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Best in Show ... Rotary Club of Numurkah president Lorraine Greenwood, art judge Ben Winspear, winning artist Ross Paterson, Lou Hamon and Rotary district governor Brian Peters with the overall winner of the Rotary Club Of Numurkah's 40th annual Art and Craft Exhibition - Tumut River.

HUGE SUCCESS

THE Rotary Club of Numurkah's 40th art and craft exhibition, held over the long weekend, has been hailed a huge success.

The exhibition attracted outstanding entries from around Australia, with club president Lorraine Greenwood telling those at Friday's well attended opening night they would be amazed and inspired by the outstanding array of exhibits.

Looking around the town hall, it was difficult to argue with her.

In his opening speech, Jeff Buzza from the event's major sponsor Numurkah Home Timber and Hardware told the audience that he had been reflecting on why art is important and concluded that it's because each work revealed a little about the artist and maybe what they felt and we might learn a bit more about how other people see the world and be better off for it.

"Looking at the entries, some are pleasant, some are spectacular and some even confronting," he said. Rotary District Governor Brian Peters spoke on the work of Rotary, locally and internationally, mentioning the Polio Plus campaign to eradicate polio in the world.

He said it was his first visit to the annual exhibition, and he was very impressed by the quality of the work on display and the hard work that had obviously gone into preparing the event.

Art judge Ben Winspear praised the exhibition as being one of the best regional art shows.

He told the *Leader* that there was a lot of good work on display, and something for everyone.

"The beauty of art is how it affects you," he said.

"As a judge, I try to find a balance between how the work affects me and the technical merits of each piece. I go on what I believe is a good drawing, painting or photograph.

"Judging isn't easy, but I do enjoy it, and I like to see what other people are doing."

Craft judge Claire Reid said, whilst there may have been slightly fewer craft entries than last year, there was a good range and quality.

"You can also see there is lots of discussion going on. People are standing and talking about the pieces and that's really good," she said.

Announcing the winning entries, Ben commented on each art work and why he chose it.

Best in Show was awarded to last year's judge Ross Paterson's *Tumut River*, which Ben said had everything going for it.

"It has clean colours, accurate tones, a semi-panoramic composition coming together in a synergy that I found compelling. It was impossible to find a better painting."

Runner-up was awarded to Glenn Hoyle's *Sunset in Venice*.

"The beautiful harmony of this well composed work kept me coming back for a second and third look," Ben said.

Best Watercolour was awarded to Linda Bryan's *First Light*, with Ben saying the simplification and

design were what initially drew him to this work.

Best Oil went to *Forgotten Ledge* by Geoffrey Smith, which Ben said made the ordinary, extraordinary.

"This is one of my favourite subjects," he said.

Deborah Lynch was awarded Best Pastel for *Winter Sunrise*.

"It's painted not only with skill and a knowledge of the medium, but also with plenty of feeling and sensitivity too," Ben said of the work.

Best Pencil was awarded to *Boots* by John Stevens, with Ben saying he's always pleased when he sees a well executed drawing like this, with very good tonal control, composition and a well developed technique.

Best Regional Artist was Judith Waite with *Galahs*. "This one I chose because of the artist's unusual and clever composition of the galahs flying across the canvas like musical notes. Lots of movement accurately portrayed," Ben said.

The Moira Arts & Culture Inc. Encouragement Award was awarded to Bev Williams for *Tradescantia and Tiny Blue Dragonfly*, which Ben said was a delightful little watercolour study of the natural world, painted with care and intricate detail.

The Photographic Award went to *Bridge in Smoke* by Adrienne West, which Ben called a work full of intrigue and mood, in which the photographer has pushed the medium and subject almost to abstraction.

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I think I've already got about 20 rolls of toilet paper at home, so I won't be buying any more.

Have your say on Goulburn to Murray trade rules

COMMUNITY consultation into the rules that manage the trade of water from the Goulburn River to the Murray Valley has been announced.

A recent review identified that the current rules are not protecting the lower Goulburn River and do not provide a fair system for all water users to trade water.

Expert advice has noted that unseasonably high flows in the lower Goulburn River is causing environmental damage – destroying vegetation, river banks and fish habitat.

The community is invited to have their say and help inform changes to the rules to keep flows within environmentally sustainable limits. These changes are scheduled to be brought in by late 2020.

The aim of the reviews is to put in place strong, long-term rules, alongside the operating regime introduced last year to reduce flows along the Goulburn River to prevent damage to the environment.

The Victorian Government also brought all inter-valley trades from the Goulburn system, including water use from tagged accounts, in line with Basin Plan trading rules.

Announcing the community consultations yesterday, Minister for Water Lisa Neville said the government was making sure the lower Goulburn River is sustainably managed to protect its environment and the social, cultural and economic value it provides for local communities.

Letter to the Editor



Moira Shire – financial fail again

MOIRA Shire's latest annual report shows that the shire and council have again failed their ratepayers, residents and businesses. They have failed to fully spend rates paid by residents and grants from governments, so these funds are accumulating and sitting uselessly in bank accounts earning meagre amounts of interest.

The shire's financial accounts for 2018-19 show a surplus (profit) of \$8.4 million – around \$0.6 million more than the previous year's profit – and funds in the bank are \$36.6 million, more than \$1 million higher.

The shire and council make excuses for the underspend and promise to spend more, but these excuses and promises are made year after year and the failure to spend continues.

There is no reason for the shire, which, unlike a business, has no competitors and has guaranteed rates and other revenue each year, to accumulate funds, while it fails to provide much needed services and assistance to its ratepayers. There is no discernible good purpose in the shire running profits and building up its bank balance.

It's not surprising that the Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey 2019 shows that Moira residents rate their satisfaction with the shire at only around 50 (out of 100). This compares with an average rating of 60 for all Victorian shires.

Moira's community satisfaction rating has been steadily declining over the past decade. And our rates are more than 10% higher than the state average.

There is something wrong with the council and the shire.

Mick Shadwick
Yarrawonga



Help is at hand ... (From left): Kaye Moodie and Lorraine Greenwood from Rotary Club of Numurkah, Geoff Haddy from the Rotary Club of North Balwyn presenting an information pack to Gayle Buzza from Numurkah Home Timber and Hardware, and Rob Head from Rotary Club of North Balwyn.

Drought relief program commences

THE Rotary Club of North Balwyn's drought relief program in support of the Numurkah district community has officially commenced.

The first, and central, part of the program is the distribution of vouchers for exclusive use at selected local businesses. The vouchers will be distributed through rural financial planners, who received tens of thousands of dollars worth of vouchers last week, to start distributing to clients immediately.

Rotary Club of North Balwyn members Greg Matthews and Geoff Haddy told the *Leader* the club hopes the first vouchers will be distributed to those in need in coming weeks.

"Hopefully the vouchers will start getting out to those who need them sooner rather than later, and start providing a bit of relief," he said.

The vouchers can only be used at nine local businesses, selected because they provide essential goods or services such as food, health-care and petrol.

Where more than one type of a business exists in town, all are selected in order to avoid creating an unfair advantage.

The businesses involved in the program are: Foodworks Numurkah, Ritchies IGA Numurkah, Louis Hamon Amcal Pharmacy, Numurkah Guardian Pharmacy, Meat on Melville, R&B Butchers, Numurkah Home Timber and Hardware, Murray Goulburn Trading Numurkah and McPherson's Numurkah.

Geoff Haddy and Rob Head visited the participating businesses last Wednesday, accompanied by Lorraine Greenwood and Kay Moodie from the Rotary Club of Numurkah, to provide them with the information and re-

sources they will need to facilitate the program.

Geoff told the *Leader* that all of the businesses were enthusiastic about their involvement.

"The response from businesses has been terrific since we first approached them, and they are quite excited to get started," he said.

"It's a tried and tested program, so we have a good system for reimbursing participating businesses, and we have made sure they have everything they need."

Gayle Buzza from Numurkah Home Timber and Hardware said the business was pleased to see the program, which they believe is much needed.

"The drought has had a devastating impact on local farmers, and so many good farmers have left the land or are thinking of leaving," she said.

"We've been seeing it for a while; customers who used to make quite big purchases are just buying the minimum they need to get by."

"You can see the impact it is having on them personally, sometimes they will stay and talk for a while because they need to debrief. Support for them is essential, and we are really pleased to be part of a program that will provide that."

At a preliminary information session about the program held in January, chair of the program, Geoff Kneale, told the audience that a number of factors had influenced Numurkah's selection for the program.

"We spoke to farmers and interest groups from across Victoria to see where there was a strong need," he said.

"We were looking for a place that was suffering as a result of the drought but wasn't bene-

fitting from similar programs delivered by other Rotary clubs.

"We were also looking for a place that had a strong Rotary club that could help us deliver the program, because there is no more efficient means for us to get funds and programs into a community than through working with the local Rotary club."

"Through all of that, Numurkah stood out as the best location because there is a very serious need here with the impact on the dairy industry, and that flows on to the rest of the community."

Although a limited number of businesses are involved, an analysis of the program by University of Queensland researchers has shown that money spent at one business will circulate through the local economy five to seven times, as the owners of that business spend money at other local businesses.

Vouchers will be distributed through rural financial counsellors, and will be in denominations of \$50 with an expiry date of March 31, 2021. Although vouchers will only be able to be used at selected businesses, there will be no restriction on what they can be used to purchase in those businesses.

"We believe that the individuals themselves are best placed to determine what they need," Mr Kneale said.

Vouchers are just one element of the program however.

Free events to bring the community together, such as a comedy night and rock legends concert, are also being planned to provide some stress relief to those affected by the drought.

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Katunga house completely destroyed

A HOUSE on Chapmans Lane, Katunga was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday night.

Tankers from Numurkah, Naring and Strathmerton, plus Numurkah's pumper and forward control vehicle, turned out to the blaze at around 10.30pm to find the house fully alight when they arrived.

The home's residents were not home at the time, but arrived on the scene later.

The cause of the fire has been investigated and deemed non-suspicious. Police, Powercor and ambulance crews also attended.

Strathmerton and Yarroweyah brigades were called to assist Cobram brigade with an alarm operating at the loading bay of the Murray Goulburn factory at Broadway Street, Cobram, three times in two days last week.

A drop in pressure in the fire fighting water line, the cause of which is under investigation, set the alarm off at 11.10pm on Wednesday and at 2pm and 3.40pm on Thursday. No fire was detected on any of the occasions.

Strathmerton and Yarroweyah brigades were also called to assist Cobram at 12.10pm on Wednesday after a smoke alarm activated at Sturt Street, Cobram, but they were stopped enroute.

Numurkah, Wunghnu, Katunga and Shepparton aerial pumper, responded to an alarm operating at a house in Katamatite/Nathalia Road, Numurkah, between Moss and Christie Streets, at 1.35pm last Thursday.

The Numurkah brigade checked that there was no fire and, as the smoke detector was wired to the power supply, the occupiers were advised to have an electrician check the detector.

Wunghnu, Katunga and Shepparton aerial pumper were stopped enroute.

At 10am on Sunday, Strathmerton, Yarroweyah and Naring brigades were called to hay bales on fire at Stokes Road, Yarroweyah. A farmer was cleaning out his drains and the machine got too close to a couple of hay bales and the exhaust set them alight. Two bales of hay were burnt.

