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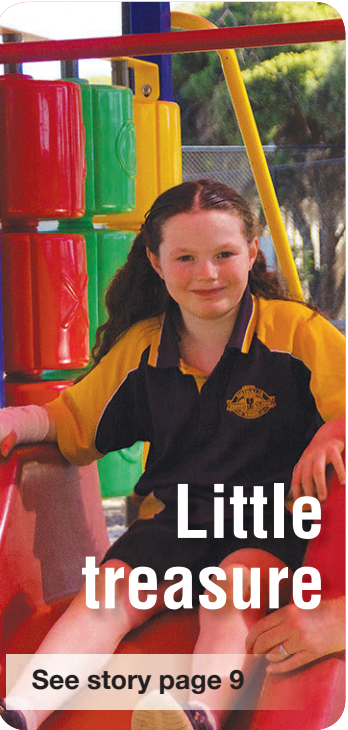


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Raising respect



THE aboriginal flag is now flying alongside the Australian flag outside police stations across the district, thanks to a program promoting inclusion and respect. See story page 4.

Tragedy narrowly avoided at Katamatite

THREE people were lucky to escape without serious injury - or worse - when two vehicles collided at Katamatite on Saturday afternoon.

The collision occurred at around 1.10pm when a white Renault Megane sedan travelling south along Chapel Road failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection with Katamatite-Yarrowonga Road.

The Renault, which was being driven by a 62 year-old Melbourne woman, drove straight into the path of a white Isuzu DMax ute being driven east along Katamatite-Yarrowonga Road by a 57 year-old Kialla man.

The man's 59 year-old female partner, also from Kialla, was in the front passenger seat.

The front driver side corner of the Renault struck

the front passenger side of the Isuzu with great force, sending the Renault off the road on the north side and into a table drain east of the intersection.

The Isuzu skidded sideways off the road to the south side, and rolled several times through the table drain just east of Chapel Road before coming to rest on its roof.

The occupants were able to remove themselves from the vehicle, and remained on the channel bank.

The Renault suffered extensive damage to the front and driver side, and the driver side doors had to be cut out by the SES in order to free the driver.

Numurkah SES, Katamatite CFA and four ambulance units attended, including two MICA units.

All occupants were treated at the scene before the

Renault driver was airlifted to Alfred Trauma centre and the two occupants of the Isuzu were taken by road ambulance to Goulburn Valley Health, Shepparton.

All three were admitted for short stays in hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Both roads have 100 kph speed limits, and both vehicles were travelling near the speed limit at the time of the collision.

The area was closed for four hours following the incident.

The collision is being investigated by Cobram Highway Patrol, a representative of which told the *Leader* that charges of careless driving and failing to stop are likely to be laid against the Renault driver.

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Opportunity of a lifetime ... Numurkah karate students were honoured to receive a visit from Seneha Shigetoshi, pictured third row, fifth from left.

World master visits Numurkah dojo

STUDENTS from Numurkah's Goju Ryu Karate dojo received a rare treat last week, when the world's most accomplished Ryusyokai karate master visited the dojo to conduct classes. Numurkah was the only location outside major cities to receive a visit from ninth dan black belt Seneha Shigetoshi, and weaponry master Gaja

Takehiro, on their Australian tour. Senior instructor at the Numurkah dojo, Mick Doyle, said it was a great honour for the Numurkah dojo to receive a visit from the world leader in their martial arts discipline. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity for our students, unless they are able to one day travel to Okinawa to train with him there," Mr Doyle said.

"It really was a great honour to have them both here." Masters Seneha and Gaja taught two classes catering to the dojo's 20 junior and 12 senior students, with karate enthusiasts travelling from as far afield as Albury, Echuca and Melbourne to see the masters at work.

POLICE BEAT

Garden shed theft leaves a big hole

THIEVES have gotten away with a variety of property with a total value of around \$8,000, after they removed a lock and broke into a garden shed on Mae St Numurkah overnight on October 14.

Stolen items include an Engel car fridge, Stihl chainsaw, fishing rods and a GoPro camera.

Last Thursday, \$22 worth of raffle money was stolen from the counter of a Blake St Nathalia business.

Post boxes outside the Pico-la Hotel were damaged on two separate occasions between October 9 and 14. It is unknown if any mail was stolen.

FIRE WATCH

Two minor incidents

IT'S beginning to feel a lot like summer, and the past week has seen local brigades experience a taste of what's to come, with two minor incidents and a false alarm.

At 7.50pm on Saturday, Strathmerton, Yarroweah and Cobram brigades were called to a barbecue on fire on the verandah of a residence on the GV Highway, Koonoomoo.

The fat in the tray of the gas barbecue, which was on an enclosed verandah, caught fire, and the home's occupier used a dry powder extinguisher and a garden hose to put it out.

The Cobram brigade used its ventilator fan to clear the smoke.

On Sunday at 7.35pm, Numurkah, Katunga and Waaia brigades were turned out to a grass fire at the corner of Shinnicks Road and Allens Road, Numurkah.

The fire, which burned around 200 square metres of grass, is thought to have started near an insulator on a power pole.

The small fire was soon brought under control and Katunga was stopped enroute.

Last Wednesday, at 4.28pm, Numurkah brigade and Shepparton aerial pumper responded to an alarm at Numurkah District Health Service.

There was no fire, and it is suspected that the alarm, which was in a corridor at primary health, was activated as a result of humidity after the rain. Shepparton was not required.

Numurkah man jailed for drug theft

A 38 YEAR-OLD Numurkah man has been sentenced to 12 months jail for the theft of more than \$500 worth of prescription drugs from an Echuca pharmacy on August 20.

Liam James Stanger pleaded guilty in Shepparton Magistrates Court on October 11 to robbery, committing an indictable offence while on bail, breaching a conduct condition of bail and driving while suspended.

The robbery offences occurred when Stanger entered the Amcal Pharmacy on Hare St Echuca at 8.55am on August 20 demanding drugs and threatening staff.

Stanger stole assorted quantities of methadone and OxyContin, as well as around 16 boxes of Codeine tablets, with a total value of around \$560.

Stanger was identified with the assistance of CCTV footage from a local business, and arrested the following day.

Stanger was given a non-parole period of six months.

This is the second time Stanger has been imprisoned for stealing from a pharmacy, after being sentenced to seven months in August 2018, for taking \$600 worth of drugs from a pharmacy in Wodonga.

Stanger was also arrested and charged for lighting a bushfire at Koetang, near Albury, in February this year.

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Uniting the girls in Moira Shire against women’s cancers

CANCER Council Victoria is encouraging Moira Shire locals to get the girls together this October by hosting a Girls’ Night In event to support local women diagnosed with a breast or gynaecological cancer.

In Moira Shire, for the three years from 2015-2017, 73 local women were diagnosed with breast cancer, and 26 were diagnosed with a form of gynaecological cancer such as cervical, ovarian, vulva and uterine cancers.

Cancer Council is the only charity in Australia that funds research into breast and gynaecological cancers while also providing support for women affected, and this year, Cancer Council Victoria aims to recruit 700 Victorian women to host their own Girls’ Night In, with the aim of raising \$500,000.

Cancer Council Victoria’s Head of Community Engagement Lyrian Fleming-Parsley said it’s easy for local women to get involved by simply registering to host an event, inviting your girlfriends over for a night in and asking them to donate what they would have spent on a night out.

All funds raised through Girls’ Night In go towards Cancer Council’s work in vital research, prevention and support services for women’s cancers.

“Breast and gynaecological cancers touch many lives in one form or another. Many of our mothers, our grandmas, daughters, sisters, and friends have been affected,” Ms Fleming-Parsley said.

“A third of cancers can be prevented by making healthy lifestyle choices and taking part in the recommended screening programs for your age-group.

“Thanks to advancements in prevention, detection and treatment, women diagnosed with breast cancer now have a 91% chance of surviving for five years. Furthermore, the introduction of the human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine, along with the National Cervical Screening Program, has resulted in cervical cancer being set to become eradicated in Australia by 2022.

“These improvements are thanks to investment in research, prevention and support because of fundraisers like Girls’ Night In.

“Getting together with the girls and starting these conversations is a great way to spread awareness and perhaps change someone’s life.”

Ms Fleming-Parsley said hosts can make their event as big or as small as they like - a casual dinner party, a dress-up movie night, or a pampering session are just a few ideas.

“The possibilities are endless, and any event you host will help support women affected by breast or gynaecological cancer. We rely on the community to help us continue our work,” Ms Fleming-Parsley said.

Register to host a Girls’ Night In this October, and donate the money you would spend on going out to Cancer Council’s vital work in research, prevention and support for women’s cancers.

For more information, visit www.girlsnightin.com.au or call 1300 65 65 85.



On her way ... Numurkah junior tennis talent Hannah O'Brien proudly displays her Tennis Australia ranking.

Hannah on her way up

IT’S officially game on for local junior tennis talent Hannah O’Brien, with her having recently been added to Tennis Australia’s ranking list.

At just 11 years-old, and after playing competitively for less than two years, Hannah is listed 2,026th in the Australian women’s rankings.

In order to move up the rankings, Hannah needs to accrue points by reaching the finals at Tennis Australia junior tour tournaments; something she said she is very keen to do.

“Now that I have a ranking I just want to work harder and harder to get higher in the rankings so I can get to the Australian Open,” she said.

Tennis is far from just a summer sport for Hannah; she has been competing in Bendigo throughout winter as part of the Futures Tennis program, and also travels to Echuca twice each week for coaching.

Having gained much more experience since the *Leader* first spoke to her in April 2018, when she had played on a hard court for the first time at the Wayne Arthurs Cup at Kooyong, Hannah said she now much prefers synthetic courts.

Coming into summer, Hannah will once again be playing in the local senior competition which she joined early last year due to a lack of girls for her to play against in the junior age groups, especially at her skill level.

Hannah became a member of the GV junior representative side early last year, and will soon be competing with the squad at both the Judy Dalton Cup and the Alicia Molik Cup.

Although neither of those tournaments will help her accrue points towards her ranking, they will be good experience and she does have tournaments coming up in Bendigo and Yarrawon-

ga where she will have the opportunity to gain more points.

Hannah’s mum Sharon said that there are a limited number of junior tour tournaments, which provide the competitive pathway for aspiring junior players to accrue points, within a reasonable driving distance.

“There are junior players who travel around to interstate tournaments chasing points, and as much as we’d love to be able to do that, it just isn’t possible,” Sharon said.

“When you’ve got the rest of the family to think about there’s just too much time and money involved.”

Hannah is pretty clear about how things would be if she could get herself there though.

“If I had my driver’s licence I’d be going to all of the tournaments for sure,” she said.

“I want those points.”

Pool regulations to come into force

NEW regulations by the Victorian Government will be coming into force under a raft of new safety measures to ensure existing and new pool and spa barriers are maintained in accordance with the relevant standards.

The Victorian Government intends to commence these new requirements on December 1, 2019.

Moira Shire Council’s Municipal Building Surveyor Peter Phillips said these measures from the Victorian Government will be introduced in an effort to reduce the number of fatal and non-fatal drowning incidents among children aged five and under in private pools and spas.

“There are currently between 1,800 and 2,000 pools and spas throughout the municipality and while this is State Government legislation,

council officers will be tasked to ensure that all affected property owners comply with the new requirements, with high monetary penalties for non-compliance,” Mr Phillips said.

Mr Phillips said, even though the regulations were still in a draft format, if implemented in their current form, it would require Moira Shire Council to further enhance its existing pool and spa register.

“This will ensure all properties that contain a pool and/or spa are registered, and that owners have submitted within the required time limits a ‘certificate of compliance,’” he said.

It will also ensure that affected property owners are advised of the relevant standard applicable to the appropriate barrier construction and the timing for the submission of the certificate

of compliance.”

Property owners will be required to formally apply to be recorded on council’s register and pay a fee, which is set by the Victorian Government.

