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NUMURKAH'S magnificent oak tree turned 80 years-old last week and locals gathered in the memorial park to honour the occasion. See story page 5.

'Numurkah' solar farm is go

FROM now on, whenever you travel on a Melbourne tram you'll be doing so courtesy of power generated just a stone's throw from Numurkah.

The Numurkah Solar Farm, which is located on Wunghnu Rd, was officially opened by Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio on Friday.

The 128 megawatt (MW) solar farm, which is owned by French company Neoen and is the largest in Victoria, cost \$198 million and took just nine months to build.

It received funding under the Labor Government's Solar Trams Initiative.

The facility will generate approximately 255,000 megawatt hours of clean, renewable electricity into the national power grid each year, delivering emissions reduction equivalent to taking 75,000 cars off the road or planting 390,000 trees.

It is one of two solar farms supplying 100% renewable energy to offset Melbourne's entire tram network - which is the biggest in the world - and will also help power Laverton Steelworks.

A 15-year deal struck between Neoen and SIMEC ZEN to help power the steelworks took the initial Numurkah Solar Farm proposal from a 34 MW project to the eventual 128 MW.

The facility is currently around 75% functional, with full operation expected to be achieved in the next four weeks.

Minister D'Ambrosio said the Numurkah Solar Farm will play an important role in achieving the State Government's renewable energy target of 50% by 2030.

"The Numurkah Solar Farm is Victoria's largest solar farm, and will play an important role in supporting the transformation of our energy system towards clean, renewable energy," she said.

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Nasty surprise ... A Numurkah farmer was going about his business when flames appeared from under the dash of his ute.

Nasty surprise for farmers as utes burn

IT was a bad few days for a pair of local farmers with twin cab utes, with brigades responding to two vehicle fires.

The first incident occurred at 1.20pm on Sunday, when a ute caught fire on Numurkah Rd, Strathmerton, between Reynoldsons and Pinnicks Roads, after being towed out of a bog.

Strathmerton and Yarroweyah brigades responded, with Strath-

merton extinguishing the blaze which had started under the bonnet in electrical wiring. The vehicle should be repairable. Yarroweyah brigade was not required.

In the second incident, a farmer got a nasty surprise on Monday when the ute he was driving on a farm track off Butts Rd caught fire.

The incident occurred at 2.20pm when the farmer noticed smoke just before flames appeared from

under the dash of the twin cab Nissan Navara.

The farmer and his passenger immediately stopped and fled the vehicle, moving into a nearby paddock to escape the toxic smoke, and calling the fire brigade.

Numurkah and Katunga brigades attended and extinguished the vehicle which was burnt out.

At 10.30am on Saturday, Numurkah and Katunga brigades, along

with Shepparton's aerial pumper, were turned out to a reported hedge fire threatening a shed on Tocumwal Rd, Numurkah.

The fire had started from hot ashes that had been tipped near the hedge.

When the Numurkah brigade arrived, the owners had the fire under control, and Katunga and Shepparton brigades were stopped enroute.

Warrant results in trafficking charges

POLICE BEAT

A 28 YEAR-old Numurkah man has been charged with a range of offences after police executed a search warrant at a Victoria St property

last week.

Detectives from Cobram CIU have charged the man with possessing and trafficking drugs, handling stolen goods, dealing with the proceeds of crime and possessing a prohibited weapon.

The man has been bailed to appear at Shepparton Magistrates Court on August 19.

Police are seeking information from the public

after an attempted burglary on Saturday.

Offenders jumped the fence into the rear yard of a property near the corner of O'Connor St and Tocumwal Rd at around 5.30am.

They tried to gain entry to the home but were unsuccessful and fled before police arrived.

Anybody with information is asked to contact Senior Constable Damien Duggan at Numurkah police.

Letter to the Editor

Water - not just the farmers' problem

IN the centre of our town there is a water wheel, there to symbolise the long and deep connection this town has to irrigation and the agricultural industry, and I think you must be living under a rock, if you are not aware of the damage being done to this area by the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

But I think most people have the naïve view that if they are not a farmer it doesn't affect them. How wrong could they be!

The survival of businesses and towns depends on pure economics. Supply and demand.

Towns thrive when there are people that are buying and selling, but since October last year 70 dairy farms have stopped milking, all within a 25km radius of Numurkah, so that's 70 businesses that have stopped buying and selling just within this last year.

We currently have 10 empty shops just in our main street, and there are at least 33 businesses whose main customers are farmers. If farming continues to decline, as is predicted, could our town survive the loss of those 33 businesses?

Makes you question how that supply and demand equation is working out for Numurkah.

How much can our town afford to lose? How many families will this affect? Will it mean that

services like banks, post office or even medical may leave the town?

If you have travelled overseas, you will know just how lucky we are to live in a town like Numurkah, so I urge you to talk to your local council and your local members of parliament, ask them what they are doing about this continual drain of our community. It is only by speaking up can anything change.

Water is NOT just a farmer's problem, it affects all of us.

You can continue to keep your head in the sand about this issue, but remember that this will only leave an even more vulnerable part of your anatomy exposed.

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Amazing find at historical society

IT'S amazing what you come across when you give your cupboards a long overdue clean out; including, sometimes, things you didn't remember having in the first place.

Such was the case when Numurkah & District Historical Society delved into the cupboard under the stairs during an effort to free up space last November.

The dusty cupboard was home to piles of old newspapers and magazine, and whilst some of the working bee crew that day lobbied for the lot to be dumped straight into the recycle bin, one member insisted that they weren't going anywhere until the pile had been thoroughly gone through.

Thank goodness they did.

Hiding among the pile of mostly uninteresting publications was one absolute gem - a newspaper dated May 22, 1770.

To offer a little context, at that time Captain James Cook was navigating the east coast of Australia, and had yet to set foot on land.

The paper is edition No. 12862 of *The Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser*.

Clearly a London newspaper, the four-page document is full of names that would be perfectly at home in a Dickens novel, and announces upcoming theatre performances at Drury Lane, numerous properties for auction and sale, and an impending trial to be held at the Old Bailey by the Admiralty Office for offences committed on the high seas.

Proving that the 'letter to the editor' is a time honoured means of having one's say, *The Gazetteer* also contains a number of 'letters to the printer', one of which is signed off by 'a young man of quality'.

Historical society secretary Jan Braham said that the society is absolutely delighted to have the document, though it has no idea how it came to be in possession of it.

"We were just astonished when we found it, and it is a really wonderful thing to have," she said.

"Obviously somebody has donated it to us at some stage, but we have no idea who or when."



Handle with care ... Numurkah & District Historical Society secretary Jan Braham looks at the wonderful newspaper from 1770.

The society intends to copy and display the item in the future, but for now they keep it in a special hiding place whilst they ascertain the

best, and safest, method of doing so.

"For being almost 250 years old it is in remarkably good condition and we are being very care-

ful with it," Jan said.

"It's lasted this long and we would like to see it last a lot longer."

Love of riding takes Jenna all the way to China

NUMURKAH'S Jenna Mason rides horses for the sheer love of it, but it's a love that's about to take her all the way to China.

Jenna will be representing Australia in show jumping as part of a Pony Club Australia team in competition against a Pony Club China team at the Yanlong Horse Industry Group in Beijing from August 6.

Jenna was nominated for the competition through a resume type process, highlighting her equestrian achievements, gradings and competitions.

Referees were then contacted prior to selections to make sure she had the qualities expected of an ambassador for Australia.

Unsurprisingly, Jenna said she is extremely excited.

"I'm really looking forward to wearing the national uniform and representing Australia as part of the Australian team," she said.

"I'm also really looking forward to experiencing Chinese culture and trying new food and seeing what their facilities for horses are like and how they do things."

As excited as Jenna is to have this opportunity, she is also a little nervous, having never met her horse, her coach,



Bond ... Jenna, with one of her horses Riley, says there is no better feeling than riding.

Michelle Newham from Londonderry in NSW, or her fellow team mates from across Australia.

"We will only really get one day to practise with the horse we will be competing on, so I'm a bit nervous

about that," she said.

"I have a really strong bond with my horses, especially my horse Mirella, and when we compete it's like we are one team, not like I am riding her."

Although she can jump up to 105cm,

Jenna will be competing in the 90cm show jumping category; even that is extremely impressive for a 13 year-old, with most in her age group jumping in the 60-75cm range.

However, the fact that Jenna has

been riding regularly on her own since the age of two, may explain her proficiency.

"I love riding, it feels like flying."

"It's the best feeling, and it makes me feel like I can do anything."

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Smiles all round ... Moira Shire Mayor Libro Mustica, Neoen Australia managing director Louis de Sambucy and Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio are thrilled to have the Numurkah Solar Farm online.

'Numurkah' solar farm is go

Continued from front page.

Neoen Australia managing director Louis de Sambucy said that, as the biggest solar farm in Victoria, it will deliver enormous benefit for the state.

"The Numurkah Solar Farm is a significant milestone for Neoen, one that could not have

been achieved without the support of the Victorian Government," he said.

"As the biggest solar farm in Victoria, it will deliver enormous benefit as it powers transport, industry and more."

Moira Shire Mayor Libro Mustica said the council was thrilled to have Victoria's biggest

solar farm in the shire, and had approved it in order to secure the investment in the local area.

"It's wonderful to have this investment in Moira Shire," he said.

"It doesn't matter where renewable power ends up, as long as it is generated into the system."

Grants available for carer groups

CARERS are getting more opportunities to be healthy, active and well with applications now open for \$4 million in grants to help local carer groups across the state.

All local carer groups in Northern Victoria are encouraged to apply for their opportunity to receive extra funding.

Grants of \$1,000 to \$20,000 are available for both informal groups of local carers, or more formal organisations, to assist with activities that help improve carers' physical and mental health by strengthening connections with family, friends and other local carers.

Also open for applications are Carer Organisations Statewide Partnership Grants, offering \$100,000 to \$250,000 to enable partnerships between carer organisations and other groups to deliver large-scale projects for carers with the potential for roll-out across the state.

Across Victoria, more than 736,000 carers give their time and effort to look after a family member or friend who needs them.

Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Luke Donnellan said the State Government wants carers in all parts of Victoria to be able to access support in their community and have the opportunity to connect with others and improve their health and well-being.

"Carers have told us they need help making social connections and accessing services, so the \$4 million in grants announced today will give local groups the funding they need to provide this support," he said.

The Victorian Budget 2019-20 is also providing an additional \$49.5 million over four years to support carers, through an extra 100,000 hours of respite for 5,000 carers a year, year-round transport concessions and free travel state-wide during Carers Week in October for Victorian Carer Card holders.

Grant applications close 5pm, Monday, August 19, 2019. For full guidelines and to apply, go to: www2.health.vic.gov.au/victorian-carers.

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Big canopy ... Numurkah's citizen of the year Glenice Holmes measures the great oak's canopy with help of other locals.

From little thing big things grow

A VERY special birthday celebration was held in Numurkah on Saturday morning, but the guest of honour, a stalwart of the town, though welcoming of its guests, remained silent.

The occasion marked a milestone - 80 years since the great oak tree in the memorial park was planted.

Though the exact date of planting remains unknown, newspaper reports at the time indicate it was around July 20, 1939.

The oak started life as an acorn in Windsor Great Park, and was one of hundreds that were sent for planting across all corners of the British empire in commemoration of the coronation of King George IV, the current queen's father, on May 12, 1937.

The program was an initiative of the Automotive Association of London, which sent the acorns to automobile associations across the empire.

In Victoria, the acorns were ger-

minated by the Victorian Tree Planters Association (VTPA) at its nursery in Melbourne's Fitzroy Gardens.

