

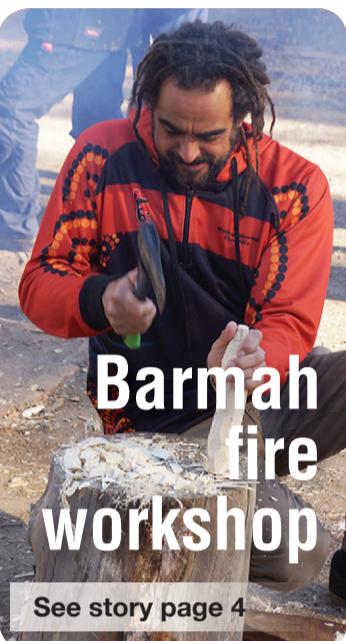
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Honoured

Nathalia's Leigh Giffard was humbled to be awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in this year's Queens Birthday honours, for services to nursing during her long career as director of nursing at the local hospital.

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Dogs blamed for chook attacks

A PAIR of stray dogs that have been spotted roaming Numurkah's streets are being blamed for a number of attacks on back yard chickens - the most recent of which is alleged to have taken place last Thursday afternoon on Campbell St.

Ten chickens were killed in the Thursday incident, and although there were no witnesses to the attack, large paw prints were clearly visible on the ground of the chicken pen when the bodies were found.

Distracted owner Daphne Orr told the *Leader* that the chickens were last seen alive at around 1pm, and their bodies were found shortly before 3pm.

"We were in the house but we didn't hear anything,

we just came out and they were dead and there were paw prints everywhere," she said.

"I'm devastated. I've raised most of them since they were chicks and there is only one chicken left, as well as the rooster, but he's been mauled as well and I don't know if he'll make it."

At around 4pm following the incident, a post was made on the Numurkah Facebook page from a Saxton St resident who said she had found two dogs wandering Saxton St and secured them in her yard before calling council rangers.

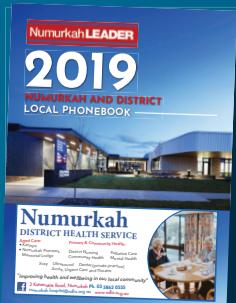
The resident posted photos of the two dogs, one of which was a large brindle and white animal and the

other a large shaggy grey animal. Several comments were made on the post, some of which purported to be from the owner of the dogs, but the post and comments were removed from the page a short time later.

Moira Shire Council confirmed to the *Leader* on Friday that they had impounded two large mixed breed dogs in relation to the suspected attack. The dogs are not believed to be registered.

General Manager Infrastructure Andrew Close said that council was investigating reports of a suspected dog attack on some chickens at a residence in Numurkah.

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Scene of the crime ... The culprits are believed to have jumped this fence to mount the attack before fleeing the same way.

Loose dogs blamed for chook attacks

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"Investigations are continuing, and if anyone has any information on this incident they are encouraged to call council on 5871 9222," Mr Close said.

A Moira Shire spokesperson told the *Leader* that in order to investigate animal attacks with a view to taking action, an official complaint needed to be made. A telephone call to council does not constitute an official complaint, which must be made in writing.

The spokesperson said that, as of Friday afternoon, they had received only four official reports of wandering dogs attacking livestock, two of which related to one incident.

If official complaints are made, and council is able to determine that an animal is responsible for an attack on livestock, it is likely that the animal would be released back

into its owners' care with certain conditions.

It is likely that the animals would essentially be released on a bond of good behaviour, and other conditions may relate to fencing and training.

Thursday's incident is, anecdotally, apparently just the latest of quite a few in recent months, with a May 18 post on the Numurkah Facebook page attracting over 30 comments about a pair of dogs fitting the same description as those currently impounded.

Among the comments were a number that suggested the dogs had been responsible for at least two other attacks on chickens, as well as attacks on cats and people.

Andrew Close said that it is important to note the vast majority of dog owners in Moira Shire are responsible, and attacks are rare.

"Council has, on average, only two calls per week in regard to wandering, unattended dogs," he said.

The two dogs impounded on Thursday will remain in the pound while investigations continue.



Paw prints ... Large paw prints were clearly visible in the Campbell St chook pen following the attack.

Drum declared Member for Nicholls

DAMIAN Drum has officially been declared as the first federal member for Nicholls, with an Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) representative making the formal announcement last Wednesday.

AEC divisional returning officer for Nicholls Craig Rickard made the declaration of the poll at the AEC office in Shepparton, completing the election process for the division of Nicholls.

The declaration included Mr Rickard reading out the individual results of each candidate for the division, according to ballot order.

Mr Drum secured 51.3% of the first preference vote for the Nationals, with Labor in second place with 19.4% and Pauline Hanson's One Nation receiving the third highest number at

11.3%.

On the final count with preferences included, Mr Drum easily secured re-election with 70.01% of the vote.

Mr Drum said that he was honoured to serve as the first MP for the new division of Nicholls, and thanked the other candidates, noting that all candidates ran a respectful campaign.

He also thanked the AEC staff for doing a 'fantastic' job managing the extensive pre-poll period, as well as the many polling booths on election day, and the gruelling counting process.

Mr Drum thanked his own staff for their ongoing support, saying that his office is already back to work on a range of issues, including water policy.



It's official ... The Nationals' Damian Drum was officially declared as the MP for Nicholls by AEC divisional returning officer Craig Rickards.



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Humble ... Leigh Giffard feels her greatest contribution to nursing has been the time she spent with patients.

Leigh receives well-deserved honour

NATHALIA has a new OAM recipient, with former Nathalia hospital Director of Nursing (DON) Leigh Giffard having been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours.

Leigh received the honour for services to nursing, having worked as a nurse for over 50 years, and tirelessly promoted the role of nurses and the essential role they play in rural and regional health care.

Leigh started her nursing training at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital at the tender age of 17, choosing the profession because she wanted to make a difference.

Leigh reflects on the regimented approach the powers that be took at the time.

"You were always worried you'd get into trouble," she said.

"They cared more about things like how you made the beds than they did about how you treated the patients."

Leigh spent her early nursing years at the Royal Children's and with the district nursing service, before going to work at the Nathalia hospital after her family moved to a dairy farm at Strathmerton - despite the fact that neither she or husband John had any farming experience.

"We laugh now when we think about how much we didn't know," she said.

"We had no idea what we were doing, but it was a great life for the kids."

But Leigh certainly knew what she was doing at the hospital, and her knowledge and skills saw her offered the DON position in 1997.

Leigh's first big challenge as DON was a drastic shortage of nursing staff.

"By then they were training nurses in universities instead of hospitals and I realised that it was very hard to get nurses in rural areas if you

didn't train them locally, and there were no universities in our area offering a nursing course," she said.

Leigh teamed up with the DONs from other local regional hospitals and started approaching universities to offer a course locally.

When no Victorian university was interested, Leigh and co. looked further afield and created a program with NSW's Charles Sturt University to deliver a residential course out of Cobram hospital.

As nursing qualifications were recognised and registered at a state, and not national, level at the time, and the course was being delivered by an interstate university, they had to get the course recognised by the nursing board of Victoria.

"I didn't know how things worked, so if I encountered a problem that needed change at a bureaucratic level, I just thought 'right, we'll fix it', and just hassled whatever government body was responsible until we got a result," Leigh said.

Leigh recognised strength in numbers, and was instrumental in forming a coalition of regional DONs, the Executive Nursing Group for Rural Hospitals.

"Nobody achieves anything on their own, you need to work together. I may have been a driving force behind some things but there is always a group of people working together to get things done."

"The Department of Health and Human Services team at Wangaratta were absolutely fabulous in their support of us, and I was lucky to work under two CEOs at GV Health, Greg Pullen and Dale Fraser, who were very supportive of rural health and were happy to support me in trying to make improvements that I thought were necessary."

Many of those improvements involved upskilling nurses to provide services that were lacking due to a

shortage of doctors and other clinicians in rural areas.

"We needed nurses to be able to do more. If you hurt yourself at netball on a Saturday afternoon why should you have to drive to Shepparton for an x-ray when there's a perfectly good machine at your local hospital?

"It was obvious to me that improving nurses' skill levels was the solution to an absence of radiologists, so we fought for nurses to be able to take x-rays."

Somehow, even as she was busy making sure the region's nurses were able to increase their skills and qualifications, Leigh was increasing her own, working her way up to a Masters Degree in Nursing.

The last advance Leigh was responsible for achieving on behalf of rural and regional nurses, was getting a change made to the Drugs and Poisons Act so nurses could order and administer resuscitation drugs.

"You need to have people who can perform advanced life support, but the protocols for that include ordering and administering certain drugs, which nurses weren't able to do. So, if there is no doctor available, how do you deliver that life-saving treatment?"

"I was able to get the system changed so that if nurses receive advanced life support training, they are now qualified to do that."

Along the way, Leigh was also acting as a quality surveyor for other hospitals, which she describes as a real eye-opener.

"Even the best hospitals had some terrible practices, and even the worst hospitals had some great ones. Being able to see the good and bad at other hospitals allowed me to harvest ideas of how we could improve things at Nathalia."

Those improvements led to the hospital receiving a number of

awards, and though Leigh is reluctant to admit to much pride in her achievements, she says she is proud of that.

"That's a good thing for the local community, and I am very proud of our hospital."

For all of the changes she helped initiate, one thing always remained the same for Leigh - it was always about outcomes for the patients.

"I went into nursing hoping to make a difference, and I actually think the best place you can do that is in one to one contact with patients. As a nurse, you never have enough time, but patients really appreciate that you bothered to spend time with them, because that really makes a difference to them."

Now that she has retired, Leigh is enjoying spending more time with her own family.

"We have four wonderful kids and 10 wonderful grand-kids and I am loving spending more time with them. John and I can now do lots of things we didn't have time to do before, so we have been doing a fair bit of travelling too."

"I really enjoyed my career and having the chance to make a difference, but I don't miss the intensity of it. It's nice to have a chance to relax and work in the garden. It's nice to have time and energy for other things."

As for being awarded an OAM, Leigh said she feels incredibly honoured.

"I was so surprised to receive the letter telling me that I had been nominated, and asking if I would accept the award if it was made. It's an honour just to be nominated, and I can't quite believe they would think I was worthy of it."

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Protect your fruit trees this winter

If you love your fruit trees and are prepared to make the commitment and manage them correctly, you can protect them from Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) infestation and enjoy your home grown fruit and vegetables. Here's what you can do:

- Pick up and dispose of (place fruit in a plastic bag in the sun for 5 days and then throw out with the weekly garbage or compost) any fallen fruit that may be in your yard, on the nature strip, on nearby creek banks or parks.
- Pick any fruit still on the plant and either use or dispose of as above.
- Prune your trees to keep them at a manageable height for next season's fruit picking and to assist if netting your trees.
- Check ripe and ripening fruit for signs of fruit fly infestation – soft patches, brown to black sting marks, maggots. If found, pick the fruit and dispose of it as above.
- If you have traps out – whether they are male-targeting or female-targeting, make sure they are within the use-by date. If not, put new ones out or recharge them with new baits.
- If you don't have traps out consider placing a few around the house, especially in evergreen foliage near the house, chook yard or the compost heap - e.g. the lemon tree.
- Netting around most trees can be removed now but keep it there if you have ripe or ripening fruit still in your yard. Remember that olives can be attacked by fruit flies when they are black and ripe.
- If you have fruit trees you no longer want or can manage – consider removing them completely and replacing them with an attractive non-fruiting plant.

Commit to your fruit tree or quit

Now is the time to reorganise your garden, remove any unwanted plants or trees and re-invent it with new non-fruiting options. If you are unable to commit the time and effort necessary to prevent your fruit trees becoming a habitat for QFF (which may in turn impact on your neighbours fruit trees), the solution is simple, take advantage of the free urban fruit tree removal program. Qualified arborists will remove your unwanted fruit trees, allowing you the freedom to enjoy or expand your garden. Contact your local participating Council for more information.

Unmanaged orchards

If you have unmanaged or abandoned orchards that are a breeding habitat for QFF and need to be removed, contact the Goulburn Murray Valley Queensland Fruit Fly Office by phone on (03) 58719222 or by emailing gmfvruitfly@moira.vic.gov.au so you can be guided through the application process.

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Hundreds gather at Barmah for fire workshop

HUNDREDS of people from across Australia gathered in the Barmah National Park last week for a four day workshop to learn traditional indigenous fire practices for land management.

The National Indigenous Fire Workshop 2019, run by the Firesticks Alliance Indigenous Corporation and hosted by the Yorta Yorta Nation, brought together around 400 people from a range of agencies and organisations to learn traditional practices and celebrate country.

Agencies involved included Parks Victoria, Forest Fire Management, CFA, RFS and DELWP.

Participants were split into eight clans to rotate through different activities led by Yorta Yorta people, including burning and monitoring fires, as well as traditional activities related to country in weaving, tool-making and dance.

Oli Costello, one of the directors of Firesticks, said that it was an opportunity to rebuild cultural connection to country and demonstrate the capacity of people to manage their land through traditional practice.

