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Victorians to get fourth waste bin

A MASSIVE overhaul of Victoria's waste and recycling system will see the state get a container deposit scheme and households get a new fourth bin as part of a plan to reduce waste going to landfill by 80% in 10 years.

With widespread disruption to global recycling markets, Premier Daniel Andrews and Minister for Environment Lily D'Ambrosio announced on Monday the first in a suite of new policies under the Recycling Victoria package, designed to position Victoria as a leader in reusing, reducing and recycling waste.

The $129 million of initiatives to reform kerbside recycling includes the roll out of four colour-coded bins to homes across the state to better sort waste, recyclables and organics.

The current red and greed lidded bins will retain their existing uses, whilst the current yellow lidded recycling bins will be used for plastic, metal and paper recycling, and a purple lidded bin will be added for the exclusive recycling of glass.

By collecting glass separately it is hoped that more of it can be effectively recycled – with jars and bottles transformed multiple times into multiple different products, including new roads and footpaths.

Separate glass collection will also make recovery of other recyclables – like plastic, metal and paper – simpler, with the food and organic bin significantly reducing the amount of waste going to landfill.

The roll-out of the new bins will start next year and happen gradually – informed by the needs of local communities and existing council contracts. There will also be special arrangements for remote regional households and people in apartments, to ensure everyone gets access to the new four-bin system.

To complement this new household recycling system, the State Government will also introduce a container deposit scheme.

The scheme will be designed and delivered in close consultation with councils and industry to be rolled out by 2023.

Waste collection will also be made an essential service – ensuring a basic standard of service for Victorians, wherever they live – and a new dedicated authority established to better govern the recycling system and hold waste service providers to account.

An education and behaviour change campaign will support the roll-out of the initiatives. It will target households, businesses, councils, community groups and charities – helping them transition to the new system.

Moira Shire council was unable to provide any further detail about roll-out schedules or costs when approached by the *Leader*.

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Waiting the corellas out

THE Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning (DELWP) has acknowledged the large number of corellas in Numurkah, and the subsequent damage they are causing, but has offered little in the way of a solution.

A DELWP source, who did not wish to be named, said that, anecdotally, the birds tended to leave Numurkah for warmer climes around May each year, and that the community could expect bird numbers to drop around then.

In response to a range of questions posed by the *Leader*, DELWP Acting Program Manager Compliance Operations, Andrew Dean said that the Office of Conservation Regulator is aware of community concerns in Numurkah regarding the seasonal increase in corella numbers.

"Corellas are attracted to locations where food, water and roost sites are available and numbers can fluctuate depending on seasonal conditions. In large numbers they can create problems by damaging buildings," Mr Dean said.

DELWP was unable to provide information on whether the large increase in little corella numbers following the humid and stormy weather in recent weeks was coincidental, though it did acknowledge, by way of background, that environmental conditions such as rainfall increases plant growth resulting in more food available for wildlife.

The *Leader* also posed a number of questions regarding corella behaviour, such as the effects of different types of weather on corella behaviour and the effects of such large numbers of the birds on other wildlife - such as Numurkah's flying fox colony - but received no reply from DELWP to those questions.

Mr Dean said officers from the Conservation Regulator had been in regular contact with landholders and stakeholders regarding the number of corellas and their impact on the community.

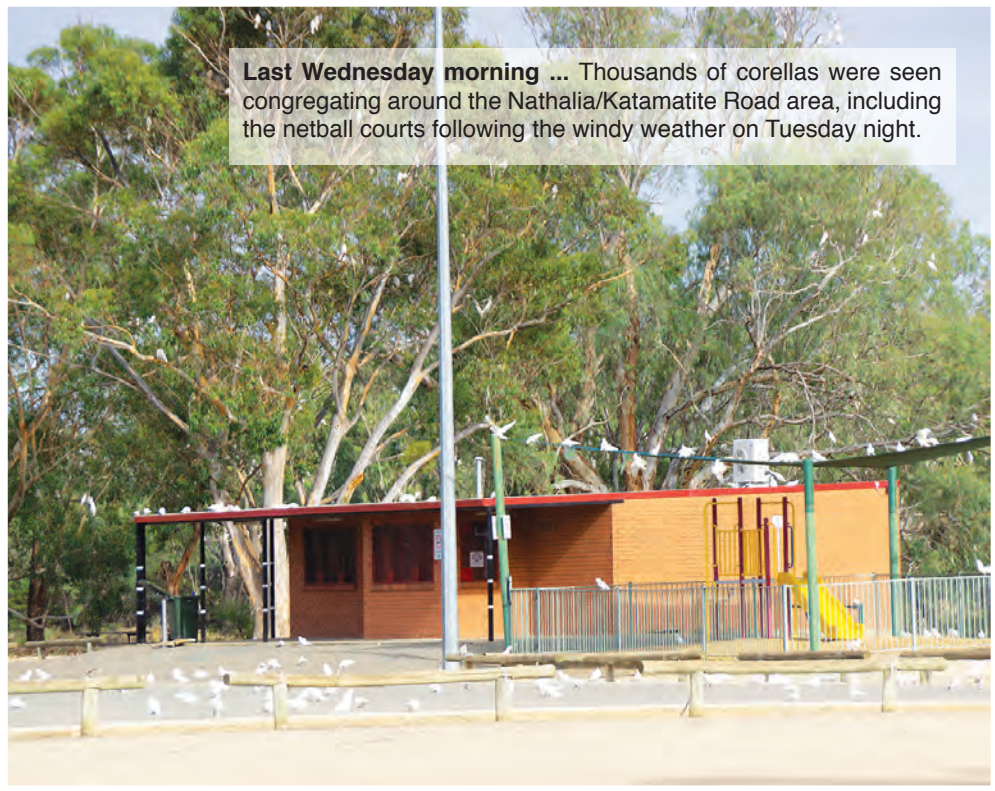
"Officers from the Conservation Regulator have worked with community members, landholders and stakeholders to better understand the issue and provide advice about wildlife management since a community meeting was held back in March 2019," he said.

"Corellas are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975, and there are significant penalties for hunting, taking or destroying protected wildlife, including imprisonment."

"DELWP advocates non-lethal management of wildlife. Where non-lethal techniques have been exhausted or proved ineffective, a combined approach including lethal control may be approved. Due to public safety concerns, limitations exist for lethal control in residential areas."

Land managers may apply for an Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW) permit from DELWP to implement control options if the landholder can demonstrate the birds are causing damage to their property.

Where damage is severe, landholders can call DELWP on 136 186 to be put in touch with their local Forest and Wildlife Officer or find further information online at www.wildlife.vic.gov.au.



Last Wednesday morning ... Thousands of corellas were seen congregating around the Nathalia/Katamatite Road area, including the netball courts following the windy weather on Tuesday night.

Corellas divide public opinion

RECENT discussions on the Numurkah Facebook page, which could best be described as 'lively' have highlighted the fact that everybody has an opinion on Numurkah's corella flock.

Views range from those who think they are a magnificent work of nature that they could gaze upon forever, to those who would think they are the scourge of the earth and would be more than happy if they never saw, or heard, another corella as long as they live - and every possible opinion in between.

The *Numurkah Leader* took to Melville Street late last week to try and find out which way the majority of opinions voiced by people on the street seems to flow.

Kevin Coles: West end of Knox Street, Numurkah.

"What I really think of them is unprintable. There are way, way too many of them and I'd like to see the back end of them for good."

Rebecca Schifferle and Reuben Brown: Allens Road, Baulkamaugh

Rebecca: "I'm a bit divided on them because I know they can be a nuisance - they come out our way when they get driven out of town and they make a bit of a mess - but as part of nature you need to accept them."

Reuben: "I like them because they're part of nature and I like the noise they make."

Tony Brown: Kellys Road, Naring

"We don't see much of them out our way, but when we do they make a fair whack of mess and noise. I saw a heap of them when I drove into town and I thought geez, that's a lot for the size of the town."

Kylie Knight: Knox Street, Numurkah.

"I think the culling should continue. The noise every morning is terrible and they are just wrecking the trees in the park and along the creek. They need to be driven away from town."

Robert Powles: Paterson Street, Numurkah.

"Their numbers are way too high at the moment. The noise early in the morning is terrible and they are just completely out of control, stripping trees just for something to do."

Dorothy Clark: Moss Street, Numurkah.

"If I told you what I really think, you couldn't print it. Their numbers are definitely a problem. They're so destructive on both private and public land, and their screeching is terrible."

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Displaying history ... The display at Numurkah Historical Society tells the story of St Joseph's from the beginning until now.

A century of St Joe's history on show

A VERY special exhibit at the Numurkah Historical Society will be of great interest to many in Numurkah, charting as it does, the history of St Joseph's Primary School.

The exhibit, which displays information and artefacts from St Joe's history in four display cases, was put together by historical society members Bernadette Steward and Alison Cook in honour of the centennial of the opening of St Joe's first dedicated school building.

The brick building, which is now part of the middle school, was officially opened by archbishop the most reverend Dr Daniel Mannix on February 4, 1920, and took the place of a wooden 'shed' which doubled as a church and classroom.

Upon his arrival in Numurkah for the grand opening, the archbishop was greeted at the station by a large number of people, and was escorted to the showgrounds by 50 horsemen, preceded by the Numurkah Town Band and a fleet of cars.

Dr Mannix congratulated the large crowd on the magnificent effort in raising over £2,548 - $100,000 in today's money.

The money had been raised in a drought year and by a Queen Carnival competition, with parishioners paying to sponsor the contestant of their choice for the title of queen in one of four categories.

The celebrations culminated with the crowning of the four queens, which history lists as: M. Fitzpatrick (Queen of Peace), Mary Hickey (Sport), M. Ross (Victory) and M. Wilson (Charity).

There were special trains from all parts of the district to bring visitors to this special day.

St Joseph's was started in 1890 by Josephite nun Mary MacKillop, who would later be canonised as Australia's first saint. It was the first school Mary started in Victoria.

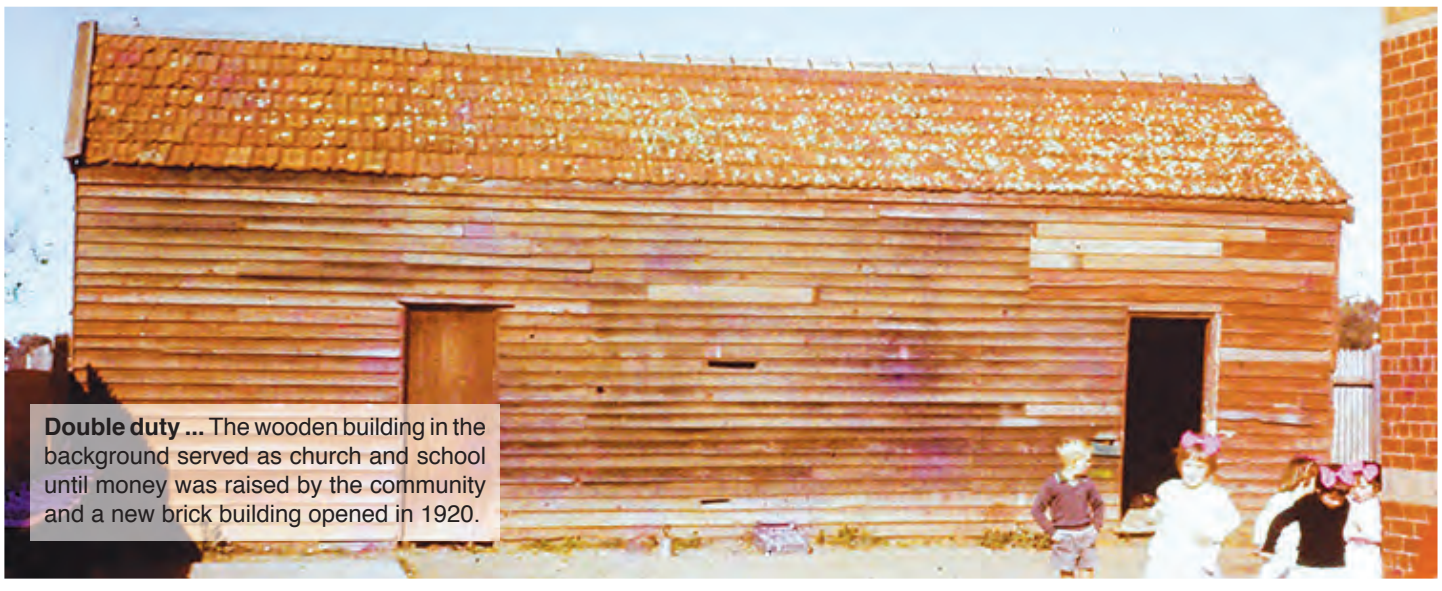
The school originally opened to very small number of students, but not due to a lack of potential students in the area. Rather, the small initial enrolment was due to parents keeping their children home rather than risk their potential exposure to a diphtheria epidemic that was ravaging the area at the time.

After that somewhat shaky start, St Joseph's went from strength to strength, and now educates 246 students in a large school with modern facilities and generous grounds.

St Joseph's principal Paul Arnel said that it was an honour to carry the baton created by Mary MacKillop over a century ago.

"We take the responsibility of providing a quality education to all who seek it, very seriously," he said.

"Mary MacKillop's work is very prominent in what we do, and to think that Australia's only saint was here and founded our school is extraordinary, and a great honour for the St Joseph's community."



Double duty ... The wooden building in the background served as church and school until money was raised by the community and a new brick building opened in 1920.

POLICE BEAT

More vehicle thefts

POLICE are once again urging locals to make sure their cars and car keys are secure - and don't contain any valuables - after two more thefts of vehicles in Numurkah.

In the first incident, a Mitsubishi Lancer was stolen from a property on Murray Avenue overnight on Tuesday, January 17.

The keys had been left outside the residence near the vehicle, and police believe the offenders had observed the vehicle's owner leaving the keys at that location.

The vehicle was located the following day on Lukies Road.

The second theft occurred on the evening of last Thursday, January 20, when a Holden Cruise was stolen from the car park at Numurkah golf club.

It is believed that the vehicle's owner had inadvertently left the vehicle, which featured a push button starting mechanism, unlocked with a set of keys in the vehicle.

The vehicle was found burnt out on Kellys Road the following day.

FIRE WATCH

Smoke but no fire

LOCAL CFA brigades have responded to three incidents in the past week.

At around 7.30pm last Thursday, Cobram, Strathmerton and Yarroweyah brigades responded to an alarm at Ottrey Lodge on Campbell Road, Cobram, but there was no fire.

On Saturday, at 10.05pm, Strathmerton, Katunga and Yarroweyah brigades were turned out to a reported fire in a back yard at the corner of Arthur and Third Streets, Strathmerton.

Upon arrival, the fire brigade members could smell smoke but could not find a fire. It is suspected that any fire was quickly put out when the siren sounded.

At 1pm on Friday, Numurkah and Wunghnu brigades were called to a car that had been burnt at Sampsons Road Numurkah, near the corner of Kellys Road.

The car had been burnt earlier in the day, and police called the fire brigade to black out around the car and cool it down.

Truck driver jailed for fatal crash at Muckatah

A 48 YEAR-OLD Cobram man has been jailed for 12 months after pleading guilty to dangerous driving causing death, after his failure to give way whilst driving a prime mover resulted in the death of Colin Curtis at Muckatah in May 2018.

Brett Patterson was also sentenced to a two year community corrections order, which includes 150 hours of unpaid community work, when he appeared before chief judge Peter Kidd in the County Court at Shepparton last Friday.

The incident occurred at the intersection of Powerline Road and Chapel Road at 1.30pm on May 25, 2018, when Patterson ignored a give way sign and collided with Mr Curtis' ute, which was travelling along Powerline Road.

Mr Kidd said he took several matters into account when determining the sentence.

These included the fact that Patterson's truck had been coming to a natural slow as he approached the intersection and he was not driving at unsafe speeds, no alcohol or drugs were present in his system and he was not using a mobile phone.

Mr Kidd also noted that Patterson's view had been partially obstructed by a mound of dirt as he approached the intersection, and that he was remorseful for what had happened.

However, Mr Kidd said that Patterson had made a grave misjudgement, and that his inattention was 'more than a blink of the eye momentary inattention', and that while the gravity of his offending and moral culpability were in the lower range, they were not at the lowest level.

Patterson, who owns an earthworks contracting business and is also a long-distance truck driver, was also disqualified from driving for 18 months.

Country tunes from Strathy help Corryong BlazeAid

THEY say music is the food of love, and Strathmerton Lions Club members recently supplied food, love and - after a fashion - music, to help out a community doing it tough in this bushfire season.

