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Happy together ... Les and Amy Hall reminisce over their wedding photos, and their anniversary card from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth.

Equal partners after all these years

ACCORDING to Numurkah's Amy and Les Hall, if there is a secret behind the success of their 70 year marriage, it's communication.

The couple, who met at a dance in the Yorkshire village of Terrington in 1947, say they have always discussed everything, to make sure they were on the same page.

"You have to make sure you can agree on things and make decisions together, and you can't blame each other if things go wrong, because you agreed on it together," Les told the *Leader*.

Amy said that, knowing each other so well, if one had a decision to make, the other could always help. "We could say to each other 'Are you sure you would like that?' Because we know each other so well, we could help the other think things through," she said.

Speaking to the couple, who still look at each other like a pair of young lovebirds, it's clear that the term 'wedded bliss' is far more than a cliché in their case.

They both confirm that they have had very few arguments over their years together, and no serious ones.

"We've had a few small arguments, but we've always tried to see each other's point of view, so none of our arguments ever got out of hand," Amy said.

Their harmonious relationship may well be proof of what Les says he knew the moment he saw Amy at that dance so many years ago.

"She was the one for me. I knew we were meant to be together," he said.

At a fortnight shy of 101 years of age, Amy can be forgiven for not remembering what she thought of Les at that first meeting. However, when the suggestion is made that it had something to do with those twinkling blue eyes of his, she doesn't deny it.

Knowing he'd met his match, Les was determined to bring Amy around to the idea, and started making frequent visits to the post office where she worked.

"I would go in a couple of times a week and buy a penny's worth of stamps," he said.

"I ended up with quite a collection, but it was worth it."

Les would come and accompany Amy home on her half day off each week, and love bloomed as they rode along on their bikes.

The couple became engaged in February 1949 and married in September of that year. In 1961, with two young sons, they emigrated to Melbourne as part of the '10 pound pom' scheme.

On the other side of the world, their bond only strengthened.

"We relied on each other and took care of each other," Amy said.

"We had to be a team, and always think about each other and what was best for us as a couple and as a family."

For Amy and Les, teamwork has always meant exactly that.

"We've always had an equal partnership and worked together. If there was work to be done, we pitched in and did it together, because it was about our life together and our family," Amy said.

As for Les, he is adamant that it's Amy's pleasant approach to life that has made their relationship what it is.

"We've had a happy life together," he said. "I always knew she was the one for me."

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Roadwork blitz to begin in north east Victoria

A MASSIVE road maintenance blitz is about to get under way across north east Victoria.

Minister for Roads Jaala Pulford yesterday announced \$65.9 million was being invested in rebuilding, resurfacing and repairing around 241 kilometres of roads across the region as part of the Victorian Government's road maintenance blitz.

This includes rebuilding key stretches of the Hume Highway at Winton and Creightons Creek, and two sections of the Goulburn Valley Highway at Shepparton to further support freight.

Works will also target a 1.1 kilometre section of Mount Buller Road, Mansfield and a 600 metre section of the Maroondah Highway at Bonnie Doon.

Regional councils are also delivering 133 improvement projects on their municipal roads thanks to round two of the government's \$100 million Fixing Country Roads program – including rebuilding sections of local roads, sealing gravel roads and strengthening bridges.

Crews will be out in force with reduced speeds and traffic management in place, and drivers are being asked to adhere to these changed conditions for the safety of roadworkers and the community.

The full program of planned maintenance works is now live on Regional Roads Victoria's online interactive map. For more information, visit regionalroads.vic.gov.au to find out more.

Rush hour for local firies

FIVE forty seemed to be the magic number - but not in a good way - for local CFA brigades last week, with crews receiving calls to what could potentially have been major incidents at 5.40pm on both Tuesday and Thursday.

A brief power outage caused a scare in Numurkah on Tuesday, when a passer-by called Vic Fire after seeing smoke from a diesel generator which had automatically started up at GrainCorp when the power flicked off.

Numurkah, Katunga and Wunghnu brigades, plus Shepparton's aerial pumper, were called out to the McDonald Street premises, but Katunga, Wunghnu and Shepparton were stopped enroute after Numurkah quickly established that there was no fire.

48 hours later, at 5.40pm on Thursday, Strathmerton, Cobram, Numurkah and Yarroweyah brigades were called to a reported fire at the Strathmerton Hotel, on the corner of Main Street and Maguire Street, Strathmerton.

A slow combustion heater had been lit, and when the heater door was opened the room filled with smoke and the fire brigade was called. The fire was confined to the heater and a stop call was put on Cobram, Numurkah and Yarroweyah brigades.

Two call outs were responded to by local brigades on Monday, with the first coming at 1.40pm, with Numurkah brigade and Shepparton's aerial pumper responding to an alarm at Numurkah District Health Service.

Karinya's automatic alarms had been isolated while workers were working on the building, but a manual switch in Karinya, which was still active, and was accidentally bumped by a worker, setting off the alarm. Shepparton was stopped enroute.

Later, at 4.15pm, Yarroweyah, Strathmerton and Cobram brigades were turned out to a tree on fire on Hill Road, Yarroweyah. A land owner was burning off and the fire spread to a tree, which was quickly extinguished by the fire brigades.

Minor incidents this week

THERE were just two minor criminal incidents reported locally this week, both occurring last Thursday, October 26.

Between 12 and 5pm, unknown offenders entered St Francis Primary School Nathalia where they damaged garden beds and tipped the contents of the rubbish bins all over the school yard. The damage to garden beds is approximately \$500.

Overnight on the 26th, a number plate was stolen from the front of a Ford Falcon ute parked at a residence in Numurkah Road, Katunga.

Time to wind clocks forward

LOVE it or hate it, daylight savings is here again, with clocks in Victoria due to go forward an hour at 2am, eastern standard time (EST) this Sunday, October 6.

Whilst most digital devices will adjust their time displays automatically, analogue and traditional clocks will need to be adjusted manually.

Though we'll all 'lose an hour's sleep' this weekend, we'll get it back when daylight savings ends at 2am on Sunday, April 5, 2020.

Letter to the Editor

Plan for water safety

WE write on behalf of Royal Life Saving Society – Australia and Surf Life Saving Australia to urge readers to take the greatest of care in, on and around water.

Latest data reveals 276 people drowned across Australia over the past year, which is a 10% jump on the previous year. A significant number of these deaths happened in summer.

It is of great concern that 101 people drowned in inland waterways and there were 122 coastal drowning deaths, including 71 on beaches.

It is also of enormous concern that in the past 12 months, 584 people have been hospitalised as a result of non-fatal drowning incidents. Some of these people will sadly end up with irreversible brain damage.

We do not want to see tragedy taking place. It is vital readers supervise children at all times around water. We urge everybody

Keep sharing the F.A.S.T message

NATIONAL Stroke Week may be over for another year, but raising awareness of the F.A.S.T. signs of stroke is an ongoing mission we can all embrace.

I was heartened by the thousands of volunteers right around the country who took part in events throughout September 2-8 to raise awareness of stroke and its symptoms in their local communities. On behalf of the Stroke Foundation, I can't thank you enough.

I encourage all Australians to keep sharing the potentially life-saving F.A.S.T. acronym with their friends, family and colleagues all year round. It involves asking these simple questions if you suspect a stroke:

- Face: Check their face. Has their mouth drooped?
- Arms: Can they lift both arms?
- Speech: Is their speech slurred?

Do they understand you?

- Time is critical: If you see any of these signs call triple zero (000) straight away

The more people who know this message and call triple zero at the first sign of stroke, the better.

Stroke is a devastating disease that strikes the brain and can change lives in an instant, but thanks to medical advancements in recent decades many people are able to make a good recovery if they are treated quickly and the damage is stopped.

While 80% of strokes display one or more of the F.A.S.T. signs, other symptoms can present, including dizziness, loss of balance or vision, headache and difficulty swallowing.

Remember, anyone can have a stroke. If you or someone else experiences any of the signs of stroke, even if they last a few minutes, call triple zero (000) immediately. Taking FAST action could save a life.

Sharon McGowan
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Family day out ... Emma, Mia and Nick Weygood, with Charlee Little, were among those who snapped up tickets for a rare train ride to Tocumwal.

All aboard for a rare opportunity

LOCAL train lovers were given a rare opportunity on Saturday, as a passenger service was run between Shepparton and Tocumwal for the first time in years.

Regular passenger services between Shepparton and Tocumwal ended on November 8, 1975, but Seymour Railway Heritage Centre brought the service back to life for one day on Saturday.

The train departed from Southern Cross station, making eight stops to pick up passengers between there and Tocumwal.

With just 30 tickets available from Numurkah, local rail enthusiasts snapped them up quickly.

Numurkah's Graeme Connor told the *Leader*

that it was the first chance he'd had to catch the train to Tocumwal since he was a child.

"I can remember the steam trains from when I was a kid, and I used to catch the train between Shepparton and Numurkah as a teenager," he said.