It was intended that any community that applied to receive a seedling could be given one, and fortunately somebody in Numurkah, whose name is lost to history, had the foresight to submit an application.

Though it was originally intended that the seedlings would be distributed for planting across the state in 1938, in July of that year the VTPA decided to delay distribution for a year, as the seedlings were not yet strong enough.

By the following year, the association deemed the seedlings strong enough, and, as reported in the *Leader* on July 25, 1939, Numurkah's seedling was planted that week.

Mark McNamara who organised, and photographed, the celebration told the *Leader* he came across the story by chance just days before the

milestone anniversary.

"I took a black and white photo of the tree and posted it to Facebook on July 11," he said.

"Jeff Stanyer saw it and commented that there was an interesting story behind the tree, so I looked into it."

Mr McNamara said that when he heard the story and realised the anniversary was approaching, he thought it was a significant part of town history that was worthy of celebration.

"The tree is one of the few remaining links Numurkah has to that era and I thought it was worth making an occasion of it."

"I find it amazing that this great tree grew from a little acorn that came from the other side of the world. Now it has this magnificent canopy that offers so much shade and it's something no-one can take away from the town."

Measurements were taken on Saturday, with Neil McPherson, whose

grandfather Jack May planted the tree as an employee of Numurkah Shire, given the honour of measuring the circumference of the trunk, which is now an impressive 14 feet.

Mr McPherson told the *Leader* that it was a source of pride for his family that his grandfather had planted the tree, and he can remember his mother mentioning it many times.

"It is nice to be able to look at something that is prominent in the town and part of the town's history and think 'Pop planted that,'" he said.

"It is a beautiful tree and hopefully it will be there for a long time to come."

Current Numurkah citizen of the year Glenice Holmes was tasked with measuring the reach of the tree's canopy, and, even bare of leaves, the tree that started life as a little acorn now has a canopy that stretches 54 feet from the trunk.

NUMURKAH, 1950

From little things ... A Numurkah postcard from 1950 shows the oak tree (centre left of photo) near the start of its journey.



Family pride ... Neil McPherson measures the trunk of the tree his grandfather Jack May planted 80 years ago.

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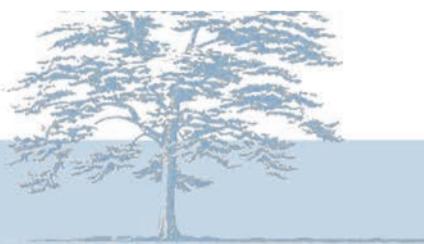
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New Leader website is live

THE 124 year-old *Numurkah Leader* has entered a new era of publishing, with its new website now online.

The new *Leader* website, which has been created using the same technology and design elements used by major digital news players, provides expanded options to allow readers to engage with their local paper in new ways.

Containing features that make it a one-stop shop for local news, the new website provides readers with a state of the art digital news experience.

Visitors to the new site can access local weather information from the Bureau of Meteorology, and Vic Emergency updates, with a single click, as well as seeing the latest news and sports headlines and pictures.

New features allow subscribers to link to previous stories on a topic so they can easily get all the details about the stories that matter to people in Numurkah and district.

Leader editor Bev Hutchins said that getting the new site up and running had been a big job, but was well worth it.

"It's a big step forward for us, and for access to local news, and we're very excited," she said.

"It's been a big job because we've wanted to make sure it provides the best possible experience for anybody who wants to access to local news, but it's been well worth it because it looks great, is very user friendly.

"Print will always be our mainstay - the *Numurkah Leader* will always be a newspaper first and foremost, but in the digital world there are so many different ways that people can engage with content, and we want to make sure we provide that."

Access to the PDF version of the *Leader* is still available, so digital subscribers who prefer to access the publication in the classic 'page view' format can still do so.

The new website has been made possible thanks to a grant of \$80,000 from the Commonwealth Government's Regional and Small Publishers Innovation Fund.



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All aboard for discovery weekend

THE much anticipated Sun Country discovery weekend will be held this weekend, July 27 and 28, and will showcase tourist spots right across Moira Shire.

Over the two days, residents can enjoy scrumptious local produce, paddle boat rides, coffee, historic tours and more – all for just \$1.

Mayor Libro Mustica has encouraged all residents to save the date.

"The Discovery Weekend is part of the Friends and Relatives Campaign which aims to showcase our region to locals who often act as tour guides, showing off our very special part of Sun Country on the Murray to their visiting family and friends," Cr Mustica said.

"This weekend is a great opportunity to explore our own backyard and tourism operators from Bundalong to Barmah have got on board and are offering attractions, products and experiences for just \$1.

"Look out for your special ticket and brochure in the mail to use on both days of the Discovery Weekend.

"Simply show your ticket at participating venues and enjoy mates rates all weekend."

There are prizes on offer for residents who collect four stickers on their ticket at participating venues.

"The prizes, valued at \$1,500, comprise two nights' accommodation at RACV Resort Cobram plus a three hour sunset dinner cruise for four people aboard the MV Paradise and a Locheilan Cheese Triple Cream Brie Ring; a two night accommodation voucher from 'The Sinatra' Waterfront Holiday Homes, Mulwala; and a two night cabin stay at the Numurkah Caravan Park," Cr Mustica said.

"Simply return your completed ticket with its four stickers to your local Visitor Information Centre before Saturday 10 August 2019 to be in the running for this great prize.

"So book the dates in your calendar - get out and about and see just what our shire has to offer!"

For more information about how to enter the competition or locations of the \$1 offers go to our website or call into your local Visitor Information Centre.

The Numurkah Leader.

GOULBURN VALLEY FARMERS' AND FRUIT GROWERS' GAZETTE

100 years ago

This week in 1919 ...

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

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

INFLUENZA.

NO IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS. SOUP KITCHEN OPENED

We were hopeful that this is the week we would have been able to report that the epidemic of influenza with which the town and district has been afflicted during the last few weeks was on the wane, but unfortunately it appears that the contrary is the case, and there have been so many fresh cases reported that medical gentlemen are literally "run off their legs." They have both had to adopt what may be termed a "roster," and have perforce to devote their attention to the newer and more serious cases, allowing those who are doing well to battle along with the aid available in the home, augmented, in cases where such is necessary, by the skilled attention given by the nursing staff of three, under Nurse Foster. In this way every patient is receiving full attention, and the doctors and nurses are to be highly commended for the splendid manner in which they are handling a most difficult situation. There are, of course, some few complaints, but these emanate mostly from persons who expect the impossible to be achieved, and from others who do not possess the "nous" (we use the term for lack of a more fitting one) given to ordinary folk, and which the doctors and nurses have every right to expect to be exhibited in such an emergency as this.

PEACE CELEBRATIONS. NUMURKAH DEMONSTRATION POSTPONED. TO BE HELD LATER.

At a well-attended public meeting on Thursday night last it was decided, in view of the amount of sickness in the town, and at the express wish of the health officer (Dr Harbison) to postpone the peace demonstrations fixed for Saturday and Sunday last. It was agreed that the children should be entertained at a picnic or sports gathering at a later date when health conditions have become normal.

The decision to postpone the functions was arrived at unanimously.

THE ILLUMINATIONS.

Although all active demonstrations were postponed, some attempt at illuminations was made, and those in evidence on Saturday night were very creditable indeed. From the Shire Hall coping stone the word "Peace" blazed under the Union Jack. Mr Bert McPherson (electrician) had so arranged things that the word was spelled out by letters at regular intervals. At the State Savings Bank "Victory" twinkled amid a blaze of electric bulbs and a fine display of flags, while the bell tower of the fire station was a riot of red, white and blue electric lights and flags. Business houses had bunting displayed where such was possessed, and Mr George Bitcon's windows were, in addition, decorated in color schemes of red, white and blue, the electric bulbs being painted in the same colors and the whole had a very pretty effect. There were few people to witness the displays, and there was, of course, an entire absence of any excitement.

Football.—It is announced by advertisement in another column that all matches in the G.V.F.A. listed for Saturday next have been postponed. The prevailing epidemic is the reason. Another advertisement invites applications for positions as central umpires for the Southern division of the association.

MYWEE.

The prevalence of frosts and the dry weather are causing anxiety to local farmers. A good fall of rain would be greatly appreciated. Great interest was displayed during the past week in preparing for peace celebrations, which were held at Strathmerton.

Earned £20 a Week. W Brayton and another man employed on Netley Station, near Broken Hill, have concluded a six weeks kangaroo hunting and fox poisoning tour of the station. During that time they secured 475 foxes and 525 kangaroos. The total bag would be worth about £250, which works out at over £20 per week for each man. This is the second thousand of kangaroos and foxes secured on Netley this year.



For the community ... Nathalia and District Welfare Group members (from left): Leone Hack, Marissa Clifton, Moira Colman, Marilyn Frost, Hazel Lucas, Maureen Pell, Sue McIntosh and Kerry Rice.

Welfare ladies take care of business

THE Nathalia District Welfare Group held its annual general meeting last week and the occasion provided the *Leader* with a unique insight into life in a small community, and how one group tries to fill the gaps to ensure nobody goes without.

There was the usual type of business that you expect at an AGM - a recap and acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes, and a president's report of the year.

It's when you get to the treasurer's report that you really appreciate the difference a group of committed women running an op shop can make in a country town.

The group has recently disbursed its major donations for the year, totalling over \$5,000.

As usual, a diverse range of groups benefited, including the Nathalia fire brigade, the CERT team, the little athletics club and the cemetery trust.

Another donation was nailed down at the meeting - \$250 for the secondary college to purchase safety boots in large sizes for the woodwork room to ensure that no student missed out on participation for lack of the required footwear.

There were some fairly animated negotiations regarding office-bearers for the year ahead, but all positions were eventually filled with ample assurances that the relevant parties were more than up to the job, despite any concerns they may have to the contrary.

Treasurer Leone Hack said she is now fairly confident in her role, having held it many times since she helped start the group as a founding member in 1975.

"We started because we just wanted to help people in the community," she said.

The fact that the group helps people is beyond dispute.

In addition to the hundreds of thousands of dollars it has donated to community organisations and charities over its 45 year history, there are the one-off donations throughout the year that, whilst seemingly quite small, also make a big difference.

Returning president Marissa Clifton said the group tries to address needs when they are made aware of them.

"This year we donated money and goods to a family whose home burned down, and we helped pay for two children from one family to attend a school excursion, among other things" she said.

"This is a farming community where people have been hit pretty hard in recent years and we do encounter people in a situation of genuine despair and distress and we do what we can to help."

The centre of the group's activities has always been the op-shop it runs, which is a source of income for the group, as well as providing items it can donate on to those in need.

The group moved into its new premises on Blake St in March last year, which is the fifth shop it has occupied.

With the move came a new approach, with a new \$1 rack out front bringing increased income.

"We're making a lot more money than before, which is great," Ms Clifton said.

"Unfortunately the building we are in now is on the market so we are keeping funds in con-

tingency in case we have to move again; though I'm not sure where we would go because there are no other shops in Nathalia for us to move to."

Though the uncertainty regarding their premises remains in the background, the welfare ladies are not borrowing trouble, preferring to just get on with the job at hand.

Another change that came with the newest shop is limited storage space, but, naturally, the ladies have found a charitable way to meet that challenge as well.

Summer clothes have been sent to the Robinson River community in the northern territory, where member Hazel Lucas' daughter is a teacher.

One of the local students has been selling the goods in a pop-up shop to raise money for an overseas study trip. The items have also proved a huge boon to the Robinson River community, which, as a closed community, has limited access to clothes for purchase.

