



Barham resident, Mr Charlie Humphrey is surrounded by water at his Wakool street residence.



Mr Des Hammond outside his Maunder street flat, in Koondrook, where water encroached close to all six flats at the site.

Border towns were soaked Flooded drains and stranded cattle

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Trevor Trewin and Charlie Humphrey had water at their doorsteps after the heavy overnight deluge.

Mr Humphrey said residents were lucky there had been a week's break between heavy rainfalls.

"If the break had not occurred half of Barham would have been underwater," he said.

Mr Humphrey said a larger pump than the present 10 inch pump was needed in the town to remove the street waters which nearly

always accumulated after heavy rains.

Wakool Council general manager, Mr Craig Moffitt and Cr Ken Trewin toured the flooded streets early on Monday to get a first hand look at the water damage.

Rural Water Corporation area manager for the Torrumbarry region, Mr Bryan Main said the heavy rains on Sunday and Monday caused more local problems than significant rises in river levels.

He said the level of the Murray River had

remained the same at the Torrumbarry Weir for the past six days, while the Loddon River had risen two centimetres in the past two days to reach a minor flood level of 76.94 metres.

The Murray River was at 86.5 metres at the Torrumbarry Weir yesterday and 6.06 metres at Barham.

Mr Main said it was fortunate that small amounts of rainfall at Laanecoorie Reservoir had meant there was no major flood peak existing there.

He said big rains at Shepparton and Echuca would cause the Murray River to rise still further, creating the potential for flooding downstream and upstream of Barham.

Swan Hill was issued with a major flood warning on the Murray yesterday morning while the river level at Benjeroop rose to 72.93 metres, up 4 cm from Sunday.

HEAVY weekend rainfall has caused numerous problems for district farmers, ranging from flooded salt drains to stranded cattle. The weekend average ranged from 75 mm to 80 mm - equivalent to 3 inches to 3.25 inches.

Murrabit and Myall were the worst hit with 105 mm of rain and farmers reported cattle standing in up to 30 cm of water.

Gonn Crossing received 93 mm and water lay over much of the ground. The height of the Murray River was the highest some had ever seen at Koondrook and Gonn Crossing.

Koondrook received 82 mm and some farms were flooded severely with up to half of some properties under water. Milk production was down and there was more water most had ever seen.

Thirty-one mm was recorded around Benjeroop with farmers using pumps to relieve drainage problems.

A quarter of the annual rainfall was recorded in areas around Gunbower and paddocks were inundated after 32 mm fell.

Lake Meran received 53 mm.

The Horfield farming district recorded 25.5

mm was received causing salt drains to overflow and many tracks were flooded.

Leitchville received 26 mm and low ground was covered with flood water and salt drains filled.

Gannawarra received 19 mm with only minor problems occurring and farmers hoped the rain would come in handy.

The Kerang East area received more than 37 mm, causing salt drains to fill and paddock inun-

dation.

Tragowel recorded 71 mm and local flooding was the main problem. Mystic Park received 30 mm with farmers using pumps to clear the excess water off their land.

The heavy rain fall caused most farmers various problems but all were confident that they could overcome this latest bout of flooding and resume normal farming activities without too much disruption.

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Risk for wool future

THE long-term future for one of Australia's greatest primary industries could be put at risk by the Federal Government's unwillingness to fund wool promotion according to National Party Member for Mallee, Mr John Forrest.

"The call by the Wool Council for the Government to provide \$25 m for wool promotion has been ignored in their Wool Bills introduced to the Parliament on Thursday evening," he said.

"This is yet another broken election promise which was a commitment to develop a three-year funding program.

"The Garnaut recommendations clearly depend on adequate promotion for long term sustainability, and the report deplored the inequity of growers having to meet the full burden because of their fragile financial position."