"The old trains had a lot of character, and this has renewed my interest. I've really been looking forward to getting one to Tocumwal again."

Saturday's engine was not of the steam variety, however, but a preserved diesel locomotive X31 and T378, hauling 110-year-old wooden, and 80-year-old steel carriages.

Among the carriages, purely for viewing purposes, were former State carriages number four

and five - the 1906 Yarra and Royal carriages.

With their stained glass and burnished fittings, they were slightly fancier than the regular carriages, which still drew plenty of appreciation for their pressed tin ceilings and wooden decor.

In another demonstration of how rail travel used to be, the rear end of the train featured a viewing carriage where passengers could watch the rails disappear behind the train.

Another group of local rail enthusiasts who jumped at the chance for a unique day out was the Weygood family.

With dad Nick a keen train traveller, the rest of the family were happy to tag along for a pleasant afternoon train trip to the banks of the

Murray.

A slight hiccup occurred, as the train was delayed at the platform for around two hours at Numurkah after a passenger who had boarded at a previous station received treatment following a medical emergency.

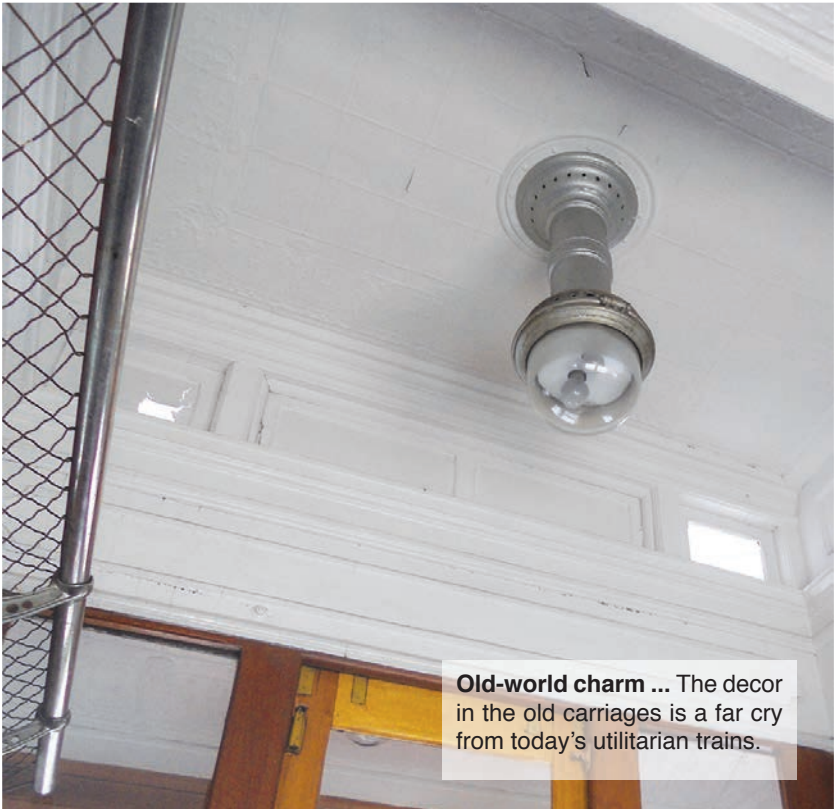
Though the late departure denied passengers the opportunity to peruse the treasures of the Tocumwal foreshore market, and narrowed down their lunch options, Emma Weygood told the *Leader* the family still had a lovely day out.

"We got there eventually, and it was a lovely day," she said.

"It wasn't quite the day out we had planned, but we still had a really nice time."



Long awaited ... Graeme Connor didn't want to miss out on getting a photo of the train approaching.



Old-world charm ... The decor in the old carriages is a far cry from today's utilitarian trains.



Team Numurkah ... Mitch Sutton, Bill Simpson, Kathryn Pryde, Ben Hinck, Carl Trease, Fizz Mayberry and R2D2 get ready to hand over the big cheque.

Locals fixing it for local kids

MOST cheque presentations to local hospitals don't involve Star Wars droids, but R2D2 was very much present when NDHS received a charity injection of \$35,200 recently.

R2's lack of arms prevented him from actually handing over the cheque however, so that job fell to Fizz Mayberry and fellow KidzFix charity members who had just returned from an annual fundraising car rally in Tasmania.

The \$35,200 donation is for the purchase of an antenatal ultrasound machine which will allow NDHS to offer increased care during high risk pregnancies.

The equipment will aid in the early detection of any problems, and assist in reducing the risk to mothers and babies by allowing for close monitoring of unborn babies' health.

KidzFix Numurkah team member Kathryn Pryde told the *Leader* the ultrasound machine was an item NDHS had identified as being on its wish list.

"The KidzFix board decides on the projects to fund each year from projects nominated by lo-

cal teams who have identified what is needed in their area," she said.

"We were really pleased to be able to provide the funds for the antenatal ultrasound equipment to NDHS this year, because without it, local women have to travel to Shepparton to access that type of care."

This is the third time KidzFix has been able to assist NDHS since the charity was formed by Fizz Mayberry and others in Numurkah in 2012.

The hospital received \$25,000 in 2014 for the construction of the children's playground, after the hospital was rebuilt following the 2012 floods, and another \$6,000 last year for the purchase of a special medical grade cot, a warmer and a neonatal stethoscope.

This most recent donation brings the total donated to NDHS by KidzFix to just over \$60,000.

NCN Health Numurkah Acting CEO Wendy Ross said KidzFix have been great supporters of Numurkah's health service.

"The generous donation of \$35,200 is significant funding, and we are very grateful for the

support," Ms Ross said.

KidzFix raises donations through a range of fundraisers throughout the year, including the major event of an annual car rally in which teams from across Australia raise money through sponsorship.

To date, the organisation has funded a diverse range of projects, both big and small, from a blanket warmer for the paediatric department of LaTrobe Regional Hospital to a \$180,000 newborn and paediatric intensive care ambulance for the NSW south coast.

This year's rally raised over \$200,000 which will fund projects across the country.

The teams had just returned from this year's rally, when they stopped in to NDHS.

The rally started in Melbourne on September 14 before travelling to Tasmania, where they stopped at Burnie hospital to donate \$20,000 for a new playground, .

It wasn't just the two Numurkah cars that stopped on the way home to present the cheque at NDHS either; five other teams on their way

back to Sydney also made a detour to be there for the presentation.

Fizz Mayberry told the *Leader* that the Numurkah teams were keen to get home for a shower and a nap after the presentation, so they felt for the Sydney teams but also understood why they wanted to be there.

"It's a good feeling to hand that money over," he said.

"It makes you feel good knowing all the projects that exist across Australia because of KidzFix, and you don't do it on your own, so it's good to have different teams there."

Next year, it will be the Sydney teams that have the short run home, as the rally will travel from Bundaberg to Byron Bay via Birdsville.

"It will take us longer just to get to the starting point next year than it did to do the whole rally this year," Fizz said.

"But that's the way it goes and it's always fun. You get to see all your mates that you've made over the years and raise some money for good causes, so it'll be well worth the drive."



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Katamatite crowdfunding for a piece of history

THE Katamatite community has launched a GoFundMe appeal in an attempt to raise funds to bring a piece of local history back to town.

The item in question is a replica grocer's cart for E.W Kilgour General Store, which the Kilgour family, who moved to the town in 1895, ran from 1933 to 1966.

Rod Kilgour said he had the cart built in 2000, by a man from the Waaia area named Sullivan, as a memento of his family's retail history.

"We never actually had a cart like that, we used to deliver our groceries in a gig, but I had seen bakers carts very similar and thought it would be great to have one made up to remember the store," he said.

"The store was originally a Brown and Corke's and it was located down by the creek. When my grandparents bought it, they moved it into town and it was the largest building in Katamatite.

Several years ago, needing to downsize, Rod sold the cart at a clearing sale to a man from Kyabram, who has now put it up for sale.

Katamatite local Simon Northey heard the cart was for sale, and launched an appeal to buy it, saying he thinks it belongs back in Katamatite.

"As soon as I saw it was for sale, I thought it would be a great thing to have here at the historical society," he said.

Katamatite Historical Society president Don McPherson couldn't agree more.

"Kilgour's store was an integral part of life in the town for a long time," he said.

"You could get anything at Kilgour's, from food to fish hooks and bullets to buttons they had everything.

"The cart would be a wonderful thing for us to have, but it's beyond the historical society's means to buy it. We're very grateful to Simon

for bringing it to our attention, and starting the campaign."

Mr McPherson said, if they are able to secure the cart for the town, they will use it as a mobile display, exhibiting items relating to E.W Kilgour, as well as other Katamatite historical items, at community events.

"If we could get it back, it would be wonderful."

Mr Kilgour agrees wholeheartedly.

"I'd love to see it go back to Katamatite. I'd love to have kept it, but that wasn't possible, so I'd love to see it in Katamatite, because I think that's where it belongs."