"Fire brings people together and helps teach and foster a kinship to the land and the custodians of the land," he said.

"We are grateful to the Yorta Yorta for welcoming us here to this beautiful country and sharing their knowledge."

Yorta Yorta weaver Denise Morgan said that the fire workshops were significant for her as a weaver to see what effect fire, and its absence, can have on the basket grasses used in traditional weaving.

"It's really significant to me to see how fire helps grasses regenerate," she said.

"It's also been very uplifting to connect with other communities who have similar concerns about land and how it's managed.

"We've got a lot of different agencies

here who have footprints on the land, and it's important for them to see that we want to walk with them, and have them recognise our knowledge base so we can walk together and manage the land together."

Attendee Ralph Hume told the *Leader* that it was a good opportunity to learn how to use fire in different landscapes.

"It's the same principles but different landscapes and you need to learn how to use the right fire in the right country at the right time."

Though much knowledge was being shared, the gathering was as much about renewing and celebrating kin-

ship around a camp fire, as it was about renewing the land through fire.

The atmosphere was joyful as groups gathered, around fires, to simply enjoy each other's company and share their stories.

Muddi Muddi man Victor Ralph, who now lives in Tasmania, said it was a great opportunity for family members spread across the country to catch up.

"I've seen so many cousins here, and old mates I haven't seen in ages, it's been really great. It's important for people to have a chance to get together like this and share stories and knowledge," he said.



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Strathy bus crash remembered

THIS week marks 65 years since two lives were lost in a collision between a bus and a diesel train engine at Strathmerton.

The crash occurred at around lunch time on June 17, 1954 when a Murray Valley Coaches prime mover bus failed to stop at the level crossing on Numurkah Rd, and was hit by the engine which was travelling at 15 - 20 miles per hour (24-32kph) when the collision occurred.

The train engine ploughed straight through the bus, with witnesses at the time saying it had sliced the bus in half.

The bus' hostess 25 year-old Valerie May Bourke from Wodonga, who had been standing in the bus' doorway at the time of the collision, and four year-old passenger Pamela Gwen Phillips from Coffs Harbor, were killed instantly.

Eleven of the bus' 12 other passengers were injured, five of them seriously. Neither of the drivers were reported as injured in media reports at the time.

Harry Baker from Numurkah was a student at Strathmerton Primary School at the time, and remembers hearing a loud noise when the two vehicles collided.

"It was lunchtime and we ran to the school gate when we heard the noise," he said.

"I remember looking straight down Maguire St and seeing the smoke and the bus and the engine all tangled together. The teachers quickly ushered us all inside and we didn't see what happened after that."

Locals who heard the crash came running to assist, using jacks, bars and pieces of wood to pry the wreckage open and free the injured. It was half an hour before they were able to reach Miss Bourke's body.

Ron Munro, now aged 85 and still a resident of Strathmerton, was 18 years old at the time of the accident.

Mr Munro remembers overhearing the lady whose family owned the Strathmerton butcher shop telling his mother later on that as soon as she saw the crash she had gathered all of the sheets off the family's beds and taken them to the crash site to use as bandages and shrouds.

Mr Munro said he didn't hear the noise of the crash from his home a mile away, but was told about it shortly afterwards.

"By the time I got down there, the police and ambulances were there and they had moved everyone else back," he said.

"I'll never forget the smell. The rescuers and ambulance crews had antiseptic and there was a strong smell of Dettol and engine oil and burning wreckage all mixed together. I'll never forget it."

Mr H. J. Lawrence, who was general manager of Murray Valley Coaches at the time, told reporters on the evening of the crash that it was an inflexible rule of the company that all buses must stop before crossing railway lines, and that questioning of the driver had shown that this rule was

adhered to.

Despite Mr Lawrence's assertion, an inquest into the crash, held at Shepparton in August 1954, heard that the bus driver, Walter Geoffrey Higginson, of Albury, told police that he had failed to stop as he was running 10 minutes late and was anxious to make up lost time.

Detective Stanley Edgar Sturtz of Shepparton, told the court that the day after the accident, Mr Higginson had attended the police station and made a statement.

In the statement, Higginson said that he had lost 10 minutes travelling time on a rough stretch of road between Nathalia and Strathmerton, Detective Sturtz said.

"On approaching the railway level crossing at Strathmerton I had a quick look to the left to see if a train was in view. I changed down two gears and used my foot brake, and then I heard a terrific siren as from a train," the statement said.

"But I thought the noise was caused by something wrong with my own vehicle."

"I was travelling at about 8 m.p.h. when the train hit the vehicle. I put my foot down hard on the throttle and tried to get my vehicle away from the train. It was just a mad panic from then on."

The statement added that Higginson knew he should have stopped before the level crossing.

The train driver, Keith Rupert Allan Gee from Cobram, told the court that he approached the crossing at 40 miles per hour (64kph) and was about 440 yards (402 metres) from the crossing when he saw the coach approaching the crossing.

He blew the whistle, but the coach did not appear to slow down so he kept on blowing the whistle.

"I applied the emergency brake and kept holding on to the whistle until I crashed into the passenger compartment of the coach," he said.

"I thought the coach was going to stop before crossing the rail line."

Some time after the accident, the ruins of the bus were dumped at Strathmerton tip, and a number of locals took the opportunity to scavenge its parts.

Ron Munro had bought himself a land rover the year before the accident, and availed himself of an arm rest from the bus to make the vehicle more comfortable.

Though the land rover is long since off the road, another item Ron souvenired from the wreck remains in use.

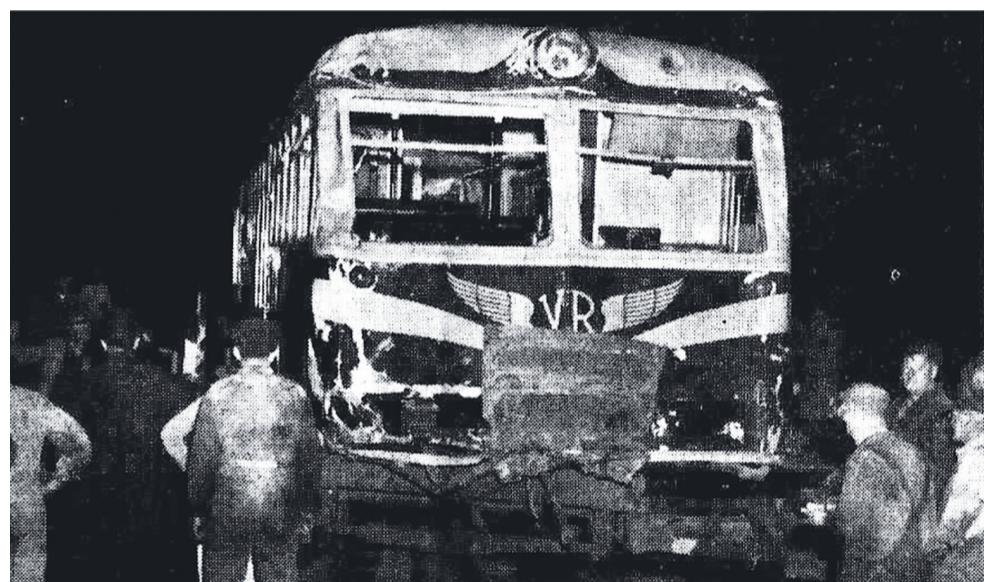
"I took some of the old hand rails and put them on my front steps to make it easier for mum to get in and out of my house as she got older," he said.

"They were good chrome ones and they're still there and in good condition. I use them now myself as I've got a bad knee and they've been wonderful."

"I know a lot of people around here have bits and pieces from the old bus, but it was a terrible tragedy that should never have happened."



Terrible end ... The prime mover bus that was destroyed in the accident, parked on Melville St some time before the tragedy. The woman pictured is believed to be hostess Valerie Bourke who died in the accident.



No chance to avoid a tragedy ... The diesel engine pictured after the accident.

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Regional road safety up for public discussion

THE State Government will hold eight road safety community round tables across Victoria in the coming months to seek views on reducing the number of lives lost and serious injuries on regional roads.

The community round tables will follow on from last week's Road Safety Summit at the State Library, where road safety experts and community leaders gathered to discuss what more could be done to address the horror start to the year on Victoria's roads.

The majority of this year's increase in road deaths has happened on regional roads, with 86 people killed compared with 47 at the same time last year.

Overall, 143 people have died on the state's roads this year, compared with 88 at the same time last year - an increase of 63%.

The community round tables, which will focus on road safety issues affecting regional communities, will be held in Shepparton, Ballarat, Marysville, Portland, Mildura, Sale, Bendigo and Geelong.

Minister for Roads, Road Safety and the TAC Jaala Pulford said the round tables are an opportunity for local communities to have their say on

how to prevent the senseless loss of life of regional Victorians on our roads.

"Country people are dying on their local roads. More than two thirds of people killed on country Victorian roads this year, have died within 30 kilometres of their home."

Last week's summit heard from local and international road safety experts that Victoria's \$1.4 billion Towards Zero strategy was world-leading in many respects, but the development of a new strategy to commence in 2020 presented opportunities for new initiatives.

Some of the key themes to emerge from the summit included enforcement, speed limits, technology and infrastructure. The round tables will explore these issues and focus on local issues, as raised by local people.

The State Government will consider the ideas from the summit and community round tables as part of the next road safety strategy which is currently being developed.

Minister for Police Lisa Neville said Victorians are over represented in the road toll.

"That's why we want to hear from them about how we tackle road trauma."

FIREWATCH

House fire treated as suspicious

A FIRE that destroyed a vacant home at Katandra last Thursday morning is being treated as suspicious.

CFA tankers from Numurkah, Drumanure, Katandra, Katamatite and Tallygaroopna, along with Numurkah's pumper and forward control vehicle and Shepparton's aerial pumper and hazard van, responded to the Katamatite/Shepparton Rd blaze at around 1.30am.

The house, between Marungi and McCartin Roads, was fully alight when the first truck arrived. Police and Powercor also attended, with police remaining on the scene until fire investigators arrived.

Brigades from Strathmerton, Katunga and Yarroweyah attended a grass fire on Bourchiers Road, Strathmerton at 5.45pm on Sunday.

The fire, which was the result of a previous burn-off having flared up with the wind, burnt under some trees and along the roadside, but was quickly brought under control.

POLICE BEAT

Break in at Katamatite footy club

THIEVES smashed a window to gain access to the Katamatite football clubrooms in the early hours of June 4. A quantity of soft drinks, bottled water and flavoured milk were stolen.

Some time between June 2 and 6, various items were stolen from sheds and storage containers from a rural property in the Nathalia area. Police investigations are continuing.

Numurkah police are seeking information from the public after an unknown person broke a window at a Numurkah house some time between 8pm last Thursday and 2pm last Friday.



Ready to put on a show ... Leading the talented young cast are (from left): Oscar Routley, Heidi Skinner, Chloe Hicks, Bradley Skidmore, Tiernan Wilie and Luke Martin.

Singers let genie out of the bottle

NUMURKAH Singers' successful junior troupe is about to unleash a huge family favourite, with their TeePee Kids production of Aladdin.

Now in its third year, TeePee Kids - which stands for 'term program for kids' - is more than capable of presenting a polished production of this colourful classic.

With rehearsals having started at the beginning of the school year, director Kelsey Dealy said the young performers have the show down pat.

"Kids pick things up really quick-

ly, so that gives them an advantage with learning choreography and the other elements of stage craft, and they've been working their backsides off as well, so I'm really pleased with where we are," she said.

The production is the junior version of the hugely successful Disney stage musical which has been running in Australia for the past year and features the songs made popular by the movie, plus some created especially for the stage.

One of the advantages of this production for a junior theatre group,

is that it has additional characters, giving more kids a chance to shine.

"There are 31 kids in the cast, which makes it our biggest show yet," said Kelsey.

The main roles are filled by a number of seasoned performers, who have embraced their roles with the passion and energy the show demands.

The title role of Aladdin is played by Bradley Skidmore, whilst his one true love Princess Jasmine is played by Chloe Hicks, who received a Judges Award for Excellence at last year's Georgy Awards for her portrayal of Anne in the

Singers' 2018 production of Anne of Green Gables.

Backing them up in the other main roles are Luke Martin as Genie, Heidi Skinner as the Sultan, Oscar Routley as Jafar and Tiernan Wilie as Iago.

So, apart from energetic performances from the young cast, what can audiences expect?

"It's a really vibrant show that families will love," Kelsey said.

"It's a lot of fun, and the songs are very catchy. I guarantee that audience members will go home and be singing those songs for days."

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All aboard ... Tony Valasavicius, Ian Clark, Barb Sinclair, Duncan McPherson, Geoff Lugg, Eachan Harrison, John Sinclair and Carol Lugg prepare to board the Orient Express.

All aboard for a mysterious mid-year treat

THIS Saturday presents locals with a unique opportunity to step into a world of intrigue and old world sophistication, with a very special screening of a classic murder mystery.

Movies at Numurkah isn't just showing the 2017 star-studded movie version of Agatha Christie's classic whodunit *Murder on the Orient Express*, they are presenting it - in style.