While the welfare ladies' efforts in the shop consistently provide a benefit for communities near and far, it is clear that they also provide significant benefit to the volunteers themselves.

With most of the group's members being retired, the ladies say that being rostered on at the shop provides valuable social connection.

"It's like the Men's Shed but for women," Hazel said.

"It provides you with a network of people to interact with regularly, and makes you feel useful."

Useful indeed. Long live the Nathalia and District Welfare Group.

Letter to the Editor

Longreach centenary

IN 1921 a building of great significance and importance to the town of Longreach, Queensland was opened and became the home of the Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade.

This building will be celebrating its centenary in 2021. A book is being compiled by volunteers to document the history of the past 100 years of this Heritage listed building.

Over the years, many people ventured to Longreach to carry out the valuable and demanding work of Ambulance bearers (officers). For the book, we are seeking contri-

butions from relatives or friends of those who served as bearers.

Anyone who would like to contribute, please send information to 158 Ibis Street, Longreach Qld, 4730. Alternatively contact Elaine 0488 986 557 or email elaine1@tpg.com.au. Elaine Britton Longreach

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Future wheelchairs ... Nicole Wells thinks Numurkah can make a significant contribution to the bread tags collection.

Turning waste into wheelchairs

A PROJECT that turns plastic bread tags into wheelchairs for disadvantaged South Africans has found a following in Numurkah, and now all locals are being urged to join the initiative.

In an example of social media's power to do good, local woman Nicole Wells discovered Bread Tags for Wheelchairs via Facebook, and has since been working to promote the simple, but effective, idea locally.

"It's such an amazing use for a common single-use plastic item that we all take for granted," Nicole said.

Bread tags are made of high-impact polystyrene, which has a good recycling value, but because they are too small for recycling sorting machines to process, they end up slipping through and going to landfill.

"Bread Tags for Wheelchairs keeps them out of the waste system all together, and uses them for good," Nicole said.

The bread tags collected by the project aren't actually recycled into material to build wheelchairs, but are sold to companies that recycle them to create other plastic items such as seedling trays, picture frames, coat hangers and other items.

The money made from selling them is then used to purchase wheelchairs for those who need, but can't afford, them.

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs was started in Cape Town in 2006, and it provides two to three wheelchairs to adults and children around South Africa every month.

It's a remarkable result when you consider that it takes 200kg of tags - approximately 573,600 tags - to bring in enough money to buy one wheelchair.

Australians have been collecting bread tags to donate to the project for years, either taking

them to South Africa when they visited or posting them, but in August 2018 an official Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs arm was set up in South Australia.

In February this year, Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs delivered its first batch of tags to an Australian recycler, Transmutation - Reuse, Reduce, Recycle based in Robe in South Australia, who now regularly buy batches of tags for recycling.

The aim is to eventually have all Aussie tags recycled here, with just the funds remitted to South Africa to buy wheelchairs, but for the moment, some tags are recycled in Australia while others are still sent to South Africa.

In April this year, the first wheelchair purchased with funds raised in Australia was donated to a man named Bryan who is undergoing

treatment for leukaemia.

Jenny Cooper from Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs told the *Leader* she was thrilled that Numurkah had come on board as a collection point.

"It's wonderful to have the Numurkah community behind our program - thank you!" she said.

Nicole Wells is confident that Numurkah can make a significant contribution to the project.

"I thought about how many bread tags my own family brings into the house each week, and I knew that there must be thousands floating around in Numurkah. I think we can really add a lot to the Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs effort," she said.

Tags of all sizes and colours are welcome - even broken ones.



New freedom ... Leukaemia sufferer Bryan has found new freedom thanks to a wheelchair purchased with Aussie bread tag collections.

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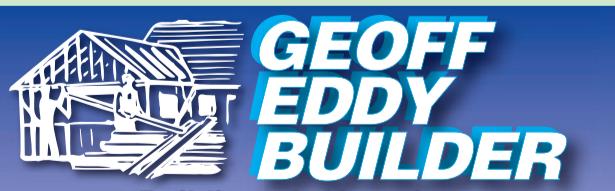
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Campbell — Colin 27.10.24 - 13.6.29
Malcolm and Chris, Ceryn, Neil and Wendy and their families sincerely thank family, friends and the community for the heartfelt support shown following the loss of our dearly loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. To everyone who gave their love, visited, sent flowers, cards, messages of condolence, and attended Colin's funeral, our sincere appreciation and thanks. Special thanks to Dr Jason Spencer, the staff at Numurkah Hospital and the Pioneer Lodge for their compassion and dedication in caring for Colin in the last months of his life. To the staff at Peter Cox Funerals, thank you for arranging a fitting farewell for Colin, and to the Numurkah Bowling Club for the guard of honour and their enormous effort in catering for the wake. Please accept this as our personal and forever grateful thanks

DEATHS

BERRY — Kevin Bruce "KB" 24.9.1939–20.7.2019 Late of Numurkah, formerly of Kotupna and Waiaia. Passed away at Numurkah. Our loving husband, Dad and Pop, now reunited with his loving wife, Irene. So dearly loved by his children and their partners, Sharyn; Donna (dec.); Peter and Fiona; Kellie and Andrew; and his grandchildren, Shannyn, Taryn, Tiane and Kyle; Jayden and Jema; Nathan and Kayla; Darcy, Coby, Jhett and Shaely.

Everlasting
Memories
Loved Beyond Life

BERRY — Kevin. We miss your smiling eyes and the laughter in your heart. You will be with us always. Love Kellie, Andrew, Darcy, Coby, Jhett and Shaely.

BERRY — Kevin Dad, No words can express the pain I'm feeling, my heart aches. Not only have I lost my dad I have lost my best friend. No longer here to hold but forever in my heart.

Until we drink again
Your loving Daughter Always, Kellie

BLACK — Dawn (nee Doreen Kathrine McColl) 10.06.1936–20.07.2019 Late of Numurkah, (formerly of Katamatite and Burramine). Passed away at Numurkah.

DICK (Henderson) — Gwenneth Marjorie 17.6.1929 - 20.7.2019

Suddenly and peacefully at home. Beloved wife of Les (dec.). Mother and mother-in-law to David, Sue, Joe, Margaret, Andrea, Les, Louise, Robbie, Lynette. Adored grandmother to 27, great grandmother to 26 and 2 on the way.

*Out of this world of suffering
Into God's garden of rest.
It must be a beautiful garden
For he only takes the best.*

Loved and Forever in our Hearts

Mum you got your wish. Passed away peacefully at home, with Poppy dog by your side.

Love Sue and Joe.
Nan to Stacey, Steve, Jake, Tim, Shanel, Harrison, Lily, Rick, Rach, Bridie, Keadin, Bluey, Elke, Brum, Steve, Justine and Baby, Nick and Chloe.

Now at Rest

Mum, We wished this day would never come. The day we would have to say goodbye, but it's not goodbye it's we'll see you later, ring me if you need. Keep those knitting needles clicking.

Together with dad again. Treasured and loved always.

Andrea, Les, Christopher, Rachel, Katie, Kayla, Sarah, Tamara, Braeden, Brenton and Sam and your faithful companion Poppy

Dearly loved mum of Louise. Mum with a shattered heart the time has come to say goodbye. You were my world. Not just my mum but my best friend. Your love, your care and your wonderful memories will remain with me forever. My special mum free from all pain.

Reunited with Dad

Nan, With the gift of years comes the treasure with knowing that there are many who love you dearly. The memories you've made with us will last forever. The tenderness you've shared with us will never fade.

The most wonderful gift you could ever give is the special part of you that now lives in each of us.

The truth your love has taught us can only be strengthened by the gift of time, for the roots grow deep, memories grow forever. Love Nakita, Mathew, Talitha, Tayla, Nathan and Kaylem, their partners and your great grand kids, Jack and Mason, Jordan and Zach, Harlow and Freyah, Conner and Hayden and Tyler.

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GUNDRELL (Carnie) — Valerie June "Val" Late of Numurkah, formerly of Invergordon. Passed away in her 91st Year on July 16 2019, at Pioneers Lodge, Numurkah.

HENDER — Joy. A true friend. Will be greatly missed. All the Dyson Family

HENDER — Joy. A stylish woman. We loved the Sunday chats at the Winery. A life well lived.

Loved wife of Frank. Loving Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandma and Great Grandma of Les and Sheryl; Colin and Lynn; Ian and Lyn and their families.

KENNEDY — Warren Will be sadly missed. Member and friend at peace. We will miss him. Numurkah Men's Shed



HENDER (Slattery) — Joyce Isabel "Joy" Late of Numurkah, passed away peacefully on July 22, 2019 aged 76 years at Numurkah Health.

Loved wife of Bob (dec.). Our loving Mum and Grandma, dearly loved by her children and their partners Danny and Michelle; Robyn and Darren (Cook) and her grandchildren Annalise, Bailey, Shania and Jordan; Sarah and Trevor, Bella and Caitlyn.

*Reunited With Dad
Up The Bombers*

Mum, No words we write could ever say, How empty and sad we feel today, But in our hearts, you will always stay. Loved and remembered every day.

Love Danny and Michelle xx

Grandma Joy, Softly within the shadows, There came a gentle call, With farewells left unspoken, You quietly left us all. Wherever we go, Whatever we do, We will always love and remember you.

Love Sarah and Trevor, Bella and Caitlyn xxxx

Mum, My Best Friend, God closed your eyes and made us part, He took your hand and broke our hearts. Your pleasures were simple, Your needs were few, If you were happy, we were too. You gave us love in the fullest measure, Care, devotion and memories to treasure. We shared our hopes and dreams and tears, Thank you, Mum, for those precious, but too few years. A beautiful life has come to an end. All our love forever

Robyn and Darren xx

Lil Gran, Sweet is the sleep that ends all pain, We would not wake you to suffer again. In God's garden you rest above, In our hearts you rest with love.

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PINCHBECK (nee Neale) — Rose 23.3.1933–15.7.2019 Late of Cobram and formerly of Lalalty. Passed away at Ottrey Lodge. Aged 86 years. Loving wife of Bob (dec.). Much loved mother of Greg, Elaine, Wendy and Neale and mother-in-law of Andy. Doting Grandma of Jennifer, Bronwyn, Jakie and Tommy and great grandmother of 3. Re-united with Bob.

FUNERAL NOTICES

DICK (Henderson) — A graveside service to celebrate the life of Mrs Gwenneth Dick will be held at the Numurkah Lawn Cemetery, Corke Street, Numurkah, on Friday, July 26, 2019, commencing at 11am.

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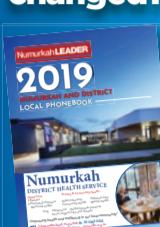
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BERRY — A Service to Celebrate the life of Mr. Kevin Bruce "KB" Berry, late of Numurkah, will be held at the R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Saxton Street, Numurkah on Friday 26th July, 2019, commencing at 11.00am. Followed by a Memorial Service of Celebration at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Saxton St. Numurkah at 12 noon.

No flowers by request. Donations in lieu appreciated to Alzheimer's Australia, envelopes available at the Service.

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BLACK (nee McCOLL) — A Service of Thanksgiving to Celebrate the life of Dawn (Doreen) Kathrine Black, late of Numurkah, will be held at the Yarrawonga Lawn Cemetery, Gilmore Street, Yarrawonga, TOMORROW Thursday July 25, 2019 commencing at 2.30pm.

Flowers are welcome, or donations in lieu would be appreciated to Cancer Council Victoria, envelopes available at the

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PINCHBECK (nee Neale) — A service to celebrate the life of Mrs Rose Pinchbeck will be held in the Cobram Uniting Church, Hay Ave, Cobram commencing at 11:00am on Friday, August 16, 2019, after which the cortege will leave for the Cobram Lawn Cemetery.