Over the Australia Day weekend, five Strathmerton Lions and one Lions Lady travelled to Corryong to help out the bushfire affected community.

At the Corryong Australia Day celebrations, during which the six Strathy Lions joined the Corryong Lions Club in serving breakfast to over 200 community members, Strathmerton Lion Trevor Sutton presented a cheque for over $3,000 for the benefit of the Corryong Lions bushfire appeal.

The money had been raised through a country music event in Strathmerton

However, the Strathy Lions were far from finished cooking.

After enjoying a day at the Corryong showgrounds, where the army put on a special day for the Corryong community, the Strathmerton Lions travelled to a BlazeAid relief centre at Jingellic showgrounds on Sunday afternoon, and got busy at the ovens.

The Strathy Lions group supplied and cooked a roast dinner for around 30 BlazeAid volunteers who had been working hard on clearing up bushfire affected properties and helping to rebuild fences.

Monday evening it was rinse and repeat, with the crew back on the job providing a dinner which was very much appreciated by the workers.

Tuesday saw the Strathy Lions driving through the burnt out countryside, heading for home.

Trevor Sutton said it was hard to believe what it must have been like at the peak of the fire.

"It was so sad to see so much devastation, but we hope our small contribution helped over the time we were there," he said.

Victorian gender equality bill makes Australian history

AN Australian first gender equality bill passed through the Victorian parliament last week.

Minister for Women Gabrielle Williams said the Gender Equality Bill 2019 represented a once in a generation opportunity to influence policy, social norms, cultural expectations and attitudes across Victoria.

"This bill is a key mechanism in improving the lives of women and all Victorians, ensuring employers of almost 380,000 Victorians in our public sector, councils and universities, take real action to progress gender equality," she said.

The legislation applies to public sector workplaces and is designed to help close the gender pay gap, improve gender equality at all levels of the workforce and reduce workplace sexual harassment.

Increasing women's workforce participation means greater productivity, a boost in economic output and more financially secure families.

The bill requires public sector organisations, universities and local councils to develop and implement Gender Equality Action Plans every four years – including data on the current state of gender equality in the organisation and strategies for achieving workplace gender equality.

Their progress will be reported on every two years – with results made public for accountability and transparency.

International evidence shows that when organisations are compelled to identify gender gaps in their organisations and develop a plan to address those gaps, they take deliberate and positive action, and are better positioned to serve their communities in the process.

Organisations will also need to undertake gender impact assessments, ensuring that policies, programs and services consider the different needs of Victorians of all genders.

A Public Sector Gender Equality Commissioner will be established to provide independent oversight of the reforms – educating, monitoring progress and ensuring compliance.

While the bill provides the commissioner with enforcement powers, the initial approach will be educational, focusing on supporting organisations to achieve their gender equality goals.

The bill has been developed through a comprehensive state-wide consultation process held over the past four years, where the views of a vast and varied cross-section of the Victorian community were heard.

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Community Update

New safety laws – register your swimming pool or spa now

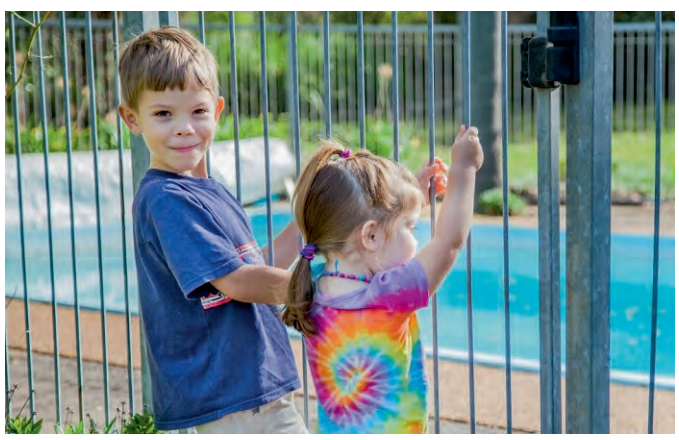
The State Government has introduced new safety laws surrounding your swimming pool or spa.

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

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

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

Go to our website for more information.



Third rate instalment – due 28 February

For residents paying their rates in four instalments, the third payment is due **Friday 28 February.**

If you have registered with eNotice, the rate statement is now ready to view, and if you chose to receive your statement by post, you should have received those in your letterbox.

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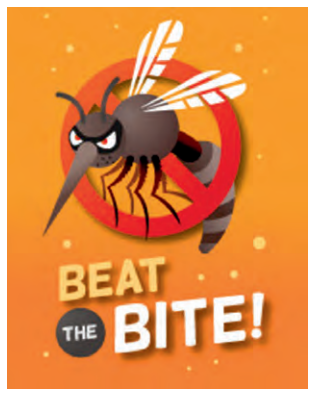
Beat the Bite – protect yourself from mosquito-borne diseases

A friendly reminder with the recent drop of rain and the warm weather continuing, mosquitoes are out and about.

Protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne diseases by wearing loose-fitting clothing when outdoors and always use mosquito repellent.



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Time to pass the baton ... Sue Aldridge is ready to take a step back after 12 years as show secretary.

Sue ready to train a protégé

FOR the past 12 years Sue Aldridge has played a role that few in the Numurkah community ever see - but all see the results of.

Sue's behind the scenes work as secretary of the Numurkah Agricultural and Pastoral Society has had much to do with the ongoing success of Numurkah's longest-running community event.

However, with the 133rd Numurkah show coming up on October 21 this year, Sue said it's time for some new blood.

"I've loved the role, because even though it's demanding at times, it's extremely satisfying, but I'm not quite fit enough these days to keep it up," she said.

Sue said the position would suit somebody who was organised, computer literate and passionate about the local community.

"Obviously it's very busy in the month leading up to the show, but for most of the year it only takes up an hour or so of your time every week or two," Sue said.

"You need to attend a meeting once a month, plus other meetings from time to time, and prepare agendas, minutes and correspondence, answer phone queries, organise all of the entertainment and make sure all of the shire and state government regulations and directives are adhered to.

"It sounds like a lot, and there is quite a bit that the secretary is responsible for, but none of it's difficult; you just need to be organised."

Sue said that although the secretary's job is a big one, they don't have to do it alone.

"We have a very committed committee and they have always been extremely supportive of the secretary, as have the chief stewards. We also have good relationships with the showmen and inspectors.

"Everybody wants the show to keep going and keep being successful, so we all work together to make it happen."

The next secretary will also have an extra element of support to ensure their success - Sue herself.

"I'm not going anywhere right away, I'll still be on the committee and on hand to help support and guide the new secretary through to the end of this year."

Although she is looking forward to a lighter workload, Sue said that her tenure as secretary has been a thoroughly enjoyable run.

"It's an interesting and varied job and it has been very rewarding," she said.

"The feeling of satisfaction you get at 6pm on show day when you've all pulled together and made it happen for another year is indescribable.

"There's nothing like it."

Well supported ... (From left): Sue Aldridge enjoys the support of fellow committee members Rob Berthun, Ian Clark, Leonie Kennedy and Marj Porter on show day last year.

Sheed calls for Vic Gov to flex muscles on MDBP

INDEPENDENT member for Shepparton District, Suzanna Sheed, has again called on Water Minister Lisa Neville and the State Government to protect Victorian water users and the local environment from mismanagement of the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

Ms Sheed told the Victorian parliament last week that it is time the Victorian Government stood up to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and the Federal Government.

"The Victorian Government has been the good guy for too long and it is time the Victorian Government takes on the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, takes legal proceedings and demands that something be done to protect our rivers here—particularly while we see northern New South Wales right now flood plain harvesting, into huge dams, irrigation water for themselves," Ms Sheed said.

The damage being perpetrated by misuse of the plan is wide ranging, according to Ms Sheed.

"The Murray-Darling Basin Authority has taken it on itself to override the Victorian minister's authority and has taken steps to demand that 50,000 megalitres of water a day be provided by way of inter-valley transfer down the river. The negative impacts of this are enormous, and steps must be taken to stop it," she said.

"Just last week in the lower Goulburn River at Murchison it was running at 1.8 metres. Its normal, environmentally safe flow for this time of year in February would be about 50 centimetres, so it is running at four times the height it normally would; and it is cold, and it is high, and all that water is destroying the fish, the river red gums and the river banks and leaving the Goulburn Valley. The Murray-Darling Basin Authority needs to stop this. It is a breach of both federal and state environmental legislation.

"The Goulburn—the lower Goulburn—is one of the last strongholds anywhere in the world for trout cod, silver perch and Murray spiny crays, not to mention Murray cod. It is now being trashed and made into an irrigation ditch with cold summer flows."

Ms Sheed noted Minister Neville had taken steps to write to the new Federal Minister for Water, Keith Pitt, to protest flood plain harvesting undertaken by northern basin irrigators.

"I am concerned we are going around in circles while the damaging status quo continues," Ms Sheed said.

"It is welcoming to see Minister Pitt visiting the Mildura region this week, and seeking to meet with Victorian stakeholders, but time ran out long ago.

"My region cannot wait for another round of meetings, for another consultation, for another review. I'm troubled we have the eighth federal water minister in 10 years and it all just seems like 'Groundhog Day.'

"We cannot afford to lose another dairy farmer, another irrigator, another part of our the very valuable agricultural industry in my region while the local environment is trashed."

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Lions choose youth of the year

NUMURKAH Lions Club's annual competition to bring out the best in local youth took place on the weekend, with Annie Holt taking out the title of Lions Youth of the Year.

The competition, which includes an interview process and public speaking contest, is designed to foster, encourage and develop leadership qualities in young people.

Three contestants competed for the honour this year - all students at St Mary of the Angels Nathalia - each presenting a five minute speech on a subject of their own choice, as well as responding to two impromptu questions.

The diverse range of topics presented by this year's contestants were: the importance of being a blood donor, over-stimulation caused by technology, and living in the moment because life is fragile.

Each contestant also had to respond to the impromptu topics of: In times of drought, with limited water available, how should water be allocated to the environment and agriculture? and A lot of media time has been given, in recent times, about the amount of food waste in our communities. Why does this happen and what can be done about it?

Annie, who used her five minutes to discuss people's inability to be present due to the intrusion of technology, said that she found the impromptu questions challenging, particularly the one about water allocation.

"We didn't get any time to prepare at all, and I'm not particularly educated on that subject, so it was difficult," she said.

"I just said that it should ultimately be decided by the experts, but I think water allocation should be prioritised by need."

As always, the chosen topics were thought-provoking and the calibre of performances was outstanding. The judges Heather Robinson, Ian Furness and Jock McPherson had a big task ahead of them in choosing a winner.

Despite her self-confessed lack of knowledge, the judges must have thought Annie thought, and spoke, well on her feet, as they declared her winner of both the public speaking contest and club final award.

Annie will now perform at the next level of competition in Echuca on March 22.

Youth of the year ... Annie Holt was surprised and thrilled to win the Numurkah Lions youth of the year competition.

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International Women's Day

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A return to travel for Kylie

CARDWELLS Coaches travel team has been given a huge boost, with experienced travel consultant Kylie Jackson recently joining the team.

For Kylie, whose first job as a 15 year-old was at Cardwells, and who went on to run her own travel agency for 12 years, it represents coming full circle.

"Travel is such an exciting industry, and I love helping people put their holidays together. It's so great to be back," she said.

"I've joined an amazing team here; they are just as passionate about travel as I am, and so efficient and focussed on customer support, which makes it that much more exciting."

Kylie joins James Cardwell and Deidre Seigel, and having been almost everywhere between them, and with James a fully qualified travel agent with coaches in his blood, these three know what makes a great tour.

Well known for their day trips around Victoria - think major sporting events, concerts, Autumn in Bright just to name a few - it is a lesser known fact that Cardwells organise and run trips right across Australia and the world.

"We pick clients up from their home town and return them home once their holiday is over, which is another worry we have taken care of for our clients," she said.

"It may not seem like much when you say it, but in practical terms it makes it so much easier for travellers, especially if there is a group of them."

Making things easy is one of the specialties of the Cardwells team.

As well as organising its own guided tours to a myriad of destinations, they can tailor-make packages for groups of all sizes.

"Whether it's an anniversary trip for a couple, or an extended tour for a service club of 48 people, you just need to tell us what type of trip you want and we can organise everything," Kylie said.

"We'll design a trip that provides everything you want, book everything, process the visas, organise all the transfers and find things to do at the destinations that are in line with your interests.

"You just need to take it all in and enjoy yourselves, because we've already done all the work and the worrying."

Kylie said that, though Cardwells is best known for its coaches, the true appeal for her is that the team's shared passion and focus is travel - no matter what the mode of transport.

"With our overseas tours especially, our focus is making the experience as rich as possible," she said.

"You might be staying in a mansion one night, then travelling by train the next day and then by boat the day after. And if we're designing a trip for you, you can decide which type of transport you want when."

With people now planning their trips for 2020, Kylie and the rest of the Cardwells crew are busy taking bookings for mid-year tours to its most popular destination - Australia's Northern Territory.

"People love our tours to the territory, and we have a range of different ones that you can mix and match, depending on what type of experience you're after," Kylie said.

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100 years ago

This week in 1920 ...

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

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

Money In Rabbits.—Any of the now numerous dealers In rabbit skins in the Bathurst district will readily back up the stories of trappers earning from £15 to £20 a week, and will agree that the big profits are by no means exceptional among those who have reduced trapping to a fine art. The extent to which skins are being brought into town during the present breeding-up season is indicated in the fact that one local firm alone has been paying out at the rate of £150 a day. The recent school vacation proved a golden opportunity for many youngsters, who earned up to £1 a day with a pea rifle and by digging out burrows.

The attention of land buyers in search of an ideal country home is directed to the sale of "Melrose," the well known stud farm, within a mile of the town of Numurkah, which is being submitted to auction for positive sale, under instructions from executors of-the estate of the late J. C Rockliff, at the Mechanics' Hall. Numurkah at 3 p.m. on Friday. March 5, by Messrs J. McNamara & Co., Kilpatrick, McLellan & Co., and Campbell & Co (in conj). "Melrose is generally admitted to be the most valuable and attractive property in the Valley, and prospective buyers will obtain all information regarding its many good qualities from a perusal of the advertisement in another column.

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS ST. COLUMB'S, WUNGHNU

Despite the oppressive heat of Sunday, 15th February, St Columb's Church of England, Wunghnu was filled with a very large congregation — a larger has not filled the church for some considerable time — the occasion being the harvest thanksgiving service.

The church had been prettily decorated by an energetic band of ladies on the evening previous, a good and varied display of produce was effectively arrayed, whilst the Communion table and frontal came into view of the congregation through an arch built up of bamboos and grape vines, with clusters of grapes hanging from its apex. The heat did not interfere with the heartiness of the singing nor the reverence of the prayers. Special hymns appropriate to the festival, were sung: psalm 193 was sung as the special psalm, whilst the "Cantate Domino" and Drus Misereatur were sung as Canticles.

CITY AND COUNTRY

When one contemplates the vast disparity that exists between the methods of living in the cities, as compared with those existing in the country, he cannot fail to be struck with the idea that there is something rotten in the state of Denmark, otherwise Australia, as in Victoria. That disparity is fully recognised by any of us who visits Melbourne, for when he sees the luxury of life there and recalls the opposite state of things in his own home town or district he must be struck with the unequal distribution of life's good gifts, and he must wonder how it comes about that things are so unevenly and so unfairly arranged. True it is that where the multitude dwells it can by its force of numbers accomplish that which the smaller community cannot achieve, but this fact does not account for the complete unsatisfactory discrepancy which prevails. In short it is all luxury and extravagance—with comparatively little production—in the city, and it is all plain living and economy of methods in the country districts, whence are derived the food-stuffs the clothing and many of the luxuries which the former consume and use.

WUNGHNU'S BIG MARGIN.

Naring Dip and Wunghnu met on the Numurkah show-grounds on Saturday last to decide the Numurkah and District Cricket Association's premiership, and the result was a decided win for Wunghnu, who after making the moderate score of 110, disposed of the Dip batsmen for 24.

Wunghnu has formed the nasty habit of springing surprises upon their opponents and the surprise on Saturday was full and complete, though Wunghnu won they have still to meet Bunbartha who, as winners of the minor premiership, have the right of challenge.

Unique opportunity ... Strathmerton Primary School students and ASHE VCAL students all got into the spirit of the day.

Strathy students enjoy ASHE visit

STRATHMERTON Primary School students got to take a unique look into the culture of Australia's first peoples last week, with a visit from the Academy of Sport, Health and Education (ASHE).