The link to the GoFundMe page is: [https://](https://www.gofundme.com/f/bringing-history-home-to-katamatite-museum)

www.gofundme.com/f/bringing-history-home-to-katamatite-museum. To donate, press the green donate now button and enter the amount you wish to donate - GoFundMe uses credit card as the primary payment source.

Mr Northey said he is aware that not everybody has a credit card, or likes to do business online, so he has also set up donation boxes at the Katamatite Post Office (20 Beek St, Katamatite) and Computer Tech Support (141 Maude St, Shepparton) if people wish to donate money via cash instead.

"It would be great if we could get the cart back," he said.

"It belongs here."



Stay safe in grass pollen season

GRASS pollen season has officially begun, bringing an increase in asthma and hay fever, and the chance of epidemic thunderstorm asthma.

Victoria's Chief Health Officer Dr Brett Sutton said Victoria's epidemic thunderstorm asthma risk forecasting system was also switched on yesterday, providing its first forecast of the season, which runs until the end of December.

"We want everyone, particularly those with asthma or hay fever, to be as prepared as they can for the grass pollen season," Dr Sutton said.

"The best way to protect yourself from thunderstorm asthma is through good management of asthma and hay fever."

Dr Sutton said, following the forecasting system can assist people to protect themselves, but shouldn't replace good asthma and hay fever care.

"Those at risk should always follow their asthma or hay fever treatment plan," he said.

"Where possible, people with asthma and hay fever should also avoid exposure to springtime thunderstorms, especially the wind gusts that precede them."

Epidemic thunderstorm asthma is an uncommon phenomenon where many people experience asthma over a short period of time and is thought to be triggered by a particular type of thunderstorm when there are high amounts of grass pollen in the air.

While these events are uncommon, when they do occur, they do so between October and the end of December.

Dr Sutton said people with asthma or hay fever are at risk of thunderstorm asthma, including those with undiagnosed asthma.

"It can result in symptoms such as wheezing, shortness of breath, feeling tight in the chest, or experiencing persistent coughing. It can be sudden, serious and even life-threatening," he said.

"Even if you don't think you have asthma, don't ignore symptoms as they may indicate that you have asthma - check with your GP."

In November 2016, an unprecedented epidemic thunderstorm asthma event led to thousands of people developing breathing difficulties in a very short period. It was the largest incident of its type ever recorded in the world.

Find out how to protect yourself this pollen season by visiting the Better Health Channel at: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/thunderstormasthma.

Epidemic thunderstorm asthma risk forecasts are available on the VicEmergency app and website at: <http://emergency.vic.gov.au/prepare/#thunderstorm-asthma-forecast>.

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FARMERS' POLICY

The victory of the Farmers' Union candidate in the Echuca by-election for the House of Representatives has caused much perturbation among government supporters, by whom it is regarded as a grave menace to the political machine. If the farmers in other electorates show a similar disposition to vote for their own man, the result will be that strong independent agrarian party will come into existence, and although it may not be enough to form an administration it may easily be numerous enough to hold the balance between the Nationalist and Labor parties, and, to a large extent, dictate the policy of whichever party may be in office. A member of the Commonwealth Parliament has expressed the opinion that the farmers' party will capture fifteen seats at the next election, and if Labor has only twenty-five seats in the next House of Representatives, it will mean that a combination of farmers and Labor members could turn the Nationalists out at any time. There will be a closer community of interest between the farmers and the Nationalists, of course, than between farmers and Laborites: but if the Government is kept in office only at the will of the farmers' party the combination will lean much more to the side of the farmers than would any distinctively Nationalist Government that drew its support from a strong and united party. There are now six or eight men in the House of Representatives mostly comprised in the corner party, who are definitely farmers' men, and who are in some degree keen critics of Mr Hughes's Government. If there is any breakup of the present Nationalist combination they will be among the first to take up an attitude hostile to Mr Hughes.

NUMURKAH POLICE COURT.

Mr C. J. Rogers, P.M., presided over the above on Wednesday last.

Patrick Madigan was charged with being drunk and disorderly on September 3. He pleaded guilty to being drunk, but denied that he was "disorderly". Senior-Constable O'Donnell proved the charge, and added that defendant was an industrious, hard-working man who "went on the drunk" periodically. He was let off with a fine of 5/-.

Michael Ford and Christopher Brown were similarly charged in respect to September 11, and made the same plea as the first defendant. Senior - Constable O'Donnell said both men had been warned several times, but they took no notice, and were becoming public nuisances. Brown had promised eight weeks ago to pull himself together, but was getting worse. Ford told the Bench that he had signed the pledge, and on Brown promising to do likewise, the P.M. adjourned both cases for 12 weeks, warning the defendants that they would be dealt with if in the meantime they failed to show efforts to reform. He further intimated that they were being given a chance only because they were returned soldiers.

Lieutenant Williamson proceeded against Benjamin Hooper on charges of failing to register for military training, wearing a military overcoat without permission, and with having clothing belonging to the Defence Department illegally in his possession. Mr Deane appeared for the defendant, who pleaded guilty to the second charge, the third being withdrawn, whilst he pleaded not guilty to the first. On the first charge a fine of 5/- was imposed, it being pointed out that defendant had been twice rejected for active service, and had enlisted for home service. The P.M. said this was not a case for a heavy penalty. On the second charge Mr Deane stated that the overcoat was only worn by defendant whilst driving a motor car, the coat having been left there and permission given to use it- The coat was worn openly, and defendant was not aware that he was acting improperly. A fine of 10/- was imposed.

Football.— The match played on Saturday on the Numurkah Show-grounds between Strathmerton and Drumanure was of a disappointing nature, Drumanure having all the best of the play and winning by a very big margin. On Saturday next a great game is expected on the Cobram ground where Muckatah and Numurkah meet in a semi-final. Enthusiasts from this end may travel by the ordinary train to the river town, returning by a special after the match.

Glorious day for a walk in the park

WITH the kids on school holidays, and the sun shining bright and warm, there was never a better day for a walk in the park than last Thursday.

As part of the More4Moira program, which promotes a community approach to children's health, Numurkah Lions Park was filled with families enjoying free healthy food and activities.

NDHS health promotion officer Jenny Burrows said that, although it was the school holidays, it was a good chance to start promoting Walk to School month, which is October.

"We want to encourage families to get active on the way to and from school, especially now that the weather's warming up," she said.

"But today's mostly about families getting outside and being active and having some fun together."

Activities on offer included large scale versions of traditional board style games such as snakes and ladders, connect four and jenga, as well as play doh and colouring.

There were also two orienteering trails set out by an organisation called Start Outdoors.

"Most of the families and kids who took part in the orienteering said it was their first time doing it, which was exciting for us because we wanted to provide an opportunity for people to try a new outdoor activity," Ms Burrows said.

Another chance for many of the attendees to try something new came in the form of morning tea, which was a - mostly - healthy spread of finger food provided by Cafe Mierlo.

Dishes on offer included deep fried zucchini flowers with a lemon-cheese dip, figs with prosciutto and blue cheese dressing, rye-sour dough nibbles with cauliflower puree and pickled gold beets, roasted carrots and feta, and a labneh made of yoghurt topped with granola, fresh berries, cinnamon and edible nigella flowers.

There was also a make-your-own fruit-kebab station that proved to be a popular 'dessert' choice.

Seven year-old Dustin Newham proved that he was more than game to try new things by tucking into the choices on offer and pronouncing the zucchini flowers 'chewy and scrumptious'.

Everybody agreed that it was great to have a local school holiday event that was free and easily accessible.

Ms Burrows said that the organisers were extremely pleased with the turn-out.

"Around 60 people attended, and a whole range of ages too, which was wonderful," she said.

"And everyone had fun."

The event was provided with assistance from funding from Moira Shire and a Vic Health Walk to School grant.



Jenga! ... Alannah Sheridan and Tristan James enjoyed the life-size jenga.



Healthy spread ... Jamieson Shelton tries to decide whether to try the fried zucchini flowers or figs with prosciutto and blue cheese dressing.



Social climbers ... (From left): Skye Gundrill, Kara Gundrill and Layla Newham were having a ball on the playground equipment.



Scrumptious ... Seven year-old Dustin Newham loved the deep-fried zucchini flowers.



Fun day out ... Aika and Yuko Higgins were enjoying being in the park with other families.

Lions gathered to celebrate 50th



Well deserved recognition ... Craig and Glenice Holmes and Keith Nicoll were thrilled that the Melvin Jones fellowship award was awarded to Doug Holmes.

WHEN Numurkah Lions Club gathered to celebrate its 50th anniversary recently there was much reflection, plenty of laughter and one very special award presentation.

Two charter members, Alfred Seiter and Rex Wellington, who are still active members, and returning members Bill Burkitt and Owen Connolly, were present, as were Lions Ladies charter members Leslie Gerrish, Jan Burkitt, Myra Nicoll, Lorraine Hartney, Nellie Visser, Val Granger and Glenice Holmes.

Sadly, fellow charter member and club stalwart Douglas Holmes passed away in May.

