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# History in context

The new home of the Numurkah Historical Society's collection of medical equipment is the former quarantine ward of Numurkah's historic Araluen Hospital, which once catered to the district's sick and injured residents from a location on Saxton St. See story page 5

## Moira adopts budget

MOIRA Shire Council adopted its 2019/20 budget, along with the 2019-23 Strategic Resource Plan (SRP), at a special council meeting last Wednesday night.

Mayor Libro Mustica thanked the 33 submitters who participated in the community consultation process, as well as the people who came along to the community information sessions to talk about the budget.

"Council considered all feedback received and in many cases this feedback has been met within the current budget, with some projects proposed for later years to enable further investigation and confirmation of the project scope," Cr Mustica said.

### Fees, rates and charges

"The 2019/20 Budget is balanced within a constrained rate capping environment of 2.5%," Cr Mustica said.

"Council fees and charges will increase by an average of 2.5% with no new borrowings for the financial year.

"Council operated buildings in Yarrawonga, Cobram, Numurkah and Nathalia have a new community/not for profit rate which has seen fees decrease by up to 15%."

### Major initiatives

Cr Mustica said in 2019/20, council proposed the delivery of new assets and the expansion, upgrade and renewal of existing assets.

"These include \$6.6 million for the construction of the Yarrawonga multisports stadium, \$900,000 for the redevelopment of the Tungamah recreation reserve changerooms, \$400,000 for the redevelopment of the Wungunu recreation reserve community building and \$100,000 for works at the Nathalia sports and community building," he said.

"More than \$8 million has been set aside for roads, drainage and kerb and channel works across the shire, including Gilmore Street Yarrawonga and Station Street Numurkah as well as accessible car parking in Yarrawonga and Numurkah.

"Council has allocated more than \$1 million to

deliver the Barmah boat ramp master plan, netball court works in Katamatite and improvements to Twiddle Park Numurkah."

Cr Mustica said several of the proposed projects would only proceed if grant applications were successful or after further community consultation.

"The 2019/20 budget commits council to delivering a capital works program totalling \$22.3 million, with the majority (\$11.5 million) funded from council resources and the balance from a combination of state and federal grants, rates, user contributions and \$2.9 million drawn from council's reserves," he said.

### Strategic Resource Plan (SRP)

The SRP proposes council to deliver \$78.8 million of works over the four year period to 2023 and identifies priority investment areas including almost \$28.4 million of new and upgraded infrastructure, and a sustained program of investment in drainage and flood mitigation works.

The 2019/20 Budget and Strategic Resource Plan can be viewed at [www.moira.vic.gov.au](http://www.moira.vic.gov.au).

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**Under investigation ...** A CFA investigator and police arson chemists attended the property on Thursday.

# Raid house goes up in smoke

A DIGGORA Parade home that was the subject of a recent police raid was the site of a fire, that police are treating as suspicious, in the early hours of last Thursday.

The home is currently unoccupied, with the *Leader* being led to understand that the previous tenants were evicted following the police raid on May 29.

The blaze started in the south east corner of the building, and burnt up into the ceiling.

A neighbour of the property alerted the fire brigade at 5.14am and attempted to tackle the blaze with a garden hose. The neighbour's efforts are believed to have slowed the spread of the fire, and given brigades an advantage in extinguishing it more rapidly.

Fire fighters were required to remove roofing iron in order to access the fire and stop it spreading further.

A CFA fire investigator and Victoria Police arson chemists attended the property on Thursday to conduct investigations.

Anybody with any information should contact Cobram CIU.



**Suspicious ...**  
The fire is believed to have been deliberately lit.

# Smoke alarm a false alarm

## FIRE WATCH

LOCAL CFA brigades responded to three calls in the past week, only one of which required their attention.

At 10.15 last Wednesday night Numurkah and Katunga brigades, and Shepparton's aerial pumper, were turned out to a smoke alarm sounding at the corner of Campbell

St and Coxon Ave, Numurkah.

No smoke or fire was evident when the Numurkah brigade arrived, and neighbours said the smoke detector had been operating for a few days.

Katunga and Shepparton were stopped enroute, and no further action was taken.

A mere five hours later, at 5.15am last Thursday, Numurkah and Katunga brigades and Shepparton's aerial pumper were called out again, this time to a house fire at Diggora Pde, Numurkah.

The fire, which started at the front corner of the unoccupied house, burnt up into the ceiling; some roofing iron was removed to get to the fire.

The next door neighbour had slowed the fire down with water from a garden hose.

Police also attended, and the fire is being treated as suspicious.

At 6.20pm on Monday, Strath-

merton, Waaia and Katunga brigades responded to a reported house fire at the corner of Ferris St and Waaia-Beari Road, Beari.

As the fire brigades were enroute the fire was downgraded to a burn off and Waaia and Katunga were turned back. The fire was a heap of rubbish in a back yard, and no action was required by the fire brigade.

People intending to burn-off are asked to notify Vic Fire on 1800 668 511 and record their burn off, to prevent the fire brigade being turned out unnecessarily.



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# Victoria's assisted dying laws come in today

AUSTRALIA'S first voluntary assisted dying laws come into effect in Victoria today, allowing Victorians who are suffering with a terminal illness to make an initial request to access voluntary assisted dying.

The historic legislation was passed by the Victorian Parliament in 2017, giving Victorians with a terminal illness a genuine, compassionate choice about the timing and manner of their death.

Premier Daniel Andrews said Victoria's voluntary assisted dying model is the safest and most conservative in the world.

The safeguards include:

- Only adults with decision-making capacity, who are suffering and have an incurable, advanced and progressive disease, illness or medical condition that is likely to cause death within six months (or 12 months for people with neurodegenerative conditions) can access the scheme.

- A person may only access voluntary assisted dying if they meet all of the strict eligibility criteria, make three clear requests and have two independent medical assessments that determine they are eligible.

- The request must always be initiated by the person themselves, with health practitioners who are treating the person and raise the issue subject to unprofessional conduct investigations.

About 100 doctors including GPs, cancer specialists and palliative care clinicians from right around the state are already undertaking mandatory, specialist training to ensure they're equipped to assess a patient's eligibility to access voluntary assisted dying. About a third of all participating doctors practise in regional Victoria.

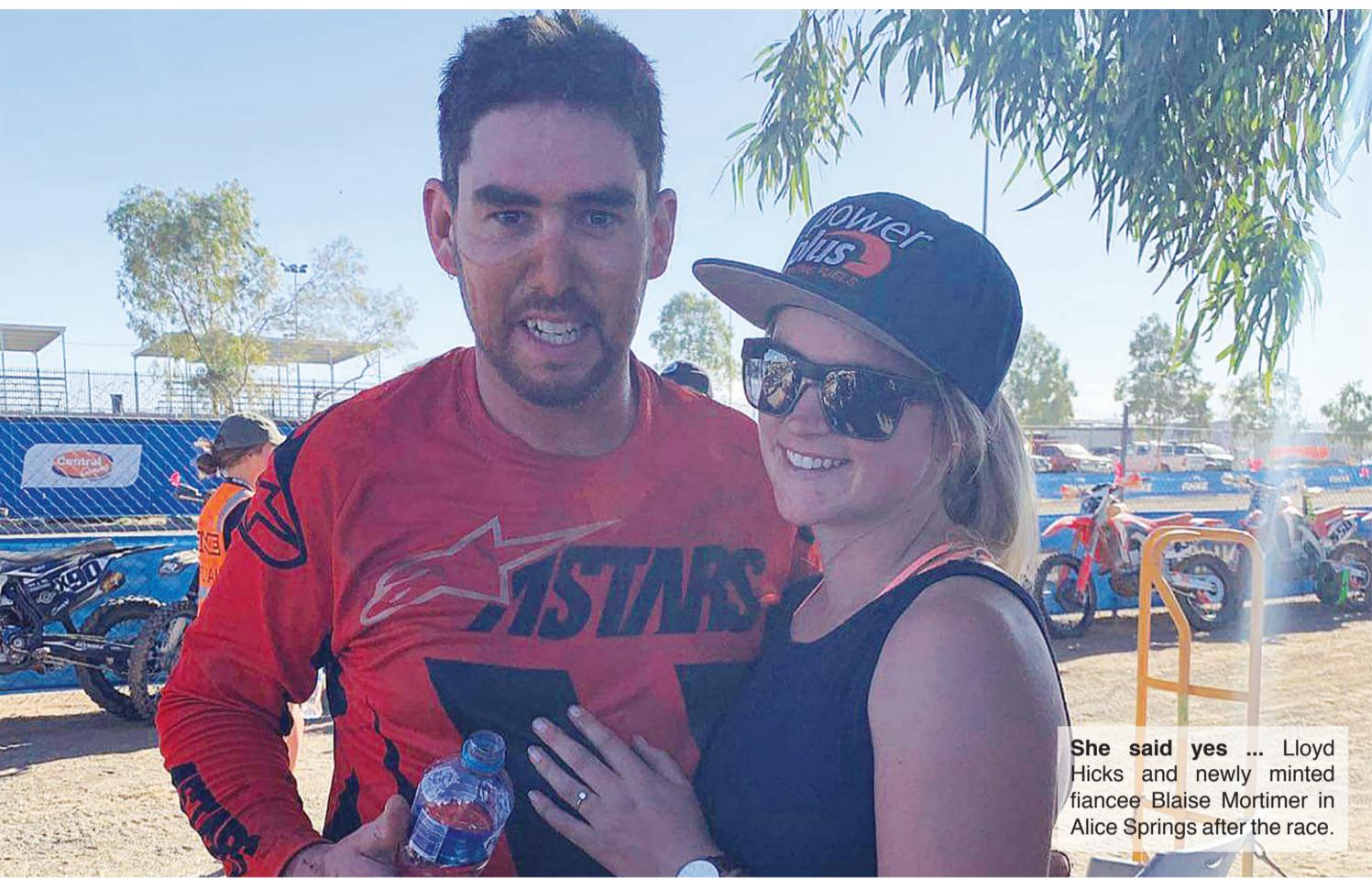
A Melbourne-based pharmacy service will become the sole service for dispensing voluntary assisted dying medications across Victoria, ensuring patients are provided clear information regarding administration, and that unused medications are returned and destroyed.

For people too sick to travel, the pharmacy service will deliver them their medication and provide information on administration – and then collect any unused medication.

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board, chaired by former Supreme Court Judge Betty King QC, will review every instance of voluntary assisted dying being accessed, ensuring the highest safety standards are met.

Premier Daniel Andrews said that a person's quality of death is part of their quality of life, and everyone deserves a genuine, compassionate choice.

"We know that only a small number of people will choose to access voluntary assisted dying, but it will make a world of difference for those who do," he said.



**She said yes ...** Lloyd Hicks and newly minted fiancee Blaise Mortimer in Alice Springs after the race.

## Highs and lows for Sand Rats at Finke

NUMURKAH district couple Blaise Mortimer and Lloyd Hicks have quite the engagement story to tell their grandchildren one day.

On the Queen's Birthday long weekend Lloyd popped the question and Blaise said yes - during a motorbike race in the middle of the desert near Alice Springs.

Lloyd, from Barmah, who was one of 10 Goulburn and Murray Valley riders competing as part of the Sand Rats team in the Finke Desert Race, said he thought it would be the perfect opportunity to propose.

"I wanted to surprise her and I knew she wouldn't suspect that I'd do it there and then," he said.

Finke, as it's known, is a two-day 'there and back again' off road, multi terrain race for bikes, cars, buggies and quads through the desert between Alice Springs and the small community of Aputula (Finke) 230km away.

After a nervous two day wait for Lloyd, who was racing in his first Finke, to return, Blaise said that she

was just so glad to see him back in one piece and having achieved a fast time, that she didn't initially register what was happening when he got down on one knee.

"I was so surprised that I was just half shocked and half laughing and I couldn't even really answer," she said.

"He had to ask me if that was a yes, and after five and a half years together, of course it was!"

Fortunately for Lloyd, the ring, which he had carried in a special gold bag tucked into his camel pack, survived the race.

Whilst the rest of the Sand Rats can't claim to have had quite the romantic adventure that Lloyd, who came an overall 50th out of 650 riders, did, it was good year for the team overall.

Sam Davies from Echuca's time gave him bragging rights for a sixth outright finish, and Lauchie Terry from Shepparton was right behind him with seventh outright.

Numurkah's Ryan Cossens, riding

in his seventh Finke, wasn't so lucky.

Coming off his bike on the first corner, a mere 500 metres into the race, Ryan grazed his left elbow down to the bone, but got straight back on to complete the first leg.

Asked why he didn't turn around and head back to the start, Ryan gives a two-part answer - the first part of which consists of an incredulous look.

"I was in a race," he said.

With the adrenalin pumping hard enough to overshadow the pain of his injury, Ryan didn't realise how serious it was until he reached Finke at the end of the first leg.

"The medics grabbed me and said 'mate there's blood dripping off your bike, and you've got a big hole in your arm' and they pulled me from the race," he said.

"It was really disappointing as I was aiming for a top five finish and a lot of time and money goes into preparing at that level, but that's racing.

"That's how it goes."

Ryan underwent surgery to the in-

jury, which had become infected, in Alice Springs, and is currently having daily dressing changes at NDHS and will undergo a skin graft in coming weeks.

With this year's race fresh in his mind, Ryan has decided that he has ridden his last Finke.

"I'll definitely go back as a mechanic, but that's my last ride there I reckon."

Ryan's pedigree as a Finke mechanic is already established, with his business Tweaked Performance having built the bike on which Alice Springs rider James Heenan - a Sand Rat by association - achieved 14th place.

