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Numurkah Primary School students enjoyed the highlight of the school year - the annual book parade - last Friday, and the costumes were amazing. See story page 8.

Lodge redevelopment on track

THE initial stages of the redevelopment of Numurkah Pioneers Memorial Lodge are well under way.

A user group, established to provide input and guidance on the project from various levels of expertise and viewpoints such as consumer, clinical, staffing and support services, has been meeting weekly to discuss options for the redevelopment.

The group recently visited aged care facilities at Wodonga, Yackandandah and Benalla to gather ideas and look at best practice models of care and potential design options, layout and facilities.

The master plan and feasibility study are being undertaken by Bamford Architects.

The entire project, including master planning, feasibility study and redevelopment stages, will include extensive consultation over the coming months with residents, families, staff, volunteers and the involvement of the broader community.

A community information and consultation session, attended by over 50 people, was held in July, providing an opportunity for residents, families,

community members and staff to ask questions and provide input into potential options and site considerations.

The master plan and feasibility study process is expected to take six months and will focus on the needs and preferences of consumers, now and in the future, the site options and opportunities, latest design, structure, development guidelines, the character of the local area and other considerations.

A range of aspects are being looked at, such as enhanced rooms with en-suites, state-of-the-art equipment, modern design, new living, dining facilities, activity areas and fit-out, and outdoor areas, enhanced landscaping and gardens, etc.

The master plan and feasibility study will provide the necessary information to proceed to architectural design and construction.

The Numurkah Pioneers Memorial Lodge redevelopment project is self-funded, with Numurkah District Health Service using reserves to fund the capital project.



On track ... Over 50 people attended a recent community information session about the Lodge's redevelopment.

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Cars targeted while owners on holiday

POLICE investigations into a car accident on the GV Highway 200 metres south of Sampsons Road last Thursday morning are ongoing. Cobram Highway patrol responded to a call from a driver who had witnessed the north bound vehicle collide with a guard rail and veer into a culvert at 7.04am.

Though the witness reported seeing a female driver in the vehicle, nobody was present when police arrived.

Upon visiting the registered address of the blue Holden Commodore, which had not been reported as stolen, police were informed that the owners are currently overseas.

Two other cars have been targeted whilst owners were on holiday in the past week.

A very observant neighbour disturbed two male offenders breaking into a car parked in Tweddle Street, Numurkah. The owner of the vehicle was away at the time and is not sure if anything was stolen from the

In another incident, a set of number plates were stolen from a Holden station wagon parked in the owner's driveway in Railway Place. A tractor left parked on the owner's property in Betts Rd was targeted by thieves, who stole two post hole augers.

Bedroom smoke alarms offer best chance

VICTORIANS are being urged to give themselves and their families the best chance of surviving a house fire by ensuring working smoke alarms are installed in all bedrooms.

The new safety warning from fire agencies recognises the potentially deadly consequence of silence as a fire spreads while people sleep.

It marks a significant change to previous guidance that smoke alarms were only necessary outside bedrooms and in hallways.

CFA data collected over the past 10 years shows that bedroom fires were the most likely to cause death or serious injury, with our sense of smell and ability to detect smoke reduced as we sleep.

For fires that resulted in a death or serious injury, 25% started in sleeping areas (22 deaths and 117 serious injuries), followed by lounge rooms (20%) and kitchens (16%).

Victorians are also being reminded to keep themselves and their family safe by:

- Making sure smoke alarms are interconnected so that when any alarm activates, all alarms will sound;
- Powering smoke alarms with long-life lithium batteries;
- Installing smoke alarms outside bedrooms and in hallways, as well as inside bedrooms and living areas;
- Testing smoke alarms once a month;
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- Replacing smoke alarm batteries annually; and
- Replacing smoke alarms—including those attached to the mains power—every 10 years.

For the latest information on smoke alarms visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au or www.mfb.vic.gov.au.

Letter to the Editor

Correcting the record

I DON'T usually write letters to the editor, but when a citizen claims that the mayor and deputy mayor lack "moral judgement", that citizen is making an accusation that effectively identifies individuals, if not by name, then by position.

When that accusation is based on misleading information that implies the mayor and deputy have gone on a ratepayer subsidised trip to Italy "to enjoy summer weather and great food" somebody needs to correct the public record.

I'm happy to do that, and categorically say that the mayor and deputy mayor have completely self-funded the cost of their trip to maintain the shire's well establish friendship with two small towns in Italy.

I think there's an obligation on us all to check our facts before we falsely accuse individuals of going on a junket at public expense.

Normally a delegation of this nature is supported by a council officer at council expense, a councillor fulfilled that support function on this occasion and so the civic component of that councillor's trip was subsidised by the council. All other costs of councillors and participating partners were met privately.

Mark Henderson
Chief Executive Officer
Moirā Shire Council

More YVACCA tickets up for grabs

OUR Yarra Valley Arts, Crafts Collectibles and Antiques Expo competition continues this week, with another chance to win tickets to the event.

This week's questions are:

1. Which Katamatite Primary School student won the Lions Voice of Youth zone final last weekend?
2. What award did the Numurkah Pink Ribbon Brunch win last year?
3. Which three towns did the Pioneers

Lodge redevelopment user group visit recently?

4. What place did Numurkah Caravan Park achieve in the star ratings list for Victoria?

5. How many businesses took part in community reading day last Thursday?

You've got to be in it to win it, so get your answers to the Leader - with your phone number - by midday next Monday for your chance to win a double pass.



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Happy camper ... Numurkah Caravan Park operator Terry Harbor is thrilled that the park has been identified as third best in Victoria.

Caravan park third best in state

NUMURKAH residents are full of appreciation for the town's natural landscape, and the many benefits, scenic and otherwise, afforded by the Broken Creek - and it seems visitors to the town are too.

Numurkah Caravan Park has recently been recognised as the third best caravan park in Victoria, with a rating of 'outstanding' and a guest review score of 9.1/10.

The rating, which is awarded by the Australian Tourism Industry Council (ATIC), represents the quality, condition and cleanliness of guest facilities based on an independent property review.

Park operator Terry Harbor, who has run the park with his brother Russell since 2011, told the *Leader* they were thrilled to be rated third in the state, with a rating of 3.5 stars.

"We'll never be a four or five star property because we don't have the type of facilities, like a playground and swimming pool, that you need to be in that league," he said.

"But that's fine by us - who wants to have to clean out a swimming pool all the time?"

Terry puts the park's popularity down to well maintained facilities, a warm welcome and location.

"We are bordered by the creek on three sides so almost all of our sites back onto it and it makes you feel like you're in the bush when you're actually right in town," he said.

"It's just a five minute walk to town for coffee, dining and shopping, and just an hour's drive to major tourist towns, and visitors really appreciate that about it."

Terry's parents Doreen and Hugh took over management of the park from Moira Shire in 2002. At the time, the park was in poor repair, rating just half a star and in very real danger of demolition.

Doreen and Hugh, who owned the house right next door to the park, could see its potential and took over the lease.

"They knocked a hole in the fence, opened up

the kitchen window as reception and that was that," Terry said.

"They had stayed at a lot of caravan parks around Australia and applied ideas they liked from places they'd stayed."

"There were no on-site cabins before, no concrete slabs for van parking and no garden beds, so they really improved the amenity and the look of the place."

Terry and Russell continue to improve the park, and have undertaken a recent refurbishment of the toilet and shower blocks.

They are clearly doing something right, not only because of the recent third in the state rating, but also because they have so much return business.

"Around 50% of our guests are returnees," Terry said.

"We have people who are the fourth generation of families who have been coming here for 45 years, so I reckon that says a lot."

Katamatite whiz-kid roars for Lions

IN surveys of things people fear the most, public speaking consistently features in the top five, but Katamatite youngster Fletcher Davies well and truly broke through any fear barrier last weekend.

Fletcher, who is in grade three at Katamatite Primary School took out the zone final in the local Lions Voice of Youth public speaking competition in Tongala on Sunday.

Just to make the zone final, which is the program's grand final, Fletcher had to win three other heats - one at school, one at a Lions club meeting and a district final.

Representing Katamatite Lions Club, Fletcher competed against winners in the grade 3/4 category from five other districts to take out the zone final win.

Katamatite Lions Club member Arthur Jeffrey, who coordinates the club's involvement in the competition, told the *Leader* that Fletcher's performance was exceptional.

"At that level, all of the entrants perform very, very well, and the standard was really stunning, so to win is extremely impressive," he said.

All competitors in the grade 3/4 category had to speak for three minutes on the topic 'Imagine you travelled into space and met an alien'.

Mr Jeffrey said that Fletcher's victory came

from a combination of his speech itself, as well as his presentation.

"The topic guidelines say you should try and include some facts in your speech, which Fletcher did extremely well.

"He talked about passing a black hole and gave information about that and other features of space in a really natural way and that set him apart. He also had the whole speech pretty well memorised which is an achievement in itself and made his delivery that much better."

Fletcher's victory is all the more impressive for the fact that, at just seven years old, he is young for a grade three student and was competing entirely against grade four students.

Fletcher said that he wasn't too nervous on the day, having been through the other heats and practised many times at home.

