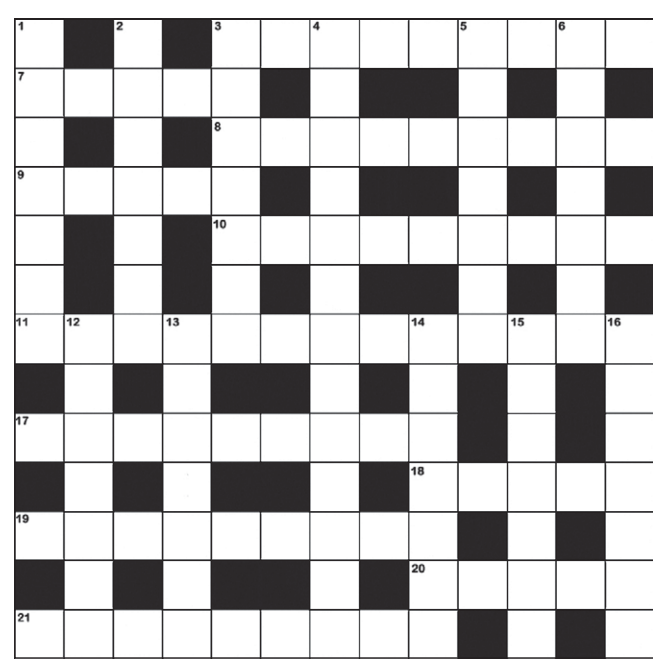
# PUZZLES

**SOLUTIONS**  
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## Crossword

- ACROSS**
3. Make an exact copy of.
  7. Doglike mammal of Africa.
  8. Height of a ship between water and deck.
  9. Period of darkness.
  10. Easily affected by feelings.
  11. A revival of consciousness.
  17. Abounding with light.
  18. Showing extreme anger.
  19. Frees from servitude.
  20. 8th letter of the Greek alphabet.
  21. An early, typical example.

- DOWN**
1. Follows lightning.
  2. Elevations above given levels.
  3. Beams that support a roof.
  4. Much greater in number or influence.
  5. Typically a barbecue.
  6. A violently destructive windstorm.
  12. Prior to.



13. The most hideous.
14. A public performer.
15. Penetrates and assaults.
16. Symbol used in counting.

## Word Search

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## Math Square

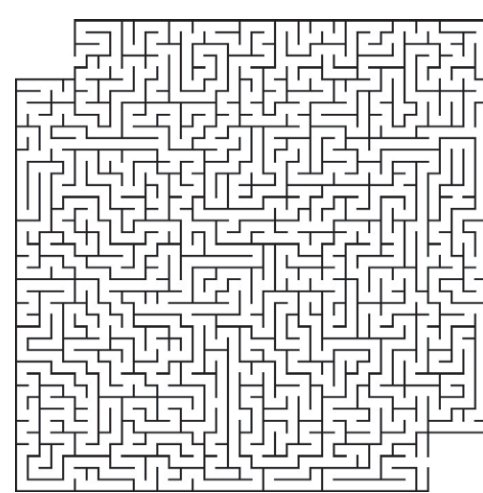
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  - GAMES
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  - PARIS
  - ROWING
  - SWIMMING
  - TAEKWONDO

## 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.

## Maze



## Sudoku

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	1	7			6			

## Difficulty: Medium

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



# Two person ambrose

by Alan Pell

LAST Wednesday saw seven teams participate in an ambrose event at 'Royal Yea'. Conditions were cold at 10.30am for hit off with hand warmers an ideal golfing accessory. The sun eventually appeared after nine holes and layers of clothes were then shed.

There were only three shots (nett) between first to third placings, with Brendan Chenhall (13) and Michael Spagnolo (8) finishing with 74 off the stick nett 68.75. Second and losers of the two dollar match with the winners were Alan Pell (15) and Zach Pell (22) with 79 off the stick nett 69.75. Third were Meryl

Connell (25) and Trevor Connell (20) with 82 off the stick nett 70.75. There was no nearest the pin on the 18th.