Sixteen indigenous ASHE VCAL students ran a cultural immersion program for the Strathy students, providing them with an insight into indigenous culture through a program of traditional games, art, storytelling and face painting.

Strathmerton Primary School Principal Geoff Weppner said it was great for the school's students to be introduced to indigenous culture in such a fun and engaging way.

"The ASHE students are to be congratulated on the confident and enthusiastic manner in which they delivered the activities," he said.

It was something of a mutual admiration society, with ASHE teacher and organiser, Jacinta Trianidis saying she was very impressed with how the Strathy kids responded and got involved in the activities.

With such a wide range of activities in the program, there was something for everyone.

Whilst grade two student Mia Tonizzo said she liked the colouring in and face painting best, grade six student and school vice captain Ella Wood said it was great to play head, shoulders, knees and toes and say the words in Yorta Yorta language.

School captain Lilly Graham said she loved all of it, but was able to identify a clear favourite.

"Most of all I enjoyed the game jumping pin, which is about stalking and trapping fish," she said.

Major road works getting under way in Autumn

AUTUMN is the season for road works in Melbourne.

Nearly 120 major road and rail projects are on the go across the state, and this autumn work will ramp up on some of the biggest of them. Essential maintenance will also be carried out across all modes of Victoria's public transport network in April.

With much of the work being scheduled for the term one school holidays (March 28 - April 13), those planning a visit to the city are being encouraged to plan ahead to avoid being caught in the crossfire.

Major road works in the schedule include works on the West Gate tunnel, which will see closures on West Gate Freeway ramps over the school holidays, as well as overnight closures of the West Gate Freeway to prepare for widening works.

Major work will also start on stage two of the Monash Freeway upgrade, which will deliver 36 kilometres of new lanes and cut nine minutes off the trip between Pakenham and Malvern in the morning peak.

These works will result in a range of overnight lane and ramp closures and speed reductions until the project is complete in 2022.

There will also be intensive work on the Western Roads upgrade that will improve roads in Werribee and Laverton, and early works will begin on the Mordialloc Freeway upgrade, which will mean closures along Old Dandenong Road and Lower Dandenong Road during April.

Much of the work causing delays in coming months can be attributed to the State Government's ongoing push to rid the metropolis of level crossings.

The government is hoping that nine days of intensive construction work scheduled for the April school holidays will sound the death knell of the dangerous and congested level crossing at Toorak Road, six months ahead of schedule.

Buses will replace trains in Cheltenham and Mentone from March 20-27, to prepare for a two-month construction blitz starting on May 23, which will see three more level crossings gone for good and two new stations built. There will also be station closures and road closures in the area throughout this time.

From July 20, a three-month construction blitz will begin on the Upfield line to elevate the tracks, build two new modern stations and remove four level crossings – including the notorious Bell Street crossing, which frustrates more than 40,000 drivers that use the level crossing each weekday.

Ongoing excavation to build an underground pedestrian connection between Flinders Street Station and the new Town Hall Station in the Metro Tunnel will impact trams on Flinders Street in March, and buses replace trains on the Sunbury line in March for Sunbury Line Upgrade works.

For more information about the massive program of work on Victoria's transport network and the associated disruptions, visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au. Plan ahead by visiting ptv.vic.gov.au or vicroads.vic.gov.au.

Country women review a successful year

COUNTRY Women's Association Central Murray Group's AGM and conference was held in Nathalia in Nathalia last week, hosted by the Nathalia Night Watch branch.

Other group branches Youanmite, Cobram, Baulkamaugh and Tallygaroopna also attended the meeting which included guests CWA state president Marion Dewar and state vice president Pam Mawson along with neighbouring group presidents, Glenda Metzke, Val Gibbs and Jenny Goonan.

The meeting was officially opened by G.R.A.I.N. Inc chairperson Philippa Schapper, who gave an interesting speech about becoming more effective.

Referencing James Clear, author of *Atomic Habits*, Philippa spoke about how goal setting is not enough in itself, we need to develop the habits that go into making these goals achievable. The fastest way to raise your level of performance, is to cut your number of commitments in half.

Philippa also adjudicated the Henderson Cup public speaking contest, which aims to build confidence in addressing an audience, and provided encouraging and pertinent feedback.

Other competitions at the event included craft, photography, limericks and floral arrangements.

It wasn't all fun and games though, as the CWA is renowned for tackling serious issues and getting things done, and works tirelessly to improve the lives of women, children and families locally, statewide and internationally.

Marion Dewar spoke about CWA's role in drought and fire relief, and each of the branch secretaries presented their annual report.

With business taken care of, it was on to one of the highlights of any CWA gathering - the food.

Much networking was done over a sumptuous smorgasbord dinner, and the conversations, laughter and smiles said it all.

Winners are grinners ... CWA state president Marion Dewar presents June Field of Youanmite with the Book of Honour for the best branch secretary's annual report.

Letter to the Editor

Rezoning an anomaly

MOIRA Shire has piqued my interest again with a new plan to rezone farmland at 34 Ritchies Road, Cobram.

Council commissioned Echelon Planning to complete a planning report for only this specific land. The report provided was undated, so it is unclear when it was written.

This attempt to rezone the land follows on from a previous attempt to rezone part of this land to C1Z (Commercial 1 Zone) where the matter was heard at VCAT. The VCAT panel report relating to this application dated June 3, 2019 did not support the application.

Normally councils would require the applicant to apply for rezoning for individual properties. In this instance, council itself is seeking to rezone the land.

Previous council reports have indicated that Cobram had only grown by 300 residents in 10 years, hardly a population explosion.

Cobram has plenty of bare industrial land and empty buildings. There are far too many empty business premises in the commercial and retail districts. Walk down almost any street and you will find empty shops of varied sizes, shapes and frontages.

According to the Echelon Planning report, the supply of existing commercial land is estimated at approximately 13.4ha of 'development ready' land, which equates to approximately 10 years of supply.

That is a very generous supply for a township with low population growth. It is also to be expected that, during that 10 years, more development ready land will become available if existing supply tightens up.

There have been no indications of any intended tenants of this new proposal, other than the possibility of the State Emergency Services facility. The lack of intended tenants was clearly identified by the VCAT panel as a weakness in the previous rezoning attempt.

There is existing high density housing on two sides of the proposed development. That makes it even more important that the land is left as farmland to maximise the open space and country feel that might have attracted the residents to the area in the first place.

Additionally, this proposal further isolates the elderly residents of these housing developments from the town centre, while also removing the expected rural outlooks for residents.

The built form for a business park would provide an inappropriate hardscape with high concrete walls and retain nothing of the rural land on which it would be sited.

The township entry would be made unnecessarily ugly, and the increase of heavy vehicle traffic creates an unnecessary risk for the residents.

This proposal does not address any demonstrated and unmet demand by business or industry. It is an attempt to increase the value of the land, without providing any clear benefits to the community.

This rezoning proposal most certainly does not pass the pub test.

Heather du Vallon
Cobram

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Numurkah to hold vigil for slain mother and children

THE horrific murders of Hannah, Laianah, Aaliyah and Trey Clarke at the hands of their ex-husband and father in Brisbane last week has sent shock waves across the country, and caused an outpouring of grief from both those who knew them, and complete strangers alike.

The shocking incident has prompted two Numurkah women to organise a local vigil to mourn the family, show support for all those effected by family violence, and shine a light on the pervasive, yet so often hidden, issue.

Nicole Wells and Amelia Slater have organised the event, to be held at the Numurkah Community House on Murray Avenue at 7.30pm next Tuesday, March 3, to honour Hannah and her children and show support for others living with family violence.

Amelia said it was a chance for the community to come together and support each other in the wake of the tragic crime, as well as to offer support and information to those may need it.

"Statistically, one in four women are victims of family violence and one woman is killed each week in Australia by a partner or former partner," she said.

"We wanted to create an opportunity and a space to mourn those who have been devastated by family violence, and to challenge the attitudes and behaviour that create it, so we can help to break the cycle."

Already in 2020 at least nine Australian women have lost their lives as a result of family violence.

Research behind Australia's National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010–2022 shows that higher rates of family violence occur in regional and remote areas, and rural women are more likely to have difficulty accessing services.

The plan has a strong focus on prevention by addressing community attitudes and social norms that drive family violence.

Although men may also be victims of family violence, there are no reliable figures available to indicate the prevalence of male victimhood.

Sergeant Tim Gleeson from Numurkah police told the *Leader* that, like all communities, Numurkah has an issue with family violence.

"Domestic violence remains an ongoing issue and accounts for a good deal of the incidents we attend," he said.

"We urge anybody who is feeling unsafe to call the police, and encourage anybody who has concerns about someone's situation to contact us."

Sergeant Gleeson also encouraged those who are experiencing family violence to make contact with other local agencies who offer support.

"In Shepparton we have the Marion House community family violence crisis service, Centre Against Sexual Assault, Primary Care Connect, and Family Care who all offer services for victims of domestic violence," he said.

"Relationships Australia in Shepparton and Family Care also offer programs for male perpetrators who want help to change their behaviour."

If you need help contact:

Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre - Provides information, support and referrals for women by women. Free call - Victoria 1800 015 188, or visit www.safesteps.org.au.

1800 RESPECT - Domestic violence and sexual assault national help line provides telephone counselling and referrals, available for females and males. Free call 1800 737 732.

Men's Referral Service - Anonymous, free, confidential referral service by men for men who want to take responsibility for their anger or violence towards their partner or family, or relationship issues. Free call 1300 776 491in Victoria or visit www.mrs.org.au.

Information and assistance can also be found at www.ourwatch.org.au or www.dvrcv.org.au.

We care ... Nicole Wells and Amelia Slater are providing an opportunity for the community to come together and mourn Hannah Clarke and her children and support other victims.

New memorial honours military working dogs

A VERY special memorial has just been unveiled at the Australian War Memorial - a memorial dedicated to, and created by, military working dogs and their handlers.

The memorial titled Circling into Sleep, unveiled on Monday - National Day for War Animals in Australia - in the memorial's sculpture garden, honours generations of dogs who have served, given their unconditional loyalty and, in many cases, their lives, to a common cause.

Military working dogs have served alongside Australia's defence forces since the First World War, and continue to play a vital role in domestic and international operations today. Acting Director of the Australian War Memorial Major General (Ret'd) Brian Dawson said the new memorial serves as a reminder of the invaluable contribution of military working dogs, as well as the special bond between dogs and their handlers.

"The Australian Defence Force has a long tradition of working with dogs, from the First World War through to operations in places such as Afghanistan, East Timor and Somalia," he said.

"In 2017, the ADF commissioned the Canine Operations Service Medal, becoming the first military in the world to specifically recognise and honour the contributions of military working dogs."

The ashes of Aussie, military working dog 426, were interred within the memorial on December 4, 2019.

As a military working dog, Aussie served in Australian domestic and international operations including the Solomon Islands in 2004 and four deployments to Afghanistan with the Explosive Detection Dog Team. Described as a tireless worker, Aussie began to slow down after retirement and died in 2017, aged 16.

"Dogs including Aussie, whose ashes are interred here, have detected explosives, searched for and attacked the enemy, provided base security, and laid their lives on the line to save others. Unveiled on the National Day for War Animals in Australia, this memorial is a fitting tribute to their loyalty, bravery and sacrifice," Major General (Ret'd) Dawson said.

Circling into sleep was created by renowned artist Steven Holland, with help from an Explosive Detection Dog called Billie and her handler.

Billie was trained to walk in a tight circle on a bed of soft clay to create the paw-print track which spirals into the memorial, representing the steps of a dog as it circles into sleep.

"This is the dogs' memorial. It is low to the ground and humble," Mr Holland said.

"The tear stone and the paw prints symbolise the remembrance of military dogs. Through their playfulness and curiosity, their intelligence and insight, their bravery and their faithfulness, they made a profound impact."

Letter to the Editor

GOODBYE HOLDEN

My first car was a Holden HG
161, 3 on the tree, flat out at 83
Lots of fond memories of youthful fun,
by gee

Mag wheels, bucket seats and stereo cassette
Shag pile carpet and a heater too
Travelled many safe miles with all the friends
I met

27mpg as good as today's fancy cars you bet

What a buzz it was to watch the genius Brock in his little XU1

Get rumbled past down the straights by Moffat and his big V8

To then pass him in the curves, man that was great

I love Youtube and watching these amazing races of late

"She's a beauty," Chifley exclaimed in 1948, a true leader with vision.

"Oh well, we couldn't do any more," Morrison exclaimed in 2020, just another spineless, no vision bureaucrat dope we have running our country.

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Honour ... Year six leaders after being presented with their personalised polo tops.
Back (from left): Principal Paul Arnel, Fr Michael Grace, Skyla Dailey, Milla Dobson, Tayla Ramadge, Mia Duggan, Eva Laidlaw, Emily Hibberson, Alice Trimble, Archie Johns, Alexander Hangan, Seth McCracken, Ashlee Dyson, Matthew Tickell, Annika Edis, senior school leader Adam Stirton.
Middle: Carmen Cole, Curtis McKellar, Kiarna Arnold, Holly Cornall-Doyle, Demii McKellar, Kyren Dawson, Skyla O'Dwyer, Millie Hooker, Amalia Hargreaves, Keira Neyland, Ellie Carkeek, Monet Curtis.
Front Row: Jarred Bethell, Claire Rae, Ocean Frost, Oliver Ruscoe, Layla Sanders, Rebecca Retallick, Laura Bergamin, Aidan Prior, Kaleb Gilmour, Jade Hester, Emily Hall, Rahni Lawless, Alexander Robertson, Adelaide Osler.

Young leaders rise at St Joe's

LAST week, St Joseph's School celebrated the beginning of the school year with a community mass led by Fr Grace, at which the year six students for 2020 were officially inducted into their roles as student leaders.

The 41 year six girls and boys were presented to the congregation and asked to state their intentions in being leaders of the school for 2020.

Principal Paul Arnel said it is the year six students' chance to shine.

"These positions are valued and important; they are not merely handed out because it comes with being a year six," he said.

"This is a serious challenge to rise and accept the responsibilities of being a true leader of our school."

The children are asked to complete the formal tasks associated with being the senior students and secondly, set an example through Attitude, Awareness and Action.

The Triple As are now an integral part of the school's philosophy in promoting an accepting and supportive school culture. The children are asked to lead through what they say and what they do.

The senior group also choose the formal leaders in recognition of their manner and attitude demonstrated over previous years.

There are four school captains, namely Aidan Prior, Laura Bergamin, Rebecca Retallick and Kaleb Gilmour, as well as leaders in the areas of Triple A (Eva Laidlaw and Millie Hooker), Sport (Seth McCracken, Milla Dobson, Keira Neyland and Ollie Ruscoe), IT (Jarred Bethell and Emily Hibberson), Sustainability (Alex Hangan and Tayla Ramadge) and Fire Carriers (Rahni Lawless and Annika Edis).

Mystery meals a delightful deal

THE Monichino Winery team are always looking for ways to share their Italian heritage of fine food and wine with local people, and with an experienced and talented Melbourne chef now on the team, the perfect outlet has presented itself.

As of last weekend, Monichino's is offering a 'surprise' Italian lunch dish for just $20 each Saturday and Sunday until March 15.

Winemaker Terry Monichino said it was a way to share their pleasure in Italian cuisine with locals, and encourage people to enjoy the beautiful setting the winery offers.

"It's a chance to showcase our heritage, the type of traditional food we grew up with, and to have a bit of fun with it by adding an element of surprise," he said.

Chef Stuart Davidson said diners can expect traditional Italian dishes prepared and presented with a bit of city flair.

"Our first dish was beef tagliata, which literally means sliced beef," he said.

"It's very popular in Italian restaurants in the city now since Heston Blumenthal featured it on Master Chef, so we thought it would be a good thing to kick off with."

Stuart said that, although beef tagliata has already been featured as a surprise dish, and won't be repeated, it provides a good example of the type of dish people can expect.

"We want to provide the type of traditional yet modern Italian that people might find in the city, but not necessarily on menus further out.

"We've put a lot of thought and care into the dishes on the surprise menu, and for $20 they are all excellent value.

"And if you don't fancy what's on the surprise menu on the day you visit, we always have our Italian platters available. And it's s great setting out here - you can't really go wrong."

Can't go wrong ... Chef Stuart Davidson and Bronte Conroy prepare to dig into a delicious beef tagliata.

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Temporary Road Closure

Parks Victoria advises that a temporary Road Closure will be in place on Moira Lakes Road between Schier Street/ McCann Dr and Corry Street on Monday 2 March 2020 while tree risk management works are undertaken.