Whilst presentations were made to both Alf and Rex, Doug was far from forgotten, with his wife Glenice and son Craig on hand to receive a posthumous award on his behalf.

Doug was awarded a Melvin Jones fellowship, named for the man who started Lions International, and the highest award a Lion can receive.

As well as being a charter member, Doug was a past president and treasurer and held a number of other positions with the club over the years.

The award was presented by district governor Omen Ndlovu.

Glenice told the *Leader* that she was honoured to accept the award on Doug's behalf.

"It was a bit overwhelming, and a real surprise, but also a great honour," she said.

"Doug was a dedicated member of Lions and the whole family got a lot out of his membership."

Doug and Glenice's son Craig agreed that it was fitting his father's involvement with Lions should be honoured so highly.

"Dad was a man of few words, but plenty of action and he was always doing something for the communi-

ty through Lions," he said.

Lions Numurkah president Keith Nicoll said the Melvin Jones fellowship was a fitting recognition of Doug's long and magnificent service to the club.

"Doug was there from the very beginning and worked tirelessly for the community through the club, and this award is well deserved," he said.

Of course, Glenice herself was, and is, no slouch, and along with Val Granger she was presented with a 50 year Lions Ladies award for her long contribution.

"I've enjoyed every minute of my involvement with the Lions Ladies," she said.

"We've worked very hard over the years, but I've made great friends and had a wonderful time."

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the Q&A session in which a panel of long-term Lions and Lions Ladies reflected on stories going right back to the beginnings of the club.

Keith Nicoll told the *Leader* that non Numurkah Lions members - the event was also attended by Lions members and partners from Nathalia, Strathmerton, Tallygaroopna and Shepparton, as well as past members and local Rotarians - seemed to have just as much fun as members.

"There were a lot of laughs," Keith said.

"Someone from one of the other clubs told me that they had a professional comedian perform at their anniversary celebration, but we didn't need one because our panel discussion was funnier."

"The event was an absolute credit to the organisers. Everybody really enjoyed themselves - it was fantastic."

Boost for mental health and gambling harm program

IN recognition of the fact that gambling harm and mental illness frequently occur together, the Victorian Government has granted a funding boost to a program that aims to tackle the two together.

Alfred Health's Mental Health and Gambling Program will receive a \$1.2 million funding boost over three years from the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation, to strengthen the model of care for clients and provide them with better health outcomes.

The program provides training, support and consultation to Gambler's Help front-line staff, assisting clients with complex mental health needs, and is operated by qualified clinicians with a background in psychiatry, psychology and social work.

Approximately three-quar-

ters of people seeking treatment for a gambling problem also have a mental illness, most commonly a mood disorder such as depression.

In 2017-18, participation in services for people experiencing harm from gambling and mental health concerns improved significantly, with referrals from Gambler's Help to Alfred Health increasing by 52%.

The Mental Health and Gambling Harm Program provides:

- Face-to-face support in rural clinics for Gambler's Help clients presenting with complex mental health challenges.
- Specialist training for allied health professionals on gambling screening, assessment and treatment.
- Liaison between Gambler's Help delivery partners and local mental health services.
- Providing secondary con-

sultation and psychiatric assessment services for Gambler's Help clients.

- Psychiatric registrar training in gambling harm.

Minister for Mental Health Martin Foley said it was well known that gambling addiction can have a terrible impact on people's mental health, as well as their family and friends.

"This program will go a long way in helping them get the best support when they need it most," he said.

The funding is part of the government's \$153 million investment over four years for projects tackling gambling harm and will allow Alfred Health to continue to deliver and expand its services.

More information on the program is available at www.responsiblegambling.vic.gov.au.

Call for disability permit change

AN independent MP is calling for councils to be excluded from the process of issuing disability parking permits.

Dr Catherine Cumming MP MLC for the Western Metropolitan electorate will raise a motion in Parliament this week that calls on the government to implement a state wide system for the administration, distribution and monitoring of disability parking permits.

Dr Cumming said the current process is costly, time consuming and confusing because of differing procedures at each of Victoria's 79

councils.

"The opportunity to make people's lives easier, cut down on red tape and create a system that works for everyone is clear," Dr Cumming said.

"My motion is for VicRoads to administer the system in full once the applicant has been assessed by an appropriate medical professional."

VicRoads is currently spending \$6.8m to take the system online but say they will continue to keep local council involvement.

"Keeping local councils involved adds no tangible benefit to the system either for

the user or the government," she said.

"Giving responsibility to VicRoads to run the system will simplify and speed up the process and help us move towards creating a system based on access and inclusion rather than 'disability'."

"It will also provide equal access to services and state wide improvement for all Victorians regardless of where they live."

Prior to becoming an Independent MP Dr Cumming was a long term councillor, and twice Mayor of Maribyrnong.

We are planning for Numurkah's future



Have you ever heard someone in your community say they'd love to see something new in town?

Do you have a few ideas yourself?

Being part of the Community Planning process in Numurkah might be just for you.

Community Planning is about local community members coming together to shape the future – it gives you greater ownership over the plans that effect your area.

If you would like to be a part of Community Planning in Numurkah, come along to our information session to find out more.

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Roll up ... This year's Nathalia show promises to be even bigger and better than last year.

Roll up for an old school show at Nathalia

TWO events are coming to Nathalia this weekend that are guaranteed to bring happy grins to hundreds of faces.

Nathalia Agricultural Society is holding its 125th annual show this Saturday, with this year's theme, Old School, inspired by an event that occurs just once a century - the celebration of 100 years of secondary education in the town.

Kicking off at 9am, this year's theme is 'Old School', fitting in with the big celebrations on in town for 100 years of Nathalia Secondary College.

Celebrations for the school reunion will begin at the show, with a display of memorabilia in the multi-purpose room throughout the day offering the ideal chance for an informal catch up and reminiscence ahead of Saturday night's official celebration.

As always, the show is set to provide great entertainment for all ages - and show bags galore.

There will be free rides on the miniature train, a pony activity course, animal nursery, rides for thrill-seekers of every level, and the Cool Cat Rockers will

be giving dancing demonstrations throughout the day.

A special display on wool, showing how it goes from the sheep's back to the finished article, is sure to interest many, and the ever popular sheep dog trials - which are celebrating 85 years at the show - are sure to entertain as always.

A highlight of last year's show was the Nathalia Young Farmers' Club's Young Farmers Challenge and it's back this year with a junior and senior section.

This team event was a great spectacle last year, and promises to be every bit as entertaining second time around.

Representatives from the 'Rural Minds' program will have a stall, along with many other community groups and market stalls.

As always, livestock is a big part of the show, with a full qualifying horse program including show jumping, pony club ring, harness, led, three ring circus and more.

There are dairy cattle, junior handlers, prime lambs and poultry classes. On the 'smaller' side, there will be a chil-

dren's pet parade. Entries are still open for all sections.

The pavilion will house all the old favourites - cookery, craft, needlework, flowers, produce, photography, woodwork and some fabulous art and craft displays from local schools and preschools.

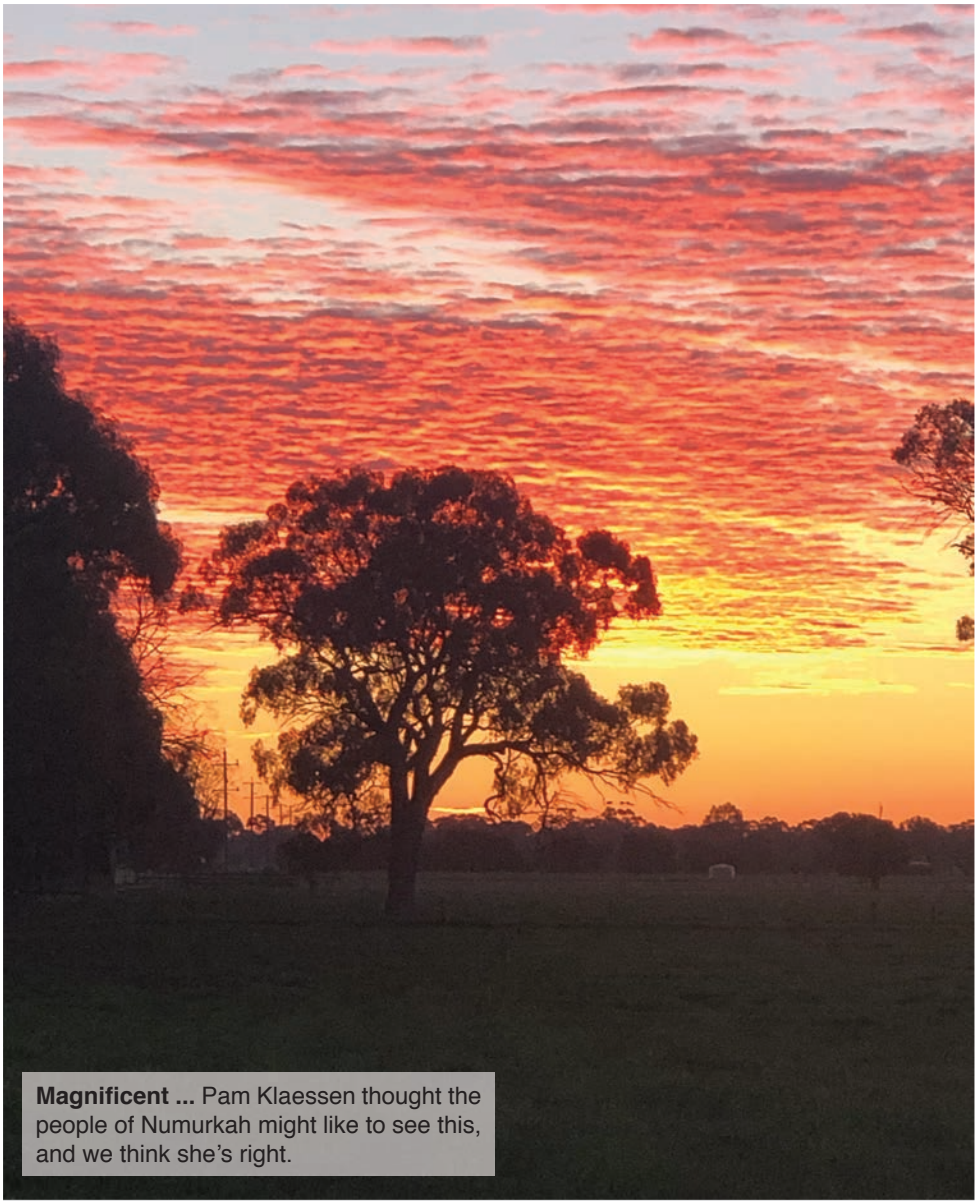
Entries for most pavilion categories are to be registered by the end of today - and delivered on Friday for judging - but check the show schedule at www.nathaliashow.com for exact deadlines for each category.

