

Price up today

PRICE of *The Guardian* increases to 60c today.

The increase is in line with recent moves by suburban and other country newspapers.

In fact, *The Guardian* is one of the last in Victoria to impose the price increase.

The Guardian's cover price has been unchanged since March, 1991, during which time wages and material costs have risen considerably, particularly imported newspaper consumables, caused by the lower exchange rate.

Readers can be assured that every effort will be made to maintain the high standards set by this newspaper over the years.

WEALTH OF AREA WILL BE ON SHOW



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Top cats from Lake Boga

A TRIP to Brisbane paid off for Lake Boga resident Kaye Dunstone and her four Somali cats recently.

They travelled to Queensland for the International Cat Extravaganza, held by the Queensland Independent Cat Club recently, to compete against about 600 other cats from all over Australia and the world for prizes in the long-hair and short-hair categories.

Mrs Dunstone said if a cat made the top 10, "it is a real thrill".

"I didn't mind if they came in fifth or sixth, just finishing in the top 10 was a fantastic feeling."

Mrs Dunstone and her one adult and three kitten Somalis got into the top 10 eleven times during the two days, although the closest they got to first prize was fifth.

Mrs Dunstone said the judges were from all over the world, including the USA, France, Canada, Japan and Australia.

Mrs Dunstone also travelled to the Royal Melbourne Show the week before last, and received two prestigious awards — Best Somali and Best Reserve Somali.

Mrs Dunstone was extremely pleased with her wins, and was quite surprised as she competed against another woman who usually enters about 10 cats and takes out most of the ribbons.



THE wealth of Swan Hill and district will be exhibited at the Swan Hill Show today and tomorrow.

An army of Swan Hill and District Agricultural and Pastoral Society members has been working over the past few weeks to ensure the 98th annual Show is even better than the last, the ground is in perfect condition and organisers are well pleased with entries.

Perfect weather will top off the event.

Holstein Friesian cattle are featured this year and the support is excellent with 14 exhibitors from as far as Rochester and Cohuna entering about 70 cattle.

New on the schedule is the sheep counting competition with \$250 offered for first prize and \$50 for second.

This will be located next to the yard dog area at the Pye Street end of the Alan Garden Memorial Reserve.

Making a return to the program after several years is an animal nursery, with an emu chick from the Pioneer Settlement which is looking for a name, puppies and other young animals to delight the youngsters.

Saturday's grand parade will be

sparked up by a Leopard tank and the Golden City Pipe Band, from Bendigo, and from the Settlement the steam engine, Black Bess, and its Clydesdale team.

The tank will display its strength by crushing a car during the afternoon.

Vintage machinery buffs will be interested in the display mounted by Mallee Steam, Oil and Machinery Club which will contrast markedly with the modern machines on the second arena.

Tonight's program under lights promises to be exciting with the difficult six-bar horse jumping event, the Arabian horses on parade, the farm bike competition and the golf buggy race.

Of course, part and parcel of the fun of the fair is sideshow alley, which promises to be well up to the standard of previous years with exciting rides, shoot 'em and throw 'em stalls and plenty of fast food.

The Guardian for the first time is taking a role at the Show with staff running a train for the children and manning a stall giving away a free Kandy Kids showbag for every two Cadbury bags bought.

Slow rise in Murray

THE Murray River flood peak is expected to reach Swan Hill on Sunday, but is not thought to pose any serious threat.

Its arrival has been estimated by the Weather Bureau on records of flood travel time from Echuca — normally nine days.

But river watch authorities are puzzled that the Murray is not rising faster at Swan Hill.

It has been fairly steady at minor flood level of 4.50m most of this week and yesterday morning was 4.51m.

The reduced impact might be the result of the volume of water bypassing Swan Hill through the Edward and Wakool Rivers, both of which were rising yesterday.

Downstream, the Murray below Wakool Junction was also rising and a slow rise was occurring further down at Boundary Bend.

The Loddon peak is


moving through the Fish Point and Pental Island areas towards Swan Hill.

Yesterday morning it was reported to be running quite high but quietly and without danger.

"I think the levees can accommodate it in a moderate flood situation," Fish Point dairyfarmer Jack Davies said.

Sandbags not used in the Kerang area have been taken to Benjeroop as a safeguard.

State Emergency Service regional officer James Gustus has again asked landholders along the rivers to keep a close watch on levee banks in their area to ensure their safety.




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