“Owners must also organise for an inspection of the pool or spa barriers by a qualified person to issue a certificate,” Mr Phillips said.

“If the barriers do not comply, the qualified person undertaking the inspection must issue a non-compliance certificate and advise council immediately.

“It is envisaged that initial registration of all pools and spas will be required by April 2020.”

Further information will be available via Moira Shire’s website as it becomes available from the Victorian Government.

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Raising the flag for inclusion and respect

LOCAL police stations have received a new addition this week, one which speaks to Victoria Police's recognition of indigenous Australians and its desire to maintain good relationships with the aboriginal community.

On Monday, Numurkah, Nathalia and Katamatite police stations were able to raise the aboriginal flag on new flag poles, alongside the Australian flag, in an initiative started and championed by former Federal Member for Indi Cathy McGowan.

The flag poles were purchased and installed with joint funding from Victoria Police and the Department of Justice, whilst the flags were provided by the office of current Federal Member for Indi Dr Helen Haines.

Giving the official address before the aboriginal flag was raised alongside the Australian flag for the first time, Sergeant Tim Gleeson acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, and paid respect to their elders.

Sgt Gleeson also acknowledged that the relationship between Victoria Police and the aboriginal community had, in the past, been strained at times.

"We hope that aboriginal members of our community can see their flag flying here alongside the Australian flag and recognise it as a sign that Victoria Police seeks to treat all members of our community with equal respect, and that we value the relationship we have built with them," he said.

Senior students from Numurkah Primary School did the flag raising honours.

Indigenous grade six student Chris Bodsworth officially thanked the Victoria Police members present, saying that it meant a lot to him to see the aboriginal flag flying outside the police station.

"Now when I go past the police station I will feel more like I'm included, and my culture is respected, and less different to everyone else," he said.

Next month, Tungamah police station will raise its aboriginal flag for the first time when it welcomes a new member to its ranks.

Once the aboriginal flag is flying at Tungamah, it will mean that each of the 27 stations in Eastern Police Region Division Four is flying both flags, making it the only police region in Victoria to do so.





Community Update



Annual General Meetings for Committees of Management

Come along to your local Committee of Management's AGM to discover more about how the various facilities are going and what their future looks like.

Committee of Management	AGM Date	Time	Location
Strathmerton Recreation Reserve	Wed 6 Nov	7.30pm	Strathmerton Recreation Reserve
Strathmerton Public Hall	Mon 11 Nov	8pm	Strathmerton Public Hall
Wunghnu Recreation Reserve	Wed 13 Nov	7pm	Wunghnu Recreation Reserve
Waaia Recreation Reserve	Mon 18 Nov	7.30pm	Waaia Recreation Reserve

Fire Danger Period – 28 October

The Fire Danger Period for CFA District 22 which includes Moira Shire will commence at 0100 hours Monday 28 October.

Once the Fire Danger Period has been declared, fire restrictions come into force. This means you cannot light a fire in the open air unless you have a permit or comply with certain requirements. For more information visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Nominate Your Hero – Australia Day Awards

Show your appreciation for our local community heroes by nominating them for a 2020 Australia Day Award. Nominations can be made online via our website and if you require assistance in completing your application form please contact us. Nominations close **Friday 8 November**.

Beyond the Sounds – EOI still open

Expressions of Interest are still open for a music workshop and performance opportunity for all musicians.

Led by Melbourne musos The Pierce Brothers, the workshop is a FreeZa event and for your chance to be involved head over to our website and fill out the Expressions of Interest form.



Resilient Rural Women breakfast – 28 November

As part of the Resilient Rural Women Forum Series, we invite you to save the date for a '16 Days of Activism' event.

This free community breakfast will be held on Thursday 28 November beginning at 7am at the Cobram Civic Centre with keynote speaker Martine Harte from Engaging Women.

For more information or to RSVP give our friendly Customer Service Team a call.

Special meeting of council – mayoral election – 6 November

A special meeting of council will be held on Wednesday 6 November, beginning at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Cobram Civic Centre, Punt Road.

This meeting is to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Moira Shire Council.

It is open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

Drinks and canapes will be served after the meeting – please phone us to RSVP.

Fruit fly project an absolute winner

GMV Regional Fruit Fly project coordinator Ross Abberfield doesn't only know how to work with other agencies to get a result, he is also a master of understatement.

In Ross' words, the GMV Fruit Fly Project is 'going really well'.

Given the project was recently voted overall winner of the Victorian Regional Achiever of the Year Award, it's fair to say that Ross statement is accurate - and then some.

The awards were presented at a gala presentation dinner on October 11, where the project took out first place in the Prime Super Agricultural Innovation Awards, as well as Victorian Regional Achiever of the Year Award.

Mr Abberfield said the real significance of the win was that each finalist was independently assessed by a panel of experts.

Initially, the project was selected from a field of several hundred nominees throughout Victoria to become a semi-finalist.

It then underwent further independent assessment by expert judges, who voted the project the winner of the Prime Agricultural Innovation Award and overall winner of the Victorian Regional Achiever of the Year Award.

"This isn't about us blowing our own trumpet, our success has been measured and assessed as being worthy of these awards," Mr Abberfield said.

"We would like to thank the award sponsors and organisers for their expertise and commitment to showcasing excellence, which I believe is particularly important to our regional communities."

Mr Abberfield attributes the project's success to the continued commitment of project partners to come together and take a fresh and innovative approach to combating Queensland fruit fly (QFF) through area wide management.

"The cohesive nature of the project's core objectives to limit the effects of the pest, coupled with the community's willingness to get behind the 'No Flies On Us' message, has resulted in gains on a number of fronts in the fight against fruit fly," he said.

"Each of our project partners has played a pivotal role in raising awareness and creating engagement concerning the risks posed by QFF, to



Happy fellas ... Goulburn Murray Valley Regional Fruit Fly Project Governance Group Chair Tony Siciliano and project coordinator Ross Abberfield receive the award at a gala dinner in Melbourne.

not only home gardeners but the region's multi-million dollar horticultural industry and the local economy.

"I would like to thank and acknowledged them for the role they have played in the project's success so far."

Mr Abberfield said the project's partners are buoyed by the fact that there has been a reduction of more than 50% in fruit fly numbers in the region in the past two years, and nearly a 40% increase in Australian stone fruit exports in the

past 12 months.

"Under the guidance and direction of the project's governance group, the project has highlighted what can be achieved through working collectively toward a common cause," he said.

"I think we can conservatively say that we are a leader in fruit fly area-wide management, and, having set the benchmark, we are in a position to export our methods to agricultural regions around the country."

The GMV Regional Fruit Fly project was es-

tablished in 2017 to encourage the community, industry and government to take ownership in managing fruit fly in our region.

The project is funded through the Managing Fruit Fly in Victoria Regional Grants Program, is auspiced by Moira Shire Council and takes in the council areas of Moira, Greater Shepparton, Campaspe, Strathbogie, and Berrigan.

For more information on the GMV Regional Fruit Fly Project and QFF area wide management visit www.gmv-qldfruitfly.com.au.

Social shopping costing us big

NEW research released last week has shown that shopping via social media is burning a hole in Aussie pockets - to the tune of \$16 billion a year.

'Swipe to shop', 'click and collect' and pay later services on social media have made shopping easier and more impulsive than ever, with over a third of Australians (34%) admitting this has led to purchases they wouldn't otherwise have made.

On average, Aussies are spending \$860 annually, with 3.2 million people admitting they buy something they see on their feed at least once a fortnight.

Evidently, targeted shopping opportunities are hard to ignore, with one in five (20%) also admitting they consider buying something on social media every time they scroll through their

feed.

Facebook has taken the crown (22%) as the most popular social shopping platform, ahead of Instagram (9%), YouTube (9%), Snapchat (4%) and Pinterest (4%).

The research, commissioned by ING, also revealed:

- More than half of all Australians (55%) have either bought on social media or been influenced by social to buy something later.
- Over half (53%) of millennials say they shop more on social media now than they did two years ago, compared to Gen X (42%) and Baby Boomers (28%).
- Over a third of Aussie social shoppers (34%) are more likely to impulse buy due to social media and admit they would spend less (32%) if they didn't see things they wanted in their feeds.

• On Instagram, the majority of purchases have been made to stock up wardrobes (44%), book restaurants (30%) and buy beauty / healthcare products (28%).

• 36% agree that social media buying opportunities are very targeted to their interests.

• The daily commute is presenting a new shopping opportunity, with 35% of millennials enjoying shopping via their social media feeds while commuting.

ING Head of Retail, Melanie Evans, said the research found that nearly a quarter of those who shop via social media do not have a spending account separate from their savings account, and a similar number also admit to not keeping track of their online spending, but there are tools people can use to avoid overspending.

"It's a good idea to be aware of the highly tar-

geted advertising often employed by social media platforms, which can increase temptation to buy things we otherwise wouldn't have considered," she said.

"If you are focused on saving, try and avoid those impulse purchases and the buyer's remorse that can come with them. Spontaneous dips into our hard-earned savings all add up.

"And don't forget that social spending is often borderless. Don't get hit with unnecessary fees - accounts with no international transaction fees are an option for those regularly purchasing from international retailers."

This survey was commissioned by ING and conducted by YouGov in September 2019, and surveyed 1,084 Australians aged 18 plus, distributed throughout Australia.

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By Kelvin Sidebottom

New student leaders announced

WITH the end of another school year just weeks away and this year's cohort of year 12 students preparing for final exams, local secondary schools have appointed their student leaders for 2020.

Numurkah Secondary College has departed from tradition, appointing three co-captains and forgoing vice captains.

When the *Leader* caught up with Kaitlyn Dicker, Jack Millen and Matthew O'Flynn earlier this week, all three said they were excited by the opportunity to support their fellow students and set a positive example for them.

"I really want to show a lot of respect for the staff and my fellow students and be a model of what respect looks like in practice, and how it looks to be responsible and look out for your fellow students," Matthew said.

Jack, meanwhile, is keen to be seen by his fellow students as someone they can turn to for support.

"I want to be someone they can come to when they need it, and also someone they can look up to as an example of resilience and staying positive even if you're having a bad day," he said.

Kaitlyn said that, as someone who hasn't always been especially outgoing, she has been inspired by previous student leaders and would like to have the same kind of positive influence in her co-captain role.

"I'd like to be an example to other students that, even if you're shy, you can still take on a leadership role and help people," she said.

"I've really admired the way past student leaders have taken the time to get to know people individually and help them build confidence, and I'd really like to be able to do that too."

As for the leaders they admire, all three new NSC captains have found their best examples close to home - their parents.

NSC Principal Claire Kelly said the college is very proud of the three new co-captains, who have been elected by their peers.

"I'm confident that Matthew, Kaitlyn and Jack will do a great job and are more than capable of seizing the opportunity to re-image what leadership looks like at NSC," she said.

"All three of them will be part of the school review process, which starts next week, and will help identify what is working well and what the school will look like for students over the next five years."

At St Mary of the Angels in Nathalia, four co-captains were officially presented at a college mass on Monday.

Nicholas Thorp from Numurkah, Sophie McCracken from Katunga, Abbey Conroy from Nathalia and Luca Allen from Cobram will be sharing student leadership responsibilities for the next 12 months.

Sophie told the *Leader* that she is looking forward to giving back to the school and local community through the pathway of student leadership.

"I hope to be known as a kind and compassionate leader," she said.

"I really hope to encourage other students to participate in extra-curricular activities around the school and strive to unlock their full potential."

Sophie said that, by their example, previous student leaders had taught her that every leader has very different skillsets and personal attributes that set them apart.

"Each leader has left their own legacy here at St Mary's and made a lasting impact on the school in their very own way. This has encouraged me to be myself and work hard to make an impact and help others."

St Mary's Principal Matt Carver congratulated the new student leaders on their appointment.

"We were presented with an exceptionally strong field of candidates for leadership positions again this year, which is extremely pleasing," he said.