Movies at Numurkah's (MAN) Barb Sinclair said that it is the first time the group has run a themed event, and they are determined to do it

properly.

"We are going all out to pay homage to the movie and make people feel like they are stepping back in time onto the Orient Express," she said.

MAN don't want to give too much away, as they want people to be surprised on the night, but from what they told the *Leader*, they are really setting the atmosphere of the glamorous 1930s.

"We really want to offer a first class experi-

ence," Barb said.

They are inviting attendees to help set the atmosphere by dressing in the style of the era, and are offering the prize of a one year MAN membership to the best-dressed couple.

The evening will begin with a civilised wine and cheese tasting before the movie, with offerings from Monichino Wines and Locheilan Cheese.

After the movie, a supper of sweet and savoury home-baked treats will be served, high

tea style, to maintain the air of sophistication as you discuss the clever plot and superb acting by the likes of Judi Dench, Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer and Kenneth Branagh.

If you are not already a Movies at Numurkah member, you can purchase a membership for the rest of the year's program for half price: \$12.50 per single, or \$25.00 per couple.

This Saturday's special event starts at 6.30pm with the movie to begin at 7.30.

Letter to the Editor

Victoria needs to think F.A.S.T

ON behalf of the Stroke Foundation, I welcome the Victorian Government's \$5.5 billion budget boost to health services, in particular its focus on emergency response and improving health infrastructure where it is needed most.

It is encouraging to see the government furthering its commitment to delivering a hospital system Victorians can rely on close to home.

The challenge now is to ensure all Victorians know to dial triple zero (000) at the first sign of stroke to benefit from our emergency response system and hospitals.

Stroke attacks the brain, the human control centre and it can change lives in an instant. Around 1.9 million brain cells are destroyed each minute, but this damage can be stopped with the right treatment at the right time.

Sadly, not enough Victorians are accessing these treatments because they are not aware of the signs of stroke and the need to urgently call an ambulance.

Currently, just 36% of Victorian stroke

patients arrive at hospital within the 4.5 hour time window to benefit from time-critical blood clot dissolving treatments.

It's estimated there will be more than 14,000 strokes in Victoria this year and the incidence continues to rise as our population grows and ages and lifestyles become more sedentary.

I urge the government to build on this year's budget investment in health with a targeted F.A.S.T. community education campaign to ensure people seek treatment for stroke quickly to improve outcomes.

I also urge the community to take the time to learn the F.A.S.T signs of stroke.

The F.A.S.T test involves asking these questions:

Face – Check their face. Has their mouth drooped?

Arms – Can they lift both arms?

Speech – Is their speech slurred? Do they understand you?

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Jodi Briggs

Victoria State Manager
Stroke Foundation

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This week in 1917 ...

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Police Court.—At the Numurkah Court of Petty Sessions, before Mr C. J. Rogers, J.P., on Wednesday Fred G. Sleep and —. Hermann were granted carriers' licenses.

Jessie Campbell was charged at the instance of Thos. Welton (for whom Mr P. Deane appeared) for allowing a cow to wander. The defence was that the cow was in charge of defendant's grandson (who however, was too young to be sworn in order to give evidence), but the Bench found the charge proved, and inflicted a fine of 7/6 with 13/- costs. Mr W. J. Teare appeared for the defendant.

WORLD'S WHEAT NEEDS. UNLIMITED DEMAND AND A HIGHER RANGE OF PRICES. MR HOOVER'S FORECAST.

Mr Hoover, United States Food Administrator and Director of Food Supplies in Europe, in an interview given to the Canadian "Grain-Growers' Guide" in April, expresses doubt as to the sufficiency of the world's supply of wheat for the needs of the coming year. He hints at the possibility of the price of wheat reaching 14/7 per bushel in America, and expresses the strong conviction that the whole of this year's crop will be eaten up during the season, leaving no carry-over to the subsequent harvests.

Private "Ted" Sutcliffe, the second soldier son of Mr and Mrs Newell Sutcliffe, of Baulkamaugh, arrived home on Monday night, and was accorded the usual honor at the Numurkah Mechanics' Hall. There was not as large an attendance as is generally the case, the reason being that owing to Mr Coxon getting "stuck up" in his car in the country the foundry whistle could not be blown to advise people of the soldier's homecoming. However, the welcome given "Ted" was not lacking in warmth, even though the numbers were fewer.

Mr Davey (father of Mr Davey, of the Commercial Bank) spent a few days in Numurkah last week. Mr Davey is connected with the Agricultural Department, and is an ardent entomologist. Though there is not much scope in this district, our visitor received two or three bottles of insects—no very rare ones amongst them, he said, but comprising some that other collectors may not have. That's the way these enthusiasts have: if they don't want a thing themselves they keep it for someone who might like to add it to his collection.

At the Barmah cemetery there were interred the remains of one of the oldest settlers of the Valley. After a long illness Mrs Mary Ann Thorpe passed away in Melbourne, at the ripe age of 83 years. Her husband (the late William Thorpe) predeceased her by some years. The deceased was a woman of exceptional parts, and until quite recently was possessed of all her faculties.

Her home at Narioka was a synonym for kindliness. She was the mother of a large family Mrs R. Murray, Mrs W. Tinkler, and the late Mrs Hilet being her daughters, and her sons are Messrs Thomas, Robert, James, John, Cornelius, Vernard and the late William Thorpe.

THE TRAVELLING STOCKNUISANCE. CASES AT THE POLICE COURT

For many weeks prior to the recent rains complaints were rife that "foreign" flocks of sheep had been "imported" into this shire in order that feed might be found them. The inundation, it was complained, not only had the effect of clearing the roads of grass, but led to loss of sheep through residents' animals becoming "boxed" with the strangers. As a result of these complaints, the Numurkah police went out on the war-path recently, and the result of their activities was detailed to Mr C. J. Rogers, P.M., at the Court of Petty Sessions on Wednesday last.

The first of the 15 cases listed was brought by Constable Nelson against Walter Curry, the allegation being that he had failed to travel a flock of sheep the required distance of six miles on May 5th.

David Tunnock & Son.—Mr David Tunnock has admitted to partnership his son, Mr David Bruce Tunnock and they will henceforth carry on the practice of barrister and solicitors at Numurkah and Cobram under the firm name of David Tunnock & Son.



Catching up ... Past and present members came from far and wide to join the celebrations. From left: Neville Minotti, John Leaf, Mick Tyndall, Don Rudd, Allan Rodwell. Front: Robert Brown

Waaia celebrates a long, proud history

A WIN against traditional rivals is always sweet, but Waaia's resounding defeat of Picola on Saturday was especially cherished, as it came on the weekend of the club's 125th anniversary.

Home ground advantage could certainly have played a part in Waaia's terrific win, with a home crowd swelled by the ranks of those who had travelled from as far afield as Queensland, Tasmania and Western Australia for the anniversary celebrations.

In excess of 200 club members, officials and legends past and present attended an event on Saturday night to celebrate the club's history.

President Richard Trimby welcomed the guests before handed the evening over to MC Darren Scott who had the honour of introducing a host of club legends.

Past club secretary Lew Humphreys spoke on the history of the club, outlining its formation following a meeting in August 1893.

Lew covered Waaia's first match on June 9, 1894 where the club failed to score against Katunga, and its journey between then and now.

In its early years, the club was forced to go into recess five times due to lack of numbers, but it always came back and, barring a four year recess due to world war two, has been going strong ever since it joined the Picola and District Football Association in 1935, and has not forfeited a single game since.

Naturally, highlights included the club's first premiership win in 1953, ironically against Picola, and the success Waaia has had in the past 30 years winning eight senior premierships since 1989, and the success also enjoyed by the reserves in that time, twice winning three flags in a

row.

Lew also spoke of the proud history of the netball (formerly basketball) club, which formed in the 1930s and is celebrating the 80th anniversary of the 1939 basketball win which marked three in a row, coming on the backs of victories in 1937 and 1938.

The club's golden era of netball in the 1980s - when it played in 10 A grade grand finals between 1982 and 1991, six of which it won - was also celebrated.

Waaia's oldest past player, Mr John Rendell who played in 1940, took the microphone from Lew to shed a little light on the tough playing conditions of his era.

Past premiership player and coach Mick Cleeland then took to the stage to chat with the club's eldest life member, past secretary, loyal servant, and former games record-holder with 344 games, Gavin Jorgensen.

Gavin reflected on his long association with Waaia, with his grandfather moving to Waaia in the 1800s.

Mr Jorgensen also spoke to the fellow Waaia legend, and humble champion, who broke his long-standing record, Greg Hixon. Greg played 351 games, including eight premierships, and won multiple best and fairest awards.

The club's only surviving 1953 premiership player Mr Bob Maskell was unfortunately unable to attend due to ill health, but his son-in-law Mick Power spoke on his behalf.

Gavin, Greg and Bob were presented with jumpers worn in Saturday's match, that featured the playing number they wore during their careers.

Other club legends to speak at the event included 1994 and 1995

back-to-back premiership coach Jon Varcoe, who now coaches Picola, and Julie Tyndall, five-time Picola Netball Association A grade best and fairest winner, and 12 times A grade club best and fairest winner.

Club legend Sue Cleeland, A and B grade netball coach from the golden 80s era couldn't attend the celebration but shared her fond memories of the time, and the club, via a video presentation.

The long service of Di Thorne, one of three players to play in all 10 A grade netball grand finals, was also honoured.

Former Waaia player and Kangaroos' and AFL great Anthony Stevens spoke of his journey from a 4th XVIII player at Waaia to becoming an AFL dual premiership player with North Melbourne, and reflected on the importance of country clubs and the community spirit they bring.

At the conclusion of the speeches the remaining commemorative

jumpers worn by the players on Saturday were auctioned off, with bidding for the one-off mementoes proving competitive.

It was then down to current club president Richard Trimby to call a close on the formal part of the evening, thanking all involved for making the occasion, and the club, such a success.

Mr Trimby told the *Leader* it was great to see so many people there.

"It was a great weekend and it was a really good crowd," he said.

"It was great to see so many people from the club's history and we were pleased that people had made such an effort to come from all over."

"People hung around long after the formal part was over and had a good catch up which was good fun and terrific to see."

A book detailing the past 25 years of the club's history was launched at the celebration, and can be purchased from the club.



Legends ... Waaia's oldest past player John Rendell and long-time game record holder and club great Gavin Jorgensen.



Best and fairest ... Waaia netball great Julie Tyndall was an honoured guest.

Protect your mail to protect your identity

POLICE are reminding local residents about the potential dire consequences of mail theft.

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Once they have assumed your identity, they can defraud others using your name, having devastating consequences for you and your reputation.

To prevent becoming a victim to mail theft, police are urging residents to adopt the following security measures:

- Consider purchasing a locked mailbox or convert your current mailbox by securing a padlock.
- Clear the mail daily.
- Have mail held at the post office or collected by a friend when away for extended periods.
- Dispose of unwanted mail so that no one else can make use of it.
- Ensure your mailbox is in good condition.
- Make sure your mailbox is large enough for letters to be dropped into secure area; don't allow letters to be overflowing.
- If mail is delivered incorrectly, write 'delivered to wrong address' or 'not at this address' and return to Australia Post.
- Do not have parcels left in sight of passing pedestrians or traffic.

Help shape caravan park regulations

CARAVAN park owners and users across the district are being encouraged to have their say on caravan park regulations.

The Residential Tenancies (Caravan Parks and Movable Dwellings Registration and Standards) Regulations 2010 are currently under review and open for consultation.

These regulations set out the requirements for health and wellbeing, fire safety and emergency management, registration, and construction standards for caravan parks.

The review is an opportunity for caravan park owners and users to have a say in how the new regulations are shaped to ensure the best possible outcome for our local area.

The review has already commenced with public consultation open until June 23.

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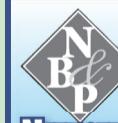
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IN MEMORIAM

CAMBELL — Joan Margaret. May 31, 2016 Gone but not forgotten We will always love you. John, Ada and family.

TRICKEY — Ada Rose The years may wipe out many things, But this they'll wipe out never. The memory of those happy days. When we were all together. Neil, Robyn, Margaret, Janita, Troy, Kelsey and Rose.

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CARTER (Rivers) — Vera May. Late of Strathmerton. Passed away peacefully on June 3, 2019 at St. Vincent's Private, Fitzroy, aged 81 years. Dearly loved wife of Ivan (dec.). Our loving Mum and Nan, dearly loved by her children and their partners Steven and Maree; Janet; Glenn and Debbie and her grandchildren and their partners, Luke, Melissa; Stuart and Jess; Shane and Annie and her great grandchildren Jordan, Dakota and Evie.

You had a smile for everyone. You had a heart of gold. You left us wonderful memories. For us to have and to hold.

Mum and Dad Reunited

Loved mother of Robert and Lynda. Grandma of Michael and Sheree, Brenton and Penny, Ryan and Mary. Great-grandma of Rahni, Sienna, Rhyley, Willow, Brydie, Jemma and Frankie. Thanks Mum for everything, for all those years.