The show will be officially opened at 12 noon by a local businessman and sponsor, which will be followed by the Show Quest for girls and boys aged up to 16 years - make sure your juniors are wearing their show day best to be in with a chance to make an impression.

The grand parade is at 2pm, and the day finishes up mid afternoon.

Entries are still open for most events including the Young Farmer Challenge, and spots are available for trade spaces.

There really is something for everyone at this year's show, so make sure you don't miss out!



Magnificent ... Pam Klaessen thought the people of Numurkah might like to see this, and we think she's right.

Have you taken a great local photo?

IF you've taken a great photo around the Numurkah district, why not share it with the community via the pages of the *Numurkah Leader*?

The photo above, was taken by Pam Klaessen on her farm east of Numurkah a few weeks ago, whilst the photo on page 9 was taken on Monday evening by Lyn Hewson, as she was walking her dog.

She sent it into the *Leader* with the caption

'The sun setting. Just beautiful.'

We couldn't agree more.

If you take a great photo on your travels around the area, email it to us at editorial@leader.net.au, in the highest resolution possible, and, if we have the space, we will put it on our pages for all to see.

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Keen to help ... Michelle Van den goor was deeply impressed by Hellen’s work and wants to help as much as her family can.



Keen to learn ... Enrolments at Tepesua school keep growing as families realise the importance of education for girls.

Katunga holds celebration for girls’ education

A SPECIAL event is being held at Katunga Fresh this weekend with a dual purpose - providing a chance for locals to have some fun, and providing an education for girls in Kenya.

The Van den goor family, which owns the iconic Katunga tomato business, are hosting the Aid for Africa event to raise money for Tepesua School in traditional Maasai country in Kenya.

Eleven members of the Van den goor family, aged from 12 to 53, visited the school during a safari holiday to Africa in January, and knew they wanted to help it grow into the future.

Michelle Van den goor, who has taken the reigns of organising the fundraiser, said the family was moved by

the aims of the school’s founder Hellen Nkuraiya.

“Many girls in that area are basically ‘sold’ into marriage in exchange for livestock and never have a chance to get an education or do anything more with their lives,” Michelle said.

Hellen Nkuraiya was raised from a traditional Maasai family and was married off twice by her father, in exchange for cows - the first time at the age of 12.

She eventually escaped that life and became a teacher after receiving a scholarship from a well-wisher to complete her schooling.

After completing her college education, Hellen felt the need to address

the challenges that affect the Maasai community, including early child marriages, female genital mutilation (FGM), women’s economic empowerment, education for girls and rights for widows.

Tepesua school, which was founded in 2009, is a vital part of this work, and its motto is ‘Don’t exchange girls for cows, give them an education’.

Michelle said that the school has been so successful, and is receiving so many enrolments, that it is rapidly outgrowing its premises.

“They have three classrooms - one for prep/one students, one for grades two and three and another for grades four to six,” she said.

“They are getting so many students now that they need another room and resources to accommodate them. They need to raise over AU\$7,000 and we are really hoping we can raise as much of that as possible on their behalf”

So, what better way to do that than host a great party and invite the people of Numurkah district?

This Saturday, October 5, from mid-day until late, the Van den goor family will open up the impressive function room and outdoor area at Katunga Fresh to locals, for a donation on entry.

There will be live music by Darryl & The Kerrigans, a barbecue, drinks, a jumping castle for the kids, and much

more.

There will also be raffles throughout the day, of items including a week’s accommodation and fishing supplies for four people at Stanage Bay Fishing Accommodation on Queensland’s central coast.

“Hellen is completely committed to educating girls so that they go from being commodities to the families, to assets who can do so much more for them through their education, and have safe and happy lives,” Michelle said.

“You see the kids at Tepesua school and they have so little compared to us, but they are so happy and friendly.

“We really want to do as much as we can to help Hellen help them.”



Glorious ... The sun setting at Numurkah on Monday evening.

Govt clamps down on identity fraud

THE Victorian Government is cracking down on identity fraud and doing more to protect Victorians and their digital data through the use of new identity matching technology.

Following a Council of Australian Governments’ agreement, Victorian driver licence data will be uploaded to the Federal Government’s National Driver Licence Facial Recognition Solution (NDLFRS), improving the way VicRoads and Victoria Police can monitor for fraudulent or duplicate IDs.

The upload will make it easier for authorised government agencies to identify fake licences or multiples IDs connected to a single individual and stop potential fraud.

Driver licences are the most common form of identification used in Australia, but current image-based identification methods can be cumbersome, with sharing between agencies sometimes taking days or even longer to process.

This agreement will help get dangerous drivers off our roads by reducing the chance of people using multiple licences to avoid demerit points or licence cancellations.

It will also provide agencies with increased capabilities to prevent, detect and investigate identity crime, which impacts around one in every four Australians, costing about \$2.2 billion a year.

Victoria has agreed only to upload the data to the system and make it available to other Victorian-based government agencies.

Any further use – by federal authorities or other states – will not be authorised until Victoria is satisfied with the proposed Identity-matching Services Bill currently before the Federal Parliament.

Victorian participation will be monitored to ensure the privacy of individuals is not compromised.

More information about the NDLFRS can be found at vic.gov.au/national-driver.

Local Rotarians lift the lid on mental illness

NUMURKAH Rotary Club members are on a mission to 'Lift the Lid on Mental Illness' by raising money for mental health research this October.

In honour of Mental Health Month, local Rotarians will be manning the barbecue at the community kiosk on Melville St this Saturday morning to raise funds and awareness.

Almost one in five Australians will experience a mental illness every year, and nearly half of the population - 45% - will experience a mental illness at some stage in their lives.

Lift the Lid on Mental Illness is a national mental health fundraising and awareness initiative of Australian Rotary Health, that aims to raise funds for mental health research and ultimately improve the lives of all Australians.

Australian Rotary Health has designated October 10 as Hat Day when fundraising events will be held, with 100% of the money raised going directly to mental health research.

To take advantage of the Saturday morning foot

traffic, the Rotary Club of Numurkah will be holding its barbecue from 10am in the hope that plenty of locals will stop for a chat and exchange a few dollars for a sausage to benefit this worthy cause.

Australian Rotary Health CEO Joy Gillett OAM said she hopes the campaign will encourage not only Rotarians, but the wider public to support mental health research.

"Everyone knows someone who has been affected by mental illness at some point during their lives, so if anything, please consider that you will be helping them and many others if you decide to make a donation," Ms Gillett said.

"Our research has already focussed on areas such as anxiety and depression, substance abuse and self-harm and suicide. But there is so much more we can do with your help."

If you won't be around on Saturday to visit the sausage sizzle, you can get involved or make a donation by visiting www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au or www.hatday.com.au.



Firing up the BBQ ... Numurkah Rotarians get ready to serve up a feast.



For a good cause ... Numurkah Rotarians aim to assist mental health research.



Rotarians in hats ... Rotary Club of Numurkah members get their hats on for mental health awareness and research.

Loneliness a health risk for young Australians

A NEW research report from VicHealth and Swinburne University of Technology has found young Australians are experiencing alarming levels of loneliness and social isolation, putting them at risk of social anxiety and depression.

