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Happy birthday

THE Combined Probus Club of Numurkah celebrated 20 years of fun and fellowship on Monday. Foundation member Sally Bugeya was happy to cut the cake with the help of Wally Meek and Dorothy Walkerden. See story page 5.

Council seeks EOI for info centre

MOIRA Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest (EOI) to lease and develop a community hub and visitor information point within the old Numurkah Shire offices on Melville Street.

Moira Shire General Manager Community Sally Rice said the EOI process was an opportunity to further explore the community and business ideas that had been proposed during the development of council's Visitor Services Strategy in 2017.

"This is a unique opportunity for a community, not for profit or commercial organisation to develop an

exciting community hub and visitor information point in the heart of Numurkah's retail area," Ms Rice said.

"This facility was built to serve the needs of the Numurkah Shire. Through this EOI process we hope to reactivate the underutilised areas to better service the modern-day needs and interests of the Numurkah community."

The successful applicant's community hub concept must include a visitor information point and may include gallery, exhibition or art spaces, a café or eatery, as well as other com-

munity services and volunteer opportunities.

The lease area includes the foyer, toilets, kitchen and storage and the president's and council chamber meeting rooms, with the applicant responsible for management, operation, maintenance and development of the facility.

"The EOI process allows anyone to put a proposal together for consideration by council. There's no guarantee we will receive an acceptable proposal and if a lease doesn't go ahead, the facility will continue to be managed by council.

"Importantly, while this process is under way, there are no changes to the operation of the facility," Ms Rice said.

The Numurkah Community and Visitor Hub Expression of Interest invitation pack provides further information including how to prepare and submit an expression of interest via the e-tender portal at tenders/e-tendering portal link on Council's website www.moiravic.gov.au/Our-Council/Tenders.

All responses must be uploaded electronically on the e-tender portal by 5pm, Friday, October 11, 2019.



Please help yourself ... The Numurkah free pantry has grown and Nicole Wells encourages everybody to access its goodies to help prevent food waste.

Grab a freebie to prevent food waste

NUMURKAH Community House manager Nicole Wells has a simple request for the people of Numurkah - please come and take some free food.

Like all good ideas, since starting a few months ago the free pantry has evolved.

Thanks to a new collaboration with Foodshare, the pantry is overflowing with fresh, refrigerated, long-lasting and non-perishable food items, and Nicole wants to see those items find a home in household pantries across Numurkah.

Nicole said that a misconception that the pantry is solely for the use of low income households may be keeping people away.

"The point of the pantry is to reduce food waste," she said.

"This is excess product and if people don't take it, it will end up in landfill and that would be a great shame.

"Everybody needs food and there is absolutely no need for anybody to be embarrassed about accessing the free pantry - you'll be doing the

planet a favour by helping to keep it out of landfill. We would love anyone in the community to come and take what they can use."

Since the partnership with Foodshare, the pantry now includes refrigerated items, which at the moment include sour cream, cream cheese, halloumi, cheese slices and yoghurt.

Fresh produce includes potatoes, pumpkin and eggs, non-perishables include soups, sauces and stocks, and there is a range of long-lasting items including breakfast cereals, mayonnaise and rice.

Nicole said the range of food on offer will change according to availability.

"Some of the items will be fairly consistently available, whereas others will change according to what Foodshare has and what we are growing here in our vegetable garden," she said.

"When stocks begin to run low, we will arrange new deliveries, so there will always be items available."

Due to a number of vandalism incidents, the pantry is now locked inside when the commu-

nity house is closed, but item pick-ups can be arranged by calling or texting 0458 972 416.

"The house is open every Tuesday between 9am and 2pm, and we are trying to arrange other times throughout the week as well to give greater access, so if anyone would like to volunteer to help out with being on site for an hour or so, that would be great," Nicole said.

"Unfortunately, people can only access the fridge items when the house is open, or if they call and organise a time.

"We can't leave the pantry out the front anymore when we're not here, but we are looking at installing some security and if anyone could help us out with that we would love to hear from them."

If you can help man the pantry throughout the week, or are able to help organise a security system for the house, please contact Numurkah Community Learning Centre on 5862 2249.

Show baking wins Tammy silver medal

THE smell of cinnamon in the Stone family's Katunga kitchen is more than enough to make the mouth water, and for good reason.

The delicious aroma was wafting off carrot and date muffins that won a silver medal at this year's Victorian Agricultural Society (VASL) state conference.

The prize winning baker is 16 year-old Tammy Stone, who won first prize in the junior category for a batch of the muffins at last year's Numurkah and Shepparton shows.

The recipe for the muffins is a standard recipe supplied by VASL that all entrants must adhere to.

Tammy has been entering numerous categories at the Numurkah show for years, and shows dairy cattle at a number of regional shows.

"I enter the baking, craft, photography and cattle categories and I really enjoy it," she said.

"If you win at Numurkah show you gain automatic entry to the Shepparton show and if you win there you go on to the Goulburn Valley Riverina Shows Association (GVRSA) regional competition."

In May, Tammy was announced winner for her carrot and date muffins for the GVRSA competition which gave her automatic entry to compete against the other nine regions in the VASL competition in July.

Whilst Tammy progressed to Shepparton show three years in a row - 2015, 2016 and 2017 - for photography, this is the first time she has progressed to state level.

"It was pretty exciting when they announced I won silver," she said.

"It was a bit strange because they don't actually taste the muffins, they just cut them open and judge them that way.

"The muffins are pretty yummy though - carrot cake is actually my favourite so I like them a lot. They are especially good with cream cheese icing, but you can't ice them for the competition."

Tammy's mum Heather said she has always encouraged Tammy to enter items in the show.

"I think participating in local shows is good for kids, and it gives people something to look at," she said.

Numurkah Agricultural and Pastoral Society secretary Sue Aldridge described Tammy's silver medal win as a big achievement.

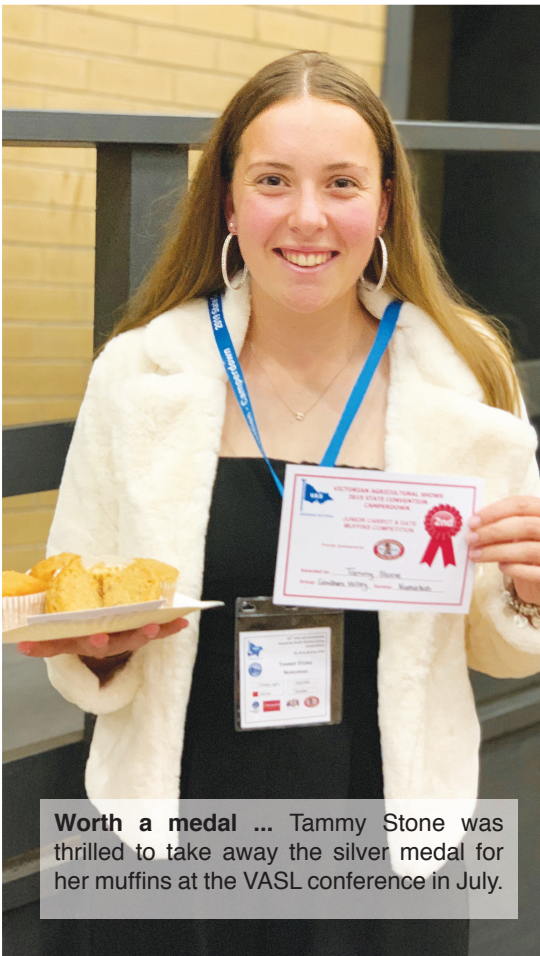
"Lots of people across the state enter these things, so to get second is really impressive," she said.

This year's Numurkah show schedule is now complete.

Hard copies of the schedule can be obtained at the Numurkah Leader, Numurkah Newsagency and the Numurkah Visitor Information centre, or on the society's website at www.numurkahshow.com.au.

The carrot and date muffin recipe is in the program, along with recipes and guidelines for other categories, so if you think you can bake a batch of muffins to rival Tammy's, it's time to get baking.

The Numurkah show is now in its 132nd year and is Numurkah's longest running community event. It will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.



Worth a medal ... Tammy Stone was thrilled to take away the silver medal for her muffins at the VASL conference in July.

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Just shows to go



Beneficial friendship ... Teruko Smith, Enid Head, Chris Sutton, Anita Way, Renee Kennedy and Trinity Jose enjoy the relationship between NSC and NDHS.

Special relationship reaps rewards for young and old

A SPECIAL relationship between two very different generations of Numurkah residents was on show last week, as Numurkah Secondary College (NSC) students presented a cheque to staff and residents at Pioneers Lodge.

The cheque for \$408.86 was the proceeds from NSC's senior social, which is run by students as a fundraiser for a local cause.

When time came to allocate the funds, college captains Trinity Jose and Renee Kennedy swayed the vote towards a cause close to both their hearts, and the other students were happy to oblige.

With Trinity's grandmother a resident at Nu-

murkah District Health Service's (NDHS) Karinya aged care ward, and Renee a regular volunteer at Pioneers Memorial Lodge, donating the money for the benefit of the two facilities was something both girls were keen to do.

Trinity said that she was inspired by the love and care shown to her grandmother at Karinya.

"I've seen first hand the amazing care the residents receive, and I'm honoured to be able to give something back to their community and provide something that would benefit the residents and staff there as a bit of acknowledgement of that," she said.

Renee said that she has gained a lot from vis-

iting Pioneers Lodge once a week to play UNO with residents.

"I've gotten to know many of the residents, and many laughs and smiles are shared around the table as we play cards," she said.

"Whether they are winning or losing they always have fun and I enjoy it a lot."

Pioneer Lodge manager Chris Sutton said that it was wonderful for residents to interact with young people.

"They love to chat to the younger generation and have the opportunity for intergenerational activities," she said.

"We are going to put the money towards out-

door patio heaters, because we have residents who like to sit outside year-round, and this will add a bit of extra comfort for that."

NSC principal Claire Kelly said the relationship between the school and NDHS aged care residents was a mutually beneficial one.

"All year nine students do community service as part of the curriculum and many of them spend time here as part of that," she said.

"Not all of our students have grandparents in the local area, so they get a lot out of spending time with the residents here and really reap the benefits of having that kind of relationship."

Rebates for on-farm emergency water infrastructure

THE On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme is now available for the purchase and installation of emergency water infrastructure for livestock.

The scheme is available to eligible farm businesses in 21 local government areas across Victoria including Moira and

Greater Shepparton.

The scheme is available for water infrastructure purchased since July 1, 2018.

Guidelines and application details can be obtained from Rural Finance.

Call 1800 260 425 or visit ruralfinance.com.au for more information.

Share your vision for Federation Square

VICTORIANS are being encouraged to share their vision for the future of Melbourne's Federation Square, with public consultation now taking place as part of a major review of the site.

There will be a focus on how Federation Square functions as a public space and meeting place so that it continues to stand out as an iconic Melbourne attraction that is enjoyed by not only Victorians, but people from across Australia and around the world.

A decision by Heritage Victoria in April in relation to the Apple flagship store proposed for Federation Square provided the opportunity to commission a

comprehensive assessment of the precinct, which was opened in 2002.

The consultation period will seek ideas from the community, urban design experts and stakeholders with a view to opening up more public space, encouraging gatherings and providing a better connection to the Yarra River.

The review will propose a sustainable business model and governance arrangements to address the square's operational and building needs and will also address implications flowing from the pending decision on the site's inclusion on the Victorian Heritage Register.

How Federation Square can best oper-

ate in the future alongside Metro Tunnel's Town Hall station is another element to be considered.

Victorian Government Architect Jill Garner and former managing partner of Ernst and Young Tim Eddy are chairing the review, which is due to make recommendations to the government by the end of the year.

Submissions can be made online until the end of September while an information hub at Federation Square is due to open this week.

To take part in the Federation Square review, visit engage.vic.gov.au/federation-square-review.



Expression of Interest – Numurkah community and visitor hub

Moira Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest for a community hub and visitor information point at 99 Melville Street, Numurkah.

This is a unique opportunity for a community, not for profit or commercial organisation to develop an exciting community hub and visitor information point in the heart of Numurkah's retail area.

With its bustling retail centre, excellent education and health services and within a short commute of regional centres including Shepparton, Echuca and Cobram, Numurkah is the ideal lifestyle and services location.

Your community hub concept must include a Visitor Information Point and may include gallery, exhibition or art spaces, a café or eatery as well as other community services and volunteer opportunities.

The proposed lease area includes the foyer, toilets, kitchen and storage and the President's and Council chamber meeting rooms.

The successful applicant will lease the facilities from council and will be responsible for management, operation, maintenance and development of the facility. Areas of the facility currently occupied by other private and council services are not included in the lease area.