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Rumbalara 2.3, 5.6, 8.6, 12.9 (81)	Cobram 3.3, 4.4, 5.7, 7.9 (51)	Cobram 3.3, 4.4, 5.7, 7.9 (51)
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Tungamah 2.2, 6.6, 8.11, 9.17 (71)	Cobram 3.3, 4.4, 6.5, 7.7 (49)	Cobram 3.3, 4.4, 6.5, 7.7 (49)
Katandra 3.3, 4.4, 6.5, 7.7 (49)	Tungamah 1.0, 1.1, 1.1, 1.2 (8)	Tungamah 1.0, 1.1, 1.1, 1.2 (8)
GOALS, Tungamah: N. Lawless 3, D. Haebich 3, J. Reilly 1, J. O'Brien 1, J. Irvine 1. Cobram: J. Lucas 4, C. Williams 1, D. McCormack 1, A. De Ciccio 1.	Nathalia 0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 1.2 (8)	Nathalia 0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 1.2 (8)
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Bev and Bev win

by "The Shankster"

BEV Hutchins had a very satisfying week on the golf course last week, winning both Saturday's and last Wednesday's women's competitions.

The 17-marker has been a bit in the golfing doldrums recently, with some very inconsistent performances, so was pleased to put together two almost handicap equalling rounds.

In a funny little twist on Saturday, Bev won a countback from Bev McIntosh, with a better start on the back nine, to take home the Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal shirt.

Rosemary Rutledge finished in third place with 76 nett, ahead of a trio on 78, that included Jenny Ludington, Jeanette Adams and Pauline Davies.

Bev McIntosh won two nearest the pins for the day, on the seventh and 18th, in a fine performance in which she recorded two birdies.

Nearest the pin prizes on the other two holes went begging.

Threatening weather last Wednesday saw several pull-outs, and only seven players ended up going out.

The early group of just three players managed to get finished before the afternoon's rain began, but the following four had to play the last few holes in the rain.

Bev Hutchins and Jeanette Adams were perhaps a bit lucky to be in the first group, and finished in the top two places for the day's competition, Bev with 34 points and Jeanette with 32.

Jeanette won a countback from Merren Carr, and Mavis Birrell won the last of the balls with 31 points, meaning all players who finished in the 30s went home with a prize.

No-one got onto the seventh green, which was the cake hole, so the voucher was moved to the 18th, and Jeanette won the Telegraph Hotel voucher with a terrific shot to the green. Mavis Birrell also had a great shot to the 18th, and birdied the hole, which Jeanette wasn't able to do, despite being closer.

Jeanette Adams and Merren Carr played their Wednesday singles knockout first round match on Monday, and Jeanette finished up with an easy win.

Jeanette was four up after nine holes, despite Merren having a birdie on the seventh hole, and continued her good form to be six up with only five holes left to play.

Three local members had success up at Tocumwal on Monday, Tracey Clouston and Tocumwal golfer Kim Morris finishing equal winners of the 2019 country foursomes championships, while Felicity Booth and Julie Daniel were runners-up.

Golf today will be a stroke round, and next Wednesday will be stableford, with a draw for partners at 9.15am.

Saturday's round will be another Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal round, followed by dinner in the club bistro, to which everyone is welcome.



Men on a mission ... Chad Littlejohn, Greg Heap, Duncan McPherson and Russell Knopp won their second Seiter's Shield billiards competition last week.

Mensland secures billiards title

SENIOR Citizens failed in their bid to defend their Seiter's Shield billiards title last Tuesday evening, going down to 2017 winners, McPherson's Mensland.

The Mensland team was full of confidence going into the final, and were led brilliantly by Duncan McPherson, who won the first game to give his team a big start.

Russell Knopp chipped in with two very good performances, to

add to his team's winning margin.

Chad James and Greg Heap had battled a bit during the season, but found their form when it really counted, to record convincing wins, adding to the Seniors' demise.

The Seniors' Don Staggard, Les Addison and Tom O'Donnell were playing in their third consecutive final, and coming off a win in 2018, with Peter French a new addition to the side.

Rod Hill takes honours

ROD Hill took the honours, shooting to handicap at Numurkah small bore last Thursday night.

Those who attended had a choice of shooting 20 or 50 metres prone or 20 and 50 metres benchrest.

Lindsay Braybon finished the night with the top score, shooting a 100.8/99.7 for a combined score of 199.15.

Unfortunately, Lindsay's Fritz Schmidt handicap of two meant he finished the evening with a 198.15, leaving Rod Hill with the evening's honours, shooting 99.3/98.6/197.9, handicap of three, finishing up with a 200.9.

Jeff Matys shot closest to handicap on the bench. Colin Saxton shot a higher score, but unfortunately lost due to his handicap.

Complete scores were:

20 metres prone: Adam Lee 93/92.2/185.2, h/c 10, 195.2; Shayne Rosemeier 92/92.2/184.2, h/c 14, 198.2; Rod Hill 99.3/98.6/197.9, h/c 3, 200.9; David Cook 96.4/93.3/189.7, h/c 12, 198.12; Lindsay Braybon 100.8/99.7/ 199.15, h/c 2, 198.15; Tim Braybon 98.5/99.5/197.10, h/c 1, 198.10; Glenn Braybon 96.3/98.3/194.6, h/c 4, 198.6; Melissa Brown 90.1/93.1/183.2.

50 metres prone: Juleesa Smith 77.1/86.7/163.8.

50 metres bench: Derek Bradshaw 228.6/183.5, h/c 7, 190.5.

20 metres bench: Colin Saxton 99.1/97.3/196.4, h/c 7, 194.4; Jeff Matys 98.1/93.1/191.2, h/c 6, 197.2; Lou Cook 97.2/93/190.2, h/c 5, 195.2; Emma Ryan 94.3/95.1/189.4.

Shooting takes place every Thursday from 7.30pm at the Numurkah small bore rifle club. Access is through the Numurkah golf course grounds. All ages are welcome and tea/coffee is provided.

NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

MNL

A GRADE

Cobram 43 def Tungamah 37
Congupna 40 def Tongala 46
Finley 32 def Deniliquin 54
Mulwala 41 def Barooga 38
Nathalia 33 def by Echuca United 51
Numurkah 26 def by Moama 78
Rumbalara 81 def Katandra 23

LADDER

P W L D F A Pts %

Rumbalara 14 13 1 0 898 424 52 211.79

Moama 14 12 1 1 849 433 50 196.07

Echuca United 14 12 1 1 823 458 50 179.69

Deniliquin 14 10 4 0 735 481 40 152.81

Cobram 14 9 5 0 633 623 36 101.61

Finley 14 8 6 0 590 641 32 92.04

Mulwala 14 7 7 0 503 576 28 87.33

Congupna 14 6 7 1 564 592 26 95.27

Tongala 14 6 8 0 468 618 24 75.73

Nathalia 14 5 8 1 504 546 22 92.31

Barooga 14 4 10 0 481 676 16 71.15

Tungamah 14 2 12 0 429 717 8 59.83

Katandra 14 1 13 0 443 723 4 61.27

Numurkah 14 1 13 0 398 810 4 49.14

MULWALA

13 10 3 0 569 318 40 178.93 3.1
Moama 13 9 4 0 505 407 36 124.08 2.8
Katandra 13 8 5 0 568 484 32 117.36 2.5
Nathalia 13 7 6 0 473 465 28 101.72 2.2
Congupna 13 6 6 1 454 508 26 89.37 2
Cobram 13 6 7 0 550 524 24 104.96 1.8
Numurkah 13 5 8 0 439 446 20 98.43 1.5
Barooga 13 5 8 0 402 496 20 81.05 1.5
Tongala 13 1 11 1 276 578 6 47.75 0.5
Tungamah 12 0 10 2 248 562 4 44.13 0.3
Rumbalara 13 1 12 0 293 669 4 43.8 0.3

17 & UNDER

Cobram 22 def by Tungamah 44
Congupna 7 def by Tongala 56
Finley 15 def by Deniliquin 48
Mulwala 24 def by Barooga 42
Nathalia 21 def by Echuca United 46

LADDER

P W L D F A Pts %

Echuca United 14 13 1 0 705 273 52 258.24

Deniliquin 14 13 1 0 683 316 52 216.14

Tongala 14 11 2 1 555 273 46 203.3

Tungamah 14 10 4 0 478 410 40 116.59

Moama 14 9 4 1 422 332 38 127.11

Nathalia 14 8 6 0 490 392 32 125

Barooga 14 8 6 0 467 427 32 109.37

Rumbalara 14 7 7 0 508 495 28 102.63

Cobram 14 6 8 0 381 453 24 84.11

Mulwala 14 5 9 0 397 497 20 79.88

Katandra 14 2 11 1 310 541 10 57.3

Congupna 14 2 11 1 262 599 10 43.74

Finley 14 1 13 0 323 555 4 58.2

Numurkah 14 1 13 0 243 661 4 36.76

LADDER

P W L D F A Pts %

Deniliquin 14 14 0 0 764 234 56 326.5

Tongala 14 13 1 0 758 242 52 313.22

Echuca United 14 11 3 0 514 315 44 163.17

Nathalia 14 9 5 0 474 356 36 133.15

Barooga 14 9 5 0 406 335 36 121.19

Moama 14 9 5 0 402 359 36 111.98

Rumbalara 14 8 6 0 389 400 32 97.25

Mulwala 14 7 7 0 315 309 28 101.94

Tungamah 14 5 9 0 340 449 20 75.72

Katandra 14 5 9 0 297 510 20 58.24

Finley 14 3 11 0 257 438 12 58.68

Numurkah 14 3 11 0 279 500 12 55.8

Cobram 14 2 12 0 187 438 8 42.69

Congupna 14 0 14 0 108 605 0 17.85

LADDER

P W L D F A Pts %

Cobram 17 def by Tungamah 37

Congupna 3 def by Tongala 81

Finley 12 def by Deniliquin 46

Mulwala 35 def Barooga 18

Nathalia 20 def by Echuca United 27

Numurkah 14 def by Moama 39

Rumbalara 36 def Katandra 25

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Congupna 14 0 14 0 108 605 0 17.85

LADDER

P W L D F A Pts %

Cobram 36 def Tungamah 5

Congupna 14 def by Tongala 41

Finley 36 def Deniliquin 43

Mulwala 10 def by Barooga 25

Nathalia 1 def by Echuca United 31

Numurkah 19 def by Moama 26

Rumbalara 33 def Katandra



He's the man ... Bill Green shows the style which won him Saturday's monthly medal.

Evergreen Bill takes win

by "Archie Bunker"

BILL Green played great golf on Saturday at Numurkah to take out the postponed Pierre Klaessen monthly medal for June. Bill's drives were, as usual, always up the middle and his short game was good to watch - chipping close to the hole and generally only needing one putt to finish. Bill shot 70 nett, winning by one shot from Sam Robertson on 71 nett.

Apparently, Sam left a few shots on the course and could have had a lower score, probably like many other fellow competitors.

The winner of B grade was Charlie Walsh, with a 71 nett. It's been a while since Charlie has been on the winners' list, but according to his playing partners he played good golf, taming most of the par fives with excellent driving from the tee.

Runner up in B grade was the in-form Sid Roughsedge, with a score of 72 nett.

Balls down the line went to Hugh Gunn and Darryl Sheridan with 72 nett, Jack Dell, Geoff Stone, Steve Piggott and Matt Campbell, all on 74, and taking the last of the balls, all finishing with 75 nett, were Matt Ebborn, Grant Duffy, Anthony Sanders, Andrew Nicholls and Paul Arnel.