At 5.41pm on Monday, Numurkah, Katunga and Shepparton brigades were turned out to smoke inside a unit at Paterson Street, Numurkah. Food in a frying pan was burnt, smoking the room.

Katunga and Shepparton were not required., and Numurkah brigade used its ventilator fan to clear the smoke from the unit.

Have you seen Rickky?



Have you seen this man? ... Rickky Dunn was bailed to attend drug rehab, but never arrived.

POLICE are asking for the public to keep an eye out for Rickky Leigh Dunn, the man alleged to have stolen a police car and led police on three car chases in the Numurkah area in early December last year.

Twenty eight year-old Rickky appeared before Shepparton Magistrates court on February 21 on a total of 45 charges, which include trafficking methamphetamine and ecstasy, unlicensed driving, failing to stop when directed by police, and car and motorbike theft.

At the February 21 hearing, Rickky was released on bail on condition that he attend a drug rehabilitation centre where a bed had been secured for him, but he never arrived at the centre.

The conditions of his bail included that he live at Odyssey House, not attend Moira Shire, not use illicit substances and not drive a car.

He is believed to be in the Numurkah area.

The incidents from which many of the charges against Rickky arise, occurred in the first week of December 2019. Rickky already had three outstanding warrants when those offences occurred.

It is alleged that on December 1, he sped away from police on the GV Highway at Wunghnu at speeds up to 150kms per hour.

On December 3, he is alleged to have stolen a police car after police attended to perform a welfare check after he was seen apparently unconscious behind the wheel of a car parked on Lukies Road, Naring.

When police approached, Dunn is alleged to have fled the vehicle, gotten into the unoccupied police car and driven off.

A search involving a number of police cars and helicopters ensued, with Dunn spotted on Lukies Road travelling at speeds alleged to be up to 200kph.

The police car was later located at the rear of a Yarroweyah property, but Dunn could not be located.

On December 6, he was allegedly located at a property at Tobruk Road, Naring, at around 6.30am.

Dunn is alleged to have fled towards Numurkah, along with another person, in a Mitsubishi Pajero, hitting and causing minor damage to a police vehicle as they did so.

The offenders drove off towards Numurkah, and police initiated a pursuit, but called it off a short time later due to safety concerns. Police believe one of the occupants left the Pajero and got into a Holden Commodore, which was seen in Numurkah a short time later and was briefly pursued until the pursuit was once again terminated for safety reasons.

A 31 year-old Burramine woman and a 21 year-old Numurkah man were arrested in Numurkah later that day in relation to the events, and Dunn was arrested in Cobram a few days later.

Police are urging anyone who sees Rickky to not approach him, but to call 000.

If you have information about his whereabouts contact Cobram CIU 03 58712866 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.

POLICE BEAT

Nathalia cannabis grow-house raided

THREE people will be charged with cultivating a narcotic plant after police discovered a 'reasonable quantity' of cannabis plants in various stages of the growth and drying process during a raid on a Pearce Street, Nathalia property last Tuesday.

Two separate shed burglaries in the district in the past fortnight have netted thieves large hauls of tools, cash and fire-arms.

The first occurred some time between March 1 and 3 from a secured shed on Walshs Bridge Road, Numurkah, whilst the other took place at a property on Panter Rd, Yabba North, where thieves also entered the house, during the early hours of Saturday.

Sometime between mid February and March 6, an offender attended at a Whitty Road, Katamatite, property removing a light bar from a locked tractor.

Police have deemed a fire at a Chapmans Lane Katunga property, in which the house was completely destroyed, to be non-suspicious. Nobody was home at the time of the fire.

Community Update

New safety laws – register your swimming pool or spa now

The State Government has introduced new safety laws surrounding your swimming pool or spa.

These laws have been introduced with a focus on children's safety.

This new registration applies to all pools and spas capable of containing water to a depth greater than 300mm and includes relocatable or temporary pools and spas.

This is a mandatory registration with owners of existing swimming pools and spas needing to register with council by **1 June 2020** or within 30 days after completion if their pool or spa is under construction.

Go to our website for more information.

Community Strengthening plus one-off Arts and Culture Grants – closing soon

Do you need funding for an event or to improve facilities or services for your local community?

Then the Community Strengthening Minor Grant (up to \$5,000) is for you.

Or perhaps you have an arts project you would like to pursue?

If so, why not apply for a one-off Arts and Culture Grant (up to \$10,000).

For more details, including how to apply, go to our website.

Applications are closing soon - **5pm Friday 13 March.**

Next Council Meeting – 25 March – Cobram

Our next meeting will commence at **6pm on Wednesday 25 March** at the Cobram Civic Centre.

All meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

Strathmerton and Nathalia Transfer Stations – change of operating times

There will be slight changes to the Strathmerton and Nathalia Transfer Station operating times, beginning **6 April**, to suit the needs of the communities and staff.

Strathmerton Transfer Station will now be open –

- Tuesdays 1pm – 4pm.
- Sundays 9am – 12pm

Nathalia Transfer Station will now be open –

- Tuesday 8.30am – 12pm
- Thursday 8.30am – 12.30pm
- Saturday 9am – 1pm

For more information go to our website.

Cultural Diversity Week – celebrating diversity

Celebrate Cultural Diversity Week, Victoria's largest multicultural festival, with events to be held throughout the shire from **Sunday 15 March to Friday 20 March.**

These events bring people together, not only to celebrate the shire's diversity, but to also spark their curiosity about culture and about each other.

See our website for more information.



Pet registration renewal notices in the mail

Annual pet registration renewal notices have been sent to pet owners.

If your pet is deceased or no longer lives in the shire, please use the form to confirm this information to us in writing.

We cannot remove a pet from the register until we have received written notice from the pet owner.

Aussies spending billions on meth

AUSTRALIANS spent a total of \$8.63 billion on methylamphetamine in the 12 months from August 2018 - August 2019 according to a report just released by The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC).

The ninth report of the National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program (NWDMP) revealed that Australians spent an estimated \$11.3 billion on methylamphetamine, cocaine, MDMA and heroin combined in the 12 months reviewed.

The report estimated that 11.5 tonnes of methylamphetamine was consumed annually in Australia during that time period, as well as 4.6 tonnes of cocaine, 2.2 tonnes of MDMA, and more than 900 kilograms of heroin.

ACIC CEO Michael Phelan APM said this is one of the more tragic, harmful and wasteful aspects of illicit drug markets.

"Australians are spending a significant amount of money on illicit substances each year, generating profits for the sole benefit of organised crime groups. This is money that might otherwise have been spent on legitimate goods for themselves and their families," he said.

"Illicit drugs have a devastating impact on everyday Australians. Organised criminals involved in the illicit drug trade prey on our communities to make a profit. They don't care about the devastation caused through health and social costs, or the drug-related crime.

"By measuring the level of consumption of illicit drugs and legal drugs with abuse potential, the NWDMP can identify new sources of threat and be used as a key indicator of harm posed by these substances."

The August 2019 collection covers around 57% of Australia's population—about 13.3 million Australians. Of the drugs measured by the program with available dose data, alcohol and nicotine remain the most consumed drugs in Australia, with methylamphetamine the most consumed illicit drug.

The report found that per capita consumption of cocaine and heroin in capital cities exceeded regional consumption. However, the per capita regional consumption of nicotine, alcohol, methylamphetamine, MDMA, MDA, oxycodone, fentanyl and cannabis exceeded that in capital cities. This has implications for response options because resources are more thinly spread in regional Australia.

The report found that between April 2019 and August 2019, the population-weighted average consumption of all tested substances decreased, with the exception of heroin and oxycodone. Cannabis consumption also increased in regional areas.



Diverse brilliance ... The winning entries of the 2020 Rotary Club of Numukrah art and craft exhibition covered a diverse range of styles and subjects.

40th annual art show a huge success

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Claire Reid congratulated the craft entrants on the quality of their work.

She awarded Best Craft Entry and Best Quilt to *A Country Journal* by Yvonne Visser, with Patricia Grotaers' *Dragon Quilt* receiving second place in the quilt category.

The Fibres, Threads or Beads Award went to Shona Thomas with *Purple Lace Shawl*, and the Framed Needlework Award was awarded to Jenny Barnes with *Noah*.

The Craft Award was received by Tonina Hore for *Mosaic Tile*, and Australiana Award was *Koala* crochet blanket by Jenny Barnes.

Overall, with art and craft sales, kitchen sales, raffle tickets and door entry, the exhibition took a total of \$20,953.55.

Rotary exhibition committee member Lou Hamon said that, although expenses including hall hire, advertising, printing, as well as reimbursement to artists for paintings sold, less the club's commission, still needed to be paid, it was a good result.

"Sale of 46 paintings was excellent and exceeded my expectations," he said.

"Although we sold a record 54 last year, considering the economic climate, 46 is a great result.

"A rule of thumb is if you sell 10% you are doing okay. So with nearly 300 entries we exceeded that."



Excellent display ... Entries were received for the show from all over Australia.



Best in Show ... Winning painting Tumut River by Ross Paterson.



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Rain can't stop play for a cause

IN the hands of a different organisation, rain might have spelled the end of the barefoot bowls fund raiser last Wednesday, but Katamatite Lions club proved that the big cats are nothing if not quick on their feet.

With a few quick adjustments, the fund raiser, which was held for the benefit of 25 year-old Naring woman Kyllie Paterson, who is battling gestational cancer, transformed into a trivia night.

The event, at Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club, was an enormous success with 79 people in attendance.

Unfortunately, Kyllie is quite unwell at the moment and couldn't attend but was present via a Skype call.

Kyllie's fiancé Nathaniel Hendy and the couple's 13 month-old son Odin were in attendance, along with many family and friends of both the Paterson and Hendy families, as well as Lions members from Cobram, Yarrawonga, Tungamah and Katamatite.

Kyllie and Nathaniel plan to marry this month, and the proceeds from the event will help with that, due to the couple's finances being stretched by constant travel necessary for Kyllie's treatment.

Katamatite Lions secretary Rob Peachey said they were very pleased to raise \$1013.20 from the night.

"Everyone had a fun and entertaining night and there were plenty of laughs during the Fair Dinkum Bulls**t segment," he said.

Kyllie said there were not enough words to say thank you for the support she, Nathaniel and Odin had been shown by those who organ-



An excellent cause ... Nathaniel and Odin Hendy (centre), with members of the Paterson and Hendy families and Katamatite Lions President Graham Lukies (back left) at the trivia night.

ised and took part in the fundraiser.

"I would just like to thank everyone who organised this barefoot bowls/trivia night to help myself and my family," she said.

"The money that was raised for

us has been put towards Nathaniel and my wedding, without everybody's support and generosity we wouldn't have been able to make this all happen."

Rob Peachey said raising the

funds wouldn't have been possible without the support of Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club, which also provided generous donations of vouchers, wines and merchandise that was given away as prizes.

Victorian guardianship laws reformed

NEW legislation to better protect the rights of adults with a disability to make and participate in decisions that affect their lives was introduced in Victoria last week.

The Guardianship and Administration Act 2019 presumes that a person has decision-making capacity unless evidence is provided to the contrary. It also recognises that a person has decision-making capacity if they can make decisions with support.

Representing the biggest change to the state's guardianship and administration laws in more than 30 years, the legislation reflects a more modern understanding of decision-making capacity and disability.