The Numurkah Community and Visitor Hub Expression of Interest invitation pack provides further information including how to prepare and submit your expression of interest.

You can access the invitation by registering on the e-tender portal by selecting the tenders/e-tendering portal link on Council's website www.moira.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Tenders

All responses must be uploaded electronically on the e-tender portal by 5pm Friday 11 October 2019.

Combined Probus celebrates 20 years

WHEN the Combined Probus Club of Numurkah started in August 1999, it had just 23 members. When the club met on Monday for its 20th birthday celebrations however, almost 100 members were in attendance.

When the club was formed, Numurkah already had both men's and women's Probus clubs, but there was a desire among some to form a club where couples could enjoy the fellowship of Probus together.

Unlike other organisations, Probus is purely social, with no fund raising component. Club members enjoy trips, guest speakers, friendship days with other Probus clubs, Christmas in July and other similar events.

A look over the combined club's history shows that it quickly gained popularity, almost tripling in size to 62 members by March 2003, out-growing its early meeting spaces at the Uniting Church Hall and the Shamrock Hotel before moving to the seniors hub.

Monday's celebration followed the regular monthly meeting, at which John Scott was awarded a life membership for services to the club.

The birthday celebration was emceed by Lou Hamon, who presented current president Kirsten Strike with a certificate of congratulations from Probus South Pacific.

Of course, a party without a cake is just a meeting, and as this was definitely a party. The cake was cut by foundation member Sally Bugeya along with long-time members Wally Meek and Dorothy Walkerden.

Dorothy presented a reflection on the club's history - including that at one point in 2006 there were no less than five members named Dorothy.

In that same year, four members of the club got married - two to each other, and two to non-members.

Proceedings wrapped up with a spirited quiz involving the unique place mats that were being used for the event - original vinyl record albums.

When the prizes of scratchies and wrapped packages that looked suspiciously like bottles were exhausted, subsequent winners received a second piece of birthday cake.



Winner ... Member Judith Bourchier had a little win in the quiz.



Life member ... John Scott was awarded a life membership for services to the club.



Congratulations ... Emcee Lou Hamon presents president Kirsten Strike with a certificate from Probus South Pacific.

Finance workshops for next generation farmers

YOUNG farmers in northern Victoria and the Riverina will be among the first in Australia to access financial literacy workshops designed to give the next generation of farmers a 'leg up' in financial management to help grow their family business.

The practical one-day Farm Financial Skills Workshop will be held in Moama on August 27 and Benalla on August 28 as part of a national roll out of the program, which aims to reach 2000 up-and-coming farmers by 2020.

The workshops, which are free of charge, will be run by food and agribusiness banking specialist Rabobank with sessions on gross margin analysis, cash flow budgeting and interpreting financial statements.

An initiative of Rabobank's client councils - a group of the bank's farming clients who meet to discuss issues and implement initiatives to contribute to the sustainability of rural communities - the program has been designed to give the next generation of farmers access to financial education in the communities in which they live.

Rabobank Client Council member for Riverina and Northern Victoria, Edwina Beveridge, from Blantyre Farms, said the upcoming workshops aimed to equip young farmers with the financial training to make better decisions for their farming businesses.

"Having that financial acumen puts you in the driver's seat - and helps set the direction

of the business - when talking to your financial advisors, whether that be your banker or accountant," Mrs Beveridge said.

Mrs Beveridge said the client council was looking forward to bringing the workshop to the local region, following the success of those held in Queensland and the Northern Territory.

"Farmers who attended the recent workshops in Queensland said they not only walked away with improved financial management skills but also got to catch up with other like-minded farmers from across the district."

Rabobank General Manager Knowledge and Networks, Sustainability and Community Engagement Marc Oostdijk said the workshop

content had been tailored to farming businesses in the region through realistic case studies.

"Through these case studies, the sessions will look at what makes up a balance sheet, profit and loss statement and cash flow, and then interpreting the financial ratios to make calculated business decisions," Mr Oostdijk said.

"This then feeds into sessions on how banks assess a loan and the importance of developing a business plan."

The workshops are open to clients and non-clients of Rabobank.

For more information or to apply to attend the Moama or Benalla workshops, please contact Alison Rumble on 02 6932 8900 or Alison.Rumble@rabobank.com.

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To view these editions online go to trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/title/591.

Prohibition.—Mr Oscar Piggott, a visitor from South Australia, is to speak on the question of prohibition in the Presbyterian Hall to-night. He comes with a great reputation as a convincing speaker, and has conducted campaigns in New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australia. He is of the order or prohibition speakers who rely on convincing argument and not abuse of the other side. As the Local Option poll will be taken at the next general elections, doubtless our readers will be pleased to hear a speaker so well informed as Mr Piggott.

Municipal Elections.—Nominations for the Numurkah Shire Council election closed on Monday last, and, as anticipated, each of the four retiring representatives were accorded unopposed return. Thus Cr Campbell will still represent the Eastern Riding, Cr Gordon the Central, Cr Ball the Western, and Cr Schier the Moira Riding.

Working Bee.—The President of the Numurkah Agricultural Society (Mr John Christie) has set apart Monday and Tuesday next, 25th and 26th inst, for working bees in connection with the general improvement to the society's grounds. The society is now in the hands of 200 debenture-holders, and it is expressly desired that every man interested in the future of the society and the general improvements to the ground will endeavour to get along on either or both days. Numurkah can be made one of the most important shows in the North, and the preparation of the grounds is most essential. Work will commence at 10 a.m. on each day, and it will be necessary for helpers to bring spades, shovels, picks, crowbars, etc.

BARMAH TOWNSHIP.

Mr Clark, an engineer of the Public Works Department, accompanied by Cr. Ross, visited the township on Thursday, 31st July, to inspect the local punt on the Murray River, with a view to it being taken over by the State Government as agreed at the Premiers' conference. A satisfactory agreement with the present owner was arrived at. The residents on both sides of the river are anxiously awaiting developments.

On Saturday, 16th inst., the Picola footballers journeyed to Barmah to fulfil their engagement with the Barmah Federals, (the match being the second last of the last round of the M. & W. R.F. Association. The home team needed the match to give them the minor premiership honors, and special interest was aroused in the game. The visitors placed a strong eighteen in the field, and the match was strenuously contested, a good exhibition of the game being witnessed by a large number of people. The river boys were successful, and the final scores were:—Barmah Federals, 4.5: Picola, 1.4. The central umpire Mr A. Bourke gave general satisfaction, and is deserving of credit for the able manner in which he carried out his duties.

NUMURKAH SHIRE COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 12th AUGUST

Correspondence.

From Wunghnu Progress Association, protesting against the action of certain councillors in refusing to allow the ratepayers of the Central Riding to spend its share of the peace grant in entertaining the children; also calling attention to the importance of seeing that no new contract is let to any contractor until he has completed the one on which he is engaged; also drawing attention to condition of road between Anglican Church and Mr J. Watson's.—Cr: Thomson wondered how old the writer thought the council was when he thought it necessary to remind the council of things they knew already.

—Cr Dudley said the work asked for was in hand.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr Hay Ower reported:—

He understood the contemplated purchasers of the Deep and Walllala bridges had declined to enter into the agreement prepared and which he was no inclined to alter, and it appeared as though the council would be faced with the expense of dismantling them. — Cr Schier reported that the agreement had since been signed.



Resurrecting history ... Numurkah Wunghnu Cemetery Trust secretary Bernadette Steward and president Stephen Mills at the grave of Michael Maroney, the first person buried at Numurkah Cemetery.

History brought to life on unique tours

YOU may not immediately think of a cemetery as a place where history would come to life, but a new program of tours at Numurkah cemetery is changing that perception.

The tours are conducted by Numurkah Wunghnu Cemetery Trust (NWCT) secretary Bernadette Steward, who said they are part of a broader effort to make the cemetery more accessible.

"The older section of the cemetery dates back to the 1800s and, understandably, over time it's gotten a bit shabby and there were a lot of unmarked graves," she said.

"I've been working on mapping it and identifying all of the graves and their occupants and trying to find out the stories of those buried there as much as possible because this is where the pioneers of Numurkah are buried."

The cemetery tours serve several purposes. Whilst they are a method of raising funds to go towards upkeep and improvement, they are also a valuable source of information and appreciation.

Glenice Holmes, who has been on two of the four tours held so far, said that they are a wonderful history walk for anyone interested in family or local history.

"I've been a member of the historical society for around 40 years so I already knew quite a bit but Bernadette always has some little extra piece of information that she's found, so the tours did add to my knowledge," she said.

"The tours are very interesting and newcomers to Numurkah's history would learn a lot."

For Bernadette, it's important for the community to know who the pioneers of Numurkah were.

"By learning about the pioneers who are buried here people can understand and appreciate what they did and how they helped make the town what it is," she said.

One such pioneer, who has himself proved a valuable source of information regarding other pioneers, is NWCT's first secretary James 'Cocky' Williams, who was born in 1853 and was buried in the cemetery following his death in 1942.

"Cocky Williams kept diaries for 45 years from 1889 to 1934," Ms Steward said.

"In them he mentions a lot of the other pioneers so they have been a great resource regarding the history of the Numurkah district and the people who helped shape it."

"They are considered so valuable as an historical account that they are kept at the State Library of Victoria."

Bernadette has slowly but surely been identifying the occupants of the unmarked graves, painstakingly cross-referencing the original map of the cemetery with the books that outline the layouts of the individual sections, to confirm the locations of graves and their occupants.

"It has been challenging, especially because they are not in numerical order," she said.

"Plot 268 might sit next to plot two for some reason, so you can't assume anything."

"The catholic section was the worst, so I'm glad I did that first when I was full of energy and enthusiasm, otherwise I might have just thrown my hands up with it."

One of the aims of creating an accurate map of the cemetery is to be able to provide signage at the end of each row, as exists in the newer section, listing the names of those interred there.

Alongside the mapping of the cemetery, the NWCT committee has been working with other community groups to improve the appearance and amenity of the cemetery in general.

Thanks to donations from groups including Show Us Ya Wheels, Rotary Club of Numurkah, Lions Ladies, Goulburn Murray Credit Union and Numurkah Golf Club the cemetery's original gates have been removed for restoration, which is almost complete.

The original pavilion at the site, which was erected in 1889 at a cost of £39 and is heritage listed, was recently given a restorative coat of paint by the Numurkah Lions and Rotary clubs.

VCAL students from Numurkah Secondary College are also currently working on heritage style designs for the plinths to hold the planned row markers.

In the meantime, Bernadette is having fun unravelling mysteries alluded to on the existing grave markers.

"The head stone of a lady named Mary Hore said that she died at the Numurkah police cells, which was unusual and I knew there must be an interesting story there so I looked into it," she said.

"It turned out her husband was the policeman here at the time and she died of liver cancer. Her

infant son William was buried with her and the head stone was erected by friends of hers.

"I'm still not sure what the story was with William or why her husband didn't erect the head stone, but that's how it goes. Stories are never finished; they're always evolving."

Another fascinating story Bernadette has followed is that of Thomas Albert, who was known as Carl.

"He left Numurkah to fight in the First World War and was evacuated from Gallipoli. After the war he ended up living in Seattle in the USA and his children were born there."

"He came back to Numurkah to enlist in the Second World War and is buried here."

For Bernadette, her quest to learn all she can about Numurkah's former residents shows no signs of stopping.

"If you have family buried here, we'd love to hear from you. At some point we are going to have to think about some maintenance on some of the older monuments that are shifting a bit and could get dangerous."

"We'd love to work with the families on those."

As for those unmarked graves, simple markers have been put in place, where possible, to identify the occupants, one of whom was the very first person buried at the cemetery.

"That was Michael Maroney," Bernadette said.

"He was buried here in February 1883."

The Numurkah cemetery tours take place on the last Sunday of the month and places can be booked through Numurkah & District Historical Society.

Participation is by gold coin donation, with proceeds shared by Numurkah Wunghnu Cemetery Trust and Numurkah & District Historical Society.



Informative and entertaining ... Bernadette Steward's cemetery tours have proved very popular.

NDHS achieves accreditation excellence

NUMURKAH District Health Service has achieved government accreditation for the next three years, not only successfully meeting all of the requirements of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards, but achieving the highest possible rating across the service.

NCN Health CEO Jacque Phillips said the service is delighted that the highest standards of quality and safety have been achieved for the community.

“Numurkah has met the requirements for all standards, with no recommendations made for further work,” Ms Phillips said.

“A rating of ‘Met’ was achieved consistently across all areas of the organisation.