"I felt like I got a lot better as I went along through the heats, and I practised at least 50 times so I knew the speech really well," he said.

"I was very surprised to win because the standard of competition was amazing, so I felt really proud that the judges thought I was the best."

"It was a great experience and I'll definitely compete again in the future."



Great effort ... Fletcher Davies and Arthur Jeffrey were both thrilled with Fletcher's win in his first year of competition.

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Ladies who brunch for a cause ... Members of last year's Numurkah Pink Ribbon Brunch committee with last year's MC Jo Stanley.

Time to snap up Pink Ribbon Brunch tickets

HAVE you got your tables sorted for this year's Numurkah Pink Ribbon Brunch?

If not, you'd better get your skates on - tickets go on sale tomorrow, and last year they sold out in just four hours.

Member of the brunch organising committee Adrienne Gledhill said the success of the brunch, which is now in its ninth year, is down

to a combination of a good cause and a great day out.

"Breast cancer is a really serious issue that can affect any family, which is why we are so passionate about raising money for research," she said.

"But the brunch is a really positive and fun event, where there is a lot of laughter and that's what has made it so successful and keeps people coming back year after year."

The event has indeed proved extremely successful; not only has it raised over \$80,000 for breast cancer research, but it was awarded community event of the year at the 2018 Numurkah Australia Day awards.

This year, it has also gained national recognition, with the National Breast Cancer Foundation using a photo of some of the Numurkah

committee from last year's event to promote this year's pink ribbon breakfast initiative.

Tickets for this year's brunch are \$60 per person and include a glass of champagne, delicious brunch, silent auction, entertainment and raffles. The event will be emceed by comedian, singer, writer and presenter Tracey Bartram.

Tickets can be purchased from the *Numurkah Leader* from 10.30am tomorrow.



Community Update



Apply now – Community Strengthening Grants
Do you need funding for an event or to improve facilities or services for your local community?
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Two funding streams are available – Major (up to \$10,000) and Minor (up to \$5,000).
You can apply online and if you require assistance in either planning your project or completing your application form please contact council.
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Applications close at **4pm on Wednesday 16 October 2019.**

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The Audit Committee is an Advisory Committee of Council whose primary role is to examine and review Council's financial accounts, audits, controls over revenue and expenditure, risk management including OH&S, information technology and other Council procedures and systems.
Interested people are invited to make a written submission by **5pm Friday 30 August 2019.**

Kerbside Organic Waste collection bins arrive
Our kerbside organic waste collection service is expanding and residents have started receiving a 240 litre wheellie bin, a small kitchen caddy and a roll of compostable bags.
The un-serviced areas of Cobram, Numurkah and Yarrawonga plus the township of Tungamah will start this service in September with other areas to follow in October.
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Applications will be accepted by email, online or by post and must include the application form found on our website.
Applications close **4pm Friday 22 November 2019.**



Ordinary Council Meeting – 28 August
Our next meeting will commence at 5pm on Wednesday 28 August at the Cobram Civic Centre.
All meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend.



Help desperately needed ... Duncan McPherson is calling for new LOL members to save the organisation and its flagship event.

Foodbowl festival a goner?

THERE'S no other way to put it - if Numurkah Love our Lifestyle committee doesn't get some new members willing to pitch in, Numurkah's iconic Foodbowl Festival is dead in the water.

Not only that but Love our Lifestyle (LOL) will fold altogether and Numurkah will lose a vital voice to Moira Shire on issues relating to local business and tourism.

With only a handful of active members whose time is increasingly being consumed by other commitments, new blood is vital.

Although LOL, formerly known as the chamber of commerce and tourism, is traditionally an organisation that represents Numurkah's business community, long-time member and treasurer Duncan McPherson told the Leader that members do not need to be involved in business.

"Anybody who is interested in promoting Numurkah and seeing it thrive is welcome on the committee," he said.

"We need people with good ideas who are prepared to commit some time to put those ideas into action.

"If people want to change things that's fine, we are happy for them to change it up and do it their

way. Change is an important part of growth and that takes an injection of new people.

"We'll always be there to support them and help them if they need it, but we just can't do it on our own anymore."

LOL's funding agreement with Moira Shire depends on it meeting certain key performance indicators, which it has achieved through delivering the Foodbowl Festival and other events and initiatives.

If the Foodbowl Festival, which has already been postponed from October 2019 to February 2020, doesn't go ahead, then LOL will not be able to fulfil the terms of its funding agreement.

"We've tried to put a positive spin on it and encourage others to get involved that way, but that ship has sailed and we can't sugar coat it anymore.

"If people want this event, and our representation with the shire, to continue, new people need to step up," Mr McPherson said.

"There are other groups in town that put on major events throughout the year which are an important part of the local calendar, luckily those groups are fortunate enough to have the

support they require.

"It would be a real shame for the town if the Foodbowl Festival disappeared."

Mr McPherson said LOL committee members met once a month for around two hours, with foodbowl committee members meeting twice a month in the lead up to the festival.

"The weekend itself is busy of course, but it's also fun and very satisfying to be part of creating an experience like that."

The Love our Lifestyle committee's fate will be decided on Monday, September 2, when it meets at Numurkah Senior Citizens Hub at 7.30pm for its annual general meeting.

As always, current office bearers will vacate their positions - this time, however, if no new members step up to fill them, the decision will be taken to go into caretaker mode until a new committee can be formed.

"It's not something we want to see happen, but it's become unavoidable," Mr McPherson said.

"If people want LOL and the Foodbowl Festival to continue they need to commit to it."

Power of fatherhood in the simple things

ERWN Vandenburg has always known how important it is to be a hands-on dad - he learned it as a child from his own father.

Erwn said he and his five year-old son Ike have a regular bonding ritual in their weekly swimming lessons at the Numurkah YMCA.

"It's a chance to get off the farm and spend some time together," he said.

"We do lots of farm things together at home, but the swimming lessons give us a chance to get a bit of time out and do something different.

"You have them for so little time because they grow so quickly, so the most important thing you can give them is time. I hope that these memories will stay with him for life and give him stability and a sense that I am always there for him."

Erwn, who lives with Ike and Ike's mother on their Katamatite farm, said he hopes that as Ike grows, they remain as close as he is to his own father who lives at Koonoomoo.

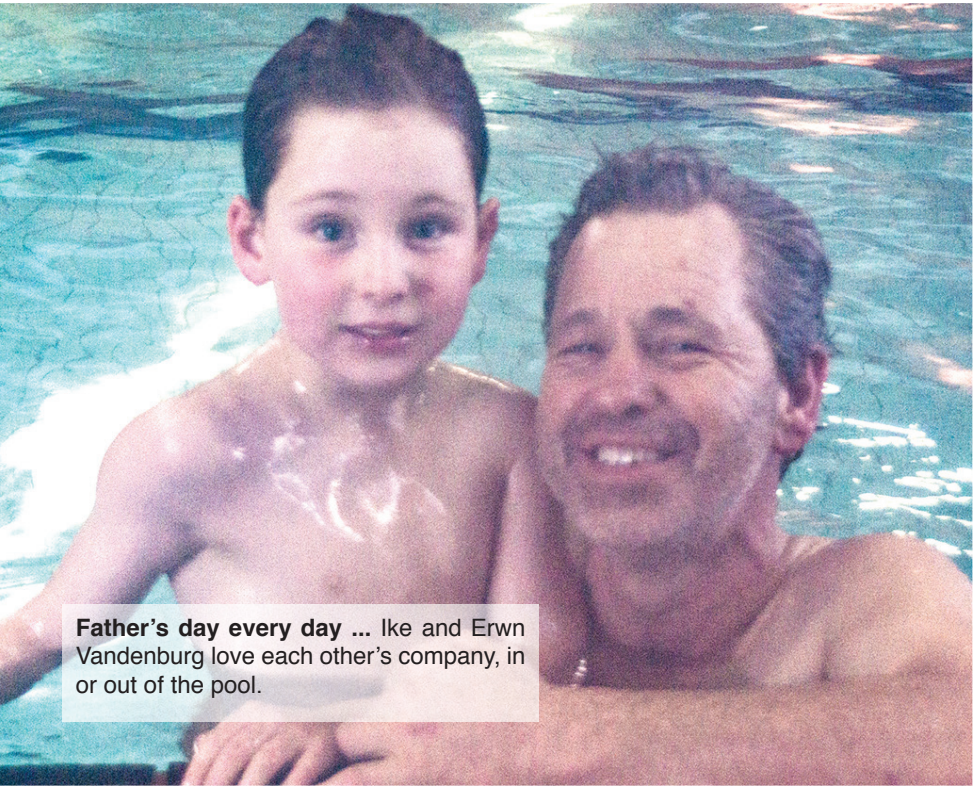
"I've always known that dad is there for me, and it was his example that showed me the importance of spending time with Ike, because he always spent a lot of time with me.

"He and I are still close and Ike is close to him as well, which is the best thing."

As for Ike, when asked what his favourite thing to do with dad is, the answer comes easily.

"Ride motorbikes," he said.

"But I like swimming too."



Father's day every day ... Ike and Erwn Vandenburg love each other's company, in or out of the pool.