Nearest the pin on the fourth was Col McMinn, on the seventh Steve Piggott, on the 15th Peter Stonehouse and Ray Falla had the best shot to the 18th.

Matt Campbell had the best shot to the par five sixth hole with an eagle, a feat matched by Colin McMinn on the third.

Andrew Storer had the best scratch score with 76 off the beater.

The Mickey Mouse ears weren't given out this week, but there is a rumour an unnamed mem-

ber, whose initials are Davin Scott, was playing his fourth shot from behind the white markers after hitting three trees in front of him, sending his ball back behind him.

In the final game of the winter pennant season on Sunday, division one had a 4/1 win over Shepparton and have booked a spot in the final, also against Shepparton, at Numurkah next Sunday. These boys must now be favourites to win their fourth title in five seasons.

On Sunday Nick Ludington and Andrew Storer both won 3/2, Dylan Grandell scored a 2/1 win and Matt Sellars provided the cream on the cake with a two up win over the highly fancied Leighton Lyle. Steve Piggott filled in and had a day to forget.

Division two went down to Cobram Barooga 3/2.

Glenn Thompson lost 5/4, Brandan Hosie lost one down, Andrew Nicholls won 6/4, Col McMinn lost 2/1 and David Booth won 5/4.

Division three finished off the season winning their last three games.

This week they beat Hilltop 3/2 with Chris Hicks losing 3/1, Pierre Klaessen winning 3/1, Martin Harper losing on the 19th, Mark Hegarty winning 4/3 and Bob I'Anson winning 4/3.

Anyone with free time next Sunday who is interested in golf, is welcome to get down to Numurkah and support the division one side to bring home the win, or watch any of the other six divisions playing there.

Next Saturday is another monthly medal, sponsored by Compusult, with dinner in the bistro afterwards.

joy for taking the players' sweep money on the seventh hole with his accurate tee shot.

Roy Peterson won his own sponsored ball on the two shot 14th, while smooth stroking Bill Green relieved Graeme 'Doggy' Sprunt of his sponsored agate on the 15th hole.

Leigh Robertson was closest on the short 18th and walked away with an easy birdie and the Pruden Carpentry ball.

At presentations, as usual, a number of nominations were put forward for awarding the Mickey Mouse ears for the silliest actions of the day. It took but a nanosecond for the assembled audience to agree to give them to Hugh Gunn.

Hugh has been riding in Barry 'the coach' Pruden's cart for the past two years. On Thursday Hugh loaded up his clubs, shoes, hat, etc. as per normal. Only thing was, it wasn't Barry's cart! It wasn't even the same colour and nor did it have Barry's clubs loaded on the back!

If you would like to join our circus this Thursday assemble at the clubhouse at 9.30am for a 10 o'clock start. Visitors and guests are most welcome.

Good day for Picola senior netballers

PICOLA's four open age netball teams all scored meritorious wins on Saturday, hosting Jerilderie, however the juniors didn't fare so well.

The Blues A graders kept themselves within reach of a top four finish with a 22 goal win over the Demons, maintaining fifth spot, just two points behind fourth placed Strathmerton.

In an excellent team effort, all Picola players showed great intensity. Their defensive pressure earned a number of turnovers and the attackers converted well.

Awards: Nathalia Post Office: Holly Chalker; Brereton's Bakery: Cody Power.

B GRADE

In a great game, the home team scored just its second win for the season.

Everyone played their part with effort and positivity, resulting in a nail-biting two goal victory over a team in finals contention.

Awards: Scrumdiddlyum-cious Catering: Caitlin Boschetti; Brereton's Bakery: Laura Byrnes-Smith.

C GRADE

Hard work and some great turnovers by Blues' defenders earned the side a 20 goal win over a fellow finals-bound team. Maintaining the attitude and work rate shown on Saturday will stand the team in good stead for the remainder of the season.

Awards: Foott Waste Solutions: Margot Craig; Club dinner: Tennessee Dove.

C RESERVE

For the first time this season the C reserve girls could cel-

ebreate a win, with a four goal margin over the sixth placed Demons.

Best on court, Kelly Barnett, said the team spirit was still alive and got the girls through.

Awards: Casual Step: Kelly Barnett; Club dinner: Dani Lia.

15 & UNDER

The young Blues found playing well for two and a half quarters was not enough to prevent a six goal defeat.

Awards: Birch Earthmoving: Shantay; Barmah Social Club: Kate.

13 & UNDER

The girls tried hard but tended to cluster together, rather than use space to move the ball, on the way to a 12 goal loss.

Awards: Baxter Family Medallion: Jordan Florence; Barmah Social club: Indiana McCabe Jackson.



Triple teamed ... Katunga's Rachel Howden makes a lead, as Caitlyn Price, Kasey Baker and Hope Lindhe move to defend.

Swans replace Bulldogs in top four

KATUNGA A grade netball team replaced Strathmerton in fourth place after a come from behind win on Saturday.

Strathmerton came out on top in the first quarter, taking its opportunities both in defence and attack. They had a few changes in attack to try and mix it up and give them some height in the circle.

After their slow start, Katunga showed excellent defensive pressure and determined attack to record the victory in a great game to watch.

Strathmerton awards: Strathy Pub: Caitlyn Price.

Katunga awards: AgBioEn: Brianna Armitage; ND Services: Grace Kennedy; Clydesdale: Rachel Crowther

B GRADE

Undefeated Katunga had a big win over 11th placed Strathmerton, with Jordyn Sutton's 500th goal of the season a highlight.

The Bulldogs were able to keep up for much of the first quarter, but thereafter the Swans were able to extend their lead on the way to a 39 goal win.

Strathmerton awards: Asha Palmer, Tahlia Jacobs

Katunga awards: KGS Fuel: Tracey Salter; Numurkah Pharmacy: Sophie McCracken.

C GRADE

Winnless Strathmerton came up against fourth placed Katunga in what was obviously going to be a tough game for the Bulldogs.

With a few players out, Strathy tried a few different combinations, with Macey Congram and Mackenzie Stephens helping out in the centre and goals.

While the Bulldogs' defence works tirelessly each week and works hard to turnover the ball and bring it down the court, Katunga was able to score a big win.

Strathmerton awards: Cobram Photographics: Caitlin Bailey; Keep Active Osteo: Imelda Padman; KAF Fruit Supply: Chloe Wells; Strathy Café: Jodi Brooks.

Katunga awards: Telegraph: Ebony Hicks; Fitness 3636: Taylah Otto; Arbonne: Marlee Ingamells.

C RESERVE

Katunga scored a good win, being able to make

changes and adapt together as a team. While Strathy's girls kept their heads up and continued to try, Katunga's defensive pressure and speedy mid court, supported by the goalers, gave the Swans the edge.

Strathmerton awards: Strathy Pub: Tomasina Ventre; Strathy Café: Annie Foti; Subway: Elly Burley.

Katunga awards: Telegraph: Kylea Sidebottom; Fitness 3636: Maddi Donahue.

UNDER 17s

Strathmerton maintained its undefeated season with a 23 goal margin over Katunga.

The Bulldogs went into this game determined to utilise it, as it was their second last game before finals.

While the end result was in Strathy's favour, the Swans were pleased to get closer than the 37 goal loss when they met earlier in the season.

Strathmerton awards: Tea Slatterie, Tessa Koopman

Katunga awards: Cobram Farm Equipment: Sammy Simpson; Reapers: Paige Gilmour.

UNDER 15s

Katunga scored its second win for the season by just two goals in a game where the scores were regularly tied.

The ball was up and down for most of the match, with plenty of turnovers created in the middle.

Strathmerton awards: Strathy Café: Jaella; Subway: Mackenzie; Club: Taryn.

Katunga awards: KNFC: Eloise Kelly; Canteen: Aida Hickey; Cold Rock: Montana Hill.

UNDER 13s

This was certainly a defender's game, with just five goals between the two sides at half time. Strathmerton was a bit slow getting into the game after the bye, but came home strongly for a five goal win.

Katunga was pleased to keep the team five places above it on the ladder goalless during the second quarter.

Strathmerton awards: Subway: Darci Bennett; Strathy café: Caitlyn Brooks.

Katunga awards: KNFC: Renae Russo; Canteen: Charlotte Andrew; KNFC: Jasmin Thompson; Laino's Pizza: Amarlie Gilmour.

Roy's the boy

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

ROY Peterson topped the field in last Thursday's mid-week event at Numurkah Golf Club.

Recording 42 stableford points, Roy just pipped fellow player Darryl Sheridan, who returned with a score of 41.

The pleasing field of 37 competitors included some visitors who immensely enjoyed both the Numurkah hospitality and sunny mid-winter day.

Players whose score earned them a club ball were: Chris Hicks 39, Steve Piggott, Alan Newby and Martin Daniel 37, Jack Dell, Sid Roughsedge, Kerry Collins and Hugh Gunn 36, Steve Thornton (Nathalia) and Colin Rankin (Cobram/Ba-rooga) 35, Mark Hegarty 34, Walter Tink and Bill Green 33.

Barry Schmedje was awarded the tin of boiled lollies for coming in with the lowest score of 21 Stableford points.

No player was able to land their ball on the fourth green and win the GMCU sponsored ball for nearest the pin. Visitor Anthony Rodgers from Condobolin Golf Club was beside himself with

No wins for Purple netballers

NATHALIA netballers had a tough day at the office on Saturday, with all teams lowering their colours to the visiting Echuca United teams.

A GRADE

A great, strong start by all seven on the court. The defenders did a power of work to shut down United's goalers and the attackers combined beautifully. Unfortunately, the girls took their foot off the pedal in the last quarter, in what was a great game of netball ending with a 13 goal win for Waaia.

Awards: Coprice BOC: Breanne Walpole; Brereton's Bakery: Amy Brooks; Casual Step: Lisa Kellow.

B GRADE

There were some great moments in this game as Nathalia applied good pressure, although they struggled in transitioning out of defence. Echuca United proved to be a tough side to beat as it cruised to a 39 goal win.

Awards: Barmah Hotel BOC: Sara Kolundzija; Laino's Pizza: Laura Harvey-Hawkins; Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Olivia Hanlon.

C GRADE

Despite some great passages of play by Nathalia, the visitors were far too strong on the day. Kate Wilcock was strong all game at wing defence, intercepting many balls, while her assistance down court was well received.

Ash Baker stepped back into wing attack after injury and Anna Tinkler moved in to centre and wing attack, with Chloe Armstrong out. Candace Ciavarella was a new recruit and The aim of new recruit Can-

dace Ciavarella was unstoppable to the goal circle. Echuca United's defence applied a lot of pressure to Nathalia's goalers which was reciprocated at the other end by the Purples' defence.

Awards: Barmah Hotel: Kate Wilcock; Casual Step: Steph Hayes; Three Bells Creations: Candace Ciavarella.

C RESERVE

A polished Echuca United team proved tough competition for Nathalia's girls, who had patches of great play and then not so good play. The Purples will need to work on passes and fitness if they are to be more competitive in the run home.

Awards: Limo's Home Hardware: Anna Brown; Laino's Pizza: Cath Dealy; Casual Step: Brooke Parker.

17 & UNDER

With the sun shining, it was a perfect day for netball, but that's where Nathalia's good day ended. They battled hard all day and showed they have improved. Numerous rebounds were taken and the ball flowed down the court when they got it right.

The third quarter was a highlight in an otherwise hard day at the office.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Anna Brown; Marketplace Subway: Annie Dietrich; Bell's Water Cartage: Maddy Lindsay.