"We look forward to seeing Sophie, Nicholas, Luca and Abbey embrace their exciting new roles in the 2020 College year."



Top trio ... Matthew O'Flynn, Kaitlyn Dicker and Jack Millen are excited to have the opportunity to lead Numurkah Secondary College's students.



New leadership team ... Sophie McCracken, Nicholas Thorp, Luca Allen and Abbey Conroy are St Mary's new student leaders.

Well deserved recognition for Marg



Life membership ... Margaret Edis is now officially a life member of Numurkah Senior Citizens Club

MARGARET Edis is the kind of member every club needs - one who is happy to pitch in and do the myriad little jobs that others might not want to do.

Marg's dedication and commitment to the smooth running of Numurkah Senior Citizens Club has been recognised with the awarding of a life membership to the club.

At 89 years-old, Marg has been attending the club regularly since she and her late husband Jack moved into Numurkah 16 years ago.

No longer physically able to play tennis or golf, both of which she describes herself as having been 'better than average' at, Marg has thrown herself into life at the seniors hub, saying she usually attends around three times a week.

Marg's explanation for always being prepared to help out is simple.

"I think I'm too old to be on the committee, and the committee have their hands full, so I help them out in other ways," she said.

Senior Citizens Club secretary Sue Corbett said Margaret's help is invaluable.

"Marg helps out with so many different things, and her assistance makes things run smoothly and makes life at the club more enjoyable for everybody," Sue said.

"She's an active participant and her life membership is a very well-deserved honour."



Knowledge is power ... Craig Beamish provides a few pointers to Anna Newham, Izaac Koeleman and Angus Newham on restart a heart day, as Linda Howard watches on.

Knowledge is power to restart a heart

THE Numurkah community is now little bit more prepared to respond to a cardiac arrest, with around a dozen people taking the opportunity to learn what to do if they are present when somebody suffers a cardiac arrest.

On ‘Restart a Heart Day’ last Wednesday, local Ambulance Victoria paramedics, supported by SES and CFA volunteers, set-up shop on Melville Street to teach passers-by how to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and operate an Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) machine.

Ambulance Victoria Numurkah Paramedic Team Manager Craig Beamish said every additional person who feels confident to attempt CPR in the event of a cardiac arrest is a bonus for the community.

“We know that if a bystander steps in and begins CPR or uses an AED before we arrive, it doubles the patient’s chance of survival,” he said.

“Bystanders are the critical first link in the chain of survival and can help keep patients alive before our highly-trained paramedics arrive.”

The delivery of CPR or the use of a defibrillator in an emergency is covered by ‘The Good Samaritan Act’, which acknowledges that the user did everything within their power to revive the casualty, and is not at fault for any loss of life.

With a number of AED devices, commonly known as defibrillators, installed at clubs and businesses in Numurkah district, including one located outside the seniors hub that is accessible to the public 24 hours a day, the more people who are familiar with the devices, the better.

Mr Beamish said that, although having a chance to practice using the machines is ideal, it is actually not necessary to have used one before in order to save a life with one.

“Once turned on, the AED provides step-by-step verbal instructions, meaning that no training is required, and anyone can save a life in three simple steps - call, push, shock,” he said.

“We are more than happy to schedule a visit to any club or business that has an AED, to talk people through the process and demystify it for them so they can have a bit more confidence with them.

“Any group that would like to take advantage of that just needs to contact the ambulance station and we’ll organise it with them.”

Craig said people with first-aid training can help to save lives by downloading the GoodSAM Responder app, which alerts responders to a nearby suspected cardiac arrest and the location of the nearest AED.

“We recently expanded GoodSAM, so that

any adult with first-aid training can be alerted to a nearby cardiac arrest,” he said.

GoodSAM responders are never alone. An alert is only sent by the Triple Zero (000) call taker once a health emergency is assessed as safe and appropriate for a GoodSAM responder to assist.

“I encourage anyone who has a first aid qualification to download the GoodSAM App on their smartphone, sign up and support the Numurkah community,” Craig said.

Groups that have AEDs are also encouraged to register them through Ambulance Victoria so that the location can be made public on an on-line registry and locations can be sent to GoodSAM responders when an alert is issued.

However, whether or not you’ve had formal training, you are still encouraged to try and restart a heart if you ever find yourself at the scene of a cardiac arrest emergency without access to trained personnel.

“Any attempt is better than no attempt,” Craig said.

“It could mean the difference between life and death.”

More information about the goodSAM program can be found at www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/goodSAM.

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Letters to the Editor

Mental health at centre of Veterans’ Health Week

SERVICE in the Australian Defence Force is overwhelmingly good for the individual, good for the community and in the national interest.

But some people are impacted by that service and as a government we are committed to putting veterans and their families first.

At any age, good mental health is crucial to your overall health and wellbeing, and plays a key role in being able to overcome life’s challenges. Mental health is everyone’s business — families, friends, employers, community organisations, governments and the ex-service community.

Veterans’ Health Week, held from October

26 to November 3, recognises the importance of good mental health and raises awareness for key areas of health and wellbeing in our veteran and current serving community.

Funding has been granted to support ex-service and community organisations across Australia to host Veterans’ Health Week events that are focused on increasing mental wellness, providing a perfect opportunity to engage with support networks, meet like-minded people and learn more about mental health.

All Australians have a part to play in supporting good mental health and, during Veterans’ Health Week, I encourage veterans and their families to contact their local ex-service organisation and find out how they can get involved in local events.

For more information, resources and to find events near you visit the Veterans’ Health Week page www.dva.gov.au/vhw.

For those in need, Open Arms - Veterans & Family Counselling Service can be contacted on 1800 011 046.

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IT should be of greatest concern to the public that the mainstream media are demanding the right to publish any security matters they deem in the public interest and be given special exemption from any legal and/or other consequences which may flow from their actions.

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NUMURKAH SHIRE COUNCIL.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Present—Crs Schier (President), Ross, McLean, J. H. and Geo. Tuckett, Ball, Moss, Dudley, Gordon, Meiklejohn, Thornton, and Campbell.

Correspondence From Shepparton Agricultural Society, asking that Wednesday (to-day) be proclaimed a public holiday.—Granted.

From Water Supply Commission asking if there was any objection to the sale of 5 acres water reserve, parish of Strathmerton, applied for by J. Mills. — Cr Geo. Tuckett gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting that the motion objecting to the sale of this land be rescinded

From Shire of Kowree asking co-operation in urging that returned soldiers be given the right to vote at Legislative Council elections. — No action

From Ben Cohen, Numurkah, drawing attention to the rapidly increasing numbers of cormorants and pelicans on the creek, to the danger of the fish supply, and asking for a permit to shoot these birds within the town boundary. — Left to riding members concerned and secretary to grant permits. Cr Ross suggested inviting the co-operation of other shires in an effort to exterminate these birds. He moved to that effect, and that the Game and Fisheries Department be asked to formulate a scheme. —Seconded by Cr. G. Tuckett and carried.

From J. S. Vaughan, Strathmerton, asking permission to remove dry trees on the Strathmerton-Cobram road near the railway crossing.—Left in hands of Cr. Meiklejohn.

NUMURKAH WATER TRUST.
Rating By-Laws

On this question Com. Ball objected to a flat rate, and suggested a differential rate, as obtained in years past. It was not to his personal interest to advocate this, as his property would be rated on the higher basis. It was unjust to compel people who could derive no benefit from the creeks to pay as high a rate as those living on the creeks. He moved that the rate be 3d and 2d.—Com. G. Tuckett seconded.

This Morning's "Leader."—Owing to the extended report of the show, we have inserted an extra sheet in this morning's issue.

Our readers have thus about 25 columns of reading matter given them, an amount of space rarely achieved by a provincial journal.

Preferential Voting.—Future elections in this shire will be conducted under the preferential system, but as the trouble generally is to arrange a contest of any sort, the information is not of very great importance.

MUCKATAH PREMIERS
DRUMANURE DEFEATED

Saturday saw the final match of the Goulburn Valley Football Association, but the game was not generally worthy of the occasion.

For this the hot weather was no doubt largely responsible, the players not being envied by the large crowd that for the most part sought the shade of the grandstand and trees. Before commencing the game, the umpire (Moxham of the League) addressed the players and intimated that he had been "approached" in the interests of one of the teams. He did not indicate which was meant, but stated that he did not intend allowing the incident to affect him, but would deal fairly with both. There was a large attendance on the ground, some £33 being taken at the gate.

Muckatah attacked strongly at the bounce, and after a few minutes' play F. Carroll raised the first two flags from a punt. Muckatah again attacked, but Drummy got the ball to the other end, where a behind was snapped. Give and take play ended in Muckatah being given a chance to score from an easy shot, but only a behind came of it. Drumanure here look a hand again and worked forward, but a free relieved, though, chiefly through R. Williams and Eddy, the ball was sent forward again, and out of bounds play followed.

Drumanure continued to attack strongly, but the Muckatah backs were hard to elude, and nothing came. The first quarter scores saw Muckatah 6 points in the lead—1.1 to 1 behind.



Jam session ... Chris Maunders leads students from the three schools in playing a soundtrack to the picture story book *Big Rain Coming*.

Local students embrace the harp

STUDENTS from Wunghnu, Waaia-Yalca South and Zeerust primary schools recently got the chance to learn new skills on an old favourite, and embraced it with gusto.

Students from the three small schools gathered at Zeerust primary for an interactive group harmonica workshop with harmonica player Chris Maunders, who has recently become the first person in Australian history to carry out formal music tuition on the chromatic harmonica with an Honours degree.

Participants from foundation to grade six eagerly took to their new favourite instruments, and within a short period, developed the skills to play chords, single-note melodies and a variety of cool tricks on the harmonica.

The students also partook in deep-breathing

exercises and fun rhythmic games with an extraordinary amount of enthusiasm.

Mr Maunders said he was blown away by how well the students responded.

"Most of the students hadn't even seen a harmonica before, but by the end of the day, the school yard sounded like a harmonica orchestra," he said.

After the workshops, the students got to keep their new harmonicas, along with further learning materials.

Waaia-Yalca South principal Susan Olley told the *Leader* that all of the students had a great time, and were thrilled to come away with their own harmonica.

"It was a great opportunity to be exposed to a new instrument and experience the sounds it

could make," she said.

"It's quite basic and easy to catch on, and the students were really pleased to be able to make recognisable sounds and music on it after a short space of time."

Mr Maunders told the *Leader* that, prior to the introduction of standard recorder tuition in schools, the harmonica was the go-to instrument for basic music tuition; something Miss Olley said she would be quite pleased to see return.

"I do much prefer the sound of the harmonica, and I'm sure most parents probably would too," she said.

Maunders runs his "Harp's a Breeze" harmonica workshops throughout Melbourne and greater Victoria and will be returning to Moira Shire and Greater Shepparton in 2020.

Show windows go head to head

TODAY may be show day, but competition started in earnest last Friday, with local businesses vying to take out the honours for best window display.

Businesses of all types embraced the theme of shoes and boots, each providing their own unique take on the theme.

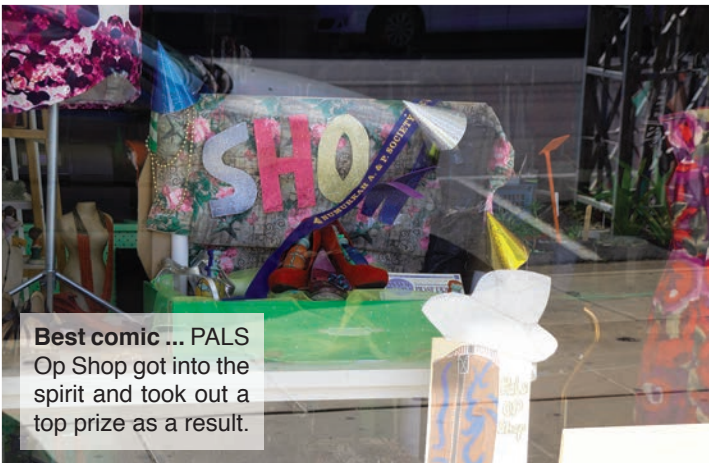
The judges from the A&P Society committee enjoyed all the entries, but managed to choose a stand-out in each category.