The ground-breaking study of 1,500 young Victorians aged from 12 to 25 found more than half of young people felt lonely sometimes or always and over a quarter of young Victorians were lonely three or more times a week.

The research found almost a third of young Victorians were also at risk of social isolation. Around 47% of young people stated they sometimes or always feel they have no one to turn to.

Loneliness is having a significant impact on young people's mental health, with lonelier young people reporting higher risk for depression and social anxiety (18% and 12% respectively).

The Young Australian Loneliness Survey also

found:

- 57% of young people said they lack companionship sometimes or always.
- 55% of young people said they sometimes or always feel left out.
- 17% of young people reported they feel there are rarely people they can talk to.
- Young adults (aged 18-25) reported more loneliness than adolescents (aged 12-17).
- Young women reported more loneliness, social anxiety, and depressive symptoms than young men.

VicHealth CEO Dr Sandro Demaio said, while loneliness could affect anyone, young adults were particularly vulnerable.

"Young adults go through significant changes after finishing high school, with many starting a new job or pursuing further studies which can be stressful and challenging," Dr Demaio said.

"Additionally, young people may move away from the support networks they had in their

teenage years, with many having to make new friends at work or at university and many moving out of their family home.

"It's concerning that a significant number of young people feel like they have no one to turn to. Having a supportive network of friends and family around us can help improve mental wellbeing.

"This research shows we need to be doing more to support young people to make friends and develop social connections to get them through tough times."

Director of Swinburne's Social Health and Wellbeing Laboratory and Scientific Chair of the Australian Coalition to End Loneliness, Dr Michelle Lim, said while it is normal for people to feel lonely, the level of young people's loneliness indicated in the report was concerning.

"We found that a quarter of young people felt lonely three or more days a week and for those aged 18-25 years it's even higher – over a third," Dr Lim said.

"Chronic loneliness is well-known to negatively affect our health and mental wellbeing. We found that lonely young people are at higher risk of anxiety and depression."

"Being more socially connected doesn't mean you have to make more friends. You could start by deepening the relationships with people you already know."

Dr Demaio had this advice for young people who feel they don't have anyone to turn to.

"It can be really tough to make friends as an adult. One way of making friends is to find people with similar interests to you, whether that's joining a sports team, a music group or taking a language class," he said.

"Another way to make social connections is to volunteer for a cause you're passionate about – that way you'll be helping others while meeting like-minded people."

The Young Australian Loneliness Survey is available at <https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/loneliness-survey>.

New kangaroo harvesting program begins

THE Victorian Government's permanent kangaroo harvesting program began yesterday, helping to better manage kangaroo populations around the state and support Victoria's kangaroo pet food industry.

Accredited shooters will now be able to harvest kangaroos and have carcasses processed for pet food by licensed businesses – making it easier for farmers, minimising waste and

supporting jobs in regional communities.

The new program is administered by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, and includes strict safeguards to ensure harvesting is carried out at a sustainable level, that animal welfare standards are met, and that the livelihoods of local farmers are protected.

The kangaroo harvesting program replaces the kangaroo pet

food trial, which has run for the past five years and informed the design of the permanent program.

To ensure kangaroos are managed in a sustainable way, seven harvest zones have been designated, covering areas with significant numbers of kangaroos. An allocated number of kangaroos will be able to be harvested in each zone by shooters accredited with the program, using a tag system.

A maximum total harvest will be set by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning for each harvest zone, based on state-wide kangaroo population surveys.

These quotas will be updated annually to reflect changes in wildlife numbers and to ensure a sustainable Victorian kangaroo population.

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Waaia Football Netball Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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THANKS

Heap — Barbara and family would like to thank all who attended Ernie's funeral, who sent cards, flowers, food and made visits and phone calls. It was much appreciated. Thank you to Karinya, to Drs Asad and Leisell, district nurses, and MHA for their wonderful care in his final months.

GOLDEN WEDDING



50th Wedding Anniversary Max and Heather Newton (Ducat)

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*Treasured memories
of a wonderful son.*

CLARKE — Alan Roy. Late of Numurkah. Passed away peacefully on September 28, 2019, in his 81st year at Karinya, Numurkah. Our loving Dad and Grandpa, dearly loved by his children and their partners Michelle and Greg (Kirk); Paul and Janine; Julie and Brian (Cardwell); his grandchildren Hayden and Rebecca; James and Emily; and dear husband to Valerie.

Dedicated School Teacher for many years at Numurkah Secondary College.

His pleasures were simple. His needs were few. If we were happy, then he was too. The most wonderful Dad and Grandpa that ever lived. Whatever he had he was willing to give. He never complained, he wasn't that kind. His equal in this world would be hard to find. There's a place in our hearts that is yours alone. A place in our life no-one else can own. His love was great, his heart was kind. A better man and father no-one can find.



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DEATHS

PROCTOR (Shaw)

— Isobel Ann. Late of Numurkah, formerly of Warragul. Passed away peacefully on September 25, 2019 in her 87th year at Banawah, Nathalia. Dearly loved wife of Bill (dec.). Our loving Mum and Nan, dearly loved by her children and their partners Jenny and Gary (Thompson); Gary (dec.); Allen and Jill and cherished Grandma and Great Grandma to their families.

*Reunited with Dad
and Gary*

FUNERAL NOTICES

CLARKE — The Funeral for Mr. Alan Roy Clarke will be arriving at the Numurkah Lawn Cemetery, Corke St., Numurkah on Saturday, October 5, 2019 for a Graveside Service to celebrate his life commencing at 11.30 am.

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PROCTOR (Shaw) — The Funeral for Mrs. Isobel Proctor will be arriving at the Numurkah Lawn Cemetery, Corke Street, Numurkah, THIS AFTERNOON, Wednesday, October 2, 2019 for a Graveside Service to Celebrate her life, commencing at 1pm.

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Croquet changes close things up

CHANGES made to the Numurkah golf croquet social days has resulted in some extremely close aggregate scores being recorded, and last Tuesday's results were a true testament to that.

Players now change partners each game, and finish when a team reaches seven hoops.

Glenys Londey won last week's competition with three wins and 21 hoops, followed closely by equal runners-up Lyn Hughes and Kevin Hansen, who both finished with just two wins, but 20 hoops each.

Another four players, Rhonda Geddes, Gordon Brown, Kirsten Strike and Graham Tyack, also won two games and were just one further hoop behind, on 19.

Lyn Hughes and Kirsten Strike both had a hoop-in-one, but were outscored by Fay Shannon, who had two.

It was ladies' day for jump shots, Dot Storer and Rhonda Geddes both playing well to score two.

The weather was perfect for last Wednesday's association pennant game, but that didn't help the Numurkah team in its match against Rich River.

Louise Vale played a great singles game, pegging out and winning 26-9, while Lea Grant also had a big win, 21-9.

A very close loss in a doubles match proved costly for Numurkah, going down 12-13. Had the scores been reversed, Numurkah would have won the match, but Rich River took victory 4/73 to 2/78.

Both golf croquet pennant teams came home victorious last Thursday.

Playing at home to Kyabram, Numurkah White had a very close match, winning 6/68 to 6/63.

Ian Londey flew the flag for Numurkah, winning three games, and only losing his last double 6-7.

Numurkah Blue was down three games to five after the singles games at Echuca, but turned the tables in the doubles, winning all four to take victory 7/72 to 5/59.

David Geddes had another great day, winning all four games and breaking his handicap, while substitute, Joan T. Hansen, played very well in both doubles, winning 7-6 and 7-3.

Numurkah Blue has the bye in pennant this week, while White will travel to Moama tomorrow to play the Rich River Kangas.

The association pennant team will play at home against Mooroopna today.



Tough shot ... Numurkah Blue pennant player Laurus Hinchcliffe playing a difficult hoop shot, watched closely by Rhonda Geddes.

Ryder tops locals

NATHALIA golfer Max Ryder was the best of the local golfers who headed to Rich River on Monday for the first round of the Goulburn Valley Veteran Golfers' Association district championships.

On the west course at Rich River, a terrific field of 119 players turned out on a mostly sunny day, tempered by a cool southerly breeze.

The championship event will be contested over three rounds at three different venues.

Ryder returned a score of 70 nett, to win the B grade event by two shots from Andrew Christy of Kialla.

The best score of the day went to GVVGA president Ron Wilkinson, winning A grade with 69 nett, ahead of Valley View's Peter Mangan on 70.

Rich River golfer Rex Howell took out C grade with 70 nett, ahead of Geoff Squires from Valley View on 71.

Seymour golfer Philip Jarvis won the A grade nearest the pin ball, Nev Thomson had the best shot of the B graders, and Kialla's Ray Gourlay won C grade.