A supportive guardian or administrator will now be able to be appointed to help a person to make their own lifestyle, financial and legal decisions.

New offences will apply for guardians or administrators who dishonestly use their appointment for financial gain or cause loss to the represented person, with anyone found guilty facing up to five years in prison.

Individuals can also seek compensation for a loss caused by a guardian or administrator who breaches their duties.

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) will be empowered to set limits on guardianship and administration appointments, to ensure orders are tailored to fit individual circumstances.

VCAT will also hear all initial applications in the presence of the person with a disability, unless satisfied that the person doesn't want to attend, or there is another justifiable reason for their absence.

The State Government has also earmarked more than \$2.5 million through Court Services Victoria to upgrade the Guardianship Hub - an online portal for filing and monitoring VCAT applications about guardianships - increasing efficiency and ensuring ease-of-use for applicants.



cultural diversity week

15 MARCH

NUMURKAH COMMUNITY HOUSE AND GARDEN
Sunday 15 March | 10am – 2pm
Cultural Diversity Community Celebration showcasing the community's diversity – various activities including food, art, dance, music and stories. Enquiries to 03 5862 2249.

18 MARCH

YARRAWONGA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
Wednesday 18 March | 10am – 12noon (Lunch 12.15pm – 2pm)
Indigenous artist Dr Treahna Hamm to run a traditional basket weaving workshop. BYO lunch – bring a dish to share from you heritage and share the story behind it. Enquiries to 03 5744 3911.

20 MARCH

COBRAM COMMUNITY HOUSE
Friday 20 March | 9.30am – 11.30am or 1pm – 3pm (2 sessions)
Curiosity, Conversation, Community – cultural food preparation demonstrations followed by morning or afternoon tea. Enquiries to 03 5872 2224.

20 MARCH

COBRAM LIBRARY
Friday 20 March | 10.30am – 11.30am
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Off to state champs ... Seth McCracken had a terrific day in the pool at the regional swimming championships last week.

Seth swims like a fish

ST JOSEPH'S Primary School student Seth McCracken will compete at the state swimming championships in Melbourne in April, after winning the 12/13 year old boys 50m breaststroke at the regional swimming championships in Shepparton last week.

Seth said the regional swimming championships was a great day even though it rained all day and was freezing.

"Being in the water was actually fantastic, the competition was really even," he said.

"I can't wait to go to Melbourne."

Seth also competed in the 4x50m freestyle and the 4x50m medley, where they came third and fourth respectively, with Kaleb Gilmore, Jarrod Bethell and Keira Neyland.

Heidi Moon also competed in individual events on the day, showing herself to be one to watch in the future.



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Looking for solutions ... Award-winning director Damon Gameau meets the innovators and change-makers in 2040.

Free screening of hopeful climate doco

THE Numurkah community is being given the opportunity to see the thought-provoking hybrid feature documentary 2040, that highlights steps being taken globally to halt the effects of climate change.

The 2040 journey began with award-winning director Damon Gameau (*That Sugar Film*).

Motivated by concerns about the planet his four year-old daughter would inherit, Damon embarked on a global journey to meet innovators and change-makers in the areas of economics, technology, civil society, agriculture, education and sustainability.

Drawing on their expertise, he sought to identify the best solutions, available to us now, that would help improve the health of our planet and the societies that operate within it.

From marine permaculture to decentralised renewable energy projects, he discovered that people all over the world are taking matters into their own hands.

This journey is the central premise for the documentary '2040', a story of hope that looks at the very real possibility that humanity could reverse global warming and improve the lives of every living thing in the process.

Structured as a visual letter to his daughter, Damon blends traditional documentary with dramatised sequences and high-end visual effects to create a vision board of how these solutions could regenerate the world for future generations.

It is a positive vision of what 'could be', instead of the dystopian future we are so often presented.

Moir Shire General Manager Community Sally Rice said, with topics such as reducing our CO2 in the atmosphere, marine permaculture and empowering women and girls, 2040 is thought provoking with informative possibilities of 'what can be'.

"Council has the opportunity to offer our community a free screening of the film '2040' in partnership with Numurkah Community House and Garden, Boomerang Bags and Movies at Numurkah," she said.

"This event is also an opportunity for Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to undertake engagement activities, including DELWP's development of the Hume Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan.

This event is proudly supported by Numurkah Community House and Garden, Boomerang Bags, Movies at Numurkah, Katamatite Food Swap and Moira Shire Council.

The screening will be held from 6.30pm this Friday, March 13, at the Numurkah town hall, with a free supper, catered by Cafe Mierlo, available after the film.



Your family, your business

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The Country Women's Association of Victoria (CWA) Drought Relief Program is offering payments of up to \$3000 to assist eligible farming families to pay household expenses such as food, household and medical bills.

The program is available to eligible irrigation farming families (including those that have transitioned from irrigation production systems to dryland production since 1 July 2018) workers and contractors in the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District (GMID).

For more information and to apply contact the CWA online at cwaofvic.org.au or email drought@cwaofvic.org.au.

For more information about the program and other available drought support visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons or call 136 186.



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The Numurkah Leader.

GOULBURN VALLEY FARMERS AND FRUIT GROWERS GAZETTE

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This week in 1920 ...

To celebrate the State Library of Victoria's digitising of the war years editions of the Numurkah Leader, each week we will include the news of the week, 100 years ago.

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EASTERN GOULBURN IRRIGATION SCHEME

The suggestion in the letter from Mr J. D. Mitchell, M.L.A., published in this morning's "Leader", is one that should be immediately adopted.

The suggestion is that landholders in every district concerned in the distribution of water from the Eastern Goulburn channel; should co-operate in urging on the Water Supply Commission the natural right of this district to the first call from the channel.

There can be nothing said against individual parishes, or groups of parishes, clamoring for a direct supply for their territory, but there is a very much bigger question involved, and that is one as to-where and to whom the supply shall be allotted. And in this connection it cannot be upon too strongly urged upon the people the extreme importance of urging pressure to bear to the end that the Commission's policy might be shaped so as to ensure that the Western portions of the State shall not be granted the boon of water that rightly and naturally belongs to this district, at the expense of those living, it might almost be said, right on the source of supply. The residents of the area affected have for too long stood idly by, relying, it seemed, upon the good sense of the department not to carry the water any distance further than need be in order to secure the greatest good to the greatest number. But one important fact has been overlooked, or at least disregarded, and that is that while we have been doing-nothing but waiting and hoping, other districts have bestirred themselves, and, as they say in America, "gone out after it." The people in the Mallee districts have been wider awake than we have, and they have for a long time been persistently and determinedly voicing their keen desire for an irrigation supply. And the Commission could not be altogether blamed were it to give way to this clamor, for its policy—and, we think, a right one—has always been to consider those who showed the strongest desire to obtain water. The Commission probably argues: Why should we risk criticism and blame by putting water into country where it may not be wanted when we have people further away crying out do almost for it anything and are to prepared get it? It is, of course, contrary to reason that the water from the Eastern Goulburn supply should be sent long distances to serve the country west of the Campaspe, for the loss by seepage and evaporation, as Mr Mitchell points out would be tremendous, but the people here must not be too content that that influence will operate. This district, unfortunately, is somewhat under a cloud for in by-gone years a fairly large percentage of those more directly interested in the subject entered strong protests against water being forced on the district; they objected to being turned into market gardeners." Of course that opinion has changed, but it takes a long time for the impression to be eradicated altogether, and there is thus all the more reason why It must be urged again and again that we do want the water: that without it we cannot prosper as we should.

The Commission must be told time and time again, and in terms that there can be no mistaking, that landholders right throughout the territory that can be served by the scheme are of the one mind regarding the absolute necessity of having an irrigation supply, and the Commissioners must understand, too, that we do not intend to surrender our natural right to the water without a fight. This is a matter than cannot be successfully undertaken by a few Individuals here and there: it must tie taken up by the whole district. Residents of the townships along the creeks are almost equally interested with the landholder, for an expansion of the irrigation service means additional domestic supplies in the creeks. There is no need for us to enlarge upon the advantages that would accrue from an irrigation supply: that is "a tale that is told," but we would again urge on everyone of our readers the importance of concerted action, now and at once, in the direction indicated by Mr Mitchell, followed up at short intervals by reiterated requests that those who by their geographical position have a right to the waters of the channel shall not be deprived of their right in order to benefit a people that have no natural claim to it.

Should this opportunity be lost, then the community will have itself, and itself only to blame.



Thriving on the fun run ... St Joe's students celebrate this year's fun run in the school's kitchen garden which was established with funds from last year's event.
Back: (From left): Jarred Bethell, Summa Neyland, Izaak Hopkins, Heidi Moon, Cooper Weeks, Milla Dobson, Kaleb Gilmour, Keira Neyland, Toby Bell, Oliver Ruscoe, Poppy Dobson, Daniel Schreenan.
Front: Macie Gilmour, Matilda Ruscoe, Tilly Schreenan.

Time to run towards the fun

THERE are people in this world who will tell you that the term 'fun run' is an oxymoron, and that the only excuse for running is if you're being chased by something dangerous. However, those people have clearly never taken part in Numurkah Fun Run.

The annual event, which is a major fund raiser of St Joseph's Primary School's parents and friends (P&F) association, has established a special place in the Numurkah calender, as both a sporting and social event.

From elite runners who are in it to smash records, to those who are just there for a pleasant Sunday stroll and a bit of banter with the course marshals from the CFA, SES, police and Lions and Rotary clubs, it's an event everyone can get involved in.

This year's event, starting at 9am on Sunday, is shaping up to rival last year's event which attracted a record number of entries, and saw Nathan Stoate from Shepparton Runners Club lop an impressive 90 seconds off the course record for the five kilometre event.

Both the five and 10 kilometre events are expected to be hotly contested again this year, by a very serious few, but St Joe's principal Paul Arnel insists that the event really is about the community coming together to have some fun.

"That's what we like most about the event, and we have unbelievable support from the community to make sure it's safe as well as fun," he said.

P&F fun run committee member Andrea Dobson puts the event's ongoing success down to the fact that the whole community gets involved.

"St Joe's families embraced the event from the beginning, so it's always had a family feel to it," she

said.

"With the service clubs and emergency services involved, people from right across the community are taking part in some way.

"It also has good running courses so runners from outside town come for that, and embrace the friendly and fun atmosphere as well.

"It's shaping up to be another great event this year, and we're all really looking forward to it."

The school oval - the start and end point - provides an amphitheatre style gathering place for before and after the race, with ample facilities, and a comfortable location for those who simply want to be there to cheer the runners on their way, and then welcome them back again.

It is also the ideal gathering place for after the run, where participants and spectators alike can relax and enjoy a well-earned barbecue, and watch the one and two kilometre

races for the primary school aged children.

The proceeds of this year's fun run are earmarked for a project that will make the area even better for next year's fun run - and all other events at the school.

Funds raised will be put towards a shade and barbecue development on the east side of the MacKillop Centre at the edge of the oval.

Looking south from the oval, the fruits of last year's fun run labours are clearly visible - a kitchen garden created with proceeds from the event and in partnership with the Numurkah Bendigo Community Bank branch.

To save \$5 (based on on-the-day fee) 0on registration for the five and 10 kilometre events, register online at <https://tinyurl.com/wbjl4xn> by 4pm this Friday. Entry for the one and two kilometre kids events is \$2, with no registration required.