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The Numurkah Leader.
GOULBURN VALLEY FARMERS' AND FRUIT GROWERS' GAZETTE

100 years ago

This week in 1919 ...

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

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

Timely Rain.—The rain that fell yesterday morning has delighted farmers and graziers, who were viewing the conditions with anything but satisfaction.

This fall will make matters right for some time to come, and as far as early crops are concerned, at least, a good harvest should be reaped; that is, given fair conditions in the immediate future. The Numurkah P.O. gauge showed a total fall of 46 points.

Football. — An interesting game was that played on the local ground on Saturday between Numurkah and Wunghnu. The Wunghnu team, which has plays a nicely concerted game, lays a nicely consistent game, had much the better of the struggle, and should have won by more than the two points that were in their favor when the bell rang. In their ranks are two or three players who will make their mark with a little more experience. The Numurkah team did not “play with its head,” and it needs to be impressed on players that they cannot hope to succeed until they recognise the necessity of the whole team playing as one, and not each individual playing on his own.” W. Rowe umpired satisfactorily.

The Cobram club, owing to influenza weakening many of its players, has decided to withdraw from the competition, and it was reported that Muckatah and Katunga had adopted a similar course.

School Honor List. — Mr John Calder, head teacher Numurkah State-school has inaugurated an admirable idea, the intention being to enthuse the children in their school work. Each week the marks earned by the scholars are aggregated, and the leaders in each grade will “have their names in the paper” each Wednesday. In the following list the scholars mentioned were the highest last week in Mental, Spelling and Home Work respectively, the fourth name mentioned being the “champion” of the grade for the week:—Grade 8.—Tom Daly, Lois Holmes, Lois Holmes, Tom Daly. Grade 7.—Eileen Willcox, Thelma Bartlett, Eva Brooks, Eileen Willcox. Grade 6.—Allan Bitcon, Herbert Frampton, Milly Newby, Eric Harbison. Grade 5. —Vern Thomson, Grace Hawker and Jim McBride (equal), Eileen McLeod, Vern Thomson. Grade 4.—Elsie Morris, Ray Wilkinson, Tom Ahern, Elsie Morris. Grade 3— Hazel Ellis, Norman McBride, Myrtle Hawker, Norman McBride.

NATHALIA

The war loan meeting called by the shire President for Thursday evening might be described as a frost, and another meeting is to be called for the day time, in order to give landholders a chance of attending. The boys have voluntarily done their bit, and it is up to those who can to follow their noble example.

The football match Picola v. Nathalia was won by 5 points by the visitors. The home team had a bit of hard luck, as a mark was secured just as the bell rang and a goal scored.

PICOLA.

Tree planting in connection with the soldiers' avenue is getting well forward.

To-day is—to-morrow is not. It is not many weeks back that strong exception was taken by Picola West folk at the shire meeting, to the height of the weir on the lower reaches of the Broken Creek near the lakes, the reason being that water was backed up through Goose Swamp on to farm lands. Now every effort is being made to impound as much water as possible in order that as large an area of the forest country as possible will be flooded in order to make feed. It is just the difference between a year with a good rainfall and one of a very partial nature.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir,—I understood that all stock found in the reserve would be impounded. As there are cattle and horses in there from day to day it is safe to assume that this is not being done. Are these a favored few, friends of the managers? I would like to get my beast in, too, and would not mind paying up to, say, 2/- per week for the privilege. If you can help me at all, Mr Editor, I will be obliged, seeing fodder is pretty high just now.—Yours, etc,
DUFFER.



Ready for reading ... Children and teachers dressed as their favourite book characters gathered in Newman Square ahead of story time.

Literally delightful day had by all

ONE of the highlights of Numurkah's annual calendar took place last week when young and old gathered to enjoy the power and glory of reading.

Two hundred children from local schools and kinders, accompanied by dozens of teachers,

visited 26 businesses along Melville St where business owners, employees and volunteers read them a selection of picture books.

NDHS health promotion officer Jenny Burrows, who organises the event, said community reading day is a fun community event that helps

to promote literacy.

“Everybody really looks forward to it, and I’m sure the adults are just as excited to take part as the kids are,” she said.

“It’s now in its 11th year and we still have new businesses coming on board, which is wonderful.”



Reading pals ... Justin Sullivan reads *Rose Meets Mr Wintergarten* to Numurkah Primary School Students at PALS op-shop.



Audience participation ... Numurkah Primary School students were keen to join in as Robyn Sprunt from NDHS read *Too Many Toys* to them outside Numurkah Newsagency.



Walking for a story ... A group from Numurkah Primary School makes its way to the next story point.



Whole community event ... Dorothy Walkerden from the Numurkah Planned Activity Group reads to kids at the post office.



TAKE YOUR E-WASTE TO A BETTER PLACE

E-waste is any item with a plug, battery or power cord that is no longer working or wanted.

WHERE DOES E-WASTE GO?

The Victorian Government recently introduced a ban which prevents e-waste being placed in any bin or landfill. Unwanted e-waste, or electronic waste, from the home, office or shed can be dropped at one of the below locations:

Cobram Transfer Station
100 Pye Road, Cobram East

Nathalia Transfer Station
26 Balls Road, Nathalia

Numurkah Transfer Station
367 Naring Road, Numurkah

Yarrawonga Transfer Station
81 Channel Road, Yarrawonga

Visit www.ewaste.vic.gov.au or contact your local council to find your nearest e-waste drop-off point.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY UNWANTED E-WASTE?

Your unwanted e-waste is transferred from Resource Recovery Centres to a reprocessor where it is shredded, sorted and repurposed. E-waste is recovered in a number of ways, depending on the item and can be repurposed for use in new batteries, electronics, homewares and more.

Valuable materials recovered from e-waste include:

- gold
- silver
- copper
- aluminium
- platinum
- cobalt

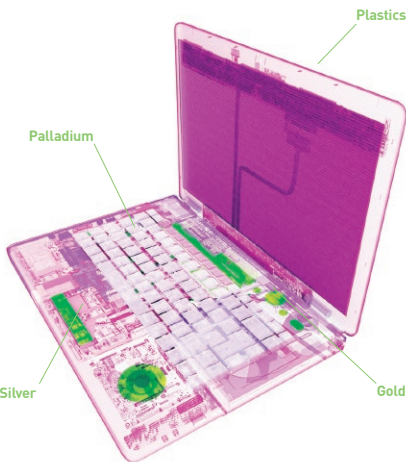
By disposing of your e-waste correctly and dropping it at the Cobram, Nathalia, Numurkah or Yarrawonga Resource Recovery Centres you are protecting the environment by:

- Reducing what is sent to landfill
- Keeping harmful materials contained in e-waste out of the environment
- Reducing greenhouse gases created in the production of new materials and products

WHAT IS E-WASTE?

Examples of e-waste include:

- Large and small household electrical appliances
- IT telecommunication and TV equipment
- LEDs and fluroescent lights
- Power tools
- Electrical toys



Your old electrical items have plenty left to give when they're recycled properly



Goulburn Valley
Waste and Resource Recovery Group



Queen of hearts ... Tahnee Tweed brought Lewis Carroll's classic character to life.

Characters galore at book week

IF you visited Numurkah Primary School last Thursday, you could have been excused for thinking you had stepped into another world.

Students, teachers and parents alike were outfitted as their favourite book characters, with works of literature, both old and new, embraced in a riot of imagination and stunning detail.

Students from grades prep to six strutted their stuff in a colourful parade, followed by a parade of teachers and parents who also dressed for the occasion.

Principal Deb Oliver said the annual event is a highlight of the school year.

"The whole school looks forward to it and you can see how much effort families go to to make it special," she said.

"The costumes were sensational and so creative, they just blew me away. Next year we'll have more prizes to acknowledge how many amazing costumes there are."

Student leaders from Numurkah Secondary College acted as guest judges before accompanying the grade prep to two students into town for community reading day.

Grade three to six students remained at school to take part in a range of reading-based activities.

"It was so good to see everybody embracing reading and identifying a character they wanted to dress as," Ms Oliver said.

"Literacy is so important, but it's fun too, and this is a chance to celebrate that."



Mr Grumpy ... Mr Smith embraced the chance to be grumpy for the day.



Friends ... Bridget Brown as Emma Wiggle and Erin Norman as the Mad Hatter.

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St Mary of the Angels Secondary College is currently seeking a suitably qualified individual/s with the ability to teach in the following areas:

- English
- Science
- VCAL/Applied Learning Specialist

St Mary of the Angels Nathalia is a Catholic Co-educational Secondary College that is committed to exploring and embracing the Franciscan values of inclusivity, social justice and right relationship with creation.

We are a College that offers a variety of educational pathways inclusive of a comprehensive senior school program and differentiated approach to our pedagogy. Our learning culture focuses on collaborative practice, professional learning teams and the use of data to enhance the learning opportunities for our students. St Mary of the Angels Secondary College is also a member of the Nathalia Learning Community.

Applications should include:

- A cover letter
- Response to the Key Selection Criteria
- Curriculum Vitae, including three professional referees.