And the winners are ...

- Best Dressed Window: Life Transitions Advice.
 - Best Modern Window: Flowers on Melville.
 - Best Comic Window: PALS Op Shop.
 - Best Overall Display: Red Cross Op Shop.
 - Judges Choice: Red Cross Op Shop.
- Congratulations to all the winners!



Best modern ... Flowers on Melville used plenty of greenery in their display.



Best comic ... PALS Op Shop got into the spirit and took out a top prize as a result.



Best dressed ... Life Transitions Advice teamed with the theme.



Best overall and judges' choice ... Red Cross Op Shop threw everything at it and reaped the rewards.



One of life's little treasures ... Haylee and Katrina Brereton have come a long way together, and will walk together on Sunday to help others like them.

Join Nathalia's walk for premmies

DESPITE it being more than nine years since her daughter Haylee entered the world at 31 weeks gestation, Waaia's Katrina Brereton well remembers the stress of having a longed-for baby born prematurely.

"It was so frightening and overwhelming and you really think 'now what do I do?'" Katrina said.

Fortunately for the Brereton family, shortly before Haylee was born an organisation had been formed with the specific purpose of helping families like theirs.

Life's Little Treasures Foundation supports families of premature and sick babies, and was a godsend to Katrina in the early weeks following Haylee's birth.

"They supplied us with grocery and fuel vouchers which took the financial pressure off so I

could stay with Haylee for the almost 10 weeks she spent in hospital in Melbourne and Shepparton," Katrina said.

"Those things made a huge difference, but their parent telephone support line was the most valuable thing.

"The doctors give you information in medical-speak, and even when you ask for clarification it can be quite hard to understand. To be able to ring the parent support line and have someone who has been through it themselves explain it to you in plain English made a huge difference."

In recognition of the valuable service provided by Life's Little Treasures, Katrina has organised a local leg of their annual nationwide fundraising event, Walk for Prem's.

The event, the third organised by Katrina in the

GV, will be held at Nathalia Primary School this Sunday.

Registrations commence at 9.30am with the walk, which is always a joyous procession of parents, prams, dogs, and kids on bikes, setting off from the school at 10.30am, making its way to the recreation reserve and then back to the school along the Broken Creek.

Once the walkers get back to the school, it's celebration time, with a jumping castle, face painting, a sausage sizzle and the drawing of a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses, including a family pass to Cactus Country and a hamper from The Big Strawberry.

Katrina told the *Leader* that she is hoping to raise \$5,000 for Life's Little Treasures through the event.

"They offer such a great service, including in-

formation and events for dads and grandparents, which is just so valuable, and I'd really like to be able to help them as much as we can," she said.

"We also want to raise awareness, because not everybody knows about it and it can be really life-changing for you if you find yourself in that challenging situation."

Walk for Prem's is also a chance to celebrate the premmies who made it, and remember those who didn't.

"We hold a bubble ceremony to honour the premmies who don't make it, because not everyone is as lucky as we've been."

Registration for the walk costs \$25 for adults, \$10 for children and \$7 for babies, and everybody is welcome.

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NUMURKAH def EUROA

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1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

D Grandell c S Hemeter b M Priyadarshana.....	63
J Smith c R Jones b S Hemeter	54
W Arnel c L Paul b NW Abley	37
SE Downie lbw b M Priyadarshana	9
J Lau c M Priyadarshana b NW Abley	6
M Eckard not out	0
L Gledhill not out	43
M Price not out	6
Extras (nb 0, w 12, b 0, lb 3)	15
Total	6/233
Overs 45.0	

FOW: 125 (D Grandell) 127 (J Smith) 136 (SE

Downie) 151 (J Lau) 205 (W Arnel)

Bowling: F Paul 9.0 0 0 67; SS Dadallage 4.0 2 0 5; J Smith 6.0 0 0 28; R Dowell 3.0 0 0 18; M Priyadarshana 7.2 0 2 26; S Hemeter 7.1 0 1 34; NW Abley 7.0 0 2 41.

1ST INNINGS - EUROA

R Jones c J Smith b M Cline	0
D Redfern c J Lau b SE Downie	18
M Priyadarshana c L Gledhill b T Braybon	0
J Robertson c W Arnel b M Cline	0
SS Dadallage c D Grandell b M Cline	26
S Hemeter c M Grandell b T Braybon	22
L Paul c M Cline b L Gledhill	19
R Dowell c M Grandell b T Braybon	3
NW Abley lbw b T Braybon	0
J Smith c & b M Eckard	0
F Paul not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 4, b 0, lb 1)	5
Total	10/96
Overs 40.3	

FOW: 0 (R Jones) 4 (M Priyadarshana) 7 (J Robertson) 35 (SS Dadallage) 54 (D Redfern) 91 (L Paul) 95 (S Hemeter) 95 (R Dowell) 95 (J Smith) 96 (NW Abley)

Bowling: M Cline 7.0 1 3 25; T Braybon 6.3 3 4 17; SE Downie 7.0 2 1 11; M Grandell 8.0 2 0 25; M Eckard 8.0 4 1 10; L Gledhill 4.0 0 1 7.

KATANDRA def KYABRAM

Toss won by Kyabram, bowled first

1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA

B Clurey c B McLay b J Hipwell	72
B Black run out (K Mueller)	0
L Patel c J McLay b L Hanslow	6
JM Wright st B McLay b J Hipwell	53
S Richardson c K Mueller b PD Parsons	13
H Sirett c K Mueller b J McLay	39
JG Wright c K Mueller b J Hipwell	1
A Riordan c CR Mueller b PD Parsons	7
P Inglis not out	11
S Dickson not out	5
Extras (nb 0, w 4, b 0, lb 4)	8
Total	8/215 (cc)
Overs 45.0	

FOW: 6 (B Black) 19 (L Patel) 128 (JM Wright) 135 (B Clurey) 160 (S Richardson) 162 (JG Wright) 193 (A Riordan) 200 (H Sirett)

Bowling: J McLay 8.0 2 1 38; L Hanslow 6.0 1 1 32; CD Hawes 6.0 0 0 21; PD Parsons 7.0 2 3 37; A McKenzie 3.0 0 0 20; A Young 6.0 0 0 25; J Hipwell 9.0 0 3 38.

1ST INNINGS - KYABRAM

PA Newman c H Sirett b P Inglis	47
PD Parsons lbw b S Dickson	15
CR Mueller c & b S Richardson	15
K Mueller c B Clurey b S Richardson	0
A Young c & b RW Shannon	0
B McLay c H Sirett b RW Shannon	1
A McKenzie b P Inglis	1
CD Hawes c & b A Riordan	11
L Hanslow c & b S Richardson	10
J McLay c S Richardson b L Patel	13
J Hipwell not out	0
Extras (nb 2, w 3, b 0, lb 1)	6
Total	119
Overs 37.3	

FOW: 35 (PD Parsons) 61 (CR Mueller) 61 (K Mueller) 70 (A Young) 72 (B McLay) 77 (A McKenzie) 86 (PA Newman) 104 (CD Hawes) 119 (J McLay) 119 (L Hanslow)

Bowling: H Sirett 4.0 0 0 21; S Dickson 5.0 2 1 25; RW Shannon 6.0 2 2 17; S Richardson 6.3 1 3 14; P Inglis 4.0 0 2 12; A Riordan 7.0 1 1 19; L Patel 5.0 2 1 10.

MOOROOPNA def WAAIA

Toss won by Mooroopna, batted first

1ST INNINGS - MOOROOPNA

M MacCansh c SC Carey b J Cleeland	21
B McDonald run out (J Trower)	38
SS Shaikh c L Henderson b S Moore	61
B Mulcahy c BG Carey b MJ Cleeland	37
J Wright st BG Carey b S Moore	47
P Marshall c BG Carey b S Moore	0
S D'Elia c SC Carey b J Trower	16
H Barrow run out (J Trower)	6
S O'Brien not out	1
M Kitto not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 7, b 0, lb 2)	9
Total	8/236 (cc)
Overs 45.0	

FOW: 47 (M MacCansh) 96 (B McDonald) 147 (SS Shaikh) 197 (J Wright) 197 (P Marshall) 218 (B Mulcahy) 234 (H Barrow) 236 (S D'Elia)

Bowling: J Trower 9.0 0 1 31; MJ Cleeland 9.0 1 1 25; J Cleeland 8.0 0 1 52; L Henderson 9.0 0 0 41; JD Johnson 2.0 0 0 17; S Moore 8.0 0 3 68.

1ST INNINGS - WAAIA

BG Carey run out (J Wright)	54
b J Wright	13
A Ciavarella run out (B McDonald)	11
MJ Cleeland c J Wright b B McDonald	46

J Cleeland c B McDonald b S D'Elia	18
JD Johnson c SS Shaikh b S D'Elia	4
J Trower c M MacCansh b S D'Elia	10
S Moore c M Kitto b A DiFede	6
R Knight b H Barrow	5
L Henderson c B McDonald b A DiFede	10
SC Carey not out	0
Extras (nb 4, w 9, b 3, lb 4)	20
Total	197
Overs 44.0	

FOW: 62 (*****) 84 (A Ciavarella) 100 (BG Carey) 133 (JD Johnson) 133 (J Cleeland) 152 (J Trower) 174 (MJ Cleeland) 182 (R Knight) 197 (L Henderson) 197 (S Moore)

Bowling: H Barrow 8.0 2 1 23; A DiFede 7.0 1 2 14; J Wright 6.0 1 1 44; P Marshall 9.0 1 0 38; S D'Elia 9.0 0 2 44; B McDonald 5.0 0 2 27.

LADDER	P	B	W2W1	D	L1	L2	PTS	%
Numurkah	3	0	0	3	0	0	18	3.48
Katandra	2	1	0	2	0	0	18	1.84
Nagambie	3	0	0	2	1	0	15	1.65
Waaia	2	1	0	1	0	1	12	1.48
Mooroopna	3	0	0	2	0	1	12	1.47
Northerns	3	0	0	2	0	1	12	1.25
Kyabram	3	0	0	2	0	1	12	1.14
Old Students	2	1	0	1	0	1	12	0.90
Karramomus	3	0	0	1	0	2	6	0.98
Shepp United	3	0	0	1	0	2	6	0.41
Tatura	3	0	0	0	1	2	3	0.36
CP/St Bs	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0.60
Euroa	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0.32

B GRADE

EUROA lt NUMURKAH

Toss won by Numurkah, bowled first

1ST INNINGS - EUROA

KJ Robertson c J Morris b B Roberts	2
N Hill b B Roberts	5
Z Rawlings lbw b B Smith	0
L Hill c S Dawson b B Roberts	0
N Burke b B Roberts	1
T Stefanos c D Ebborn b M Martin	19
N Dowell b S Spicer	4
M Lawrence lbw b B Smith	14
D Wilson c & b RL Lacuin	1
Z Williams not out	13
c RL Lacuin b S Spicer	0
Extras (nb 1, w 13, b 0, lb 0 pen 5)	19
Total	78
Overs 37.5	

FOW: 3 (KJ Robertson) 4 (Z Rawlings) 7 (L Hill) 8 (N Hill) 12 (N Burke) 18 (N Dowell) 49 (T Stefanos) 52 (D Wilson) 71 (M Lawrence) 78 (*****)

Bowling: B Smith 9.0 6 2 10; B Roberts 9.0 3 4 16; S Spicer 4.5 0 2 21; RL Lacuin 9.0 2 1 22; M Martin 6.0 4 1 4.