Access to properties will not be affected and detour routes will be implemented to provide access to Moira Lakes and Barmah Island.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTIFICATION BY BUYER - INTENTION TO APPLY FOR THE PERMANENT TRANSFER OF A LICENCE TO TAKE AND USE GROUND WATER GMW Reference BPTWE0004-20

We, Madigan Fresh Produce Pty Ltd of Spences Rd Katunga Vic 3640. Refer to Vic Roads Map 34 H9 Intend to make application to permanently transfer entitlement to our existing Licence to Take & Use Groundwater and increase the licensed volume from 51ML/ Year to 126ML/Year.
We intend to extract groundwater from an existing bore constructed to a depth of 106 metres.
The water will be used for the purpose of: irrigation. To be used on land desribed as Volume 9264 Folio 387, Lot No. 2, Plan No. 124949, Plan Type LP, Crown Allotment 215, Section S, Parish Stratherton.
Any person able to demonstrate that their interests will be affected by the issuing of this Licence including any intended groundwater use, is invited to make a formal submission (via post, email or fax) setting out the nature of the impact within 14 days of receipt of this written notification.
To make a submission, please read the information available to download from www.g-mwater.com.au/customer-services/forms refer to No. 4 (or contact GMW to arrange for a copy to be posted to you). Submissions must be lodged in writing using the template available by either mail or email to Customer Support Coordinator, Licensing Administration, PO Box 165, TATURA VIC 3616 or email licensingadmin@g-mwater.com.au.

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NOTIFICATION BY BUYER — INTENTION TO APPLY FOR THE PERMANENT TRANSFER OF A LICENCE TO TAKE AND USE GROUNDWATER GMW Reference BPTWE0006-20

We, Rhonda and Philip Gundrill of 352 Lorenz Rd, STRATHMERTON VIC 3641. Refer to Vic Roads Map 22 J9 intend to make application to permanently transfer entitlement to our existing Licence to Take & Use Groundwater and increase the licensed volume from 285ML/ Year to 600ML/Year.
We intend to extract groundwater from existing bores.
The water will be used for the purpose of Irrigation.
To be used on lands described as:
Volume 9001 Folio 312 Lot No. 1 Plan No. 098848 Plan type LP; Volume 9001 Folio 313 Lot No. 2 Plan No. 098848 Plan type LP.
Any person able to demonstrate that their interests will be affected by the transfer of the Licence including any intended groundwater use, is invited to make a formal submission setting out the nature of the impact within **14 days** of receipt of this written notification.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A LICENCE TO CONSTRUCT WORKS (BORE) / TAKE AND USE LICENCE FOR A LICENSABLE PURPOSE GMW Reference BGW0108-20

We, V.B.A. Farming Pty. Ltd. of 240 Hawkers Rd, Yalca Vic 3637. Refer to Vic Roads Map 22 F9 intend to make application to Goulburn-Murray Water for a Licence to Construct Works (Bore), and if successful:
This is our notice for an application of a new licence to Take and Use Groundwater. We intend to apply to transfer 300ML of licensed entitlement from an existing licensee/s on a temporary or permanent basis.
The application is for one bore to be constructed to a proposed depth of 200 metres.
The water will be used for the purpose of Irrigation.
To be constructed and used on land/s described as:
Volume 10054 Folio 534, Lot No. 3 Plan No. 312283V, Plan Type PS, Parish Yalca.
Any person able to demonstrate that their interests will be affected by the issuing of this Licence including any intended groundwater use, is invited to make a written submission (via post, email or fax) setting out the nature of the impact within 14 days of receipt of this written notification. Late submissions will not be considered.
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MEETINGS

The 2020 Annual General Meeting
of the
NUMURKAH AGRICULTURAL & PASTORAL SOCIETY INC.
is to be held on
Tuesday, 10th March 2020 at 7.30pm
in the meeting room, Multi-Purpose Building, Showgrounds, Tunnock Road, Numurkah
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

TENDERS

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Supply and Delivery or Finance of One Landfill Compactor

Tenders closing 4pm Wednesday 25 March 2020

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

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

Mark Henderson
Chief Executive Officer

CHURCH NOTICES

Anglican Church St George's, Numurkah
Sunday 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Holy Trinity Nathalia
Sunday 9am Holy Communion.

St Paul's Wakiti Creek
2pm Holy Communion 1st Sunday & 9am Morning Prayer 3rd Sunday.

Numurkah Christian Church
Sundays – 10.00am Communion; Prayer and Worship 7-8pm Thursday. All Welcome!
7 McCaskill St.
John Everard,
Ph 0431 350 121.

St. John's Catholic Church, Numurkah
St. John's Numurkah: Saturday 6.30pm; Sunday 10.30am. Strathmerton: Sunday 5.30pm.
Weekday masses, Numurkah: Tuesday and Thursday 5.30pm; Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 9.15am.

Numurkah Church of Christ
Worship and Communion 10am Sundays. Presbyterian Hall 56 Saxton St Numurkah, phone 5869 1298.

Freedom Fellowship Inc. Numurkah
26 Quinn Street, Numurkah, Sunday morning service 10.30am, mid week service Thursday morning (not in school holidays). Our doors will be open to the community from 9.00am to 4.00pm on most weekdays. Phone Rev. Ps Brian Hole on mobile 0418 708 887.

Gospel Fellowship Numurkah
60 Meiklejohn St, Numurkah. Family hour & Worship Service, Sunday: 11am. Prayer and Bible Study Wednesdays 8pm. Phone: L. Teitz 5862 2341, 0407 040 820.

St. Andrew's Numurkah Presbyterian Church
Sunday: Tallygaroopna 9.30am; Numurkah 11.15am.
Minister, Rev. George Elliott. Ph 5744 2485.

Seventh Day Adventist Church
Sabbath School 10am Saturday morning. Worship 11.30am. All welcome and stay for lunch if you wish.
86 Tocumwal Road, Numurkah.
Phone 0427 007 808 Ken Dever.

Uniting Church Numurkah Parish
Worship 10am, followed by morning tea. All welcome. Ph: 0435 586 260.

Uniting Church Nathalia Parish
Picola/Yalca 9am; Nathalia 10.30am.

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MON is a wholly Australian owned company specialising in the production of condiments for supermarkets nationwide.

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- Responsible for processing equipment electrical maintenance
- Involvement in new projects and plant upgrades
- Working with line operators to resolve production issues
- May include day and afternoon shifts

Personal attributes and qualifications
- Relevant industry qualifications
- Dynamic and self motivated individual
- Experience in automated packaging equipment
- VSD and PLC knowledge would be beneficial
- Ability to trouble shoot and work proactively as a part of a small team
- Eye for detail, quality and safety

Package rate proposed - $34-$40 p/h depending on skills and experience.

To pursue this opportunity please forward a letter of application and current resume to the attention of: Engineering Manager at the email address of andrew@monfoods.com.au

HONORARY SECRETARY

NUMURKAH AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL SOCIETY INC.

The Numurkah Agricultural and Pastoral Society has a vacancy for an Honorary Secretary to be the Event Manager for the Annual Numurkah Show which is held in October each year. The Numurkah Show is the longest running Community Event in Numurkah with our 133rd Show to be held on October 21st 2020.

The position entails some or all of the following –
- attendance at monthly meetings, preparation of minutes and agendas for these meetings,
- preparation and typing of appropriate letters pertaining to general business,
- dealing with In and Out correspondence,
- organisation of all entertainment,
- keeping of all records, Government regulations and Shire directives,
- attendance at various other meetings and workshops throughout the year,
- any other appropriate duties which come up from time to time and the answering of phone queries throughout the year.
- publicity.
- successful person must be computer literate.
- there is an honorarium awarded to the position

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Further information from Sue Aldridge, on 5862 1391 or Beverly Patrick on 5862 3515.

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Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) Coordinator
Based at Numurkah and Cobram Campuses
0.3 EFT – Part Time Permanent

Visit our website for further information including position descriptions, contact details, closing dates and the application process.
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IN MEMORIAM

BARNSTABLE — Flora Jean
27.2.1925 - 3.2.2016
A birthday rose
For our beautiful Mother

Remembering you Mum on your 95th birthday with many loving and special memories.
Forever in our hearts.

Much love always
Terry, Lyn, Glenda, Heather and families

GROVES — Gloria Cleave
4.1.1923 - 26.2.2017
Our dear Mother, it's been 3 years since we lost you so tragically and our hearts are still aching.
John, Glenda, Gayle, George, Daphne, Mary, Raymond and their families.

DEATHS

McPHERSON (Graham) — Anna Muriel.
16.6.1935 - 23.2.2020
Peacefully at Karinya, Numurkah, surrounded by her loving family.
Loving wife of Don, loved mother and mother-in-law of David and Pam, Dianne and Trevor, Steven and Lynda. Adored Granny to Shanae, Rhett, Aaron, Trent, and Nathan, Bradley, Jacob, and Candice. Great Granny to Max.

Always so loving, thoughtful and kind,
What beautiful memories you leave behind.
You may have left this world behind,
But you will never leave our hearts and mind.

MCPHERSON – Anna Muriel.
16.6.1935 - 23.2.2020
You were our guiding light throughout the years, gave love, laughter and some tears. A more caring, sharing person you'd never find, forever in our hearts and minds. Now youre in a better place with no suffering or pain where one day we'll meet again.
David, Pam, Shanae and Rhett.
Rest In Peace

DEATHS

McPHERSON — Anna Muriel.
In loving memory of Anna Muriel McPherson, who passed away peacefully February 23, 2020.
Much loved sister of Noel and Jeanette Graham. Aunt of Matthew, Kirsten, Adam, Luke and respective partners. Great Aunt to Cooper, Ella, Jack, Will, Lenny, Lilly, Lara, Abbie, Indie and Evie.

Forever in our hearts

The rose beyond the wall
A rose once grew
where all could see,
Sheltered beside a
garden wall,
And as the days
passed swiftly by,
It spread its branches,
straight and tall.
One day, a beam of
light shone through
A crevice that had
opened wide.
The rose bent gently
toward its warmth
Then passed beyond
to the other side.
Now, you who deeply
feel its loss,
Be comforted - the
rose blooms there,
Its beauty even
greater now, nurtured
by
God's own loving
care.

DEATHS

WILLIAMS — Dianne Margaret
Late of Nathalia. Passed away suddenly on February 16, 2020, aged 58.
Dearly loved partner of Midge. Loving sister to Geoff; Stephen; and their families.

A happy smile,
A heart of gold.
One of the best,
The world could hold.
A special partner,
sister and friend
So kind and true
What wonderful
memories
We have of you.
Always Remembered

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FUNERAL NOTICES

McPHERSON (Graham) — The funeral service to celebrate the life of Mrs Anna Muriel McPherson, will be held at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Saxton Street, Numurkah, on Friday, February 28, 2020, commencing at 10.30am. Followed by interment at the Numurkah Lawn Cemetery.

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WILLIAMS — The Funeral for Dianne Margaret Williams will be arriving at the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery on FRIDAY, February 28, 2020 for a Graveside Service to celebrate her life commencing at 11 am.

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Two day game - Day one
A GRADE
NUMURKAH v TATURA
Toss won by Numurkah, batted first
1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH
D Grandell c ? b Z Langlands....3
W Arnel b J Armstrong....58
M Price c ? b S McAllister....20
SE Downie c ? b B Archer....7
M Eckard c ? b M Archer....11
K Jackson b M Archer....11
L Gledhill b S McAllister....52
J Lau c ? b B Archer....0
T Braybon not out....28
M Cline not out....19
Extras (nb 7, w 3, b 7, lb 6)....23
Total....8/232 (cc)
Overs 80.0
FOW: 4 (D Grandell) 42 (M Price) 51 (SE Downie) 96 (M Eckard) 119 (W Arnel) 125 (K Jackson) 145 (J Lau) 200 (L Gledhill)
Bowling: Z Langlands 9.0 3 1 26; J Armstrong 15.0 5 1 29; B Archer 15.0 6 2 40; S McAllister 8.0 3 1 15; J Kealey 5.0 1 0 16; H Murdoch 5.0 1 0 22; M Archer 14.0 3 2 34; B Armstrong 9.0 0 1 37.

KATANDRA v KARRAMOMUS
Toss won by Karramomus, batted first
1ST INNINGS - KARRAMOMUS
J Ibbotson c JG Wright b H Sirett....0
T Guppy c S Richardson b H Sirett....10
N Jones c L Patel b C Hickford....3
M McGrath c A Riordan b C Hickford....0
TX Kelly c A Riordan b S Richardson....38
S Turner c JG Wright b C Hickford....0
M Mandaradoni b S Richardson....2
S Green not out....12
L Sibley c & b A Riordan....1
A Heslin b S Richardson....1
L Keady c ? b L Patel....11
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 1, lb 0)....1
Total....79
Overs 41.5
FOW: 1 (J Ibbotson) 12 (N Jones) 14 (T Guppy) 14 (M McGrath) 14 (S Turner) 32 (M Mandaradoni) 55 (TX Kelly) 57 (L Sibley) 58 (A Heslin) 79 (L Keady)
Bowling: C Hickford 11.0 7 3 11; H Sirett 9.0 3 2 20; S Richardson 10.0 4 3 14; S Dickson 5.0 1 0 23; A Riordan 5.0 1 1 7; L Patel 1.5 0 1 3.
1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA
B Clurey lbw b A Heslin....10
B Black run out (L Sibley)....6
S Richardson c S Turner b A Heslin....2
A Riordan st T Guppy b S Turner....35
L Patel not out....56
H Sirett not out....1
J McKinnon c T Guppy b S Green....21
NJ Hickey not out....0
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 2, lb 2)....5
Total....6/137
Overs 34.5
FOW: 15 (B Clurey) 17 (S Richardson) 19 (B Black) 89 (A Riordan) 137 (J McKinnon)
Bowling: J Ibbotson 7.0 1 0 28; A Heslin 7.0 2 2 18; TX Kelly 2.0 1 0 7; L Keady 2.0 0 0 19; L Sibley 6.6 1 1 24; S Turner 8.0 1 1 24; S Green 1.5 0 1 13.

WAAIA v SHEPPARTON UNITED
Toss won by Waaia, bowled first
1ST INNINGS - SHEPPARTON UNITED
A Tonks run out (J Cleeland)....45
K Armstrong c & b J Trower....76
C Rendina c J Cleeland b MJ Cleeland....5
R Bari c SC Carey b MJ Cleeland....8
XD Brown b J Trower....1
R Menhenett c J Cleeland b J Trower....10
D Vidler not out....36
C Vidanapathirana c BG Carey b MJ Cleeland....7
S Nash c & b J Trower....8
L Menhenett not out....0
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 2, lb 6)....8
Total....8/204 (dec)
Overs 64.4
FOW: 98 (A Tonks) 113 (C Rendina) 136 (R Bari) 137 (XD Brown) 144 (K Armstrong) 159 (R Menhenett) 186 (C Vidanapathirana) 204 (S Nash)
Bowling: MJ Cleeland 26.0 3 3 73; J Trower 24.4 7 4 65; L Henderson 3.0 2 0 7; J Cleeland 5.0 0 0 35; C Walpole 6.0 0 0 16.
1ST INNINGS - WAAIA
BG Carey not out....10
S Trower not out....3
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 0, lb 0)....0
Total....0/13
Overs 12.0
Bowling: C Vidanapathirana 3.0 0 0 3; S Nash 2.0 0 0 6; T Yaqoobi 2.0 0 0 3; D Vidler 2.0 1 0 0; R Bari 2.0 1 0 0; L Menhenett 1.0 0 0 1.

B GRADE
TATURA v NUMURKAH
Toss won by Tatura, batted first
1ST INNINGS - TATURA
L Worm c D Ebborn b M Martin....7
G Walker c D Cox b B O'Dwyer....29
R Forster lbw b B O'Dwyer....10
W Russell c & b B O'Dwyer....8
N Watt c RL Lacuin b S Dawson....23
P Watt c S Spicer b S Dawson....5
G Ballis c B Roberts b RL Lacuin....1
XA Hutchison b S Spicer....4
J Collett c D Cox b B Roberts....53
S Martin c & b M Martin....25
C Dealy not out....1
Extras (nb 0, w 2, b 4, lb 2)....8
Total....174
Overs 59.3
Bowling: B Smith 7.0 2 0 21; B Roberts 13.0 4 1 38; M Martin 12.3 3 2 26; B O'Dwyer 6.0 1 3 22; RL Lacuin 11.0 4 1 29; S Dawson 3.0 0 2 4; S Spicer 7.0 0 1 28.
F1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH
S Spicer lbw b S Martin....6
J Pruden b W Russell....20
D Cox lbw b J Collett....8
D Ebborn c G Ballis b W Russell....1
B Smith not out....2
RL Lacuin c P Watt b J Collett....6
M Martin not out....4
Extras (nb 3, w 5, b 5, lb 0)....13
Total....5/60
Overs 17.0
FOW: 19 (S Spicer) 41 (D Cox) 42 (J Pruden) 42 (D Ebborn) 54 (RL Lacuin)
Bowling: S Martin 4.0 0 1 16; C Dealy 4.0 0 0 25; J Collett 5.0 3 2 5; W Russell 4.0 2 2 9.