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

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

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2019

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

St. Joseph's Primary School Numurkah



2020

2 x Classroom Teacher Positions -1 x On-going & 1 x 12 months

We seek two enthusiastic educators who would like to join our committed school team. One position is permanent while the other will be a 12 month contract with the possibility of continuation.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate:

- A passion for Catholic Education
- A willingness to be an effective team teacher in an open plan environment
- A commitment to quality teaching and learning practice

The successful applicant will have at least these basic requirements:

- A Victorian Institute of Teaching Registration
- Accreditation to teach Religious Education in a Catholic School or willingness to gain this

Interested persons can contact the Principal to discuss the positions in greater detail or send a written application including experience and the names of at least two referees to

Mr. Paul Arnel - Principal
St. Joseph's Primary School
16 Tocumwal Rd.
Numurkah 3636
Phone: (03) 5862 1804
parnel@sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au

**Closing Date for Applications -
Thursday, September 12, 2019**

*This person must be committed to the
safety, wellbeing and protection of all
children in our care*

THANKS

Gundrill — Val Frank and family would like to thank friends and relatives for their flowers, cards, support and attendance at the service to celebrate Val's life. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

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Administration Assistant – Primary Health

**32 hours per fortnight (0.4 EFT), fixed term to
30th June 2020**

Social Worker – Moira Palliative Care Service and Innovation Project

**16 hours per fortnight (0.2 EFT), fixed term to
30th August 2020**

Social Worker/ Generalist Counsellor

40 hours per fortnight (0.5 EFT)

Intake Coordinator

32 hours per fortnight (0.4 EFT)

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

www.ndhs.org.au

DEATHS

HEAP — Ernest John (Ernie).
26.2.1926 - 26.8.2019
Peacefully at
Karinya, Numurkah.
Loved husband and
friend to Barbara.
*A lifetime together
So blessed.*

Father of David
and Hellen, Richard
and Jo, Andrew and
Anne.
Loved Poppy to
Daniel, Rebecca,
Will, Jimmy and
Grace.

FUNERAL NOTICES

HEAP — A service
to celebrate the life
of Mr Ernest (Ernie)
Heap will be held at
the Heritage Park
Funeral Chapel,
Railway Place,
Numurkah, on
Saturday, September
7, 2019, commencing
at 2pm, followed
by a private family
committal service.

Ex-service personnel
are respectfully
invited to attend.



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wiser,
But our love has only
grown stronger.
Like everyone, we
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We can only hope
you are watching
over us
With your memories
in our heart
And our children at
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Til one day we meet.

Loving husband
Russell,

Kylea, Neroli, Lucy,
Clinton and families



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Meetings

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Golf croquet pennant will commence at a later date this year.

Cobram 0.1, 2.3, 3.3, 6.8 (44)
GOALS, Mulwala: Beau Nixon 6, Cam Nye 2, Dennis

Thomas Phillips 1, George Goodman 1. Barooga: Jack
Andrew 2, Joel Brown 2, Louis Crestani 1.

Adam Dodd Tungamah	6	34
Zayden Molluso Echuca United	7	32

Sunday at Numurkah
Seniors: Congupna v Cobram (2nd Elimination)
Reserves: Nathalia v Deniliquin (1st Elimination)
Under 17s: Cobram v Rumbalara (2nd Qualifying)
Under 14s: Deniliquin v Nathalia (2nd Qualifying)

Sunday at Tungamah
Seniors: Tongala v Tungamah (1st Elimination)
Reserves: Tungamah v Mulwala (2nd Elimination)
Under 17s: Mulwala v Finley (1st Elimination)
Under 14s: Finley v Moama (2nd Elimination)

NEXT WEEK
Saturday, August 31, Semi final 2 at Mathoura
Seniors: Katamatite v Rennie
Reserves: Berrigan v Blighy
Under 17s: Tocumwal v Deniliquin
Under 14s: Deniliquin Rovers v Katunga
Sunday, September 1, Semi final 1 at Yarroweyah
Seniors: Berrigan v Deniliquin Rovers
Reserves: Waaiia v Katunga
Under 17s: Rennie v Jerilderie
Under 14s: Picola United v Blighy

Hicks, E. Stephens, T. Elliott, M. Williams, F. Donovan.

UNDER 14

Strathmerton **4.6, 7.11, 9.19, 13.20 (98)**
Picola **1.0,1.0, 1.0, 3.1 (19)**

GOALS: Strathmerton: J. Payne 3, B. Lee-Madgwick 2, R. Wyatt 2, J. Edgar, J. Stephens, J. Henderson, T. Stephens, J. Webb, E. Coghill-Lynam. Picola: C. Legge 2, J. Barnett.

BEST: Strathmerton: B. Lee-Madgwick , T. Stephens, J. Edgar, W. Almond, R. Wyatt, J. Payne. Picola: K. Atkinson, W. Dargan, L. Caldwell, M. Jorgensen, S. Atkinson, C. Legge.

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Roy's big day out

by “Archie Bunker”
SATURDAY’S event at Numurkah Golf Club was a Brad Tweed Painting sponsored monthly medal round, and Roy Peterson must have decided he needed a new shirt, compiling a fantastic round to come in with 65 nett.
Carding 44 shots on each nine, Roy drove the ball well and putted to perfection, his playing partners enthralled to watch such a great display of golf. The 23 marker is known for being a tad inconsistent, usually either having a really bad day, or a really good day, and Saturday was definitely the latter, as he went on to win by three shots.
Martin Harper hasn’t seen much good golf of late, and would have been hopeful of a win when he

finished with 68 nett. Although it wasn’t to be, Marty said he was still happy to play a good round.
Balls down the line went to Kerry Collins with 70 nett, Mitch Grandell and Darryl Sheridan on 71s, Neil Hutchins, Steve Piggott and Garry Hosie on 72, and Hughie Gunn and David Ludington on 73.
Martin Harper got some consolation for missing out on the sponsor’s shirt when he won nearest the pin on the money hole fourth with a terrific shot to the green.
Ray Falla won the ball on the seventh, Mitch Grandell won the 15th, and Neil Hutchins had the best shot to the 18th green.
Mitch had the best scratch score of just 73 shots.
There were a couple of nominations for the Mickey Mouse ears.

Had Dave Scanlan been in the clubhouse for presentations, they would have been placed firmly on his head.
Dave amassed the following - three eights, two 10s, and three windies - to finish with a an 86 nett.
However, Jack Dell was in the clubhouse, and grudgingly accepted the ears for his 102 shots off the stick. Jack played the front nine in 46, but exploded around the back, with an additional 10 shots.
This Saturday’s golf will be a stableford round, and then there is the Tallygaroopna open tournament on Sunday. It is rumoured that this may be the last ever Tally open, so local members are urged to support this event, and be at Tally by 10am.

Bev wins Thelma after tense battle

by “The Shankster”
THERE is very little more satisfying than to win a sporting final after a real battle for supremacy, and Bev McIntosh must have been feeling very satisfied after her Thelma McBride singles knockout victory last Wednesday.
Bev had the onerous job of giving Lorraine Milner 14 shots, especially considering Lorraine is a very experienced and cagey match-player, who was going for her fourth consecutive win in this event.
The pair had a battle royale, that went past the 18 holes, finishing on the 19th.
After squaring the first hole, Bev won the next four holes in a row, and both players probably thought it was game over, but Lorraine won the next four, and the game was all square on the turn.
Bev got two up early on the back nine, but again Lorraine clawed her way back and the match was all square with just the 18th to play. A square on that hole had them teeing off the first again.

Lorraine got into a bit of trouble, and Bev calmly parred the hole to win this prestigious trophy for the second time, her first win coming in 2015.
While those two were battling it out in match play, the other women were battling the course in a challenging par round, in challenging conditions, with a cold, gusty wind making things difficult.
Merren Carr did a terrific job to finish square with the course, and win her second consecutive Wednesday event.
Helen Schmedig two shots behind, with minus two, to finish in the number two position.
Karen Harper and Liz Dell were the ball winners, but the scores, again, were not being bandied about, only a reiteration of the difficult conditions.
After winning both nearest the pins the previous week, Merren again was the only nearest the pin winner, getting onto the cake hole 18th, to win a voucher for a delicious coffee and cake at Brereton’s

bakery. No-one managed to get onto the seventh.
There were no excuses out on the golf course on Saturday, with just perfect weather conditions prevailing for the day’s Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal round.
Bev McIntosh capped off a great couple of days on the course, putting together the best round of the day with 75 nett, finishing just one shot ahead of Jenny Ludington.
Jenny had to survive a countback to take her second place, relegating her playing partner Karen Harper into third spot on 76 nett.
The remaining balls went to Pauline Davies with 77 nett, Lorraine Craig with 79, and Julie Daniel on 80 nett.
Those last two players were also the only women to win nearest the pin prizes, Lorraine on the seventh, and Julie on 18.
Today’s golf will be a monthly medal round, Saturday will be a stableford, and next Wednesday, after the greens renovation, will be a novelty day of some sort.



Saint sandwich ... Kirsty Hodgkin and Carly Duckworth applied plenty of pressure in their team's 16 goal win over Berrigan on Saturday.