1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

J Morris b N Dowell	4
D Ebborn c, b Z Williams	4
J Pruden c Z Rawlings b D Wilson	30
K Jackson not out	32
B Smith not out	4
Extras (nb 0, w 7, b 0, lb 3)	10
Total	3/84
Overs 19.1	

FOW: 7 (D Ebborn) 22 (J Morris) 66 (J Pruden)

Bowling: N Dowell 6.0 0 1 20; Z Williams 5.0 1 1 17; Z Rawlings 3.0 0 0 16; T Stefanos 3.0 0 0 10; D Wilson 1.1 0 1 12; 1.0 0 0 6.

KYABRAM def KATANDRA

Toss won by Kyabram, batted first

1ST INNINGS - KYABRAM

PM Parsons run out (AE Nicholls)	65
T Nelson lbw b AE Nicholls	31
J Young st M Black b AE Nicholls	4
J Fitzgerald b NJ Hickey	8
R Brown c & b RJ Hopkins	0
J Leocata c B Black	29
J Parsons b C Simpson	2
N Ryan b C Simpson	2
DJ Parsons not out	10
K Singh not out	1
Extras (nb 0, w 16, b 0, lb 2)	18
Total	8/170 (cc)
Overs 45.0	

FOW: 80 (T Nelson) 88 (J Young) 109 (J Fitzgerald) 113 (R Brown) 121 (PM Parsons) 128 (J Parsons) 134 (N Ryan) 168 (J Leocata)

1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA

M Black b K Singh	38
C Simpson c DJ Parsons b N Chambers	6
RJ Ireland c R Brown b K Singh	13
T Wilson c J Parsons b PM Parsons	2
NJ Hickey c J Young b PM Parsons	14
K Rosevear c & b PM Parsons	33
M Nolen c J Leocata b PM Parsons	10
M Campbell c & b PM Parsons	10
RJ Hopkins b DJ Parsons	0
AE Nicholls not out	1
D Simpson not out	1
Extras (nb 0, w 15, b 0, lb 2)	17
Total	9/145 (cc)
Overs 45.0	

Bowling: DJ Parsons 7.0 1 1 25; N Chambers 5.0 1 1 26; J Parsons 9.0 4 0 16; K Singh 9.0 3 2 15; R Brown 7.0 1 0 30; PM Parsons 8.0 1 5 29.

WAAIA lt MOOROOPNA

Toss won by Waaia, batted first

1ST INNINGS - WAAIA

G Meyland b JM Preston	2
A Hatch b RJ Young	37
M Stuart b JM Preston	32
R Trimby not out	0
H Hixon lbw b RJ Young	7
D Booth c RJ Young b TB Hall	19
M Daniel lbw b JM Preston	5
BJ Daniel c D Zampaglione b R Moon	24
D Wilson c JM Preston b TB Hall	0
L Newman c J Catalano b RJ Young	0
X Daniel b TB Hall	0
Extras (nb 2, w 10, b 0, lb 3)	15

Total	141
Overs 35.0	

Bowling: JJ Woods 3.0 0 0 15; JM Preston 9.0 2 3 21; R Moon 5.0 0 1 15; TB Hall 7.0 3 3 25; D Zampaglione 6.0 1 0 29; RJ Young 4.0 0 3 20; J Catalano 1.0 0 0 13.

1ST INNINGS - MOOROOPNA

J MacCansh c & b G Meyland	16
J Catalano c & b A Hatch	12
T Brown c & b M Stuart	32
P McDonald lbw b M Stuart	18
JM Preston not out	37
TB Hall b M Stuart	5
D Zampaglione not out	6
Extras (nb 1, w 15, b 1, lb 1)	18
Total	5/144
Overs 33.0	

FOW: 29 (J Catalano) 48 (J MacCansh) 88 (P McDonald) 109 (T Brown) 123 (TB Hall)

Bowling: G Meyland 5.0 0 1 22; A Hatch 4.0 0 1 24; M Stuart 9.0 1 3 25; R Trimby 9.0 2 0 29; H Hixon 3.0 0 0 15; BJ Daniel 1.0 0 0 10; D Wilson 2.0 0 0 17.

LADDER	P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	PTS	%
Shepp United	3	0	3	0	0	0	18	3.64
Kyabram	3	0	3	0	0	0	18	2.07
Undera	3	0	2	0	1	0	12	1.74
Katandra	3	0	2	0	1	0	12	1.08
Mooroopna	3	0	2	0	1	0	12	0.99
Pine Lodge	3	0	2	0	1	0	12	0.96
Northerns	3	0	2	0	1	0	12	0.81
CP/St Bs	3	0	1	0	2	0	6	1.08
Numurkah	3	0	1	0	2	0	6	1.04
Karramomus	3	0	1	0	2	0	6	0.93
Waaia	3	0	1	0	2	0	6	0.84
Tatura	3	0	1	0	2	0	6	0.73
Euroa	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.49
Old Students	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.47

C GRADE

MURCHISON def NUMURKAH

Toss won by Murchison, bowled first

1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

H Verhoeven c DJ Rowney b B Twynstra	41
D Roberts c MB Rowney b A Miller	2
K O' Dwyer b D Rowney	12
D Hughes lbw b D Rowney	1
J Verhoeven run out	12
H Lambert b L Twynstra	0
C Morris not out	4
S Morris not out	8
C Beer b Dj Rowney	0
Extras (nb 4, w 18, b 6, lb 0)	28
Total	7/108 (cc)
Overs 40.0	

FOW: 8 (S Morris) 21 (D Roberts) 57 (K O' Dwyer) 62 (D Hughes) 94 (J Verhoeven) 95 (H Verhoeven) 95 (H Lambert) 99 (C Beer)

Bowling: D Rowney 8.0 0 2 19; DjRowney 6.0 1 1 10; A Miller 5.0 0 1 13; M Coenerty 8.0 0 0 17; L Twynstra 5.0 0 2 30; MB Rowney 1.0 0 0 1; D Marsters 5.0 1 0 7; C Miller 1.0 0 0 5.

1ST INNINGS - MURCHISON

B Reilly c C Morris b H Verhoeven	2
L Twynstra c & b D Roberts	50
D Marsters c D Hughes b J Verhoeven	13
M Drew c H Verhoeven b R Verhoeven	35
R Young run out	2
M Coenerty not out	2
C Miller run out	0
A Miller not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 11, b 0, lb 2)	13
Total	6/117
Overs 23.0	

FOW: 6 (B Reilly) 48 (D Marsters) 86 (L Twynstra) 90 (R Young) 106 (C Miller) 117 (M Drew)

Bowling: H Lambert 3.0 0 0 19; H Verhoeven 3.0 0 1 18; J Verhoeven 4.0 0 1 12; C Morris 3.0 0 0 20; D Roberts 3.0 0 1 13; C Beer 2.0 0 0 14; R Verhoeven 3.0 0 1 13; K O' Dwyer 2.0 0 1 6.

LADDER	P	B	W2W1	D	L1	L2	PTS	%
Toolamba	3	0	0	3	0	0	18	2.31
Shepp United	3	0	0	3	0	0	18	1.23
Murchison	3	0	0	2	0	1	12	1.32
Mpna Blue	2	1	0	1	0	1	12	0.15
Numurkah	3	0	0	2	0	1	12	-0.13
Mpna White	3	0	0	2	0	1	12	-0.76
Nagambie	3	0	0	1	0	2	6	0.11
Karramomus	3	0	0	1	0	2	6	-0.92
Tatura	2	1	0	0	0	2	6	-1.39
Euroa	2	1	0	0	0	2	6	-1.68
Pine Lodge	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	-1.04

D GRADE

WAAIA def KYABRAM on forfeit

	on forfeit							
LADDER	P	B	W2W1	D	L1	L2	PTS	%
Undera	2	0	0	2	0	0	12	0.78
Northerns	1	1	0	1	0	0	12	0.30
Kyabram	2	0	0	1	0	1	6	3.83
Karramomus	2	0	0	1	0	1	6	0.45
Waaia	2	0	0	1	0	1	6	-0.79
CP/St Bs	2	0	0	1	0	1	6	-1.86
Invergordon	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	-0.20

Pauline’s star shines bright

by “The Shankster”

PAULINE Davies capped off a terrific golf season by winning the star medal round at Numurkah Golf Club on Saturday.

While Pauline’s score wasn’t the best for the day, her 72 nett won a three-way countback to be the best of those in the play-off, who had won monthly medals during the past 12 months.

Kath Hepworth had a terrific score of 69 nett, but wasn’t in the running for the play-off. She is now the first name on the list for next year’s star medal.

Kath finished three shots ahead of the trio on 72, Pauline Davies, Nola Dalton and Tracey Clouston. They were followed by Julie Hannaford with 73 nett, and Lorraine Craig took the last of the balls with 75.

Nola won nearest the pin on both the seventh and 15th holes, and Tracey had the best shot to the 18th green.

Tracey also pocketed a ball for having the best scratch score, a terrific 78 shots.

The women wound up their winter season last Wednesday, with a nine hole stableford event, followed by lunch, presentations and their AGM.

Tracey Clouston was reinstated as captain for the next year, with Pauline Davies again at her side, and Bev McIntosh will remain for another year as president of the lady golfers.

Julie Hannaford won the golf, with 20 points, ahead of Robyn Hodgkin and Felicity Booth, both with 19 points, and Robyn won the last cake hole voucher for the year, and will be heading off to the Numurkah Bakery for a delicious cake and coffee.

On top of presentations for events that were decided during the season, such as the championships and knockouts, there were also a number of other presentations made, and it was amazing to see how many ties there were for these prizes.

Robyn Hodgkin and Merren Carr tied for the Gwen Christie points trophy, while Pauline Davies, Tracey Clouston and Nola Dalton made up a three-way tie for the most birdies scored during the season.

Nola Dalton had the least number of putts on designated days throughout the season, while Bev Peacock and Helen Schmedje both chipped in seven times.

From here on, it became the Bev Peacock show with the new club member enjoying a very successful winter season.

Bev tied with Merren Carr for the most pars of the 26-45 handicappers, with 12 each, and won the eclectic trophy in the same handicap division.

Along with collecting her yearly medal trophy, she also tied for the best five nett scores with Robyn Hodgkin.

Bev Hutchins and Kath Hepworth had the best five stableford scores, and Pauline Davies won the eclectic for 0-27 handicappers.

And so summer golf begins, and a real summer day dawned for the first day of the summer fourball pennant on Monday, and the Numurkah ‘Worksafe’ girls suffered a first up loss.

Starting behind the eight ball, with one player unable to play at the last minute, the five pairs could only manage two wins, going down to Shepparton Gold 2-3.

Nola Dalton and Di Davies gave their opponents a big whipping, with a 6/5 win but, to balance the ledger, Robyn Hodgkin and Bev Peacock were beaten by the same margin.

Bev McIntosh and Sandy Trimble had a 3/1 victory to record the team’s second win.

Julie Hannaford and Lorraine Craig fought hard to go the distance after being five down with five holes to play, and suffered a narrow loss, while Bev Hutchins lined up on her own and went down 7/6.

The girls will have another tough assignment next Monday when they meet Shepparton Navy on their home track.

The summer syllabus now begins, and we get right into the swing of things first up with a monthly medal round today.

Saturday will be a fourball stableford multiplier, and next Wednesday will be an individual stableford round.

The annual presentation night will be held on Saturday night, and all golfers are urged to attend to show their support for the club.

Good news for the real fanatics, is that the first nine hole chick run for the summer season will be held tomorrow. There are tee times all day if you can organise someone to play with, or there are plenty who go out either in the morning, or late afternoon.

Everyone is welcome, even those without handicaps just wanting to give golf a try.

Seniors kick up their putters

THE Victorian Seniors Festival was celebrated in fine style in Numurkah last week, with more than 80 players on the golf course on both Thursday and Friday last week for the annual two day seniors classic event.

Local golfer Helen Schmedje won the overall women’s event with 70 points, after two very consistent days, while former local Doug Pocknee won the A grade men’s event with a terrific second day score of 40 points, to add to his previous day’s 35.