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Grandma, A very special lady in our lives who left us with great memories of all the times we shared together. *Always In Our Hearts*
Love Michael and Sheree, Rahni, Sienna, Brydie and Jemma.

Loved mother of Graham (dec.) and Claire. Much loved Grandma of Matthew, Alice, Brayden and Genevieve. Great-grandma of Archie. *Memories Are Ours To Treasure*

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PHILLIPS — The Funeral for Mr. Mick Phillips will be arriving at the Numurkah Lawn Cemetery, Corke St., Numurkah on Friday, June 14, 2019 for a Graveside Service to celebrate his life commencing at 1.00 p.m.

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PHILLIPS — Mick. 14.9.1944 - 9.6.2019 Passed away peacefully after a short illness. Dearly loved husband of Lorraine. Beloved father and father-in-law of Melinda, Mark, Ian, Andrew, Anne-Marie and Tanya and their partners. Adored Poppy Mick to his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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PHILLIPS — Mick. June 9, 2019. To Mick, It's not what we write. It's not what we say. It's how we remember you, In our own special way. Loved brother of Pat, Terryanne, Ken, Star and families.

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Tongala 4.3, 6.5, 11.11, 13.12 (90)
Deniliquin Rams 2.1, 3.6, 4.8, 8.10 (58)

GOALS, Tongala: M. Watson 4, J. Robillard 2, J. Hammond 1, A. Lovison 1, A. Dennis 1, R. Bacon 1, C. Ilett 1, J. Souter 1, C. McCarthy 1. Deniliquin Rams: I. Marie 2, W. Shaw 2, R. Gittens 2, J. Pitts 1, A. Pappin 1.

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Numurkah 6.6, 9.6, 14.10, 15.12 (102)
Rumbalaria 2.1, 4.6, 5.8, 8.13 (11)

GOALS, Numurkah: J. Hoffmann 5, B. Gunning 2, M. Price 2, B. McKeown 2, M. Herlihy 2, T. Arnel 1, L. McKeown 1. Rumbalaria: C. McCartney 4, S. Hunter 1, K. atkinson 1, K. Wise 1, D. Smith 1.

BEST, Numurkah: J. Hoffmann, J. O'Dwyer, B. McKeown, M. Price, Z. McKeown, D. Taylor, Rumbalaria: J. Papoulias, N. Terlich, K. atkinson, A. Miller, K. Wise, K. Atkinson.

Echuca United 4.2, 6.5, 9.7, 14.9 (93)
Moama 2.2, 4.3, 7.5, 8.8 (56)

GOALS, Echuca United: J. Jansen 2, J. Garner 2, K. Sharpe-Long 2, T. Holmes 1, B. Simpson 1, J. Priestley 1, M. Briscoe 1, N. Osborne 1. Moama: K. Stowell 2, B. Anderson 1.

BEST, Echuca United: L. Depace, T. Holmes, K. Sharpe-Long, J. Russell, N. Osborne, E. Spiers (REFUA).

Moama: L. Boys, C. Vredenburg, J. Mackenzie, A. Dick, N. Milner, M. Cartwright.

Nathalia 2.2, 4.4, 5.4, 7.5 (47)
Tungamah 2.0, 2.2, 4.4, 5.4 (34)

GOALS, Nathalia: W. Guthrie 3, A. Zammit 2, S. Young 1, T. Hansford 1. Tungamah: H. Thomson 3, B. Bate 1, T. Lidgerwood 1.

BEST, Nathalia: T. Hansford, K. Kopsidas, J. Brown, W. Guthrie, A. Zammit, A. Lindsay, Tungamah: O. Willis, B. Griffin, T. Lidgerwood, R. Bartlett, H. Thomson, N. Connell.

Katandra 6.0, 9.0, 10.0, 10.4 (64)
Congupna 2.1, 2.1, 5.3, 5.4 (34)

GOALS, Katandra: T. Teasdale 3, L. Turcato 2, P. Cormican 2, C. Pati 1, C. MacGibbons 1, J. Crees 1.

Congupna: B. Austin 2, L. Bartels 1, K. Purton 1, C. Guy-Smith 1.

BEST, Katandra: L. Turcato, A. Harrington, P. Cormican, L. Moroney, C. Pati, T. Teasdale, Congupna: H. Hallahan, K. Purton, C. Guy-Smith, B. Gee, B. Waters, J. Hall.

Finley 3.2, 7.2, 11.3, 11.3 (69)
Barooga 1.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.2 (20)

GOALS, Finley: S. Brain 6, A. Mason 1, L. Webster 1, E. Haynes 1, H. John 1, N. Gray 1. Barooga: R. Sampson 2, K. Trease 1.

BEST, Finley: J. Boyd, B. Coombs, S. Brain, L. Osborne, N. Gray, C. Wright, Barooga: S. Watt Fotia, C. Doyle, J. Poole, R. Sampson, K. Trease, J. Ballerini.

UNDER 14

Cobram 2.9, 6.14, 11.16, 15.21 (111)
Mulwala 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1 (1)

GOALS, Cobram: K. Griffin 4, O. Quinane 4, E. Baxa 2, T. Rudd 2, M. Corso 2, L. Tejones 1.

BEST, Cobram: K. Griffin, C. Hulley, P. Suphun, L. Tejones, O. Quinane, I. Crawford. Mulwala: D. Kirchen, Z. Oliver, B. Johnson, O. Watson, A. Williams, J. Wheeler.

Deniliquin Rams 2.2, 5.6, 6.6, 8.7 (55)
Tongala 2.0, 2.0, 2.1, 3.2 (20)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: C. Hillier 2, T. Willis 1, C. Paton 1, N. Bradley 1. Tongala: H. Reid 2, T. Watson 1.

BEST, Deniliquin Rams: C. Hillier, W. McCartney, B. Park, L. Leiper, H. Hicks, B. Elphick, Tongala: J. Jackson, T. Watson, H. Reid, J. Murray, D. Scoble, D. Moore.

Rumbalaria 3.6, 7.9, 11.9, 16.15 (111)
Numurkah 0.0, 0.0, 1.1, 2.1 (13)

GOALS, Rumbalaria: B. Armstrong 4, T. Hoogsaad 4, J. Briggs 2, J. Morgan 2, H. Hudson 1, J. Foster 1, T. Armstrong 1, J. Saunders 1. Numurkah: K. Rahilly 1, N. Page 1.

BEST, Rumbalaria: H. Hudson, S. Stewart, T. Hoogsaad, B. Armstrong, L. Johnson, Walker, J. Saunders, Numurkah: O. Masters, K. Rahilly, R. Verhoeven, J. McKellar, J. Powlesland, G. Sessions.

Echuca United 3.3, 9.5, 13.10, 13.16 (94)
Moama 0.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.2 (14)

GOALS, Echuca United: R. Godfrey 4, B. Barnstable 2, D. Purbrick 2, T. Hawket 1, S. Fisher 1, N. Schmedje 1.

J. Verhey-Taylor 1, W. Graham 1. Moama: Z. McKenzie 1, L. Hogan 1.

BEST, Echuca United: R. Godfrey, H. Dixon, W. Graham, J. Verhey-Taylor, T. Hawket, N. Schmedje.

Moama: M. Bell, J. Jarrett, M. Fleming, R. Drennan, Z. McKenzie, G. Hope.

Nathalia 7.0, 10.2, 16.5, 20.8 (128)
Tungamah 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Nathalia: D. Conroy 6, B. Armstrong 3, B. Orton 3, B. Liddell 2, B. Walpole 2, C. Sheehan 1, J. Amery 1, E. Congues 1, J. Hutchins 1.

BEST, Nathalia: M. Cobblewick, D. Conroy, B. Orton, E. Congues, B. Armstrong, J. Amery, Tungamah: J. Costigan, H. Thomson, P. Eales, D. Hicks, J. Arnold, T. Costigan.

Katandra 5.2, 6.5, 11.5, 15.8 (98)
Congupna 0.2, 1.3, 2.3, 2.3 (24)

GOALS, Katandra: T. Wilson 4, R. Dawson 3, K. Dawson 2, F. Walters 2, M. Everard 1, A. McCull 1, F. Everard 1, W. Morrissey 1. Congupna: L. Brand 1, M. Brown 1.

BEST, Katandra: T. Wilson, R. Dawson, W. Morrissey, F. Everard, F. Walters, B. Waters, Congupna: C. Hall, O. Price, T. Taylor, S. Jones, J. Guthrie, L. Brand.

BEST, Nathalia: A. Corry, M. Davies, C. Kellow, C. Brown, M. Carroll, S. Zammitt, Tungamah: A. Heslin, J. Sampson, W. Prescott, J. Bartlett, J. Saunders, R. Walker.

Katandra 2.4, 4.6, 5.9, 7.9 (51)
Congupna 1.2, 2.5, 3.5, 7.6 (48)

GOALS, Katandra: N. Warner 2, M. Shannon 1, L. Dempsey 1, N. Dunham 1, R. Williams 1, T. Trewin 1. Congupna: C. Lambert 3, J. Winnell 2, P. O'Donoghue 1, C. Quafe 1.

BEST, Katandra: F. Opie, T. Trewin, A. Jeffery, L. Dempsey, J. Clee, Q. Shannon, Congupna: M. Gledhill, M. Barclay, B. Ford, C. Lambert, D. Hammer, J. Winnell.

Finley 3.4, 6.5, 10.8, 11.8 (74)
Barooga 0.0, 3.0, 4.3, 7.4 (46)

GOALS, Finley: T. Isedale 3, D. Sibraa 2, N. Lyons 2, C. Robertson 1, D. Sibraa 1, J. MacConachie 1, J. McDonald 1. Barooga: L. Baxter 3, R. Sampson 2, J. O'Dwyer 1, M. Fry 1.

BEST, Finley: J. MacConachie, P. Williams 1, T. Trewin 1. Congupna: C. Lambert 3, J. Winnell 2, P. O'Donoghue 1, C. Quafe 1.

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UNDER 17

Mulwala 1.2, 2.3, 4.5, 5.9 (39)
Cobram 2.0, 3.1, 4.2, 5.4 (34)

GOALS, Mulwala: K. Abikhair 1, C. Phibbs 1, L. Martin 1, A. Psaltiras 1, F. Fletcher 1. Cobram: M. Allen 1, R. Mele 1, J. Curtin 1, W. Slatterie 1, M. McShane 1.

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Cobram 2.

Clarky takes top spot

by "Archie Bunker"

AFTER a hectic four weeks for the playing of the club championships, it was back to normal at the Numurkah Golf Club on Saturday, with a stableford event scheduled.

A good field of 51 men enjoyed the perfect conditions, both the course and the day's weather.

With a terrific score of 41 points, Ian Clark took the top spot in B grade. Clarky kept his good form going, after finishing runner-up in the C grade championship.

Pierre Klaassen finished runner-up to Ian, with 38 points.

Sam Robertson has been no stranger to the winners' list recently, both on a Thursday and Saturday, and continued his terrific form on the weekend, winning A grade with 39 points. Sam could have had an even better, had one of the women on the course not mistakenly picked up his ball, imposing a two shot penalty added to his score.

But Sam still finished in front, finishing one point ahead of runner-up, Paul Arnell.

David Ludington and Bruce Collins also scored 38 points, and headed the list of ball winners, ahead of Peter Stonehouse, Jack Dell and Ian Hannaford, on 36 points, Peter

Cowan, Alan Dalton and Neil Parker, 35, Barry Pruden, Rod Campbell on 34, and David Dell, who picked up the last of the balls, with 33 points.

Kerry Collins won the ball for being nearest to the pin on the fourth, Jack Hepworth had a terrific shot to the seventh to win, David Ludington won the 15th, and Col Booth had the best shot to the 18th green.

Kevin Morland won the Mickey Mouse ears, who had a little misfortune on the 16th tee, and hadn't made it past the ladies' tee for five. Big Kev is lucky it wasn't a stroke event, or he could have still been out there trying to get through the trees.

The first Jack Roche fourball semi final match was played on Sunday, when Robbie Sutton and Hughie Gunn moved into the final with a 4/2 win over Bob I'Anson and Garry Hosie.

The other semi will be played between Sid Roughsedge/Mitch Grandell and David Ludington/Jack Dell, sometime in the next week and a half.

This Saturday's golf will be a Compusult monthly medal, the fourth round of the AIIM Choices captain's putter, and the qualifying round for the singles knockout. And I'm sure there must be a doily on offer somewhere.



Still in form ... Ian Clark enjoyed a terrific round of golf on Saturday, coming in with 41 stableford points.

Shield runs for 39th year

FOR 39 years, the Seifers Shield Billiard competition has been high on the calendar for billiards enthusiasts around Numurkah.

The competition has been run at the Numurkah Senior Citizens Club every year, with the seniors hub boasting two full sized tables in excellent condition, running on Tuesday and Wednesday nights for five weeks before finals begin.

Experienced and newer players are well catered for in these team events, with players being graded to match them to others of similar abilities.

This year's competition got under way last Tuesday, with Numurkah Bowls Club taking on McPhersons Mensland in a well fought battle.