Swans fly into preliminary

KATUNGA won its way into the Picola netball league A grade preliminary finals with a seven goal win over Katamatite, played at Picola on Sunday.
Coming off a win against Katty only a few weeks earlier, the Swans took some confidence into their qualifying final, but the Tigers took an early lead and held onto it for the first half.
The two teams had finished the season second and third on the ladder, and the Swans knew they had a lot more to give and lifted their game.
They soon gained momentum, with Grace Kennedy’s pressure in defence again providing difficulties for the Katty attackers.
At the other end of the court, Bri Armitage was playing well beyond her years, with great strong holds and rebounds.
The game was hard fought and a real team effort, with everyone playing their role, both on and off the court, to take victory 42-49.
Best player: Breanna Armitage.
B GRADE
The undefeated Katunga B grade side continued on its merry way, with a 16 goal win over Berrigan at Waaia on Saturday.
The Swans were ready for a great battle, and they weren’t disappointed.
Katunga held a small lead heading into the second quarter, and managed to build on it in each term, but the Saints definitely made the girls work hard, in a terrific game played in the right spirit.
The Swans put the foot down in the last quarter, with some sensational shooting

by Jordyn Sutton and strong defensive pressure from the whole team, to take victory 54-38.
Best players: Jordyn Sutton, Trace Salter.
C GRADE
The C graders started strongly, but they faced a tough game against the undefeated Berrigan side, and eventually went down by 22 goals.
After a great first quarter, the Swans trailed by just one goal, and followed it up with another strong quarter, but their intensity dwindled in the second half and some silly mistakes saw Berrigan take an easy win.
The Swans now face a must win game against Picola United at Mathoura on Saturday, if they are to continue their finals campaign.
The two teams finished fourth and fifth on the ladder, and have only met once this season, in round one, when Katunga took a 13 goal victory.
Best players: Kate Mansfield, Chloe Smith.
C RESERVE
Katunga finished the season level on points with Deni Rovers, but came out strongly on Sunday to immediately apply the pressure, and take a 13 goal win.
From start to finish, the Swans kept their foot on the pedal. The defenders were brilliant, the mid-courtiers patient, and the goalers persistent. And the support from the crowd was amazing.
The win sees the Swans move straight into the preliminary final on September 8.
Best player: Andrea Kelly.

NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

MNL

A GRADE

Barooga 46 def Congupna 42

Echuca United 76 def Numurkah 21

Rumbalara 71 def Finley 30

Mulwala 48 def Cobram 46

Nathalia 33 def Tongala 30

Katandra 20 def by Moama 81

Tungamah 18 def by Deniliquin 50

LADDER

P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Rumbalara	18	17	1	0	1113	527	211.2
Echuca United	18	16	1	1	1115	545	204.59
Moama	18	15	2	1	1095	525	208.57
Deniliquin	18	14	4	0	936	608	153.95
Cobram	18	11	7	0	828	787	105.21
Mulwala	18	11	7	0	694	715	97.06
Finley	18	9	9	0	741	881	84.11
Congupna	18	7	10	1	723	759	95.26
Nathalia	18	7	10	1	629	719	87.48
Tongala	18	7	11	0	607	803	75.59
Barooga	18	5	13	0	602	897	67.11
Tungamah	18	2	16	0	529	923	57.31
Numurkah	18	2	16	0	532	1024	51.95
Katandra	18	1	17	0	547	978	55.93

B GRADE

Barooga 39 def Congupna 38

Echuca United 53 def Numurkah 25

Rumbalara 44 def Finley 40

Mulwala 67 def Cobram 27

Nathalia 29 def Tongala 27

Katandra 23 def by Moama 81

Tungamah 8 def by Deniliquin 63

LADDER

P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Mulwala	18	17	0	1	886	485	182.68
Echuca United	18	16	1	1	984	494	199.19
Deniliquin	18	15	3	0	868	503	172.56
Moama	18	15	3	0	954	589	161.97
Congupna	18	10	8	0	710	632	112.34
Cobram	18	10	8	0	704	728	96.7
Tongala	18	9	9	0	671	631	106.34
Nathalia	18	7	11	0	586	668	87.72
Finley	18	6	12	0	590	711	82.98
Numurkah	18	6	12	0	659	823	80.07
Rumbalara	18	6	12	0	634	820	77.32
Barooga	18	6	12	0	532	731	72.78
Katandra	18	1	17	0	559	1010	55.35
Tungamah	18	1	17	0	438	950	46.11

C GRADE

Barooga 20 def by Congupna 60

Echuca United 81 def Numurkah 6

Rumbalara 58 def Finley 29

Mulwala 42 def Cobram 30

Nathalia 34 drew Tongala 34

Katandra 42 def by Moama 54

Tungamah 17 def by Deniliquin 69

LADDER

P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Echuca United	18	18	0	0	1068	408	261.76
Mulwala	18	16	2	0	949	478	198.54
Deniliquin	18	16	2	0	1078	623	173.03
Cobram	18	13	5	0	857	492	174.19

Moama

18 12 6 0 824 693 48 118.9

Tongala

18 11 6 1 786 588 46 133.67

Nathalia

18 10 7 1 823 680 42 121.03

Congupna

18 9 9 0 690 700 36 98.57

Katandra

18 6 12 0 689 822 24 83.82

Rumbalara

18 6 12 0 644 822 24 78.35

Numurkah

18 3 15 0 477 865 12 55.14

Finley

18 3 15 0 434 955 12 45.45

Tungamah

18 2 16 0 380 947 8 40.13

Barooga

18 0 18 0 447 1073 0 41.66

C RESERVE

Barooga 29 def by Congupna 47

Echuca United 42 def Numurkah 21

Mulwala 47 def Cobram 27

Nathalia 53 def Tongala 13

Katandra 35 def by Moama 46

Tungamah 8 def by Deniliquin 52

LADDER

P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	PR	
Echuca United	17	17	0	0	915	403	68	227.05	4
Deniliquin	16	14	2	0	818	441	56	185.49	3.5
Mulwala	17	14	3	0	785	420	56	186.9	3.3
Moama	17	13	4	0	670	505	52	132.67	3.1
Katandra	17	9	8	0	715	671	36	106.56	2.1
Nathalia	17	9	8	0	620	596	36	104.03	2.1
Congupna	17	8	8	1	602	641	34	93.92	2
Barooga	17	7	10	0	544	627	28	86.76	1.6
Cobram	16	6	10	0	647	668	24	96.86	1.5
Numurkah	17	6	11	0	563	598	24	94.15	1.4
Rumbalara	16	2	14	0	365	798	8	45.74	0.5
Tongala	16	1	14	1	324	747	6	43.37	0.4
Tungamah	16	0	14	2	325	778	4	41.77	0.3

17 & UNDER

Barooga 51 def Congupna 12

Echuca United 76 def Numurkah 12

Rumbalara 45 def Finley 28

Mulwala 29 def by Cobram 33

Nathalia 19 def by Tongala 28

Katandra 22 def by Moama 46

Tungamah 38 def by Deniliquin 45

LADDER

P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	
Echuca United	18	17	1	0	927	340	68	272.65
Deniliquin	18	17	1	0	910	427	68	213.11
Tongala	18	14	3	1	687	367	58	187.19
Moama	18	13	4	1	556	424	54	131.13
Tungamah	18	12	6	0	639	534	48	119.66
Barooga	18	10	8	0	602	540	40	111.48
Rumbalara	18	10	8	0	678	609	40	111.33
Nathalia	18	9	9	0	614	499	36	123.05
Cobram	18	8	10	0	491	601	32	81.7
Mulwala	18	6	12	0	537	616	24	87.18
Katandra	18	4	13	1	423	690	18	61.3
Congupna	18	2	15	1	319	799	10	39.92
Finley	18	1	17	0	403	714	4	56.44
Numurkah	18	1	17	0	291	917	4	31.73

15 & UNDER

Barooga 54 def Congupna 8

Echuca United 49 def Numurkah 10

Rumbalara 38 def Finley 10

Mulwala 29 def Cobram 19

Nathalia 10 def by Tongala 55

Katandra 20 def by Moama 40

LADDER

P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	
Deniliquin	18	18	0	0	994	301	72	330.23
Tongala	18	17	1	0	943	313	68	301.28
Echuca United	18	14	4	0	670	399	56	167.92
Rumbalara	18	12	6	0	564	472	48	119.49
Barooga	18	11	6	1	537	424	46	126.65
Mulwala	18	11	7	0	451	389	44	115.94
Moama	18	11	7	0	523	455	44	114.95
Nathalia	18	10	8	0	575	516	40	111.43
Tungamah	18	6	12	0	436	621	24	70.21
Katandra	18	6	12	0	396	642	24	61.68
Finley	18	4	14	0	324	586	16	55.29
Numurkah	18	3	15	0	350	683	12	51.24
Cobram	18	2	15	1	256	568	10	45.07
Congupna	18	0	18	0	154	804	0	19.15