Ball winners were: Ron Smith, Stephen Piggott, Wayne Ferguson, Sam Attardi, Bob Hunter, William Wright, Bernard O'Hare, John Mortimor, Vin Edwards, Philip Jarvis, Graham Scott, Tom McConchie, Tony Ciavarella, George Saynor, Ken Harris, Gerald Pennefather, Denis Prosser, Ross Kelly, Bill Murphy, Jeff Baker, David Fullager, Richard Stockdale, Ray Moye, Ray Gourlay, Phil Cooper, Tom Martin, Bill Chilcott, Barry Webber, Cyril Cunningham, Roden Brady, Tony Lasini, Ian Clarke (Kialla).

The association's next event will be the second round of the district championship at Hill Top, Tatura, on Monday, October 21.

Kyabram wins

A 100 to Angus Hill helped Kyabram to this month's Crawford Shield win over Numurkah Small Bore Club at Kyabram last Wednesday.

Ky scored 1161.53 to Numurkah's 1122.32.

Rod Hill, Derek Bradshaw and Hannah O'Brien top scored in their respective disciplines in last Thursday's competition back on the home range at Numurkah, with both Hill and Lindsay Braybon scoring cards of 100.

SCORES
20m prone: R. Hill 100.6 98.4 198.10, L. Braybon 100.7 97.3 197.10, T. Braybon 97.5 98.4 195.9, G. Braybon 97.5 96.5 193.10, S. Rosemeier 95.3 95.2 190.5, S. Black 93.1 95.2 188.3, A. Gibbon 97.1 89.0 186.1, B. Sneddon 92.2 91.2 183.4, D. Cook 88.2 88.2 176.4, G. Miles 85.1 90.1 175.2, J. Matys 83.2 88.1, J. Matys 86.1 86.2 172.3.

50m Benchrest match: D. Bradshaw 190.0, B. Braybon 188.5, L Cook 188.5, D. Bradshaw 186.4, C. Saxton 181.5, G. Miles 181.3, S Black 180.5, M. Cook 179.1, E. Ryan 175.1.

There will be shooting as usual on Thursday night at Numurkah.

Golfers busy on bowls greens

WITH the bowls pennant season yet to start, the Numurkah Golf Bowls ladies are keeping extremely busy in the lead-up to the season proper.

Both the men's and ladies finals of the Murray Bowls Division state fours event was held at Numurkah Golf on Sunday, with the Golf team of Jan Niven, Linda Isted, Jenny Sutcliffe and Yvonne Clark winning the ladies' section.

The final was a tough, close match, played in cool and windy conditions. Never more than a couple of shots separated the two teams all game.

With one end to play, the Golf team led by one shot, and then scored a four on the last end to win by five shots over the combined Finley/Golf team of Nan Smith, Loris Houlihan (Golf), Heather Tabe and Robyn Hodgkin (Golf).

The winners will now go on to represent the Murray division at a later date.

The 60 and over pairs were contested at Finley RS last Wednesday. Merren Carr and Lorraine Milner bowled beautifully to defeat Jan Niven and Yvonne Clark in the first round by four shots, but were then defeated in the second round by a Finley RS team.

Loris Houlihan and Nan Smith have moved onto the third round and will play the Finley RS team.

The Friday Golf pennant team travelled to Barooga for a practice match on Friday, which was played in warm and windy conditions on the host club's synthetic greens, and all are looking forward to the upcoming pennant season, to commence on Friday, October 11.



Four winners ... Jan Niven, Jenny Sutcliffe, Linda Isted and Yvonne Clark took out the Murray division state fours title on Sunday.

Silver spoons and a yearly medal



Medal queen ... Bev Peacock has a happy knack of winning monthly medal rounds since becoming a member of the Numurkah Golf Club

by "The Shankster"

IT was a big day for the Numurkah women golfers last Wednesday, as the winter season nears its end and events need to be finalised.

Bev Peacock had easily the best score of the day, her 69 nett not only winning her the division two voucher, but also the yearly medal play-off of all those who have won monthly medals over the past 12 months.

Bev managed to win two medals during the year, and could have had another one, in one of her first rounds at the club, but she only signed up as a member after her round, thus being ineligible for the medal.

Runner-up to Bev was Sandy 'The Birthday Girl' Trimble, which was a very popular win, as Sandy had provided cake for afternoon tea to celebrate.

Pauline Davies and Tracey Clouston both came in with 73 nett, to finish first and second in division one, but it was Pauline's day, and she relegated her BFF into second place.

Pauline was also one of a handful of players playing-off for the silver spoon event, and will be heading off to Keysborough in November to play off in the state final.

Balls went to Helen Schmedje with 74 nett, and Norma Cullum, Bev Hutchins and Lorraine Craig, all on 75s.

Mavis Birrell won the cake

hole voucher on the seventh hole, and will be heading to the Telegraph Hotel for lunch sometime soon. On the 18th, Bev Hutchins won the division one ball with a great shot that should have seen her with a birdie ... but didn't, and Norma Cullum had the best shot in division two.

Jenny Ludington had a day out, or more correctly, a morning out on Saturday, playing beautiful golf to come in with a terrific score of 41 stableford points in the day's competition.

Her score was easily good enough to win the day, ahead of Nola Dalton and Sandy Trimble on 38 points.

Tracey Clouston finished fourth with 36 points, and Helen Schmedje rounded out the ball winners with 35.

Nola won nearest the pin on the fourth hole with a terrific shot, Rosemary Rutledge won the ball on the seventh, and Jeanette Adams hit a good one to the 15th. No-one managed to get onto the short 18th.

Today's golf will be a par round, and Saturday will be bogey, but, truth be known, there is no difference between the two.

There will be a stableford round next Wednesday, before the club's annual tournament begins on the Friday. Members wishing to play in this are urged to get their names on the lists on the noticeboard in the club as soon as possible.

Robbo wins in a count-back

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

LEIGH Robertson held off Graham Frostick, ahead of a high scoring field, to win last Thursday's mid week event at Numurkah Golf Club.

Both players scored a massive 46 stableford points to record season high totals.

In a pleasing mid week grouping of 52 players, 30% of the contestants played to, or better than, their handicaps and reflected the benign condition of the course.

Leigh and Graham received appropriate golfing paraphernalia as rewards for their efforts whilst the following players' scores also earned them a pro ball: Steve Thornton and John Smith 40, Peter Cowan and Hugh Gunn 39, Mark Hegarty, Bill Green and Geoff Partington 38, Alf Patman, Alan Dalton, Ian Hannaford, Bruce Collins, Barry Schmedje and Andrew Nicholls, all 37.

Martin Daniel came in at the tail of the field with a lowly 24 points to again earn the NAGA tin of boiled lollies.

Somehow Alan Dalton produced a fade to be nearest the pin on the fourth hole and win the GMCU sponsored ball, while fellow retired trade teacher Geoff Partington did the same on the seventh and

took the record high, players' sweep money.

No-one in the big field was able to place their second shot to the 14th onto the green and win Dennis and Roy's offering, while visitor Paul Price relieved Graeme 'Doggy' Sprunt of his sponsored Titleist on the 15th hole.

Ian Hannaford delivered a fine shot to be nearest the pin on the 18th and win the Pruden Carpentry sponsored ball.

'Visitor' Alan Dalton was this week's winner of the Mickey Mouse ears, awarded to those who do the dumbest things.

After nine holes, Alan decided to take his pullover off due to the heat. On doing so he saw that he had put his polo shirt on inside out. Thus Dalts proceeded to take this as off as well, revealing, as his playing partners recounted, "a pale, anaemic body, reminiscent of Montgomery Burns".

Never mind, Alan won a nearest the pin and a pro ball as well.

Anyone who would like to join us this Thursday should assemble at the clubhouse at 9.30am for a 10 o'clock shotgun start. Visitors and guests are most welcome.

When six makes 12

WHEN a team wins a premiership, players usually have partners, family and friends on the sidelines cheering them on.

But with both an A grade netball and senior football flags going to Strathmerton this year, many of the players found themselves acting as support crew too.

There were an incredible six couples playing in the Strathy netball/football premiership wins, and we can only think how lucky it is that both teams won when they played off in the Picola District Football Netball League grand finals Saturday week ago.

Mick Laidlaw has played most of his football career at Strathmerton, starting as a junior player, except for about five years when he played at Numurkah. He has played in six senior grand finals and won two premierships.

Mick's wife Kelley has now played eight seasons at Strathmerton, played in six grand finals and won four premierships.

Brandon Duckworth and Alyssa Crestani are both household names at Strathmerton, having played their whole lives at the club.

Brandon has played in four senior grand finals

and won two, while Alyssa has played in two, and won both.

Tyron and Caitlin Hill have been at the Kennel for four years. Caitlin has played in three grand finals and tasted success twice, while Tyron has played in three and had his first success this year.

While Matt O'Kane has only been at the club for four years, Caitlyn Price has played all her junior and senior netball with the Bulldogs. Caitlyn is very fortunate to have played in five grand finals and won four, while Matt has played in three and won one.

Theo Tomas moved to Strathmerton from Numurkah in 2018 and this year played in his first grand final. It was also Vanessa Ward's first grand final and premiership, in her first year at Strathmerton

A move to Strathmerton this year paid big dividends for Nathan McNair and Grace Thomson, who both made it into their first senior grand final and came away with two premierships.