McPhersons' four players were all consistent, scoring an impressive 524 points, to the less experienced Bowls Club team, which scored an inspiring score of 430 points.

Numurkah Golf found itself up against the dominant Southside team in its first round match on Wednesday night in a game that saw brilliance, persistence, good and bad luck, along with plenty of enjoyment.

Southside came out on top, scoring 492 points to the Golf's 344 points.

This week, Golf was scheduled to play McPhersons last night, while Southside will take on the Seniors. Spectators will be made most welcome.

NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

MNL

A GRADE

Cobram 44 def Mulwala 43
Deniliquin 65 def Tongala 21
Echuca United 37 drew Moama 37

Finley 52 def Barooga 38
Nathalia 45 def Tungamah 26

Rumbalaria 84 def Numurkah 29

Katandra 36 def by Congupna 52

LADDER P W L D F A Pts %

Moama 9 8 0 1 518 264 34 196.21

Rumbalaria 9 8 1 0 557 274 32 203.28

Echuca United 9 7 1 1 529 319 30 165.83

Deniliquin 9 6 3 0 471 323 24 145.82

Cobram 9 6 3 0 403 424 24 95.05

Finley 9 6 3 0 379 415 24 91.33

Mulwala 9 5 4 0 330 345 20 95.65

Congupna 9 4 4 1 369 370 18 99.73

Nathalia 9 3 5 1 305 340 14 89.71

Tongala 9 3 6 0 291 418 12 69.62

Barooga 9 2 7 0 303 412 8 73.54

Tungamah 9 2 7 0 288 435 8 66.21

Numurkah 9 1 8 0 257 492 4 52.24

Katandra 9 0 9 0 281 450 0 62.44

B GRADE

Cobram 32 def by Mulwala 50
Deniliquin 36 def Tongala 32

Echuca United 53 def Moama 39

Finley 25 def by Barooga 30

Nathalia 34 def Tungamah 25

Rumbalaria 45 def by Numurkah 49

Katandra 41 def by Congupna 56

LADDER P W L D F A Pts %

Mulwala 9 8 0 1 428 244 34 175.41

Deniliquin 9 8 1 0 458 242 32 189.26

Echuca United 9 7 1 1 462 302 30 152.98

Moama 9 6 3 0 408 329 24 124.01

Congupna 9 6 3 0 332 292 24 113.7

Cobram 9 6 3 0 370 334 24 110.78

Tongala 9 5 4 0 347 320 20 108.44

Finley 9 4 5 0 290 345 16 84.06

Numurkah 9 3 6 0 322 402 12 80.1

Barooga 9 3 6 0 267 346 12 77.17

Nathalia 9 2 7 0 279 319 8 87.46

Rumbalaria 9 2 7 0 286 427 8 66.98

Katandra 9 1 8 0 302 473 4 63.85

Tungamah 9 1 8 0 250 426 4 58.69

C GRADE

Cobram 35 def by Mulwala 36
Deniliquin 51 def Tongala 37

Echuca United 54 def Moama 25

Finley 37 def Barooga 31

Nathalia 50 def Tungamah 15

Rumbalaria 44 def Numurkah 38

Katandra 38 def by Congupna 39

LADDER P W L D F A Pts %

Echuca United 9 9 0 0 469 229 36 204.8

Deniliquin 9 8 1 0 542 290 32 186.9

Mulwala 9 8 1 0 440 246 32 178.86

Cobram 9 7 2 0 430 230 28 186.96

Nathalia 9 5 4 0 403 314 20 128.34

Tongala 9 5 4 0 337 341 20 98.83

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Moama 9 4 5 0 348 397 16 87.66

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Rumbalaria 9 3 6 0 296 403 12 73.45

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Tungamah 9 1 8 0 204 452 4 45.13

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Numurkah wins shield round

NUMURKAH hosted Kyabram at the Numurkah Small Bore Club for this month's round of the Crawford shield competition.

There were only 10 points in the game, but it was Numurkah that took the win, 1153.46 to Kyabram's 1143.39.

Lou Cook was the top scorer in the 20 metre benchrest competition last Thursday night, scoring 197.7.

Lindsay Braybon was the top scores in the 20 metre prone discipline with 194.8, and Tim Braybon topped 50 metre prone with 192.6.

SCORES

20 metre benchrest: L. Cook 99.2 98.5 197.7, B. Braybon 98.1 98.2 196.3; G.

Miles 96.0 97.4 193.4, D. Bradshaw 96.3 94.0 190.3; D. Bradshaw 95.1 92.0 187.1.

20 metre prone: L. Braybon 98.6 96.2 194.8, R. Hill 98.4 96.4 194.8; A. Gibbon 91.0 99.3 190.3, G. Miles 97.1 90.3 187.3; M. Brown 84.0 87.0 171.0, J. Cook 89.1 81.1 170.2; W. Willsher 81.1 78.2 159.3.

50 metre prone: T. Braybon 96.3 96.3 192.6, S. Rosemeier 94.4 96.4 190.8; G. Braybon 92.3 96.2 188.5, A. Gibbon 93.4 92.1 185.5; D. Cook 95.3 88.0 183.3, A. Lee 90.0 92.2 182.2; D. Cook 92.1 90.1 182.1, H. O'Brien 90.3 90.0 180.3; J. Smith 80.0 70.0 150.0.

There will be shooting as usual Thursday night at Numurkah.

Visitor cleans up

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

BERNIE O'Hare from Nathalia was too skilful for the local players and had a runaway win in last Thursday's mid week competition at Numurkah Golf Club.

Playing off a handicap of 14, Bernie scored 38 stableford points to record a clear win from John Smith, who finished second with a total of 35.

Scores were once again on the low side, with only one player from a field of 36 who could play better than their handicap.

Players whose scores won them a club ball were: Leigh Robertson, Pete Stonehouse, Ron Smith and Darryl Sheridan, all 34, Stephen Piggott, Alf Patman, Peter Cowan, Roy Peterson and Geoff Partington 33, John Trimble, Bill Green, Martin Daniel and Hugh Gunn 32.

Chris Hicks had the low score of the day

with 24 points, and was therefore awarded the tin of cheap, boiled lollies for coming last.

It was a miserable scoring day all round, with only three of the nearest the pin awards going to sharp shooting players. John Smith won the players' sweep by being closest to the flagstick on the seventh, while Pete Stonehouse strung together two fine shots to win Dennis and Roy's ball on the 14th hole. John Trimble took the Pruden Carpentry award on the 18th.

No player could place a ball on the green at the GMCU sponsored fourth hole nor Graeme Sprunt's sponsored 15th.

Peter 'Bullant' Cowan won the Mickey Mouse ears of the day for forgetting to retrieve his ball from the cup on his final hole.

Visitors and guests are most welcome to join us this Thursday. Assemble at the clubhouse at 9.30am for a 10 o'clock hit-off.

Winter takes its toll on scores

by "The Shankster"

THE sun shone for most of our 18 holes last Wednesday when the women hit off soon after 9am in chilly, frosty conditions.

Things did warm up as the morning wore on, until the last few holes when the clouds came over.

A pretty good field of golfers turned up, considering the cold, and the fact that the day's competition was par, but not one managed to play to their handicap.

Reigning club champion Tracey Clouston had the best of the scores, finishing one down, while Robyn Hodgkin and Bev Hutchins finished with minus two.

Lorraine Craig and Mavis Burrell both scored minus three to take the last of the balls.

Bev Hutchins also won nearest the pin on the seventh hole, to win the cake hole voucher of lunch at the Telegraph Hotel, while not one player managed to get onto the 18th green.

The scores were no better on Saturday, when another good field headed out for a stableford round.

This time 34 points was the best score, with Nola Dalton taking honours, winning a countback from Helen Schmedje.

Rosemary Rutledge, Tracey Clouston and Bev Hutchins all scored 33 points, and Robyn Hodgkin took home the last of the balls, with 32 points.

Nathalia wins a close one

ONLY six shots separated Nathalia and Senior Citizens in their indoor bowls match last Thursday, with both teams winning on one mat, but Nathalia getting home, 48-22.

Waaia and Katamatite both had comfortable, 10 point wins, and Strathmerton took eight points against Shamrock.

RESULTS

Waaia 10/56 d Barooga 0/28. S. Cleeland 28 d I. Swain 8; L. Clarke 28 d E. Gordon 20.

Shamrock 2/35 lt Strathmerton 8/50. T.

Bev McIntosh won nearest the pin on the seventh home and Tracey Clouston won the ball on the 18th.

Julie Hannaford won (if you can call it a victory) the Minnie Mouse ears, 'fessing up that she had picked up a stray ball on the course, after checking and not seeing anyone that it might belong to. It turned out that the ball belonged to Sam Robertson, who was playing a very good round, and Julie was very thankful that it was so good that even the two shot penalty didn't stop him winning A grade.

A small number of women headed out again on Monday, and it was lucky that the girls all enjoyed their rounds, as the scores weren't very enjoyable.

Lorraine Craig and Nola Dalton had the best, with 32 points, Lorraine winning a countback to take the win, relegating Nola to second place.

Another countback was needed to decide third place, with Helen Schmedje knocking out Bev McIntosh on 30 points.

We've a monthly medal week coming up, starting today (weather permitting), and then continuing on Saturday with a Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith medal round. It will also be the fourth round of the Numurkah Pharmacy captain's putter round, and the qualifying round for the Saturday singles knockout.

Next Wednesday will be the Royal Women's Hospital fourball qualifying round.

Bullock 17 lt T. Haynes 35; M. Young 18 d R. Clarke 15.

Senior Citizens 2 /42 lt Nathalia 8/48. L. Addison 26 d B. Hutchins 23; B. Seymour 16 lt B. Hutchins 25.

Wunghnu 0/35 lt Katamatite 10/53. N. Barnes 24 lt M. Nordby 25; D. O'Connor 11 lt C. Owen 28.

LADDER

Waaia 57 +142; Strathmerton 44 +49; Nathalia 39 +86; Katamatite 32 -13; Senior Citizens 27 -5; Barooga 27 -10; Shamrock 14 -62; Wunghnu 0 -187.



100 gamers ... Cheryl Thorn and Tearn Williams lined up against each other, while both were celebrating playing their 100th games for their respective clubs on Saturday. Photo Averil Kennedy.

Bombers hang in to take win

THE game between Waaia and Picola United netball sides turned out to be a close contest, with Waaia taking a fighting victory by just three goals, 54-51.

Waaia got off to a great start all over the court, but the goal third, in particular, was working with confidence.

The Picola girls were coming back, but left their run too late, and ran out of time. The Blues showed better patience in attack and increased their defensive pressure, but the loss proved costly, with Picola dropping from fourth on the ladder to sixth.

It was a blue day for the Picola netballers, losing every game on the day, and it doesn't look like it will get any easier this weekend, when Picola hosts Deni Rovers.

Waaia heads to Katamatite, which sits in second place on the A grade ladder.

Waaia awards: WFNC Cash: Laura Cahoon, Terminus Hotel: Milly Foster, Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Angela Thorne.

Picola awards: Nathalia Post Office: Demi Morrison; Brereton's Bakery: Dani Mahncke.

B GRADE

Waaia got away to a good start in the B grade clash between the two clubs, and went on to take a 33 goal victory, 58-25, keeping their unbeaten record intact.

The Picola players were very flat, starting slowly and then having to chase all game.

Waaia awards: WFNC Cash: Hayley Thorne, Telegraph Hotel:

Maddi Cleeland.

Picola awards: Scrumdiddly-umcious Catering: Caitlin Boeschett; Brereton's Bakery: Pennie Langley.

C GRADE

The Blues' C graders put up a terrific effort against the second placed Bombers, going down by nine goals on Saturday.

Picola played a great team game, with all players contributing well in their 37-46 loss.

Waaia awards: WFNC Cash: Holly Scott, Terminus Hotel: Naomi Hopkins.

Picola awards: Foott Waste Solutions: Margot Craig; Club Dinner: Sophie Moylan.

C RESERVE

Unable to field a full team, Picola's C reserve team played a fun-filled game, but suffered a big loss to the Bombers, 11-40.

Waaia awards: WFNC Cash: Tamara Richards, Telegraph Hotel: Jaime Cook, Casual Step: Bow Stuart.

Picola awards: Casual Step: Kate Francis; Club Dinner: Emilee Azzopardi.

17 UNDER

While Waaia's under 17s took a 15 goal win over Picola, the Bombers didn't have things all their own way in their 45-30 victory.

The Picola defenders created some great turnovers, sending the ball into attack, where the Blues fed it well into the goal circle.

Waaia awards: Numurkah Sportfirst: Aimee Wilson, NBKC

Socks: Jamiesen Moore.

Picola awards: Power Livestock: Chantel Leggett; Barmah Social Club: Holly Chalker.

15 UNDER

The Picola under 15s improved their decision-making, but with a few lazy periods throughout the game, went down by 12 goals to Waaia, 13-25.

Waaia awards: D&M Plattfuss: Ella Wilson, WFNC Canteen: Hayley Coonan.