“This is the highest level of assessment possible for a total of 148 action areas within the eight national standards – this is an outstanding achievement and recognition of excellent care.”

The eight national standards include: clinical governance; partnering with consumers; preventing and controlling healthcare associated infection; medication safety; comprehensive care; communicating for safety; blood management; and recognising and responding to acute deterioration.

“We are very pleased to be a leading healthcare organisation,” Ms Phillips said.

“I would like to congratulate staff across the organisation for their outstanding performance across the full range of standards. I would also like to acknowledge the consumer liaison committee for working in partnership with staff to ensure a patient-centred approach, which was recognised as a key strength.

“We are proud to have the right mix of consumer-focused patient care, clinical governance, policies and processes, and information and systems in place to deliver high quality, safe health care.”

The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards Assessment report on NDHS noted:

- Strong clinical leadership is evident in the achievements of the organisation and its positive culture.
- Across all supporting standards there was evidence of development and compliance with policy, implementation of effective quality activities, and management of identified risk.
- There is evidence at NDHS of systems in place to ensure timely, effective communication that supports continuing, coordinated and safe



Hard work pays off ... Members of NDHS’ acute care, theatre administration and quality teams display the service’s accreditation certificate.

Back (from left): Sheridan Davies, Nicole Anstis, Jenny Bickerdike, Nikki Kerry-Opie, Wendy Ross and Sarah Finlayson. Front: Danielle Beekman and Ali Beatson.

patient care. These systems are supported by executive leadership and a culture of patient-centred care. Communication for patient safety is well embedded in the clinical governance framework.

- The governing body of NDHS endorses a culture of Trust, Respect, Responsibility and Compassion, and includes these values throughout its strategic service planning and Clinical Governance Framework.

- Partnership with patients, carers and the community has been a long-standing commitment and has been further strengthened to focus increasingly on health literacy and shared decision-making.

- Consumers are involved through talking to patients about their experiences with the resultant feedback incorporated into the quality improvement system, and through the governing body’s Community Liaison Committee.

- Hand Hygiene is audited by gold standard auditors and a rate of 93% has been recorded by the National Hand Hygiene Initiative.

“This fantastic outcome demonstrates the hard work and dedication of our staff to ensuring patient safety and the delivery of excellent health care,” Ms Phillips said.

“This level of assessment rating takes an enormous amount of effort and ongoing commitment to continuous improvement.”

Illegal wood harvesting patrols stepped up

PARKS Victoria authorised officers have stepped up patrols and surveillance over the past month to protect the habitats of native animals, following several cases of illegal tree felling and removal within parks and reserves in northern Victoria.

Significant hollow trees have been cut down and removed from national parks, destroying important habitats for mammals, reptiles, birds and invertebrates.

Parks Victoria Acting Manager Science and Management Effectiveness, Dr John Wright, said tree hollows provide precious habitat for hundreds of species of native birds, mammals, reptiles and invertebrates.

“Amazing creatures like the squirrel glider, brush-tailed phascogale, regent parrot, red-tailed black cockatoo and the tree goanna all depend on hollows for their survival,” he said.

“It can take centuries for nature to create the hollows that so many of our unique and threatened wildlife rely on. Destroying these precious resources through selfish and reckless behaviour is a tragedy.”

Since July, Operation Crookwell has targeted people who are allegedly cutting down trees to supply buyers with firewood.

In the latest seizure on August 8, Parks Victoria authorised officers and Victoria Police intercepted a man in possession of more than two cubic metres of wood, allegedly taken from Chiltern-Mount

Pilot National Park.

The man’s vehicle, three chainsaws and the wood were confiscated. He will be charged with several offences including cutting and taking firewood in a national park, driving off road and destroying wildlife habitat.

Parks Victoria State-wide Enforcement Operations, Chris Mercier said the agency takes a zero-tolerance approach to those breaking firewood collection laws, and anyone caught will be prosecuted.

“It is illegal for people to fell trees or collect firewood in a national park. If you observe anyone causing damage to park habitat, removing wood or have information about environmental offences, please contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963,” he said.

“All information will be treated confidentially.”

At least six other people will be charged with various offences as part of the operation and a total of three motor vehicles, six chainsaws and seven cubic metres of wood have been seized as evidence, with the operation ongoing.

Firewood can only be collected from designated collection areas in certain areas during permitted seasons.

Details of where firewood can be collected on public land is available at <http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/parks-forests-and-crown-land/firewood>.

Highest deer harvest recorded in Victoria

LATEST research into deer hunting in Victoria shows the highest number of licensed recreational deer hunters harvesting the highest number of deer recorded.

The estimates of the 2018 deer harvest in Victoria report has found that 121,600 deer were harvested in 2018 – an increase from 106,275 deer harvested in 2017.

The most commonly harvested species in 2018 was Sambar deer, with an estimated total harvest of 88,202, of which 55% were female.

Fallow deer were the second most commonly harvested species, with an estimated harvest of 30,552 deer - 65% of which were female - double the estimated harvest in 2017.

The number of licensed deer hunters peaked at 39,066 by the end of the year.

The research also shows that each licensed deer hunter was active for an average of 6.7 days in 2018, taking an average of 3.5 deer per year.

The total number of days spent hunting by all deer hunters in 2018 was 237,594 days.

The five areas where the most deer hunting occurred were Mansfield, Dargo, Myrtleford, Eildon and Wodonga. The five areas where the highest number of deer were harvested were Mansfield, Bright, Omeo, Dargo and Wodonga. Most of the deer were taken from public land.

Game Management Authority (GMA) CEO Graeme Ford said the findings in the report show the growing popularity of deer hunting, with the number of licensed deer hunters continuing to increase.

“It is important to collect information about the number of deer harvested by recreational hunters each year,” Mr Ford said.

“Data obtained from this research will help to inform decisions about deer management and the management of public and private land in Victoria.”

Throughout 2018, researchers regularly surveyed licensed deer hunters, asking questions about their hunting activity, including how many deer they harvested, where they hunted, what hunting methods were used, and the species of deer they successfully harvested.

The report is produced by GMA in collaboration with the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research.

For a full copy of the Estimates of the 2018 deer harvest in Victoria, visit www.gma.vic.gov.au.

Family violence reporting tool goes live

FRONT line police officers across Victoria now have access to a new family violence reporting tool to ensure timely and more accurate incident reports can be filed in the field.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Lisa Neville announced the state-wide launch of the new Family Violence Report last week, after a successful two-year pilot.

The new tool allows police to make better decisions based on the information they collect when they respond to a family violence incident, improving accuracy and ensuring prompt referrals.

Officers can use their mobile devices to make the report, which provides greater guidance for risk assessment and management to protect more victims and hold more perpetrators to account.

The launch complements the recent

completion of the mobile device roll out to front line police, including general duties officers, highway patrol members, the operations response unit, transit and protective services officers.

The new tool was piloted in Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Wyndham, Brimbank and Melton. Police officers found it had a positive impact for victims and on their own work.

The reporting tool delivers on one of 277 recommendations from the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

The Victorian Government has delivered \$2.7 billion to implement all 227 recommendations and deliver reforms that will keep women and children safe.

Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Gabrielle Williams said the State Government is rebuilding the system from the ground up to keep women and children safe.

“We’re addressing family violence with a range of approaches that reflect the Royal Commission’s recommendations,” she said.

This has been supported by record funding of more than \$3 billion for police, with 3,135 new front line police, new police resources and stronger police powers and laws.

This investment includes 415 family violence specialists who are transforming Victoria Police’s approach to what Minister Neville described as Victoria’s number one law and order challenge.

“Victoria Police responds to a family violence incident every seven minutes on average,” Minister Neville said.

“We’re giving Victoria Police the tools, resources and equipment they need to keep Victorians safe and address the scourge of family violence.”

MAC Inc. celebrates Woodstock 50th

IT'S August 1969 and Woodstock music festival features the debut performance of the newly formed Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young.

Fifty years later, four piece Melbourne band 'Canyon' marks the Woodstock 50th anniversary with a sold out concert at Melbourne's Caravan Club.

In keeping with the Woodstock vibe, they are continuing to share the love by undertaking a tour to 18 regional Victorian towns during August and September as part of the Café Culture series.

Courtesy of MAC Inc., Yarroweyah Hall is one of the stops on that tour.

Canyon's line-up is singer, songwriter and guitarist Peter Chapman, singer, co-song writer and percussionist Louise Dempsey, Bruce Packard on vocals, bass and mandolin, and Josh Bennett on vocals and multiple guitars.

Canyon's tour will feature tastefully arranged and impressive acoustic versions of many of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young's greatest songs, including some of those first heard by the world 50 years ago at Woodstock.

Those iconic songs, Suite: Judy Blue Eyes, Blackbird, Helplessly Hoping, Marrakesh Express, and You Don't Have to Cry, also inspired and became a major influence on the distinctive sound of Canyon's original compositions about deserts, forests, raging water, open highways and broken hearts.

Canyon's concert also features many other great songs from the 'Laurel Canyon, Westcoast' tradition of the 60s and 70s such as America, Jackson Browne, Linda Ronstadt, The Band, Little Feat, Seals & Crofts, Emmy Lou Harris, and Joni Mitchell.

Peter Chapman said that, as a harmony group, Canyon knows that vocal arrangements are a time-consuming labour of love for which Crosby Stills Nash & Young set the blueprint.

"Their songs have stood the test of time and their influence is omnipresent. Canyon looks forward to celebrating their milestone Woodstock anniversary and paying our respects to a



Inspired by iconic performance in four-part harmony ... Canyon is bringing the hippie summer of '69 to Yarroweyah.

band that were politically fierce and musically even better," he said.

Canyon choose to perform a lot of their harmony singing repertoire standing around one single condenser microphone.

Mary Souness, manager of Just Shows To Go, the touring company responsible for delivering the Café Culture Series 2019 to regional Victoria, said that happens to be her favourite way to hear live harmony singing.

"The voices tend to blend better, as the singers can hear each other acoustically and adjust their own voices accordingly to achieve a closer,

acoustic sound rather than that process being taken care of by the discretion of a technician," Ms Souness said.

"It's also better for timing and for 'feel'. The result is a more wholesome experience for everyone."

Canyon invite you to set the scene at the show by embracing your inner hippie and reaching into the depths of your wardrobe and dressing in your most colourful and peace loving, flower power outfit.

There will be a prize at each show for the best dressed.

Canyon will perform at Yarroweyah Hall on Friday, August 30 at 8pm. Doors open at 7.30 for a welcome drink and nibbles pre-show, with a sumptuous supper served during interval.

To hear some of the greatest songs ever written, along with Canyon's originals, performed in splendid four-part harmonies, you can secure your seat for their Yarroweyah Hall performance at www.trybooking.com/WYJZ.

Canyon's performance is presented by Moira Arts & Culture Inc. and is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria.

Tweaked Performance provides powerful new option

TWEAKED Performance's first year in business is going great-guns, with Ryan Cossens and Jason Bell's reputation as the go-to place for anything with a small engine having already earned them a regular, loyal customer base.

With meeting the needs of their customers a top priority, Ryan and Jason have just added a new string to Tweaked's bow by becoming stockists for Bushranger power equipment.

Ryan told the *Leader* that he and Jason are grateful for the way locals have supported the new business, and are keen to offer access to a full range of quality equipment at good prices.

"We've had a few people ask us if we'd stock power equipment, and we decided that would be a good thing to offer our customers," Ryan said.

"Bushranger seemed like an ideal fit for us because they're wholly Australian owned and operated, they're a good product and they have a great range.

Bushranger products come with a minimum two - and up to five - year warranty, with Tweaked Performance able to offer full service and support for the products.

"It's another service that we can offer our customers and we figured that, with spring just around the corner, now was the time to get into it," Jason said.

The boys will be stocking everything locals need to bring their yards up to scratch, including Bushranger lawn mowers, whipper snippers, brush cutters, edgers, blowers, hedge trimmers, mulchers, garden sprayers, pressure washers, chainsaws and log splitters.

"It's a really great range of equipment, that's well priced and reliable so people can buy it with peace of mind," Ryan said.

"We're here to offer full support and servicing as well, so our customers can trust that they've got back up, and it's something we're really pleased to be able to offer."



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Dessert, tea and coffee provided.
Any queries phone: 03 5865 1279.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NUMURKAH AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL SOCIETY INC.
Results of recent raffle competition drawn at Numurkah Market on Saturday 17th August 2019.
1st Marjorie Porter
2nd David Geddes
3rd Sandra Morley
A sincere thank you to all who contributed.