KARRAMOMUS v KATANDRA
Toss won by Karramomus, batted first
1ST INNINGS - KARRAMOMUS
B Jones c M Black b RW Shannon....6
N Laffy c T Wilson b A Nicholls....63
Z Groombridge run out (RJ Hopkins)....64
J Mandaradoni c & b A Nicholls....0
L Forge c K Rosevear b RJ Ireland....14
T Murray c M Black b RW Shannon....7
P Trevaskis c & b RJ Hopkins....18
D Forge c M Black b A Nicholls....1
C Michel c RW Shannon b RJ Ireland....0
J Kerr c A Nicholls b RJ Hopkins....0
K Hardy not out....0
Extras (nb 1, w 0, b 3, lb 1)....5
Total....178
Overs 71.5
FOW: 8 (B Jones) 112 (N Laffy) 114 (J Mandaradoni) 142 (L Forge) 152 (Z Groombridge) 164 (T Murray) 170 (D Forge) 178 (P Trevaskis) 178 (J Kerr) 178 (C Michel)
Bowling: RW Shannon 17.0 8 2 27; RJ Ireland 17.5 4 2 41; C Simpson 4.0 0 0 20; N Minogue 5.0 1 0 5; RJ Hopkins 15.0 6 2 33; A Nicholls 13.0 3 3 48.
1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA
A Nicholls not out....3
C Simpson not out....3
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 0, lb 0)....1
Total....0/7 (cc)
Overs 5.0
Bowling: J Kerr 2.0 0 0 3; C Michel 2.0 0 0 4; B Jones 1.0 1 0 0.

SHEPPARTON UNITED def WAAIA
Toss won by Waaia, batted first
1ST INNINGS - WAAIA
R Trimby not out....2
H Hixon c ? b A Young....7
D Booth lbw b E McLaren....0
D Wilson b E McLaren....6
X Daniel c ? b T Frost....8
AJ Brooks c ? b T Frost....3
M Daniel b E McLaren....7
H Platfuss b E McLaren....0
W Trower c ? b M Tate....5
K Allen c ? b M Tate....0
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 1, lb 0....1
Total....39
Overs 21.3
Bowling: E McLaren 7.0 1 3 8; A Young 5.0 2 1 7; T Frost 5.3 2 3 13; M Tate 4.0 0 2 10.
1ST INNINGS - SHEPPARTON UNITED
T Gillin c K Allen b R Trimby....74
L Watts not out....26
T Green b H Hixon....10
OB Warburton run out....3
A Young c ? b R Trimby....0
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 5, lb 3)....8
Total....4/121 (dec)
Overs 23.1
Bowling: K Allen 4.0 0 0 29; R Trimby 8.0 1 2 33; H Hixon 12.0 3 1 51.
2ND INNINGS - WAAIA
R Trimby b R Mulvihill....0
H Hixon c ? b T Frost....10
D Booth lbw b T Frost....0
D Wilson c ? b T Frost....11
X Daniel c ? b R Mulvihill....4
AJ Brooks c ? b OB Warburton....6
M Daniel c ? b R Mulvihill....14
H Platfuss c ? b CJ Barclay....4
W Trower not out....1
K Allen c ? b R Mulvihill....25
Extras (nb 1, w 0, b 6, lb 2)....9
Total....84
Overs 19.1
Bowling: E McLaren 6.0 1 0 16; T Frost 5.0 0 3 15; CJ Barclay 3.0 0 1 24; R Mulvihill 4.0 0 4 17; OB Warburton 1.1 0 2 4.
2ND INNINGS - SHEPPARTON UNITED
A Young not out....2
OB Warburton not out....4
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 0, lb 0)....0
Total....0/6
Overs 0.5
Bowling: AJ Brooks 1.0 0 0 6.

C GRADE
NUMURKAH v PINE LODGE
Toss won byPine Lodge, batted first
1ST INNINGS - PINE LODGE
HL Reynolds c ? b H Lambert....0
J Purdey c ? b H Verhoeven....0
D Linton c ? b D Roberts....9
S Uppal lbw b H Verhoeven....1
S Kearney c R Verhoeven b S Boswell....20
G Singh c H McDonald b D Roberts....7
T Phillips c S Boswell b D Roberts....0
A Giffin b S Boswell....1
A Saini not out....5
JA Vaivers c H Verhoeven b C Sessions....4
Extras (nb 4, w 3, b 4, lb 0)....11
Total....58
Overs 39.0
FOW: 3 (HL Reynolds) 3 (J Purdey) 10 (S Uppal) 29 (d linton) 46 (S Kearney) 47 (T Phillips) 48 (A Giffin) 48 (G Singh) 58 (JA Vaivers)
Bowling: H Lambert 8.0 4 1 9; H Verhoeven 6.0 4 2 7; R Dawson 6.0 0 0 20; D Roberts 7.0 3 3 10; S Boswell 6.0 4 2 3; H McDonald 3.0 2 0 2; C Sessions 1.3 0 1 3; J Verhoeven 1.0 1 0 0.
1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH
? b JA Vaivers....5
J Verhoeven c S Uppal b d linton....4
C Sessions b A Saini....8
R Dawson c S Kearney b d linton....6
H Verhoeven b d linton....0
D Roberts b JA Vaivers....1
R Verhoeven c T Phillips b J Purdey....24
S Morris c T Phillips b G Singh....14
H Lambert c T Phillips b J Purdey....4
H McDonald not out....2
L Roberts b G Singh....3
Extras (nb 2, w 9, b 10, lb 0)....21
Total....92
Overs 33.3
FOW: 22 (J Verhoeven) 35 (H Verhoeven) 35 (R Dawson) 43 (C Sessions) 45 (D Roberts) 45 (********) 75 (S Morris) 80 (H Lambert) 88 (R Verhoeven) 92 (L Roberts)
Bowling: D Linton 6.0 2 3 19; S Uppal 6.0 2 0 7; A Saini 6.0 0 1 12; JA Vaivers 4.0 1 2 6; G Singh 6.3 1 2 18; S Kearney 2.0 0 0 12; J Purdey 3.0 0 2 8.

D GRADE
WAAIA lt INVERGORDON
on forfeit.

UNDER 16
SEMI FINAL
NUMURKAH def MOOROOPNA
Toss won by Numurkah, batted first
1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH
D Ebborn c 57
C Morris c 9
B Smith lbw 67
H Verhoeven lbw 3
B Roberts c 2
D Craven run out....0
K O' Dwyer not out....20
C Sessions st 10
DC Baker b....0
C Beer lbw 1
T Hughes run out....3
Extras (nb 2, w 8, b 3, lb 7)....20
Total....192
Overs 44.4
FOW: 36 (C Morris) 102 (D Ebborn) 115 (H Verhoeven) 125 (B Roberts) 127 (D Craven) 167 (C Sessions) 170 (DC Baker) 174 (C Beer) 184 (T Hughes) 192 (B Smith)
1ST INNINGS - MOOROOPNA
Extras (nb 4, w 2, b 4, lb 0)....10
Total....70
Overs 37.2
Bowling: B Roberts 5.0 2 1 3; B Smith 4.0 2 2 4; H Verhoeven 5.0 1 3 10; DC Baker 4.0 2 1 6; ? 4.0 2 0 5; D Ebborn 4.0 0 0 12; D Craven 4.0 0 0 11; C Sessions 4.0 0 2 5; J Moore 1.2 0 1 6; T Hughes 1.0 0 0 4.

UNDER 14
SEMI FINAL
NUMURKAH def
NOTRE DAME/ST BRENDANS GOLD
Toss won by Numurkah, batted first
1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH
R Verhoeven b M Reeves....0
N Hughes c M Reeves b E Beck....8
M O'Dwyer c J Murphy b Y Malhi....12
R Dawson b L Prior....41
H McDonald c M Reeves b Y Malhi....3
R Dobson st H Baker b T Huffer....1
M Ward not out....37
L Roberts b T Huffer....0
T Stephens run out (E Beck)....0
N Wallace b L Prior....7
J Bell c T Huffer b L Prior....0
Extras (nb 9, w 7, b 10, lb 0)....26
Total....135
Overs 42.6
FOW: 0 (R Verhoeven) 24 (N Hughes) 24 (M O'Dwyer) 41 (H McDonald) 52 (R Dobson) 108 (L Roberts) 109 (T Stephens) 133 (N Wallace) 133 (J Bell) 135 (R Dawson)
Bowling: M Reeves 6.0 0 1 15; L Prior 6.6 1 3 14; E Beck 7.0 3 1 13; Y Malhi 6.0 1 2 22; T Huffer 7.0 2 2 17; K Huffer 5.0 1 0 21; J Murphy 2.0 0 0 14; M Bicknell 3.0 0 0 9.
1ST INNINGS - NOTREDAME /ST BRENDS GOLD
T Huffer c & b H McDonald....13
M Reeves c H McDonald b M O'Dwyer....8
Z Daldy b H McDonald....0
E Beck not out....41
H Baker c M Ward b M O'Dwyer....0
J Murphy run out (R Dawson)....1
H Singh c N Hughes b T Stephens....5
Y Malhi b M O'Dwyer....15
L Prior c M O'Dwyer b R Verhoeven....1
M Bicknell c M O'Dwyer b R Verhoeven....3
F Southwell run out (M Ward)....10
Extras (nb 7, w 5, b 8, lb 1)....21
Total....10/118
Overs 37.4
FOW: 17 (T Huffer) 17 (Z Daldy) 22 (M Reeves) 29 (H Baker) 32 (J Murphy) 78 (h singh) 80 (L Prior) 86 (M Bicknell) 118 (Y Malhi) 118 (F Southwell)
Bowling: R Dawson 7.0 4 0 16; H McDonald 6.0 2 2 9; M O'Dwyer 4.4 1 3 9; M Ward 7.0 4 0 8; L Roberts 2.0 0 0 18; N Hughes 2.0 1 0 4; J Bell 2.0 0 0 19; T Stephens 2.0 0 1 4; R Verhoeven 4.0 0 2 15; R Dobson 1.0 0 0 7.

MURRAY VALLEY
PREMIER DIVISION
2 day game - Day one
NATHALIA v COBRAM-YARROWEYAH UNITED
Toss won by Cobram-Yarroweyah United, batted first
1ST INNINGS - COBRAM-YARROWEYAH UNITED
L Benn c BT Ross b A Jorgensen....0
J Andrew c L Evans b A Harding....18
K Johnstone c L Quinn b B Summerville....7
K Andrew c A Harding b L Evans....17
L Adams lbw b L Evans....4
M Watson c L Quinn b L Evans....15
T Lewis c S Boyd b A Harding....0
B Andrew not out....3
B Andrew c A Jorgensen b L Evans....0
T Poole c BT Ross b L Evans....0
D Ashcroft not out....0
Extras (nb 1, w 2, b 2, lb 1)....6
Total....70
Overs 42.0
FOW: 5 (L Benn) 13 (K Johnstone) 44 (K Andrew) 50 (L Adams) 50 (J Andrew) 50 (T Lewis) 70 (M Watson) 70 (B Andrew) 70 (t poole)
Bowling: B Summerville 10.0 2 1 15; A Jorgensen 6.0 2 1 12; H Congues 3.0 0 0 10; A Harding 8.0 4 2 13; L Evans 12.0 8 5 9; BT Ross 3.0 0 0 8;.
F1ST INNINGS - NATHALIA
L Evans b T Poole....22
L Quinn c K Johnstone b L Benn....7
A Harding c K Andrew b J Andrew....4
BT Ross not out....65
TP Nihill b L Benn....21
A Congues not out....59
Extras (nb 2, w 0, b 6, lb 2)....10
Total....4/188
Overs 38.0
FOW: 17 (L Quinn) 38 (L Evans) 44 (A Harding) 91 (TP Nihill)
Bowling: L Benn 10.0 3 2 28; K Andrew 3.0 0 0 14; J Andrew 7.0 1 1 38; T Poole 4.0 0 1 17; M Watson 1.0 0 0 9; L Adams 6.0 0 0 32; B Andrew 4.0 1 0 11; T Lewis 3.0 0 0 31.

KATAMATITE v COBRAM
Toss won by Katamatite, bowled first
1ST INNINGS - COBRAM
L Hyde c S Pool b B Beaton....5
W Van Zyl c S Dorsey b M Hodge....54
H Hyde c S Pool b T Casha....23
A Decicco c JM Tierney b JO Van Zuyden....13
T Baden c S Dorsey b T Irvine....3
M Allen c JO Van Zuyden b JM Tierney....55
MB Artavilla b T Casha....6
D McCormack c J Magowan b JM Tierney....10
JM Silva c ? b T Casha....22
J Frankel not out....1
N Sneddon not out....0
Extras (nb 2, w 4, b 0, lb 4)....10
Total....9/202 (dec)
Overs 64.0
FOW: 29 (L Hyde) 67 (W Van Zyl) 88 (A Decicco) 95 (T Baden) 126 (H Hyde) 159 (MB Artavilla) 189 (JM Silva) 201 (D McCormack) 201 (M Allen)
1ST INNINGS - KATAMATITE
Extras (nb 3, w 1, b 1, lb 0)....
Total....2/48
Overs 16.0
Bowling: A Decicco 7.0 2 2 16; T Baden 3.0 0 0 10; W Van Zyl 5.0 2 0 9; H Hyde 1.0 0 0 12.

DIVISION ONE
NATHALIA def COBRAM
Toss won by Cobram, batted first
1ST INNINGS - COBRAM
BJ Gallagher b S Zammit....21
AP Zito lbw b CP Congues....0
A Hogan b CP Congues....28
JW Peace b A Oliver....20
W Sullivan c H Hawks b S Zammit....4
B Seccull c CP Congues b A Oliver....8
MF Bond c ? b J Hardy....12
N Kennedy c ? b J Hardy....4
D Harris c ? b A Oliver....0
N Avery c ? b J Hardy....0
G Sneddon not out....0
Extras (nb 0, w 6, b 1, lb 0)....7
Total....104
Overs 32.4
FOW: 2 (AP Zito) 51 (A Hogan) 54 (BJ Gallagher) 58 (W Sullivan) 71 (B Seccull) 97 (JW Peace) 103 (N Kennedy) 104 (MF Bond) 104 (N Avery) 104 (D Harris)
Bowling: CP Congues 8.0 1 2 19; CJ Stevens 6.0 0 0 32; S Zammit 7.0 1 2 29; A Oliver 8.0 1 3 18; J Hardy 3.4 2 3 5.
1ST INNINGS - NATHALIA
CJ Stevens c JW Peace b N Kennedy....31
J Hardy c N Avery b A Hogan....17
A King b A Hogan....4
L Gemmill b A Hogan....4
J Steiner c JW Peace b N Kennedy....20
JL Walpole not out....13
M Brooks c & b B Seccull....0
H Hawks not out....5
Extras (nb 1, w 11, b 0, lb 1)....13
Total....6/107
Overs 28.1
FOW: 22 (J Hardy) 26 (A King) 42 (L Gemmill) 66 (J Steiner) 99 (CJ Stevens) 100 (M Brooks)
Bowling: A Hogan 8.0 1 3 27; D Harris 4.0 0 0 21; BJ Gallagher 2.0 0 0 12; N Kennedy 8.0 2 2 15; B Seccull 6.1 0 1 27.