With the time, money and danger involved, the attraction might not be immediately obvious to everyone, but having gotten a taste, Lloyd Hicks is hooked.

"It's crazy and it's brutal but it's a challenge and it's fun," he said.

"I'll definitely be back next year."



**Toughing it out ...** Blood from his elbow injury can be seen on Ryan Cossens' sleeve as he rides in the first leg of the race. Photo: Madison Sohnle.



**Ready to go ...** Lloyd Hicks in Alice Springs before his first Finke Desert Race.

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## 2019/20 BUDGET ADOPTED

Council adopted its 2019/20 Budget along with the 2019-23 Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) at a Special Council Meeting last Wednesday.

We have committed to deliver our largest ever capital works program with a total of more than \$22 million of capital works over the next 12 months.

Rates will rise 2.5% in line with rate capping.

We would like to thank the community members who put in submissions and attended the drop in sessions to assist in the development of the budget.

Visit our website to view the 2019/20 Budget and SRP.



## ORGANIC WASTE - LOW CONTAMINATION LEVELS



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## INDUSTRIAL LAND EOI – CLOSES 11 JULY



Do you have any land available or are looking to purchase land in an industrial estate to develop your business?

We are asking for feedback on what land you may have available and what areas of land you would like to see developed in Moira Shire.

The feedback period closes 5pm Thursday 11 July.

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Reminder notices for outstanding rates balances will appear in letterboxes this week.

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## HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE OF VOLUNTEER SECTION 86 COMMITTEES



We are calling for feedback on the future directions for Section 86 committees.

A discussion paper, which includes 13 key principles to guide the future operation, funding and support for volunteer committees is available from our website.

We encourage everyone to read the discussion paper and to consider what the future could look like for these committees and for the wider community.

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 26 JUNE



Our next meeting will commence at 5pm on Wednesday 26 June at the Cobram Civic Centre.

All meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

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Look for tracker  
on back of bird



## Active straw-necked ibis

Here she is ... Laurie the straw-necked ibis's details.

# Have you seen Laurie?

THE CSIRO is calling on local bird lovers and citizen scientists to be part of a research project by passing on information about an ibis that has been satellite tracked to the Numurkah area.

Laurie the adult straw-necked ibis was fitted with a GPS satellite transmitter at Kerang's Middle/Reedy Lake on December 1, 2017 and has since been moving all over northern Victoria and southern NSW.

The CSIRO has been tracking Laurie's movements continuously, and have found that she has been frequenting the Numurkah area, in particular the lake and Kinnairds wetlands, in recent weeks.

Senior CSIRO research scientist Dr Heather McGinness said they would love locals to pass on information about what Laurie is up to.

"Satellite tracking is amazing stuff, but it only tells us so much," she said.

"People on the ground can pass on so much

useful information.

"We would love to know how many other birds Laurie is feeding or roosting with, and of what species.

"What's the 'habitat' like? For example, is it wet or dry? Grazing paddock or wetland?"

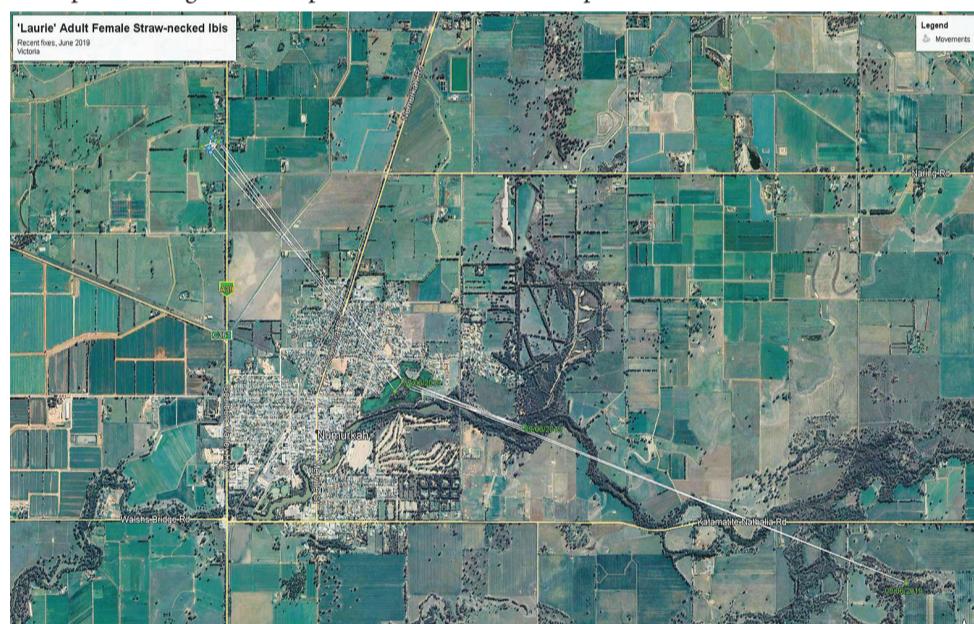
Other information that would be useful, is whether Laurie is mixing in a group with mostly male or female straw-necked ibis.

How many juveniles or adults are in the group?

Can you see the satellite transmitter on the bird's back, and/or the bird's coloured leg bands?

Any photos of Laurie and the area she is using would be helpful too.

For more information, people can check out <https://research.csiro.au/ewkrwaterbirds/currrent-satellite-tracking-2017-2018> and <https://research.csiro.au/ewkrwaterbirds/how-you-can-help>.



Keep an eye out for Laurie ... Laurie's recent movements according to her satellite tracker.

### How to tell the difference between male and female, and juvenile and adult, straw-necked ibises:

Females have a solid black band across their chests, whilst in males the band is broken by a white strip.

The heads and throats of adults are bare of

feathers, they have long straw-like feathers on their necks and longer bills.

Juveniles have dark-brown feathered heads and throats, and the straw-like feathers on their necks are either completely absent or short and sparse.

## Panel to boost rural student outcomes

THE Victorian Government has ordered the establishment of an expert advisory panel to examine why regional students are falling behind their metropolitan counterparts, and make recommendations on how to address this critical issue.

This follows the agreement of a new school funding deal which will see the State Government provide an additional approximate \$7 billion, in comparison with 2018 funding, to government schools over the five-year term of the agreement.

The State Government said the challenge facing rural and regional schools is a national issue that has existed for many years, with NAPLAN data from across the country showing the performance of regional and rural schools is around 20 points, or more, behind that of metropolitan schools.

The expert advisory panel for rural and region-

al students will undertake consultation meetings with key stakeholders in Ballarat, Bendigo, Horsham, Mildura, Morwell, Wangaratta and Warrnambool across July and August, to engage with regional communities.

The panel will be chaired by Dr David Howes, chief executive of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, and include principals and regional education experts.

The panel will make findings and recommendations that will inform the Labor Government's future decisions on initiatives and supports needed to help regional and rural schools and students.

Dr Howes said the formation of the panel, and the consultation meetings, is about listening to local communities to understand what challenges are preventing regional and rural students from meeting their aspirations.

# History given context at heritage centre

NUMURKAH & District Historical Society knows how lucky it is to have such a great location to house its collection in its old bank building on Melville St, and it is determined to make the most of it.

The society's newest display is something truly special, as not only the contents, but the room itself, is an iconic piece of local history.

The new home of the society's collection of medical equipment is the former quarantine ward of Numurkah's historic Araluen Hospital, which once catered to the district's sick and injured residents from a location on Saxton St.

The ward, a small isolation room, was generously donated to the society by Lou Hamon, and was relocated and restored thanks to a bequest from Norm Crichton.

The room has been transformed in recent months by hard-working volunteers, and now houses medical items collected by the society over the years.

The display includes an old hospital bed and operating table, with mannequins outfitted as a doctor, nurse and patients in traditional outfits.

There is also a large collection of infant health items donated by former maternal and child health nurse Sister Knight, who managed Numurkah's infant welfare centre.

A dentist chair, and other items that will be familiar to many locals, as they once adorned former town dentist Mr Morrison's Melville St clinic, are also proudly on display in the 'infirmary'.

Historical Society secretary Jan Brahm said it is important for local people to be able to access the society's collection.

"We have been working hard to make the displays interesting," she said.

"The old bank building is wonderful as it provides spaces for us to display items in settings that give them context, and to also have the old hospital ward is just amazing."

The society is gradually moving its extensive collection of historical items out of its storage rooms and onto display, utilising the rooms of the old bank building to display them in categories.

They have already used the building's kitchen to display their range of olden-days kitchen wares, an upstairs room has been transformed into an historic bedroom, and they are working on a schoolroom that many older residents will recognise from their own school years.

"We have a fantastic clothing collection, including local historic school, sport and military uniforms, and we are using mannequins to display those much more," Ms Brahm said.

"We are also investing in specialist garment boxes that preserve clothing so we can ensure the longevity of our pieces, because they are quite delicate."

As its collection is so large, the society changes its displays regularly to ensure as much of it is seen as possible, and that a range of different interests are catered for.

At the moment, the theme in the downstairs gallery is occupations, with tools of various trades plied locally



**Quarantine ...** The old isolation unit from Numurkah's original hospital is the perfect setting to display vintage medical equipment.

being displayed on a rotating basis.

The current featured occupation is builders, with displays giving a true appreciation of how construction was handled before the advent of modern technologies.

"One of the things you can see now are the items Gerry Green used to make bricks for local dairy farms, which would be a familiar sight to a lot of people around the district."

Items from the society's collection are also loaned to local community groups, in the interests of people being able to engage with local history.

"We have a friendly relationship with NDHS, so they sometimes borrow items for the hospital or Karinya or Pioneers Lodge for their residents to enjoy, and we sometimes have shared displays with the Numurkah RSL sub-branch."

For Numurkah & District Historical Society, making the most of history is about constantly moving forward.

They are currently formulating a new collections policy, and will soon host members from the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, who will be training their members in cataloguing.

"We have been doing a lot of positive work in recent months, and we have plans for more," Ms Brahm said.

"Visitor numbers have increased significantly since January this year, and we are aiming to keep that momentum going."



**No mod-cons ...** The bank's old kitchen, complete with original wood-burning stove, is the perfect place to display kitchenware from a range of bygone eras.

## "Come and explore your opportunities"

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# Small school life is anything but the pits

IF you could draw up a wish list of how your kids could spend their school days, you may well end up with something that sounds a lot like Katunga South Primary School.

A modern school with excellent facilities, low teacher/student ratios and a determination to let kids be kids; for anyone who has ever felt a little overwhelmed in a typical school playground, Katunga South is a breath of fresh air.

With a current enrolment of seven students across grades two to five, and two experienced teachers at their disposal, Katunga South kids have access to some opportunities that students at other schools could only dream about.

Inside the classroom, students have access to the same resources you'll find at any modern government school - they just have a lot less other students they have to share them with.

They also enjoy the same sporting and arts opportunities other schools do, evidenced by the fact that they are 2018 premiers of the local softball lightning premiership, and had a student compete at a regional level in this year's inter-school athletics, and at zone level in cross-country.

Principal Liz Oudeman said that her students missing out on opportunities is not something that's going to happen.

"We make sure they have the chance to take part in the same things other schools do, and our smaller size also gives us the flexibility to do things larger schools can't necessarily do," she said.

For teacher Wayne Smith, who is qualified in special education and has taught at schools with up to 1,200 students, that flexibility is key.

"We never have an issue getting resources, and with the smaller student numbers you can be much more relaxed about how you use the resources," he said.

"Of course you have to share, but you can be much more flexible about how you do that to



Time to enter the pit ... Wyleigh Knorpp, Rhys Hansen, Caleb Lewis, Cadence Newman and Wyatt Hendy-Smith love the freedom Katunga South PS offers.

make sure each student's needs are met."

If you want to know what the best part of a school is though, you need to ask the kids, and at Katunga South they are unanimous - play time.

Again, though, play time at Katunga South isn't quite the same as at most schools. Students have the run of the outdoor area, which includes a playground, tennis court and ample open space.

However, the piece de resistance, it seems, is The Pit.

The Pit is a nature play area available to stu-

dents in terms two and three where they are free to play and, best of all, build cubby houses.

For grade five student Rhys Hansen, who has been at the school since grade prep, nothing beats that.

"That's the best bit," he said.

"I love lots of things about school, but building cubbies in the winter is the best, we all love it."

In the summer terms, the disappointment of not having access to the pit is alleviated by the fact that students are able to bring their scooters

and skate boards to school.

And the appetite they work up doing all that, can easily be alleviated by heating up lunch in the kitchen.

"We can offer a lot of things other schools can't," Mrs Oudeman said.

"A smaller school isn't for everybody, but we really encourage parents and students to come and have a look at our school because we do have a lot to offer and it's very relaxed."

## Fresh, fast and friendly take away on Melville

NUMURKAH has a new destination for fresh, fast and friendly food, with the opening of Take Away on Melville.

Numurkah's newest eatery is located in the former Chicken Ranch building, which has been gutted and refurbished to create a clean slate for the new venture.

Take Away on Melville's owner Vanessa Scott told the *Leader* she has been in hospitality for over 30 years, and owned her own take away business in Melbourne before moving to Numurkah three years ago.

"I've just been waiting for the perfect location to come up, and this is it," she said.

With her decades of experience, Vanessa knows what makes a good food business.

"It's simple really, you just need to offer a good range of fresh tasty food, in a clean environment with good, friendly service.

"You set high standards for your business and stick to them and the customers will keep coming back."

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As far as fresh produce, Vanessa is sourcing everything she can locally.