SITUATIONS VACANT



NCN Health has the following vacancy at its Cobram Campus

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Visit our website for further information including position descriptions, contact details, application processes.

www.cobramdistricthealth.org.au

PHARMACY ASSISTANT

Numurkah Pharmacy is seeking a full time pharmacy assistant.

Responsibilities include customer service, unpacking orders, stocking shelves, creating displays, assisting with ordering and general cleaning.

To be successful, you require excellent communication skills, the ability to learn quickly and to work both unassisted and in a team. Prior experience in customer service will be highly regarded. Must present well with a positive attitude and friendly demeanor.

Please send your application and resume to numurkah.pharmacy@ninet.com.au or PO Box 224 Numurkah 3636 by Monday 2nd September

TENDERS



C037/19

Design, Refit and Branding of a Mobile Visitor Information Centre

Tender closing date - 4pm Wednesday 11 September 2019

C035/19

Invitation for Expressions of Interest for a Numurkah Community Hub and Visitor Information Point

Tender closing date - 4pm Friday 11 October 2019

Specification documents can be obtained by visiting www.moira.vic.gov.au/our-council/tenders

All submissions are to be lodged electronically. Late, hard copy, e-mailed or facsimile submissions will not be accepted. *Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.*

Mark Henderson
Chief Executive Officer

BIRTHS

EGAN — Dealy.
Callum and Karen are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son
Harry George
on 27th July 2019
7lb 14 oz
Little brother for Paddy. Another Grandson for Jim and Barb Dealy.

ENGAGEMENTS

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BIRTHDAYS



Luke & Adam Mansfield

August 23, 2001

Happy 18th Birthday

To our much loved sons and brothers. Best wishes for a wonderful future full of loved, health, happiness and dreams come true.

Loved from Mum, Dad, Stephanie, Kate, Samuel and Matthew

MEETINGS



Annual General Meeting
Monday, September 2nd
At the Senior Citizens Hub, 7.30pm
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DEATHS

MUNRO — Rose.
26.2.1954 - 18.8.2019
Loved sister-in-law of Chooky and Jacko. Loved Aunty of Dani, Chunk, Brontie and Shaun and families. Deepest sympathy to Les and Family.
R.I.P. xx



PIANTO — Tony.
Past coach and player.
Condolences to Nikki and family.
Committee and members.
NUMURKAH FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB.

WAY — Barry
Edward
Passed away August 14, 2019. Aged 69 years
Loved son of Don (dec.) and Nella. Loved brother of Graeme and Russell. Brother-in-law of Lyn and Heather.

FUNERAL NOTICES

WAY — A graveside service to celebrate the life of Barry Edward Way will be held at 11.30am FRIDAY, 23rd August, 2019 at the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery, Cemetery Road Nathalia.

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No score, no win for Black

NUMURKAH Knights Black under 10 soccer team played Congupna Cruzers in an evenly matched game on the weekend.

Both teams positioned well but the Cruzers had more luck in their attacks than the Knights, and overcame Numurkah's goalie.

Caleb Lewis, Annabella Boschetti and Riley Crisp led the attack for the Knights but were unable to defeat the Cruzers' defence.

The Knights' midfielders Jade Hester and Ella Carlisle ran hard in the second half, moving the ball from defence to feed the Knights' attack but, despite some great shots on goal, Numurkah was unable to score, leaving the Cruzers with the win.

Coaches' awards went to all players for their teamwork.

UNDER EIGHTS

The under eights scored a terrific win over Bouchrier Gold on Saturday.

Gold opened the scoring early, shocking the Knights into action.

In response, Bailey Hawthorn and Declan Stockwin led the attack for the Knights and, with key feeds from mid-fielders Elijah Tonkin, Harry Oswald and Xavier Archer, they found space to score their own for Numurkah.

With the scores drawn at half time Bouchrier Gold fought hard to bring the ball within striking distance but Dakota Schultz, Georgie Hall and Angus Newham held a strong defence, preventing the Golds from scoring again.

The Knights managed to find space again late in the second to seal the win for Numurkah.



Good thing ... Under10 Caleb Lewis in attack against Congupna Cruzers.

Two 100s recorded

COLIN Saxton and Angus Hill both recorded perfect cards of 100 in last Thursday night's Numurkah small bore competition.

Top scorers for the night were Colin Saxton with 199.6 in 20 metre benchrest, Angus Hill with 198.9 for 20 metre prone, Jeff Matys with 179.4 out of 200 in 50 metre benchrest, and Tim Braybon with 196.6 in 50 metre prone.

SCORES

20 metre benchrest: C. Saxton 100.3 99.3 199.6, B. Braybon 97.1 98.0 195.1, G. Miles 95.1 98.1 193.2, E. Ryan 96.2 94.1 190.3, L. Cook 96.2 94.0 190.2.

20 metre prone: A. Hill 98.4 100.5 198.9, L. Braybon 98.5 96.2 194.7, G. Braybon 96.2 98.4 194.6, R. Hill 98.6 95.2 193.8, T. Braybon 95.3 98.3 193.6, G. Miles 94.1 95.3 189.4, A. Gibbon 95.1 94.1 189.2, M. Brown 94.0 94.4 188.4, S. Rosemeier 92.1 96.2 188.3, D. Cook 91.2 91.3 182.5, A. Gibbon 89.0 92.0 181.0.

50 metre benchrest: J. Matys 179.4.

50 metre prone: T. Braybon 98.4 98.2 196.6, T. Braybon 95.3 98.4 193.7, H. O'Brien 77.1 83.0 160.1.

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

FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

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SENIORS									
Barooga		1.4, 5.7, 6.7, 9.10 (64)							
Moama		0.6, 1.10, 2.11, 6.19 (55)							
GOALS, Barooga:		Riley Gow 6, Wade Demasi 1, Zachery Brain 1, Christopher Patten 1. Moama: Fraser Buchanan 4, James Whitehead 1, Paul Van Der Sluys 1. BEST, Barooga: Xavier Hunt, William Robinson, Ricky Thomson, Brendan Goesch, Logan Morey. Moama: Lachlan Thorp, Luke Eldridge, Jack Russell, Samuel Youngman, Fraser Buchanan, Kyle Phipps.							
Nathalia	.....	6.4, 9.7, 18.11, 22.14 (146)							
Deniliquin Rams	.....	0.2, 2.2, 3.3, 4.7 (31)							
GOALS, Nathalia:		Alex Hicks 5, Liam Evans 3, Adam Jorgensen 3, Malcolm Barnes 2, Brett Vallender 2, Jason Limbrick 2, Ashley Quinn 1, Drew Barnes 1, Bailey Bell 1, Ricky Barnes 1, Rhys Shannon 1. Deniliquin Rams: Adrian Pappin 1, Joel Park 1, Ben Irwin 1, Ricky Gittens 1.							
BEST, Nathalia:		Adam Jorgensen, Ryan Butler, Drew Barnes, Rhys Shannon, Brodie Ross, Alex Hicks. Deniliquin Rams: Ricky Gittens, Nicholas Howe, Jake McManus, Ben Irwin, Ryan MacDonald, Cooper Willoughby.							
Tungamah	.....	2.7, 8.9, 11.12, 14.13 (97)							
Rumbalara	.....	3.4, 5.9, 7.11, 10.16 (76)							
GOALS, Tungamah:		Nick Lawless 3, James Irvine 2, Matthew Bourke 2, Kade Rowe 1, Bodhi Butts 1, Benjamin Beaton 1, Duane Haebich 1, Travis Hayes 1, Terence Jones 1, Christopher Powell 1. Rumbalara: David Smith 3, Nathan Terlich 2, Clayton McCartney 2, Levi Power 1, Jerome Sorgel 1, Kian Wise 1.							
BEST, Tungamah:		Terence Jones, James Irvine, Wally Thomson, Bodhi Butts, Kade Rowe, William Sharp, Rumbalara: Ashleigh Miller, Jerome Sorgel, Kyal Atkinson, Christopher Egan, Kian Wise, Justin Terlich.							
Congupna	.....	4.0, 6.2, 12.3, 14.7 (91)							
Katandra	.....	2.2, 3.6, 5.10, 8.12 (60)							
GOALS, Congupna:		Daniel Schaper 3, Jak Trewin 3, Mathew Cornwall 2, Adam Brophy 2, Sam Ferguson 2, Mitchell Beck 1, Joel Shannon 1. Katandra: Trent Herbert 2, Brady Black 2, Corey Hickford 1, Quinn Shannon 1, Patrick Frappell 1, Thomas Jeffery 1.							
BEST, Congupna:		Bryden Squire, Lachlan Baldwin, Curtley Allen, Tate Mifka, Dion Gleeson, Mathew Cornwall. Katandra: Trent Herbert, Thomas Jeffery, Shane Bensch, Lachlan Dunkley, Jaidyn Thorne, Corey Hickford.							
Numurkah	.....	4.2, 9.4, 12.8, 20.14 (134)							
Mulwala	.....	5.1, 10.4, 14.6, 16.6 (102)							
GOALS, Numurkah:		Nathan Hicks 6, Michael Herlihy 5, Joshua Hoffmann 4, Ben Gunning 4, Beau McKeown 1. Mulwala: William Barden 3, Sean Robinson 3, Harrison Crossley 3, Beau Clarke 2, Tom Dow 2, Jackson Gash 1, Leigh Howroyd 1, Cameron Magher 1.							
BEST, Numurkah:		Jarrrod Holmes, Ben Gunning, Beau McKeown, Nathan Hicks, Jamie Fulton, Luke McKeown. Mulwala: Joshua Hammond, Harrison Crossley, Glenn Dominick, Tom Dow, Cameron Magher, William Barden.							
Finley	.....	4.3, 11.9, 14.11, 16.13 (109)							
Cobram	.....	1.4, 2.4, 5.5, 9.7 (61)							
GOALS, Finley:		Mathew Wilson 4, Paul Massingham 3, Shaun Kable 2, Levi Middleton 2, Luke Bramley 1, Luke Moore 1, Zechariah Cuppens 1, Lachlan Hawkins 1, Taylor Kleinschmidt 1. Cobram: Cadeyn Williams 2, Steven Stallion 2, Darcy McCormack 2, Daniel Clarke 1, Jackson Neville 1, Max Mackay 1.							
BEST, Finley:		Benjamin Ashley-Cooper, Mathew Wilson, Paul Massingham, Taylor Kleinschmidt, Lachlan Hawkins, Dan O'Bryan. Cobram: Adam De Cicco, Luca Allen, Kade Zito, Tom Scott, Max Mackay, Cadeyn Williams.							
Tongala	.....	4.1, 11.4, 16.6, 21.9 (135)							
Echuca United	.....	3.1, 5.2, 8.5, 8.7 (55)							
GOALS, Tongala:		Makenzie Ryan 5, Coby McCarthy 3, Anthony Dennis 3, Dylan Joyce 2, Michael Pryde 2, Beau Joyce 1, Jack Hammond 1, Sam Cipriani 1, Brayden Nevett 1, Cameron Ilett 1, Jordan Souter 1. Echuca United: Joshua Mellington 4, Nicholas Denahy 3, Jordan Florance 1.							
BEST, Tongala:		Jordan Souter, Cameron Ilett, Jack Hammond, Hamish Cohen, Michael Pryde, Makenzie Ryan. Echuca United: Dean Moon, Nicholas Denahy, Jordan Florance, Rowan Priest, Jeremy Hartigan, Lachlan Carmody.							
RESERVES									
Moama	.....	8.5, 9.14, 14.18, 21.21 (147)							
Barooga	.....	0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 1.2 (8)							
GOALS, Moama:		Matthew Veitch 3, Bailey Steenbuck 3, Jacob Galpin 3, Justin Smith 2, Zak McGregor 2, Benjamin Walker 2, Wade Baker 1, Jack Duggan 1, Tanner Christie 1, Layton McCann 1, Bailey Grubb 1, Anthony Haby 1. Barooga: Zane Goodwin 1.							
BEST, Moama:		Jack Duggan, Dylan Wright, Layton McCann, Tanner Christie, Justin Smith, Angus McKindlay. Barooga: Kyle Hore, Zane Goodwin, David Trenerry, Xavier Woodhead, Jonathan O'Dwyer, Will Lavery.							
Nathalia	.....	2.4, 3.4, 5.5, 6.8 (44)							
Deniliquin Rams	.....	0.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4.5 (29)							
GOALS, Nathalia:		Matt Davies 5, Christopher Brown 1. Deniliquin Rams: John Allitt 1, Blair Sartore 1, Andrew							