13 & UNDER

Barooga 41 def Congupna 11

Echuca United 30 def Numurkah 11

Finley 41 def Rumbalara 30

Mulwala 23 def by Cobram 36

Nathalia 2 def by Tongala 32

Katandra 6 def by Moama 33

Tungamah 12 def by Deniliquin 29

LADDER

P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	
Tongala	18	17	1	0	690	295	68	233.9
Finley	18	16	2	0	637	341	64	186.8
Deniliquin	18	14	4	0	607	336	56	180.65
Echuca United	18	13	5	0	504	296	52	170.27
Cobram	18	13	5	0	542	443	52	122.35
Barooga	18	12	5	1	564	354	50	159.32
Rumbalara	18	12	5	1	569	402	50	141.54
Numurkah	18	7	11	0	397	430	28	92.33
Moama	18	7	11	0	424	487	28	87.06
Mulwala	18	5	13	0	327	486	20	67.28
Congupna	18	5	13	0	334	518	20	64.48
Tungamah	18	2	16	0	198	505	8	39.21
Nathalia	18	2	16	0	205	582	8	35.22
Katandra	18	0	18	0	65	588	0	11.05

NEXT WEEK

QUALIFYING AND ELIMINATION FINALS

SATURDAY AT MOAMA

A grade: Rumbalara v Deniliquin

B grade: Echuca United v Deniliquin

C grade: Mulwala v Deniliquin

C Reserve: Deniliquin v Mulwala

17 under: Deniliquin v Tongala

15 under: Mulwala v Moama

13 under: Rumbalara v Barooga

SATURDAY AT ECHUCA UNITED

A grade: Echuca United v Moama

B grade: Congupna v Nathalia

C grade: Echuca United v Cobram

C Reserve: Echuca United v Moama

17 under: Echuca United v Moama

15 under: Tongala v Echuca United

13 under: Echuca United v Tongala

SUNDAY AT NUMURKAH

A grade: Cobram v Congupna

B grade: Cobram v Tongala

C grade: Tongala v Nathalia

C Reserve: Katandra v Barooga

17 under: Barooga v Rumbalara

15 under: Barooga v Nathalia

13 under: Cobram v Numurkah

SUNDAY AT TUNGAMAH

A grade: Mulwala v Finley

B grade: Moama v Mulwala

C grade: Moama v Congupna

C Reserve: Nathalia v Congupna

17 under: Nathalia v Tungamah

15 under: Rumbalara v Deniliquin

13 under: Finley v Deniliquin

QUALIFYING FINALS

A GRADE

Tocumwal 23 lt Deni Rovers 50

Katamatite 42 lt Katunga 49

B GRADE

Katunga 54 d Berrigan 38

Waia 48 d Rennie 40

C GRADE

Berrigan 59 d Katunga 38

Waia 40 d Mathoura 27

C RESERVE

Rennie 37 d Waia 30

Katunga 32 d Deni Rovers 19

17 & UNDER

Strathmerton 28 lt Deni Rovers 29

Tocumwal 26 lt Waia 36

15 & UNDER

Rennie 36 d Deni Rovers 23

Blighty 36 d Tocumwal 24

13 & UNDER

Deni Rovers 22 d Rennie 12

Tocumwal 13 d Blighty 10

NEXT WEEK

Saturday, August 31, Semi final 2 at Mathoura

A grade: Tocumwal v Strathmerton

B grade: Mathoura v Berrigan

C grade: Picola United v Katunga

C reserve: Berrigan v Waia

Under 17: Blighty v Strathmerton

Under 15: Waia v Deni Rovers

Under 13: Jerilderie v Rennie

Sunday, September 1, Semi final 1 at Yarroweyah

A grade: Katamatite v Picola United

B grade: Deni Rovers v Rennie

C grade: Deni Rovers v Mathoura

C reserve: Mathoura v Deni Rovers

Under 17: Picola United v Tocumwal

Under 15: Katamatite v Tocumwal

Under 13: Berrigan v Blighty

Bulldogs' first loss

STRATHMERTON'S under 17 netballers suffered their first loss of the season in their first taste of this season's finals series, going down by the barest of margins to Deni Rovers.

The Rovers finished the season in fourth place on the ladder, but an injury to one of the Strathy girls mixed up the Bulldogs' game plan and had them rattled. They went down 28-29.

Having finished on top of the ladder, they still have another chance to make amends, and will face Blighty, which finished in fifth place, at Mathoura on Saturday.

The under 17s and the A graders are the only two Strathmerton netball sides still in the finals. The A graders will also play at Mathoura on Saturday, taking on top side Tocumwal in what will be a tough encounter.

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Here it comes ... Alysha Cornell gets a pass away on Saturday.

Good finish to season

NATHALIA finished its A grade netball season on a great note, with a fighting three goal win over Tongala, 33-30.

The Purples just missed out on finals, finishing in ninth place on the ladder, level on points with eighth placed Congupna.

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

B GRADE

The B graders will play finals this weekend, after scraping home against Tongala by two goals on Saturday, 29-27.

The game proved to be a very tough tussle. The first half was close and well contested, before the Purples pulled away to a good lead in the third quarter, and then managed to hold off a fast finishing Tongala to take victory.

Nathalia will travel to Tungamah to take on Congupna on Saturday, in what should be a terrific contest.

The last time the two sides met, in round 16 early in August, Nathalia took victory by a solitary goal, which was one goal less than their first encounter in round eight.

Awards: Barmah Hotel BOC: Millie Maskell, Laino's Pizza: Jessi Hicks, SportFirst Numurkah: Bella Sheehan.

C GRADE

The contest between fifth placed Tongala and seventh placed Nathalia proved to be every bit as good a game as you could get, with the scores level at the final whistle.

Both teams played very defensive games all over the court, but it was the move of Jen Butler to GK at the main break that saw Nathalia fight back.

The Purples will play a rematch of Saturday's game, at Numurkah this Sunday, but will be hoping to finish on top to keep their finals campaign alive.

Awards: Coprice BOC: Jen Butler, Hinchliffe & Greed: Anna Tinkler, Three Belles Creations: Alysha Cornell.

C RESERVE

The C reserve side had a great win to end its

home and away season, playing well, using space and generally playing good netball to win by 40 goals, 53-13.

The Purples will be hoping to continue this form, going into Saturday's elimination final at Tungamah on Sunday.

Awards: Limo's Home Hardware: Shelly Patone, Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Brooke Parker, SportFirst Numurkah: Paige Hickey.

17 UNDER

The under 17 girls went down by 10 goals to Tongala, in a close contest, and will now meet Tungamah at Tungamah on Sunday.

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

15 UNDER

Second placed Tongala proved far too good for the Nathalia under 15s, but the Purples will get another chance to make amends, when they meet Barooga in an elimination final at Numurkah this Sunday.

The Purples were not switched on on Saturday, making basic errors all over the court, and failing to find their stride all game.

There will be plenty to reflect on as they move into the finals this weekend.

Awards: Kylie Richards BOC: Kaiya Cornell, Bendigo Bank: Ella Dealy, Marketplace Subway: Jenna Mason.

13 UNDER

Despite going down by a big margin, the under 13s played a fun game to finish the season, making many position changes.

Tongala sits on top of the ladder and proved to be tough competition, taking victory 32-2.

Awards: Jasmine Johns, Nathalia Dairy: Eliza Kopsidas, TJ's IGA: Ally Bloodworth.

11 UNDER

The under 11s showed just how much their netball skills have improved over the season, with a two goal win over Tongala.

Awards: Past Players: Charlotte Morrison, Bendigo Bank: Esther Amery, TJ's IGA: Peyton Johns.

Blue day ends season for all but one team

DESPITE losing the final game of the season, Numurkah's A grade netballers ended the season on a positive note, with a great pressure game against a top side that lost just one game for the season.

The Blues played a great first half, moving the ball well into their goalers, applying terrific pressure that had Echuca making changes to their game.

The Blues' main problem seemed to be at centre passes, which were the cause of many turnovers.

Defenders Rachelle Moon and Sophie Morris had to work overtime, and again put great pressure on the goalers, and creating many turnovers. However, some silly errors crept in, to stop Numurkah from capitalising on these.

Ella Sprunt, Sarah Trease and Serren Verhey worked hard all game, taking some great grabs, and Jess Tymensen played a very mature and smart game against an intimidating defender.

Fiona Elliott again led the way, playing smart netball and working overtime all game.

The young Blues have shown great improvement and played some great netball in the past six weeks. Saturday's final score saw them go down 21-76.

Echuca United has been a powerhouse this season, and all its teams will play finals commencing this weekend.

Awards: Numurkah Hotel: Fiona Elliott; Brereton's Bakery: Jess Tymensen.

B GRADE

The B graders faced a similar, uphill battle as did the A graders, being pushed to the limits by a well drilled side.

The Blues had a good first half, but couldn't keep up their momentum, going down 25-53.

Award: Shamrock Hotel: Rebecca Morris.

C GRADE

The undefeated Echuca C grade side proved

a big hurdle for Numurkah, which went down 6-81 in the final game of the season.

The Blues ran their rotations and made a lot of position changes and, as they have all year, the girls all stuck to their task and ran out the game well.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Georgia Carkeek; Numurkah Café Bar & Restaurant: Teea Brattle.

C RESERVE

The Blues' C reserve side was competitive for the first half of its game against the undefeated Eagles, staying within a few goals of the league leader.

But the second half was a different story. The home side bolstered its side with some much more experienced players, and opened up its lead, eventually doubling Numurkah's score, 42-21.

The Blues had nothing to lose and played every quarter with 100% effort, to end a tough season.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Renata Morris; Hair Societe: Kim Smyth.