"Numurkah has great businesses here that sell high quality produce, so why would we go anywhere else? If we want the town to thrive, we need to support each other."



Friendly team ... The Take Away on Melville team Emma Weygood, Vanessa Scott, Fiona Taylor, Noah Scott and Amy Sunshine.

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# Author visit a big hit with NSC students

LOVE it or hate it, creative writing is part of life for high school students.

But following a visit from award winning Australian author Scot Gardner on Monday, Numurkah Secondary College students love creative writing a little more, or at least hate it a little less.

Scot's day-long visit to the school started with a presentation to students in which he talked to them about his own history, work processes and approach to writing - and had them rolling in the aisles.

Year 10 student Pim Hipwell said that he was fairly sceptical when he heard that Scot's visit was going to start with a 'speech', but he was quickly won over.

"His way of speaking was very comedic and he just wanted to make everyone feel good and I enjoyed it very much," he said.

Following his presentation, Scot spent the rest of the day holding writing workshops with students from different year levels, teaching them ways to see writing as less of a chore and mine the comedic gold in their daily lives.

Caitrin Harrison from year seven said that she doesn't usually like writing unless she already has a good idea.

"I feel like it'll be easier to come up with good ideas now," she said.

"Scot can make dark things, like death, funny and that's taught me you can look at things in different ways and make them easier to write and good to read."

Fellow year seven student Kobi Pelchen, who had read Scot's latest book Changing Gears, said that it was exhilarating to meet the author, and agreed that he had learned a new approach to writing.

"He showed us that it doesn't have to be boring, and you don't have to use 'average joe' words, you can write like you might speak instead," he said.

"He got us to do an 'I remember' task and write about a funny incident from our lives, and I think that's a good way to come up with story ideas in the future. I really enjoyed it."

NSC head of English Rae Wood said it was great to see some of the more reluctant readers and learners engaged.

"You could see them coming out of the workshops with a bit more self confidence about their writing," she said.

"You could tell by their body language that they felt better about themselves and their abilities."

For teacher librarian Melanie Schols, who organised Scot's visit, the proof was on the paper.

"We've had kids who don't usually produce much writing work in class who have happily sat and produced a full page in a session today and been quite enthusiastic about it, and that's so great," she said.

"It's not every day you get access to an award-winning author and the kids have really embraced that and been inspired by it."

As for the author himself, Scot, who has published 18 novels and won the WA Premiers Award, and CBC Award for Young Adults, said that he gets as much out of it as the kids do.

"One of the biggest dangers for an author is the solitude that writing involves, so you've got to get out and spend time with people, and young people are so good to be around," he said.

"Kids are a pretty good barometer to use to judge whether you're heading in the right direction too. Because I mostly write young adult fiction it also gives me a chance to see what's important to them, and get a sense of how they use language."

"And it's fun, spending time with kids and making them laugh is fun."



Engaging ... Scot's animated and comedic introductory presentation went down a treat.



Not a chance they get every day ... Year seven students were thrilled to meet author Scot Gardner.



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Give and take ... Nicole Wells and Jenna Simpson at the free pantry on Murray Ave.

## More access, less waste with free community pantry

IN a world where too many people go without while too much goes to waste, a local initiative has found a simple idea to simultaneously solve both problems.

Numurkah community house is now home to a free pantry, where locals can take what they need and/or leave what they don't.

The pantry, located on the front porch of Numurkah Community House on Murray Ave, features a range of fresh and packaged groceries that Numurkah residents can take and leave as need be.

One of the driving forces behind the idea, Nicole Wells, said that the pantry is for everybody.

"It's not just about addressing disadvantage, it's about sharing as a community and making sure nothing goes to waste," she said.

"Everybody is welcome to come and take something, or leave something, and it doesn't cost anything."

Fresh produce has proven particularly popular, and the amount of fresh fruit and vegetables on offer is only set to increase as the

community vegetable garden at the rear of the property comes into its own.

Jenna Simpson, who has worked tirelessly alongside Nicole to make both projects happen, is excited by the progress of the garden.

"The garden is looking great and really thriving. We have baby broccoli coming up now which is really exciting."

As well as fresh produce, which is stored away at night to discourage animals such as possums, the pantry features a wide range of canned and packaged goods, toiletries and hygiene products and school supplies.

"There is always someone in the community who is in need, even if you just fall a bit short one week, or just need a bit of meal inspiration, the pantry is here for everybody."

The Murray Ave address is one of two locations in town with free pantry items, with the Visitor Information Centre on Melville St.

Nicole said the idea is all about give and take.

"That's how community happens, with people sharing," she said.

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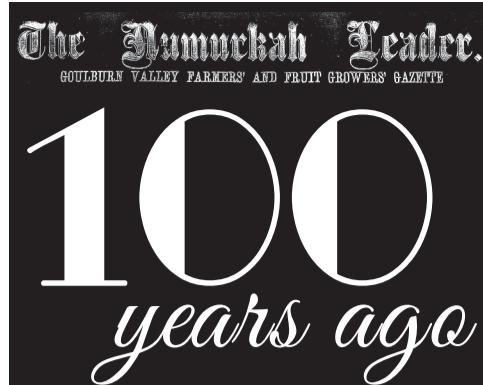
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This week in 1919 ...

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To view these editions online go to [trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/title/591](http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/title/591).

#### WIFE DESERTION CASE

#### KATAMATITE RESIDENTS INVOLVED.

At the Shepparton Police Court last Tuesday, before Messrs Jos. Thorn and G. V. Furphy, J.s.P.; Elizabeth Jones, married Woman, of Katamatite, proceeded against her husband, Robert Freeman Jones, on a charge of having deserted and left her without means of support on the 14th day of last April. Mr Abernethy appeared for complainant, and defendant conducted his own case.

Mr Abernethy, in outlining the case, said that defendant had been brought back from Box Hill on the charge of deserting his wife for another woman; who had followed him from Katamatite to Melbourne. The complainant was without means of support, and the Bench was asked to make an order for a reasonable amount on her behalf. It would be proved that defendant had considerable property, and that he had been supporting another woman. If he could do that it was only fair that he should be made to support his wife. Elizabeth Jones deposed that she was defendant's wife. She had been married to him on March 14, 1888. At that time he was a farmer at Yalca, where he had 320 acres of land. They lived at Yalca for about 25 years, afterwards at Waaia, and latterly at Katamatite. Their family consisted of seven children. In March of this year her husband had sold his farm at about £8 per acre. Her husband's conduct had latterly seemed strange, and at first she thought that he was failing in health, but afterwards found that there was another reason. He had refused to take her to Numurkah with him. He had gone away on April 14th.

She had received two letters from him since that. On the first letter there was no address, nor did it contain anything to show where he was. Another letter came to her, but it contained no more than the first had. Subsequently defendant wrote to his daughter asking her to forward his clothes, and the letter enabled him to be traced and brought back. She was living with her sons, and had no means of subsistence. She considered that she was entitled to £2 per week.

A mild sensation was caused in Nathalia on Thursday evening by the report that a young girl had been shot. It transpired that Doris Stuart, a nice and intelligent looking girl about 16 years of age, lately arrived from Melbourne, engaged by Mr and Mrs Muntz took a fancy to go out rabbit shooting, and without Mr Muntz's knowledge took a breech-loading gun and some cartridges and wended her way through the paddocks towards Mr Alex. Colvin's. Shortly after, Mr John Crane, driving into the township, found Miss Doris fainting by the wayside with a gunshot wound in the arm. Mr Crane brought her to Dr. Keyes, who found that a piece of flesh had been torn from below the muscle of the right arm. Having dressed the wound the patient was able to walk back to her employer's.

**United Services.** — Weekly united services have been commenced between the local Methodist and Presbyterian churches on Tuesday evenings. They are held in these respective churches alternatively, and will be conducted by ministers of each.

#### GOLF.

On Saturday afternoon the first round of the competition for trophies presented by the President Mr J. F. Bedwell and the club was played off. Twelve ladies and thirteen men took out cards. Since the last match bunkers have been opened, these making the course more difficult and interesting. The following are the scores:-

Ladies 11 holes — Miss O'Donnell, 67-16-51; Mrs Cohen, 61-7-54; Miss Richards, 74-17-57; Miss Williams, 63-5-58; Miss Tynin, 70-17-62; Mrs Reilly, 74-11-63; Miss Bedwell, 70-5-65; Miss Fitzwater, 78-11-67; Miss McNamara, 88-17-71; Miss James, 84-17-67; Mrs Rockliffe, 96-17-79; Mrs Ambler, no card.

Men 18 holes — J. M. Treacy, 77-2-75; C. T. T. Trengrove, 96-18-78; P. O'Donnell, 86-4-82; R. Kilpatrick, 100-18-82; T. F. Hurley, 110-20-90; J. F. Bedwell, 100-18-91; H. J. Pearson, 116-20-96; J. C. Martin, 128-30-98; C. Campbell, 108-24-82; A. D. Beynon, 114-28-86; F. A. Guenther, 130-28-102; W. Brennan, 28-; S. J. Davy, 20-20. This competition must be completed next Saturday, 21st.

# Social SNAPSHOTS

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## Movies at Numurkah's screening of Murder on the Orient Express on Saturday night



Lauren Carlisle, Ian Clark, Aislinn Harrison, Eachan Harrison, Tony Valasinavicius, Heather Stammers, Barb Sinclair and Peter Moss. Front Caitrin Harrison



Ian Clark, Peter Moss and Eachan Harrison.



Justin and Nicole Wells.



Damian Hipwell, Jacqueline Cuijpers and Pim Hipwell.

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### 2020 ENROLMENTS

If your child turns **four** before the 30th April 2020, then you are eligible to enrol for the 2020 Kindergarten year.

To collect an application form or for further information please contact Numurkah and District Kindergarten and Activity Centre, 18 McCaskill Street, Numurkah during opening hours 9.00am to 4.00pm or phone the Service Coordinator on 5862 1569 Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9am-3pm.

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Every knock at the door, every message, every kind word, every plate of food, attending his funeral and every floral tribute. They all made a difference that we can't begin to put into words.

For the support we have received and the love shown to us during this time, quite simply, thank you.

We will never forget how you all made us feel.

Kaye, Col, Cindy, Paula, Les and families.

**Holmes** — Douglas Edward 29.8.1928 - 17.5.2019 Glenice and family would like to thank everyone for attending the Celebration Service of Douglas life.

Thank you to Dr Asaad and Dr Liesal at Quinn St Clinic for their many years of care.

To the dedicated staff of Karinya our heartfelt thanks for care and support.

Also thanks to friends and family for the food, flowers and cards. Your help and support will be long remembered.

Glenice, Lesley, Graeme, Stephen, Neill, Craig & their families

**Woodroofe** — Michael Royston. Catherine Woodroofe, Helen Mapletoft and Peter Woodroofe and their families would like to thank friends for their cards, flowers, messages, support and much appreciated kindness following the sad loss of our beloved Father and Grandad. Michael passed away on 1st May, 2019, aged 91. At Banksia Lodge, Kialla.

## IN MEMORIAM

**BRETHERTON** — Garry "Bretho" It's been 10 years, June 20, 2019.

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## DEATHS

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*Loved by all*

## DEATHS

**CAMPBELL** — Colin. 27.10.1924 - 13.6.2019 Late of Numurkah, passed away peacefully, aged 94 years, at Numurkah Hospital. Dearly loved husband of Lois (dec.) and Margaret (dec.). Loved and loving father and father-in-law of Malcolm and Chris; Ceryn; Neil and Wendy. Devoted and much loved Pop to his grandchildren Tracey and Glen; Dean (dec.); David and Julia; Nicole, Melissa, Jessica and Stuart; and his great grandchildren Luke, Chelsea, Caleb and Evelyn.

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## DEATHS



**CAMPBELL** — Colin. The President, Board and members of the Numurkah Bowls Club extend their deepest sympathy to the Campbell family on the sudden passing of Colin.

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## DEATHS

**PAYNE** — Robert Keith. 2.8.1952 - 16.6.2019 Passed away peacefully at Mercy Palliative Care, Albury on 16th June, 2019, aged 66 years. Adored husband of Sandra. Loved son of Esma and Reginald (dec.). Loved father of Jason, Trent, Neesha and Vanessa. Brother to Debbie, Joe, Margie and Jen. Pa to Mitchell, Joshua, Marlie and Ella.

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## FUNERAL NOTICES

**BAIL** — Prayers for the repose of the soul of the late Mr. Richard Bail, will be held at the St John's Catholic Church, Tocumwal Rd, Numurkah on Saturday, June 22, 2019, commencing at 11am, followed by interment at the Numurkah Lawn Cemetery.

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**CAMPBELL** — The Funeral Service for Mr. Colin Campbell will be held THIS AFTERNOON, Wednesday June 19, 2019 at 1.00 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Saxton St. Numurkah, followed by interment in the Numurkah Lawn Cemetery.