Hogan 1, Hamish Ross 1. BEST, Nathalia: Craig Kellow, Christopher Brown, Tyson Richards, Matt Davies, Henry Congues, Sean Zammit. Deniliquin Rams: Reece Hussey, Hamish Ross, Aiden Free, Brenton Hussey, Andrew Hogan, Jake Cavallaro.									
Rumbalara	.....	3.4, 5.8, 9.9, 14.12 (96)							
Tungamah	.....	1.2, 2.2, 5.3, 5.5 (35)							
GOALS, Rumbalara:		Graham Weston 5, Bradley Armstrong 4, Lachlan Armstrong 2, Jamie Michael 2, Blade Larkins 1. Tungamah: Luke Buerckner 2, Alan Richardson 2, Matthew Powell 1.							
BEST, Rumbalara:		Lachlan Armstrong, Blade Larkins, Graham Weston, Simon Hunter, Bradley Armstrong, Travis Morgan. Tungamah: Sam Kellock, Angus Heslin, Alan Richardson, William Prescott, Jack Clarke, Daniell Whykes.							
Congupna	.....	2.3, 4.6, 5.9, 10.9 (69)							
Katandra	.....	3.3, 4.5, 7.6, 7.9 (51)							
GOALS, Congupna:		Jay Winnell 5, Brodie Poole 2, Nicholas Jacobson 1, Christopher Quaife 1, Bryce McCrimmon 1. Katandra: Luke Dunham 4, Noah Dunham 1, James Clee 1, Jonah Thomson 1.							
BEST, Congupna:		Brodie Poole, Nicholas Jacobson, Jay Winnell, Bryce McCrimmon, Stewart Marshall, Jack Hicks. Katandra: Luke Dunham, Lachlan Dempsey, Jack Harcoan, Frasier Opie, Fergus Russell, Sam Green.							
Mulwala	.....	9.0, 13.3, 16.6, 18.9 (117)							
Numurkah	.....	0.0, 2.2, 3.3, 4.7 (31)							
GOALS, Mulwala:		Andrew Maskell-dunsta 6, Adam Rouel 3, Dennis Phibbs 2, Andrew Miller 2, Cam Nye 2, Joshua Bozzola 1, Wade Dennis 1, Joshua Ednie 1. Numurkah: Luke Mansfield 1, Brad Vidler 1, Caleb Goodrum 1, Dustan Ebborn 1.							
BEST, Mulwala:		Andrew Maskell-dunsta, Nathan Beasley, Adam Rouel, Wade Dennis, Joseph Bland, Lachlan Orr. Numurkah: Benjamin Shanahan, Kaleb Rees, Gregory Gallus, Sam Spicer, Patrick Millen, Jacob Morris.							
Finley	.....	4.3, 5.5, 7.8, 10.9 (69)							
Cobram	.....	0.0, 1.3, 2.6, 4.7 (31)							
GOALS, Finley:		Marcus Jackson 2, Jeremy Robertson 2, Lachlan Kerr 1, Brayden Shannon 1, Jesse McDonald 1, Kyle Russell 1, Callum Robertson 1, Nicholas Campbell 1. Cobram: Francis Lowrie 1, Matthew Clydesdale 1, Antonio Ventre 1, Liam Hartley 1.							
BEST, Finley:		Thomas McCartney, Lachlan Kerr, William Robertson, Marcus Jackson, Jake McConachie, Marcus Anderson. Cobram: Matthew Clydesdale, James Raco, Antonio Ventre, Liam Hartley, Dylan Ashcroft, Lance Crowe.							
Echuca United	.....	5.2, 5.3, 8.3, 11.4 (70)							
Tongala	.....	0.1, 2.4, 4.5, 4.7 (31)							
GOALS, Echuca United:		Rhys Morgan 4, Anthony McMahon 3, Kyle Armstrong 1, Sam Simpson 1, Zayden Molluso 1, Jacob Chapman 1. Tongala: Callum Tucker 1, Matthew Wild 1, Samuel Tyler 1, Timothy Cipriani 1.							
BEST, Echuca United:		Rhys Morgan, Dean Haydon, Nicholas Simpson, Justin Cantwell, Kyle Armstrong, Tehumarie Callander. Tongala: Jayden Vick, Bryce Denham, Mark Williams, Tom Nevill, Daniel Maher, Lachy Hipwell.							
UNDER 17									
Moama	.....	6.2, 9.7, 13.11, 16.16 (112)							
Barooga	.....	0.0, 1.0, 1.1, 1.2 (8)							
GOALS, Moama:		Noah Milner 8, Daniel Castledine 2, Thomas Donchi 2, Luke Edwards 1, Alec Dick 1, Angus Baldwin 1, Riley Webb 1. Barooga: Christopher Perri 1.							
BEST, Moama:		Riley Webb, Noah Milner, Levi Dixon, Levi Boys, Taji Ritchie. Barooga: Cashen Nolan, Joel Brown, Regan Bale, Riley Sampson, Jake Poole, Cooper Doyle.							
Deniliquin Rams	.....	1.2, 4.2, 6.6, 14.8 (92)							
Nathalia	.....	0.1, 0.4, 0.4, 0.4 (4)							
GOALS, Deniliquin Rams:		Charlie Hillier 4, Cooper Willoughby 3, Kaileb Wilson 2, Darcy McManus 2, Kane Hall 2, Matthew Moore 1.							
BEST, Deniliquin Rams:		Anthony Zielke, Kaileb Wilson, Bradley Poka, Harry Hillier, Charlie Dudley, Luke Rodda. Nathalia: Will Sheehan, Ben Armstrong, Cooper Bloodworth, Samuel Boyd, Ryan Bell, Aiden Lindsay.							
Rumbalara	.....	6.3, 10.8, 17.11, 21.15 (141)							
Tungamah	.....	1.0, 1.0, 2.0, 3.1 (19)							
GOALS, Rumbalara:		Djaidha Miller 5, Malachi Atkinson 4, Lenard Weston 3, Joven Sorgel 2, Jaiden Armstrong 2, Damien maison Turner 1, Jeremiah Stewart 1, Ashtyn Atkinson 1, Andre Briggs 1, Anthony Miller 1.							
BEST, Rumbalara:		Lenard Weston, Jude Sorgel, Ashtyn Atkinson, Joven Sorgel, Malachi Atkinson. Tungamah: Ned Connell, Ben Griffin, Oscar Willis, Tom Lidgerwood, Mitch Goldman, Aaron Mills.							
Congupna	.....	1.2, 3.6, 5.10, 8.14 (62)							
Katandra	.....	0.4, 0.4, 0.5, 0.5 (5)							
GOALS, Congupna:		Brock Austin 1, Campbell Allen 1, Luke Bartels 1, Lachlan Lovatt 1, Brodie Gie 1, Brodie Watters 1, Will Batey 1, Nayte Matthews 1.							
BEST, Congupna:		Campbell Allen, Luke Bartels, Tyler McDonald, Brodie Gie, Matthew Bell, Jakob Zausa. Katandra: Flynn Lesire, Ned Walters, Sebastian Amodio, Angus Kittley, Will Dempsey, Seth Kittley.							
Numurkah	.....	1.1, 4.4, 7.6, 10.8 (68)							
Mulwala	.....	1.1, 4.4, 5.6, 7.8 (50)							
GOALS, Numurkah:		Dustan Ebborn 5, Matthew Hodg-							

son 4, Matthew Mansfield 1. Mulwala: Addison Psaltiras 3, Kyle Abikhair 1, Daniel Psaltiras 1, Liam Martin 1, Joshua Ednie 1.									
BEST, Numurkah: Bailey Roberts, Patrick Masters, Kade O'Dwyer, Flynn Penberthy, Dakota Pellegrino, Matthew Hodgson. Mulwala: Brock Conway, Addison Psaltiras, Zach Scott, Kane Fisher, Kyle Abikhair, Reece Norman.									
Cobram	.....	3.0, 4.2, 4.2, 5.3 (33)							
GOALS, Cobram:		Noah Sneddon 2, Lewis McShane 2, Will Slatterie 1. Finley: Shadeau Brain 3, Archibald Mason 1.							
BEST, Cobram:		Lewis Kennedy, Ryan Mele, Liam Hayes, Connor Baxa, Darcy Kennedy, Will Slatterie. Finley: Lachlan Osborne, Jacob Boyd, Shadeau Brain, Christopher Wright, Levi Webster, Edward Haynes.							
Echuca United	.....	3.4, 5.4, 6.4, 8.6 (54)							
Tongala	.....	1.2, 4.4, 5.4, 6.4 (40)							
GOALS, Echuca United:		Jesse Garner 3, Jack Jansen 2, Josh Beveridge 2, Tom Holmes 1. Tongala: Sam Cipriani 2, Riley Locke 1, Blake McAuliffe 1, Jack Nevill 1, Harley Reid 1.							
BEST, Echuca United:		Brady Simpson, Kynan Sharpe-Long, Jordan Lloyd, Zakary Hard, Jesse Garner, Corey Sidebottom. Tongala: Riley Locke, Mackenzie Cowley, Jay Matthes, Talbot Varcoe, Ryan Hatch, Noah Densley.							
UNDER 14									
Moama	.....	3.4, 4.9, 5.14, 6.16 (52)							
Barooga	.....	0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)							
GOALS, Moama:		Jobe Shanahan 2, Lachlan Hogan 1, Ben Paterson 1, Zac McKenzie 1, Jye Jarrett 1.							
BEST, Moama:		Jonte Grubb, Lachlan Hogan, Ned Tomlinson, Brodie Smolenaars (REFUA), Noah Langborne, Hudson Connelly. Barooga: Koby Withers, Jai Nolan, Jayden Geisler, Hunter Williams, Nathan Brown, Keeten Andrew.							
Deniliquin Rams	.....	2.1, 3.5, 6.7, 9.8 (62)							
Nathalia	.....	1.2, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5 (11)							
GOALS, Deniliquin Rams:		Charlie Hillier 4, Noah Bradley 3, Harley Hicks 1, Harry Dudley 1. Nathalia: Gus Bramwell 1.							
BEST, Deniliquin Rams:		Charlie Hillier, William McCartney, Angus Wright, Noah Bradley, Tyson Willis, Logan Leiper. Nathalia: Oliver Sheehan, Ewan Congues, Kai Lundberg, Tom Dohnt, Mason Cobbledick, Max Frostick.							
Rumbalara	.....	4.5, 9.8, 13.11, 18.13 (121)							
Tungamah	.....	0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)							
GOALS, Rumbalara:		Jaegen Briggs 3, Benjamin McGowan 3, Tanner Armstrong 3, Shakhean Stewart 2, Bailey Armstrong 2, Tyler Hoogsaad 1, Mathew Atkinson 1, Mitchell Doyle 1, Leon Johnson Walker 1, Jaylen Saunders 1.							
BEST, Rumbalara:		Benjamin McGowan, Tanner Armstrong, Jarell Morgan, Bailey Armstrong, Leon Johnson Walker, Jaegen Briggs. Tungamah: Harvey Thomson, Jaxon Raven, Jack Costigan, Darcy Hicks, Jake Walker, Blair McAllen.							
Katandra	.....	1.4, 2.8, 7.10, 9.12 (66)							
Congupna	.....	2.1, 3.1, 4.2, 4.2 (26)							
GOALS, Katandra:		kyren dawson 3, Finn Walters 3, Angus McCully 1, Declan Newbound 1, Talon Wilson 1. Congupna: Muna Brown 2, Cohan Hall 1, Oliver Price 1.							
BEST, Katandra:		Talon Wilson, kyren dawson, Kel Beaton, Ryan Ash, Fletcher Everard, Finn Walters. Congupna: Cohan Hall, Jhet Guthrie, Jack Fleming, Spencer Jones, Muna Brown, Jedd Ring.							
Mulwala	.....	1.3, 1.3, 3.4, 3.5 (23)							
Numurkah	.....	0.0, 2.1, 3.1, 3.3 (21)							
GOALS, Mulwala:		Tyler Jones 1, Zackary Oliver 1, Jaxen Wheeler 1. Numurkah: Kobie Rahilly 1, Nathan Page 1, William Smith 1.							
BEST, Mulwala:		Dillon Kirchen, Zackary Oliver, Van Kreeck, Jaxen Wheeler, Michael Paine, Tyler Jones. Numurkah: Kobie Rahilly, Oliver Masters, Nathan Page, Nicholas Hughes, Ayden Siermans, Aadyn Hicks.							
Finley	.....	4.1, 7.4, 8.6, 9.9 (63)							
Cobram	.....	0.0, 0.0, 2.2, 3.3 (21)							
GOALS, Finley:		Harrison King 2, Angus Hay 2, Cooper Sutton 1, Ethan Mcleish 1, Jack Koschel 1, Wispa Brain 1, Jack Hay 1. Cobram: Menotti Vescio 2, Kevin Griffin 1.							
BEST, Finley:		Jack Hay, Jordan Sykes, Angus Hay, Jacob Orr, Ethan Mcleish, Cooper Sutton. Cobram: Levy Tejones, Nash Motton, Kane Rattray-Robert, Kevin Griffin, Wade Mele, Menotti Vescio.							
Echuca United	.....	2.4, 7.7, 9.12, 10.17 (77)							
Tongala	.....	0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)							
GOALS, Echuca United:		Bryce Barnstable 4, Oliver Poole 2, Jackson Gronow 1, Samuel Fisher 1, Alex Wagner 1, Riley Godfrey 1.							
BEST, Echuca United:		Jake Clancy, William Graham, Ryan Stobaas, Kaydn Blachford, Oliver Poole, Fayte Belmont-Wickliffe. Tongala: Jesse Jackman, Matthew Di Petta, James Coulson, Max Carroll, Dylan Moore, Kade Northausen.							
GOALKICKING									
SENIORS									
Joshua Mellington Echuca United	.....	4		116					
Alex Hicks Nathalia	.....	5		52					
Liam Evans Nathalia	.....	3		50					
Nathan Hicks Numurkah	.....	6		48					
Daniel Schaper Congupna	.....	3		48					

Warmed-up Dalts in hot form

FRESH from a few weeks in warmer climates north of Numurkah, Alan Dalton has been in good golfing form over the past few weeks, and he continued this on Monday, scoring 37 stableford points to win the GV veteran golfers' monthly event.