JUNIORS

The under 17s and under 15s both suffered big losses to much stronger Echuca sides to end their seasons, while the under 13s went down by 19 goals, but will play finals next week, finishing in eighth place on the ladder.

The young Blues played a great first half, but Echuca's pressure made it hard for them to keep up their intensity and run out the game.

Awards: Club: Jemma Carkeek, Charlize Borg.

11 UNDER

The under 11s took the only netball win for the day, with the whole team playing well for their last game of the season.

Awards: Rush Foot: Bethany Pellegrino; Club: Ellie Carkeek and Heidi Moon.



No rest ... Sophie Morris and Sarah Trease were made to work hard against a strong Echuca United side on Saturday.

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Eagles too good for Blues

IN a precursor to the first qualifying final next week, Numurkah was unable to clip the wings of the Eagles going down by 69 points. The Blues seniors travelled to Echuca United’s home ground for the final round of the home and away season. With the aid of the breeze, the Blues only led by seven points in a high scoring first quarter by both sides.

“There was a three to four goal wind out there today and we failed to capitalise on it,” Numurkah coach, Jye Warren, said. Mitch Price presented as a strong marking target, and both Bailey Roberts and Josh O’Dwyer were dangerous and creative at ground level, generating many scoring opportunities. Echuca took advantage of the breeze in the second quarter, with its midfield lifting around the stoppages and delivering the ball to a dangerous forward line, kicking five goals and holding the Blues scoreless. With Michael Griffiths injured and looking to bridge the gap in the third quarter, Paul Collins once again stepped up for ruck duties and began to work his way into the game, rucking valiantly for the midfield brigade.

“Paul was outstanding, he had a massive game for us,” Warren said. Beau McKeown and Tim Arnel took their game up a notch around the stoppages with great assistance from the hard running Brad Crowther from the back flank and the lively Josh O’Dwyer, who finished with four goals. The Blues managed to peg the margin back to 21 points at the final change after a four goal to two quarter. Kicking into the wind in the final quarter, Numurkah knew it would be difficult to overcome the deficit in the final term. Injuries began to take their toll on the Blues side and, with only two rotations left, the Eagles were able to capitalise, booting a further seven goals and keeping Numurkah to a scoreless quarter for the second time for the match. Warren said, Michael Griffiths and Nathan Hicks suffered shoulder and groin injuries respectively. Griffiths’ is to have scans later this week, however he believes both will be available for next week. Numurkah will no doubt look to regroup through the week and prepare to once again take on Echuca United this Saturday in the qualifying final, at Echuca commencing at 2pm.



Picola’s second chance

PICOLA fourths were glad of their double chance when they went down to Strathmerton by 79 points on Saturday. After finishing second on the ladder at the end of the home and away season, the Blues were looking for a win to take them straight into the preliminary final. This, however, did not eventuate. Both sides scored early, but by the end of the first quarter, the Bulldogs

were leading by four goals. After the break, Strathmerton took a stranglehold on the game and held Picola scoreless for the next two quarters. The Blues were able to kick a couple of consolation goals in the last quarter, however Strathy was too good on the day. Picola will now play Blighty in the second semi final this Sunday at Yarroweyah at 9:30am.

Blues twos thumped

GOING up against ladder leaders Echuca United was always going to be a tough challenge for the bottom of the ladder Numurkah reserves. To their credit, the boys fought hard to the end, but, nevertheless were outclassed to the tune of 137 points. With Echuca leading by 61 points at half time, the Blues were not prepared to lie down and continued competing at every contest with great chasing and tackling. They were, however, unable to maintain their intensity and went down fighting in what has been a long and trying season for the boys involved. Best players: Greg Gallus, Kyle Morrison, Ben Shanahan, Kaleb Rees, Will Seabrook and George Lester. THIRDS In a dress rehearsal for next week’s first qualifying final, Numurkah took on the undefeated Echuca United in a finals like atmosphere, going down by an even 100 points. With the majority of play in the first quarter, the Blues were unable to capitalise, and inaccuracy in front of goal saw the scoreline read 47 points to three by half time. The Eagles constantly outworked the Numurkah boys around the ground, with the backline under immense pressure all day. James Kam was brilliant in the backline,

thwarting a number of Eagles’ scoring opportunities. Matt Mansfield and Kade O’Dwyer battled hard all day, as did Ben Millen, Pat Masters and Jack Millen, however the Eagles proved far too classy on the day. Next week sees the Blues once again take on the Eagles in the qualifying final to be held at Echuca South Recreation Reserve, commencing at 10:45am. FOURTHS Under a beautiful sky the fourths took on ladder leader, Echuca United at Echuca for their final game of the season. Looking to improve on their previous encounter with the Eagles, the Blues were unable to do so and were thumped by 181 points. Ruckman Kobie Rahilly and the young midfield trio of Oliver Masters, Nick Hughes and Judah Moody all tried hard to move the ball forward, however, the half time score saw Echuca leading by 66 points. The second half was more of the same, despite extra defence being implemented. Jaxon Mckellar, Reeve Verhoeven, Zac Cason, Mitch Ward and Matt Millen all tried hard in defence to no avail as the Eagles piled on another 18 goals. Best Players: Reeve Verhoeven, Oliver Masters, Jaxon Mckellar, Nick Hughes, Lucas Roberts and Judah Moody.

Katunga thirds into preliminary

IN a great game of football, Katunga’s thirds have progressed to the Picola league preliminary final with a hard fought 44 point victory against a determined Rennie. In a tight first half, the Swans held sway, leading by 14 points at the main break. Luke Bosse rucked well all day, giving on ballers, Lachlan Daniel and Max Hendy first use of the ball, which enabled them to continue their forward

thrusts into attack. Going into the second half, the Swans were far too good for the Hoppers, booting a further nine goals to four. The preliminary final will be held at Deniliquin at 10:35am on Sunday, September 8,2019. Best players- H. Hill, L. Daniel, M. Hendy, L. Bosse, J. Harris, L. Van der Burg.

Locals shine at awards

SEVERAL local players were in receipt of accolades handed out in the Murray football league awards night held on Sunday. Numurkah footballer, Beau McKeown received the league’s MVP award, voted on by the presidents of the 14 clubs in the senior division. Numurkah coach, Jye Warren said, “Beau was a deserved winner of the award. He is an in and under player, who performs well every week and is well respected at the club. “He also placed in the top 10 for the best and fairest award, which

demonstrates the year he has had.” In other good news for Numurkah, young gun, Josh O’Dwyer tied for Rising Star. “This was a remarkable effort,” Warren said, “considering he played only eight games for the season. “Josh is a bottom age player with the Murray Bushrangers and is continually improving.” Numurkah player, Michael Herlihy won the Bill Limbrick Senior Interleague medal. Nathalia Football Club didn’t leave empty handed either, with mid-

fielder Bailey Bell runner up in the best and fairest count. Bell polled well, receiving 27 votes, finishing three votes behind winner Jackson Gash from Mulwala. “We are extremely happy for Bailey to receive this accolade, he has played excellently all year,” Bell’s coach, Mal Barnes said. “He has returned to the club this year and transformed himself into a midfielder after previously playing predominately forward.” Jeannette Hill, Nathalia secretary, received the Administrator of the Year award.



Strathmerton straight into preliminary final

AFTER being unable to beat Berrigan throughout the season, Strathmerton faced up to its nemesis in the second qualifying final and came away with a 24 point win. The Bulldogs went into the game full of confidence knowing that finals football is a different ball game to the regular season and that turned out to be the case. Berrigan got off to a quick start with three early goals and led by five points at quarter time. The Strathy boys slowly clicked into gear, holding Berrigan goalless and going into the main break with a six point lead. The Bulldogs never allowed their opponents back into the game, stifling the Saints' forward thrusts and only allowing them a further two goals for the match, while doubling their own half time score. The Bulldogs have earnt the week off and look forward to their preliminary final to be played at Deniliquin, Sunday week at 2:05pm.

THIRDS
The thirds travelled out to Waaia on Saturday morning and started their finals campaign with a 73 point win over Tocumwal. Evenly poised at quarter time, the Bulldogs took control in the second quarter, keeping the Bloods scoreless to lead by 42 points at the main break. The Bulldogs continued to outrun their opponents for the remainder of the game. Matt Price was strong in the ruck, providing first use of the ball to the speedy Logan King and Dylan Craven.

Mitch Payne was tough in the contested ball and was ably supported by Riley and Desi O'Kane. Hayden Wyatt was superb in front of goal with an eight goal haul. Awards: H. Wyatt, M. Payne, D. O'Kane, R. O'Kane, M. Price and L. King.

FOURTHS
In their first finals hit out, Strathmerton took on Picola at their home ground on a perfect morning for football. The Bulldogs ensured the Blues were never in the hunt and came away with a resounding 79 point victory. The Bulldogs wanted to ensure they got off to a good start and did so, leading by four goals at quarter time. Holding the Blues scoreless in the next two quarters, Strathy dominated and led by 67 points at the final break. Will Almond, Josh Payne, Ryan Wyatt, Brodie Wren and Ben Lee-Madgwick all played extremely well around the ground, providing endless scoring opportunities. The margin could have been greater but for some inaccurate kicking. However, the boys showed what they are capable of and are looking forward to the preliminary final to be played at Deniliquin at 9:30am Sunday week. Awards: Strathy Pizza: Ben Lee-Madgwick; Subway: Josh Payne; Terminus Hotel: Ryan Wyatt; Ladies Committee: Tyler Stephens; Maccas: Jayden Edgar; Coaches award: Will Almond.