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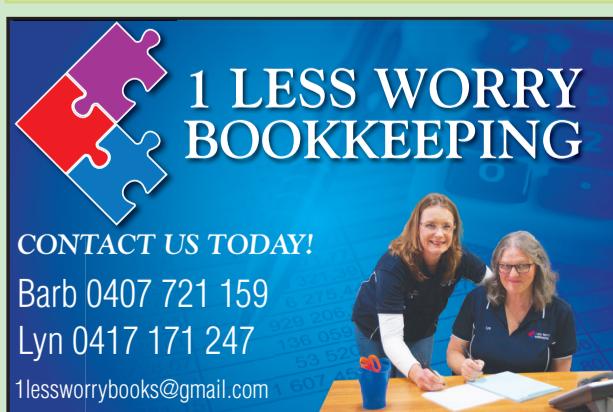
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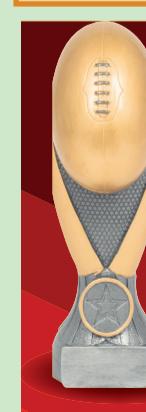


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## MFL

### SENIORS

**Nathalia** ..... 3.3, 5.6, 8.10, 13.12 (90)  
**Numurkah** ..... 1.2, 3.5, 5.10, 7.11 (53)  
**GOALS**, Nathalia: A. Jorgensen 4, J. Limbrick 3, A. Hicks 3, B. Bell 2, T. Nihill 1. Numurkah: N. Hicks 3, B. Gunnung 2, M. Smyth 1, J. Warren 1.

**BEST**, Nathalia: A. Jorgensen, B. Ross, D. Barnes, H. Hawks, R. Barnes, C. Congues. Numurkah: L. McKeown, B. Roberts, D. Taylor, Z. McKeown, C. Lester, B. Crowther.

**Tongala** ..... 5.2, 11.4, 18.5, 25.11 (161)  
**Finley** ..... 2.4, 5.7, 7.7, 9.9 (63)

**GOALS**, Tongala: C. McCarthy 6, J. Hammond 6, A. Dennis 3, R. Bacon 3, K. Fitzgerald 2, N. Woods 1, D. Joyce 1, J. Robillard 1, M. Watson 1, S. Cipriani 1.

Finley: T. Robertson 3, N. Burns 2, M. Wilson 2, M. Jackson 1, C. Robertson 1.

**BEST**, Tongala: C. McCarthy, J. Hammond, C. Ilett, R. Bacon, N. Woods, D. Joyce, Finley: B. Ashley-Cooper, M. Wilson, C. Robertson, M. Jackson, T. Robertson, J. Brain.

**Congupna** ..... 3.5, 12.9, 17.12, 24.17 (161)  
**Cobram** ..... 3.2, 4.5, 7.8, 11.11 (77)

**GOALS**, Congupna: D. Schaper 7, D. Campbell 5, J. Boyer 3, S. Ferguson 2, J. Trewin 2, B. Squire 1, J. Chapman 1, J. Shannon 1, T. Mifka 1, M. Beck 1.

Cobram: M. DeMaio 3, D. McCormack 3, C. Williams 2, S. Beasley 1, N. Hartley 1, L. McShane 1.

**BEST**, Congupna: D. Schaper, J. Boyer, B. Squire, P. Jacobson, C. Allen, L. Baldwin. Cobram: N. Dore, L. Allen, T. Scott, S. Beasley, N. Hartley, C. Williams.

**Barooga** ..... 5.6, 9.12, 13.17, 17.19 (121)  
**Katandra** ..... 2.0, 3.1, 8.2, 13.4 (82)

**GOALS**, Barooga: M. Sumner 3, L. Olson 3, C. Patten 2, R. Gow 2, B. Oats 1, L. Brown 1, L. Morey 1, K. Bextream 1, C. Leighton-Daly 1, Z. Brain 1, R. Sampson 1.

Katandra: T. Herbert 4, R. Shannan 3, T. Jeffery 3, R. Yee 3.

**BEST**, Barooga: C. Leighton-Daly, R. Thomson, D. Wilson, Z. Brain, L. Brown, C. Patten. Katandra: T. Herbert, R. Eden, R. Wardle, L. Minogue, M. McGrath, T. Jeffery.

**Echuca United** ..... 3.2, 12.4, 17.7, 23.8 (146)  
**Tungamah** ..... 1.2, 2.5, 3.8, 4.9 (33)

**GOALS**, Echuca United: J. Mellington 9, B. Fulford 4, R. Priest 3, P. Quanchi 2, J. Hartigan 2, P. Hubbard 1, B. Barnes 1, J. Florence 1. Tungamah: A. Saunders 2, K. Rowe 1, T. Cooper 1.

**BEST**, Echuca United: P. Quanchi, F. Priest, D. Moon, J. Mellington, P. Hubbard, J. Hartigan, Tungamah: T. Jones, C. Whinray, T. Cooper, B. Butts, K. Rowe, T. Irvine.

**Mulwala** ..... 2.5, 5.8, 7.11, 12.16 (88)  
**Deniliquin Rams** ..... 2.2, 4.3, 9.6, 11.6 (72)

**GOALS**, Mulwala: B. Clarke 4, J. Gash 3, L. Davis 1, S. Robinson 1, H. Crossley 1, T. Dow 1. Deniliquin Rams: A. Pappin 4, J. Park 3, K. Elphick 1, A. Free 1, C. Howe 1, L. Pitts 1.

**BEST**, Mulwala: B. Clarke, J. Gash, L. Russell, S. Robinson, T. Doyle, J. Walker. Deniliquin Rams: C. O'Connor, N. Howe, R. Gittens, J. Pitts, A. Pappin, J. Park.

**Rumbalaria** ..... 4.5, 7.5, 9.11, 13.13 (91)  
**Moama** ..... 1.2, 5.2, 6.4, 6.6 (42)

**GOALS**, Rumbalaria: C. Egan 3, K. Wise 3, D. Smith 2, J. Wanganeen 1, P. Harrison 1, N. Terlich 1, R. Taylor 1, B. Larkins 1. Moama: F. Buchanan 3, J. Harland 1, L. Eldridge 1, M. Palmer 1.

**BEST**, Rumbalaria: A. Miller, J. Papouli, T. Hunter, T. Kelly, N. Terlich, K. Atkinson. Moama: L. Dunham, L. Eldridge, J. Harland, M. Palmer, G. Ward, L. Thorp.

**RESERVES**

8.7, 14.13, 20.19, 25.20 (170)  
**Numurkah** ..... 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 2.1 (13)

**GOALS**, Nathalia: M. Davies 10, A. Corry 3, C. Brown 2, D. Limbrick 2, B. Butler 2, J. Gemmill 1, M. Carroll 1, T. Richards 1, K. Hicks 1, D. Coutts 1, N. McKenna 1. Numurkah: J. Kelly 2.

**BEST**, Nathalia: M. Carroll, M. Davies, A. Corry, J. Walpole, C. Brown, N. McKenna. Numurkah: G. Gallus, B. Millen, J. Pruden, F. Beitzel, K. Rees, P. Collins.

**Tongala** ..... 2.6, 5.8, 9.10, 11.11 (77)  
**Finley** ..... 1.2, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4 (28)

**GOALS**, Tongala: J. Moran 4, S. Tyler 3, S. Phillips 2, B. Joyce 1, J. Vick 1. Finley: S. Brain 1, R. Donkin 1, C. Robertson 1, K. Crowe 1.

**BEST**, Tongala: J. Vick, T. Vick, S. Phillips, S. Tyler, T. Strapp, J. Moran. Finley: C. Robertson, W. Robertson, W. Gray, D. Conrick, R. Donkin, J. Patterson.

**Cobram** ..... 2.2, 7.5, 12.7, 16.8 (104)  
**Congupna** ..... 4.1, 6.1, 7.1, 10.3 (63)

**GOALS**, Cobram: J. Grant 4, J. Neville 3, J. MacKenzie 3, N. De Cicco 2, P. Bourke 1, D. Kelly 1, P. Difetto 1, M. Mackay 2. Congupna: D. Hammer 3, A. Brophy 2, P. O'Donoghue 2, J. Costa 2, B. McCrimmon 1.

**BEST**, Cobram: M. Mackay, H. King, P. Difetto, J. Neville, N. De Cicco, J. Grant. Congupna: A. Brophy, B. McCrimmon, B. Ford, D. Hammer, L. Thorne, J. O'Donoghue.

**Katandra** ..... 2.1, 5.5, 7.9, 7.14 (56)  
**Barooga** ..... 0.2, 2.3, 3.6, 4.6 (30)

**GOALS**, Katandra: S. Mehmet 2, R. Sanders 1, D. Giles 1, T. Cheer 1, C. MacGibbon 1, L. Dunham 1. Barooga: L. Baxter 3, C. Doyle 1.

**BEST**, Katandra: R. Dempsey, R. Sanders, R. Williams, J. Cle, D. Candy, T. Cheer. Barooga: P. Francis, K. Hore, L. Baxter, B. Brooks, D. Treynor, Z. Goodwin.

**Echuca United** ..... 3.1, 5.3, 11.4, 11.6 (72)  
**Tungamah** ..... 2.0, 2.4, 3.4, 5.6 (36)

**GOALS**, Echuca United: A. McMahon 5, B. Allsop 3, L. Sanderson 1, K. Armstrong 1, R. Morgan 1. Tungamah: J. Besley 2, R. Walker 1, J. Bartlett 1, A. Dodd 1.

**BEST**, Echuca United: K. Armstrong, C. Brown, N. Simpson, M. Lourey, B. Allsop, M. Retallick. Tungamah: A. Heslin, J. Bartlett, S. Kellock, A. Dodd, A. Richardson, J. Clarke.

**Mulwala** ..... 1.3, 4.6, 7.8, 10.10 (70)  
**Deniliquin Rams** ..... 1.3, 2.4, 2.5, 4.6 (30)

**GOALS**, Mulwala: C. Chung 3, N. Beasley 2, B. Conway 2, T. Sissons 1, C. Nye 1, B. Nixon 1. Deniliquin Rams: J. Campbell 1, S. Werner 1, B. Nisbet 1, H. Ross 1.

**BEST**, Mulwala: A. Miller, W. Dennis, J. Savvy, C. Lindsay, L. Howroyd, J. Spain. Deniliquin Rams: J. Allitt, B. Sartore, M. Panton, M. Farley, S. Werner, L. Ives.

**Moama** ..... 3.2, 6.2, 9.4, 11.8 (74)  
**Rumbalaria** ..... 1.2, 3.4, 4.6, 5.8 (38)

**GOALS**, Moama: M. Fogarty 3, J. Galpin 2, B. Galpin 2, C. McGregor 2, M. Veitch 1, Z. McGregor 1. Rumbalaria: G. Weston 3, B. Jackson 1, B. Fowler 1.

**BEST**, Moama: J. Smith, Z. Stovell, K. Phipps, C. McGregor, J. Galpin, T. Christie. Rumbalaria: M. Clarke, J. Sorgel, T. Miller, T. Morgan, T. Ronnan, B. Fowler.

**UNDER 17**

3.2, 5.2, 8.5, 10.8 (68)  
**Nathalia** ..... 1.3, 3.6, 3.8, 4.9 (33)

**GOALS**, Numurkah: D. Ebborn 4, M. Mansfield 2, J. Holmes 2, T. Shanahan 1, S. Kelly 1. Nathalia: W. Sheehan 3, T. Hansford 1.

**BEST**, Numurkah: B. Millen, F. Jones, J. Holmes, D. Ebborn, C. Spokes, H. Verhoeven. Nathalia: B. Armstrong, J. Brown, T. Moroney, T. Hansford, W. Sheehan, K. Kopsidas.

**Tongala** ..... 4.0, 6.3, 7.3, 8.3 (51)  
**Finley** ..... 0.1, 1.1, 3.4, 4.8 (32)

**GOALS**, Tongala: S. Cipriani 3, H. Reid 2, L. Cronin 2, J. Mathies 1. Finley: S. Brain 2, A. Mason 1, H. John 1.

**BEST**, Tongala: R. Souter, T. Varcoe, C. Watson, H. Reid, S. Cipriani, L. Cronin, Finley: S. Brain, J. Boyd, C. Wright, H. Jamieson, Z. Treadway, B. Coombs.

**Cobram** ..... 2.2, 5.3, 7.7, 10.12 (72)  
**Congupna** ..... 0.3, 1.3, 2.6, 4.7 (31)

**GOALS**, Cobram: W. Slatter 2, N. Sneddon 2, L. Adams 2, L. Hayes 2, J. Opray 1, O. Mackay 1.

**Congupna**: B. Gee 3, B. Austin 1.

**BEST**, Cobram: M. Allen, R. Mele, L. McShane, L. Hayes, R. Loizou, D. Kennedy. Congupna: B. Gee, M. Bell, J. Hall, L. Lovatt, J. Zausa, C. Allen.

**Katandra** ..... 3.2, 4.4, 6.4, 7.6 (48)  
**Barooga** ..... 0.3, 1.4, 3.5, 4.7 (31)

**GOALS**, Katandra: C. MacGibbon 3, P. Cormican 2, L. Turcato 1, C. Simpson 1. Barooga: B. Tenney 5, J. Andrew 2, J. Nolan 1, R. Sampson 1.

**BEST**, Katandra: C. Simpson, C. MacGibbon, L. Turcato, F. Lesire, D. Loveridge, P. Cormican. Barooga: R. Sampson, C. Doyle, C. Nolan, L. Crestani, J. Andrew.

**Echuca United** won by forfeit over Tungamah.

**Mulwala** ..... 2.2, 7.7, 11.12, 15.15 (105)  
**Deniliquin Rams** ..... 1.1, 1.1, 1.1, 1.1 (71)

**GOALS**, Mulwala: L. Martin 4, A. Psaltiras 3, D. Psaltiras 3, Z. Scott 2, J. Ednie 1, C. Phibbs 1, J. Lappin 1.

**Deniliquin Rams**: D. McManus 1.

**BEST**, Mulwala: D. Psaltiras, Z. Scott, J. Spain, K. Fisher, K. Abikhair, L. Martin. Deniliquin Rams: K. Hillier, C. Fitzpatrick, L. Rodda, A. Mathew, R. Milward, D. McManus.