Shorter male lifespan question answered

WHY do men (and most other male animals) die younger? Apparently, it's all in the Y chromosome.

According to popular theory, men live shorter lives than women because they take bigger risks, have more dangerous jobs, drink and smoke more, and are poor at seeking advice from doctors.

But new research by scientists at UNSW Sydney suggests the real reason may be less related to human behaviour, and more to do with the type of sex chromosomes we share with most animal species.

In a study published last week, researchers from UNSW Science's School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences analysed all available academic literature on sex chromosomes and lifespan – and they tried to establish whether there was a pattern of one sex outliving the other that was repeated across the animal kingdom.

Specifically, they wanted to test the 'unguarded X hypothesis' which suggests that the Y chromosome in heterogametic sexes – those with XY (male) sex chromosomes rather than XX (female) sex chromosomes – is less able to protect an individual from harmful genes expressed on the X chromosome. The hypothesis suggests that, as the Y chromosome is smaller than the X chromosome, and in some cases absent, it is unable to 'hide' an X chromosome that carries harmful mutations, which may later expose the individual to health threats.

Conversely, there is no such problem in a pair of homogametic chromosomes (XX), where a healthy X chromosome can stand in for another X that has deleterious genes to ensure those

harmful genes aren't expressed, thus maximising the length of life for the organism.

This is the first time that scientists have tested the hypothesis across the board in animal taxonomy; previously it was tested only within a few groups of animals.

First author on the paper and PhD student Zoe Xirocostas said that, after examining the lifespan data available on a wide range of animal species, it appears that the unguarded X hypothesis stacks up.

"We looked at lifespan data in not just primates, other mammals and birds, but also reptiles, fish, amphibians, arachnids, cockroaches, grasshoppers, beetles, butterflies and moths among others," she said.

"We found that across that broad range of species, the heterogametic sex does tend to die earlier than the homogametic sex, and it's 17.6% earlier on average."

Interestingly, the researchers observed this same pattern in the classes of animals possessing their own unique pair of sex chromosomes that are the reverse of all other animals.

In birds, butterflies and moths, it is the male of the species that has the homogametic sex chromosomes (denoted by ZZ) while the female has the heterogametic chromosomes (ZW). Female birds, butterflies and moths were usually found to die earlier than their male counterparts, giving credence to the unguarded X hypothesis – although strictly speaking, it's an unguarded Z in this case.

But while this study confirms that the unguarded X hypothesis is a reasonable explanation for why one sex outlives the other on average, there

was one statistic that emerged from the data that took Ms Xirocostas by surprise.

"We found a smaller difference in lifespan between the males and females in the female heterogametic species compared to males and females in the male heterogametic species," she said.

"In species where males are heterogametic (XY), females live almost 21% longer than males. But in the species of birds, butterflies and moths, where females are heterogametic (ZW), males only outlive females by 7%."

Simply put, heterogametic males (XY) die sooner than heterogametic females (ZW) when compared to the opposite sex in their species. Does this mean there is something still fundamentally life-shortening about being a male member of any species?

Ms Xirocostas thinks this could be the case, and lists side effects of sexual selection, the degree of Y chromosome degradation and telomere dynamics as possible explanations for this surprising trend.

"I was only expecting to see a pattern of the homogametic sex (XX or ZZ) living longer, so it came as an interesting surprise to see that the type of sex determination system (XX/XY or ZZ/ZW) could also play a role in an organism's longevity."

Ms Xirocostas said future studies of this phenomenon should test a hypothesis raised in the paper that the difference in lifespan between sexes is proportional to the difference in chromosome length between sexes, which could help us further understand the factors affecting ageing.

But for now, she believes, the unguarded X hypothesis stands.

Congregations unite for world day of prayer



United in prayer for Zimbabwe ... Members of Numurkah's Uniting, Presbyterian, Anglican, Catholic, Church of Christ and gospel fellowship congregations took part in the world day of prayer on Friday.

MEMBERS of Numurkah's Christian congregations gathered as one last Friday morning to celebrate world day of prayer 2020.

Around 40 members from Numurkah's Church of Christ, Presbyterian, Catholic, Uniting, and Anglican church congregations, as well as the gospel fellowship, gathered at the Uniting Church for the event.

Numurkah churches take it in turns hosting the event, which is held at a different venue each year.

The world day of prayer is an international ecumenical movement organised by women of many different Christian denominations, and held across the world on the first Friday in March each year.

Numurkah's service was one of 900 services held across the world on Friday with a common theme.

Every year, worship service focuses on a different country, that year's 'host' country, and a specific theme. The host country for the year prepares the service for the year, and that is used across the world where groups gather to pray for the host country.

Zimbabwe was the host country for 2020, and the theme for this year's event was 'Rise! Take your mat and walk!', taken from John's gospel.

Zimbabwe is a southern African nation which achieved independence from Britain in 1980 after 90 years of colonial rule. It has a population of over 16 million people and, despite having one of the lowest life expectancies in the world, it has one of the highest literacy rates in Africa at 91%.

Sandra Beer who, as part of Numurkah Interchurch Council, helped organise this year's local service on behalf of Numurkah Uniting Church, said it was wonderful to be part of a worldwide movement of prayer.

"It feels very worthwhile to know that the whole world is working together and praying together and that you are part of that," she said.

As part of this year's service, an offering was taken up which raised \$430 for the benefit of Zimbabwean mothers of disabled children.

Health warning as poisonous mushrooms sprout early

POISONOUS Death Cap mushrooms have started growing in Victoria following widespread recent rain and ideal growing conditions.

Victoria's Deputy Chief Health Officer Dr Angie Bone has issued a warning for people to avoid gathering wild mushrooms around Melbourne and in rural Victoria.

"The recent conditions have been ideal for poisonous mushrooms, and recent rains have seen them start to sprout much earlier than usual in Victoria," Dr Bone said.

"While commercially-sold mushrooms are safe, poisonings can occur when people gathering wild mushrooms inadvertently include toxic species. Poisonous mushrooms may appear very similar to edible varieties."

The mushrooming season starts when rain encourages growth of the fungi in the still warm earth.

Two toxic mushrooms are the death cap fungus, Amanita phalloides, and the yellow staining mushroom, Agaricus xanthodermus.

The death cap is a large mushroom, with a cap ranging from light olive green to greenish yellow in colour. The gills are white, and the base of the stem is surrounded by a cup-shaped sac.

The commonly found yellow staining mushroom turns

yellow when the cap or stem is bruised by a thumbnail.

The most dangerous variety is the death cap, usually found near deciduous trees, especially around oaks, in some Melbourne suburbs and rural areas.

It is extremely toxic and responsible for 90% of all mushroom poisoning deaths.

Dr Bone said anyone who becomes ill after eating mushrooms should seek urgent medical advice and, if possible, take samples of the whole mushroom for identification.

"Symptoms of poisoning can include violent stomach pains, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Symptoms may subside after a day or two – but this doesn't necessarily mean recovery," she said.

"Death can follow within 48 hours from serious liver damage.

"If you have any doubts about a species of fungus or mushroom, don't eat it. Cooking, peeling or drying these mushrooms does not remove or inactivate the poison."

More information about poisonous varieties can be found on the Better Health Channel website and a Chief Health Officer's advisory is at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/chiefhealthofficer/index.htm>.



Death cap ... The death cap has white gills and a cup-shaped sac at the base of the stem.



Yellow stainer ... The skin of the cap or stem turns yellow when bruised.

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Applications should include:

- A cover letter
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Key Selection Criteria and Role Description can be obtained from : www.smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au/about/employment

Applications to be emailed to: principal@smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH, 2020

St Mary of the Angels community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

MEETINGS

Numurkah Pioneers Lodge

A.G.M
Monday 16th March 2020.
8pm at Lodge.
Guest Speaker “Heart Beat”
All welcome.

GARAGE SALES

183 Kinnairds Rd Numurkah

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GARAGE SALES

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DOWN SIZING
House and Garden items.

MEETINGS

Numurkah Community Learning Centre Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Numurkah Community Learning Centre Inc will be held in the President’s Room of the Visitor Information Centre on

Thursday, 19th March 2020 at 7.00pm

AGENDA

- Guest Speaker – Janine Connolly – NCLC Treasurer – speaking about her trip to India
- To confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
- To receive reports
- To receive the audited financial reports
- To appoint auditor for the financial year ended 31st December 2020
- To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members
- Nominations for Committee Members will be taken until Thursday 19th March by 3pm

A Light supper will be provided.
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FUNERAL NOTICES

ROSS — Requiem mass for the repose of the soul of Mrs Margaret Ross will be offered at St Mary’s Catholic Church, Robertson St, Nathalia, on Friday, March 13, 2020, commencing at 12 midday, followed by interment at the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery.

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DEATHS

MATTHEWS — Ronald James (Ron). 25.10.46 - 27.2.20
Aged 73 years.
Result of accident in Mallala, S.A.
Formerly of Waaia-Katunga and Kyabram.
Son of Beryl and Jim Matthews (both dec.), brother and brother-in-law of Betty and Vic Wingrave, Shirley and Fred Coburn, Barry and Margaret Matthews, Christine and Richard Kennedy, Jeff Matthews and partner Margaret. Uncle to his many nieces and nephews.
Rest in Peace
Memorial service at Mallala S.A.
Private family service to follow at a later date.

ROSS (Tuckett) — Margaret Ellen. 14.3.1934 - 4.3.2020
Loved wife of John, loving and devoted mother, mother-in-law, and friend, to Christine and Philip, Greg and Christine, David and Tania, Ian and Angela, Maree and Garry, Anthony and Leah. Nan to 18 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.
Rest in Peace

DEATHS

ROSS — Margaret. Passed away peacefully March 4th, 2020.

Much loved and loving mother and mother-in-law of Christine and Philip, loved Nana and friend of Jessica and Heath, Wes and Jamie, Laura and Reece, Claire and Brett and great nana of Frankie and Emme, Parker, Levi, Jai and Ruby and Lizzie and Hugh.
The memories we have we’ll hold dear forever.
Rest in peace.

Much loved and loving mother and mother-in-law of Greg and Christine and loving nana and friend of Sarah and Scott, Brodie and Alysia, Stacey and Malcolm.
Thanks for a life time of help and love.
Sadly missed.

Much loved and loving mother and mother-in-law of David and Tania, Nana to Lee, Luke, Lachlan, Layton, and Rikki.
Sadly missed.

Much loved and loving mother and mother-in-law of Ian and Angela, Nana to Brooke, Dylan and Cameron
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NUMURKAH lt NAGAMBIE

Toss won by Nagambie, batted first
1ST INNINGS - NAGAMBIE

R Misiti c M Cline b SE Downie	46
JR Auld c ? b SE Downie	7
LD Nolan not out	78
MC Nolan b M Eckard	89
B Biggs b M Eckard	0
M Martin run out (D Grandell)	24
J Sanderson run out (M Cline)	17
Z Winter-Irving not out	2
Extras (nb 1, w 0, b 2, lb 1)	4
Total	6/267
Overs 80.0	
FOW: 49 (R Misiti) 54 (JR Auld) 194 (MC Nolan) 194 (B Biggs) 235 (M Martin) 262 (J Sanderson)	
Bowling: M Cline 7.0 3 0 18; T Braybon 4.0 1 0 24; SE Downie 21.0 6 2 56; L Gledhill 20.0 5 0 49; M Eckard 15.0 2 2 65; M Grandell 13.0 0 0 52.	