No doubt there were some huge celebrations going on out Strathy way, but there will be extra special memories for these couples for many years to come.



The couples ... (From left): Nathan McNair and Grace Thomson, Mick and Kelley Laidlaw, Brandon Duckworth and Alyssa Crestani, Tyron and Caitlin Hill, Theo Thomas and Vanessa Ward, Matt O'Kane and Caitlyn Price.

Premiership in sights

KATANDRA Cricket Club is looking to take the extra step this coming cricket season and go one better after falling short in last year's grand final.

The Kats will field three senior sides this year, A, B and an E grade.

Ben Clurey will again coach, Jedd Wright will be captain in his own right after being co-captain last season, and Corey Hicks is vice-captain.

The 13 round season starts off with four one day matches, commencing Saturday, October 5, 2019. However, after drawing the bye in the first round, Katandra's season will kick off the following week against Old Students at Congupna.

Clurey said that his side has been in training for the last four to five weeks and things have been going well.

"We have lost wicket keeper Luke Nolan this season, who has returned to Nagambie to play with his brother, however Joey Wright

has returned to wear the gloves after playing on and off with Katandra over the past few years," Clurey said.

Katandra's new faces will be Scott Dickson, a fast bowler, who hails from WA, and Englishman Luke Patel, who is a top order batsman. Scott Richardson, also from the UK, returns for his third stint at the club.

Richardson and Patel both play in the Bradford league in the UK.

"We hope to be in contention again this year. Numurkah will again be tough and Mooroopna and Nagambie appear to have picked up some players to strengthen their teams," said Clurey.

"Making big scores is the key. In our premiership year we scored over 300 runs about half a dozen times, last year we only achieved that feat once," Clurey said.

"We have a quality batting line up and bat all the way down the list. Having everyone contribute is important."

Improvement is the key

WAAIA Cricket Club is hoping its second year in the Shepparton Cricket Association will be an improvement on its first, after finishing second from bottom last year.

Mick Cleeland has taken over the coaching role, with Brayden Carey again captaining the team and Mitch Cleeland as vice captain.

Three senior teams have been entered into Shepparton competitions this year, A, B and D grades.

Waaia commences its season this Saturday, at home against Euroa, in a one day match starting at 1pm.

With football season over, Cleeland has welcomed a full squad, as training started early for those players not involved in football, with some practice at Shepparton indoor cricket in July.

Recruitment has been on the agenda for this season and Waaia has looked overseas for this. "We are in the process of securing three play-

ers from overseas," said Cleeland. "We are just waiting for visas to come through, they should all be available by the third round."

"We were under prepared last year and have looked to strengthen our batting line up," Cleeland said.

"We have recruited two South Africans, Kyle Degamber and John Malan who are both top order batsmen. Degamber is a wicket keeper and Malan can bowl off spin," said Cleeland.

"We have also recruited 21 year old Hamza Dilawar from Pakistan, who is an opening batsman and medium pace bowler."

Cleeland believes Numurkah and Katandra are the sides to watch this year, with Kyabram the improver.

"Our aim this year is to consolidate and improve on last year, confirming we can be competitive in this year's competition," said Cleeland.

Morrie's late pay-off

by "Archie Bunker"

WITH the AFL grand final on Saturday and most golfers teeing off in the morning to get home and watch it, there were only a handful of men who played in the afternoon.

Martin 'Morrie' Harper was one of those few who played in the afternoon, and the early rising postie must have appreciated the sleep-in, playing his best game in a long while, to win the day's stableford competition.

With a score of 41 points, Martin was happy to finally break his losing streak. For once, he hit his drives straight and putt well, scoring 21 points on the front nine, and 20 around the back.

Matty Ebborn was another late starter, and finished just one point behind, with 40 points.

Matty hits the ball a long way, and was straight down the fairway on Saturday, topping it all off with some good putting.

Down the line balls went to Peter Cowan with 39 points, David Ludington, Rob Sut-

ton and Jack Thomas on 38s, Neil Hutchins with 37, and Alan Dalton took the last of the balls with 36 points.

Nearest to the pin on the fourth hole was one shot wonder Jack Dell, John Trimble won the ball on the seventh, Bruce Collins was closest on the 15th, and Ian Clark had the best shot to the 18th green.

With everyone gone home to watch the footy, there were no presentations in the clubhouse, and no presentation of the Mickey Mouse ears.

The final of the singles knockout was played last week, with Brandan Hosie getting his name on the honour board, with a 2/1 win over Martin Harper.

Brandan had to give Martin 14 shots, which is a big ask in the match play game.

The match was all square after nine holes, but Brandan finished Marty off, winning the 16th and 17th holes, to be two up with just one hole left to play.

Golf this Saturday will be a bogey event.



Knockout punch ... Brandan Hosie won the singles knockout final last week, with knockout blows on 16 and 17.



Senior B & F ... Matt O’Kane, Tyron Hill and Lewis O’Sullivan.



B grade ... Amy Martin



Best club family ... Michelle and Pater Wyatt.



A grade best ... Vanessa Ward and Amy Carter.



C grade ... Jodie Brooks and Imelda Padman.



C reserve ... Olivia Van Every and Amy Duhring.



Reserves ... Josh Beer and John Russo.

Mother and son in it for life

STRATHMERTON Football Netball Club recognised two club stalwarts with life membership of the club when it held its 2019 vote count and presentations last week.

In a unique twist, the mother/son duo of Leanne and Tim Bramich were both thrust into the limelight with life membership.

Tim started his football career with Strathmerton in 1994, when he was 10 years old, and has never just sat back and let others do the work.

Tim has played 320 club games, including 180 senior games, and has coached a total of 500 games for the club.

Tim has volunteered his time as senior coach for the past nine seasons, taking his charges to six of the last seven grand finals and winning two premierships, in 2015 and 2019.

The only coach in the club’s history to win dual premierships, Tim also takes Auskick sessions before senior training, with his son Oliver also showing a massive love for the game.

But before Tim even started playing football, Leanne was already a big part of both the football and netball clubs.

Leanne’s involvement started in 1986 as a player, but she was soon umpiring, managing teams, working on commit-

tees and taking on office bearer roles. Leanne is the current treasurer of the club.

Tyron Hill capped off a terrific season, adding a best and fairest medal to go with his Picola league premierships medal.

In one of the closest vote counts in club history, Hill finished with 96 votes, just 11 ahead of joint runners-up Matt O’Kane and Lewis O’Sullivan.

John Russo won the reserves football gong, ahead of runner-up Josh Beer.

The A grade netballers were also flag winners, and Vanessa Ward added to her trophy collection, winning the A grade best and fairest award, ahead of Amy Carter.

There were several ties in the lower grades of the netball counts.

Amy Martin won B grade ahead of Karen Duckworth and Rachel Olson, while Olivia Van Every took out the C reserve award, in front of Amy Duhring and Shelly Shannon.

C grade saw a tie for the best and fairest, Jodie Brooks and Imelda Padman winning, ahead of Caitlin Bailey.

The best club person award went to Michelle and Peter Wyatt.

OTHER AWARDS

Seniors - Most consistent: Simon Russell; most determined: Brandon Duck-

worth; most dedicated: Zeke Bunge; best first year player: Matt Price; MVP: Adrian Crestani.

Reserves - Most consistent: Jacob Gillie; most determined: Trent Collyer; most improved: Connor Griffiths; coaches’ award: Christian Duhring.

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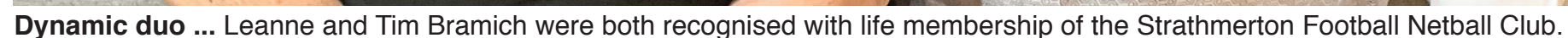
Under 17 football - Best and fairest: Matthew Price; runner-up: Haydn Wyatt; most consistent: Mitch Payne; most determined: Zack Cunningham; most improved: Beau Hall; coaches’ award: Dylan Craven and William Large; goal kicking: Haydn Wyatt; best in finals: Desi O’Kane.

Under 14 football - Most consistent: Josh Payne; most improved: Sid McNeil; best first year player: Jackson Webb; most determined: Brodie Wren; goal kicking: Josh Payne; best in finals: Ben Lee-Madgwick; coaches’ trophy: Ryan Wyatt.

17 under netball - Best and fairest: Alysia Crestani; runner-up: Tessa Koopman; most improved: Olivia Brincat.

15 under netball - Best and fairest: Sarah Brooks; runner-up: Kiera Henderson; most improved: Talia Woodland; most consistent: Mackenzie Stephens.

13 under netball - Best and fairest: Caitlyn Brooks; runners-up: Dakota Kelly, Indianna Ashcroft.



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"Our aim, to begin with, is to hopefully finish in the top three or four and go on from there. It would also be a great achievement if both B and C grades could play finals," said Naughton.

"We are keen to get started, we have a few youngsters coming through the ranks who may press for a senior berth. Everyone is looking forward to the season."

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