**Moama** ..... 1.1, 5.5, 7.7, 8.8 (56)  
**Rumbalaria** ..... 0.3, 1.3, 3.5, 8.5 (53)

**GOALS**, Moama: T. Donchi 4, N. Milner 2, L. Edwards 1, J. Veldhuijzen 1. Rumbalaria: D. Miller 3, M. Atkinson 2, M. Wise 1, B. Meloury 1, G. Handy 1.

**BEST**, Moama: T. Donchi, N. Milner, C. Vredenburg, A. Mackenzie, L. Dixon, M. Sicily. Rumbalaria: M. Atkinson, J. Sorgel, J. Stewart, G. Handy, A. Atkinson, D. Miller.

**UNDER 14**

**Nathalia** ..... 5.3, 12.5, 18.6, 25.8 (158)  
**Numurkah** ..... 0.0, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2 (2)

**GOALS**, Nathalia: B. Orton 7, K. Breton 5, O. Sheehan 4, B. Walpole 3, B. Liddell 2, C. Sheehan 1, E. Farrell-Stone 1, M. Frostick 1, D. Conroy 1.

**BEST**, Numurkah: O. Sheehan, M. Frostick, J. Hutchins, D. Conroy, K. Brereton, B. Orton. Numurkah: N. Hughes, A. Siermans, K. Rahilly, L. Roberts, Z. Newby, T. Brown.

**Finley** ..... 0.1, 2.3, 4.5, 5.6 (36)  
**Tongala** ..... 0.1, 1.1, 4.4, 4.6 (30)

**GOALS**, Finley: L. Dattoli 2, L. Rafferty 2, E. Mcleish 1. Tongala: H. Reid 2, R. Cronin 1, K. Northausen 1.

**BEST**, Finley: J. Hay, J. Armer, J. Sykes 1, L. Dattoli, K. Joseph, E. Mcleish. Tongala: H. Kellett, H. Reid, T. Watson, K. Northausen, M. Carroll, M. McConnell.

**Cobram** ..... 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 25.20 (170)  
**Congupna** ..... 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.2 (8)

**GOALS**, Cobram: K. Griffin 8, T. Corso 3, C. Hulley 3, P. Degei 2, M. Lebner 2, L. Tejones 2, O. Quinane 3, P. Degei 2, M. Lebner 2, L. Tejones 2, O. Quinane 1, N. Elliott 1, M. Vesci 1, E. Hyde 1, M. Mustica 1.

**Congupna**: A. Lindrea 1.

**BEST**, Cobram: C. Hulley, L. Tejones, K. Griffin, E. Baxa, M. Corso, O. Quinane. Congupna: O. Price, T. Jacobson, J. Ring, N. Giustino, J. Guthrie, J. Fleming.

**Katandra** ..... 1.1, 2.1, 4.2, 5.4 (34)  
**Barooga** ..... 0.3, 2.4, 3.8, 3.8 (26)

**GOALS**, Katandra: T. Wilson 3, F. Walters 2. Barooga: J. Hooper 1, C. Jezewski 1, J. Mathers 1.

**BEST**, Katandra: T. Wilson, R. Ash, R. Dawson, J. Tucker, F. Everard, T. Wright. Barooga: C. Jezewski, K. Wither, C. Bowden, D. Campbell.

**Deniliquin Rams** ..... 3.7, 6.10, 12.15, 15.19 (109)  
**Mulwala** ..... 0.0, 2.0, 2.0, 2.0 (12)

**GOALS**, Deniliquin Rams: C. Hillier 4, R. Ives 4, L. Todd 3, B. Elphick 1, T. Willis 1, N. Bradley 1, W. McCartney 1. Mulwala: not supplied.



Roll up ... Dawn Carey sends down a bowl for Waaia at the Numurkah Senior Citizens hub last Thursday evening.

## Barooga moves into four

**BAROOGA** jumped into the top four of the Numurkah indoor bowls competition ladder last Thursday evening, with a convincing win over cellar dweller Wunghnu.

Second placed Strathmerton just scraped home by six shots over third placed Nathalia, to maintain their positions on the ladder, and top side Waaia had a comfortable win over Shamrock.

The final game of the round saw Senior Citizens victorious over Katamatite.

### RESULTS

Strathmerton 8/47 d Nathalia 2/41. T. Haynes 27 d F. Hutchins 18; R. Clarke 20 lt B. Hutchins 23.

Shamrock 0/42 lt Waaia 10/58. T. Bullock 25 lt S. Cleeland 27; M. Young 17 lt L. Clarke 31.

Senior Citizens 8/60 d Katamatite

2/34. L. Addison 40 d M. Nordbye 11; B. Seymour 20 lt H. Barnes 23.

Barooga 10/63 d Wunghnu 0/26. I. Swain 39 d N. Barnes 13; E. Gordon 24 d D. O'Connor 13.

### LADDER

Waaia 67 +158; Strathmerton 52 +55; Nathalia 41 +80; Barooga 37 +27; Senior Citizens 35 +21; Katamatite 34 -39; Shamrock 14 -78; Wunghnu 0 -224.

# Knights hang tight

NUMURKAH Knights U8s played Shepparton East Lightning in a very close game of soccer on the weekend.

The teams were well matched and played a physically demanding game, with neither team letting up and continually pressing each other for control of the ball.

The Lightning was first to score, converting off a corner kick just before half time.

Numurkah pressed Shepp East in the second but couldn't beat their goalie.

Lightning had another opportunity to score in the second, receiving a free for a handball in the Knights' penalty box, but Wilmot Road was ultimately victorious.

Coaches awards went to Jade Hester, Ella Carlisle, Caleb Lewis and Riley Crisp.



## McPhersons and Seniors win

WEEK two of the Seifers Shield competition saw some good billiards played at the Numurkah Senior Citizens hub.

McPhersons defeated Golf Club 456 to 426 in a good tussle right throughout the night, with both teams showing noticeable improvement as the tournament gathers momentum.

The Seniors did battle with Numurkah Bowls on Wednesday, the bowlers introducing two new players to their team, bringing some fresh, new talent into the competition. But

it was the Seniors who prevailed in a very well fought match.

Les "Push Shot" Addison was in his usual entertaining form, whilst acquitted himself well with his cue, and Rick Brennan showed he will be a great player for the bowlers, with an excellent performance.

Round three will throw up some interesting games. Numurkah Bowls was scheduled to play Southside last night, while McPhersons will take on Seniors tonight.

## NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

### MNL

#### A GRADE

Barooga 51 def Katandra 32  
Congupna 37 def by Cobram 45  
Moama 47 def by Rumbalara 58  
Mulwala 31 def by Deniliquin 52  
Numurkah 30 def by Nathalia 55  
Tongala 46 def by Finley 48

Tungamah 20 def by Echuca United 62

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Rumbalara	10	9	1	0	615	321	36	191.59
Moama	10	8	1	1	565	322	34	175.47
Echuca United	10	8	1	1	591	339	34	174.34
Deniliquin	10	7	3	0	523	354	28	147.74
Cobram	10	7	3	0	448	461	28	97.18
Finley	10	7	3	0	427	461	28	92.62
Mulwala	10	5	5	0	361	397	20	90.93
Congupna	10	4	5	1	406	415	18	97.83
Nathalia	10	4	5	1	360	370	18	97.3
Barooga	10	3	7	0	354	444	12	79.73
Tongala	10	3	7	0	337	466	12	72.32
Tungamah	10	2	8	0	308	497	8	61.97
Numurkah	10	1	9	0	287	547	4	52.47
Katandra	10	0	10	0	313	501	0	62.48

#### B GRADE

Barooga 41 def Katandra 40  
Congupna 52 def Cobram 34  
Moama 54 def Rumbalara 36  
Mulwala 43 def Deniliquin 35  
Numurkah 42 def Nathalia 39  
Tongala 46 def Finley 37

Tungamah 12 def by Echuca United 77

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Mulwala	10	9	0	1	471	279	38	168.82
Echuca United	10	8	1	1	539	314	34	171.66
Deniliquin	10	8	2	0	493	285	32	172.98
Moama	10	7	3	0	462	365	28	126.58
Congupna	10	7	3	0	384	326	28	117.79
Tongala	10	6	4	0	393	357	24	110.08
Cobram	10	6	4	0	404	386	24	104.66
Finley	10	4	6	0	327	391	16	83.63
Numurkah	10	4	6	0	364	441	16	82.54
Barooga	10	4	6	0	308	386	16	79.79
Nathalia	10	2	8	0	318	361	8	88.09
Rumbalara	10	2	8	0	322	481	8	66.94
Katandra	10	1	9	0	342	514	4	66.54
Tungamah	10	1	9	0	262	503	4	52.09

#### C GRADE

Barooga 39 def by Katandra 50  
Congupna 31 def by Cobram 40  
Moama 65 def Rumbalara 41  
Mulwala 45 def by Deniliquin 46  
Numurkah 34 def by Nathalia 59  
Tongala 64 def Finley 20

Tungamah 12 def by Echuca United 70

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Echuca United	10	10	0	0	539	241	40	223.65
Deniliquin	10	9	1	0	588	335	36	175.52
Cobram	10	8	2	0	470	261	32	180.08
Mulwala	10	8	2	0	485	292	32	166.1
Nathalia	10	6	4	0	462	348	24	132.76
Tongala	10	6	4	0	401	361	24	111.08
Congupna	10	5	5	0	379	396	20	95.71
Moama	10	5	5	0	413	438	20	94.29
Katandra	10	4	6	0	389	433	16	88.84
Rumbalara	10	3	7	0	337	468	12	72.01
Finley	10	3	7	0	258	471	12	54.78
Numurkah	10	2	8	0	265	391	8	67.77
Tungamah	10	1	9	0	216	522	4	41.38
Barooga	10	0	10	0	288	533	0	54.03

#### C RESERVE

Barooga 37 def Katandra 32  
Congupna 42 def Cobram 39  
Moama 60 def Rumbalara 24  
Mulwala 31 def by Deniliquin 34  
Numurkah 31 def by Nathalia 32

Tungamah 18 def by Echuca United 65

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Echuca United	10	10	0	0	533	237	40	224.89
Deniliquin	9	8	1	0	472	234	32	201.71

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Echuca United	10	10	0	0	533	237	40	224.89

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Deniliquin	9	8	1	0	472	234	32	201.71

### 11 & UNDER

Barooga 22 def Katandra 0

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Echuca United	10	10	0	0	533	237	40	224.89

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%

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Good back nine ... Helen Schmedje won a countback to win Saturday's monthly medal shirt.

## Jye joins medal winners

by "Archie Bunker"

NUMURKAH coach Jye Warren took advantage of a Sunday footy game to squeeze in a round of competition golf on Saturday, and went home with a monthly medal and a new shirt.

Jye put in a terrific round, to finish with a 67 nett, winning B grade, and the Compsuslt sponsor's shirt.

Unfortunately, the Blues couldn't top off Jye's weekend with a win on Sunday, going down to traditional rival Nathalia.

Runner-up in B grade was Martin Harper, who finished with a nett 72. Martin looked like he was heading for a big score on the front nine, but came home better around the back.

Brandan Hosie finished with a great 68 nett to win A grade, sitting in the clubhouse as the medal winner until the last group came in.

Brandan had a flawless game, hitting the ball in all the right places.

Another football follower, Paul Arnel finished runner-up to Brandan, winning a countback on 70 nett to take second spot.

Robbie Sutton was the countback loser, but headed the ball winners, ahead of Garry Hosie, Barry Pruden, Jack Dell and Neil Hutchins, all on 72, while the last of the balls went to Jack Hepworth, Andrew Storer, John Smith and Davin Scott, on 73.

Andrew Storer also had the best scratch score, with 70 shots.

Dylan Grandell won nearest the pin on the fourth hole, Neville Smith won the seventh, Neil Hutchins put one close on the 15th, and Ian Clark had the best shot to the 18th hole.

As well as being the monthly medal round, it was also the fourth and final round of the captain's putter event, and the singles knockout qualifying round.

Robbie Sutton finished with the best three scores from the four captain's putter rounds, finishing with a three round total of 213 nett. Brandan was runner up with 216.

As top qualifier, Jye Warren will meet Jack Dell in the first round of the knockout matches. Brandan will play Barry Pruden and Paul Arnel will play Garry Hosie. The final match will see Robbie Sutton play Martin Harper.

These games are to be played on or before Sunday, July 21.

Once again, there were a few nominations for the Mickey Mouse ears.

Mark Hegarty had an 11 on the sixth hole, courtesy of hitting three balls in the dam but, after a few more tales, the eventual winner was Paul Arnel, who lives across the road from the 16th fairway.

Paul was playing the 16th when a dog ran onto the fairway, picked up his ball and ran off with it. The funny thing is, it was Paul's dog. Is someone in the Arnel family teaching the dog bad habits, while out having a practice hit on the 16th?

The division three winter pennant season began on Sunday, with the matches being played at Numurkah. Unfortunately, the home course advantage didn't help the local boys, who went down 1-4 to Valley View.

Mark Hegarty was the only winner, finishing one up. Martin Harper, Bob I'Anson and Steve Piggott all went down 2/1, while Garry Hosie finished one down.

The last of the Jack Roche fourball semi final matches was played on Sunday, with Sid Roughsedge and Mitch Grandell having a big five and three win over David Ludington and Jack Dell.

Sid and Mitch will now play Robbie Sutton and Hughie Gunn in the final.

Golf this Saturday will be the Numurkah Milk fourth round of the stableford trophy.