1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

M Price lbw b B Biggs	13
W Arnel c ? b B Biggs	33
D Grandell c JR Auld b J Sanderson	50
SE Downie b B Biggs	28
L Gledhill c ? b J Sanderson	4
M Eckard c LD Nolan b MC Nolan	20
J Smith c & b J Sanderson	9
J Lau c & b MC Nolan	0
T Braybon b MC Nolan	0
M Cline c ? b J Sanderson	2
M Grandell not out	1
Extras (nb 3, w 0, b 1, lb 1)	5
Total	164
Overs 64.5	
FOW: 40 (M Price) 53 (W Arnel) 115 (SE Downie) 127 (D Grandell) 140 (L Gledhill) 160 (M Eckard) 160 (J Lau) 160 (T Braybon) 162 (J Smith) 164 (M Cline)	
Bowling: MC Nolan 20.1 4 3 42; N Fothergill 9.0 2 0 35; B Biggs 13.0 2 3 38; J Moore 5.0 1 0 15; J Sanderson 17.5 6 4 32.	

KYABRAM def KATANDRA

Toss won by Katandra, batted first
1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA

B Clurey c PA Newman b PD Parsons	29
B Black c B McLay b J McLay	1
S Richardson b C McLay	7
A Riordan c B McLay b J McLay	20
JM Wright c B McLay b PD Parsons	1
SW Wright c K Mueller b PD Parsons	15
L Patel c PA Newman b J McLay	25
H Sirett st B McLay b A Young	30
C Hickford c & b A McKenzie	8
JG Wright c B McLay b J McLay	8
S Dickson not out	4
Extras (nb 0, w 6, b 4, lb 1)	11
Total	159
Overs 60.0	
FOW: 6 (B Black) 15 (S Richardson) 53 (B Clurey) 55 (JM Wright) 79 (A Riordan) 79 (SW Wright) 124 (H Sirett) 142 (C Hickford) 146 (L Patel) 159 (JG Wright)	
Bowling: J McLay 17.0 4 4 37; C McLay 17.0 4 1 47; A McKenzie 10.0 4 1 27; PD Parsons 10.0 3 3 22; A Young 6.0 0 1 21.	

1ST INNINGS - KYABRAM

PD Parsons c JM Wright b C Hickford	6
B McLay c JG Wright b JM Wright	38
J McLay run out	9
A Gillespie b A Riordan	27
K Mueller lbw b S Richardson	1
PA Newman c ? b JM Wright	35
CR Mueller c A Riordan b JM Wright	11
A Young not out	3
A McKenzie not out	18
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 2, lb 9)	12
Total	7/160
Overs 74.2	
FOW: 24 (PD Parsons) 54 (B McLay) 62 (J McLay) 67 (K Mueller) 113 (A Gillespie) 132 (CR Mueller) 137 (PA Newman)	
Bowling: C Hickford 16.0 9 1 26; H Sirett 8.0 1 0 18; S Richardson 23.2 8 1 43; JM Wright 20.0 7 3 38; A Riordan 5.0 1 1 16; S Dickson 2.0 0 0 8.	

THIS WEEKEND: SEMI FINALS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Mooroopna v Numurkah at Mooroopna
Kyabram v Nagambie at Kyabram

B GRADE

KYABRAM lt NUMURKAH

Toss won by Kyabram, bowled first
1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

T Woods c J Leocata b DJ Parsons	16
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Come in spinner ... Numurkah captain Liam Gledhill.

S Spicer lbw b DJ Parsons	5
K Jackson c J Parsons b DJ Parsons	9
A Cline c N Chambers b J Hipwell	113
S Dawson lbw b N Chambers	21
B Smith lbw b DJ Parsons	27
D Cox lbw b DJ Parsons	0
D Ebborn c W Shellie b J Hipwell	1
M Martin c J Leocata b N Chambers	8
RL Lacuin not out	15
B Roberts not out	6
Extras (nb 1, w 6, b 4, lb 3)	14
Total	9/235
Overs 80.0	
FOW: 27 (T Woods) 28 (S Spicer) 44 (K Jackson) 102 (S Dawson) 179 (B Smith) 179 (D Cox) 180 (D Ebborn) 199 (M Martin) 221 (A Cline)	
Bowling: DJ Parsons 16.0 3 5 45; N Chambers 20.1 4 2 74; W Shellie 10.0 0 0 38; J Parsons 19.0 6 0 38; J Hipwell 16.0 4 2 36.	

1ST INNINGS - KYABRAM

N Pell c RL Lacuin b D Cox	12
T Nelson c D Ebborn b B Roberts	14
T Thomson b D Cox	18
PM Parsons c D Ebborn b B Smith	59
J Young c T Woods b S Spicer	7
W Shellie c B Smith b RL Lacuin	44
J Parsons lbw b B Smith	7
J Leocata not out	16
DJ Parsons lbw b RL Lacuin	13
N Chambers b B Smith	0
J Hipwell b M Martin	5
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 4, lb 8)	12
Total	10/207
Overs 74.3	

FOW: 24 (T Nelson) 39 (N Pell) 59 (T Thomson) 80 (J Young) 161 (W Shellie) 169 (J Parsons) 178 (PM Parsons) 196 (DJ Parsons) 197 (N Chambers) 207 (J Hipwell)	
Bowling: B Smith 12.0 2 3 42; B Roberts 9.0 4 1 20; M Martin 8.3 3 1 17; D Cox 9.0 3 2 12; S Spicer 9.0 0 1 32; RL Lacuin 22.0 7 2 53; S Dawson 5.0 2 0 19.	

KATANDRA def MOOROOPNA

Toss won by Mooroopna, batted first
1ST INNINGS - MOOROOPNA

J MaCansh c J McKinnon b RJ Ireland	2
B Boyle b RW Shannon	7
J May c M Black b RJ Ireland	4
J Carn b RJ Ireland	1
M Kitto b RW Shannon	17
P McDonald b RW Shannon	0
T Brown c M Black b NJ Hickey	4
R Moon b NJ Hickey	9
M Creaney b RW Shannon	0
JM Preston not out	4
RJ Young b RW Shannon	3
Extras (nb 1, w 0, b 1, lb 0)	2
Total	53
Overs 34.4	
FOW: 3 (J MaCansh) 11 (J May) 15 (B Boyle) 17 (J Carn) 20 (P McDonald) 33 (T Brown) 45 (M Kitto) 45 (M Creaney) 45 (R Moon) 53 (RJ Young)	
Bowling: RW Shannon 14.4 5 5 21; RJ Ireland 8.0 2 3 16; NJ Hickey 6.0 5 2 2; C Simpson 3.0 0 0 8; A Nicholls 3.0 0 0 5.	

1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA

J McKinnon c ? b M Kitto	36
M Black lbw b R Moon	3

C Simpson run out	1
RJ Ireland c T Brown b B Boyle	68
A Nicholls c J Carn b M Kitto	9
NJ Hickey not out	9
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 4, lb 3)	7
Total	5/133
Overs 44.6	
FOW: 14 (M Black) 33 (C Simpson) 43 (J McKinnon) 77 (A Nicholls) 133 (RJ Ireland)	
Bowling: JM Preston 4.0 1 0 22; R Moon 6.0 3 1 15; RJ Young 18.0 6 0 49; M Kitto 14.0 4 2 29; J May 2.0 0 0 3; B Boyle 0.6 0 1 8.	

THIS WEEKEND: SEMI FINALS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Katandra v Shepparton United at Katandra
Numurkah v Undera at Numurkah

C GRADE

NUMURKAH def NAGAMBIE

Toss won by Nagambie, batted first
1ST INNINGS - NAGAMBIE

B Taylor-Lloyd c D Roberts b S Boswell	3
D Short c S Boswell b J Verhoeven	3
T Barnes b B O'Dwyer	22
H Taylor-Lloyd c H Lambert b B O'Dwyer	6
WA Ulrich c J Verhoeven b B O'Dwyer	12
W Baker c & b S Boswell	14
K Berry lbw b J Verhoeven	20
J Shepherd c C Sessions b S Boswell	3
S Villinger c H Verhoeven b S Boswell	0
T Ritchie c D Roberts b S Boswell	14
JW Brook not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 6, lb 0)	7
Total	104
Overs 60.0	
Bowling: H Lambert 8.0 4 0 19; H Verhoeven 4.0 0 0 14; B O'Dwyer 8.0 3 3 11; J Verhoeven 12.0 4 2 18; S Boswell 15.4 6 5 23; D Roberts 8.0 1 0 9; R Dawson 5.0 3 0 4.	

1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

B O'Dwyer not out	2
S Morris lbw b H Taylor-Lloyd	3
J Verhoeven c H Taylor-Lloyd b T Barnes	9
R Verhoeven b J Shepherd	0
D Roberts not out	9
K O' Dwyer b H Taylor-Lloyd	3
Extras (nb 1, w 5, b 4, lb 1)	11
Total	9/132
Overs 65.0	
FOW: 2 (R Verhoeven) 7 (K O' Dwyer) 10 (S Morris) 19 (J Verhoeven)	
Bowling: H Taylor-Lloyd 21.0 10 3 31; J Shepherd 18.0 8 1 35; T Barnes 5.0 0 1 17; S Villinger 13.0 5 2 23; D Short 4.0 1 1 15; JW Brook 4.0 0 1 6.	

THIS WEEKEND: SEMI FINALS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Murchison v Toolamba at Murchison
Numurkah v Mooroopna Blue at Numurkah

MURRAY VALLEY PREMIER DIVISION

2 day game - Qualifying finals DENI RHINOS def KATAMATITE

Toss won by Katamatite, bowled first
1ST INNINGS - DENILQUIN RHINOS

D Edge c T Casha b JO Van Zuyden	27
A Germano c A Saunders b JO Van Zuyden	22
B Arthur not out	73
A Hogan b JM Tierney	0
BP Todd b JO Van Zuyden	1
B Bennett b JO Van Zuyden	0
M Venter b JM Tierney	2
M Barnett b S Dorsey	3
L Pitts st ? b S Dorsey	11
B Irwin c A Erickson b A Saunders	11
E Pocock c ? b T Casha	10
Extras (nb 4, w 1, b 4, lb 5)	14
Total	174
Overs 60.0	
FOW: 50 (A Germano) 57 (D Edge) 57 (A Hogan) 59 (BP Todd) 59 (B Bennett) 72 (M Venter) 77 (M Barnett) 105 (L Pitts) 159 (B Irwin) 174 (E Pocock)	
Bowling: JM Tierney 19.0 6 2 45; A Saunders 10.0 2 1 30; JO Van Zuyden 10.0 5 4 8; S Dorsey 8.0 2 2 25; T Irvine 5.0 2 0 12; B Beaton 2.0 0 0 21; T Casha 6.0 0 1 24.	

