

## Safe farms advice here

A FARM safety information evening is planned for Wednesday, October 13 at 8 pm in the Multi-purpose room at Kerang South Primary School.

This meeting has been planned together with the local Victorian Farmers' Federation branch.

A guest speaker from Bendigo has been invited to speak about farm safety issues at this meeting. Another guest speaker from Ballarat will speak about Spring spraying of superphosphate.

The farm safety information evening aims to promote public awareness of Farm Safety Issues. It will expand upon ideas explored in the Farm Safety Spotter program which children in Grades 3 to 6 at Kerang South Primary School have been involved in recently.

This meeting is open to all parents and interested members of the community.

It should be very interesting for all who live or work on a farm or those who simply visit farms from time to time.

For further details contact Debra Krause at Kerang South (phone 52 2275) or Anne Fitzgerald (54 6252).



There was no golf for this forlorn pooch pondering his predicament on the flooded Kerang golf course after Sunday's deluge. Picture: JOANNE STEVENS.

# Sea of water

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towards a peak that will be equivalent to the 1975 level.

Mr Whelan said that excavators are strengthening Barham's eastern levee and landholders were carrying out maintenance work.

Kerang Shire Council plant operators have created a bank along the Koondrook-Murrabit road on Koondrook's outskirts.

Arbuthnot Sawmills has sandbagged about 50 metres of its frontage at Koondrook and man-

ager, Mr Paul Madden said yesterday that its height may need to be increased.

Despite the need for sandbags, the sawmill firm's major concern is the continuing inundation of the forests.

The mill has enough timber stockpiled to last until about mid December and Mr Madden fears a repeat of last year's conditions when timber workers were unable to gain access to the forests until February.

Farmers on the NSW

side of the river near Murrabit are expecting widespread inundation and the SES and landholders are likely to begin moving about 3000 sheep marooned on one property.

"The situation could be equal to or worse than last time", he said.

A new minor flood peak in the Loddon River has reached the Fernhurst area and further falls in river height following the previous major flood peak are expected before the new rise reaches Durham

Ox, Appin South and Kerang.

Rural Water Corporation acting operations director, Mr John Rumbold said that the river is falling slowly in the lower reaches at Benjeroop and should drop further before the Murray River peak reaches the area.

Outflows from Kow Swamp are expected to maintain the height of the Pyramid Creek, which will be bolstered by inflows from the Nine Mile Creek and the Bullock Creek.

## FIRE AND FLOOD

COHUNA Fire Brigade members were kept busy combating a combination of floods and fires in the region on Sunday night and Monday morning.

A tanker from Cohuna was called to assist with pumping water from flooded homes near the Barham football ground late on Sunday night, a task that kept them busy until 1.45 am on Monday.

Soon after arriving

back in Cohuna the brigade was called to attend a suspected vehicle fire on a farming property near the Leitchville turn-off, after a passing motorist saw flames escaping from the vicinity of a parked vehicle.

Fortunately for the landholder involved and brigade tanker crews from Cohuna and Leitchville, the blaze was traced to a burning incinerator.

## Zone plan for NSW tourism

THE Murray/Riverina Zone Marketing Committee which was recently established by the NSW Tourism Commission has moved rapidly to complete the Zone Marketing Plan.

At a meeting in Tumut last week, the final touches were made to the plan which will now be submitted to the Tourism Commission. Once the plan has been agreed to by the Commission, funding of the \$100,000 program will be released and the plan put into action.

It has been generally agreed upon that where a Tourist Association represents tourism interest in two states, both states can benefit from the promotion.

Golden Rivers Tourism is playing a major role in the activities of the com-

mittee through tourism manager, Mr Gary Greening, who has been elected Treasurer of the Zone Committee.

The zone committee through its own research has identified Victoria, South Australia and to a lesser extent the ACT as its prime geographical targets and will promote into these areas through consumer and trade shows, roadshows, familiarisations, television and press advertising, static displays and the publishing of a Zone Brochure.

Mr Greening said that additional funding through the Federal Governments Regional Tourism Development Program was also being explored with the possibility of another \$100,000 being added to the budget.

## Sharing to beat rising fuel costs

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## Neighbourhood Watch — Rural

## AIDS speaker

NEIGHBOURHOOD Watch-Rural Area N0009's annual general meeting is on Tuesday, October 12.

Attendance has improved at the last couple of meetings, maybe due to the newsletters keeping people up to date with developments.

At the June meeting we had a stimulating talk on the economic situation by May Partners accountant, Terry McDermott, and at the annual general meeting we hope to have a speaker from the Blood Bank to talk about AIDS.

A feature of the meetings has been the Police reports of Andrew Downs with his surprise exhibits. In June it was a thriving marijuana plant in a pot, last month a collection of deadly weapons confiscated from cars. These exhibits have given rise to lively discussions, out of which has arisen plans for a 'Drug Night' to be held with the co-operation and help of the police force and open to the public.

President Esther Reaper is now liaising with Melbourne police for final details including

when and where.

There is to be a dinner seminar of Neighbourhood Watch in Mildura probably in October. drew Downs is represent our group there.

Our AGM - Please members try and attend specially important Zone Leaders and who are our engravers. Some seem to have dug them out and bring meeting so they can circulate again. thought it would be to have supper after meeting, so would please try and bring small plate. Tea and coffee will be available.

DATE - Tuesday, October 12. TIME - 8 pm. PLACE - Gilbert Club Hotel.

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