## Countbacks everywhere

by "The Shankster"

THE top six positions in Saturday's Numurkah golf field were all decided on countbacks in a particularly close Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal round.

Helen Schmedje and Di Davies battled it out for the top spot, and the sponsors' shirt, but it was Smedge who added to her golf wardrobe, with 75 nett.

Regular readers of this report won't be familiar with seeing Di's name amongst the golf results but, if Saturday's form is anything to go by, she will very quickly become a regular winner.

Saturday was Di's first competitive game of golf, and it may be lucky for her that she didn't win the shirt in her first round - the women may have quickly slapped a ban on

her playing. No, just joking really, all were actually thrilled for her.

The down the line balls all went to players who finished with 77 nett: Bev Hutchins, Bev McIntosh, Liz Dell and Karen Harper, finishing in that order after the countbacks.

Tracey Clouston had the best scratch score of 85 shots, and also won nearest the pin on the seventh hole. Lauris Ashton played a good shot to the fourth hole to win the ball, and Helen Schmedje won the 18th.

Saturday's round was also the qualifying round for the Saturday singles knockout, which will see some great matches played within the next month.

Top qualifier Helen Schmedje will play Rosemary Rutledge, Bev Hutchins will meet Robyn Hodgkin, Bev McIntosh will have to give

a lot of shots to Sue Plattfuss, and Karen Harper and Lauris Ashton will battle it out with only a couple of shots between them.

After much deliberation before heading out last Wednesday, the women eventually decided to head out, but made a pact that, if the rains came, they would declare the competition a nine hole event only, and head inside for an early lunch.

And that's exactly what happened. As they rounded the turn just after 11am, the sky was looking very ominous, and the 10 of them headed inside.

Julie Hannaford had the best score of the day, with 36.5, one shot ahead of Bev McIntosh with 37.5. Kath Hepworth took the last of the balls less than a shot behind, with a nett 38, and also won the cake hole nearest the pin, winning a voucher

to head off to Cafe Mierlo.

Robyn Hodgkin and Lorraine Craig won their way into the final of the Jack Roche fourball, with a fighting win over Jenny Ludington and Liz Dell on Sunday. The match went right down to the wire, only decided on the 18th hole.

Robyn and Lorraine will meet Felicity Booth and Lauris Ashton in the final, and Felicity will have to give a large number of shots to their opposition.

Today's golf will be a fourball event, doubling as the Royal Women's Hospital fourball qualifier. Saturday will be a Numurkah Milk stableford trophy round, and next Wednesday will be the rescheduled monthly medal round that was supposed to be played last Wednesday.

## 'Pooch' in a countback

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

JOHN 'Pooch' McHale won last Thursday's Numurkah mid week golf competition by the narrowest of margins from 'Nifty' Nev Smith.

Both players finished with 36 stableford points but John had the better score around the back nine and therefore won the countback.

No other competitors could

play to their handicap, but the following lucky players won a club ball for their scores: Stephen Piggott, Neil Hutchins and Matt Ebborn 35, Allan Newby 34, Steve Jones, Ian Hannaford and Darryl Sheridan 32, Les Summerville, Rob Collins, Peter Stonehouse, Bill Padgett, and Hugh Gunn all 31, Leigh Robertson 30.

Graham 'Doggy' Sprunt came

in at the tail of the field with 22 points and was thus awarded the tin of cheap boiled lollies.

The nearest the pin awards were almost as miserable as the overall scores. Matt Ebborn won the GMCU ball with a fine shot to the fourth hole, 'Bugs' Hutchins' accuracy took a dollar from each player on the seventh, and Pete Stonehouse snapped

up the Pruden Carpentry ball on the 18th. No players could hit the 14th green in two shots, nor the 15th in one, meaning Roy, Dennis and Graeme got off with no sponsored ball pay-outs.

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

# Purples battle the Blues

NATHALIA'S A grade netballers put in a great game of netball on Sunday, to head home with a good win, 55-30.

Nathalia's took control from the first centre, its strength coming in the goal circle, with Breanne Walpole and Steph Limbrick combining beautifully.

Numurkah got off to a slow start, and took time to adjust to new positions and player combinations. The Blues seem to have a different line-up each week, proving unsettling for its majority of young girls.

The young Blues regrouped and worked on their full court pressure, which rattled Nathalia in the third quarter, creating many turnovers, but they weren't always able to capitalise on these.

Numurkah finally settled into their positions and started to play a better style of netball, offensively, in the last quarter, but dropped off the defensive pressure they had applied in the third and Nathalia took the four points.

Numurkah awards: Numurkah Hotel: Sophie Morris; Brereton's Bakery: Jess Ty mensen.

Nathalia awards: Coprice BOC: Breanne Walpole; Brereton's Bakery: Steph Limbrick.

## B GRADE

Nathalia got off to a strong start in the B grade game, but fell just four goals short of victory against Numurkah.

The Purples dropped their intensity and defensive pressure in the second half, allowing Numurkah to take control of the game.

The Blues have settled into their team and improving each week. Their rotations gave them the strength to run out the game and grab the points.

Numurkah awards: Shamrock Hotel: Ser ren Verhey.

Nathalia awards: Coprice BOC: Olivia Hanlon; Hinchliffe & Greed Real Estate: Alyssia Oakes; Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Laura Harvey Hawkins.

## C GRADE

The first quarter was a tough struggle between the two sides, but Nathalia went on to take the victory, 59-34.

The Blues are starting to combine better as a team, with some impressive passages of play.

The turnovers came when the defenders switched on, but a lapse from the Blues mid game saw Nathalia capitalise.

For Numurkah, Lil Ruscoe performed well in goals, providing plenty of movement in and out of the ring, while Holly Brennan provided drive when switching to attack.

Numurkah awards: Telegraph Hotel: Elizabeth Ruscoe; Numurkah Café Bar & Restaurant: Holly Brennan.

Nathalia awards: Barmah Hotel BOC: Ash; 3 Belles Creations: Chloe; Sportfirst Numurkah: Kate and Steph.

## C RESERVE

The C reserve game was a terrific battle, with Nathalia in front by a solitary goal when time was called, winning 32-31.

The Purples got off to a slow start, with many turn errors, which the Blues took advantage of.

Tighter defence in the second half, together with better clearances saw Nathalia fight back.

With scores level, the last quarter went goal for goal, but Nathalia managed to break a centre and take the one goal win.

Nathalia awards: Limo's Home Hardware BOC: Shelly Patone; Laino's Pizza: Jodie Coutts; SportFirst Numurkah: Amy Rohen.

## 17 UNDER

Nathalia's under 17s played a consistent game right across the court, which resulted in a big win, 57-11.

The Purple girls all went from strength to strength as the game continued, and the defenders were particularly solid all game.

Nathalia awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Bella Sheehan; Marketplace Subway: Annie Dietrich; Bell's Water Cartage: Anna Brown.

## 15 UNDER

Numurkah's under 15s had a very slow start to their game, unable to get into the style of game they are wanting to play, and allowed Nathalia to take a good win, 52-16.

Mia Bell was strong, defensively, for Nathalia, intercepting balls all over the court and positioning well into attack. Ella Johns worked hard, offering drive into attack with confidence, while Kiaya, Hannah and Hayley worked well in the ring.

Abby Commadeur showed great leadership for Numurkah, with a fantastic work ethic for the whole game. Teea Brattle goaled well and showed good leadership, taking on anything thrown at her.

Numurkah awards: Reapers Hair & Beauty: Abby Commadeur; Club: Teea Brattle.

Nathalia awards: Kylie Richards BOC: Mia Bell; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Ella Johns; Marketplace Subway: Kiaya; TJ's IGA: Emily.

## 13 UNDER

Numurkah's under 13s had a solid win over Nathalia, 42-24, although the Nathalia girls showed a lot of improvement since the last time the two sides met.

Bridget Brown stepped up to fill in for Numurkah, and easily held her own.

Numurkah awards: Club: Bridget Brown.

Nathalia awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia BOC: Ally; Nathalia Dairy: Sophie; TJ's IGA: Ella.

## 11 UNDER

The Blues' under 11s had a strong win, which was particularly pleasing for the girls, with one of their key players away.

Nathalia got off to a slow start, but fought back well in the second half with some great passages of play and leading forward to the ball.

Bethany Pellegrino was outstanding in defence for Numurkah, displaying good discipline, while Heidi Moon stepped up to fill in and made her mark with good assistance around the ring and great defensive pressure.

Taylah Hutchins, Charlotte Whyte and Sarah Stone were the standouts for Nathalia.

Numurkah awards: Rush Food: Bethany Pellegrino; Club: Heidi Moon.

Nathalia awards: Past Players: Taylah Hutchins; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Charlotte Whyte; TJ's IGA: Sarah Stone.



**Battle out...** Michelle Van den Goor and Amy Brooks had a great battle on the court on Saturday.



**Back you go ...** Rachael Robertson takes a good intercept to send the ball back down Numurkah's way.

# Good win for Picola girls

PICOLA netballers were patient in attack and fed the ball beautifully into their goalers to take a fantastic win over Deni Rovers on Saturday.

The Blues' defenders gave second and third efforts all game to provide their team with plenty of turnovers that resulted in a five goal win, 52-47.

Awards: Nathalia Post Office: Kim McPherson; Brereton's Bakery: Rachel Morrison.

## B GRADE

Although displaying some great passages of play and defensive pressure, the Blues' B graders couldn't get a win, going down to Deni 21-41.

The Blues kept their intensity and positivity, but need to keep more control of the ball.

Awards: Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering: Allie Rainbow; Brereton's Bakery: Caitlin Boschetti.

## C GRADE

The C graders fought hard to take an 11 goal win over a team placed much higher on the ladder.

In a well deserved win, the Blues kept ahead all game. Ten Dove pulled in many intercepts and rebounds, while Amber Watson worked hard through the centre to win 48-37.

Awards: Foot Waste Solutions: Ten Dove; Club: Amber Watson.

## C RESERVE

A great game from the C reserve side saw it lose to Deni, 20-36, but the players all worked hard and are showing great improvement in

their teamwork.

Awards: Casual Step: Brooke Stacey; Club: Mel Szakal.

## 17 UNDER

A few players short due to injury were enough to see the under 17 Blues suffer a disappointing loss, going down by 10 goals, 21-31.

The girls kept fighting for the ball and worked hard to get it into attack, but it wasn't enough to get over Deni.

Awards: Power Livestock: Gypsy Saunders; Barmah Social Club: Jakara Wise.

## 15 UNDER

The under 15s put up a great effort, but were no match for Deni, going down 18-31.

Gypsy Saunders did a great job in goal attack, but couldn't steer her team to a win.

Awards: Birch Earthmoving: Gypsy Saunders; Barmah Social Club: Shontay McCabe Jackson, Natasha Morgan.

## 13 UNDER

Up against a much taller opposition, the under 13s played good defensive pressure, and used their front cuts well.

In a good effort against a tough side, the Blues went down 1-31.

Awards: Baxter Family medallion: Sienna Varcoe; Barmah Social Club: Jorja Langley.

## MINIS

The minis played a great game. They took some great intercepts, as a result of sticking tight to their opposition, and watching the ball.

Awards: Intersport Bennett's: Des Morgan; PUFNC: Olivia Barber.

# Swans haul in Rennie



Neat move ... Ainsleigh Banner sets herself up for a pass into the goal circle from Tracey Crocker.



Tiny tot ... She may be small, but Rahni Hendy put in a big effort for Katunga's under 11s on Saturday.

# Bombers just miss out to Tigers

AN eight goal win over Waiai was enough to step Katamatite up to the top of the Picola netball league ladder, courtesy of top side Strathmerton having the bye on the weekend.

Waiai got off to a slow start, and then had to play catch-up in the second quarter, which it did, levelling the scores by half time in a tremendous effort.

The Bombers played some great netball in the second half, but a few errors proved costly against a quality side, and Waiai went down 41-49.

Awards: WFNC: Milly Foster, Telegraph Hotel: Chloe Thorne, Casual Step: Angela Thorne.

## B GRADE

The B grade Bombers met the bottom side and slacked off a bit, although taking a comfortable win,

50-32.

While they were able to get away with a few too many errors, they will be reminded that these little things will be important against the good teams.

Awards: WFNC: Jemma Bell, Terminus Hotel: Maddi Cleland, Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Marni Hicks.

## C GRADE

Waiai's C grade players were a bit worried about even fielding a side just prior to their game on Saturday, with half the team running late, but they managed to pull a side together just in time, and went on to take a 33 goal victory over Katamatite.

The Bombers' attack play was slick, and Vanessa Scadden played an amazing game.

The win saw Waiai move into sec-

ond spot on the ladder, equal on points with third placed Mathoura, but still two games behind the undefeated Berrigan.

Awards: WFNC: Vanessa Scadden, Telegraph Hotel: Bernadette Caccianiga.

## C RESERVE

Great teamwork by the C reserve girls against big pressure from Katamatite, saw them victorious by 20 goals on Saturday.

The Bombers' feeding into the goal circle was quick, and the goalers shot consistently from the first whistle, getting their side off to a great start.

There was a lot of pressure on passes down the court, and the defenders did well to prevent the ball getting into Katamatite's goal ring.

The Bombers all worked tirelessly

for the whole game to come out with a great win, 41-21.

Awards: WFNC: Tyleesha Toole-Cummins, SportFirst: Kiara Brown.

## 15 UNDER

Silly mistakes and poor decision making throughout their game proved costly for Waiai's under 15s, as they trailed 28-29 at the final whistle.