## 54 Hole Par Event

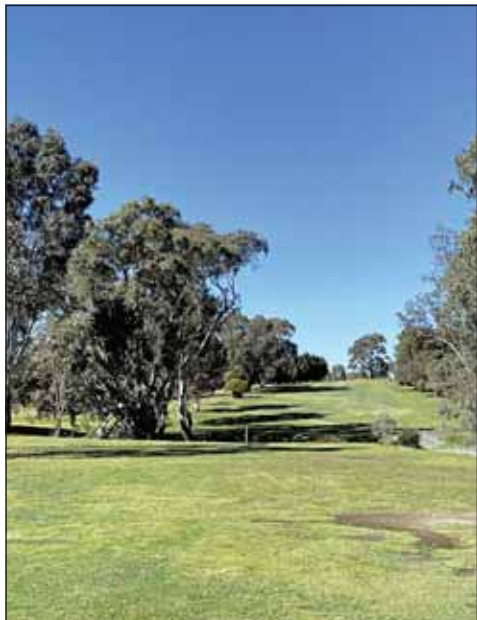
ONLY 12 players on Saturday contested the par round of the 54 Hole Event. Conditions were the best of the week with the course gradually drying out. Preferred lies were important though as mud was on the ball after each shot.

Winner of the day on countback was Zach Pell (22) with +1. Second was Allan Coates (10), third Brian Simmons (12) also on +1. Nearest the pin on the 18th was Rick Wills

and Phil Armstrong won the club award. Brendan Chenhall beat Phil Armstrong in the club knockout.

In the 54 Hole Event the leader is Brian Simmons with 16 points from Zach Pell 15, Alan Pell 13, and Allan Coates 9. Next Saturday is the final round with (10-1) points available to the winner to 10th place. The final event is stroke.

The Ladies Par Event was won by Penny Britton (33) with -3. Chooklotto was won by Vicki Clements and Tom White, with Kevin Coghlan winning the DGK Conveyancing Stubby Holder.



The ninth fairway after the fog lifted. -S



Winners from the Yea Golf day event. -S

# Terip on top of the ladder

by Rhonda Carpenter

ROUND 13 was sunny and cold for matches in Mansfield, Euroa and Terip last Monday week.

In the top of the table clash Terip faced Benalla who got off to a flier winning the first three sets. Terip's Bec Lyttle, Phoebe McDermid, Jenny Martin and Michelle Lees warmed up and Phoebe and Jenny took their set 8-5.

Benalla's Kate Campbell, Claire Sharp, Maureen Jewell, and Helen Chectuti had come to play and strongly secured both final sets on the plateau. Benalla won 5/45 to 1/19 to edge closer to Terip at the top of the ladder.

Mansfield hosted Moglonemby in a tough battle, winning both openers, then losing the next two. Judy Sands, Debbie Seach, Robyn Johnson and Mary Kelly began plotting their comeback, but Peta Kelly, Keira McDonagh, Sophie Yencken and Clare Beecham had other ideas. Mansfield took both final sets 8-3 and won the day 4/41 to 2/27.

Delatite welcomed Euroa with Karyn Fraser and Jo O'Brien beginning strongly and taking their opening set to a tiebreaker, unlucky to lose it. Euroa's Lyndall Bigland, Chris Ellis, Di Ellis and Mary Dewis found their range in the remaining sets and won the match 6/48 to 0/15.

In Euroa the battle of the creeks played out in a tightly contested match. Creightons Creek's Marja Wondergem, Gayle Furphy, Erica Mercer and Lisa Krepp enjoyed lengthy rallies and good quality tennis. The teams alternated the winning sets all day, but Seven Creek's Rowena Ellis, Kelly Hill, Kerry Hewlett and Genevieve Calvert edged out their opponents by three games.

Seven Creeks defeated Creighton's Creek 3/39 to 3/35 to switch places with them on the ladder.

After Round 13 Terip has 84 points, Benalla 79, Euroa 79, Mansfield 71, Wappan 57, Seven Creeks 55, Creighton's Creek 52, Moglonemby 38 and Delatite 5.