BERRIGAN def KATAMATITE
Toss won by Katamatite, batted first
1ST INNINGS - KATAMATITE
B Lucas c L Neely b T Beams....5
G Van Tilborg c S Packer b M Ross....3
G Edis c S Packer b M Ross....15
T Bye c B Loats b T Beams....0
B Lukies c T Beams b Z Taylor Nugent....7
D Parnell c T Isedale b Z Taylor Nugent....6
L Hatton b Z Taylor Nugent....0
SC Fowles b Z Taylor Nugent....0
B Parnell not out....11
S Nordbye run out....2
D Emmi c F Haintz b Z Taylor Nugent....0
Extras (nb 2, w 0, b 0, lb 1)....3
Total....52
Overs 19.1
FOW: 5 (B Lucas) 20 (G Van Tilborg) 24 (T Bye) 26 (G Edis) 36 (D Parnell) 37 (SC Fowles) 37 (L Hatton) 40 (B Lukies) 45 (S Nordbye) 51 (D Emmi)
1ST INNINGS - BERRIGAN
Extras (nb 1, w 2, b 0, lb 0)....3
Total....2/57
Overs 18.2
Bowling: S Nordbye 3.0 0 0 8; B Parnell 4.0 1 1 9; D Parnell 5.0 0 1 10; D Emmi 5.0 0 0 20; B Lukies 1.1 0 0 8.

Murray Bowls

FRIDAY PENNANT
Division one
Preliminary final: Cobram 60 lt Barooga Sports 72. M. McDonald 26 d C. Wigg 21; K. Baldacchino 23 lt K. Ralph 27; I. Sanders 17 lt S. Dean 24.
Grand final this Friday: Numurkah Golf v Cobram.
Division two
Preliminary final: Barooga Sports 80 d Tocumwal Golf 59. L. Dwing 19 lt S. Kufner 24; D. Nye 22 drew G. Pate 22; P. Nichols 39 d L. Hansen 13.
Grand final this Friday: Picola v Barooga Sports.
SATURDAY PENNANT
Division one
Preliminary final: Wunghnu 117 d Numurkah Golf 57. A. Henderson 35 d M. Jones 7; R. Smith 23 d B. Stanger 17; T. Hosie 34 d J. Luci 13; B. Cosgrove 25 d R. Glover 20.
Grand final this Saturday: Barooga v Wunghnu.
Division two
Preliminary final: Picola 83 lt Barooga 95. B. Agnew 24 d C. Campbell 22; L. Kean 17 lt A. Bennett 25; T. Smith 22 d L. Magee 21; K. Berger 20 lt A. Nichols 27.
Grand final this Saturday: Cobram v Barooga.
Division three
Preliminary final: Numurkah Golf 52 lt Wunghnu 71. A. Newby 14 lt R. Robison 33; G. Edis 17 d L. Clarke 16; R. Pickersgill 21 lt I. Newby 22.
Grand final this Saturday: Jerilderie v Wunghnu.
Division four
Preliminary final: Cobram 46 lt Berrigan 48. J. Burkitt 26 d A. Dalglies 21; M. Carlisle 20 lt R. Edwards 27z.
Grand final this Saturday: Barooga v Berrigan.

Tennis

GM1	P	W	L	RGD	PTS
Numurkah Warriors	15	11	3	58.23	138
Shepparton Hornets	15	9	5	53.8	119
Shepparton Lakers	15	8	5	51.33	108
Shepparton Bulls	15	6	8	49.31	91
Rich River Rebels	15	5	8	46.48	86
Echuca/Rochester	15	2	12	40.28	46
GM2	**P**	**W**	**L**	**RGD**	**PTS**
Shepparton Lions	14	13	0	62.09	175
Shepparton Saints	14	10	3	56.3	145
Nathalia	14	9	4	54.47	138
Numurkah Raiders	14	9	5	55.39	137.5
Shepparton Giants	14	7	5	53.71	127.5
Shepparton Pelicans (Open)	13	6	6	51.04	119.5
Mooroopna Jets (Open)	12	4	7	45.01	95
Yarrawonga	14	4	8	43.4	84.5
Cobram Crocs	14	3	10	45.91	81
Stanhope/Mooroopna	14	3	10	44.79	77
Kialla Park (Open)	13	1	11	35.39	57.5
GM3 EAST	**P**	**W**	**L**	**RGD**	**PTS**
Nathalia	15	12	2	59.01	50
Tatura Chargers (D)	15	10	4	53.86	42
Numurkah Penguins (D)	15	7	7	48.75	30
Kyabram (D)	15	6	8	47.65	26
Cobram Cobras (D)	15	5	9	48.69	22
Shepparton Coyotes	15	2	12	42.18	10
GM3 OPEN	**P**	**W**	**L**	**RGD**	**PTS**
Tongala (D)	15	11	2	57.45	48
Kyabram Kamikaze	15	9	5	61.99	38
Kialla Park	15	9	5	54.22	38
Kyabram Redbacks (D)	15	9	5	53.06	38
Dhurringile	15	9	5	50.11	38
Kyabram Bombers	15	7	7	48.92	30
Numurkah Ravens (D)	15	6	8	52.81	26
Mooroopna	15	5	9	44.69	22
Nathalia (D)	15	4	9	44.48	20
Tatura (D)	15	0	14	31.88	2

NumurkahLEADER For Trophies and Engraving

Molly does himself a favour

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

MOLLY Ryan was the winner of last Thursday's mid week golf competition at Numurkah Golf and Bowls Cub.

From Cobram-Barooga Golf Club and playing off a handicap of 10, Molly scored 38 stableford points to hold off Graeme Sprunt and Bruce Collins, who went to a countback for the minor places, both on 36 points.

In his acceptance speech, Molly spoke glowingly on the state of the golf course and the organisation of the day's event.

Once again, overall scores did not reach the giddy heights of the past and tended to be in the mid to low thirties. Those players whose score did win themselves a club ball were: John Mackay, Chris Hicks, Bill Green and Graham Ashton, all 35, Sam Robertson, Dennis Prosser and Steve Jones 34, Mark Hegarty, Kevin Sutcliffe, Gary Blackburn, Trevor Prosser and John Smith 33.

Roden Brady brought up the tail of the 48 strong field with the lowest total of 20 stableford points, thereby winning himself another tin of boiled lollies.

John McHale was once again winner of the Mickey Mouse ears, awarded for doing annoying or silly things.

Prior to hit-off, John was whingeing to club pro Anthony Sanders that he had a hole in his sock that was causing a blister. Ever obliging, Anthony sold John a new pair of socks, again with John whingeing about the cost.

After the game, John was again whingeing, this time that the socks were inferior and had affected his short game.

On the second hole Mark Hegarty won Mike Duffet's sponsored ball by slam dunking his second shot from the roadside into the hole, while Garry Hosie steered his tee shot on the fourth hole very close to the pin and won a ball courtesy of GMCU.

Mark Hegarty continued on his merry way and was closest to the flag on the seventh hole, thereby picking up a sizeable amount of players' sweep cash. Bill Green was his accurate self on the 14th hole and won the ball on offer from Dennis and Roy.

Thankfully, Neville Smith landed on Graeme Sprunt's sponsored 15th hole, causing him to finally cough up a ball. Graeme was nonplussed by this, however, stating that since he had won a dozen balls for coming second, that this should cover him for the next 12 months.

Meanwhile, Barry Pruden paid out Gary Hosie's second ball of the day, this time for an "almost" hole-in-one on the 18th.

Visitors and guests are most welcome to join us this Thursday. Assemble in the clubhouse by 8.30am for a 9 o'clock hit off.

Locals scramble way to victory

A LOCAL team of relatively young golfers took out the Numurkah Golf Club's round of the Darryl Twitt Volkswagen Scramble played on Sunday.

Sam Robertson, Dave Gilmour, Glenn Thompson and Paul Collins finished with a terrific score of 55 nett, and will now go on to play the regional final at Yarrawonga on March 13.

Runners-up on the day were Katandra cricketers Andrew Nicholls, Nathan Hickey, Matt Campbell and Ben Clurey, just 0.7 behind the winners.

Robertson, Thompson and Collins also won the 2016 Numurkah round, that time with Glenn Edis making up their four, but didn't manage any further wins.

A terrific field of 22 teams contested Sunday's round, vying for a chance to make the national play-off at Twin Waters in May.

A local team consisting of Andrew Nicholls, Nathan Hickey, Paul Fry and Col McMinn, teamed with Numurkah club professional Anthony Sanders, went on to win the national title in 2015, and this year's winners will be hoping to replicate that feat.

"Once again, 2500 golfers have gone through the qualifying stage, which now sees 2500 golfers from around Australia into regional finals," Sanders said.

"We are very grateful to Darryl Twitt Volkswagen for their continued support, which allows us to run this event, bringing a large number of golfers to Numurkah.

"I am looking forward to the regional final at Yarrawonga," Sanders concluded.

Driving to victory ... Dave Gilmour, Paul Collins, Glenn Thompson and Sam Robertson took out the local round of the VW Scramble on Sunday.

Julie wins, but it was all about Smedge

THE Numurkah women golfers surprised one of their favourite daughters with a Big O birthday celebration after golf last Wednesday.

Julie Daniel won the day with a pretty good score of 74 nett, but it was Helen Schmedje who stole the day, picking up a ball, winning a nearest the pin, and being reduced to tears at a surprise afternoon tea.

Nola Dalton finished runner-up with 75 nett, ahead of Bev McIntosh, on 76, and Lauris Ashton and Smedge, both with 77s.

Smedge seemed to have the number seven on her mind all day, coinciding with that number in her new age, scoring a 77 nett, and winning nearest the pin on the seventh hole which, for quite some time, was colloquially known as the Smedge Hole.

It seemed that your name had to be Helen to win a nearest the pin on Wednesday, with Helen Pickersgill the other winner, with a great shot to the 18th.

After winning the previous Saturday's two person ambrose event with Felicity Booth, Di Davies did it all on her own on Saturday, coming in with a terrific score of 41 stableford points.

Pauline Davies finished in second place with 40 points, ahead of Helen Schmedje with 39, Felicity Booth, 38, Helen Pickersgill on 35, and Gayle Smith and Jenny Ludington, both with 33 points.

Julie Kirchen hit a good shot to the fourth green, Julie Daniel was closest on the seventh, Tracey Clouston had the best shot to the 15th, and Jeanette Adams played a beauty to the 18th green to win nearest the pin balls.

Scores were very ordinary in last Thursday's nine hole chick run, but Jenny Ludington and Nola Dalton both played very serviceable afternoon rounds to take the prizes in division one, with 35 and 35.5, respectively.

Jenny Connolly and Lorraine Craig shared the top prize in division two, with 41 nett, and Lauris Ashton won nearest the pin on the seventh hole.

Today we will be fortunate to have roughly 18 women from Yarrawonga join us for a stableford round. Players are asked to assemble by 8.30am for a draw for playing partners, and a 9am shotgun start.

Birthday girl ... Helen Schmedje was given a terrific birthday celebration by the golf girls last Wednesday.

Local vets win Downie challenge

GOULBURN Valley veteran golfers came away with a narrow victory over Central District to win the Tom Downie Shield on Monday.

The championship, this year played at Shepparton, is decided on the aggregate of the best 40 stableford scores from each team and Central compiled 1174 points, just shy of the GV total of 1222.

Tom was a member of both associations at different times and contributed much to the competition and collegiality of both before his passing in 2012. The competition is fierce but great friendships are built in the process.

Both teams had a full field of 60 players registered, which is a great commitment from the travelling members from Castlemaine and Kyneton (160+ km) and not forgetting our own contingent from Deniliquin (140 km).

The course was in excellent condition with beautiful greens that played true to the sloping terrain. The tee positions were set at the white markers, but with many pin positions at the back of the greens the course did not play easy.

Leading the field for Goulburn Valley were Lindsay Simms, Mooroopna, 35; Robert Oliver, Hill Top 34; Rolf Weber, Mooroopna 34; Bernard O'Hare, Nathalia 34; Bill Curnow, Patterson River 33; John Keller, Hill Top 33; David Trickey, Shepparton 33; Ron Wilkinson, Shepparton 33; Gary Bow, Nagambie 32; Vincent Chan, Shepparton 32;Ray Gourlay, Kialla 32; Rob Kilgour, Rich River 32; Neville Larson, Kialla 32; John Mortimer, Shepparton 32.

Nearest the pin was contested on holes two, five and 12; 127 metres, 147m and 135m respectively. Goulburn Valley members won them all, Rolf Weber on two, Neville Winch on five, and Gary Moore was closest on the 12th.

Next year Central District will be the host, at a venue still to be determined.

The association's next regular event will be at Kialla on Monday, March 2, 8.30 am assembly, for a 9 am tee time.

Brandon Hosies down field

by "Phoenix"

YOUNG gun Brandan Hosie took his recent golf form to a new level on Saturday, creating birdie chances on most holes to nail four of them and post a winning score.

Saturday saw 44 hopeful men take on the vagaries of Royal Numurkah in a staple stableford golf event.

Hosie hit his drives long and true, and his form around the greens was in fine touch, to come in with 39 stableford points. While his length found him trouble form time to time, Hosie was unfazed, continually getting himself out of trouble with great approaches.

Runner-up in A grade was the ever consistent Billy Green, with 38 points.

Lacking Brandan's power, Bill never strays off the fairway, and sneaks up on each hole with the gentle precision of a surgeon. When his putter is hot, he is unstoppable, and he came within a shot of taking the win.

Keeping with guile and sneaky play against the course, Kerry Collins turned back the clock to take out the B grade event.

Kerry also stays firmly on the short grass and is never far away from being in the mayor's office, displaying course management to his consistent game sees him well placed for a hot putter to post a winning score.

Runner-up in B grade, also with 38 points, was Chris Hicks. Chris is a student of the game and is in Bear's stable working tirelessly to improve his game. He is now bearing the fruit of that labour with a fine round.

Balls down the line went to Jack Thomas, under the disguise of a rocker hairstyle, with 37 points, winning a countback from Matty Ebborn, who is showing a return to form after a hiatus in the abyss.

The last of the balls went to Gary Hosie, Colin McMinn, Neil Parker and Ken Sing, all tied together on 36 points.

Nearest the pin on the fourth hole was Ernie Klidomitis, and Matty Ebborn was best on the seventh. No-one was good enough to reach the 15th, while Johnny Trimble had at least one good shot on the day, taking home the ball on the 18th.

A poor, unsuspecting visitor, Tony Lumsden from Strathallan, was the recipient of the Mickey Mouse ears this week. Apparently, 'Old Mate' took three shots to get past the ladies' tee on the 16th hole. While he was quickly informed about having to shout his group the first round of drinks, and happy to do so, no-one told him about the ears, but he took it all in good humour and proudly wore his ears through presentations.

There was another good field out for last Wednesday's chicken run, with Brad Tweed recording the best score of the evening, winning B grade with 33 nett. Marcus Luxford finished three shots behind to finish runner-up.

Col Barrett recorded a nice score of 34 nett to win A grade, ahead of Matt Ebborn with 36, while Rob Lowrie won C grade with 35 nett, just one shot ahead of Charlie Hooker.

Tweed also won the nearest the pin, on the seventh hole.

This Saturday's golf is a return to the stableford format and the last chance to get some much needed practice before the Hoax Triples. Many a golfer will be working hard to get their game to a point from where they can launch an attack on this much sort after event.

Wunghnu through to grand final

by "Davo"

WUNGHNU booked its spot in the Murray Bowls division one pennant grand final with a 60 shot victory over Numurkah Golf on Saturday.

Not to be outdone, the Magpies' division three side also won its way into the grand final with a 19 shot win over Numurkah Golf.

It is the first time that Wunghnu has had both of its pennant teams make the grand final in the same season, a great achievement for a club that boasts just 35 members.

The Cobram Bowls Club hosted the preliminary finals for both divisions and had its greens in excellent condition, with a good crowd in attendance.

In division one, the Magpies started well, jumping out to a 10 shot lead overall after 10 ends of play and were never headed.

By the tea break the lead was 29 shots and it blew out to 60 shots by the end of the day. It was one of the team's best overall performances this season and the club is hopeful that the side can put in a similar effort against Barooga Sports this weekend.

Russell Smith (s), John McKenzie, Peter Revell and Darryl O'Connor defeated Brian "Chops" Stanger's rink 23-17. Revell was the standout performer, drawing close bowls for much of the day and playing his best game for the season.

The still undefeated rink comprising Trevor Hosie (s), Ray Hill, Graeme King and Allan Jones got off to a slow start against Joe Luci's quartet, but hit the lead shortly before the tea break. Hosie and his crew put the foot down after the break, picking up a number of multiple counts and bolting away to win 34-13.

Barry "Cossie" Cosgrove (s), Doug Larkin, Rob Rodda and Lynton "Sticks" Stephens had a great battle against Rob Glover's rink for much of the day.

Sticks had a good day at lead, drawing close on most ends and allowing Cosgrove to build the head in favour of the Magpies. Cossie also had a good day, relishing the fast paced green and playing some brilliant conversion shots.