A good field of 92 players braved Monday's chilly weather, at Mooroopna where preferred lies were allowed due to the number of worm castings on the course after overnight rain, but was otherwise in excellent condition.

Dalts won the A grade event from Hill Top's John Keller on 35 points.

Rolf Weber won B grade on his home course with 36 points, ahead of Kialla's Andrew Christy on 35, while C grade was an all Mooroopna affair with Bill Murphy scoring a terrific 40 points, to win

from Peter Lahiff on 36. A grade nearest the pin winner on the 10th hole was Deniliquin's Neville Boswell, the B grade ball went to Harry Wayland from Ky Parklands, while none of the C graders registered a claim.

The ball run down included Wayne Ferguson, Mark Hegarty, Bob Kilgour, Kevin Davis, Paddy McCarthy, Peter Barrette, Dennis Koik, Gary Bow, David Shiells, John Thompson, Graeme North, John Bauerle, Clive Merrigum, John Irwin, Alan Williams, Gavon Armstrong, Phil Cooper, John Neale, Mel Lusher, Geoff Squires, Tony Papallo, Bill McKenzie, Walter Tink.

The GV veteran golfers' next event will be held at Deniliquin Golf Club on Monday, September 9, with assembly by 9.30am for a 10am hit off.

Pooch slips the leash

by "Rufus T. Firefly"
JOHN 'Pooch' McHale had a narrow win in last Thursday's mid week competition at Numurkah Golf Club.

Scoring 36 stableford points, John held off Bill Green and Darryl Sheridan, who both finished on 35. All three place-getters were awarded appropriate golfing paraphernalia for their efforts.

In the pleasing field of 36 competitors the following players' scores also earned them a club ball: Ray Falla, Ron Smith and Mark Hegarty all 33, Steve Thornton and Bill Padgett 32, Kerry Collins, Bruce Collins and Gary Blackburn 31, Hugh Gunn and Leigh Robertson 30, John Mackay and Graeme Frostick 28.

Dennis Prosser came in at the tail of the field with a miserly 22 points thus earning the tin of boiled lollies. This

was not the only one of the day's low points for Dennis, who also won the Mickey Mouse ears for towing his golf cart to the course, yet being unable to use it because he left the keys at home.

The GMCU and Graeme Sprunt saved themselves the cost of a sponsor's nearest the pin ball as no player was able to land on the fourth and 15th greens.

Matt Ebborn picked up the players' sweep money for being closest to the pin on the seventh hole and Jack Dell played two exquisite shots to take Dennis and Roy's offering on the 14th.

Ron Smith was closest to the pin on the 18th hole and won a ball courtesy of Pruden Carpentry.

If you would like to join us this Thursday you are most welcome. Assemble at the clubhouse at 9.30am for a 10 o'clock hit off.



Knockout winner ... Helen Schmedje won the Saturday singles knockout final last week.

Sun shines but golfers' scores a bit dull

by "The Shankster"
THE sun shone brightly, there was barely a breath of wind, and the Numurkah golf course was in almost perfect conditions for the end of winter, but most of the women's scores returned on Saturday could almost be described as horrendous.

With one of the few decent scores for the day, Nola Dalton won the Geoff and Pam Partington sponsored stableford trophy final round, winning the sponsors' shirt with a mere 34 points.

Nola has recorded three rounds of 34 points in this event, but this is decided on the best four from six rounds, which will make her ineligible. The winner will be revealed at the club's annual presentation night in November.

Karen Harper took a while to warm up, with an ordinary back nine, and then a terrific front nine with 19 points, to finish in second place with 32 points.

In fact, Nola and Karen would have made a terrific fourball team on Saturday, with Nola having 19 around the back.

Balls went to Felicity Booth, Merren Carr, Helen Schmedje and Norma Cullum, but

the scores weren't recorded on the prize sheet, at the sympathetic discretion of the fellow on card duty. Needless to say, there were some very surprised ball winners.

Only one nearest the pin ball was won by the women, Lorraine Craig having the best shot to the 18th hole. Lorraine also wore the Mickey Mouse ears, after making a beeline for one woman in the clubhouse, to thank her for playing, so that she (Lorraine) didn't come last, and then rubbing it in again later.

The sun didn't shine last Wednesday, but conditions weren't as cold as they had been, and a reasonable field ventured out for the day's stableford event.

Merren Carr and Felicity Booth shared honours for the day, with Merren winning the countback to take first place. Merren also won both nearest the pin prizes, winning the cake hole voucher to the Numurkah Cafe, Bar and Restaurant, and a ball for her shots to the seventh and 18th greens.

Julie Hannaford finished in third place with 31 points, followed by Lorraine Craig on 30, and Marie Ryan rounded out the ball winners with 29 points.

Helen Schmedje and Sue Plattfuss played off in the final of the Saturday singles knockout last Thursday, and it was Smedge who came out victorious after a tight match that went all the way to the 18th.

Smedge was one up at the half way mark, before Sue won a hole to have the match all square.

Like the true champion she is, Helen rallied to take a two shot lead after 16 holes, but Sue won the 17th and the match went to the final hole, just one the difference.

They squared the 18th for Helen to take her first victory in this event.

The final of the Thelma McBride singles knockout will be played today, which should see a fierce battle between three-time winner Lorraine Milner and Bev McIntosh. This pair will tee off at 9.15am, and be followed by the rest of the golfers, playing a par round.

Then we have a couple of monthly medal rounds to follow, beginning with a Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal on Saturday, and a Wednesday medal round next week.

NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

MNL

A GRADE									
Tongala 25 def by Echuca United 64									
Cobram 53 def Finley 45									
Congupna 55 def Katandra 27									
Deniliquin 53 def Nathalia 32									
Moama 81 def Barooga 18									
Numurkah 25 def by Mulwala 53									
Rumbalara 56 def Tungamah 17									
LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	
Rumbalara	17	16	1	0	1042	497	64	209.66	
Echuca United	17	15	1	1	1039	524	62	198.28	
Moama	17	14	2	1	1014	505	58	200.79	
Deniliquin	17	13	4	0	886	590	52	150.17	
Cobram	17	11	6	0	782	739	44	105.82	
Mulwala	17	10	7	0	646	669	40	96.56	
Finley	17	9	8	0	711	810	36	87.78	
Congupna	17	7	9	1	681	713	30	95.51	
Tongala	17	7	10	0	577	770	28	74.94	
Nathalia	17	6	10	1	596	689	26	86.5	
Barooga	17	4	13	0	556	855	16	65.03	
Tungamah	17	2	15	0	511	873	8	58.53	
Numurkah	17	2	15	0	511	948	8	53.9	
Katandra	17	1	16	0	527	897	4	58.75	

B GRADE									
Tongala 32 def by Echuca United 44									
Cobram 38 def Finley 33									
Congupna 62 def Katandra 26									
Deniliquin 44 def Nathalia 19									
Moama 75 def Barooga 23									
Numurkah 42 def by Mulwala 57									
Rumbalara 48 def Tungamah 37									
LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	
Mulwala	17	16	0	1	819	458	66	178.82	
Echuca United	17	15	1	1	931	469	62	198.51	
Deniliquin	17	14	3	0	805	495	56	162.63	
Moama	17	14	3	0	873	566	56	154.24	
Congupna	17	10	7	0	672	593	40	113.32	
Cobram	17	10	7	0	677	661	40	102.42	
Tongala	17	9	8	0	644	602	36	106.98	
Nathalia	17	6	11	0	557	641	24	86.9	
Finley	17	6	11	0	550	667	24	82.46	
Numurkah	17	6	11	0	634	770	24	82.34	
Rumbalara	17	5	12	0	590	780	20	75.64	
Barooga	17	5	12	0	493	693	20	71.14	
Katandra	17	1	16	0	536	929	4	57.7	
Tungamah	17	1	16	0	430	887	4	48.48	

C GRADE									
Tongala 31 def by Echuca United 46									
Cobram 63 def Finley 15									
Congupna 42 def Katandra 40									
Deniliquin 53 def Nathalia 50									

Moama 58 def Barooga 25									
Numurkah 17 def by Mulwala 65									
Rumbalara 51 def Tungamah 31									
P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%		
Echuca United	17	17	0	0	987	402	68	245.52	
Mulwala	17	15	2	0	907	448	60	202.46	
Deniliquin	17	15	2	0	1009	606	60	166.5	
Cobram	17	13	4	0	827	450	52	183.78	
Tongala	17	11	6	0	752	554	44	135.74	
Moama	17	11	6	0	770	651	44	118.28	
Nathalia	17	10	7	0	789	646	40	122.14	
Congupna	17	8	9	0	630	680	32	92.65	
Katandra	17	6	11	0	647	768	24	84.24	
Rumbalara	17	5	12	0	586	793	20	73.9	
Numurkah	17	3	14	0	471	784	12	60.08	
Finley	17	3	14	0	405	897	12	45.15	
Tungamah	17	2	15	0	363	878	8	41.34	
Barooga	17	0	17	0	427	1013	0	42.15	

Tongala 20 def by Echuca United 62									
Congupna 27 def by Katandra 51									
Deniliquin 52 def Nathalia 29									
Moama 35 def Barooga 19									
Numurkah 26 def by Mulwala 38									
Rumbalara 40 def Tungamah 37									
P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%		
Echuca United	16	16	0	0	873	382	64	228.53	4
Deniliquin	15	13	2	0	766	433	52	176.91	3.5
Mulwala	16	13	3	0	738	393	52	187.79	3.3
Moama	16	12	4	0	624	470	48	132.77	3
Katandra	16	9	7	0	680	625	36	108.8	2.3
Nathalia	16	8	8	0	567	583	32	97.26	2
Congupna	16	7	8	1	555	612	30	90.69	1.9
Barooga	16	7	9	0	515	580	28	88.79	1.8
Cobram	15	6	9	0	620	621	24	99.84	1.6
Numurkah	16	6	10	0	542	556	24	97.48	1.5
Rumbalara	16	2	14	0	365	798	8	45.74	0.5
Tongala	15	1	13	1	311	694	6	44.81	0.4
Tungamah	15	0	13	2	317	726	4	43.66	0.3

Tongala 22 def by Echuca United 38									
Cobram 28 def Finley 21									
Congupna 16 def by Katandra 42									
Deniliquin 47 def Nathalia 34									
Moama 32 def Barooga 21									
Numurkah 15 def by Mulwala 51									
Rumbalara 40 def Tungamah 33									
P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%		
Echuca United	17	16	1	0	851	328	64	259.45	
Deniliquin	17	16	1	0	865	389	64	222.37	
Tongala	17	13	3	1	659	348	54	189.37	
Moama	17	12	4	1	510	402	50	126.87	
Tungamah	17	12	5	0	601	489	48	122.9	
Nathalia	17	9	8	0	595	471	36	126.33	

Rumbalara	17	9	8	0	633	581	36	108.95
Barooga	17	9	8	0	551	528	36	104.36
Cobram	17	7	10	0	458	572	28	80.07
Mulwala	17	6	11	0	508	583	24	87.14
Katandra	17	4	12	1	401	644	18	62.27
Congupna	17	2	14	1	307	748	10	41.04
Finley	17	1	16	0	375	669	4	56.05
Numurkah	17	1	16	0	279	841	4	33.17

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Purples say goodbye to finals

AFTER a great first half of netball from the Nathalia A graders on Saturday, fourth placed Deniliquin stepped up its game for the second half and ran away with the game to take a 21 goal victory.