# Squash pennant results

by Kristelle Leary

## Monday Competition Blue Vein v Mozzarella

ETHAN versus Eric: A close match until the final game where strong serving from Ethan gave him a convincing lead. Ethan took the win. 65 to 47.

Matt versus Mick: Some great rallies that were enjoyable to watch. Matt's ability to chase the ball down was on another level and gained him the victory. 62 to 60.

Pep versus Daniel W: Every rally was a fight with neither opponent wanting to lose the point. Daniel took the second game from Pep who took three games and the match. 52 to 48.

James versus Daniel K: A battle of power versus guile. Daniel was too tricky for James, however it was a great match to watch. 76 to 45.

## Camembert v Gouda

Lachlan versus Tyler (fill in): Tyler stepped in at the last minute to fill in. There were nice serves and boast throughout the match. Lachlan won the trophy. 63 to 39.

Lee versus Chris: Chris put in a tremendous effort and made Lee earn each of her points. However, the experience of Lee proved too great and she took home the victory. 65 to 44.

Oli versus Justin: High energy and speed. Going into the last game Justin was a head by three points. Oli made all the right choices to win the final game and the match. 62 to 60.

Andrew (fill in) versus Derrick: Two games each saw a very close match. Andrew scraped in a few extra points to steal the win. 58 to 55.

## Thursday Competition

## Hammerheads v Piranhas

SHANNON versus Beth: Mere points differences in each game. Shannon brought the goods to win all games and the match. 64 to 56.

Jodie versus Sam: Jodie had too much skill for Sam. Sam took the final game to gain back some respect in what was otherwise a Jodie dominated match. 72 to 46.

Michael M versus Stuart (fill in): Michael held the upper hand after two games. Stuart pulled out the freaky shots in game three to blow the match apart. Giving it his all Michael tried to close the gap but despite him winning three games Stuart won the match. 58 to 54.

## Barracudas v Stingrays

Matt versus Jessica: Jessica kept the ball away from Matt to take an early lead but took the pressure off in the third game giving Matt the opportunity to claim a game. Jessica came back out to take the fourth game and the victory. 74 to 38.

Lucas versus Travis: Lucas used a long then short strategy to put Travis under pressure and claim some easy points. Travis was able to dig out a number of the deep serves and drop them out of Lucas's reach. This didn't stop Lucas from taking the match. 62 to 55.

Jack versus Jim: Mixing up his shots, Jim put Jack under pressure, taking control of the first three games. Rushed shots in game four gave Jack the chance to take the fourth as a consolation win, while Jim won the match. 60 to 47.

## Outer East Football and Netball League Ladders

### Football - Seniors

Seville	272.20	12
Healesville	256.13	11
Warburton Millgrove	180.13	12
Yea	115.41	8
Belgrave	140.15	7
Alexandra	178.80	8
Yarra Glen	38.89	2
Yarra Junction	34.77	2
Powelltown	21.78	1

### Football - Reserves

Belgrave	447.71	13
Seville	366.85	12
Healesville	333.88	11
Warburton Millgrove	253.86	10
Yea	96.27	7
Alexandra	45.75	5
Powelltown	29.47	3
Yarra Junction	35.46	1
Yarra Glen	17.26	1

### Football - Senior Women

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

### Football - Under 16

Euroa	78.57	11
Moama	64.28	9
Seymour	53.84	7
Alexandra	21.42	3
Broadford	15.38	2
Yea	8.33	1

### Football - Under 14

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

### Netball - A Grade

Seville	161.69	13
Warburton Millgrove	192.35	12
Yarra Glen	155.26	10
Healesville	82.67	5
Alexandra	71.61	5
Belgrave	86.76	4
Yarra Junction	74.64	4
Yea	45.98	1

### Netball - B Grade

Seville	64 pts	15
Belgrave	48 pts	10
Yarra Glen	48 pts	10
Warburton Millgrove	44 pts	10
Yea	32 pts	6
Yarra Junction	24 pts	4
Powelltown	24 pts	4
Healesville	20 pts	3
Alexandra	16 pts	2