The game was hard fought throughout, and the Bombers fought back from every position and finished strongly.

With a few players out, the girls proved their versatility, playing different positions, and all worked well as a team.

Awards: D. & M. Plattfuss: Hayley Coonan, WFNC Canteen: Nat

Hobbs.

## 13 UNDER

A fantastic team effort from the under 13s saw Waiai take a great win, 22-5.

All players worked hard together to maintain their channels, and apply great pressure all over the court.

Awards: WFNC Scrunchie: Shaylee Dietrich, WFNC Canteen: Jorgia Kelly, Terminus Hotel: Sophie Halden.

## 11 UNDER

The minis all came to play on Saturday, putting in 100% effort. They played new positions, led forward well, defended and encouraged each other, all with a smile.

Awards: WFNC Scrunchie: Tayla Ramadge, Northstar: Claire Bergamin.

KATUNGA'S defenders made life very difficult for Rennie's goalers in the Swans' 10 goal netball win on Saturday, defeating the visitors 40-30.

In a terrific team game, Katunga started well, and never looked back, leading at every change.

The defenders were again solid, creating hardship for the opposition goalers, while the Swans' attackers offered the assistance their goal shooters needed to step up and shoot a winning score.

The Swans have a good chance to get another win on the board this weekend, when they meet cellar-dweller Yarroweyah, at Yarroweyah.

Awards: AgBioEn: Lily Kennedy; ND Services: Sarah Weidemann.

## B GRADE

Only one team separated Katunga and Rennie at the top of the B grade ladder before Saturday's game, but the Swans belied their positions with a convincing win over the third placed visitors.

Down a defender and coming up against a strong Rennie side, the Swans were prepared for a tough game.

The first half was anyone's game, Katunga leading by just four goals at half time, but the Swans' third quarter was sensational, and they jumped to a big lead.

The Swans applied great defensive pressure and played smart in attack.

Sheralee Newman stepped up a grade and worked beautifully with young gun Sophie McCracken in defence, while Jordyn Sutton pumped out 47 goals, despite being double teamed for the majority of the game.

Awards: KSG Fuel: Jordyn Sutton; Numurkah Pharmacy: Kirsty Hodgkin.

## C GRADE

Katunga's C grade side moved into fourth position on the Picola netball league ladder with a great, five goal win over Rennie.

The Swans played well together, combining for beautiful team work for the whole game.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Ebony Hicks; Arbonne: Gabby Cunningham.

## C RESERVE

The C reserve side faced a top

of the ladder battle against the top side, which showed why it has been undefeated all season.

The Katunga girls should be proud of their efforts against a quality side, giving 100% all game.

The final scores saw Katunga go down 19-32.

Awards: Telegraph: Andrea Kelly; Fitness 3636: Ash Lee.

## 17 UNDER

Katunga lost the under 17s battle between the seventh and eighth placed teams on the ladder, but stayed in seventh place, courtesy of a two game buffer it held prior to Saturday.

The Swans played a great team game, keeping the ball flowing down the court, but went down 19-29.

Awards: Cobram Farm Equipment: Emily Kraft-Bright; Reapers Hair & Beauty: Jasmine Moore.

## 15 UNDER

The under 15s faced a tough game against the top team, going down 6-50.

The Swans played their own game, making it harder for the visitors, but Rennie still managed to pull away to win the game.

Awards: Canteen: Tracie Crocker; Arbonne: Elly Tweed; Cold Rock: Ainsleigh Banner.

## 13 UNDER

The Katunga under 13s are showing so much improvement since the start of the season, but went down to a strong Rennie side on Saturday, 6-35.

The Swans' second half was terrific, and the score didn't reflect how well the girls played for the whole game.

Awards: Cold Rock: Lori Devine; Ten Pin Bowling: Angel Cook; Canteen: Aleece Bethell.

## 11 UNDER

The under 11s played another great game, showing improvement every week.

This week they took to the court under the watchful eye of young Ruby Hickey, who was officiating her first game of netball, under the guidance of her aunty, Sarah Weidemann.

Ten-year-old Ruby hopes this will be the start of a long career in the whites.

Awards: Laino's Pizza: Isabelle Rogers; Cold Rock: Bonnie Russo; Canteen: Millie Beverley.

# Numurkah hosts first event

NUMURKAH Small Bore Club hosted the first Northern Rivers Teams Event on Sunday, with teams from Kyabram Wangaratta and Albury in attendance.

Teams were made up of shooters from both prone and benchrest disciplines.

Kyabram recorded the top score in the prone event, with a total of 1532.39, while Wangaratta top scored in benchrest, with 784.31.

Numurkah scores 1524.39 in prone, and 783.28 in benchrest.

The top scorers for last Thursday night's club match at Numur-

kah were Glen Miles in 20 metre benchrest with 197.4, Angela Gibbon in 20 metre prone with 189.6 and Lindsay Braybon in 50 metre prone with 194.10.

## SCORES

20m benchrest: G. Miles 98.2 99.2 197.4; D. Bradshaw 97.4 97.3

194.7; B. Braybon 96.1 98.5 194.6; C. Saxton 96.1 96.2 192.3; E. Ryan 94.1 94.1 188.2.

20m prone: A. Gibbon 95.4 94.2 189.6; A. Lee 91.2 95.3 186.5; J. Matys 90.0 90.0 180.0; J. Cook 94.2 84.1 178.3; G. Miles 88.0 90.1 178.1; M. Brown 88.1 88.0 176.1.

50m prone: L. Braybon 97.4 97.6 194.10; G. Braybon 93.4 98.6 191.10; T. Braybon 95. 95.4 190.6; D. Cook 92.3 96.3 188.6; A. Lee 93.2 92.0 185.2; T. Braybon 93.1 91.1 184.2; H. O'Brien 93.4 86.0 179.4.

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

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1 Essendon	6 Bulldogs
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### Lee Agnew

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Sydney	7
3 Melbourne	8
4 Brisbane	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 6 Total 71



### Kylie Jackson

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Sydney	7
3 Fremantle	8
4 St Kilda	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 5 Total 71



### Chris O'Dwyer

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Sydney	7
3 Melbourne	8
4 St Kilda	9
5 Port Adelaide	

Last week 4 Total 67



### Roger Seiter

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Sydney	7
3 Melbourne	8
4 Brisbane	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 6 Total 76



### Tom Buzzia

1 Essendon	6 Collingwood
2 Sydney	7
3 Fremantle	8
4 St Kilda	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 1 Total 59



### Peter Newby

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Sydney	7
3 Fremantle	8
4 Brisbane	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 2 Total 66



### John Beitzel

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Sydney	7
3 Fremantle	8
4 Brisbane	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 2 Total 63



### Brad Kerry

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Hawthorn	7
3 Fremantle	8
4 Brisbane	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 3 Total 62



### Katunga Fresh

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Sydney	7
3 Fremantle	8
4 Brisbane	9
5 Geelong	

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### Dave Jenkins

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2 Sydney	7
3 Melbourne	8
4 St Kilda	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 3 Total 70



### Danni Woolley

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Hawthorn	7
3 Fremantle	8
4 Brisbane	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 4 Total 54



### Kevin Morland

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Sydney	7
3 Melbourne	8
4 Brisbane	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 5 Total 67



### John Schaaf

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Hawthorn	7
3 Fremantle	8
4 Brisbane	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 4 Total 62



### David Ludington

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Sydney	7
3 Fremantle	8
4 Brisbane	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 5 Total 68



### Nathan Morris

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Sydney	7
3 Fremantle	8
4 St Kilda	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 6 Total 73



### Troy Knox

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Sydney	7
3 Melbourne	8
4 Brisbane	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 3 Total 49



### Denis Brooks

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Sydney	7
3 Melbourne	8
4 Brisbane	9
5 Geelong	

Last week 4 Total 69



### Liam Gledhill

1 West Coast	6 Collingwood
2 Sydney	7
3 Melbourne	8
4 St Kilda	9
5 Port Adelaide	

Last week 4 Total 68



**Waiting patiently ...** The boys go after the ball, while Mathilda Trimble waits for it to spill out.



**Girls and boys ...** Mathilda Trimble and Angus Coutts contest the ruck.



**Kick it ...** Lenny Gledhill handballs to Daniel Schreenan.



**No tackles ...** Grace Leslie goes to ground in front of Daniel Schreenan.

# Half time highlight

HALF time of the Numurkah versus Nathalia senior football game was the highlight of the day for many youngsters and their parents

and grandparents, when the Numurkah and Nathalia Auskickers ran out onto the ground to play a half time match.

Dubbed the Auskick Presidents Cup, the game was umpired by the presidents of both football netball clubs, Numurkah's John Beitzel and

Nathalia's Dean Limbrick.

Some kids showed terrific skills that their clubs will be looking forward to in years to come.

There were no tackles allowed, no awards, and no scores kept, but all appeared to enjoy their short stint on the ground.

## Bombers maul Tigers

WAAIA put some space between itself and Katamatite on the Picola football league ladder with an impressive 103 point victory at Katamatite on Saturday.

The two sides sat, and still sit, in third and fourth places on the senior ladder, but were level on points, with seven wins apiece, before Saturday's clash.

After an excellent first quarter, kicking six goals to the home side's two, Waaia went on to be the big winner on the day, finishing with 18 majors.

Shayne Lynch and his family were welcomed back to Bomberland on the weekend, and Lynch fell back into the side with ease, booting four goals and earning himself a spot in the best players.

Matt Brown also kicked five goals, while Charlie Burrows was the Bombers' top goal scorer, with five majors.

Sam Richardson continued his dominant form, earning himself BOG honours, Connor Brown was impressive, and Brendan Harris played another stellar game, his pressure and tackling a highlight for the crowd.

Mitch Cleeland continued his good form, and Todd Davies was another to play well.

**Awards:** Only Consulting: Sam Richardson; Gagliardi Scott Real Estate/Telegraph Hotel: Mitchell Cleeland; Ahoy Water/Terminus Hotel: Todd Davies; Mick Hogan Excavations: Connor Brown; SportFirst Numurkah: Brendan Harris.

### SECONDS

The Waaia seconds kept Katamatite scoreless for the game's entirety, while adding 22 goals and 22 behinds in a comprehensive display.

Ethan McDonald was unstoppable in the front line, kicking an easy five goals, while Mark Bergamin was a force to be reckoned with three goals and best on ground honours.

Brothers Steve and Hayden Hixon came to play and did it the Waaia way, and Robbie Bradbury played a stellar game, also booting three goals. Brayden Carey was the other major goal scorer, with four to his name.

**Awards:** Onley Consulting/Telegraph Hotel: Mark Bergamin; Only Consulting/Terminus Hotel: Ethan McDonald; Mick Hogan Excavations: Steve Hixon; Murray Valley Rural & Plumbing: Hayden Hixon; Ahoy Water Cartage: Robbie Bradbury.

## No stopping Purple women

AFTER a week off, the Nathalia women's football team started fast and strong against Tatura at home, kicking its first goal within the first minute.

From there, there was no stopping the Purple women, as they kicked away to take a 126 point victory.

Four more goals followed during the first quarter, with Nathalia keeping the ball forward for the majority of the term.

Tatura lifted in the second quarter, with their mids deciding to take on contests and attempting to break through the Nathalia walls, however the Purples' half back line was able to continue to rebound the ball forward.

Tatura scored its single point during the third quarter, however Nathalia kept working hard to keep the ball forward, with direct and accurate kicking allowing the ball to flow nicely into the forward line where the goals and scoring opportunities were shared around nicely.

Abby Favaro was best on ground, winning the club mug with a seven goal effort up forward, including one which needed a strong and long boot after the final siren.

Tegan Sutton was strong in the ruck and forward line, scoring two goals and picked up the Brereton's Bakery Pizza voucher, while Kym John played another physically tough game, breaking through a number of tackles to keep the ball moving forward, and taking home the Cheeky Cider Pizza voucher.

Olivia Checkley kicked her first ever goal, then followed up with a second to take out the Bridge Hotel award, while Vanessa Ward again ran all day and scored two goals to pick up the Casual Step award.

The final award went to Marni Bell who scored three majors, including one on a particularly tight angle.

Sharnah Stevens and Elley Pinnuck each kicked a goal, and Millie Casey moved up forward from her usual half back position, and was rewarded for her efforts with a goal as well.

The final scores saw Nathalia 19.13.127 defeat Tatura 0.1.1.

The third placed Purple girls have another bye this weekend, followed by a home game against fourth placed Rumbalara.

### YOUTH GIRLS

With eight of their side unavailable to play on Sunday, the Northern Angels put in a great effort, but went down to Seymour 2.2.14 to 11.10.76.

Seymour was too tall for the Angels and outplayed the home side.

Sophie Miller and Katie Miller both scored a goal each.

**Awards:** Brereton's Bakery: Eleisha Lee, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Brooke Monk, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Charlees Sudholz, Marketplace Subway: Charli Dorrity, Nathalia Fertilizer & Grain: Georgia Hanford, Shepparton Pizza: Rani Guthrie.

# Purples just too good

IT was a long day at the office for the Blues Twos on Sunday, as Nathalia recorded a 157 point demolition.

Right from the get go, it was one way traffic, with the boys in purple generally having things their own way, continually able to step around their opponents to kick over the next line of Blues' defence.

Matt Davies and Kodi Hicks enjoyed the supply, with the former bagging 10 goals for the day.

The forwards were well supplied by the work of midfielders Chris Brown, Matt Carroll, Connor Nave and Daniel Robinson, who were finding the ball at will, and delivered it from congestion very well.