Nathalia's game is improving each week, and the final scores did not really reflect the quality of the Purples' game.

Sitting in 10th place with just one game to play, Nathalia will almost certainly not make finals.

Awards: Coprice BOC: Lisa Kellow, Brereton's Bakery: Breanne Walpole, Casual Step: Blaise Mortimer.

B GRADE

The B graders faced a tough game against third placed Deniliquin, and failed to impress, going down by 25 goals.

The Purples put in all over the court, but couldn't convert their efforts onto the scoreboard.

They will be hoping to put it all together on Saturday, when they meet seventh placed Tongala, which sits just one place ahead of them, on the ladder, although with three more wins.

Awards: Barmah Hotel BOC: Jessie Hicks, Laino's Pizza: Millie Maskell, Sport-first Numurkah: Olivia Hanlon.

C GRADE

Nathalia's C graders put in a terrific game against a much higher placed Deniliquin side, but fell short of a victory, going down 50-53.

The whole team put in a terrific effort, and won the first half, but Deniliquin wrested back control in the second half to sneak home with the win.

While luck didn't fall the Purples' way, there were many positives to take from the game, leading into finals.

Awards: Coprice BOC: Kate Wilcock, Hinchliffe & Greed Real Estate: Christie Schram, Three Belles Creations: Jen Butler.

C RESERVE

A polished Deniliquin side made things difficult for Nathalia on Saturday, taking victory 52-29.

With three girls filling-in,

the Purples came together well and pushed hard, but second placed Deni was just too good on the day.

17 UNDER

The under 17 girls put in a terrific effort against one of the top sides, going down by just seven goals, 27-34.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Anna Brown, Marketplace Subway: Bella Sheehan, Bell's Water Cartage: Maddy Lindsay.

15 UNDER

Up against the top side, the under 15s put in a fantastic first half to level the scores at the long break, but Deniliquin showed why it sits on top of the ladder, running away with the game in the second half to win 53-31.

Hannah Summerville was instrumental in goal attack, with good movement and accurate shooting.

Unforced errors crept into the Purples' game in the tough second half, when the opposition stepped up its defence, but it was a great effort from the whole team.

Awards: Kylie Richards BOC: Hannah Summerville, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Kaiya Cornell, Marketplace Subway: Mia Bell, TJ's IGA: Ebony James.

13 UNDER

The under 13s didn't put in their best game of the season, going down to a much stronger Deni side, 8-39.

Under pressure from a top side, the girls forgot the things they have learnt during the season, and will be hoping to bounce back with a better showing against top side Tongala this weekend.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Sophie Creer-Pope, Nathalia Dairy: Ella Dealy, TJ's IGA: Natasha Hassell.

11 UNDER

The under 11s put together some great passages of play, with plenty of forward leads.

It was a tough game, but the girls all kept their heads in the game.

Awards: Past Players: Jayda Liddell, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Peyton Johns, TJ's IGA: Taylah Holmes.



200 games ... Fiona Elliott runs through a banner to celebrate her 200th senior club game with Numurkah.

Blues hold on to limit margin

THE young Numurkah A grade netball side hung in against a very strong and fast moving Mulwala side on Saturday, posting a respectable 25-53 scoreline.

The visiting side's fast movement, strong one-on-one defence, and talk on the court rattled the Blues for a while.

They weren't able to adjust to their game and fell back into some old bad habits. They let the errors get to them, which they haven't done for the past few weeks.

But, to their credit, the girls still hung in and didn't let the game get too far away, which was a good result, considering the difference in their positions on the ladder.

Sophie Morris and Rachelle Moon worked hard all game, getting plenty of turnovers out of defence, but the Blues just were too often unable to capitalise on their work.

Sophie's determination and effort all game was exceptional for the full four quarters to win the award this week.

Captain Fiona Elliott took to the court for her 200th senior club game. Fi has proved to be a terrific ambassador for the club, and an inspiration for her young side.

Award: Numurkah Hotel: Sophie Morris.

B GRADE

The B graders faced a tough game against the ladder leader and put in a terrific effort to do down by just 15 goals.

The Blues started strongly, breaking the visitors' first centre, and a tough battle ensued, with Numurkah trailing by just two goals at half time.

Some silly errors from Numurkah in the third quarter allowed Mulwala to break away, and then run away with the win, 57-42.

Award: Shamrock Hotel: Rachel Robertson.

C GRADE

Despite a tough match against an experienced Mulwala, the girls held their heads up all game, in a difficult 17-65 end result.

Everyone worked hard for four quarters and adjusted to the new combinations.

Ella Brattle played a great body game in defence, getting her hands to the ball often. Tammy Stone played strong hands-over pressure down the court, and Daisy Lester gave another solid performance with her reliable offering and smart decision making in attack.

Award: Telegraph Hotel: Ella Brattle; Numurkah Café Bar & Restaurant: Daisy Lester and Tammy Stone.

C RESERVE

Numurkah's C reserve side needed a win against third placed Mulwala in order to get back into finals contention, but finished 12 goals short of a victory.

The Blues put in 100% in the first quarter, but were up against a much better side, and trailed by a small margin at the first break.

Shelby Gallus played a stellar game in centre for four quarters, providing options and drive through the mid court.

Numurkah was certainly not out of the game going into the last quarter, down by just six goals.

Kim Smyth made the most of her opportunities to intercept the ball in the second half of the game, but Mulwala showed why it is sitting in the top echelon, and increased its lead to take victory 38-26.

It was a great team effort from the Blues, with every player giving everything they had in them to the game.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Shelby Gallus; Hair Societe: Kim Smyth.

17 UNDER

The under 17s suffered another big loss on Saturday, going down to Mulwala by 36 goals, 15-51.

15 UNDER

The under 15 girls were also outclassed by a stronger side, going down 19-39.

13 UNDER

The under 13 girls recorded Numurkah's only netball victory for the day, playing their best game of the season to defeat Mulwala 35-12.

The win keeps the young Blues in eighth spot, with a chance to play at least one final, but they have a tough game against Echuca United in the final game of the season.

Awards: Jemma Carkeek and Shaylee Patrick.

Perfect weather for perfect score

by "Archie Bunker"

WITH perfect golf weather on Saturday for the last round of the stableford trophy, it was Mitch Grandell who made the most of the conditions on the Numurkah golf course, coming in with a great score of 40 points.

Off a handicap of just three, Mitch shot a round of two under par in his morning round, playing with his grandfather Sid Roughsedge, who must have enjoyed watching his grandson's flawless round of golf.

Runner-up, with another great score of 39 points, was Robbie Sutton. Robbie has had a consistent year, winning most events at the club.

Balls down the line went to Grant Duffy with 38 points,

Barry Pruden and Allan Newby, both on 37, David Booth 36, Bill Green and Ron Smith on 35, Ian Hannaford with 34 points, and the last ball went to Rod Campbell with 33 points.

Despite not playing the last round, Steve Piggott was announced as the winner of the stableford trophy event, finishing ahead of Robbie Sutton and Mitch Grandell.

On the front nine, John Smith took out nearest the pin on the fourth hole, and Mitch played his usual superb shot to the seventh to win the ball.

Roy Peterson only just got his ball on the 15th green, but it was good enough to stay all day to win the ball, and Darryl Sheridan had the best shot to the 18th.

Incredibly, just to prove what good condition the course is in, there were three eagles scored for the day (two under par for the uninitiated).

David Booth and Robbie Sutton both only had three shots on the par five sixth hole, and Brandan Hosie had the same score on the ninth in a terrific display of golf from these three low handicappers.

Peter Stonehouse won the Mickey Mouse ears after recording a terrific score of 20 points around the front nine, and then only managing nine points around the back, with four consecutive wiped holes.

This Saturday's golf will be a Brad Tweed Painting monthly medal, with the usual dinner in the club bistro afterwards.



Two under ... Mitch Grandell shot a sub par round on Saturday to win the day's Numurkah golf event.



200 games ... Emma Bourke in the goal circle in her 200th game for Picola on Saturday. Photo: Cheryl Thorn

Netballers rejoice at Blue day

PICOLA netballers had a successful weekend on the courts, taking three wins from three elimination final games, with the A and C graders, and under 17s all moving into the semi finals.

The sixth-placed A graders had a terrific 20 goal win over seventh placed Waaia, with a great start to the match setting up the 56-36 victory in what was still a hard fought contest on Sunday.

The girls who played on Sunday were lucky to get finished before the day's rain and strong

winds hit the courts at Blighty.

The under 17s also played on Sunday, and came away with a terrific win over Katunga, doubling their opposition's score, 52-26.

The Blues gelled well as a team and the ball flowed well down the court.

On Saturday, the C graders played in much more pleasant conditions, and made the most of their opportunities with a six goal win over Rennie, 47-41.

Bombers bomb out

LOOKING for a competitive game between two sides sitting together on the Picola netball league ladder, Waaia's A grade side bowed out of the 2019 season, with a 20 goal defeat.

Picola proved the better side on the day, despite some great passages of play from the Bombers, who couldn't string their game together.

15 UNDER

Waaia's fifth placed under 15 side played an awesome game against Berrigan on Saturday, moving into the semi finals with a 34-23 victory.

The young Bombers played like they had nothing to lose, in a terrific start to their finals

season.

Positional changes were made every quarter, but the girls adjusted well and supported each other 100%, both on and off the court.

13 UNDER

The under 13s' game went goal for goal for the first half, but trailed by four goals when the final whistle blew.

Eighth placed Jerilderie fought hard all game to take victory 22-16 and put an end to Waaia's season..

The Bombers' defence worked hard to get every rebound, while the mid court players made smooth played down the court to get the ball into goals.

Bulldogs move into semi

DESPITE early game nerves, Strathmerton moved into a Picola netball league semi final with a comfortable victory over Rennie at Katamatite on Saturday.

The Bulldogs' main focus was to keep possession when they had the ball, and to create a defensive contest. They did the basics well, created defensive turnovers across the court, and capitalised in the goal circle during the first half, which saw them hold a handy, 17 goal lead at half time.

The girls held on from there in a tight second half, to go on and take a 20 goal victory, 57-37.

C RESERVE

Mathoura gave the Strathy C reserve girls' confidence a severe blow in their first quarter on Sunday, and went on to take a comfortable 24 goal victory, 41-17.

On paper, it looked like this could have

been a close contest, with the two sides finishing sixth and seventh on the ladder, but Mathoura played a strong game, dominating the first half.

Strathy eventually warmed up and got going, taking some stellar intercepts and shooting some terrific goals.

The Bulldogs wanted the win, but just couldn't make up the first half difference, putting an end to their season.

13 UNDER

Strathy's under 13s also saw an end to their season on Sunday, going down to Berrigan by 10 goals, 14-24.

The Bulldogs kept with their opponents for most of the game, but the Saints led at the final break and shattered the 'Dogs' confidence.

The girls all kept their heads held high, to finish off an enjoyable season of netball.

Swans stay in the hunt

THE Katunga reserves started their finals race off with a bang, running out winners by 21 points against down the road rival Strathmerton at Blighty on Sunday.

The Swans were off to a good start, with two goals on the board within minutes, keeping the Bulldogs' defence under pressure.

With the Swans leading by seven points at the main break, it was anyone's game.

Katunga played the premiership quarter well, booting three goals and holding Strathmerton goalless, which proved to be the difference, as the Bulldogs outscored the Swans in the final quarter.

Best players: Rhys Wallace, Tyler Hinck, Clint Phillips, Steve Few, Oliver Small, Trent Lowrie.

FOURTHS

The Swans' fourths took on Katamatite in their elimination final on Saturday and proved too strong.

Despite remaining goalless in the last quarter, Katunga prevailed by 30 points, with the damage done in the first half.

With a 28 point lead at half time, Katunga was never headed, in what was a great team effort.

Best players: Jackson Harris, Viv Russo, Lachlan O'Brien, Nathan Simpson, Xavier

Picola bows out

IN windy conditions, Picola fronted up to Denilquin at Blighty on Sunday and went down by 37 points.

Kicking into the wind, the Blues started well, going into the first change with a two point deficit.

Picola failed to make use of the wind in the second quarter and remained goalless, as the Rovers kicked a further two and went into the half time break with a 14 point lead.

The second half saw the rain start to fall. Deni made the most of the conditions and extended its lead.