Picola awards: Birch Earthmoving: Jai-Dee Riseley; Barmah Social Club: Shontay McCabe Jackson.

13 UNDER

Despite a 13 goal loss to Waaia, the Picola under 13s put up a terrific showing.

Their movement to the ball and down the court was much improved, their defensive pressure was really good, and they created many turnovers.

Waaia awards: WFNC Scrunchie: Ciara Ramadge, WFNC Canteen: Bridie Wilson.

Picola awards: Baxter Family Medallion: Ruby McIver; Barmah Social Club: Amber Watson.

MINIS

The minis faced a tough game against a good side. The young Blues are really showing great improvement.

Waaia awards: WFNC Scrunchie: Kasey Caldow, Northstar: Laura Bergamin.

Picola awards: Intersports Bennett's: Grace Morgan; PUFNC: Abby Sheahan.

Bulldogs snatch tight victory

A CRUCIAL turnover in defence from Tegan Sutton saw Strathmerton snatch victory from the jaws of defeat in a very intense finish against Deni Rovers on Saturday, by two points.

The game was up for grabs right until the final minute until the ladder leader sneaked in a couple of goals to take victory 37-35.

The Bulldog attackers worked tirelessly all game, with Hope Lindhe and Vanessa Ward taking charge in crucial moments.

The goalers stood firm in the dying minutes, capitalising on every opportunity, but the team work displayed on court by all the girls was what got the team over the line.

The Bulldogs will enjoy the bye this weekend, a chance to regroup, rest up any nagging injuries, and will come back refreshed for their encounter with Picola in round 11.

Awards: Strathy Cafe: Tegan Sutton; Wingate's: Hope Lindhe; Strathy Pub: Vanessa Ward.

B GRADE

A youthful Deni side proved too fit and exuberant for the Strathy B graders this week, taking victory 43-26.

The Bulldogs kept competitive for the first half, but Deni was able to extend its lead as the game wore on.

The Strathy girls never dropped their heads, and played a solid four quarters of team netball.

Awards: Arbonne: Karen Duckworth; Strathy Pub: Rachel Olsen; Strathmerton Pizza: Sam Usher.

C GRADE

Despite knowing they had a tough game ahead of them, the C graders travelled to Deni with plenty of enthusiasm, and pulled together to play a terrific game, although going down 15-35.

The defenders worked tirelessly and put in 100%, making turnovers and sending the ball back down the court.

The defensive pressure from all players was terrific, while Jodi Brooks slotted in perfectly in the mid court.

Awards: Keep Active Osteo BOC: Imelda Padman; Ambience Bakery Cafe: Jodi Brooks; Strathy Cafe: Georgia McKay.

C RESERVE

Three players short, and with a few new additions to the team, the C reserves put up a terrific effort against Deni, but went down 18-35.

The girls' backing each other, and applying strong defensive pressure got some great turnovers.

Kiera Henderson and Mackenzie Stephens played their first senior games on the weekend, and acquitted themselves well.

Awards: Strathy Pub BOC: Sina Ventre; Strathy Cafe: Annie Fotia; Subway: Katie Stokes.

17 UNDER

The top of the ladder under 17 Bulldogs showed just how versatile they are, starting with a different team nearly every week, this week taking a 19 goal win over Deni Rovers.

The girls all adapted well to new players and positions to take victory 49-30.

Awards: Wingates: Gabby Cochrane; Strathy Pizza: Olivia Brincatt; Subway: Maddison Wilson.

15 UNDER

Only down by eight goals at half time, the Bulldog under 15s weren't able to keep up the pressure on their opposition, eventually going down 19-37.

There were some great passages of play all the way down the court, but they couldn't put it together consistently for the four quarters.

Kiara Deverill pushed herself all the way to the end, showing her versatility on court, alternating between centre and goal attack.

Award: Strathy Cafe: Kiara Deverill.

13 UNDER

The under 13s came up against an extremely tall, top four side and had their work cut out for them.

The girls went down 5-29 but, to their credit, they all worked hard for the whole game, executing the things they've been working on at training.

While getting in front, driving strongly and getting plenty of the ball, the Bulldogs struggled converting their opportunities, with the long arms of the Deni's defence getting in the way.

Awards: Subway: Sienna; Strathy Cafe: Kenzie.

MINIS

The mini midgets played a great game against Deni, every girl stepping up and producing some personal best moves, which resulted in some really smart passages of play.

The couple of goals scored were the culmination of some slick teamwork.

Awards: Amy Payne, for her brilliant defensive effort; Lily Graham for her 'never say die' attitude.



There's a Swan in there ... Bree Patullo searches the court for a teammate.



I'm here ... Madison Donehue makes herself available to take a pass from Kylea Sidebottom during Saturday's C reserve game.

Rudderless Swans steer the ship to victory

EVEN though Katunga's coach was taking notes from her hospital bed after delivering a delightful baby girl, her charges put in their best performance for most of the game and came away with a 20 goal win over Blighty on Saturday.

After a slow start and some silly errors, the Swans lifted their game and played some terrific netball in the second half.

The Swans' flow and patience were fantastic, the goalers found their groove, the mid court players were slick and precise, and the defenders were like a brick wall, allowing nothing to get past them.

The 54-34 win saw Katunga jump three places on the Picola league ladder, from sixth into third place, and will be looking forward to a good showing against Renzie this weekend, in a second consecutive home game.

Awards: AgBioEn: Kristy Eddy; ND Services: Sarah Weidemann; Clydesdale Hotel: Melissa Malloy.

B GRADE

The top of the ladder Swans B graders, played a faultless first half and, despite a second half fade out, went on to take a good victory over Berrigan, 51-33.

Berrigan stopped the Swans from play-

ing their own game in the last half, but the home side still managed some good passages of play to cruise to the 18 goal win.

The Katunga players were flat and lost the spark that they pride themselves on, but a win is a win, and there are some things to work on at training in the coming weeks.

Awards: KSG Fuels: Dani Henderson; Numurkah Pharmacy: Carly Bell.

C GRADE

Katunga's C grade defenders put in terrific performances against the top side on Saturday, but it wasn't enough to get their side over the line, the Swans going down 32-60.

The Swans put up a great fight and found a lot of positives to take out of the game.

Awards: Fitness 3636: Kate Mansfield; Telegraph Hotel: Sheralee Newman.

C RESERVE

Katunga put in a good, smart game of netball on Saturday, able to turnover the ball when it really counted, and come out a seven goal winner, 30-23.

The Swans will have a big job ahead of themselves this weekend when they meet the top side in a top of the table clash at the Swans' home courts.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Bree Patullo; Fitness 3636: Kylea Sidebottom.

15 UNDER

The young Swans started off well against Blighty, with awesome defence all over the court, but couldn't keep up with the stronger Berrigan side, going down 12-44.

Awards: Reapers Hair & Beauty: Abbie Smith; Arbonne: Eloise Kelly.

13 UNDER

Katunga got off to a slow start in its under 13s clash, that continued throughout the game, eventually leading to a 8-26 loss.

The girls did follow the coach's instructions after each break, and their game improved as the match went on, but the early difference was too much for the Swans to make up.

Awards: Laino's Pizza: Angelina Crisara; Cold rock: Emilea Weeks.

11 UNDER

Berrigan proved to be a very strong opposition for the youngest Katunga side, but the Swans worked hard to stay in front of their opposition and make good, strong passes.

It was a tough game, but the Little ones should be proud of their effort, teamwork and determination.

Awards: Canteen: Ivy Henderson; Cold Rock: Sienna Bosse; Canteen: Lily Hickey.

Strong game from Purple girls

NATHALIA got off to a strong start against Tungamah in their A grade netball game, setting up a nice first quarter lead that they carried for the whole game.

The Purples' defenders provided plenty of opportunity for their attackers, and the goalers capitalised well, scoring 45 goals to Tungamah's 26.

A few unforced errors snuck into Nathalia's game as the match wore on, but the Purples never looked like losing control.

Nathalia will be looking to add a fourth win to its scoreboard when it meets Numurkah this coming Sunday, at Numurkah.

Awards: Coprice BOC: Jessi Hicks, Brereton's Bakery: Amy Brooks.

B GRADE

Strong passages of play all over the court saw the Purple B graders score a nine goal win over Tungamah, winning 34-25.

More consistency will be the key to more wins for the Purples, with poor timing and unforced errors letting the side down.

Olivia Hanlon worked hard in the mid court all game, with some beautiful feeds into the goalers, while Millie Maskell was strong in defence, accumulating a high number of turnovers.

Awards: Barmah Hotel BOC: Olivia Hanlon, Laino's Pizza: Millie Maskell.

C GRADE

After a slow start to their game, the Nathalia C graders settled down and went on to a terrific win over Tungamah, 50-15.

Just five minutes where the Purples looked a bit off their game, they settled and displayed some great passages of play.

Alysha Cornell played wherever she was needed, and did so with a smile on her face.

Awards: Barmah Hotel BOC: Jen Butler, Three Belles Creations; Steph Hayes, Sportfirst Numurkah: Kristy Hudson.

C RESERVE

The C reserve side finished off a great day for Nathalia, with all senior netball teams winning their games.

Nathalia won this one by 24 goals, 45-21, with some great passages of play.

Awards: Limo's Home Hardware BOC: Nicola Oliver, Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Paige Hickey, Three Belles Creations: Amy Rohan.

17 UNDER

The under 17s got off to a slow

start, but picked up in the last quarter and only went down to Tungamah by seven goals, 26-33.

Team connections are blaming a practice match against the club's C grade side for the slow start, now convinced that the girls need a good seven days between games.

Annie Dietrich battled hard all game in defence, but for the rest of the team, it was passages of brilliance followed by chaos.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia BOC: Annie Dietrich, Marketplace Subway: Bella Sheehan, Bell's Water Cartage: Maddy Lindsay.

15 UNDER

The under 15s worked hard to just get home by a solitary goal in a hotly contested game, 38-37.

Jenna Mason forced Tungamah's goal attack to work hard to get the ball, while Hannah Summerville positioned herself well to protect the easy pass to Hayley Wigmore at the goal post.

The defenders turned over many balls, and the goalers capitalised with good goals.

Kaiya Cornell played four strong quarters in the centre and was pivotal, both in attack and defence.

Awards: Kylie Richards BOC: Jenna Mason, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Hannah Summerville, Marketplace Subway: Kaiya Cornell, TJ's IGA: Hayley Wigmore.

13 UNDER

The under 13s also played a very close game, winning 24-22 over Tungamah, with an amazing effort by all players.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Eliza Kopsidas, Nathalia Dairy: Dakota Smith, TJ's IGA: Tash Hassell.

11 UNDER

The under 11s put in a great first half, with some great passages of play, but Tungamah took control in the second half to score an 11 goal win, 21-10.

Matilda Waser defended beautifully all game, while Payton Johns and Jayda Liddell's front cuts and feeding into the goal circle were awesome.

Awards: Past Players: Matilda Waser, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Payton Johns, TJ's IGA: Jayda Liddell.



That way ... Chloe Armstrong makes a suggestion as Jen Butler looks for someone to make a lead down the court.



Hands on the ball ... Christie Schram tries to take a shot at goal.

Blues find Rumba too strong

NUMURKAH'S young A grade netball side proved no match for the strong second placed Rumbalara, which took a big victory, 84-29.

The Blues are improving every week, and put together some really good periods of play on Saturday, against a quality opposition.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Sarah Trease; Numurkah Hotel: Monica Arnel.

B GRADE

The Blue B graders were keen to get back on the court after a great win the previous week, and added another win to their season, in a hard fought win by four goals.

Numurkah started well, breaking Rumbalara's first two centres, which had it leading for the first half. Everyone combined well and the defen-

sive pressure through the mid court was impressive.

A few silly errors allowed Rumbalara back in the game in the third quarter, but a quick adjustment to their game, and the Blues went on to win the match, 49-45.

Awards: Shamrock Hotel: Rebecca Morris; Numurkah Cafe Bar & Restaurant: Andrea Holmes.

C GRADE

The C graders started well, but a lapse in their defensive pressure saw Rumbalara take a comfortable lead, and go on to a six goal win.

Scores were tight in the first quarter, but they then let off the pressure and allowed Rumbalara to easily move the ball down the court.

The four young girls who stepped

up to fill in for the side, all stood up and held their own.

The Blues played the last quarter with purpose, and pegged back six goals, but it was too little too late, as they went down 38-44.

Jane Borg played with determination in defence and was instrumental in the turnaround.

Award: Telegraph Hotel: Jane Borg.

C RESERVE

Numurkah's game was a bit up and down in the first half of their C reserve game, but they settled down in the second half to take a good win, 51-34.

The Blues started strongly, quickly establishing a six goal lead, but let Rumbalara back in the game and only led by a single goal at the first break.

The girls got back on track in the second quarter and led by three goals at half time.

Things improved throughout the second half. With great defensive pressure right down the court, the Blues kept extending their lead to win by 17 goals.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Zoe Martin's Hair Societe: Shelby Gallus.

17 UNDER

The under 17 girls put up a terrific effort on the weekend, going down to a much higher placed Rumbalara side by just four goals, 39-43.