1ST INNINGS - KATAMATITE

A Erickson lbw b A Hogan	35
JM Tierney c M Barnett b A Hogan	5
B Beaton c M Barnett b A Hogan	9
S Dorsey c B Bennett b A Hogan	30
A Saunders c ? b M Venter	7
J Magovan c ? b M Venter	0
T Casha lbw b M Venter	13
T Irvine not out	47
S Pool c M Barnett b M Venter	5
B Beaton run out	15

JO Van Zuyden c & b B Bennett	4
Extras (nb 2, w 0, b 1, lb 0)	3
Total	173
Overs 64.2	
FOW: 33 (JM Tierney) 43 (B Beaton) 68 (A Erickson) 78 (A Saunders) 78 (J Magowan) 101 (T Casha) 101 (S Dorsey) 120 (S Pool) 158 (B Beaton) 173 (JO Van Zuyden)	
Bowling: M Venter 24.0 5 4 78; B Bennett 10.2 4 1 17; A Hogan 22.0 6 4 53; E Pocock 3.0 2 0 8; B Irwin 2.0 0 0 6; BP Todd 3.0 0 0 10.	

THIS WEEKEND: GRAND FINAL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Deniliquin Rhinos v Barooga at Cobram

DIVISION ONE

One day game

DENI RHINOS lt KATUNGA

Toss won by Deni Rhinos, bowled first
1ST INNINGS - KATUNGA

B Tweed c M Jefferies b C Hillier	0
N Thorp c T Hillier b C Pyle	5
A Youd c A Bradley b J Tonta	4
D Henderson c T Hillier b J Tonta	11
M Doyle c M Jefferies b J Tonta	2
A Cook not out	61
S Small c C Pyle b T Bradley	22
T Miles run out	8
Extras (nb 3, w 7, b 1, lb 5)	16
Total	129
Overs 40.0	
FOW: 0 (B Tweed) 8 (N Thorp) 20 (A Youd) 22 (m doyle) 25 (D Henderson) 114 (S Small) 129 (T Miles)	

1ST INNINGS - DENILQUIN RHINOS

Extras (nb 2, w 2, b 0, lb 2)	6
Total	122
Overs 40.0	
Bowling: T Miles 8.0 0 2 22; DC Baker 8.0 1 1 24; B Tweed 5.0 0 2 16; S McAllister 8.0 3 0 20; A Cook 3.0 0 0 11; S Small 8.0 2 3 27.	

FINLEY def KATAMATITE

Toss won by Katamatite, batted first
1ST INNINGS - KATAMATITE

Extras (nb 5, w 8, b 2, lb 2)	17
Total	95
Overs 39.0	
Bowling: A King 6.3 0 2 20; AZ Malik 8.0 2 2 15; M Wilson 8.0 1 2 18; R Donkin 2.0 0 0 6; P Massingham 8.0 2 3 16; A Mason 6.0 2 1 10; M Urquhart 1.0 0 0 6.	

1ST INNINGS - FINLEY

R Anderson c ? b D Parnell	25
R Donkin b S Nordbye	6
B Spence c ? b D Emmi	5
P Massingham b D Parnell	1
M Urquhart not out	36
D Hughes st ? b B Lukies	2
M Wilson b B Lukies	5
AZ Malik c & b B Lukies	5
A Mason not out	4
Extras (nb 1, w 3, b 5, lb 0)	9
Total	7/98
Overs 35.0	
FOW: 8 (R Donkin) 37 (B Spence) 38 (P Massingham) 49 (R Anderson) 58 (D Hughes) 72 (M Wilson) 87 (AZ Malik) 1.	

THIS WEEKEND: GRAND FINAL SATURDAY

Finley v Katunga at Tocumwal

Golf Hoax Triples

DAILY RESULTS:

Day one:
1st: B. Trotter 65, 2nd: T. Booth 70, 3rd: G. Trotter 70.
Ball winners: N. Ludington 70, A. Dalton 72, D. Ludington 73, M. Trotter, R. Buckingham, S. Hutchins and A. Carroll 74. Mystery prizes: R. Campbell and T. Spunt 74.
Day two:
1st: G. Blackburn 68, 2nd: N. Smith 71, 3rd: D. Dell 72.
Ball winners: B. Hosie, A. Dalton, R. Smith and A. Sanders 72, Darren Booth 73, N. Ludington, M. Trotter. Mystery prizes: R. l'Anson and Bill Fleet.
N/pin: 7th, N. Ludington; 18th, G. Blackburn.
Day three:
1st: G. Trotter 69, 2nd: G. Blackburn 70, 3rd: B. Hosie 71.
Ball and other sundry item winners: S. Robertson 72, Darren Booth 73, R. l'Anson, T. Booth and M. Trotter 73, S. Piggott and C. Stone 74, J. Smith 74 and D. Ludington 75.
N/pin: 7th, N. Ludington; 18th, B. Hosie.



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Julie doubles up

by “The Shankster”
A GOOD round of golf from Julie Hannaford on Saturday set her up for a second win over the weekend, taking out the hoax doubles event, for rounds played on Saturday and Monday.

Julie won Saturday’s event with 74 nett, and then followed it up on Monday with a good-enough-to-win-a-ball 78 to finish with a total score of 152, two shots better than Nola Dalton and Bev Hutchins.

Two shots was also the margin Julie won Saturday’s comp by, Julie Daniel finishing as runner-up with 76, winning a countback from Bev Hutchins on 76.

Jan Niven made a welcome return to golf after a summer spent on the bowling greens, and took home a ball for her 77 nett. Helen Schmedje, 78, and Liz Dell, 79, won the last of the balls. Only one player managed to get onto a par three green, Rosemary Rutledge winning nearest the pin on the seventh.

Felicity Booth had the best score on Monday, finishing with 73 nett, to finish one shot clear of Nola Dalton on 74.

Margot McGrath finished in third place with 75 nett, ahead of Julie Hannaford, Bev Hutchins and Tracey Clouston, all on 78s.

Tracey hit a terrific shot to the 15th green to pick up a nearest the pin ball, and Rosemary Rutledge hit a good shot to the 18th to be the closest.

An amazing 15 brave souls headed out last

Wednesday morning for a stroke round, despite threats of a large amount of rainfall.

After a varied number of holes, but all less than nine, the rains came and, as they came back around to the clubhouse, all decided that nine was enough and called it a day.

Lauris Ashton had the best nett score of the day, with 35 nett, finishing just half a shot ahead of Margot McGrath with 35.5.

Balls were handed out to Helen Schmedje and Nola Dalton, each with 36.5 nett, Jeanette Adams 36, Julie Daniel 37.5, and the last one went to Liz Dell with 38 nett.

The rain continued on right through until late afternoon Thursday, so no-one ventured out for the nine hole chick run until late afternoon when a hardy group of four decided to tackle the course.

Jeanette Adams finished with the best score of the day, with 37.5 nett, finishing just ahead of Lauris Ashton with 38.

Lauris also won nearest the pin on the seventh.

Today’s we will open the women’s winter season, with a stableford round and the players will be split into two teams headed by the captain and president. Players should assemble by 9.15am for a 9.30am hit off.

Saturday will be a Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal round, followed by dinner in the club bistro, and next Wednesday will be a monthly medal round, and the first round of the putting.



No putt putt here ... Julie Hannaford putts on the 18th green on Saturday, on her way to a round winning score.



Happy chappy ... Geoff Stone was pretty chuffed to have a hole-in-one on Saturday.

Geoff’s extra-ordinary shot

by “She Wolf”
GEOFF Stone admits he had a very ordinary round of golf on Saturday, but he finished it off with a very extraordinary shot - sinking a hole-in-one on the 18th.

Even this shot didn’t look too great off the tee. He lined up with his eight iron, and didn’t quite get enough air under it, and when his ball disappeared from sight, the whole group thought it had gone over the back.

“We were looking for the ball behind the green, and when we couldn’t find it, I jokingly suggested to Clarky (Ian Clark) that he look in the hole, and there it was,” he said.

It was his first hole-in-one, and Geoff was quite excited to finally have one.

But it was one of his playing partners who won the day. Bruce Collins came in with a terrific 69 nett to win from a small field, due to most of the men playing up at Tocumwal for the first day of the Hoax Triples event.

Robbie Sutton, the birthday boy, finished second, four shot behind Bruce, winning a countback from Matt Ebborn, on 73.

Ian Hannaford and Graeme Ashton fought it out for fourth place, with Ian winning the countback, and Allan Newby won the last of the balls, with 76.

Peter Cowan won nearest the pin on the fourth hole, Jack Hepworth won both the seventh and 15th and, of course, no-one got closer than Geoff Stone on the 18th.

While the Hoax Triples was winding up on Monday, a small field of men headed out for a daily club competition on Monday.

Mitch Grandell, Sam McPherson and Michael Eckard all finished with the best score of the day, 73 nett, and finished in that order after applying the countbacks.

There was a two-way countback to decide the last of the ball winners, Bruce Collins finishing ahead of Ian Hannaford.

There was only one nearest the pin won, Daryl Sheridan picking up the ball on the 18th.

Golf this week will be a Pierre Klaessen monthly medal round, followed by dinner in the club bistro for anyone who would like to join in.

Season low for Glenys

GLENYS Londey had a day out on the Numurkah croquet courts last Tuesday, winning her three games 7-1, 7-0 and 7-5, and with only six shots against, took the honour of the lowest number of shots-against so far this season.

Milder weather has helped the Tuesday morning attendance and, as usual, the courts are in fantastic condition.

Both the courts and extra numbers possibly contributed to the long list of players scoring jump shots. Rhonda Geddes, Lyn Stokes, Glenys Londey, Gordon Brown, Kevin Hansen, David Geddes and Ian Londey all played one successful jump.

Hoops-in-one were harder to make, with Dot Storer the only player to score one.

Two players had three wins for the morning, the winner naturally was Glenys Londey with 3/21/-6, closely followed by runner-up Joan I. Hansen with 3/21/-7.

Thursday pennant got off to a rocky start, with the first match having to be postponed, and last week’s

game cancelled due to rain, not that any complaints were heard about such a welcome downfall.

Hopefully intra-club pennant will be back on the courts tomorrow, with Kevin Hansen’s Koalas playing Ian Londey’s Impalas, and David Geddes’ Dingoes playing Joan Hansen’s Jackals, and members expect to see some very competitive, close games.

Association players have moved their starting time on Friday morning forward to 9am, and golf croquet has also moved, to 8.30am for a 9am start.

Association division two and three players have begun playing their club championships, and golf croquet championships should start early next week.

Numurkah association player Cheryl O’Dwyer has had another tournament success, playing in the GVCA Association Tournament at Rich River recently and finishing runner-up in her division. Once again, Cheryl reduced her handicap, and is now playing off 11. With only two more wins she will be down to division two.



Jumping to a win ... Last Tuesday’s winner Glenys Londey and runner-up Joan I. Hansen shaking hands with Marg and Gordon Brown.

Trotter and sons plunder Hoax



Ye scurvy dog ... Hoax Triples winner Greg Trotter gives it to NAGA Jason Brun, surrounded by the rest of the top 10 finishers (from left): Brandan Hosie, Gary Blackburn, David Dell, Brady Trotter, Nick Ludington, Darren Booth, Matt Trotter, Tyler Booth and Alan Dalton.

by "Peg Legge"
THE 33rd edition of the Des Cockayne Memorial Hoax Triples was run and won last weekend by former Numurkah local Greg "Trotts" Trotter, who made a triumphant return to his former club, returning a 54 hole total of 216 to win from Garfield's Tyler Booth on 219.

Not only did Greg win the major prize, his two sons Matt and Brady finished third and fifth respectively to make it a great weekend for the Trotter family.