The men’s B grade winner was one of the many visitors who made the trip to Numurkah for two or more days, Shane Pianta from Carrington Park, also with 75 points.

The three runners-up were all Numurkah locals, Ron Smith in A grade, Geoff Partington in B grade, and Lorraine Craig finished two shots behind Smedje in the women’s event.

Partington was the only local man to finish in the top two on day one, Thursday, recording 39 points to finish just a point behind Geoff Purcell in division two.

William Wright won division one with 37 points, ahead of Don Kennedy on 36.

Helen Schmedje won day one with 35 points, ahead of Jeanette Adams on 32.

Doug Pocknee had the best score on day two, with a very nice round 40 points, relegating Alan Newby into second place with 38 points.

Pianta lost a countback on day two to take second place, behind Bill Padgett, with 37 points.

Bev Hutchins made a 17 shot turnaround from day one to win the second day in a canter, with 41 points, five points ahead of Lorraine Craig on 36 points.



Age no barrier ... Overall winners of the seniors classic, Helen Schmedje, Doug Pocknee and Shane Pianta.

So close ... and yet so far

by “Nipper”

Numurkah Golf bowlers once again fell agonisingly short of a win, going down against Wunghnu in division one last Saturday just going down by four shots overall.

It was a classic battle between two very competitive sides, as the closeness of some of the scores would indicate.

The big winner on the day was Rob Glover, who led his team of Geoff Sutcliffe, Jan Niven and Gavin Parkinson to a 19 shot victory. Rob played the shot of the day, turning a seven down situation into a one up result.

Brian “Chops” Stanger and his team of Steve Patching, Syd Roughsedge and Lidija Patching tried very hard to limit the influence of their opposing skip, Barry Cosgrove, but, despite their efforts, they came up a bit short.

The rink of Mark Jones, Frank Houlihan, Des Staggard and Brian “Groover” Gentle also just pulled up short, by two shots, and the final rink of Joe Luci, Ian Hocking, Neil “Nipper” Macklin and Lindsay “Butch” Browning also fought out a close match, going down by three shots.

Even though the Golfers are yet to record

an overall win, the feeling in the side is buoyant and they all believe that a win is just around the corner.

This coming Saturday against Finley RSC would be just the time to get that win on the board.

The division three side well and truly flew the flag for NGBC on the weekend, recording an incredible 35 shot victory over To-cumwal.

They were led, once again, by the skip of the moment Allan Newby and his team of Robyn Hodgkin, Alf Harrison and Yvonne Clark who were able to notch up a 16 shot win.

The rink of Jack Dell, Ken Hodgson, David “Wiggy” Miller and Adam Bugeya were very close behind Newbs’ rink, winning by an impressive 15 shots.

The final rink of Ron Pickersgill, John Pickersgill, Col “Doc” Hicks and Linda Isted rounded out the clean sweep by getting over the line with a four shot victory.

The division four side had the bye.

Entries closed last Sunday for the club championship so anyone who has entered should keep an eye on the notice board for

dates and times of the matches, and of course the draw as well.

SATURDAY’S TEAMS

Division one - at Finley RS.

M. Jones (s), F. Houlihan, D. Staggard, B. Gentle, J. Luci (s), I. Hocking, N. Macklin, B. Browning, B. Stanger (s), J. Dell, S. Roughsedge, L. Patching, R. Glover (s), G. Sutcliffe, J. Niven, G. Parkinson. Bus leaves 11.45am.

Division three - at home to Jerilderie.

R. Pickersgill (s), G. Edis, C. Hicks, L. Isted, S. Patching (s), K. Hodgson, D. Miller, A. Bugeya, A. Newby (s), R. Hodgkin, A. Harrison, Y. Clark.

Division 4 - at home to Strathmerton.

J. Pickersgill (s), H. Pickersgill, M. Fayers, M. Tobin, L. Browning, L. Milner, M. Smith, B. Parkinson.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

First round draw, to be played Sunday 10am.

M. Jones v J. Pickersgill, R. Pickersgill v J. Dell, G. Parkinson v B. Parkinson, J. Luci v G. Sutcliffe, I. Hocking v D. Staggard, S. Roughsedge v R. Glover, K. Hodgson v N. Macklin, B. Browning v G. Edis.

Warriors’ shaky start

by “Eve Hill”

AFTER a bye in round one of Goulburn Murray tennis, Numurkah’s GM1 Warriors didn’t get their premiership defence off to the greatest start on Saturday, lowering their colours by 15 games to the Shepp Bulls, 3/52 to 7/67.

The Warriors were without their two best players, Nick Fenaughty and Helene Steward, who were unavailable, but Mark Mills’ team gave it a red hot go.

New recruit Lisa Niglia showed her class with an 8-0 singles win and then teamed up with her son Aaron for a gritty 8-5 doubles victory.

Another new member Grant Chappell had a nice win in his singles match and he will no doubt prove to be a handy acquisition for the club.

This week the Warriors are back on home soil where they will take on the Shepp Lakers in an effort to get their title defence into top gear.

RAIDERS BACK ON TRACK

The GM2 Raiders made the journey to Yarrawonga on Saturday and came away with a great morale boosting victory, winning 9/69 to 2/34.

Young Rhys Cason played his first game for the Raiders, teaming up with his dad Matt for a fine 8-2 win. Then later in the day he joined forces with another youngster, Hannah O’Brien, for an 8-6 mixed victory.

Cara Briggs, Andrew “Strazz” Storer and Matt Cason all had three set-winning days, while Catherine Church, Rhys and Hannah won two from three in a comprehensive bounce back win from the defending champions.

Strazz, in particular, had a day out, losing only two games for the entire afternoon.

They will attempt to keep the wheels on the rails when they tackle traditional rival Nathalia at the Numurkah courts this Saturday.

PENGUINS LEFT OUT IN THE COLD

The Penguins travelled to Kyabram for their round two GM3 East clash and were reasonably confident of a good showing, but had a horror day, losing 2/45 to 11/95 in one of their biggest losses for a few years.

On a cool, blustery day, the Waddlers came up against a very good and experienced Kyabram side which didn’t let them into the contest at any stage.

Playing surfaces that were giving a lot of uneven bounce made the visitors’ job that much harder, but there were some bright spots.

James Kam put in a terrific effort to win his singles 6-4 and his mixed with Carol Storer 8-5.

Rell Page and James’ sibling Michael were stiff to go down in a tiebreaker, while new recruit Chris Deitch showed he will be a big asset to the Penguins once he acclimatises to the nuances of playing on grass.

Billi Fasano played her first game back after maternity leave and will only get better with each passing week.

This Saturday the Penguins will try and regroup when they are at home and will host the Tatura Chargers.

RAVENS AVOID REDBACKS’ WEB

The GM3 Open Ravens, cock a hoop after their drubbing of Tatura last week, continued on their merry way, accounting for the Kyabram Redbacks at Kyabram, 7/63 to 2/45.

The Ravens’ win was set up by the performances of Pete Smyth, Liam Booth and Dete Page, who all produced sublime three set-winning efforts.

Both Dete and Liam were back on the courts after an absence of some time and they will be very handy picks ups for the defending champions.

Dete’s son Nathan Page played with his dad in the doubles and had a terrific time as they chalked up a great win in their contest.

The reliable Cathy Brown and Katie Mills also had good afternoons at the office, notching up two wins apiece, with Katie looking very serene and relaxed while husband Mark was taking care of their three daughters for the afternoon.

This Saturday the Ravens will take on the other Kyabram side, the Bombers, at the Numurkah courts to try and keep their incredible winning streak alive.



A fine pair ... Helen Pickersgill and Linda Isted after their club pairs win last week.

Good bowls on show

SPECTATORS were treated to a very fine display of bowling when the final of the Numurkah Golf Bowls ladies club pairs event was played last Tuesday.

New member Linda Isted partnered Helen Pickersgill to a terrific victory, defeating Marie Ryan and Lorraine Milner in the decider.

Last Friday was a good day for both of the club's midweek pennant teams, with both the division one and two sides having wins.

The division one side defeated Tocumwal Golf 89-51, winning on all three rinks.

Robyn Hodgkin's girls had another comfortable win 34-12, Loris Houlihan's team won 27-17, and Jan Niven's rink won 28-22 to give the Golf all 16 points on offer.

The division two side just missed out

on a clean sweep, defeating Numurkah 80-67, with two rink wins.

Helen Eddy defeated Sue Shaw 32-23, Marie Ryan was too good for the Liz Rees skipped rink, and Merren Carr just went down to Robyn Gilmour's rink.

PENNANT TEAMS

Division one - at Cobram.

R. Hodgkin (s), L. Isted, R. Pickersgill, Y. Clark; L. Houlihan (s), D. Staggard, L. Browning, K. Glover; J. Niven (s), J. Luci, J. Sutcliffe, B. Browning. Bus leaving 8.45am.

Division two - at home to Barooga.

H. Eddy (s), K. Nordbye, M. Blake, J. Hannaford; M. Carr (s), L. Milner, P. Finlayson, J. Connelly; M. Ryan (s), B. Fayers, H. Pickersgill, M. Luci. Duty rink: M. Ryan.

Emergencies M. Shannon, L. Morris, M. Tobin, J. Pickersgill.

Ladies' man wins medal

by "Archie Bunker"

LADIES' liaison officer at the Numurkah Golf Club Barry Pruden felt the love from the women when he won the Mawsons Concrete monthly medal on Saturday.

Barry was given this title a few years back, in a somewhat tongue-in-cheek move, but he has taken it on board and often checks in with the girls to make sure they are all happy.

So when Barry went to collect his shirt on Saturday, the ladies chanted his name as he made his way to the microphone.

With a winning score of 69 nett, Barry thanked his playing partners, who were impressed with the efforts of "The Coach" (another title he has lovingly acquired around the club).

Paul Arnel finished two shots behind Barry to fill the A grade runner-up position, continuing his good form from the previous week.

B grade winner was Dennis Allan, who also had 69 nett, and also finished two shots of his nearest rival, Bruce Collins.

Balls down the line went to Neil Parker with 71, Steve McPherson, Neil Hutchins and Garry Hosie with 72, Jack Thomas, Matt Ebborn and Col Stone on 73, Hugh Gunn, Bob I'Anson, Sam Robertson and Robbie Sutton on 74s, and the last of the balls went to Brandan Ho-



Chillin' out ... Robbie Sutton, Hughie Gunn and Barry Pruden relax on the seventh tee while waiting for the group in front to clear the par three green.

sie, Peter Stonehouse and Scott McPherson on 75 nett.

McPherson also had the best scratch score of 76 shots, and took home an extra ball for his efforts.

Saturday was also the star medal play-off for all those who have won monthly medals during the past 12 months.

Kerry Collins nearly fell off his chair when he was announced as the winner, having only had a 75 nett, but he was the best of those eligible.

Barry Pruden won nearest the pin on the seventh hole, Bill Padgett was closest on the 15th, and Brandan Hosie won the money with the best shot on the 18th.

The Mickey Mouse ears were worn by Dave Scanlan, who took a little tumble on the course, but seemed to survive unscathed. Dave leant on his putter while he was bending over to get his ball out of the hole, when his putter slipped from under him and Dave fell flat on the green.

Golf this Saturday is a fourball multiplier, so anyone wishing to play will need a partner.

The annual presentation night will be held on Saturday evening, with dinner at the club, followed by presentations and music from LBDJ. All golfers are urged to get along and support the club.

No celebrations at Town

APART from several good rink wins, there was very little to shout about for Numurkah teams in the second round of Murray Bowls Division in the past week.

The midweek division one side hosted the strong Cobram side on Friday and suffered a 52-90 defeat.

Sharni Davie (s), Paul Rees, Geoff Shaw and Lillian Nightingale continued on their winning way, but the other two rinks were comprehensively beaten.