The Blues played as a team, and had fun doing so.

It was such a great team effort that neither the Telegraph or SportFirst awards were given.

15 UNDER

The under 15s faced a tough game, going down 23-44.

The Blues got off to a good start, and even won the third quarter, to take many positives from their game.

13 UNDER

After a very even start, with scores level at the first break, Rumbalara pulled away in the second half to take a nine goal victory over the Blues, 34-25.

The Blue girls kept contesting, trying their hardest to stay in the game, but Rumbalara proved too strong.

11 UNDER

It was a very close finish for the under 11s, going down by just two goals, 20-22.

The girls put in four consistent quarters.

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- 4 Fremantle
- 5 Bulldogs
- 6 GWS
- 7
- 8
- 9



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Dave Jenkins

- 1 Adelaide
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Gold Coast
- 4 Fremantle
- 5 Bulldogs
- 6 North Melb
- 7
- 8
- 9



Last week 3 Total 67

Kylie Jackson

- 1 Adelaide
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 St Kilda
- 4 Fremantle
- 5 Bulldogs
- 6 GWS
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Danni Woolley

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- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 St Kilda
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- 6 GWS
- 7
- 8
- 9



Last week 3 Total 50

Chris O'Dwyer

- 1 Adelaide
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Gold Coast
- 4 Fremantle
- 5 Bulldogs
- 6 GWS
- 7
- 8
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- 1 Adelaide
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 St Kilda
- 4 Fremantle
- 5 Bulldogs
- 6 GWS
- 7
- 8
- 9



Last week 2 Total 62

Roger Seiter

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Last week 4 Total 58

Tom Buzzia

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Essendon
- 3 Gold Coast
- 4 Port Adelaide
- 5 Carlton
- 6 North Melb
- 7
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- 4 Fremantle
- 5 Bulldogs
- 6 GWS
- 7
- 8
- 9



Last week 3 Total 63

Peter Newby

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Gold Coast
- 4 Fremantle
- 5 Bulldogs
- 6 North Melb
- 7
- 8
- 9



Last week 3 Total 64



Nathan Morris

- 1 Adelaide
- 2 Essendon
- 3 St Kilda
- 4 Fremantle
- 5 Bulldogs
- 6 GWS
- 7
- 8
- 9



Last week 4 Total 67

John Beitzel

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Essendon
- 3 Gold Coast
- 4 Port Adelaide
- 5 Bulldogs
- 6 North Melb
- 7
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Last week 2 Total 61

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Troy Knox

- 1 Adelaide
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 St Kilda
- 4 Fremantle
- 5 Carlton
- 6 North Melb
- 7
- 8
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Last week 2 Total 46

Brad Kerry

- 1 Adelaide
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 St Kilda
- 4 Port Adelaide
- 5 Bulldogs
- 6 North Melb
- 7
- 8
- 9



Last week 63 Total 59

Denis Brooks

- 1 Adelaide
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Gold Coast
- 4 Fremantle
- 5 Bulldogs
- 6 GWS
- 7
- 8
- 9



Last week 3 Total 65

Katunga Fresh

- 1 Adelaide
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Gold Coast
- 4 Fremantle
- 5 Carlton
- 6 GWS
- 7
- 8
- 9



Last week 4 Total 56



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Liam Gledhill

- 1 Adelaide
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Gold Coast
- 4 Fremantle
- 5 Bulldogs
- 6 GWS
- 7
- 8
- 9



Last week 2 Total 64



Trophies and Engraving

Long trip shorter on way home

STRATHMERTON extended its winning streak to five games on the trot with a 79 point drubbing of Deniliquin Rovers on the Rovers' home ground on Saturday.

Inaccurate kicking at goal, scoring three goals and seven behinds in the first term saw the Bulldogs lead by just 13 points at the first break, but things never looked back from there, and they made the long trip home from Deniliquin with a comfortable victory under their belts.

The midfield brigade, led by Lance Oswald, Matty O'Kane, Branden Duckworth and Simon Russell, all provided plenty of run and carry, and first class service to their forwards.

The tackle pressure all over the ground was a highlight, with Connor Hargreaves, Lewis O'Sullivan and Tyron Hill all superb throughout the day.

Strathmerton had nine individual goal scorers for the game, with Travis Down continuing his good season form, kicking three, along with Theo Thomas and Connor Hargreaves, while Mick Laidlaw and Simon Russell both added two to the Bulldogs' 17 goal haul.

Strathmerton has the bye this coming weekend, before it meets up with Picola United in round 11.

RESERVES

Deni reserves at Deniliquin is always a tough task, and this continued on Saturday when Strathmerton went down to the home side by 53 points.

With a number of thirds players in the side, the Bulldogs were never in the hunt, only managing to score one goal in each of the four quarters, while Deni added 11.

With Deni having plenty of forward entries, the backline came under the spotlight, but proved solid, with Jason Millington having a blinder.

Better players on the day also included Josh Beer, Trent Collyer, Trent Craven and young Haydn Wyatt, while John Russo worked

hard all day in the midfield.

UNDER 17s

Getting off to a slow start, the thirds' game was looking like it would be a real test for the undefeated Strathmerton side, but the boys soon found their feet and went on to take a 32 point victory.

Strathmerton wrested back control half way through the first quarter but still trailed by 10 points at the first break. From here on, though, it all went the visitors' way with great efforts all over the ground.

The Bulldogs took control all over the ground, working strongly as a team to bring home a comfortable win.

The awards went to Mitchell Payne, Zack Cunningham, Max Shannon, Darren Patmore and Chad Littlejohn.

UNDER 14s

The Strathy fourths slipped out of second place after the Deni Rovers doubled their score in a low scoring game on Saturday.

With a couple of players unavailable, the young Dogs knew they were in for a tough game, and would need to be right on their game to keep up their winning run.

The boys all put in a solid effort for the first half, being level at the first change, with one goal apiece.

A real arm wrestle developed in the second term, with the Strathy boys getting their game together all over the ground, and they took a three point lead into the long break.

The third quarter wasn't Strathmerton's best, the boys slackened off and lacked a bit of discipline, allowing Deni first use of the ball, and from there, the home side ran away with the game in the final term to win by 19 points.

Awards: Strathy Cafe: Ben Lee-Madgwick; Subway: Harry Spicer; Terminus Hotel: Caleb Wilson; Ladies committee: Jayden Edgar; McDonalds: Josh Payne; Coaches: Adam Brown.



Caught? ... Nicholas Thorp isn't letting go of the footy, despite some very close attention from his Berrigan opponent.

Swans learn a lesson

KATUNGA received a football lesson from Berrigan on Saturday, although putting in a terrific effort against one of the top sides on the Picola league senior football ladder.

It was always going to be a tough game, but the young Swans held their own and, at times, had a big percentage of the play, but just couldn't convert this opportunities on the scoreboard.

The Saints' speed and experience were telling factors, as they swarmed every contest and cruised to victory 19.9 (123) to Katunga's 2.2 (14).

At times, Katunga's poor disposal cost dearly, with too many turnovers to count.

Despite blowing out to the 109 point loss, there were a lot of positives to come out of the game, particularly the tackle pressure and effort in the last half.

This weekend, the Swans will meet fifth placed Rennie, and will need to be switched on if they are to get their second

win on the board.

Awards: Katunga Fresh: Scott Sutton; Clydesdale Hotel: Kevin Van den Goor; Lenny's Ag: Dale Boswell; GrainCorp Oilseeds; Oliver Small; Telegraph Hotel: Nick Thorp.

RESERVES

After a good win last week, Katunga's reserves are facing a tough two weeks, meeting the top two sides on the ladder in consecutive weeks.

The Saints kept the home side scoreless for the first quarter, and continued their dominance of the game, going on to take an 81 point victory, 15.11 (101) to Katunga's 3.2 (20).

Five majors in the first quarter, while keeping the home side scoreless, meant the Swans had to change things up, so they slowed up the pace of the game down, to keep Berrigan to three goals in the second.

Jack McCracken filled-in and gave a solid performance, and Michael John had his

head over the ball all day long, along with the Few brothers.

Things won't get any easier for the Swans this weekend, when they meet second placed Rennie.

Awards: John King Grain: Steve Few; Dan Hendy Landforming: Michael John; Telegraph Hotel: Jack McCracken; Clydesdale Hotel: Josh Tetley; KFNC: Nick Few.

UNDER 14s

The visitors came with some big kids with big kicks, but the young Swans banded together to pull away with an exciting four point win.

The Katunga backline was under pressure in the last quarter, but the forward line converted and forced the points through to take victory 5.5 (35) to 4.7 (31).

Awards: Jomac Contracting: Nathan Simpson; Belmores Chartered Accountants: Ben Arho; Supporters: Ryan Russo; Red Cherry: Hudson Storer; Canteen: Jacob Woolley.

Renewed Blues honour captain's milestone

A REVITALISED Numurkah football side put in a terrific team effort to take a 41 point win over Rumbalara on Saturday.

Numurkah headed to Rumbalara with five big inclusions into the side: Jamie Fulton, Tim Arnel and Luke McKeown back from injury, Josh O'Dwyer back from Murray Bushrangers and Ben Gunning returning for his first game of the season.

With a stronger lineup than for any game so far this season, a strong start was the team focus, to take control right from the beginning.

Mitch Price was up and about from the opening bounce, dominating in the ruck and in the air around the ground. Beau McKeown set himself for a big game in his 150th milestone match, breaking away from the stop-

pages time after time.

Forward entries were direct and delivered with purpose, resulting in a six goal to one first quarter.

Rumbalara worked its way back into the game after the first break but, as has been the case all season, the backline held firm in the contest and rebounded well when given the chance.

Dyl Taylor continually led his opponent to the ball and Zach McKeown set up the attack out of defence, with a calm head and steady disposal under pressure.

After going into the main break 30 points up, the Blues looked to open up the contest once again. Josh Hoffmann was lively through the midfield and surging forward, to finish with five goals for the day.

Coach Jye Warren was happy with

his side's performance on Saturday.

"It was a good win, Josh Hoffmann was terrific, kicking five goals for us. With Beau McKeown's 150th game, it seemed to make it a lot easier for us," Warren said.

The forward line was once again looking dangerous, both winning back possession with defensive efforts, or hitting the scoreboard, showing through the spread of goal kickers.

Gunning, Herlihy, Price, and Beau McKeown all scored two goals for the game. Luke McKeown and Tim Arnel both worked their way into the contest to kick one goal apiece.

A five goal third quarter opened up a 56 point margin at three quarter time.

Josh O'Dwyer was a standout performer across the four quarters,

setting an exceptional standard in running capacity and work rate on both sides of the contest, be it applying defensive pressure or working to space on offence gaining possession and carrying the ball forward.

Beau McKeown and Josh Hoffmann continued terrific seasons with outstanding four quarter efforts, but most pleasing for the coaching group were the contributions across the playing group to get the result the team was after to mark their captain's milestone game, ending in a 41 point win.

Along with the four returning from injury, Ben Gunning, who had decided to give footy away after last season, got itchy feet, and wanted to get back.

"He kicked a couple of goals, which was really good to see," Warren said.

With almost a full complement back in the side, Warren is confident of a good showing against Nathalia this Sunday.

"There is a great rivalry there and we won't be taking this game lightly. They are a great team, and a great club."

"But we are confident that we can field a team at Numurkah on Sunday that can give a good contest, and hopefully get a win."

"I see big Jarrod Maskell is back in the side for them, which is going to help them out in the ruck."

"It's going to be a tough contest. It's never going to be an easy one."

Best Players: Josh Hoffmann, Josh O'Dwyer, Beau McKeown, Mitch Price, Zach McKeown, Dylan Taylor.

Blues no match for Rumba

THE Blues twos did their best to match it with a fast running and skilful Rumbalara outfit, but failed to come close, going down by 88 points.

Flynn Beitzel, Paul Collins and Kyle Morrison came into the side, strengthening the midfield. In a best on performance for the Blues, Beitzel was able to capitalise on Collins' ruckwork early, winning clearances to deliver the ball forward. Morrison provided support around the stoppages with run and carry out on the wing, but the Blues weren't able to make the most of their forward entries, kicking inaccurately on the day.

James Pruden and Greg Gallus continued their consistent, workmanlike seasons, setting a good example for youngsters like Kaleb Rees, who always goes at the contest like a bull at a gate.

Even though the side is improving each week, winning its share of contested ball, once again a lack of fitness was telling in the result. Fatigue set in for the second half of each quarter, affecting decision making and causing too many turnovers, giving possession back to the opposition.

As a result, the Blues twos were outclassed by their hard running and polished finishing Rumbalara opponents.

Numurkah scored just two goals for the game, one each to James Pruden and Caleb Goodrum, both coming in the second quarter. In contrast, their opposition amassed 16 majors.

Awards: Al Millen Concreting: Flynn Beitzel; Shamrock: Kyle Morrison; Middle Pub: James Pruden; Telegraph: Paul Collins; Brereton's: Greg Gallus; Mierlo: Kaleb Rees; Social Mug: Jayden Rees.