Trotter is on the golfing comeback trail, having given the game away following his shift down to the Colac area some 10 years ago and he accepted the winner's trophy in his usual humble fashion.

The event was conducted at the Tocumwal Golf Course on Saturday with the second and third rounds played at the Numurkah Golf Course.

Both courses played on the weekend were presented in excellent condition and were a credit to their respective greens staff.

This year's event attracted a good field of 49 players from 11 different clubs which included interstate and overseas competitors.

Our intrepid golfers commenced their quest for golfing glory in fine breezy conditions on the President's course at Tocumwal, and the winner and round one leader was Brady Trotter, who recorded a brilliant nett 65.

Brady, along with sibling Matt and father Greg, as mentioned earlier in this article, were making a welcome return to the area after a golfing hiatus for some years.

Runner-up was Sunbury youngster Tyler Booth, whose 70 was good enough to win a three way countback, with Greg Trotter plotting his way around the course returning a solid nett 70 to snare third position.

Dual triples winner Nick Ludington showed his liking for the event with another great round of one under par 71, nett 70, to be in fourth place, with Alan "The Little Champ" Dalton lurking in fifth place with 72.

Dave Ludington squandered a few strokes of his way to a workmanlike 73, with a host of players on nett 74.

A few of the pre tournament favourites, including defending champion Anthony Sanders, Brett Wildes, Steve Piggott and Colin McMinn, all had days they would rather forget, returning scores of 81, 77, 81 and 77 respectively.

The second round was played on the Numurkah golf course under slightly

cloudy skies, but conditions were perfect for good scoring.

Unlike other years, tournament organiser Dave Ludington decided to make the players run the gauntlet of his sound effects on the Sunday, rather than on the last day.

Some players said the music and shenanigans helped them, while others were less complimentary.

The winner on day two was Gary Blackburn, who came back from an horrific nett 85 on day one to return a brilliant nett 68.

The third and final round at Numurkah saw perfect conditions again greet the starters, with just a slight breeze for the players to contend with.

Overnight leader Brady Trotter was struggling to adapt to his lower handicap and was dropping back from the lead.

Alan Dalton reached the turn in 44, shots which just about scuppered his chances, but Nick Ludington was only one over and right in it, as was youngster Tyler Booth, with just nine holes to play.



Some unkind observers mentioned that the alien that we all suspected had inhabited Gary's body some years ago when he was having good scores had returned, but whatever it was it sure worked for him.

Runner-up was Neville Smith who, like Gary, bounced back from a shocking nett 98 at Tocumwal to post a solid 71.

It was great to see Dave Dell, who has had his fair share of health issues in recent years, take third place with a solid 72.

After 36 holes, Brady Trotter was still in the lead, albeit by just one shot on 143 after shooting a nett 78 on day two, although he did have to play on a handicap 10 strokes skinnier than the one he had on Saturday.

He had Alan Dalton and Nick Ludington hot on his heels on 144, with Tyler Booth two further back on 146.

Greg Trotter was holding it together on 147, with Dave Dell and another of the Trotter clan, Matt, on 148.

The evergreen Trevor Sprunt rounded out the top eight on 149, with the rest of the field too far back to mount a serious challenge.

effort from the sweet swinging builder supervisor who now resides on the surf coast.

Also on the same score was Nick Ludington, who put in yet another top tournament, especially having to give so many shots away over the three days. Nick can be well pleased with his efforts and now turn his thoughts to his impending marriage to Zoe Davies on Saturday week.

The third member of the Trotter clan, Brady, claimed fifth spot with the score of 222, and was probably a bit stiff to lose so many shots off his original handicap after day one, but that is one of the nuances of the new system when you don't have a lot of cards recorded.

After opening with an horrendous 85, Gary Blackburn stormed home with rounds of 68 and 70 at Numurkah to pinch sixth place on 223, to just edge out Brandan Hosie on the same score.

A former winner, Hosie is another player who has performed well year after year in the Hoax and, but for a couple of unlucky breaks late in his final round, could have finished a few spots higher.

The good news story of the weekend was Dave Dell who, after suffering some serious health issues in recent years, played very solid golf to claim eighth position, also on 223.

Alan "The Little Champ" Dalton had his best finish in some years and was the best performed left hander in the field, finishing in ninth position on 223 from Garfield visitor Darren Booth, who rounded out the top 10 on 224.

The NAGA award was won by Jason Brun from Yarrawonga with a less than exemplary score of 253 but, as it was his first triples appearance, we will cut him a bit of slack.

The family challenges saw the Dells, with the assistance of Gary Blackburn, defeating the Fleets by a whopping 44 shots, but their joy was short lived as Team Ludington managed to relieve the Dell family of some booty to the tune of 12 shots.

As usual with any Hoax Triples, there was a lot of banter between the players and it all kicked off on Friday night with a lot of players talking up their chances and placing some outrageous wagers between themselves.

There was lots of bad golf played,



Fourth spot ... With the triples over, Nick Ludington can now concentrate on his impending nuptials.

with quite a few players recording some big numbers, but everyone played the game in the right spirit and gave it their all.

Neville Smith compiled a Bradmanesque score of 113 off the stick on Saturday while Ronnie Smith also raised the bat with an even 100.

Ron did cop quite a bit of flack about his score including, having 20 or so of

the field salute him with a march past to the tune of Kamahl's "100 Children" at dinner on Sunday evening, but the Numurkah club captain took it all in his usual good manner.

Col Stone, whilst teeing off the 10th tee at Numurkah on Sunday, managed to strike the timber border on the garden bed in front of him to see his ball ricochet onto the bowling green, much to the delight and mirth of those lucky enough to witness this extraordinary feat.

Not sure if the bowlers who were on the green at the time were as amused.

There was a pirate theme for the weekend, and there were some lovely costumes on display, especially, but as usual, the Fleet clan of Wes, Dan and Bill, who stole the show with another brilliant display.

Not only did they look the part, complete with their pirate outfits, but also constructed two vessels, although I am not sure whether either of them were entirely sea worthy.

There was also a special award given out to Barry Pruden, who unfortunately lost his phone in Howlong Golf Club's swimming pool on a recent golf trip there.

Yet again the Fleets were to the fore, coming up with an innovative "ISWIM" replacement phone which was presented to Barry, although I don't think he will be making or taking too many calls on it any time soon.

Hugo Avery also received an award for bringing up 5000 nett hits quicker than anyone else in triples history.

Hugo managed it in only 21 events, averaging 111 off the stick, nett 81, in a sustained display of hacking, setting a mark that may never be threatened.

Numurkah member, fine musician and Hoax competitor Jack Thomas, together with band mate Justin Boschetti, penned a parody song about some of the characters that played in the Hoax to the tune of the Proclaimers' "500 miles".

It was played with lyrics on the big screen to the large crowd assembled on Sunday evening at the club and received a rapturous reception. With a bit of air play this could go to the top of the charts.

All in all it was a successful tournament again, and most of the players enjoyed themselves socially, catching up with old friends and indulging in

some good natured stirring over the course of the weekend.

Next year will see the 34th running of this time honoured event, which will once again see 50-odd hopefuls try their luck at securing that elusive trophy, in what should prove to be a very interesting tournament once again with plenty of tomfoolery mixed in with some great golf once more.



Lefty's have style ... Jason Verhoeven in action.

Cline's century holds innings together

VETERAN Andrew Cline turned back the clock and struck a magnificent century in his side's cut throat qualifying final match against Kyabram on the weekend. The B grade cricketers travelled down to Mooroopna to take on Kyabram in their Clyde Young Shield match and, after losing the toss, were sent into bat. Tyson Woods and Sam Spicer opened and put on 27 runs before Woods lost his wicket for 16. One run later Spicer was out for five. Andrew Cline joined Kody Jackson at the crease, Jackson reaching nine before he was dismissed with the score 3/44. Captain Sean Dawson and Cline put on 58 runs before Dawson was trapped LBW for 21 just before tea, and the Blues were 4/102. Young Bailey Smith joined Cline and the pair put on a 77 run partnership to put the Blues into a great position, until Smith was LBW for 27. Numurkah then lost quick wickets, with Dylan Cox (0) and Dustan Ebborn (1), and the score was 7/180. Another veteran, Myles Martin (8) joined Cline until he was out with the score on 199. Reydan Lacuin came to the crease, and supported Cline, who brought up his first century in some time. Cline was eventually dismissed for 113, a terrific knock which consisted of 15 boundaries. Bailey Roberts (6 not out) and Reydan Lacuin (15 not out) guided the Blues to 235 off their allotted 80 overs. Bailey Roberts and Bailey Smith opened the bowling in reply, and Roberts picked up the first wicket with the score on 24. Sean Dawson brought on Dylan Cox, who picked up the next two wickets in a great spell of bowling, to have the opposition at 3/59. Kyabram was 4/110 at tea, needing a further 126 runs off 32 overs. A solid fifth wicket partnership of 81 was broken with Reydan Lacuin capturing his first wicket, leaving Kyabram at 5/161. Bailey Smith struck with his second wicket, with the score at 168, and then got the wicket of their top scorer with a great catch from Ebborn, and Kyabram was 7/178. A further 18 runs were scored until Lacuin broke through with his second, to have Kyabram at 8/196, needing 40 runs off eight

overs. One run later, Bailey Smith took his third wicket, and Myles Martin took the final wicket to have Kyabram bowled out for 207, a tremendous gutsy performance from the Blues, taking out last year's premiers. Bailey Smith finished with 3/42, Dylan Cox 2/12, Reydan Lacuin 2/53, with one wicket each to Bailey Roberts, Myles Martin and Sam Spicer. The Blues will host Undera in this week's semi final clash. C GRADE The C grade cricketers have also made it through to the semi final of the Jim McGregor Shield after they defeated Nagambie by three wickets on the weekend. Numurkah lost the toss and fielded first, opening up with Hamish Lambert and Hunter Verhoeven, who bowled tightly before Jason Verhoeven, Brett O'Dwyer and Shawn Boswell proceeded to tear through the Nagambie order. O'Dwyer captured early wickets and finished with 3/11 off eight overs, Verhoeven 2/18 off 12 overs, and Boswell continued his fine bowling form, wreaking havoc for the Nagambie batsmen with 5/23 off 15.4 overs. Nagambie was all out for 104 off 60 overs. The Blues had overs left to bat on Saturday and were four wickets down for 28 runs at the end of the day's play, with veterans Dave Roberts and Brett O'Dwyer at the crease. Sunday began well for the Blues, O'Dwyer and Roberts combining well, putting on over 50 runs together and, getting the Blues into a great position. O'Dwyer made 30 runs before he was out, with the score on 72. Hunter Verhoeven (1) and Boswell (8) came and went, and the Blues found themselves 7/86, still requiring another 19 runs for victory. Connor Sessions joined Roberts at the crease, making a valuable eight runs before he was out, supporting Roberts to see the Blues surpass Nagambie's total of 104. Numurkah continued to bat, with Roberts remaining unbeaten on 54 and Harry McDonald four not out, finishing on 9/132. The Blues will tackle Mooroopna Blue at Numurkah this weekend in their semi final match.



Wild thing ... Hamish Lambert sends down another bullet.



Another over ... Brett O'Dwyer took three wickets for Numurkah on Saturday.