15 & UNDER

Nathalia's start was again strong, but they lost momentum when Echuca United came back at them. Holly Boyd, Mia Bell and Kaiya Cornell caused many turnovers, but at the main

change the score difference meant changes to the line-up were required.

A strong finish in the second half saw some good passages of play but to no avail, as United finished seven goals to the good.

Boyd and Cornell worked well in the goal ring, while Ebony James and Bell provided great play and feeds. Erin Brooks was a welcome returnee after injury. Awards: Kylie Richards BOC: Holly Boyd; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Mia Bell; Marketplace Subway: Ebony James; TJ's IGA: Kaiya Cornell.

13 & UNDER

This was not the Purples' best game, as they struggled to find momentum and score, albeit there was lots to take away from this week. Sarah Stone was a welcome fill-in and provided the team with good drives and positivity.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Sarah Stone; Nathalia Dairy: Ella Dealy; TJ's IGA: Eliza Kopsidas.

11 & UNDER

This was an awesome effort by all of the Nathalia girls. It was a hard fought out game with some great passages of play. Bella Nave's determination and leads onto the ring allowed for an easy feed into the ring.

Sarah Stone's outstanding leads and shooting were great to watch. Esther Amery's continuous fight throughout the whole game was notable.

Awards: Past Players: Bella Nave; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Sarah Stone; TJ's IGA: Esther Amery.



Any takers?... Numurkah's Daisy Lester looks for attacking options.

No joy for Blues' netballers

NUMURKAH's A grade netballers came up against second placed Moama, who were reportedly determined to have a big percentage win.

By their own admission, the Magpies were surprised by the competitiveness of the game and didn't feel that the 26-78 scoreline reflected the march.

The Blues played a great defensive game, working hard across the court to win possession, but small basic errors stopped them from converting those opportunities.

Eilish Judd, Sophie Morris and Jordyn Commandeur worked hard in the ring against very strong goalers, getting many turnovers and rebounds.

Numurkah wasn't always able to capitalise on these in the first half, but was a lot more competitive in the second half, working the ball down the court much better, limiting Moama's scoring opportunities, and holding them to only five goals in the third quarter.

Fiona Elliott worked hard all game in goals, giving direction and fighting for every pass.

Serren Verhey improved as the game went on as she settled into the speed of the game while Sarah Trease continues to improve and get stronger every week.

Monica Arnel threw some great passes into Jess Tymensen, who shot accurately and rebounded and pulled the ball in strongly.

The girls fought hard all game, never giving up, and holding their heads high. If attitude and determination defined the winner, Numurkah could claim the victory.

Awards: Numurkah Hotel: Fiona Elliott; Brereton's Bakery: Eilish Judd.

B GRADE

Numurkah faced a tough game against Moama, who were quick and well drilled.

To the Blues' credit, they certainly didn't make it easy for their opponents.

In particular, the final quarter pressure applied by the Numurkah girls caused Moama to make errors.

Unfortunately, four quarters of pressure is needed to gain results, and Moama was able to run out winner by 25 goals.

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

C GRADE

With a slightly different team taking the court again this week, Numurkah adjusted quickly and stayed with Moama early.

The attackers combined well and, with Kate Reghennani dictating the play, had some great

clean passages of play.

Molly Arho made her senior debut and impressed with her confident movement, leading and reoffering down the court.

When the whole team committed to applying defensive pressure, forced errors crept into Moama's game, however a lapse mid game saw the Magpies capitalise and extend their lead to take the win.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Kate Reghennani; Numurkah Cafe Bar & Restaurant: Molly Arho.

C RESERVE

The C reserve girls started the first quarter well and really pushed 4th placed Moama, rewarded for their great work by finishing the quarter 1 goal in front.

Bad passes and poor decision making caused a number of turnovers in the second quarter, allowing Moama to take a five goal lead at half time.

The ball was brilliantly rebounded and returned to the Blues' attacking end on a number of occasions by their defence.

They were unable to capitalise on their hard work and get the ball into the goal ring, allowing Moama to extend its lead at three quarter time to 8 goals.

In true blue spirit, the Numurkah girls did not give up and dug deep to play much as they did in the first quarter.

The game slowly turned around, with the gap between the sides closing, however time was against the Blues as they went down by 3 goals.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Zoe Martin; Hair Société: Jill Masters.

17 & UNDER

In another tough game for the young Blues, the girls tried their best, however didn't get the results, going down by 35 goals.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Charli Dorrity; SportsFirst: Katie Miller.

15 & UNDER

Numurkah had a tough day against a stronger, finals-bound, Moama side, losing by 25 goals.

13 & UNDER

Like their older counterparts, the Blues found it hard going on Saturday.

Everyone tried their best, to no avail, in a seven goal defeat by the team with whom they are fighting for a final spot.

Now sitting eighth by percentage only, the Blues will need a couple more wins to keep their finals' hopes alive.

Awards: Club: Neive O'Dwyer.

11 & Under

The girls had another win, to continue their stellar season.

Bombers produce great win

A GRADE

IN a sight for sore Bomber eyes, Waaia's entire court performed to their potential as a team for perhaps the first time this year, resulting in a great win at home to Berrigan. Even making five positional changes at half time didn't slow the Bombers' momentum down on the way to a 14 goal winning margin.

Aimee Wilson was duly congratulated on her first game in A grade.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Helen Plattfuss; Telegraph: Milly Foster; Casual Step: Amy Williams.

B GRADE

While Waaia's fourth quarter was somewhat disappointing, its efforts in the first three quarters were enough to provide an 11 goal win.

The team was able to play the game on its own terms this week, which was pleasing for spectators, players and coaches. They will, however, need to keep focused for four quarters to be competitive in the final series.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Hayley Thorne; Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Bree Jorgensen; SportFirst: Maddi Cleeland.

C GRADE

In what was always going to be a tough game coming up against Berrigan, considering how competitive both teams are, the Bombers held their own in the first three quarters.

Only down by eight goals at three quarter time, Waaia was unable to get any closer, as Berrigan ran away in the last quarter.

The Bombers' defence was outstanding once again, but the team lacked a little drive, with the midcourt working double time.

Unfortunately, it wasn't Waaia's day, going down by 17.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Vanessa Scadden; Telegraph Hotel: Bernadette Caccianiga.

C RESERVE

Coming up against Berrigan for the second time this season proved to be almost as hard as the first time for Waaia, with an exciting draw being better than the second round loss.

The Bomber girls started off with a fantastic first

quarter, but Berrigan pushed the team to its limits throughout the game. There was some great work feeding into the ring and all players coming out for centre passes and putting pressure on the opposition's centre passes. There will be a few things for the Bombers to perfect at training in coming weeks, but all in all, a draw was a great outcome.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Abbi Harris; SportFirst: Kiara Brown.

UNDER 15s

The Bomber girls had a strong start, gaining multiple intercepts and turnovers, allowing them to be five goals up in the first quarter.

With changes made each quarter, the girls adjusted well to some new and different combinations while applying great defensive pressure throughout the court on the way to a solid win.

The aim for Waaia will now be to tidy up play for the last couple of games in the home and away season.

Awards: WFNC Canteen: Cassie Brooks; D & M Plattfuss: Sophie Miller.

UNDER 13s

Waaia was set up against a strong Berrigan side this week and it showed in the first quarter, remaining goal for goal. The Bombers were able to break away in the second quarter and hold the lead for the rest of the game.

The girls worked well, moving the ball down the court into the goal ring, whilst the defenders were able to get almost every rebound.

Awards: WFNC Scrunchie: Bindi Stuart WFNC Canteen: Claudia Plattfuss; Terminus Hotel: Bridie Wilson.

UNDER 11s

In a good game by the Waaia girls, they took a while to settle into the game, but once they did, they played well as a team.

The encouragement shown to team mates, leading, using channels and the movement within the goal ring by both the defenders and the shooters were highlights.

Awards: WFNC Scrunchie: Myla Stuart; Northstar: Katelyn Halden.

Bev and Ian clean up

BEV Hutchins and Ian Swain took out the Numurkah indoor bowls competition champion of champions title when the finals were played last week.

Hutchins, from Nathalia, who has now won the women's title on numerous occasions, defeated Waaia's Dawn Carey in the final.

Nathalia featured in both the men's and women's finals, with Swain defeating Ian Bolton for the title.

In the regular competition last Thursday evening, Wunghnu recorded its first win of the season, defeating Senior Citizens.

Nathalia won on both mats to have a good win over Shamrock, Strathmerton defeated Barooga in a close one, and top side Waaia won over Katamatite.

RESULTS

Shamrock 0/38 lt Nathalia 10/50. T. Bullock 20 lt F. Hutchins 23; K. Moffatt 18 lt B. Hutchins 32.

Senior Citizens 2/54 lt Wunghnu 8/59. L. Addison 17 lt D. O'Connor 37; B. Seymour 37 d N. Barnes 22.

Barooga 2/45 lt Strathmerton 8/49. I. Swain 24 d R. Clarke 16; E. Gordon 21 lt T. Haynes 33.

Waaia 10/56 d Katamatite 0/33. R.

Clarke 30 d C. Owen 16; S. Cleland 26 d M. Nordbye 17.

LADDER

Waaia 105 +253; Strathmerton 88 +59; Nathalia 71 +93; Katamatite 66 -8; Barooga 59 -2; Senior Citizens 47 -10; Shamrock 32 -106; Wunghnu 12 -283.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS RESULTS

Women's semi finals: E. Gordon

(Barooga Sports) lt B. Hutchins (Nathalia) 16 -21; G. Kennedy (Strathmerton) lt D. Carey (Waaia) 14 -23.

Men's semi finals: D. Staggard (Numurkah) lt I. Swain (Barooga) 12 -26; T. Haynes (Strathmerton) lt I. Bolton (Nathalia) 16 -19.

Grand finals: B. Hutchins d D. Carey 19 -15; I. Swain d I. Bolton 21 -16.

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- St Kilda vs. Melbourne (MRVL) (N)
Port Adelaide vs. GWS GIANTS (AO) (N)
Western Bulldogs vs. Fremantle (MRVL)
Sydney Swans vs. Geelong Cats (SCG)
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Lee Agnew

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Adelaide
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- 5 Melbourne
- 6 GWS
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 6 Total 98



Kylie Jackson

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Brisbane
- 3 Carlton
- 4 West Coast
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 GWS
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 4 Total 93



Chris O'Dwyer

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Adelaide
- 4 West Coast
- 5 Melbourne
- 6 Port Adelaide
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 5 Total 95



Roger Seiter

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Brisbane
- 3 Adelaide
- 4 West Coast
- 5 Melbourne
- 6 GWS
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 5 Total 102



Tom Buzzo

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Brisbane
- 3 Carlton
- 4 North Melb
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 GWS
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 7 Total 85



Peter Newby

- 1 Collingwood
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Adelaide
- 4 West Coast
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 Port Adelaide
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 4 Total 88



John Beitzel

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Brisbane
- 3 Adelaide
- 4 West Coast
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 Port Adelaide
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 6 Total 87



Brad Kerry

- 1 Collingwood
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Adelaide
- 4 North Melb
- 5 Melbourne
- 6 GWS
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 4 Total 84



Katunga Fresh

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Brisbane
- 3 Adelaide
- 4 West Coast
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 GWS
- 7 Fremantle
- 8 Geelong
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Last week 5 Total 77



Dave Jenkins

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Carlton
- 4 West Coast
- 5 Melbourne
- 6 GWS
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 4 Total 94



Danni Woolley

- 1 Collingwood
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Adelaide
- 4 West Coast
- 5 Melbourne
- 6 GWS
- 7 Fremantle
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 5 Total 75



Kevin Morland

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Adelaide
- 4 West Coast
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 GWS
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 6 Total 94



John Schaaf

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Adelaide
- 4 West Coast
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 GWS
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 8 Total 90



David Ludington

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Carlton
- 4 West Coast
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 GWS
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 7 Total 94



Nathan Morris

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Adelaide
- 4 West Coast
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 GWS
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 6 Total 96



Troy Knox

- 1 Collingwood
- 2 Brisbane
- 3 Adelaide
- 4 West Coast
- 5 Melbourne
- 6 GWS
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 6 Total 76



Denis Brooks

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Brisbane
- 3 Carlton
- 4 West Coast
- 5 Melbourne
- 6 GWS
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Sydney
- 9 Essendon

Last week 5 Total 94



Liam Gledhill

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 Adelaide
- 4 West Coast
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 Port Adelaide
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Essendon

Last week 5 Total 93



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Blues back on winners list

NUMURKAH eked out a win over cellar dweller Moama on Saturday, despite some poor kicking for goal.