UNDER 17s

The Blues' thirds got off to a slow start, trailing by five points at the first break, but soon made amends and were in the lead by half time, on their way to a terrific 12 point win over third placed Rumbalara.

Bailey Roberts kicked three of his team's nine goals, and Dusty Ebborn two, amongst six individual scorers in their side.

Dakota Pellegrino, Matthew Mansfield, Pat Millen, Jack Millen, Jayden Holmes and Fraser Jones were names amongst the team's best players.

UNDER 14s

After going down to Rumbalara by 90 points in their first encounter in round three this year, the Numurkah fourths were keen to see if they have improved and could reduce the deficit this time around.

Unfortunately, both teams appear to have improved, and the home side finished up by 98 points, 16.15 (111) to Numurkah's 2.1 (13).

The first quarter began promising an even contest. Ayden Siermans, Judah Moody and Lucas Roberts grafted hard to protect the spine of the oval, while the impressive Reeve Verhoeven wonderful in transition, limiting the impressive run and carry of the home team tall timber.

Ollie Masters and Riley Dobson were tough over the pill but unable to stop the onslaught, and Rumba racked up repeated entries to take a 24 point lead into the first break.

With the Blues under the pump, and conceding again in the opening minutes, it was a case of *deja Blue*, though surrender was never an option.

Kobie Rahilly was determined on the wing, Georgia Sessions was keen to rumble and pocket rockets Nick Hughes and Conner Waites were straining at the leash, desperate for a run, but Rumbalara, ever poised, extended its lead beyond 50 points at the main break.

Numurkah was yet to bother the scorers, the forward line in no immediate danger of being stretchered off with leather poisoning.

Although the home team kicked a few in a hurry to commence the second half, the ball was firmly located in the Blues' attacking 50, but the sticks were proving elusive before Harry Moon kicked a point. Then Kobie Rahilly finally marked, 30 metres out, and put the Blues onto the scoreboard more emphatically.

The final term was a more balanced one. Emergent key backman Jaxon McKellar and sidekick Jesse Powlesland were defiant against their opposite numbers, the two teams trading goals.

Nathan Page added to the visitors' score with another set shot, but Rumba passing its ton with five minutes to spare, the final siren sounding to record a score of 16.15 (111) to 2.1 (13), the margin 98 points.

Best players: Oliver Masters, Kobie Rahilly, Reeve Verhoeven, Jaxon McKellar, Jesse Powlesland and Georgia Sessions



Valuable inclusion ... Jarrod Maskell has stepped back into Nathalia's senior side and proved a big asset to his team.

Purples fall one short ... of 30 goals

IN a free flowing game of football, the Purples showed their strength and class to run out easy victors against an injury depleted Tungamah on Saturday.

The first quarter was a 'shootout'. Ten goals were scored without a miss from either side.

Bailey Bell was at his brilliant best at centre clearances, bursting clear to drive the ball forward. Alex Hicks started the day with a couple of first quarter goals on his way to double figures in a dominant display up forward.

The second quarter saw the flood gates open and the Purples kicking 10 goals of

their own, as they established a big lead and put the game beyond doubt.

Nathalia's tall timber in Brodie Ross, Jason Limbrick and the evergreen Jarrod Maskell started to control the game at clearances and forwards Adam Jorgensen, Hicks and Liam Evans were forever dangerous with their clean ball handling and clinical finishes.

The pattern continued after half time as the Purples piled on the pressure and goals. Drew Barnes displayed some vintage form, winning contested possessions and providing a path for his younger team mates, whilst Nathalia's creative runners, led by

Ned Nihill and Rhys Shannon, streamed through the centre of the ground to set up many scoring opportunities.

Other players to have influential games were Adam Hickey, who put in an excellent second half in the midfield, Mal Barnes with his physical presence, and Joe Nihill who played another solid game in defence.

Awards: Ryan Meat Co BOG: Alex Hicks, Bourke Group: Adam Hickey, Liddell Group-Dellcorp: Adam Jorgensen, Numurkah Tyre Power: Drew Barnes, Nathalia IGA: Bailey Bell, Brereton's Bakery: Ned Nihill.

Purps show them who's boss

NATHALIA'S game against Tungamah was expected to be a tough one, both teams in the top six on the Murray football league reserves ladder, but Nathalia took control from the outset, and never looked back.

That said, the game was always a tough contest, with continual turnovers caused by the pressure being applied.

While it was a scrappy affair on most parts, players with clean skills and polish shone out, and none more so than Al Corry, who continually won the ball from the contest and used it well.

Matty Davies was again very lively, spearheading Nathalia's scoring with six goals.

As the game wore on, the Nathalia midfield began to get on top, with Matty Carroll continuing his good form to find the footy and use it well, along with Chris Brown, who worked hard as a good link player.

Sean Zammit gave a great contest in the ruck to bring the ball to ground to his team's advantage, and also won the footy at ground level, in his best game for the

year.

Awards: Limbrick Accounting BOG: Al Corry, Mick Hogan Excavations: Matt Davies, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Craig Kellogg, Blake St Butchery: Chris Brown, Numurkah Nu-Genes: Matt Carroll, Brereton's Bakery: Sean Zammit.

UNDER 17s

The thirds boys started slowly, but managed to kick a couple of late goals to be even with Tungamah at the end of the first quarter, and to hold on from there to finish with a 13 point win.

Nathalia started the last quarter a goal up, and Toby Hansford stood up to stamp his authority on the game and get Nathalia over the line.

Woody Guthrie scored three of Nathalia's seven goals, while Adam Zammit scored two.

Awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Kaleb Kopsidas, AV Hughes: Toby Hansford, Rex James Stockfeed: Gavin McDonald, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Adam Zammit, Marketplace Subway: Jason McKenna.

UNDER 14s

The young Purps got off to a good start against a tenacious Tungamah side, scoring a 128 point win, while keeping the visitors scoreless.

Darcy Conroy was busy in the first quarter with three majors, as was Billy Eddie Betts' Liddell with two.

With many positional changes throughout the game the lads still managed to kick a significant score.

Conroy finished with six goals, while Brandon Orton and Brodie Armstrong both kicked two.

Many of the first-year players, especially Jerry Amery, Connor Peachey, Brodie Armstrong, and Mason Cobblewick, are showing tremendous improvement. Brandon Orton, Ewan Congues, Oliver and Charlie Sheehan, and Kian Brereton all contributed well for the four quarters.

Awards: Past Players: Brodie Armstrong, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Ewan Congues, Al's Cafe: Mason Cobblewick, Frostick Contracting: Jerry Amery, Nathalia Printers: Max Frostick.



Catch me if you can ... Dylan Cornick gets away from Picola's Dan Atkinson, despite a desperate attempt to reign him in.



Perfectly poised ... Mitch Cleeland and Reagan Hamilton aim to be first to the ball.



Waiting for the punch ... Mathew Crooks and Jesse Webster handled ruck duties.



More than a handful ... Picola's Blake Jorgensen tries to stop Sean Carey from getting his kick away, while Sam Richardson gets ready to make his next move,

Bombers please reunion crowd

WAAIA got off to a good start in its Picola football league game against Picola United, and never really looked back, going on to take a 56 point victory.

In front of its 125 year reunion crowd, the Bombers dominated the second half of the game.

Former Essendon and Richmond player Tom Hislop played his first game for Picola, having signed up for the remainder of the season, and he kicked one of the Blues' 10 goals.

Both teams came out strongly, with lots of contested ball, and clearances were hard fought. Waaia counter attacked on Picola's turnovers, running in waves and went into the first break with a comfortable, four goal lead.

The second term saw Picola display its capability to hit the scoreboard and outscored Waaia, locking the ball in its forward line. Picola's small forwards applied intense pressure and Picola closed the margin back to 20 points at the main break.

Mathew Crooks rucked well, and his presence around the ground was one of the highlights for Picola. Luke Jackson and Marcus Walsh both

played solid games for the blue and white.

The third quarter was tight but a few lapses in concentration allowed Waaia to score quickly and the Bombers continued to control the third quarter, with their running brigade providing plenty of opportunities and multiple options in attack.

The last term was a tight tussle, with both teams fighting hard.

Picola felt the intensity with a few injuries, which reduced its bench back to two, and a lack of rotations meant Picola ran out of legs and Waaia broke away and kicked a few easy goals to finish with a 56 point lead at the final siren.

Both teams will face tough games this weekend, when Waaia meets fourth placed Katamatite.

Picola will celebrate its annual indigenous round when it hosts Deniliquin Rovers, whilst also celebrating reserves premierships from 2004 and 2009, and a 2004 thirds premiership.

Former North Melbourne player Matt Campbell will be pulling on a Picola jumper for the day, and will also attend a club function and jumper

auction on Saturday evening.

Waaia awards: Onley Consulting; Jesse Trower; Gagliardi Scott Real Estate / Telegraph Hotel; Mitchell Cleeland; Ahoy Water / Terminus Hotel; Sam Richardson; Mick Hogan Excavations; Mason Sprunt; Sports first Numurkah: Jordan Cleeland.

Picola awards: DMH Mug and Barmah Hotel: Mathew Crooks; Blake Street Butchery: Marcus Walsh; Breretons Bakery: Luke Jackson; Limos Hardware: Lachy Harvey-Hawkins.

RESERVES

The reserves game started fast, with a high tempo and fierce tackle pressure, but slowly the game slipped away from Picola as the Bombers worked into a 45 goal victory.

At times, playing too loose and flat footed cost Picola some easy goals.

There were little spot fires at times around the ground to show the rivalry isn't dead and, to Picola's credit, they didn't give up and played right the final siren.

Waaia awards: Onley Consulting & Telegraph Hotel: Brayden Carey; Onley Consulting & Terminus Hotel: Ethan McDonald; Mick Hogan

Excavations: Luke Bradbury; Murray Valley Rural and Plumbing: Drew Mackey; Ahoy Water Cartage: Glenn Payne.

Picola awards: Nathalia Fertiliser and Grain Mug: Rhys Egan; Breretons Bakery: Shane Cooper; Minchin Mechanics: Jordan Glanville; Numans: Mathew James.

UNDER 17s

Waaia finished with a 29 point win over Picola in the under 17s' game, but didn't have everything its own way, in a topsy-turvy first half.

Picola went to Waaia with good intensity but it was the home side that got on the board first with the two majors, although the Blues' boys composed themselves and got back level by quarter time.

The Blues had all the play in the second term, but didn't make the most of their opportunities, going in 12 points up at the main break.

The third term was all Waaia and that was enough to seal the game, despite a great last quarter effort.

Waaia awards: Sprunt Livestock & Terminus Hotel: Ryan Cook; Pendlebury Sand & Gravel: Jarvis Row-

lands; Doug Larkin Refrigeration: Darcy Wilson; D. & M. Plattfuss: Joel Clarke; Waaia canteen: Josh Plattfuss.

Picola awards: Dove Motors Mug/ Lubke Engineering: Jaz Truman; Peter Limbrick Accounting: Lachlan Caldwell; Barmah Social Club: Jordan Simpson; TJ's: Jason Beckett.

UNDER 14s

The youngest Picola footy side was the only one to taste victory on Saturday, going home with a 60 point win over Waaia.

The Picola boys started strong against a young Waaia team, and played well around the ground, using the ball well and playing well together as a team.

Waaia awards: C&C Wilson & Terminus Hotel: Regan Collins; Numurkah Electrical & Pump Services: Will Trower; Rex James Stock Feed: Aiden Bryant; D. & M. Plattfuss: Hughie Stammers; Waaia canteen: AJ Brooks.

Picola awards: Power Livestock Trophy and Barnett Family: Will Dargan; Better-Bite Barmah: Logan Daniel; Barmah Social Club: Jason Beckett; Al's Café Encouragement Medallion: Matthew Jorgensen.

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All eyes on the ball ... Waaia and Picola players all heaped on plenty of pressure in Saturday's game, with more than a little rivalry existing between the two sides.

Bombers please reunion crowd

WAAIA recorded an easy win in its game against Picola on Saturday, in front of a large crowd gathered for the club's 125 year celebration and premiership reunions ... *Story page 19*

Second half fightback

A SLOW start elicited some strong words of advice from their coach at half time, and the Northern Angels took it all on board to sneak home with a thrilling, three point win over Finley on Sunday.

The two teams both scored a single goal in the first quarter, but Nathalia

trailed by three points at the first break.

Finley then peppered the goal sticks in the second term, to lead by 15 points at half time, before the coach stirred them into action.

A terrific third quarter fightback

put the Angels just one point behind at the last change, with a big finish needed to secure victory. And that they did!

Inaccurate kicking for goal could have cost the Angels their second win of the season, booting one goal five in the final term,

but they were able to keep their opposition to one goal one behind to get over the line in a great team effort.

Cody Power booted two of her side's five goals, with the other contributions coming from Nicola Oliver, Andriana Oliver and Kiana

Gordan.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Nicola Oliver, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Cody Power, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Eleisha Lee, Marketplace Subway: Andriana Oliver, Nathalia Fertiliser & Grain: Hailey Johnson, Shepparton Pizza: Amy Modlic.

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