Andrew Henderson (s), Nick Davies, Todd Davies and Wendy Coles had a day to remember, defeating Mark Jones' rink 35-7. Whilst the whole rink played well, young Todd was the standout, drawing the shot, taking out opposition bowls, or simply providing a voice of encouragement to the entire side.

The win sets up another grand final clash with reigning premier Barooga, which should be a cracking match, considering just one shot separated the two teams in the second semi-final.

In division three, nothing separated Wunghnu and Numurkah Golf prior to the tea break. However, the Magpies got on a roll after the break and cruised away in the closing ends.

The win sets up a grand final clash against reigning premier Jerilderie.

Rob "Robbo" Robison (s), Russell Burkitt, Paul Richardson and Jack Rigoni comprised the standout rink, leading from start to finish against Alan Newby's quartet. The 33-14 victory made it four wins on the trot for Robbo and his charges.

Ivan Newby (s), Mark Shelton, Dean Graham and Jim Brown found themselves down by nine shots after 15 ends, but a spirited comeback after the break saw Newby and his men sneak home 22-21 against Gary Edis' rink.

It was a tight, low scoring affair for Les Clarke (s), Ian Gray, Damian Hommes and Leo Shannon against Ron Pickersgill's foursome, with just 33 shots scored over 25 ends. Despite going down 16-17, Clarke and his men kept the damage to the bare minimum, which was crucial to the overall win.

Numurkah Bowls Club will host both the division one and division three grand finals this Saturday and both should be very entertaining affairs.

In division one, Barooga Sports will be chasing its third premiership in a row, whilst Wunghnu will be chasing its third premiership in five seasons.

In division three, the Magpies will be hoping to end Jerilderie's dominance in recent seasons and earn promotion to division two.

Golf bowlers ready for big dance

EVEN though the season is just about over, Numurkah Golf Club lady bowlers began their final club event of the season last Tuesday.

First round winners in the 21 up were Katrina Glover, Yvonne Clark, Helen Pickersgill, Maree Luci and Linda Isted.

One second round match has also been played, and Katrina Glover had a well earned win against Linda Isted.

The club hosted the regional pairs and mixed event finals on Sunday. Linda Isted and Yvonne Clark represented Murray in the ladies' pairs, winning their first round match, but went down to Goulburn Valley in the afternoon round.

Maree Luci will represent Central goulburn Region in the ladies' notice event finals at Mulgrave this Sunday.

But before that, the club has one more hurdle to overcome, taking on Barooga at Cobram in the midweek pennant division one grand final this Friday.

After the week off, all players are primed for a big game.

Tied at the top

THERE was a tie for the top score in the 50 metre prone event at Numurkah Small Bore Club's competition last Thursday night, with Lindsay Braybon and Rod Hill both scoring 192.7.

Jeff Matys had the best score in 50 metre benchrest, scoring 193.7 out of a possible 200.

Match scores were as follows:

50 metre benchrest: J. Matys 193.7, C. Saxton 188.5, G. Miles 174.4, L. Cook 165.1.

50 metre prone: L. Braybon 97.4 95.3 192.7, R. Hill 97.4 95.3 192.7, T. Braybon 93.3 98.4 191.7, B. Sneddon 96.4 95.3 191.7, G. Braybon 90.2 96.3 186.5, H. O'Brien 90.2 92.2 182.4, A. Gibbon 91.1 90.1 181.2, D. Cook 89.1 89.1 178.2, G. Miles 87.1 90.0 177.1, S. Rosemeier 90.0 86.0 176.0, L. Sneddon 75.1 71.0 146.1.

There will be shooting as usual Thursday night.

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Disappointment all round for Golf bowlers

Down and out ... Joe Luci's rink was right in the game until smoko, but ended up going down by 21 shots in Golf's preliminary final loss to Wunghnu.

by "Nipper"

NUMURKAH Golf bowlers came crashing back to earth with a resounding thud on the slick Cobram greens on Saturday, with both the division one and three sides bowing out of the finals race, with losses to Wunghnu.

The division one result was particularly disappointing, with the Golfers going down by an embarrassing 60 shots. Wunghnu played exceptionally well and thoroughly deserved its win.

The closest a Golf rink got during the day was the rink of Rob Glover, Geoff Sutcliffe, Frank Houlihan and Lidija Patching, who got within five shots of the Barry Cosgrove skipped rink which, given the other results, was a pretty good effort in the end.

The rink of Brian Stanger, Jack Dell, Sid Roughsedge and Loris Houlihan fought very hard to stay in the contest, narrowly going down by six shots.

But that is where the good news finishes, with the remaining two rinks soundly beaten.

After being right in the game up until smoko, the rink of Joe Luci, Ian Hocking, Brian Gentle and Butch Browning slipped back to give their opponents 11 of the last 13 ends, to go down by 21 shots.

As harsh as these comments might be to swallow, we need to work on the fact that we were badly beaten and those types of performances are just not acceptable.

The worst performed rink was that of Mark Jones, Des Staggard, Robyn Hodgkin and Neil Macklin, who suffered a 28 shot flogging at the hands of Drew Henderson and his rink and, without doubt, this was the most bitter pill to swallow.

We wish Wunghnu well in this week's grand final.

And the bad news doesn't end there, with the division three side also going down to Wunghnu but, thankfully, not the whitewash that happened in division one.

The shining light for the day, and Golf's only winning rink across two greens, was that of Gary Edis, Jan Niven, David Miller and Ken Hodgson, who managed to get up by a single shot.

In contrast, Ron Pickersgill, Linda Isted, Col Hicks and Adam Bugeya fell short by a single shot, while Alan Newby, Gavin Parkinson, Alf Harrison and Yvonne Clark capitulated after smoko to go down by 19 shots.

But, it's not all doom and gloom. The club has managed to blood some new bowlers during the season, both in the midweek and weekend sides, and things are looking positive around the club.

Croquet players change things up

A GOOD roll up of players at last Tuesday's Numurkah golf croquet enjoyed the milder conditions.

There was very little change to the winners list from the previous week, just a reversal of places.

Rhonda Geddes was the only player to win three games taking the top spot, and Kevin Hansen finished runner-up. Scores after three games were Rhonda 3/21 and Kevin 2/20.

Successful jumps were made by Ian Londey and Kevin Hansen, with one each, and David Geddes scored two. David played a jump shot to win the last hoop of the third game, much to the dismay of his opponent, who suffered the same fate the previous week.

Kevin Hansen was the only player to have a hoop-in-one.

Disappointingly for the club, the start of its intra-club golf croquet pennant had to be postponed last Thursday, but hopefully it will get underway tomorrow, with four teams competing.

It will be handicap play, which will be a new experience for some of members who have not played pennant before.

Winning this time ... Last Tuesday's golf croquet winner Rhonda Geddes (centre) is congratulated by her opponents Lyn Stokes and Laurus Hinchcliffe.

Welcome back ... Emily Ryan was a welcome addition to the Warriors' line-up on Saturday.

Mills' form a Boon for Warriors

by "Anna Konder"

PLAYING on immaculate courts that would be the envy of any GMLTA club, the Numurkah GM1 Warriors hosted the Echuca-Rochester combined side on Saturday and continued their relentless march towards back-to-back flags, with another emphatic 35 game victory.

Their 8/75 to 2/40 triumph was set up by skipper Mark Mills who, playing in the number one spot, won all three of his sets for the afternoon.

The pocket dynamo sent a message to all and sundry that he still has what it takes to compete at the highest regional level, recording 8-6, 8-6 and 8-1 set wins in a brilliant display.

Nick Fenaughty also cruised through his sets, winning 8-3, 8-6 and 8-5, while Harley McCarthy and Lisa Niglia each won two sets apiece.

Emily Ryan made a welcome return for the Warriors and also showed she had lost none of her ability, winning two sets for the day in a solid performance.

The Warriors are well clear atop the ladder and will round off their home and away season with another home match this Saturday against the Rich River Rebels.

Purples a pushover

NATHALIA offered very little resistance against GMLTA division two top team Shepparton Lions on Saturday, winning just one set of tennis.

Ned Nihill and Alex Bakogianis won their doubles 8-1, but there were few other highlights.

The loss pushes Nathalia out of second position in the standings.

Nathalia will be looking to bounce back with a better performance this weekend, in a home game against Stanhope, before heading into finals.

Purples primed for outright

NATHALIA already has first innings points against Cobram-Yarroweyah United, in their Barooga Sporties Premier Division cricket match, after bowling out the opposition for 70 and reaching 4/188 in reply.

With a full day's play left, Nathalia will be looking for an outright victory in the last game of the regular season.

Bowling first, Nathalia was sharp and struck early with a wicket to Adam Jorgensen, Brayden Summerville following up with another wicket shortly thereafter, with the score on 2/13.

The opposition dug in to reach 44 before Liam Evans claimed his first wicket. From there it was a procession, with Evans claiming another four wickets to have Cobram all out for 70.

Liam Evans starred with the ball, taking 5/9 off eight overs, supported by Ash Harding 2/13, and Brayden Summerville and Adam Jorgensen with one wicket apiece.

In reply, Nathalia started a little slowly, losing its first three wickets for 44 runs. However a 47 run fourth wicket partnership between Brodie Ross and Tom Nihill took the score to 91, surpassing the opposition's score before Nihill was out.

Archie Congues joined Ross at the crease and together they saw out the day's play reaching 4/188, a lead of 118, with a day to play.

Ross remains 64 not out and Congues 59 not out, with Liam Evans and Tom Nihill scoring 22 and 21 respectively.

DIVISION ONE

Nathalia's division one cricketers claimed their third win of the season with a four wicket win over Cobram on Saturday.

Bowling first, Nathalia struck early with a wicket to Clancy Congues with the score on two.

A 49 run second wicket partnership was broken by Congues, who claimed his second wicket for the match and started the procession of wickets to fall at regular intervals, Cobram losing its last eight wickets for 50 runs.

Best of the bowlers were Jamie Hardy with 3/5, Andriana Oliver 3/18, Clancy Congues 2/19, and Sean Zammit 2/29.

Nathalia started its run chase well, putting on 22 for the first wicket before Jamie Hardy was dismissed for 17.

A couple of quick wickets saw the Purples at 3/42, however Jason Steiner joined opener Clay Stevens at the crease, and together they took the score to 66 before Steiner was out for a quick fire 20.

Jackson Walpole joined Stevens at the crease and put on a further 33 runs before Stevens was out for a well made 31.

At 5/99, Nathalia only required a further five runs for victory and Walpole (13 not out) and Harrison Hawks (5 not out) saw them across the line.

In the last game of the season, Nathalia plays Tocumwal at Tocumwal this Saturday.

DIVISION 2

Nathalia's division two cricketers have won their way into the finals with a fantastic 32 run victory over Katunga on Saturday.

Batting first, Nathalia scored 6/139 off its allotted 35 overs, Ben Horrocks with a superb knock, retired not out 51. He was well supported by Lloyd Buchanan with 32, Matthew Lundberg 15 and Paul Harvie 13.

In reply, Katunga could only manage 4/107 off its 35 overs, with some great tight bowling all round.

Waaia whacked

WAAIA'S Clyde Young Shield B grade cricket season has come to an abrupt end, one week early, after they were completely outplayed by Shepparton United, losing outright in a day's play that saw four innings take place.

Waaia won the toss and decided to bat, never getting started. Wickets fell regularly and they were all out for a paltry 39, with no batsman reaching double figures.

Shepparton United went into bat looking for quick runs and did just that, declaring at 4/121 off 23.1 overs.

Ryan Trimby was the major wicket taker with 2/33, and Hayden Hixon took 1/51.

The Bombers were sent into bat again, and once again they floundered, losing wickets at ease.

Waaia just surpassed the opposition's total, thanks to a season high 25 runs from Kevin Allen, making Shepparton United bat again to chase down the three runs required for an outright victory.

D GRADE

With a bye in the last round, Waaia's D grade cricket season has also ended after it was unable to field a side in its S J Perry Shield cricket match on Saturday against Invergordon, and lost on forfeit.

Raiders teetering on the brink

by "Anna Konder"

THE Numurkah Raiders' latest narrow loss by three games to the Mooroopna/Stanhope combine has them precariously clinging to a spot in the Goulburn Murray Lawn Tennis Association GM2 top four and in danger of missing finals altogether.

The Raiders went down 6/58 to 5/61 to a team ranked six places below them on the ladder, and the Numurkah outfit will have to regroup in a hurry and win their last home and away match against Yarrawonga this Saturday to confirm a finals spot.

Brayden Price and Andrew "Strazz" Storer did their utmost to get the Raiders over the line, winning all of their three sets.

Brayden won his singles 6-2, his doubles with Storer 8-1 and his mixed with sibling Caitlyn 8-6, to cap off another fine afternoon's work from the talented youngster.

Strazz, as mentioned won his doubles with Brayden, and also partnered fill-in player Oscar Crilly to a solid 8-6 win before joining forces with Jodie Small for a tough tiebreaker victory.

Unfortunately for the Raiders, their ladies lowered their colours in their four sets and, although they stormed home, winning all three mixed encounters, the leeway was too large to make up.

PENGUINS ICE FINALS BERTH

The GM3 East Penguins have secured a finals spot with a gritty 14 game win over arch rivals the Cobram Cobras at Numurkah last Saturday.

Playing on fantastic surfaces and in near perfect conditions, the Waddlers posted a 7/80 to 6/66 victory, which was set up by their ladies, who completely outplayed their Cobra counterparts.

Lou Shannon and Billi Fasano got the ball rolling with a solid 8-6 win over two very good opponents, while Kris Walker and Emma Schmedje went even better, saluting 8-3.

The girls really got going in the next two sets, as Shannon and Schmedje cruised to an 8-1 win, while Walker and Fasano whitewashed their adversaries 8-0.

The Penguin menfolk, on the other hand, were having a real battle, coming up against a very strong Cobram line up.

Their only joy came when Craig Brown and Michael Kam got up 8-5 in an entertaining affair which contained a number of long rallies.

With just the mixed to play, the Penguins were 11 games up and by no means over the line, but their skipper Dave Ludington breathed a little easier when Craig Brown and Emma Schmedje won their set 8-3, and when Kris Walker and Michael Kam got the chocolates 8-4, the Penguins were home.

Although Kris Walker did not bring her traditional scones, jam and cream to the table (much to the chagrin of all), she did bring her A game and won three sets for the day in a great display.

Emma Schmedje also won three sets, but it was another good all round team effort from the Waddlers, who have really knuckled down over the past fortnight to arrest a four game losing streak that lasted from late December to early February.

They will now play either Kyabram or Cobram in a cut-throat semi final on Saturday, March 14, at a venue to be announced.

This Saturday they travel west to tackle ladder leader and flag favourites Nathalia, in what is effectively a dead rubber for both teams as their ladder positions can't alter.

RAVENS ROUTED BY KAMIKAZES

The GM3 Open Ravens hosted the second placed Kyabram Kamikazes on Saturday and, unfortunately the home side, could not match it with their more accomplished counterparts, losing 2/34 to 7/60.

This loss has effectively ended any remote hope that the Ravens had to snatch a finals spot, in an attempt to repeat last year's fairy tale finish which landed them an unlikely premiership.