In division two, the Numurkah Golf team was too strong for Town. The highlight for the home team, however, was the rink win of Robyn Gilmour (s), Hugh Henderson, Judy Henderson and Di Welsh. Robyn played an excellent last shot of the game, when the opposition was holding enough shots to draw the rink, and in the process increased her team's winning margin to four shots.

The Saturday division one side travelled to Tocumwal Golf and finished the day on the negative side by seven

shots, although again winning on two rinks.

Alan Rogers (s), Jim Cline, Col Jensen and Russell Morris continued their good form, winning by eight shots to give them the Telegraph Hotel sponsored best winning rink award for the round, while Terry Brennan (s), Rod Seen, Bill Werner and Geoff Jorgensen came from behind in the last few ends to hit the front and hang on to win 25-24.

The division two side again found the going tough, travelling to Finley and being comprehensively defeated, while the division three side played its first game for the season, going down at Katandra by 10 shots in a good effort.

This week, the division one Friday side will head to Tocumwal Golf, while the second team has the bye.

On Saturday, division one will host Strathmerton, division two will meet Nathalia, and division three will be the third team at home, against Barooga.

Shooters so close

NUMURKAH Small Bore Club hosted Kyabram for this month's round of the Crawford Shield competition last Wednesday night, but couldn't quite get the win.

The match was particularly close, Numurkah scoring 1156.37 to Kyabram's 1157.36.

Thursday night's match top scores were Lindsay Braybon with 194.12 for 20 metre prone and Emma Ryan with 192.9 out of 200 in 50 metre benchrest.

SCORES

20 metre prone: L. Braybon 95.6

99.8 194.12, G. Braybon 96.4 98.7 194.11, R Hill 96.1 97.2 193.3, S. Rosemeier 95.4 95.3 190.7, T. Braybon 97.5 98.4 195.9, G. Braybon 97.5 96.5 193.10, B. Sneddon 94.3 96.1. 190.4, A. Gibbon 94.3 91.3 185, D. Cook 90.1 89.1 179.2, S. Cogdell 81.0 71.1 152.1, L. Sneddon 66.0 66.0 132.0.

50 metre benchrest: E. Ryan 192.9, C. Saxton 187.4, G. Miles 185.4, B. Braybon 182.5.

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

Almost a three-way tie

TWENTY-ONE players took to the Numurkah courts for golf croquet last Tuesday for another morning of very close games and a tight battle for top spot.

Three players finished the morning with three wins and 21 hoops, it then came down to shots against to decide a winner.

Kevin Hansen won with 3/21/-11, runner-up Marg Brown had 3/21/-13, followed very closely by Joan T Hansen on 3/21/-15.

The only player to score a hoop-in-one for the day was Chris Sharp, but not so for jump shots, with six players all scoring them. Rhonda Geddes, Gordon Brown, Marg Brown, Kevin Hansen and Joan T. Hansen all played one and Ian Londey excelled with three.

In a first for the season, last week's pennant saw three wins from three games for the Numurkah teams.

The association team played Shepparton Gold at home on Wednesday in very varied conditions, that began with a pleasant morning, changing to a cold and rainy afternoon.

Winning both doubles in the morning 20-5 and 11-9 was a great start, while singles, wins to Louise Vale 19-6, Jennifer Sprunt 13-9 and Chris Sharpe 13-12 made it three from four, giving Numurkah a convincing victory.

The final scores for the match saw Numurkah 5/89 to Shepparton Gold 1/60.

Golf croquet Blue played Deniliquin at home on Thursday, this time finishing as

winners after another very close match.

Kevin Hansen had a great day, winning all four games with scores of 7/1, 7/6 in the singles, and 7/6, 7/2 in the doubles and breaking his handicap back to two.

David Geddes had another good day, winning both singles and a doubles and continues to increase his index each week. Final scores were Blue 7/69 to Deniliquin 5/64.

Numurkah White met Shepparton White on their courts on Thursday, and played another heart stopping finish. White has had very close matches all season.

Numurkah was 2/8 up after the singles, but lost the first two doubles 4-7, bringing the score back to five games each and only a two hoop lead to White.

A win to Lois Lowe and Graham Tyack in the last doubles gave Numurkah the match by just three hoops.

Final scores were Numurkah Blue 6/69 to Shepparton White 6/66.

Lyn Hughes played well in her singles, winning 7/2, 7/3, but Graham Tyack was the only three game winner with 7/4, 7/5 in the singles and 7/5 in the only doubles win.

Only one pennant match will be played at Numurkah this week with Golf Croquet White playing Shepparton Green on Thursday.

The Association team will travel to Shepparton to play Green on Wednesday, and Golf Croquet Blue will be playing at Kyabram on Thursday.

What is a jump shot?



Numurkah's golf croquet players hope this sequence of four photos will clear up any misunderstandings as to what a "jump shot" is.

In every game the balls are played in order: blue, red, black and yellow. Blue and black are partner balls, as are red and yellow.

In the first photo, yellow

has attempted to run the hoop but has not completed it, the next ball to play in order is blue, it has the opportunity to jump over yellow and through the hoop to score for its side.

Blue successfully completes the jump, as shown in the remaining photos, and scores the hoop. If blue had

moved yellow clear of the hoop during the jump, the hoop would score for yellow.

The player strikes the ball high on the face to make it "jump", a difficult shot to play, often not successful, but very rewarding when it is, as the opponent is usually left at a disadvantage for their next turn.

Davis wins state boxing title

WITH only six months training under his belt, a Numurkah boxer won the Victorian Amateur Boxing League, Junior Welterweight title last Saturday night.

In only his third professional fight, 26 year old Marcus Davis proved too strong for Nigerian boxer Emmet Zearwie to claim a unanimous points victory after three rounds.

Davis, who was keen on mixed martial arts (MMA) as a teenager, decided to try his luck at boxing after a six year sabbatical enjoying family life.

“I enjoyed boxing when I was younger and I always had the intention to take it up when I was a little older,” said Davis.

“I made contact with trainer Scott Maskell about six months ago and he took me on board, and I have trained extremely well under him since.”

Davis lost his first fight on points, which was well disputed, however his second bout was a unanimous points win.

“I showed a lot of promise in that second fight and won easily,” said Davis.

“The titles were coming up and Scott thought I was ready to perform, so did I and I was entered.”

Davis had the Nigerian on the ropes early when he landed a decent right hand punch that shook Zearwie, however he managed to stay upright until the end of the round.

Davis said that he cruised through the second round.

The third round also belonged to Davis.

“I was throwing a lot of punches in the final 15 seconds and I believe if it had gone another 10-15 seconds, the referee would have called a halt to the match.”

The Junior Welterweight is 60kg-63.5kg class.



Champion ... Junior Welterweight title holder Marcus Davis, flanked by Nick Maskell and partner Tegan Patterson.

Katunga rues final overs

SOME late scoring in the final overs saw Katamatite make a last ditch effort to take a 39 run victory over Katunga in the MVCA division one game on Saturday.

In cold and windy conditions, Katamatite won the toss and elected to bat, losing its first wicket at 18 when Dylan Baker made the breakthrough.

Baker, together with Toby Miles, formed a solid bowling partnership to see the visitors at 3/51 after 15 overs.

A 39 run partnership ensued before Lachie O'Hara sent the Kats' captain back to the sheds with the score 4/90.

Shaun McCallister used the breeze to his advantage and removed the hard hitting opener, Ben Lucas, LBW for 41.

A late flurry with the bat saw Katamatite end its innings at 8/167.

Katunga was hoping for a good start to chase down a solid score, however that did not eventuate, with opener Brad Tweed out early for a duck.

The middle order collapsed, and the Swans

found themselves at 4/13 after nine overs.

Daniel Henderson took to the crease and, together with opener Adam Cook, put on a 62 run partnership before Henderson departed for 30 leaving a glimmer of hope for the home side.

After Cook (43) departed with the score on 92, the Swans had another batting collapse and lost 4/4 before Toby Miles and Shaun McCallister added another 32 runs for the last wicket to be all out for 128 and fall short of a win.

Awards: Clydesdale Hotel - Adam Cook; Cobram Farm Equipment - Shaun McCallister; Meat on Melville - Daniel Henderson.

Division one is at home to Finley this Saturday.

Division Two Katunga's division two side travelled to Yalca North to take on Nathalia and lost by 31 runs in its first game of the season.

Nathalia won the toss and batted, and the Swans had them on the back foot early with a wicket to Oliver Small in the first over.

Will Newman applied great pressure from the opposite end and took a further two

wickets.

When Tony Harris took his first wicket, the Purples were on the ropes with the score 4/6 after seven overs.

Nathalia then dug in and slowly built its score to 8/127 after its allocated 35 overs.

Anthony Russell chipped in with two wickets with his turners.

After the break, the Swans started their chase well with an opening partnership of 40 runs between Spencer Small and Kevin Van denoogor before Van denoogor fell in the 10th over for 11 and the aggressive Small (24) in the same over.

Another wicket fell before Josh Howden (16) and Will Newman (15) managed to get the score to 64 before Howden departed.

At 4/64 Katunga was still in the game, however the Swans lost their last five wickets for 32 runs to be all out for 96.

Awards: Harris Mechanics - Will Newman; The Massage Salon - Spencer Small; Dan Hendy Landforming - Anthony Russell.

Division two heads off to Katamatite this Sunday.

Kats show their claws

KATANDRA proved far too strong in its Haisman Shield cricket match on Saturday, defeating a young Kyabram side by 96 runs.

After batting first on a pitch that looked a little green, an early run out was not the start the Kats were looking for.

Englishman Luke Patel came and went, and the score was looking a little ominous at 2/19.

Captain Jedd Wright joined Ben Clurey at the crease and together they put on a 109 run partnership before Wright lost his wicket for 53.

When Clurey lost his wicket seven runs later for a well compiled 72, the lower middle order

was exposed.

To their credit, they batted well for some quick runs, led largely by Hadleigh Sirrett, who was back in the team after missing the previous week, with a quick 39.

Katandra ended its innings with a competitive score of 8/215.

Chasing 216 for victory, Kyabram's opening pair were aggressive from the outset, hitting a few early boundaries until first gamer Scott Dickson (1/25) made the breakthrough with the score on 35.

Another small partnership began to form before Scott Richardson (3/14) removed number three Cade Mueller, the score 2/61.

Richardson and fellow bowler, Ryleigh Shannon (2/17) then tore the heart out of Kyabram's middle order, claiming the next three wickets for 11 runs.

The Kats knew their opposition had a few inexperienced players in their team which they wanted to expose, however Kyabram's Paul Newman was still at the crease and looking dangerous.

When Pat Inglis finally removed Newman for 47, the visitors were 7/86 and looking down the barrel.

Katandra bowled out the opposition for 119 in 37.3 overs.

Katandra will meet Tatura this Saturday at Frank Howley Oval, Tatura.

Waaia twos lose by five wickets

WAAIA'S B grade side hosted Mooroopna on Saturday and were defeated by five wickets.

Winning the toss and batting, the Daniel boys, Ben (24) and Matt (5) started solidly before Matt was the first to fall.

Some good batting from David Booth (19), Aaron Hatch (37) and Matt Stuart (32) in the middle order brought some respectability to the score, however they were all out for 141 runs with 10 overs remaining.

Looking for early wickets, there were too many short pitched balls and Mooroopna got off to a good start,

losing its first wicket at 29.

The visitors were able to string some small partnerships together whilst maintaining the run rate and reached their target for the loss of only five wickets.

Matt Stuart was the best of the bowlers with 3/25 shining with both bat and ball.

The B graders will play Numurkah this Saturday.

D grade Waaia's D grade team was scheduled to play Kyabram on Saturday and won by forfeit.

D grade hosts Karramomus this Saturday at St Josephs Primary School, Numurkah.

Blues show no mercy

NUMURKAH's A grade cricketers took no prisoners on Saturday when they defeated Euroa by a whopping 137 runs.

Playing at their home ground and batting first, the Blues were off to another incredible start.

Dylan Grandell and Josh Smith, both in great touch, put on 125 runs for the first wicket, before Grandell was dismissed for a great innings of 63 off just 69 balls.