With a step to the left... Bailey Bell evades a would-be tackle from a Tongala opponent

Nathalia too good at home

NATHALIA finished the home and away season with a comfortable win over Tongala by 72 points on Saturday. The Purples started quickly, skipping out to 25 point lead at quarter time. Bailey Bell was on fire, kicking two first quarter goals and racking up a number of disposals. Ryan Butler intercepted regularly and rebounded with his usual poise. However, a season ending injury to defender Joe Nihill put a dampener on the quarter time huddle. "Joe has suffered what appears to be a season ending injury with a broken collarbone," Nathalia coach Mal Barnes said. "He was taken down in an awkward tackle and could miss the next four to 10 weeks, however you never know how they heal as there is no surgery required." Nathalia continued the barrage in the second quarter where Rhys Shannon displayed his class and Liam Evans proved dangerous up forward. Nathalia dominated possession but couldn't convert the play into goals, kicking nine goals 14behinds to half time. The game opened into a free flowing affair after half time with some appealing football played by both teams. "We played some great footy with an all round team effort," said Barnes. Brodie Ross took control in the ruck. Drew and Mal Barnes worked tirelessly to create drive through the midfield, and Jason Limbrick was a constant presence in attack. The last quarter saw some magic from Harley Cobbledick, who was given freedom on the wing, bringing speed and energy to the midfield and a great snap on goal. Nathalia will play Mulwala in their qualifying final at Moama Recreation Reserve this coming Sunday at 2pm. Awards: Ryan Meat Co: Rhys Shannon; Bourke Group: Bailey Bell; Liddell Group – Dellcorp: Alex Hicks; Numurkah Tyrepower: Ryan Butler; TJ's IGA: Liam Evans; Brereton's Bakery: Brodie Ross.



Low ground ... Ashley Thompson hones in on the footy during the Bombers' win over Katamatite on Saturday.

Bombers power home

WAAIA was made to work extremely hard for its 19 point win over Katamatite in the first qualifying final on Saturday. Playing on their home ground, the Bombers were a point down at the half time break. The home ground advantage did not appear to faze the Tigers, as they came out and booted five goals in the third quarter to extend their lead to seven points at three quarter time. Waaia received a rev up in the last huddle and came out fighting, knuckling down to overrun the Tigers in the last quarter in what was a terrific match. Miles Rowlands was superb in the ruck, winning almost every hit-out. Ash Thompson was sensational around the ground with two goals and delivering pinpoint passes to Mark Meyland who finished with four goals. Bill Brown and Brayden Coates were strong all day, while Sam Richardson and Jesse Trower also played well. Waaia now has a week off and will next play in the preliminary final which will be held at Strathmerton at 2:05pm, Sunday week.

SECONDS
Waaia reserves faced off against Rennie,

who they had not played since the opening round of the season, and were defeated by 58 points on Sunday. The Hoppers were too strong from the outset, keeping the Bombers goalless for the entire match. Damian Hommes tried hard all day, as did Hayden Hixon in the ruck. Mason Sprunt and Mark Bergamin played well and were ably supported by Aden McCredie and Glen Payne. Waaia will now play Katunga in the first semi final this Sunday, 12:30pm at Yarroweyah.

Nathalia reserves miss double chance

IN a massive game that would shape the final structure of the ladder position, Nathalia reserves went down by 46 points to Tongala at home, leaving them fifth on the ladder after the final game of the football home and away season. The Purples started well, however inaccuracy in front of goal, saw them lead by a solitary point at quarter time. Tongala rallied in the second quarter and started to gain some ascendancy, kicking three goals and holding Nathalia scoreless to take a 20 point lead at half time. After the break, the Purples' backline worked hard, with Tyson Richards and Matt Smith holding strong, keeping Tongala goalless in the third quarter, only to be overrun in the final quarter. Sean Zammit was again strong in the ruck and around the ground. Henry Congues, Brayden Summerville and Scott Morris continued to work hard at every contest. Nathalia will now face Deniliquin in an elimination showdown at Numurkah on Sunday at 12:20pm. Awards: Limbrick Accounting: Tyson Richards; Mick Hogan Excavations: Brayden Summerville; Nathalia Fuel and Gas: Henry Congues; Blake St Butcher: Matt Smith; Numurkah N-Genes: Scott Morris; Brereton's Bakery: Sean Zammit.

THIRDS
On a beautiful morning, the thirds welcomed Tongala for their final match of the season. As they have done all season, the boys fought hard to the end, however, were beaten by a better side on the day by 120 points. Awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Tristan Myers; A V Hughes: Archie Congues; Rex James Stockfeed: Jason McKenna; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Cooper Bloodworth; Marketplace Subway: Darcy Hicks.

FOURTHS
In perfect morning conditions for football, Nathalia hosted Tongala in their final match of the season and went down by 10 points. In a tightly contested game, the Purples were down by two goals at the main break. Gus Bramwell, Max Frostick, Tom Dohnt and Ben Nave were all solid in defence and provided numerous entries into the forward line. Billy Liddell was elusive up forward, ably supported by Brady Walpole, Brodie Armstrong and Kian Brereton. The second half saw Nathalia outscore Tongala by two points, with Oliver Sheehan having his best game of the year at full-back, and Kai Lundberg, Charlie Sheehan and Darcy Conroy solid for all four quarters. The Purples will now take on Deniliquin in the qualifying final at Numurkah on Sunday. Awards: Past Players: Gus Bramwell; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Charlie Dietrich; Al's Café: Brady Walpole; Frostick Contracting: Connor Peachey; Nathalia Printers: Oliver Sheehan.

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Champion, champion, champion ... Andrew Storer won his second champion of champions title on Sunday.

STRAZZ MAKES TWO



NUMURKAH Golf Club champion Andrew Storer has taken out the ultimate prize in the Goulburn Murray region, winning the champion of champions event at Barooga on Sunday. Having not played a round of golf since the penultimate finals a month ago, Storer thought he hadn't done enough with a round of 75, but it proved good enough to get him into a play-off against Co-

bram-Barooga champion Caleb Bovalino. Storer got off to a good start, being one under par after five holes, but threw in a couple of double bogeys to close out the front nine. In the end, he birdied the 18th to finish three over and make it into the play-off. "Conditions were tough, with some tricky pin placements, and it was windy, but I thought you

would need to finish par to have any chance. Obviously everyone else found conditions tough too," Storer said. The play-off went to the second hole. "We both parred the first hole, and then Caleb got into trouble with his drive, and ended up in the bunker, and couldn't make it up and down. "I parred it, and it was game over."

Strazz has won a record nine Numurkah club championships, and this is his second champion of champions title, having previously won it in 2011. Sunday's event also included the Goulburn Murray Championship and, while not a given, it is fairly common for the champion to also win the impressive trophy, which Storer did this year.

Bomber fightback to win

WHILE an eight goal win may not sound too exciting, Waaia's game against Rennie at Picola on Sunday had spectators on the edge of their seats all game, with the lead changing continually throughout. Three goals down going into the last quarter, an inspirational speech from the B grade coach had her charges did deep, and the Bombers fought back to advance into a preliminary final with a 48-40 win. The stage is now set for a possible grand final clash between Waaia and Katunga, with both sides now waiting to see who their next opponents

will be in the penultimate game of the season. **C GRADE** After a tight first quarter against Mathoura, Waaia's C grade side overcame the cold conditions at Picola to take a comfortable 13 goal win. The Bombers got a bit of a run on in the second term, with the defenders working tirelessly, but it was the Bombers' last quarter where they really shined, pulling away to take victory 40-27. This quarter saw the girls work well as a team, moving the ball down the court better, keeping up the talk and

converting turnovers, showing the form they will need in their preliminary final game at Deniliquin on Sunday, September 8. **C RESERVE** Waaia's C reserve side put up a valiant fight against the ladder leader Rennie in the first game of its finals campaign, but eventually went down by seven goals, 30-37. The girls fought hard all game to keep the pressure on their opposition in Saturday's heat at the Waaia courts. The players backed each other up right through the game, keeping

scores even until the final break. However, Rennie managed to get a break in the last quarter to take the victory. Waaia will now meet Berrigan in a semi final at Mathoura on Saturday. This should be a ripper game, with Berrigan finishing the season just one place behind Waaia on the season ladder, and the two teams played out two very tight games during the season. Berrigan won their round two clash by just three goals, and then they finished in a drawn game in round 15, six weeks ago.

The Bombers will be hoping this pattern continues, and they can move into the preliminary final with a win. **17 UNDER** Despite not having beaten Tocumwal during the season, the Bomber under 17s took a massive step up to move into a preliminary final, with a 10 goal win, 36-26. The girls played a terrific team game, with more talk and encouragement on the court. They will next play on Sunday, September 8, at Deniliquin, against an opponent yet to be decided.

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