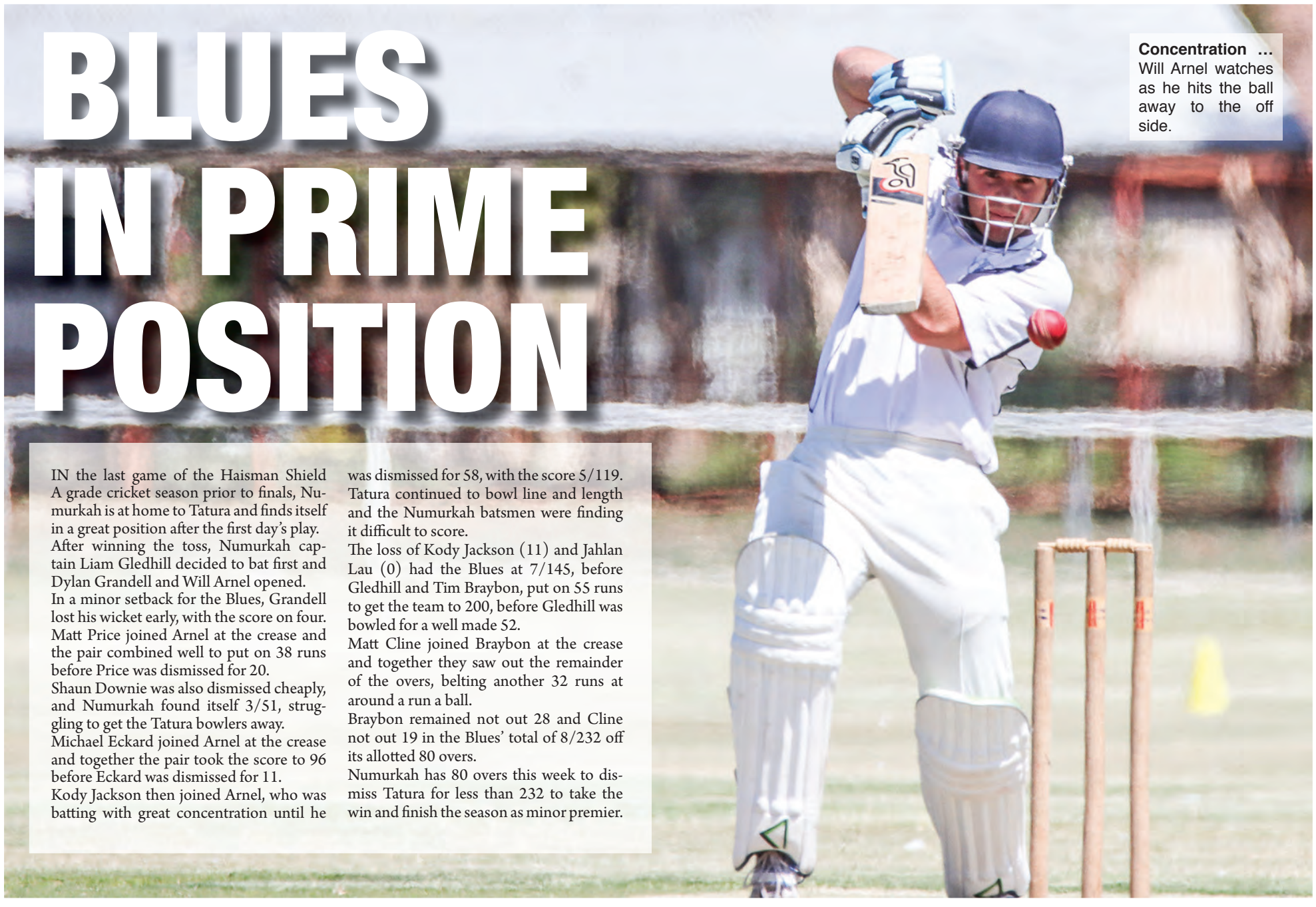
Jumping Jack ... Craig Brown shows his athleticism as he returns a ball down the court.

Young Eamon Storer, winning two of his three sets, was a bright spot in an otherwise grim day for Graham Henderson's outfit.

Eamon won 8-2 with Cathy Brown and then repeated the dose with Katie Mills as his partner.

Now that finals are off the menu the Ravens will still want to finish the season with a nice taste in their mouth as they tackle Nathalia at Nathalia in their last match of the season.

BLUES IN PRIME POSITION



Concentration … Will Arnel watches as he hits the ball away to the off side.

IN the last game of the Haisman Shield A grade cricket season prior to finals, Numurkah is at home to Tatura and finds itself in a great position after the first day's play.

After winning the toss, Numurkah captain Liam Gledhill decided to bat first and Dylan Grandell and Will Arnel opened.

In a minor setback for the Blues, Grandell lost his wicket early, with the score on four.

Matt Price joined Arnel at the crease and the pair combined well to put on 38 runs before Price was dismissed for 20.

Shaun Downie was also dismissed cheaply, and Numurkah found itself 3/51, struggling to get the Tatura bowlers away.

Michael Eckard joined Arnel at the crease and together the pair took the score to 96 before Eckard was dismissed for 11.

Kody Jackson then joined Arnel, who was batting with great concentration until he was dismissed for 58, with the score 5/119.

Tatura continued to bowl line and length and the Numurkah batsmen were finding it difficult to score.

The loss of Kody Jackson (11) and Jahlan Lau (0) had the Blues at 7/145, before Gledhill and Tim Braybon, put on 55 runs to get the team to 200, before Gledhill was bowled for a well made 52.

Matt Cline joined Braybon at the crease and together they saw out the remainder of the overs, belting another 32 runs at around a run a ball.

Braybon remained not out 28 and Cline not out 19 in the Blues' total of 8/232 off its allotted 80 overs.

Numurkah has 80 overs this week to dismiss Tatura for less than 232 to take the win and finish the season as minor premier.

Numurkah in precarious position

NUMURKAH'S B grade cricketers took on Tatura at their home ground on Saturday and find themselves in a world of strife after losing five quick wickets, chasing 175 for victory.

The Blues, who currently sit fifth on the ladder, need a win to sew up a finals berth, and not rely on other matches falling their way.

After losing the toss, the Blues were sent into field, with the two young guns Bailey Smith and Bailey Roberts opening the bowling, bowling well, but unable to find the breakthrough.

Sean Dawson then brought on veterans Brett O'Dwyer and Myles Martin, with O'Dwyer capturing the first wicket. The Blues consistently picked up wickets thereon, and at tea had Tatura at 8/98.

After the tea interval, Numurkah lost its way and allowed Tatura to put on another 76 runs before the final wicket was taken. Tatura was all out for 174 off 59.3 overs.

Best of the bowlers were Brett O'Dwyer 3/22, Sean Dawson 2/4, Myles Martin 2/26, Bailey Roberts 1/38, Reydan Lacuin 1/29, and Sam Spicer 1/28.

The Blues had 17 overs to bat before the end of the day's play and opened with Sam Spicer and James Pruden, who put on 19 before Spicer was dismissed for six.

Dylan Cox joined Pruden at the crease and took the score to 41 before Cox was dismissed for eight.

The Blues lost three quick wickets, with Pruden (20), Dusty Ebborn (1), and Reydan Lacuin (6) all departing to have the Blues at 5/60 at the end of the day.

Bailey Smith (2 not out) and Myles Martin (4 not out) will resume this Saturday to chase down the remaining 115 for victory.

C GRADE

Assured of a spot in the finals, Numurkah's C grade cricketers took on Pine Lodge at home and already have first innings points in the bag.

After losing the toss and fielding first, Hamish Lambert and Hunter Verhoeven opened the bowling for the Blues, and both picked up a wicket each to have Pine Lodge at 2/3, with Verhoeven picking up another soon after with the score on 10.

Dave Roberts and Shawn Boswell each picked up two of the next four wickets, to have the opposition at 7/48.

Pine Lodge was soon bowled out for 58. Best of the bowlers were Dave Roberts 3/10, Hunter Verhoeven 2/7, Shawn Boswell 2/3, Hamish Lambert 1/9, and Connor Sessions 1/3.

In reply, the Blues began their innings opening up with Jason Verhoeven and Callum Morris, who put on a 22 run partnership before Verhoeven was dismissed for four.

The Blues edged towards Pine Lodge's total, losing wickets along the way to find themselves at one stage 6/45, veteran Steve Morris seeing the team past the total, before he was dismissed for 14, with the score on 75.

Young Reeve Verhoeven top scored with 24, and with fellow youngsters, Lucas Roberts (3) and Harry McDonald (2 not out), saw the Blues reach 92, to take first innings points.

Pine Lodge will commence its second innings this Saturday.

Still got it … Veteran Dave Roberts in action on his way to collecting three wickets.

Katandra bowlers fight back

KATANDRA'S bowlers fought back from a slow start to snare the last nine Karramomus wickets for 66 runs in their Clyde Young Shield B grade cricket match on Saturday.

Losing the toss and bowling first, away from home, the Eagles struck early with a wicket to Ryleigh Shannon with the score on eight.

The home side then got away, putting on a 104 run partnership before Andrew Nicholls made the breakthrough they were looking for.

From there, Katandra continued to bowl well, taking wickets at regular intervals, not allowing the opposition to get another foothold.

Karramomus was bowled out for 178 off 71.5 overs, with wickets evenly spread across the bowling team.

Andrew Nicholls was the major wicket taker with three, while Ryleigh Shannon, Ray Ireland, and Ross Hopkins all finished with two wickets apiece.

Katandra survived the five overs they needed to bat without losing a wicket and will resume its innings this Saturday on 0/7 with both Andrew Nicholls and Clay Simpson not out three.

E GRADE

Katandra returned to the top of the Whitelock Shield E grade cricket ladder on Saturday with an exciting two run win over Tatura.

Batting first, Katandra opened with Nathan White and Finn Walters and was soon 1/13 when Walters was dismissed for five.

Bailey Simpson joined White at the crease and batted beautifully for a 106 run partnership before Simpson was out for 36.

White continued to bat well and was poised to make a century, when he was out caught, one run short of his ton.

Katandra finished with 5/185 off its allocated 40 overs, with White top scoring with 99. Simpson made 36, Russell Eden 15, and Ian Martin 11.

In reply, Tatura also lost an early wicket when the score was on five, but was able to string together a few good partnerships in the middle of the innings to keep on target.

Tatura was looking good at 6/161 with a set batsman at the crease, however Tom Jeffrey claimed two quick wickets and halted the momentum, restricting the batting side to 8/183 off its allotted 40 overs.

Jeffrey finished with 4/23, Dillon Shelley 2/20, Jack Harcoan 1/29, and Timmy Trewin 1/31.

In the last game prior to finals, Katandra will play Pine Lodge at Kialla West Recreation Reserve this Saturday.

UNDER 16

Katandra's under 16 cricketers travelled to Avenel to take on Nagambie in their semi final match on Sunday and were defeated by 59 runs.

Losing the toss and bowling first, Ned Walters made the initial breakthrough with the score on 10.

Nagambie settled and proceeded to make some meaningful partnerships, eventually reaching 7/185 off 45 overs.

Wickets were evenly spread with Billy Holmes and Ned Walters the major wicket takers.

In reply, the young Eagles found the going tough, losing their first wicket without a run on the board.

Katandra continued to lose wickets regularly and was restricted to 9/126, with Finn Walters remaining not out 60 in a terrific batting display.

BOMBERS FIGHT BACK

Tough going ... Mitch Cleeland toiled hard for his three wickets.

WAAIA has fought back from a Shepparton United opening batting onslaught, in its Haisman Shield A grade cricket match on Saturday, in what appears to be a chase for outright points.

The Bombers won the toss and elected to field and they may have lamented that decision when the opposition was well on its way to a century opening stand.

However, a great run out from Jordy Cleeland gave Waaia its first wicket with the score on 98.

Waaia tightened the screws and started to create and accept chances, taking wickets at regular intervals, with the next five wickets falling for 61 runs.

At 6/159, Shepparton continued to chase quick runs and declared its innings at 8/204 off 64.4 overs.

After doing the bulk of the bowling, Jesse Trower and Mitch Cleeland were the sole wicket takers, with 4/65 off 24.4 overs and 3/73 off 26 overs respectively.

Waaia had a tricky 12 overs to face before the end of the day's play and will resume this Saturday on 0/13, with a full 80 overs to chase down the runs.

Katunga loses, but still in finals

WITH division one having the bye this week, Katunga only had its division two cricket team out on the park on Saturday, and it ended the regular season with a 32 run loss to Nathalia.

Katunga bowled first and was unable to grab multiple wickets once it made a breakthrough, with Nathalia able to put on little mini partnerships.

Nathalia managed to score 6/139 off its allocated 35 overs, with Yehan Sooriarchchi the major wicket taker with 2/12, Anthony Russell, Jordan Baker, Spencer Small and Adam Hicks all claiming one wicket apiece.

Despite a terrific knock of 45 from Spencer Small, Katunga was unable to overhaul the required target of 139 being restricted to 4/107 off 35 overs.

Robbie Harris and Tony Harris finished not out 23 and 17 respectively.

The Swans' division one side will host Barooga in their final round of the season this Saturday, and division two plays Cobram in its semi final clash to be held at Strathmerton, commencing at 1pm.

Blues juniors into grand final

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NUMURKAH'S under 16s and under 14s have both reached Cricket Shepparton's junior grand finals with terrific wins over Mooroopna and Notre Dame/St Brendans Gold respectively on Sunday.

The under 16s were playing at home against Mooroopna in their semi final clash and won the toss and batted first.

Callum Morris and Dusty Ebborn opened the batting and put on an opening partnership of 36 before Morris was out for nine.

Bailey Smith joined Ebborn at the crease, and together they tore apart the opposing bowlers, compiling a magnificent partnership of 66 runs before Ebborn was dismissed for 57.

Three quick wickets saw the home side slip to 5/127 and, after the retirement of Smith, Kade O'Dwyer and Connor Sessions settled the home side to take the score to 167 before Sessions was out for 10.

O'Dwyer continued to bat, although wickets were falling around him, and Bailey Smith returned to the crease to bat out the final overs.

Smith was finally last man out for a superb 67 and O'Dwyer remained 20 not out, in an overall score of 192.

In reply, the Blues struck early, with Bailey Smith snaring the first wicket with the score on one.

Some good tight bowling saw Smith strike again, followed by quick wickets to Hunter Verhoeven and Dylan Baker, which saw the opposition crash to 6/21.

Mooroopna steadied and doubled its score before another wicket fell, however at 7/42 it was always going to be an uphill battle and they were finally bowled out for 70.

Wicket takers for the Blues were Hunter Verhoeven 3/10, Bailey Smith 2/4, Connor Sessions 2/5, Bailey Roberts 1/3, Jamieson Moore 1/6 and Dylan Baker 1/6.

Numurkah now meets Pine Lodge in the grand final this Sunday, March 1, at Vibert Reserve.

UNDER 14

The under 14s, playing Notre Dame/St Brendans Gold at home in their semi final clash, won the toss and batted first and were off to a poor start, with Reeve Verhoeven out for a duck.

Mitchell O'Dwyer (12) joined Nick Hughes at the crease and together took the score to 24 before both were dismissed, and then another two wickets saw Numurkah fall to 5/52.

Riley Dawson and Matt Ward steadied the ship and, with their knocks of 41 and 37 not out respectively, took the Blues to a competitive score of 135 all out.

Numurkah started slowly in the field and the opposition reached 17 before Harry McDonald struck with successive balls, to have Notre Dame 2/17.

Mitchell O'Dwyer then came into the attack with instant success, claiming two wickets, followed up by a great run out from Riley Dawson, which saw Notre Dame/St Brendans in trouble at 5/32.

Numurkah started to bowl a little wayward, allowing the opposition to get on a roll, and they took full advantage, putting on 46 for the sixth wicket before Tyler Stephens made the breakthrough.

Two quick wickets to Reeve Verhoeven saw the batting side in big trouble at 8/86, however they stuck at it and continued to bat taking the score to 118 before O'Dwyer claimed the ninth wicket.

A fantastic run out by Matt Ward sealed the win for the young Blues, the opposition all out for 118.

Best of the bowlers were Mitchell O'Dwyer 3/9, Harry McDonald 2/9, Reeve Verhoeven 2/15 and Tyler Stephens 1/4.

Numurkah plays Shepparton United in their grand final to be held at Vibert Reserve this Sunday, March 1, commencing at 9am.

Concentration ... Matt Ward in action on his way to 37 not out.

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Straight arm ... Ray Hill playing third for Trevor Hosie in Wunghnu's dominant division one win over Numurkah Golf on Saturday.

WUNGHNU THROUGH TO GRAND FINAL

WUNGHNU booked its spot in the Murray Bowls division one pennant grand final with a 60 shot victory over Numurkah Golf on Saturday... ***Story page 16***

Katandra bounces back

KATANDRA bounced back from a three game losing streak to take first innings points in its Haisman Shield A grade cricket match against Karramomus on Saturday.

Playing at home, Katandra lost the toss and bowled first.

The Eagles started well, with Corey Hickford and Hadleigh Sirett opening the bowling, with Sirett striking early, the first wicket down with the score on one.

Eleven runs later, Hickford struck with his first wicket and soon the opposition found itself in trouble at 5/14.

The Karramomus middle order tried hard to keep the score going, however once they were out, the Katandra bowlers tidied up and dismissed the batting side for 79.

Wicket takers for Katandra were Corey Hickford 3/11, Scott Richardson 3/14, Hadleigh Sirett 2/20, Luke Patel 1/3 and Andrew Riordan 1/7.

In reply, the Eagles' top order batsmen stumbled again and quickly fell to 3/19. However, Andrew Riordan and Luke Patel steadied the ship and placed the pressure back on the bowling team.

The pair were able to surpass the Karramomus score and reached 89 before Riordan was out for 35.

Josh McKinnon joined Patel at the crease and, together, took the score to 137 before McKinnon was out on the last ball of the day.

Katandra will resume its innings this Saturday with a 58 run lead and Luke Patel on 56 not out.

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