Smith departed soon after for a very well compiled 54.

Will Arnel continued his good form with 37 and, with some impressive late innings hitting from Liam Gledhill (43no off 36), well supported by Matt Price (6no), the Blues were able to attain the imposing total of 6/233 off their 45 overs.

Euroa's chase did not begin well, with Matt Cline claiming his first wicket on the very first ball of the innings.

Tim Braybon then followed suit with a wicket with his first ball of the match to have the visitors at 2/4.

Euroa was reeling at 3/7, after Matt Cline struck again with his second wicket of the match.

With the Blues' total getting out of reach, Euroa decided to shut up shop, putting on a couple of small partnerships, broken by wickets from Cline, Shaun Downie and Liam Gledhill, to be 6/91.

The last four wickets fell for just five runs. Michael Eckard, back for his first game of the season, took an unbelievable reflex catch off his own bowling, to claim his first wicket this season.

Tim Braybon starred again with the ball with a consecutive four wicket haul (4/17), and was well supported by Matt Cline (3/25).

The Blues secured another handy bonus point, in a comprehensive victory.

This week, Numurkah takes on Waaia at Waaia Recreation Reserve.



Watch the ball ... Josh Smith is a picture of concentration on his way to a well compiled 54 runs.

Blues get their season started

NUMURKAH B Grade claimed its first win of the season with a seven wicket win over Euroa at Euroa on Saturday.

Numurkah captain Sean Dawson won the toss and bowled first.

Young guns Bailey Roberts and Bailey Smith opened the bowling and bowled brilliantly, to have Euroa at 5/12.

Sam Spicer captured his first wicket for the day soon after, and Euroa was in deep trouble at 6/18.

Euroa's tail wagged a little and they consolidated to grind out 78 before the home side was all out.

Bailey Roberts was the pick of the bowlers with 4/16. Other multiple wicket takers were Bailey Smith 2/10, Sam Spicer 2/21, with Myles Martin and Reydan Lacuin snaring one wicket each.

With 20 minutes to bat before tea, the Blues lost Dusty Ebborn for four, and headed into tea at 1/22.

Resuming, the Blues lost Jacob Morris for four to be 2/22, however, James Pruden and Kody Jackson combined well to take the score to 66, before Pruden departed for a well made 30.

Kody Jackson, 32 not out, and Bailey Smith, 4 not out, saw the Blues over the line, to record their first win of the season.

This Saturday, Numurkah plays Waaia at home.

C GRADE

C Grade, up against a finalist from last year was defeated by four wickets at Murchison Recreation Reserve on Saturday.

Batting first, Hunter Verhoeven and Dave Roberts opened and the pair got off to a steady start, putting on 21 runs before Roberts was out for two.

At number three was promising young player Kade O'Dwyer, who teamed with Verhoeven to compile a 36 run partnership before Kade was dismissed for 12.

Daniel Hughes fell soon after for one run and the Blues were 3/62.

Veteran Jason Verhoeven entered and combined well with his son Hunter to put on a 32 run partnership before a run out saw Jason out for 12.

Some quick wickets then saw the Blues at 7/99.

Another father-son combination, Steve (8no) and Callum Morris (4no) saw the Blues finish on 7/108 after 40 overs.

The Blues began well in the field to have Murchison at 1/6 after a great catch from Callum Morris in the gully off Hunter Verhoeven's bowling.

Murchison steadied before Jason Verhoeven broke through with the score at 48, and Dave Roberts took a beautiful caught and bowled chance to have Murchison 3/86.

With Murchison closing in on the total, captain Jason Verhoeven shared the bowling around with Reeve Verhoeven (1/13) capturing his first C grade wicket.

Numurkah suffered its first loss of the season when Murchison reached its target after 23 overs.

Other wicket takers were Dave Roberts (1/13), Hunter Verhoeven (1/18), Jason Verhoeven, (1/12) and Kade O'Dwyer (1/6), who also claimed a catch and a run out.

C grade will take on Toolamba and join B grade at home this Saturday.

UNDER 16

The under 16s travelled to Shepparton on Saturday morning and claimed victory over Shepparton United by 39 runs.

With Numurkah batting first, Dustan Ebborn and Dylan Baker had an opening partnership of 10 before Baker was out for two.

Bailey Smith came to the crease and he and Ebborn batted beautifully before they retired on 25 and 24 respectively.

Others to reach double figures were Bailey Roberts (19no), Clayton Beer (10) and Hunter Verhoeven (10).

After an even batting performance,

the Blues scored 6/133.

In reply, Shepparton was off to a great start, with Numurkah's bowlers bowling too short and the batsmen taking full toll.

When the breakthrough came the score was 1/51 and the bowling need to tighten.

The boys stuck to their task and with improved bowling, wickets began to fall steadily and eventually the home side was all out for 94.

Best of the bowlers was Clayton Beer, who had the figures of 4/7 off two overs.

This week Numurkah takes on Old Students/Notre Dame/St Brendans at home.

UNDER 14

Also playing Shepparton United, the under 14s played a nailbiter with the win coming off the last ball of the game. Shepparton batted first and was off to a good start before Harry McDonald (2/10) broke through to have the home side 1/20.

Matt Ward (1/7) claimed the big wicket of Warburton for four, caught by Reeve Verhoeven, and from there Shepparton was unable to put any partnerships together, thanks in part to some brilliant fielding with two run outs.

At the end of its allocated overs, Shepparton had scored 7/83.

In reply, Numurkah got off to a shaky start with Reeve Verhoeven run out for two.

The Blues then steadied, with Nick Hughes (15), Ryley Dawson (20) and Mitchell O'Dwyer (17) batting well before compulsory retirement.

Numurkah then lost five quick wickets and the game was in the balance.

O'Dwyer returned to the crease, and on the last ball of the day, steered the ball through the field to earn victory for his side.

Riley Dobson remained 13 not out when Numurkah finished with 8/84.

Numurkah will join the under 16s at home this Saturday facing up to Old Students.

Finley too good for Purples

NATHALIA lost its second round match of the division one Murray Valley Cricket Association season by seven wickets against Finley on Saturday. The home side was unable to find its groove, losing wickets regularly.

With the exception of Sean Zammit (23), Archie Congues (36) and Phil Carroll (33), the remaining batsmen were incapable of reaching double figures. Nathalia was all out for 116 runs.

The run chase started poorly for the visitors with the loss of their first wicket at 13.

A 69 run second wicket partnership ensued before the Purples struck twice to have Finley 3/82.

The visitors steadied and scored the remaining runs required without losing another wicket.

Nathalia plays Barooga this Saturday at Barooga.

DIVISION TWO

Nathalia hosted Katunga for their divi-

sion two clash on Saturday, and in its first match of the season, won by 31 runs.

Batting first, the home side got off to a poor start, losing its first four wickets for six runs.

The middle and lower order batsmen, consisting of Daniel Thorn (21) and Paul Harvie (33), brought some respectability to the score.

Nathalia reached 8/127 after its allocated overs.

Katunga started its chase well, putting on 40 runs for the opening partnership.

From there, Nathalia's bowlers got on top, never allowing any partnerships to form.

The home side claimed the next nine wickets for 56 runs, bowling out Katunga for a meagre 96 runs.

Nathalia is again at Yalca North this Saturday, hosting Cobram-Yarrow-eyah United.

Katandra twos lose first game

KATANDRA played another undefeated side in its Clyde Young Shield B grade cricket match on Saturday and lost to Kyabram by 25 runs at Kyabram. Winning the toss and batting first, Kyabram put together a great opening partnership of 80, which set the game up for it.

From there, the Kats were able to take wickets fairly consistently, however, some late hitting from the home side's captain saw it reach a respectable score of 8/170.

Katandra's bowlers all took at least one wicket in the innings.

The chase started off well with the Kats putting on 44 before Clayton Simpson was out for six.

Despite handy contributions from Mitchell Black (38) and Karl Rosevear (33), the Kats were unable to string together any major partnerships during their time at the crease.

Wickets tumbled regularly and Katandra replied with 9/145 at the close of play.

This Saturday Katandra will host Tatura at home.

E GRADE

Katandra's E grade players travelled to Murchison for their first game of the season and were victorious by 50 runs.

The opening pair of Rob Trewin (33) and Matt Koutroubas (60) put together a partnership of 98 before Koutroubas departed.

The partnership set up the innings, and chasing quick runs, the wickets began to fall. Lachlan Ash (23) and Russ Eden (22) helped the score to reach a healthy 9/181 at the close of the innings.

In reply, Murchison was behind the eight ball early with the Kats' bowlers exploding through the home side's top order to have them teetering at 4/39.

A fifth wicket partnership of 39 was broken by Billy Holmes, and the visitors never looked back, bowling out their opposition for 131 runs.

Billy Holmes was the star with the ball, taking his first five wicket haul in senior cricket and ending with the figures of 5/30.

The E graders travel to Kialla Park Reserve this Saturday to play Old Students.

Local bowlers take out titles

LOCAL bowlers have shown Numurkah to be a powerhouse in local 60 and over bowls competitions in recent weeks.

Alan Rogers and Loris Houlihan both took out their respective men's and ladies' Murray Bowls Division singles titles last Wednesday, and Loris then went on to win the zone final in the pairs event, with Finley bowler Nan Smith.

With preliminary rounds played a fortnight ago, the finals of the singles were played last Wednesday.

Rogers, a Numurkah Town bowler, has never won the singles title before and was thrilled with his win, beating Ian Smethurst from Finley RS 21-15 in the final.

Houlihan from Numurkah Golf, also has never won the singles title and was ecstatic with her 21-17 win over Finley RS player Ophelia Cochrane.

Both will now play in the regional final next Monday against the Central Division and Goulburn Valley winners.

Loris teamed up with Nan Smith to take out the 60 and over pairs regional title with a winning score of 20-14 over Central Division at Katandra on Monday.

"Since retiring from work last year, I've been able to concentrate on my bowls," she said after her pairs win on Monday.



Retirement works ... Loris Houlihan and Alan Rogers believe retirement helps your bowls game.

Waaia falls short of victory

WAAIA fell 39 runs short of victory in its Cricket Shepparton Haisman Shield game against Mooroopna at Mooroopna on Saturday.

The home side won the toss and batted, putting on 47 runs for the opening partnership before the Bombers

broke through.

Mooroopna was batting well and had the score at 147 when it lost its third wicket, to the bowling of Sebastian Moore.

A further two wickets to Moore saw the home side at 5/197.

Mooroopna's middle order batted

well to take its final tally to 8/236.

Moore was the best of the bowlers with 3/68.

Waaia's run chase got off to a good start, losing its first wicket with the score on 62.

Captain Brayden Carey and Antho-

ny Ciavarella took the score to 84 before Ciavarella was run out for 11.

Carey was next to go, scoring a well composed 54.

Mitch Cleland was trying to hold the innings together, however when he departed for 46, the Bombers

were 7/174, still requiring 63 runs to win, with only the tail left to bat.

Waaia tried, however with overs running out, they scored a further 23 runs before being bowled out for 197.

The Bombers are at home this week against Numurkah.

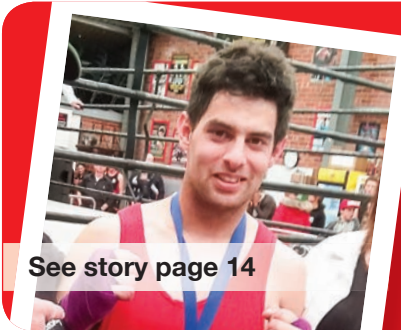
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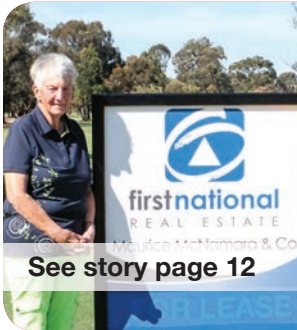
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