"We were once again horrible in front of goal," coach Jye Warren said, "Although it was good to get back on the winning list."

"The recent loss against Katandra left a sour taste in the mouth, but we knew if we stuck to our structures we would give ourselves every chance of winning."

"While things didn't always go our way, it was largely due to Moama's pressure, which was elite," he added.

The team has a long injury list, particularly in the ruck stocks, with a suspension for Michael Griffiths, incurred during Saturday's game, exacerbating the problem.

"Someone from the reserves will have to step up in coming weeks, with veteran Paul Collins likely to be required," Warren said.

Ruckman Mick Griffiths led the Blues' efforts on Saturday, combining with Beau McKeown to win first possessions.

Nathan Hicks provided a focal point up forward with four goals, while the home side was also well served by Jamie Fulton, Tim Arnel and Josh O'Dwyer.

The third placed Blues will need to keep winning to retain a double chance in the finals, beginning with a danger game this week, away to eighth placed Tungamah, which will be determined to enhance its chances of a first Murray league finals appearance.

Magpies too strong

NUMURKAH, languishing three rungs from the bottom of the ladder, hosted the Moama Magpies, strong contenders for finals action, on Saturday.

The match commenced with Ollie Masters rucking and Kobie Rahilly going in hard from the outset.

Toby Brown was also going in with spirit against the huge units from NSW, in what was shaping to be a far more gritty contest than expected.

The young Blues were putting their heads over the ball, Ayden Siemans backing up Lucas Roberts down the spine and Reeve Verhoeven stunning on the wing, combining elegance with oomph.

The Magpies were just able to struggle past key backman Jaxon McKellar, Riley Dobson and Matt Millen to register a goal and clutch of behinds before the first siren.

The second quarter began promisingly, but a quick major from the Magpies was conceded as Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton, Conner Waites and Nick Hughes got busy, rampaging through the midfield to great effect. Jesse Powlesland and Zac Newby threw themselves into the action.

Great collaboration between Billy Smith and Nick Hughes had hearts in mouths, but the Moama backline was too strong as they began to pile on the points, taking a lead of 36 points into the big break.

The third quarter began evenly, the Blues backline miserly with every point.

Mitchell O'Dwyer and Georgia Sessions worked with Braidyn Dicker to keep the margin to 50 at the last break.

In the final term, Nathan Page got boot to ball, desperate to avoid a blowout, Jack Tremellen kept crashing in again and again, but the Blues eventually went down by 78 points.

Best players for the Blues were Reeve Verhoeven, Kobie Rahilly, Nathan Page, Braidyn Dicker, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton and Zac Newby.



On tap ... Numurkah's best player on Saturday, Michael Griffiths, competes for a ruck tap with Moama's Kyle Baker, while Beau McKeown awaits his chance.

Goals hard to come by for Purples

IN a high standard game at Nathalia, the Purples' reserves were competitive with the undefeated ladder leader, Echuca United, but had trouble scoring.

The visitors were able to generate scores with similar entries, which in the end was the difference between the two sides. Despite the loss, Nathalia appears finals-bound, holding on to fourth on the ladder.

Sean Zammit again gave his all in the ruck and received good support from Matty Carroll. Under a lot of pressure Tyson Richards, Tom Byrnes and Dan Robinson were solid in defence and repelled many opposition forward entries. In a game that went end to end, Nathan McKenna played a great link role to continue his great season.

Awards: Limbrick Accounting: Sean

Zammit, Mick Hogan Excavations: Tyson Richards, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Dan Robinson, Blake St Butcher: Matt Carroll, Numurkah Nu-genes: Nathan McKenna, Brereton's Bakery: Tom Byrnes.

UNDER 17s

The scoreboard at the end of the game didn't reflect the work rate of the Purples' boys. They had a four-quarter effort against the undefeated ladder leader, putting their heads over the ball applying tackling pressure. If they can bring this standard into the last four games of the year, they will be a hard side to beat, belying their lowly ladder position.

Awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Devon Moroney, AV Hughes: Tom Favaro, Rex James Stockfeed: Ben Armstrong, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Harry Dietrich, Marketplace Subway: Nathalia Printers: Brady Walpole.

Taylor Moroney.

UNDER 14s

Nathalia played host to a big bodied unit from top team, Echuca United, after a week off. The lads had a real crack in the first quarter showing enormous grit and determination.

The boys in the backline had their work cut out with Oliver Sheehan, Ewan Congues, Max Frostick and Ned Bramwell all standing tall. Mason Cobblewick did well in the ruck, Ryan Dealy and Connor Peachey were busy in and under, and Elgin Farrall-Stone was giving his teammates options up field. Charlie Sheehan and Kai Lundberg never gave up all day as did Darcy Conroy and Brandon Orton.

Awards: Past Players: Ned Bramwell; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Connor Peachey; Al's Café: Max Frostick; Frostick Contracting: Darcy Conroy; Nathalia Printers: Brady Walpole.

Big win for Nathalia women

NATHALIA women's senior football team welcomed back 2018 co-captain Kirsty Hommes for her first game of the season after a knee injury, with its fourth win in a row, downing Benalla in Benalla on Sunday.

In wet and slightly boggy conditions the Purple girls started strongly with four goals by quarter time. Benalla sent extra players into Nathalia's forward line, creating congestion in an attempt to slow the flow of goals, with varying success.

Millie Casey, playing her best game so far, still managed to break through three defenders blocking her path to mark strongly to kick one of her three goals. The momentum of the game slowed a little as Benalla worked hard to clog and hold up play, but the Purples were able to regain composure, put the game back on their terms, hit up forward targets and keep the goals coming. Ainsley Robinson was enthusiastically congratulated for kicking not only her first career goal but later adding her second.

Next week provides a big challenge as Nathalia heads to Echuca to take on the ladder leader.

Awards: BOC Club mug: Sharnah Stevens; Brereton's Bakery: Tegan Sutton; Cheeky Cidery: Millie Casey; Bridge Hotel: Ainsley Robinson; Casual Step: Vanessa Ward; NWR Communications: Kym John.

Purples scrape home

IN a top of the table clash that lived up to all expectations, the Nathalia Purples claimed a victory over the visiting Echuca United by the narrowest of margins on Saturday. The win leaves Nathalia a game clear on top of the Murray league ladder.

Spectators witnessed a typical fast flowing, entertaining clash. Nothing separated the two sides all day, with the Purples clinging to a one point lead as the final siren sounded.

The first quarter was an arm wrestle with both sides testing each other with pace and pressure. A reversal free kick saw Jason Limbrick score the first goal and a late goal to Liam Evans left the Purples trailing by four points at quarter time.

Evans was dangerous up forward, Bailey Bell was damaging through the midfield and 200 gamer and club legend, Brodie Ross, was powerful in the ruck.

The second quarter saw both sides throw everything at the contest, scoring three goals each and ending in a one point margin to Echuca United at the long break.

Ross and Evans continued their influential form throughout the quarter, whilst Adam Jorgensen brought his energy to the contest.

Ryan Butler and Ned Nihill started to give the Purples run from defence and fellow defender Ricky Barnes intercepted strongly.

The Purples' wingers, Clancy Congues and Rhys Shannon, also started to win possessions and apply tackling pressure on the United midfielders.

After the long break, the Purples hit the scoreboard with an immediate bang and slammed on four unanswered goals. Evans was in everything and fellow forward Alex Hicks asserted his influence on the game with hard running and strong marking. Bailey Bell, who was spend-

ing more time forward, snagged two important goals and Nathalia's midfield of Tom Nihill and Drew Barnes were on top. However, just as the Purples appeared to be powering to victory, the Eagles hit back with the next five goals to take a 10-point lead into the last quarter.

The final term promised to be a beauty, and it didn't disappoint. The Purples attacked immediately. Jorgensen was electric and Matt Davies wound back the clock with some dashing work and a long goal from 50 metres.

Scores were level with 10 minutes remaining, before some Bailey Bell magic saw him goal, then narrowly miss to give his team a seven point lead.

Just when the crowd thought the Purples had done enough, the Eagles launched forward for Mellington to mark and score his ninth and bring the margin back to one point. With 90 seconds remaining the Barnes boys forced the ball forward and, fittingly, Brodie Ross, in a best on ground performance, took two telling marks to hold the ball in the Purples' half until the final bell.

Nathalia Coach, Mal Barnes, said he was pleased the players were able to grind out the win.

"Lack of concentration cost us in the third quarter. We identified two weeks ago Saturday's game was going to require four quarters of hard work," he said.

Looking towards finals, Barnes said the players won't be able to relax.

"We know if we are 5 or 10% off, any side will challenge us," he said

Awards: Ryan Meat Co: Brodie Ross, Bourke Group: Liam Evans, Liddell Group – Dellcorp: Bailey Bell, Numurkah Tyre Power: Ryan Butler, TJ's IGA: Clancy Congues, Brereton's Bakery: Rhys Shannon.



Double ton for loyal Brodie

Numbers at the ball... Ryan Butler battles for the ball with Clancy Congues and Brodie Ross providing support.

Nathalia responds to haymaker claim

NATHALIA Football Netball Club president Dean Limbrick has responded to claims made in the Riverine Herald that a Nathalia player's "haymaker" was responsible for an injury to an Echuca United player on Saturday.

Mr Limbrick released a statement on the incident which left Echuca United's Nick Kellow with a broken jaw.

Limbrick said "An incident has taken place between Nick and our player. The other players from our football team have spoken to me, as has the player in question, as we

conduct our own investigation into the circumstances around the incident.

"Unfortunately, there is injury to Nick as a result.

"There was no malice in our player's behaviour, he had no intention to cause such injury. It wasn't a haymaker as was suggested.

"As the Nathalia Football Club, we wish to send our absolute best to Nick. We hope to see him recover well from this and get back on the football field as soon as he can," Limbrick concluded.



Milestone man... Nathalia stalwart Brodie Ross breaks a banner celebrating his 200th game for the Purples



Double ton for loyal Brodie

NATHALIA big man, Brodie Ross, notched up his 200th senior match against Echuca United on Saturday at Nathalia. One of the Purples' most popular and committed players, Brodie marked the milestone with a best on ground performance in his team's thrilling one point win. The milestone not only highlights 200 senior games, but also honours his years of wonderful service to the Nathalia Football and Netball Club on and off the field.

Brodie epitomizes the 'Purple Spirit' with his commitment to the club as a player and supporter. He has not only been a fantastic player but a 'rare gem' who contributes as much to the club behind the scenes as on the ground.

"Loyalty sums Brodie up for me," coach Mal Barnes com-

mented.