Kyle Saunders continued to repel the Rovers' forward thrusts, however the Blues could not make the most of their forward entries, and remained goalless in the last half

RESERVES

Picola took on Blighty at Katamatite on Saturday afternoon in beautiful weather.

Unfortunately, the warmer weather could not fire the Blues into action and they went down to the tune of 101 points.

With only two on the bench, Picola tried hard and continued to fight to the end, however was outclassed by a better side on the day.

Waaia thirds eliminated

WAAIA thirds travelled to Blighty on Sunday to take on Jerilderie in their elimination final. The boys fought hard all game, but were unable to seal the win, ultimately going down to Jerilderie by 19 points and getting knocked out of their finals campaign

Goals proved difficult to find in the windy con-

ditions, however Darcy Wilson and Harvey Walker were sensational up forward, kicking three and one goals respectively.

Bailey Plattfuss crushed through packs all day, and was ably supported around the ground by Sam Trower, Joel Clarke and Aaron Harding.



MVP ... Charli Dorritty in action for the Angels during the 2019 season.

Local girls poll well

LOCAL girls have polled well in the Shepparton District youth girls football league vote count held on Monday evening.

Numurkah girl Tali Verhoeven won the vote count, playing for Shepp Notre, with 16 votes,

ahead of Nathalia's Charli Dorritty with the Northern Angels' team.

Charli polled 14 votes, behind Moama's Jayda Richardson on 15, to be awarded the most valuable player.

Blues lose to Lions

THE Numurkah reserves were always going to struggle against Mulwala with five under 17 players being promoted to fill in for a depleted side.

This was evident in the first quarter with Mulwala booting nine goals straight and holding the Blues scoreless.

Despite holding the Lions to a further nine goals for the remainder of the match, Mulwala outscored the Blues in every quarter to win by 86 points.

Ben Shanahan played his best game of the season and was ably supported by Kaleb Rees and Sam Spicer. Greg Gallus was once again solid in the ruck.

Pat Millen, the youngest player on the ground, put in a great effort in the forward line alongside Jacob Morris

Awards: DJ&B Concreting: Ben Shanahan, Shamrock Hotel: Kaleb Rees, Middle Hotel: Greg Gallus, Telegraph Hotel: Sam Spicer, Brereton's: Pat Millen, Mierlo: Jacob Morris.

THIRDS

In a must win game in order to secure a top four finish, the Numurkah thirds took on Mulwala at home and took the win by 18 points.

Both teams were unable to make a break in a tightly contested first half, which saw the Blues take a seven point advantage into the main break.

After the break, Numurkah continued to apply the pressure and took a two goal lead into the final quarter.

The double chance was secured,

with the Blues kicking away in the last quarter, three goals to two.

Bailey Roberts showed his class in the backline, ably supported by Pat Masters.

Kade O' Dwyer and Flynn Penberthy played solid games and rarely lost a contest, whilst Dakota Pellegrino and Matt Hodgson also played well.

FOURTHS

In the penultimate game of the season at home, the fourths took on Mulwala looking to make it two from two for the season.

In what was a closely fought out match, the Lions prevailed by two points.

Mulwala held Numurkah scoreless in the first quarter, with the Blues returning the favour in the second to take a four point lead going into the main break, courtesy of goals to co-captains Kobie Rahilly and Nathan Page. The arm wrestle continued in the third quarter with neither team able to pull away. Mulwala took a three point advantage at the final break thanks to a goal on the siren, despite the best defensive efforts of Jaxon McKellar and Ayden Siermans.

With the game up for grabs in the final quarter, the Blues locked the ball in their forward line, but could only manage a further two points, with both teams remaining goalless.

Better players: Kobie Rahilly, Oliver Masters, Nathan Page, Nick Hughes, Ayden Siermans and Aadyn Hicks.

Fighting for top four finish

NATHALIA'S reserves footy side kept its hopes of a top four finish alive with a fighting second half victory over Deniliquin on Saturday.

From the outset, this was a tough contest, with some bigger bodies in the Rams' side making their mark on the game.

The boys in purple were able to skip away to a handy lead at the first break, only to have that reined in by half time by some committed play around the contest from the home side.

The Rams simply wanted the ball more, and perceived pressure continually let the Nathalia boys down.

But, in a hard fought second half, where it seemed that the side that worked the hardest would win, Nathalia was able to grind out a solid victory, despite being a long way from its best footy.

Chris Brown was a solid four quarter contributor and was one of Nathalia's only players to be clean and use the ball well.

Nathalia's back held up well to hold out a lot of Deni forward thrusts, with Tyson Richards the best of the defenders.

As usual, Matt Davies made the most of his opportunities and also took mark of the day. He finished with five goals to be a very valuable contributor.

Sean Zammit and Henry Congues tried hard and were able to hold their heads high as players who gave their all as their side went on to take victory 44-29..

Nathalia sits level on points with Moama, in fourth and fifth positions, meaning this weekend's final game of the season against second placed Tongala, will be a vital one.

Awards: Limbrick Accounting: Craig Kellow, Mick Hogan Excavations: Chris Brown, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Tyson Richards, Blake St

Butcher: Matt Davies, Numurkah Nu-Genes: Henry Congues.

UNDER 17s

The Purple thirds boys gave it their all for three quarters, but just couldn't put any scoreboard pressure on their much stronger opposition.

Deni ran over the top of the visitors in the last quarter, kicking eight goals to take an 88 point win.

Awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Sam Boyd, AV Hughes: Archie Congues, Rex James Stockfeed: Wade Tuddenham, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Tristan Myers, Marketplace Subway: Devon Moroney.

UNDER 14s

With a number of boys feeling the effects of winter bugs, the Nathalia fourths put in a valiant effort for three quarters, before fading away to a 51 point loss against the second placed Deni side.

The Purples' backline led by example all day, with Ewan Congues, Tom Dohnt, Oliver Sheehan and Max Frostick all having a red hot go.

Charlie Dietrich enjoyed the space of the wings, as did Conner Peachey.

Gus Bramwell and Jack Hutchins added strength, back in the team after being unavailable for many weeks.

Mason Cobbledick, Kai Lundberg, Charlie Sheehan, Darcy Conroy and Brandon Orton tried all day, and Elgin Farrall-Stone courageously played on after copping a heavy knock.

The third placed Purples will be hoping to be able to get their strongest team back on the ground as it moves into the finals series.

Awards: Past players: Tom Dohnt, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Gus Bramwell, Al's Café: Connor Peachey, Frostick Contracting: Kai Lundberg, Nathalia Printers: Ewan Congues.



For his eyes only ... Nathalia coach Mal Barnes keeps a close eye on the ball at Echuca on Saturday.



All hands on the ball ... Bailey Bell waits for either Mal Barnes or Brodie Ross to deliver the ball.

Purples crush Rams

ON a beautiful winters day, the Purples travelled to Deniliquin, and came home with a resounding victory over the Rams by 115 points.

Purples coach, Mal Barnes was pleased with the overall effort of his team.

"The Rams were still able to make the finals and it was a positive game for us. We played our brand of football," he said.

With the aid of a slight breeze, Nathalia started strongly, kicking six unanswered goals in the first term.

The Purples moved the ball freely and creatively to set up many scoring opportunities in the first half to take a 47 point lead into the main break.

In-form small man Adam Jorgensen

started brilliantly and continued his excellent work throughout the game.

After the break, the Purples took control of the contest, displaying their overall depth and aerial strength.

Brodie Ross, who is enjoying a strong year in the ruck, once again gave the midfielders first use of the ball and midfielders Rhys Shannon and Drew Barnes thrived on the open expanses of the Deniliquin oval.

The Purples' forwards took advantage of constant forward entries to score a further 13 goals after half time.

Tom Byrnes continued to display positive signs as a lead up, hardworking forward, and Alex Hicks was once again a tower of strength at half forward.

Nathalia's defenders were also dominant throughout the game. Al Corry and Harley Cobbledick were impressive, winning many contested possessions and intercepting many of the Rams' forward thrusts.

"We now need to train for the Tongala match this weekend as they need to win to consolidate the double chance and we expect them to throw everything at us," said Barnes.

Awards: Ryan's Meat Co BOG: Adam Jorgensen, Bourke Group: Rhys Shannon, Liddell Group Dellcorp: Alex Hicks, Numurkah Tyrepower: Ricky Barnes, TJ's IGA: Brodie Ross, Brereton's Bakery: Ryan Butler.

Bulldogs year over

THE Strathmerton reserves faced a tough elimination final battle at Blighty on Sunday, taking on a strong Katunga side that included some players from its senior side, and went down by 21 points.

Kicking against the breeze in the first quarter, the Bulldogs' defence was under pressure early and they found themselves two goals down at the first break.

With the wind at their back in the second quarter, the Bulldogs fought back hard, however inaccurate kicking

saw them still trailing by seven points at half time.

The third quarter proved costly for the Bulldogs, being held goalless, while the Swans were able to capitalise, extending their lead to 25 points.

Tristan Lee-Madgwick and Zac Wagner should be in the mix for a senior recall next week with exceptional performances. Jacob Gillie, Jacob Atkin, John Russo, Jordan Crestani and Kegan Moore also performed well in the final game of the season.

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Sports

Bombers' turn to win

WAAIA and Strathmerton have dominated the Numurkah indoor bowls competition in recent years, and this year it was Waaia's turn to take the premiership title.

The Bombers easily defeated the reigning premier Strathmerton in last Thursday night's decider, winning on both mats, and 53-28 shots overall.

Waaia last won the title in 2017 before going down to Strathmerton last year.

Waaia finished the season well clear on top of the ladder, having lost just one game, going down to Strathmerton early in July.

Strathmerton would have gone into last week's final pretty confident, after also downing the Bombers in their semi final encounter, to move straight into the decider.

RESULTS

Waaia 10/53 d Strathmerton 0/28.

S. Cleeland (S), D. Carey, T. Steuart d T. Haynes (S), L. Chandler, S. Clarke 29-12; L. Clarke (S), C. Walsh, M. Dwyer d R. Clarke (S), J. Jasper, A. Wallace 24-16.



Back on top ... Waaia indoor bowlers (back row, from left): Cheryl Walsh, Maureen Dwyer, Trevor Steuart, Dawn Carey. (Front): Les Clarke and Sue Cleeland.

Blues secure double chance

NUMURKAH went into a crucial contest against Mulwala at home on Saturday, requiring a win to secure the double chance heading into the finals. With a dominant final quarter of eight goals to two, the Blues turned a 10 point deficit at three quarter time into a 32 point win, securing a top four position on the ladder.

Coach Jye Warren told his team during the three quarter time break they needed to lift and keep their heads down, and the Blues didn't disappoint in the last quarter.

In a tight contest from the outset, neither team was able to assert any dominance, with Mulwala keeping the Blues at bay at the first change.

With two strong midfields going head to head and dangerous forwards at both ends of the ground, the Lions took a six point lead into the major break.

Nathan Hicks, Ben Gunning and Jarrod Holmes were lively up forward, with the Blues' midfield brigade of Beau McKeown, Jamie Fulton, Mike Herlihy and Tim Arnel breaking away from contests to hit their key forwards. Hicks and Gunning were able to capitalise on their delivery in front of goal.

Veteran defender Shane Miller was injured in the first half and never returned. This forced a reshuffle of the backline, with Luke McKeown

moving to defence and stabilising the back six with his strength in the marking contests.

Warren said that Miller suffered a corked hip and was taken off as precaution but should be fine to play in the final match of the home and away season.

The similar game pattern continued throughout the third quarter, with the Blues only managing to kick three goals while restricting the hard running Lions to four goals.

Heading into the final term down by 10 points and with their coach's comments still fresh, the Blues broke the game open.

Josh Hoffmann lifted and gave the

inside midfielders an outlet on the wing.

Jarrod Holmes continued to play crucial a role across half forward, both in the air and at ground level, to keep the ball in the Blues' possession.

Numurkah's runners finally overran their Mulwala counterparts to break open the contest and find both Gunning and Hicks in front of goal.

Fast finishing from Herlihy and Josh Hoffmann provided a terrific foil to the key forwards.

"It was a pleasing effort around the ground, with a good balance of goal kickers," Warren said.

Numurkah next takes on the second placed Echuca at Echuca in the final

game of the home and away season.

The Blues will head into the match with a strong side looking to eclipse Echuca for the second time this season.

Both teams have changed a lot since they first played, and Warren said that his side would need to negate Echuca's leading goalkicker to have a good chance of winning.

"I believe Echuca could rest some of their players next week to freshen up for the first week of finals, which would appear to be against us," he said.

"However, Numurkah will not be resting anyone and will be playing to win, to try and gain an edge over Echuca for the following week."

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Knockout win

200 games

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