### Netball - C Grade

Yarra Glen	64 pts	14
Seville	56 pts	13
Warburton Millgrove	48 pts	11
Belgrave	44 pts	9
Yea	32 pts	6
Yarra Junction	28 pts	5
Alexandra	18 pts	2
Powelltown	14 pts	1
Healesville	12 pts	1

### Netball - D Grade

Seville	100.00	12
Alexandra	70.83	8
Belgrave	62.50	7
Warburton Millgrove	61.53	8
Yarra Glen	58.33	7
Yea	23.07	3
Yarra Junction	15.38	2
Powelltown	0	0

### Football - Under 12

Wandong	44 pts	11
Alexandra	36 pts	9
Broadford	28 pts	7
Seymour	28 pts	7
Tabilk	12 pts	3
Yea	12 pts	3
St Marys	0 pts	0



# The Chronicle Sport



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## Busy day for Yea Pony Club

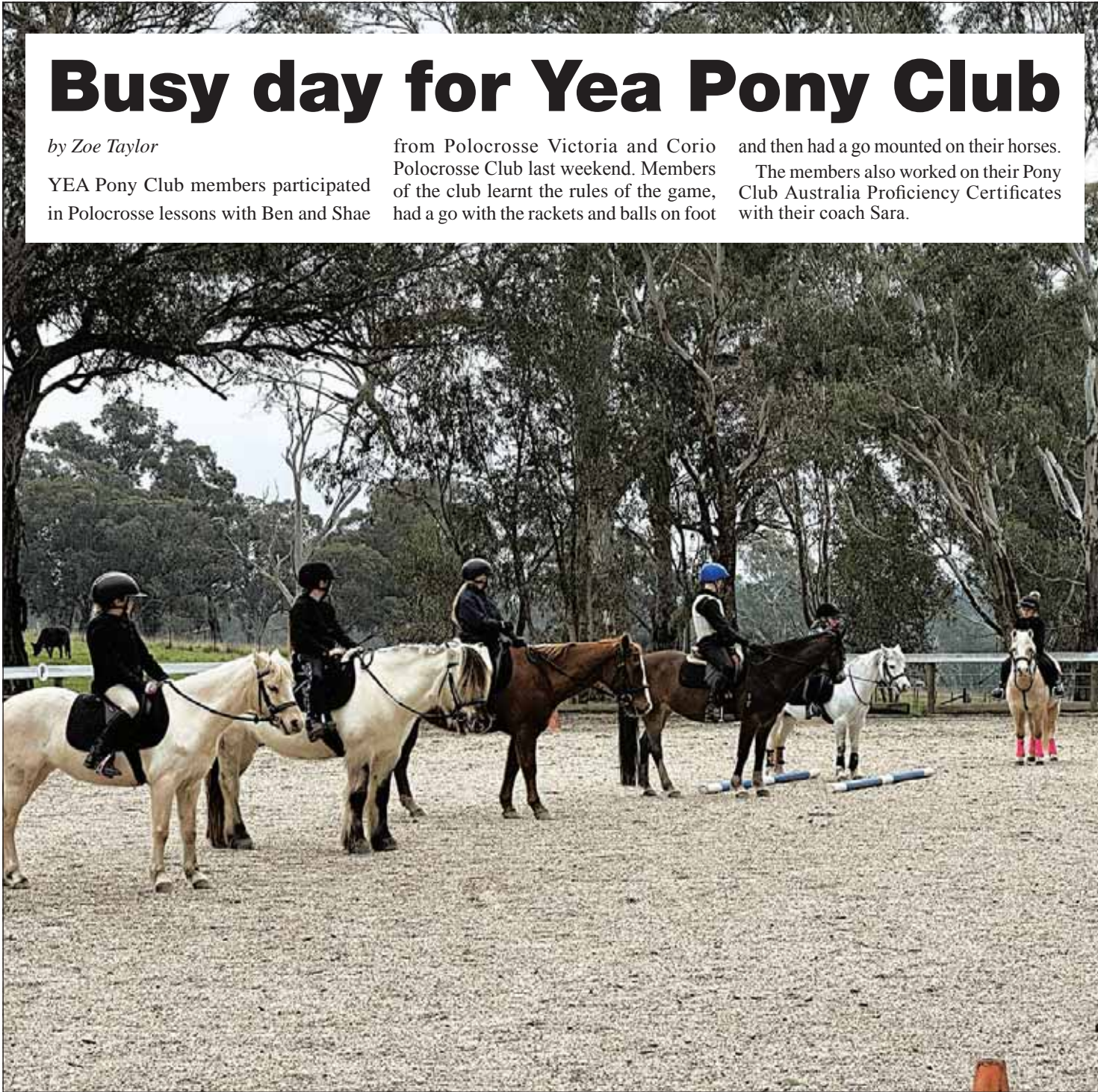
by Zoe Taylor

YEA Pony Club members participated in Polocrosse lessons with Ben and Shae

from Polocrosse Victoria and Corio Polocrosse Club last weekend. Members of the club learnt the rules of the game, had a go with the rackets and balls on foot

and then had a go mounted on their horses.

The members also worked on their Pony Club Australia Proficiency Certificates with their coach Sara.



Members working on their Pony Club Australia Proficiency Certificates. -S



Yea Pony Club Rally members participated in Polocrosse lessons. -S



A young rider using the Polocrosse rackets on a horse. -S

## Yea junior netballers defeat Seymour

by Kelly Harris

Under 15

Yea 47 defeated Seymour 36

THE Yea Tigers were looking forward to their last match of the season before heading into finals. Last week was a tough win for the team against Broadford (Tigers 16 to Roos 15) which took a bit out of them, but they knew the Seymour Lions were strong and would present another challenge.

Yea were a couple of players down and also with some illness in the team but managed to bring the usual Tigers' spirit to the game. Jemma was strong as centre for the first three quarters of the game and proved to be reliable in both attack and defence.

Sophie and Maya in goals, with Marley supporting them in wing attack, established a rhythm fast and this was seen on the scoreboard. Lily in wing defence worked with Sienna in goal defence and Flynn Keeping to hold the Lions to one of their lowest scoring quarters. The Tigers had the lead at the end of the first quarter, 10 to the Lions seven.