"He could have gone anywhere, but he has chosen to stay with us," Barnes said.

He is a junior product of Nathalia, playing all of his junior and senior football, bar one year at Shepparton United in 2014, with his beloved Purples. After starting as a somewhat small and finely built junior, Brodie developed into a powerful forward/ruckman, a position in which he has played most of his games.

His career highlights include being a five time premiership player (2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018), a dual club best and fairest winner in 2013 and 2016 (premiership year), Murray league representative 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2018 and club leading goal kicker in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Brodie works tirelessly to support the club and has volunteered his time in a variety of areas over the years.

He coached the thirds in 2016 and 2017, manages the bar, assumed the role of junior vice president in 2012 and 2013 and has been the major driver behind the establishment and maintenance of the club's gymnasium.

With his mother a member of the locally famed Gemmill family, Brodie will join uncles Graeme and Noel and cousins Ash and Nathan Gemmill in the Nathalia 200 club. To top off the family connection to the club, Brodie's father, Greg, is a life member and senior team manager. It would be fair to describe Brodie Ross as a great club person and proud Purple.



All in ... It was a tight contest for three quarters between the Bulldogs and Swans on Saturday.



Giving chase ... Brock Palmer gives chase to Tyler Dunn.

Bulldogs take shield from Swans

STRATHMERTON and Katunga met on Saturday, vying for the Adrian Shannon Shield, honouring a stalwart member and past player and coach of both teams.

Strathmerton prevailed on the day, after a grueling first three quarters, before the game opened up in the last, resulting in a 47 point win for the Bulldogs.

Katunga started well, scoring the only goal of the first quarter in a scrappy but even contest. Strathy replied with the only two majors for the second term.

Poor goal kicking by the Swans, combined with some undisciplined play, gave the Bulldogs an eight point lead at the final break.

Strathy finally kicked into gear in the final term, while the Katunga players stopped being accountable for their opponents, and the Bulldogs kicked away with six unanswered goals for the quarter.

For the winners, Adrian Crestani put in a commanding performance in his 150th game, while Tyron Hill, Simon Russell and Matty Shannon provided their usual strong performances and

Matty Price and Mark Luci were also prominent.

Katunga was best served by Mitch Sidebottom, Xavier Thorp, Will Newman, Kevin Vanden Goor, Tyler Dunn and Josh Smith.

Katunga awards: Katunga Fresh: Xavier Thorp; Clydesdale Hotel: Will Newman; Lenny's Ag: Kevin Vanden Goor; GrainCorp: Trent Baker; Telegraph: Josh Smith; Les Walkington award: Scott Sutton.

RESERVES

In a must win game for Katunga to keep its finals hopes alive, the Swans didn't disappoint, while the Bulldogs were left to rue the one that got away. The first half was tight with each team scoring only a single goal in the first quarter and Katunga leading by a goal at the long break.

The Swans opened up a 24 point break in the third quarter, although it could have been more, with 12 scoring shots to four at that stage. Strathy was not helped by a shortage of numbers and an injury to Brandon Deakin.

The final term saw the Bulldogs outscore the Swans, but they were still 21

points short at the final bell.

Josh Bale played one of his best games for Katunga, with Brett Kimberley proving dangerous up forward, kicking four goals.

Josh Beer was clearly best on ground for the losers, while other "Js" in Jake Cooney, Jacob Gillie and Jacob Atkin stood tall in defence. Jordan "Magic" Crestani showed with his balls kills and pace that once it's in his hands he is hard to stop.

Katunga awards: John King Grain: Josh Bale; Dan Hendy Landforming: Josh Tetley; Telegraph: Josh MacFadyen; Clydesdale: Tyler Hinck; KFNC: Brett Kimberley.

UNDER 17s

First (Strathmerton) played second (Katunga) in a repeat of last year's grand final, in what was expected to be a tough game, and the crowd was not disappointed.

The Swans came out firing and showed the young Bulldogs they had a fight on their hands, kicking the only goal of the first quarter.

Strathy hit back to lead by the narrowest of margins at half time, but was again scoreless in the third term, as

the Swans took a 13 point lead.

The Bulldogs won the final quarter but Katunga held on for a five point win.

The winners' forward line gave plenty of options, with Sam Arho kicking three goals and Ben Whitford, back from injury, kicking one. In the backline Zac Dixon was instrumental in keeping the ball off Strathy, and Kody Jackson and Max Hendy played extremely well.

It wasn't a massive win for the Swans, but it was a reverse of the last two games against Strathmerton.

For the Bulldogs, strong efforts came from the back trio of Matt Price, Zac Cunningham and Beau Hall.

Strathmerton awards: Josh Payne, Haydn Wyatt, Beau Hall, Dylan Craven and Zac Cunningham.

Katunga awards: Harro's Lures: Zac Dixon; Mulcahy Livestock: Max Hendy; Harris Panel beating: Kody Jackson; SportFirst: Sam Arho; CanTeen: Will Sefton.

UNDER 14s

In a very important game for both sides, Katunga was able to bring home the points and almost confirm

a role in the finals.

The Swans are now fifth with a two game and percentage advantage over ninth place.

In a high intensity game, Katunga displayed excellent teamwork and applied pressure with great tackling. Despite the loss, Strathmerton appears to have a firm hold on fourth. Strathmerton had regained some injured players to strengthen its side, resulting in a goalless arm wrestle of an opening term.

The Swans slipped away in the second quarter due to some lapses of concentration by their opponents, to build a 14 point lead, which they built to 22 points at the end.

Strathmerton awards: Strathy Pizza: Sid McNeil; Subway: Josh Payne; Terminus Hotel: Will Almond; Ladies committee: Ben Lee-Madgwick; Macca's: Ryan Wyatt and Coaches award: Brodie Wren.

Katunga awards: JH & Co Management: Harry McDonald; Dyson's IGA: Aidan Harris; Supporters Award: Ryan Russo; Red Cherry: Nathan Simpson; Canteen: Ryan Moulder.

Picola hangs on for a win

RETURNING after yet another bye week, the Picola Blues had to switch on early to ensure Jerilderie didn't get the jump on them.

The first quarter saw many forward fifty entries by Jerilderie, and Picola's half backs, led by Clinton Barnes, worked tirelessly, rebounding the ball on multiple occasions.

Despite the Blues' back line's efforts, Jerilderie was eight points up at the first break.

With Blake Jorgensen kicking a goal in the opening minute of the second term, the Blues run through the centre and strong bodies lifted their intensity.

The scoreboard was hit hard with 13 goals kicked for the quarter, and Picola taking the lead at the main break. The third term was a tug of war and game of grit and determination by

both sides. Jarrod Byrne was solid all day, holding his man to just one major for the game. Captain Marcus Walsh led the team well with strong tackles and good voice around the ground.

The final quarter saw the game see-saw, but Picola was determined not to let this win slip through its fingers and fought to the end, coming away with a two goal win.

Awards: DMH Mug and Barmah Hotel: Clinton Barnes; Blake Street Butchery: Marcus Walsh; Brereton's Bakery: Blake Jorgensen; Limo's Hardware: Jarrod Byrne

RESERVES

Facing Jerilderie for the second time for the season, Picola was looking at getting one back on the Demons, having lost by nine points the first time round.

The game started well for the Blues as they controlled the ball, but skill errors and inability to convert kept the Demons within reach at the end of the first quarter.

After quarter time the Blues stepped up and started to clean up their possession and use the ball to their advantage. They applied good pressure around the field all day and continued to build on that each quarter to fight out the game, finishing 19 point winners.

Stand out performances from Hindle, the Daniel brothers, Solar, Trickey and Orten helped seal it for Picola.

The Blues take on the improved Mathoura next week on their home ground in a must win to set up a finals campaign.

Awards: Nathalia Fertiliser and

Grain Mug: Darren Hindle; Brereton's Bakery: David Daniel; Minchin Mechanics: Lee Solar; Numans: Troy Trickey.

UNDER 17s

An arm wrestle opening quarter between Picola and Jerilderie saw the sides only manage one goal each. During the second term, Jerilderie found the ball on the outside and managed to convert, taking a four goal lead to the main break.

The Blues hit back in the third quarter, playing some brilliant football to reduce the margin, however Jerilderie hit back strongly and took the game out of reach in the final term.

Awards: Dove Motors Mug/Lubke Engineering: Clay Stevens; Peter Limbrick Accounting: Jordan Simpson; Barmah Social Club:

Fraser Hutchins; TJ's IGA: Jordan Archibald; Home game "Have a go" Sponsored by Nathalia Hair and Beauty: Jaz Truman.

UNDER 14s

On a great day for football, playing against an undermanned Jerilderie, the Picola boys played well in a resounding victory.

Moving the ball well around the ground, Picola shared the ball, allowing the young players to have an impact on the game.

Awards: Power Livestock Trophy and Barnett Family: Kayden Atkinson; Better-Bite Barmah: Jason Beckett; Barmah Social Club: Logan Daniel; Al's Café Encouragement Medallion: Bradley Atkinson; Home game "Have a go" Sponsored by Nathalia Hair and Beauty: Corey Legge.

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Tight contest ...
Strathmerton and Katunga played three tight quarters before the Bulldogs pulled away.



Bulldogs take shield from Swans

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First quarter seals win for Bombers

IN a back and forth first quarter, Waiai was able to gain a substantial break over Berrigan on Saturday, which enabled it to hang on for a 13 point win.

After kicking seven goals to two in the first stanza, the Bombers were held goalless in the second, with Berrigan getting to within three points at the long break. The second half was a dour struggle, with the Bombers prevailing, kicking three goals to the Saints' one.

Sam Richardson was reliable as ever for the Bombers, playing another

great game and earning himself best on ground honours.

Mitch Cleeland provided highlights all day, with his strong plays featuring all around the ground. Mason Sprunt worked hard in the ruck to get tap outs to the likes of Jesse Trower, who was there to help transition the ball into the forward line. Mark Meyland was unstoppable in the forward line and celebrated every one of his five goals.

Awards: Onley Consulting: Sam Richardson; Gagliardi Scott Real Estate/Telegraph Hotel: Mitchell

Cleeland; Ahoy Water/Terminus Hotel: Jesse Trower; Mick Hogan Excavations: Mark Meyland; Sport First Numurkah: Mason Sprunt.

RESERVES

The Twos put in a strong performance this week but were unable to match a strong Berrigan side.

Hayden Hixon had plenty of the ball and used it wisely to earn himself a best on ground accolade. Both Nathan Cornick and Robbie Bradbury were standouts for the game, playing hard and moving the ball well.

Steve Hixon and Mark Bergamin put

in strong four quarter efforts to also feature in the best players.

Awards: Onley Consulting & Telegraph Hotel: Hayden Hixon; Onley Consulting & Terminus Hotel: Mark Bergamin; Mick Hogan Excavations: Nathan Cornick; Murray Valley Rural and Plumbing: Steve Hixon; Ahoy Water Cartage: Robbie Bradbury.

FOURTHS

The young Bombers came up against a strong Berrigan side on the weekend. The young boys worked hard all day but were unable to come

away with the win. Bailey Plattfuss worked hard all day and was rewarded with best on ground honours. AJ Brooks played another outstanding game.

Regan Collins and Tom Daniel laid strong tackles and worked hard all day, while young Cohen Shelton was a handy inclusion to the side.

Awards: C & C Wilson & Terminus Hotel: Bailey Plattfuss; Numurkah Electrical & Pump Services: Regan Collins; Rex James StockFeed: Tom Daniel; D & M Plattfuss: AJ Brooks; Waiai Canteen: Cohen Shelton.

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