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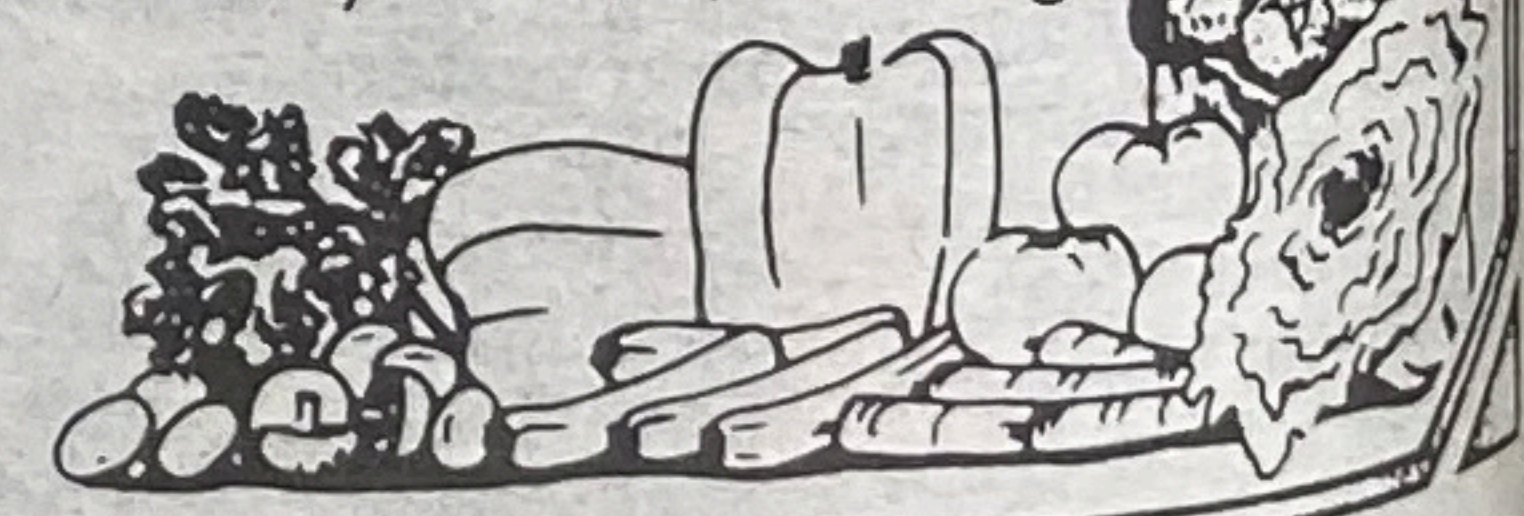
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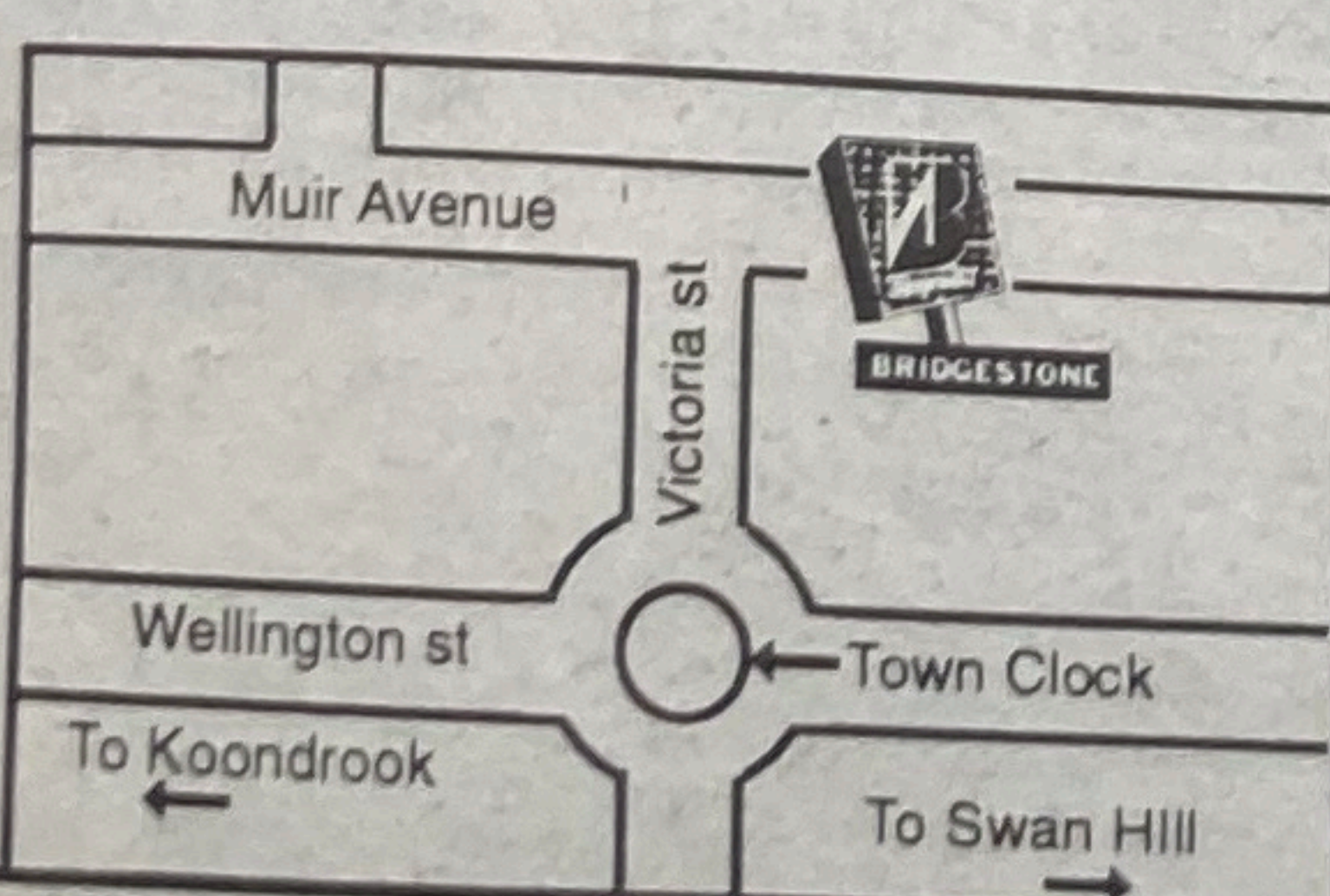
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Recycling resumption in town

KERBSIDE recycling collection resumes in Kerang this week.

Houses throughout the town have been issued with notices and details of items can be recycled.

Recyclable materials will be collected from households on Monday and Tuesday mornings, coinciding with weekly garbage collections.

Swan Hill Road Service was the successful tenderer for the collection.

Kerang Council engineer, Mr Campbell has renewed a reminder that the weekly green 240 litre bins must not exceed 70 kg.

"In recent years between five bins could not be collected due to being overweight," Mr Campbell said.

"In most cases excess weight is caused by too much damp grass in bins."

Local the

LOCAL bakery excelled in a bread competition despite competition from major bakeries.

The Victorian Association of Bakeries has announced that the Kerang branch will be run in conjunction with the Horsham branch.

This year's staged competition attracted 1700 bakers from all over the state.

Kerang's Bakery scored highly placing for bread, organic wholemeal, much to the delight of the town manager, Gray.

Having been successful at the show and 1990, Mr Gray said it was good to see the bakery's doing well against their competitors.

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