Some minor changes saw Ella in wing defence and Lily move back into keeper with Flynn coming out to goal defence. The Lions made Yea's defensive end work hard this quarter with their shooters increasing their accuracy, resulting in a reduction in the Tiger's lead.



Under 13 award winners Lexi and Lola. -S

Hannah assisted in wing attack with getting the ball to Maya and Marley who kept the Tiger's scoring consistent. At half time the Tigers managed to keep the lead, 19 to the Lions 18. Jemma stayed strong in centre in the third quarter while Sophie moved back into goal attack to shoot with Marley.

Quick hands from Yea's attackers and shooters saw an increase in goals with Sophie and Marley managing to score an impressive 12 goals for the quarter. The defensive combinations of Sienna, Flynn, Lily and Ella held the Lions to another lower scoring quarter and allowed the Tigers to move further away. Scores at three quarter time were Tigers 31 to Lions 25.

Momentum was certainly with the Tigers in the final quarter and every player on the team managed to have some court time in this



Yea junior netballer under 15 award winners Jemma and Marley. -S

quarter. Marley took over in centre to give Jemma a break from the intensity and Sophie and Maya were back shooting together again.

Ella and Hannah, both had some time in wing defence, feeding the ball along with Marley. This resulted in the Tiger's biggest number of goals for a quarter in this game. Jemma and Lily shared the role of wing defence and supported Sienna and Flynn in the goal circle, assisting to move the ball quickly out when there was a turnover.

The Lions made a last-minute charge, but the Tigers were able to hold them off and come away with the win.

Awards: Marmalade's Player of the Week: Marley Leatham; Yarra Valley Gas 'Most Improved': Jemma Anstey.



Under 11 division two award winners Cienna and Sophie. -S



Under 11 award winners Hayley, Ivy and Stella. -S