Katandra thrashes Mooroopna

KATANDRA'S B grade cricketers demolished Mooroopna in one day on the weekend, with Ryleigh Shannon starring with the ball, claiming five wickets for the match. The win sees the team move into the Clyde Young Shield B grade semi final against Shepparton United next week. Losing the toss and bowling first was no issue for the Eagles as they struck early, with Ray Ireland claiming the first wicket with the score on two. Eight runs later he struck again and, when he took his third wicket, Mooroopna had slumped to 4/17. The Eagles had their tails up and continued to pound the opposition batsmen, not allowing them any

room and bowling quality line and length. Wickets continued to fall in quick succession, with Shannon and Nathan Hickey sharing the last six wickets between them. Mooroopna was all out for a paltry 53, Ryleigh Shannon the best of the bowlers with the excellent figures of 5/21 off 14.4 overs. Ray Ireland claimed 3/16 and Nathan Hickey chipped in with 2/2. Chasing 54 for victory, it did not take long for the Eagles' batsmen to surpass the score for the loss of three wickets. Katandra continued to bat out the day, scoring 5/133 off 45 overs and

grabbing some batting practice prior to this week's match. Ray Ireland continued his good batting form, remaining not out 68, and Josh McKinnon scored a terrific 36. Katandra will host Shepparton United this Saturday in the semi final commencing at 12.30pm. E GRADE Rob Trewin had a day out for Katandra's E grade side on Saturday, scoring a magnificent 180 not out off only 79 deliveries, in his side's absolute annihilation of Murchison in their Whitelock Shield semi final. Winning the toss and batting first, Matt Koutroubas and Nathan White put on 82 for the first wicket, before

Koutroubas was out for 26. Without any further score being added, White was out for 39 and, one run later, Bailey Simpson was dismissed for a duck. This brought Rex Wardle and Rob Trewin to the crease, and together they put on a 182 run partnership before Wardle was out for 25. Finn Walters joined Trewin at the crease and batted out the remaining overs, taking the score to 4/317 off 40 overs. Trewin's innings included 15 fours and 16 sixes in his third ton of the season. In reply, Murchison's innings never really got started, losing their first

wicket with the score on 14, with Dillon Shelley claiming the first wicket. From there, it was a procession, with wickets falling regularly, Shelley tearing through the Murchison line up. Murchison was finally all out for 57 off 14.4 overs, with Dillon Shelley claiming 7/31 off 7.4 overs in a tremendous bowling display. Rex Wardle and Alex Zinonos claimed one wicket each in the demolition. The win sees Katandra through to the grand final, which will be held this Saturday at Vibert Reserve against Pine Lodge commencing at 12.30pm.

BLUES STILL ALIVE

FINISHING top of the ladder has proven to have its positives, after Numurkah was soundly beaten by 107 runs when it took on sixth placed Nagambie in its Haisman Shield A grade cricket match on the weekend. Despite the loss, the Blues are still in the hunt to defend their title. The Blues hosted Nagambie in the qualifying final and, after losing the toss, were sent in to field. Nagambie's openers began well, moving the score along to 49 before Shaun Downie struck with his first wicket. He then removed the other opener five runs later, to have Nagambie at 2/54. Nagambie's Nolan brothers, Mark and Luke, dug in and set about building a partnership, and managed to put on 140 runs, before Michael Eckard bowled Mark Nolan for 89. Eckard struck two balls later to capture his second wicket, and Nagambie was 4/194. Late hitting by Nagambie saw it reach 267 off its allotted 80 overs, the last two wickets for the Blues being a result of run outs. Shaun Downie, 2/56 off 21 overs, and Michael Eckard, 2/65 off 15 overs, were the sole wicket takers for the Blues. "Nagambie batted well and played good cricket, we missed a few chances and that didn't help," Numurkah captain, Liam Gledhill said. Hunting a big total, the Blues began their run chase on Sunday well, with Matt Price and Will Arnel putting on 40 runs before Price was trapped LBW for 13. Dylan Grandell joined Arnel at the crease, and

the two left handers added another 13 before Arnel was out for 33. Shaun Downie and Grandell knuckled down and set about things in a positive fashion, lifting the run rate, and putting on 62 runs together before Downie was out, bowled, for 28. Twelve runs later Grandell was out for 50, and the Blues were 4/127 after 42 overs. Needing a further 141 runs off 38 overs, the Blues lost Gledhill (4) and Eckard (20) to be 6/160, with the tail left to bat. Unfortunately, the Blues lost their final four wickets for four runs, and were all out for 164, a batting collapse that saw Numurkah lose its last eight wickets for 49 runs. "I thought we still had the game in hand when we went to the tea break, however it was disappointing that we fell away after tea," Gledhill said. "It's a cut throat game and you can't have lapses in concentration as we did on the weekend. "Nagambie had nothing to lose and everything to gain and played the better cricket on the weekend, any one of the finalists have a chance to win the premiership this year, it's such an even competition. "We will go back to basics, play our natural style of game and hopefully come away with the win this week." The Blues will look to put the loss behind them this week, when they take on Mooroopna at Mooroopna in their semi final clash beginning at 12.30pm.



The story of their day ... Shaun Downie shows his despair as another chance slips by.

Swans through to grand final

LADDER position was no issue for Katunga on Saturday, when it met top of the table Deniliquin Rhinos in their Murray Valley Cricket Association division one semi final clash on Saturday, winning by seven runs in a close encounter. The Swans lost the toss and batted, and did not get off to a great start, with Brad Tweed being dismissed for a duck with no score on the board. Nick Thorp was next to go for five, with the score on eight, followed quickly by Ayden Youd Mitch Doyle and Daniel Henderson. Katunga soon found itself 5/25 and in a lot of trouble, however Adam Cook and

Spencer Small steadied the ship and put on a terrific partnership of 89 before Small was out for 22. Toby Miles joined Cook at the crease and took the score to 129 before Miles was run out on the last ball of the innings for eight. Cook remained 61 not out in his side's overall score of 7/129 off 40 overs. In reply, Deniliquin also got off to a poor start, losing two wickets with only four runs on the board, Dylan Baker and Toby Miles making the breakthrough. Brad Tweed soon joined in on the wicket taking with his first wicket, and the opposition was 3/21. Deni settled and was able to put together

some small partnerships, however the Swans were always able to grab that vital wicket to keep themselves in the game. Katunga's line and length bowling had brought the opposition to 7/107 and Deniliquin required a further 23 runs with three wickets in hand and not many overs left. In a chase to get the runs, Katunga was able to bowl Deniliquin out for 122 with the last ball of the day, booking itself a grand final berth. Katunga will play Finley in the grand final, to be held at Tocumwal Recreation Reserve this Saturday, commencing at 1pm.

Crawford Shield win

NUMURKAH'S Crawford Shield team headed to Kyabram for this month's competition, and score its second consecutive win, scoring 1147.42 to Kyabram's 1104.29. Thursday night was the club's Fritz Schmidt handicap night and, for the second week in a row, Glenn Braybon carded a 100, scoring 100.5 on his second card. The leaders in each discipline were Emma

Ryan, Lauren Sneddon, Colin Saxton and Hannah O'Brien. Match scores were as follows: 20 metre benchrest: E. Ryan 98.3 94.1 192.4. 20 metre prone: L. Sneddon 64.0 72.0 136.0. 50 metre benchrest: C Saxton 195.10, G Miles 179.2, L Cook 174.3, J Matys 47.2. 50 metre prone: G. Braybon 94.1

100.5 194.6, T Braybon 96.0 98.6 194.6, L. Braybon 96.3 97.5 193.8, S. Rosemeier 90.0 98.5 188.5, R. Hill 94.3 94.1 188.4, H. O'Brien 91.0 93.1 184.1, B. Sneddon 88.0 95.3 183.3, D. Cook 90.2 92.2 182.4, A Gibbon 92.1 90.1 182.2, G. Miles 90.3 90.2 180.5, J. Cook 81.1 81.1 162.2. There will be shooting as usual at Numurkah this Thursday night.

Local teens make Bushrangers squads

NUMURKAH footballer Josh O'Dwyer has been selected in the Murray Bushrangers' under 18 boys NAB league squad for the 2020 season. Murray Bushrangers Talent Manager Mick Wilson explained the process involved selecting the squad. "The final list was chosen following 12 weeks of intense pre-season training and practice matches which began back in November 2019. "Unfortunately, some very talented footballers have missed selection, however the opportunity to play at the highest level will remain open, given the varying stages of football development which is recognised by AFL Recruiters." Murray Bushrangers Coach Mark Brown is eagerly looking forward to the start of the season. "We've seen tremendous commitment from the players and their families throughout the pre-season. Now we can focus on preparing for our first match against Gippsland Power which is only three weeks away," Brown said. The Murray Bushrangers play their round one match at Trevor Barker Oval, Sandringham, against Gippsland Power on Saturday, March 21.

Katunga footballer, Bailey Smith, is one of 25 footballers selected for the Murray Bushrangers to compete in the 2020 Victorian U16 Country Championships. The squad was selected from the AFL Goulburn Murray and AFL North East Border regions with all players being Victorian residents. Murray Bushrangers coach Justin McMahon praised all players involved throughout the pre-season leading into selection of the final squad. "We began training in November with 75 players and the improvement seen over that period for every player was significant. It made selection a very difficult process and some talented young footballers have unfortunately missed out. "Some players who missed selection will come back into the 2021 under 18 pre-season squad and hopefully follow the same path as Steve Johnston, who missed selection in his under 16 and under 17 years," McMahon said. The under 16 Murray Bushrangers play their round one match at Trevor Barker Oval, Sandringham, against Gippsland Power on Saturday, March 21 at 3.30pm.



Up close and personal ... Josh Smith waits for a chance.

Blues lose, but still in flag race

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Katandra's cricket season over

AFTER another mediocre batting performance, Katandra's Haisman Shield A grade cricket season is over, after the Eagles were defeated by Kyabram by three wickets on the weekend. Playing at Kyabram's home ground, Katandra won the toss and elected to bat, losing Brady Black with the score on six. Scott Richardson joined Ben Clurey at the crease and added a further eight runs, before Richardson was dismissed for seven.

Andrew Riordan and Clurey steadied the ship and took the score to 53 before Clurey was out for a well made 29. The big wicket of Jedd Wright was taken two runs later and Katandra found itself in a bit of trouble at 4/55. Sam Wright and Riordan added another 24 runs before both batsmen lost their wickets with the score on 79.

Luke Patel and Hadleigh Sirett batted well down the order, adding 45 before Sirett was out with a top score of 30. Patel continued to bat well but when he was out for 25, the Eagles were 9/146, and then finally bowled out for 159 off 60 overs. Defending 159 was going to be a difficult task for the Eagles, however they do have a good bowling attack and they needed to strike early and often.

Corey Hickford claimed the first Kyabram wicket with the score on 24. Kyabram added another 30 runs before Jedd Wright broke through for his first wicket of the match. A run out and a quick wicket to Scott Richardson saw the opposition quickly fall to 4/67. Kyabram settled and added 46 for the fifth wicket before Riordan struck. Another mini partnership settled the home team down, before Jedd Wright struck twice to have the score at 7/137. The Eagles were bowling tightly, and Kyabram required another 23 runs with three wickets in hand, however they didn't lose another wicket and surpassed their target in the 75th over. Jedd Wright finished with 3/38 while Corey Hickford, Scott Richardson and Andrew Riordan claimed one wicket apiece.

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