For the Blues, Greg Gallus toiled away at full back, Brad Millen and Kaleb Rees fought hard, while Paul Collins, James Pruden and Flynn Beitzel did their best to win the ball forward at the clearances.

After being clean-sheeted in their first match up this season, the Blues were able to show some resistance and reap some reward for effort, which allowed Jack Kelly to kick a couple of consolation goals in the last quarter.

Numurkah awards: Greg Gallus, Brad Millen, James Pruden, Flynn Beitzel, Kaleb Rees and Paul Collins.

Nathalia awards: Limbrick Accounting BOG: Matt Carroll; Mick Hogan Excavations: Matt Davies; Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Al Corry; Blake St Butchery: Jackson Walpole; Numurkah Nu-Genes: Chris Brown; Brereton's Bakery: Nathan McKenna.

## UNDER 14s

Numurkah's thirds were the club's only football winners on Sunday, the under 17 boys doubling their opposition's score to record a solid victory.

It was a much different contest from last time, with Nathalia taking it up to the Numurkah boys early in the contest, as they outworked the midfield to set the scene for a tough day at the office.

Nathalia started well, with an early goal, and the whole first half was fairly even, with Numurkah leading by eight points at the long break.

Numurkah kicked away in the second half, but the Nathalia boys never gave up, pleasing their coaches with their undying effort.

Kade O Dwyer was keeping the momentum going Numurkah's way, through hard running and effort, but unfortunately finished the game with a leg injury. Ben Millen

and Fraser Jones stood tall in their roles and showcased the effort required.

Dusty Ebborn played another quality game, finishing with four goals. Jayden Holmes ran hard from defence to kick two goals of his own and set up a couple, and Corey Spokes and Hunter Verhoeven held down their spots in the backline to ensure Numurkah came away winners 10.8.68-4.9.33.

Nathalia awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Gavin McDonald; AV Hughes: Wade Tuddenham; Rex James Stockfeed: Shannon Young; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Darcy Hicks; Marketplace Subway: Aaron Petric.

## UNDER 14s

Nathalia proved far too dominant for the Numurkah fourths, not unexpectedly taking a 156 point victory.

Elgin Farrell-Stone had a day out for Nathalia, as did Kian Brereton, Bob Walpole, Mason Cobblewick and Ryan Deal. Oliver Sheehan had a sound and productive game for four quarters and Max Frostick did likewise, up forward and on the ball. Charlie Sheehan and Ewan Congues were busy and Jack Hutchins was a handful in the ruck.

For Numurkah, midfielders Ollie Masters rucked hard, while Conner Waites and Nick Hughes fought hard for the ball, but the Purples were enormously skilled.

Ayden Siermans was rugged on the half back flank, Ben Millen, Riley Dobson and Jaxon McKellar ranged the defence, and Baidyn Dicker was strong at full back.

With the home team rarely breaking into its offensive 50, the Purple tsunami left the Blues in some disarray but, as in previous weeks, the Blues refused to lie down.

Kobie Rahilly worked the ball forward at every opportunity, Zac Newby was hard in and Toby Brown was ready to take advantage, the Nathalia snatched every opportunity with accurate kicking to reach a 100 point advantage five minutes before the last break.

The fourth quarter provided the icing on the cake for the Purps and, though the Blues were gasping for breath, there were certainly glimpses of sparkling light.

Numurkah best: Nick Hughes, Ayden Siermans, Kobie Rahilly, Lucas Roberts, Zac Newby, Toby Brown.

Nathalia awards: Past Players: O. Sheehan; Bendigo Bank Nathalia; B. Walpole; Al's Café: J. Hutchins; Frostick Contracting: K. Brereton; Nathalia Printers: R. Deal.



Dodge and weave ... Jackson Walpole finds a way to get past Numurkah's Adam Mansfield.



On the boot ... Paul Collins gets another kick away.

# Katunga Swans fail to convert



Throw in ... Nick Thorp forces his Rennie opponent over the line with the ball.

DESPITE a high possession rate, Katunga found scoring difficult on Saturday, and went down to Rennie by 57 points, 45-102.

Katunga started well, with much improved run and ball movement. While their tackle pressure was also good, the Swans' intensity dropped in the second quarter, allowing Rennie too many easy possessions. The visitors kicked away to a 36 point lead at the half time break.

Half time sparked a Katunga revival early in the third term, where the home side matched Rennie's scoring and dominated possession across the ground but, in the end, Rennie ran out the winner, the 57 points difference not truly reflecting the Swans' efforts.

Awards: Katunga Fresh: Josh Howden; Clydesdale Hotel: Xavier Thorp; Lenny's Ag: Kevin Van den Goor; GrainCorp Oilseed: Steve Few; Telegraph Hotel: Josh Smith.

## RESERVES

The Swans reserves faced a tough assignment, taking on Rennie, which has only dropped one game for the season.

Katunga's plight was not helped by being light on for numbers this week, with five thirds boys stepping up to help out.

A slow start from Katunga allowed Rennie to add five goals to the scoreboard in the first quarter, to Katunga's one goal, one behind, and the visitors managed to increase their lead in every quarter, running away to an eventual 98 point victory.

Awards: John King Grain: Josh MacFadyen; Dan Hendy Landforming: Josh Tetley; Telegraph Hotel: Mick John; Clydesdale Hotel: Will Sefton; KFNC: Daniel Connally.

## UNDER 17s

Katunga's thirds side moved up into second place on the ladder with a 33 point victory over the previously second placed Rennie.

Lachie O'Hara, Lachlan Daniel and Kody Jackson all put in courageous games, along with Lachie O'Brien and Jackson Harris who stepped up from the fourths and gave another 100%.

Awards: Northern Domestic Water: Bailey Smith; National Herd Development: Harry Hill; Masters Video Production: Mitch Doyle; SportFirst Numurkah: Max Hendy; Canteen: Lachlan O'Brien.

## UNDER 14s

The young Swans were no match for the strong, undefeated Rennie side when the two teams met on Saturday, only scoring one point to Rennie's 16 goals 13 behinds.

The Swans kept up good pressure all day, with Lachlan O'Brien exceptional in the back line, which was under immense pressure all day, but stood tall against an onslaught of goals.

Awards: Jomac Contracting: Lachlan O'Brien; Numurkah Milk Supplies: Jackson Harris; Supporters: Jake Bell; Red Cherry: Harry McDonald; Canteen: Hudson Storer; Morris award: Ryan Moulder.

## FIFTHS

It was a very chilly start for the youngest Katunga footballers, and a determined opposition saw a lot of tough contests, which took their toll on the Swans.

The boys in the centre and backline worked hard to keep their team in the game.

Awards: Canteen: Billy Elsegood; Aiden Woolley: Brian Hansen.

# Purples win fierce battle



**Little men, big hearts ...** Adam Jorgensen and Josh O'Dwyer were both important players for their teams, until O'Dwyer left the ground with an injury.



**Rivalry to the fore ...** A large crowd was at the Numurkah recreation reserve on Sunday to watch the likes of Mitch Price and Alex Hicks do battle in a long standing, traditional rivalry between Numurkah and Nathalia.

IN a battle between traditional rivals, Nathalia was able to overcome a determined Numurkah outfit in the last quarter to extend a two goal margin it carried for most of the day, to a 37 point win.

In an entertaining game early, the ball moved at break-neck speed up and down the ground.

With stoppages becoming very physical, the pivotal match up of ruckmen Mitch Price and Brodie Ross, although fairly even, saw the stronger Nathalia mids, Bailey Bell and Drew Barnes, assisted by the linking run of defenders Harrison Hawks and Ned Nihill, create scoring opportunities, resulting in a three goal to one first quarter.

The second quarter saw the smaller Blues settle well, and their leg speed started stretching their bigger opponents.

An unfortunate heavy hit to one of Numurkah's important run and carry players, Josh O'Dwyer, saw him subbed from the game.

One player not troubled by the speed of the game was Nathalia's Adam Jorgensen. Just as the Blues started to threaten, Jorgensen imposed himself on the quarter with his lightning pace and sure hands, resulting in a couple of opportunistic goals.

A long range goal from Jye Warren ended a fairly even quarter, with the margin at 13 points on the long break.

Numurkah continued to press the Purples early in the third quarter, with Beau McKeown, Jamie Fulton and Josh Hoffman starting to get first hands on the ball at stoppages, allowing Bailey Roberts on the wing, and rebounding defenders Luke McKeown and Brad Crowther to propel the ball forward into dangerous positions.

Although the Blues had narrowed the margin to four points, and despite the lively work of forwards Jarrod Holmes and Ben Gunning, they were unable to capitalise on the forward entries that were presented.

Rhys Shannon moved to defence for Nathalia, and his intercept marking, combined with some strong work from Ricky Barnes at half back, saw the Purples wrest back the ascendancy. This allowed Alex Hicks and Adam Jorgensen to continue to impact the game with important goals, and Nathalia held an 18 point break at three-quarter time.

Hicks would finish with three goals, and livewire Jorgensen four for the game.

The last quarter saw Nathalia's dominance continue with the Nathalia midfield, led by Hicks, with support from Clancy Congues on a wing, capitalising on the opportunities provided by talls Brodie Ross and Harrison Hawks.

Numurkah's backline players, Dylan Taylor, Zach McKeown and Clancy Lester, who had defended well all day, were under siege.

Jason Limbrick cashed in late in the day with several big marks, to take his tally to three goals for the day, stretching the lead beyond reach of the gallant Blues.

Beau McKeown worked tirelessly all day in an effort to lift his young team mates, however, when Nathan Hicks kicked his third goal for the day, the siren sounded on a 37 point Nathalia victory.

Numurkah coach Jye Warren said it was a disappointing loss for his side.

"It was a bit disappointing, but it's half way through the season, so we've got plenty of time to make up for it.

"We had a lot of opportunities in the third quarter to either get in front or get really close, but unfortunately when we didn't capitalise in front of goals, Nathalia did, and that's pretty much how it went all day for us.

"We didn't take our opportunities, and Nathalia always did, which shows the quality outfit they are.

"I don't want to take anything away from Nathalia, they are a quality outfit, and that's where we want to be, but in the third quarter we kicked four or five points, most of which should have been goals.

"If we had kicked those goals, we could have been up by two goals going into the three-quarter time break, and it would have been a different ball game then."

On the other hand, Nathalia coach Jason Limbrick was very pleased with the win.

"It was a fantastic win. It was a good game of footy and we were really happy to get the win, and happy with how we played after half time.

"Numurkah played well. They moved the ball well on us at times, but we were pleased to be able to correct some things after half time and run away with it in the end.

Nathalia awards: Ryan Meat Co BOG Mug: Adam Jorgensen; Bourke Group: Harrison Hawks; Liddell Group-Dellcorp: Clancy Congues; Numurkah Tyre Power: Brodie Ross; Nathalia IGA: Drew Barnes; Brereton's Bakery: Ricky Barnes.

## Indigenous clash decided by a point

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The Blues match Deni in the final term, fighting hard for possession in their aim to sneak a win, but it was too late and Deni finished in front, 84-58 points.

Awards: Nathalia Fertiliser and Grain: Clay Stevens; Brereton's Bakery: Austin Morgan; Minchin Mechanics: Aiden Daniel; Numanns: Jordan Glanville.

### UNDER 17s

Deniliquin proved far too polished for the Picola thirds on Saturday, taking a 105 point win.

The Blues were a bit flat in the first quarter and Deni took full advantage.

Inaccurate kicking from the visitors in the second term meant the Blues still had a slight hope after the first half, but Deni didn't let up, having all the answers to Picola's forward entries.

Awards: Dove Motors/Lubke Engineering: Jordan Simpson;

Peter Limbrick Accounting: Daniel Thorn; Barmah Social Club: Jackson King; TJ's: Clay Stevens; Nathalia Hair and Beauty 'Have a Go': Jaz Truman.

### UNDER 14s

Although eventually winning by 16 points, the fourths game was a closely fought, tight contest for its entirety.

There was no more than three points difference for the first half, but Picola got a little break in the third term, going into the last quarter up by 10 points.

The Picola boys pressured hard and used the ball well, in a great spectacle, going on to score 42 points to Deni's 26.

Awards: Power Lifestock/Barnett Family: Jason Beckett; Better Bite Barmah: Kayden Atkinson; Barmah Social Club: Matthew Jorgensen; Al's Cafe encouragement medallion: Stephen Atkinson; Nathalia Hair and Beauty 'Have a Go': Logan Daniel.



**Proud history ...** The Picola team in their specially designed indigenous round jumpers.

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# PURPLES WIN FIERCE BATTLE



## Stacks on the mill

... Shane Miller swoops on the ball, while the high flyers crumble in a heap.

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## Indigenous clash decided by a point

A POINT kicked after the siren gave Picola a nail-biting win over Deniliquin Rovers in the clubs' annual indigenous round clash on Saturday.

Picola took to the ground wearing new indigenous round jumpers designed by member Matty Atkinson, in front of a large crowd of spectators, while former North Melbourne player Matt Campbell donned the blue and white for the day.

Picola hit the ground running and

showed Deni that the Blues were ready to play, hitting the scoreboard early.

The Rovers increased their intensity around the ball and, after being 13 points down at quarter time, had regained some composure and went in on equal points at the main break.

The third term saw a close tussle with both teams struggling to get a breakaway, and pressure was high at every contest. Both sides made their presence known, with no easy pos-

sessions won.

The crowd was vocal as the two sides fought tooth and nail in a real tug of war that went score for score. The passion and desire boiled over on field on a couple of occasions.

It came down to a kick after the siren to decide the outcome. Everyone around the ground held their breath, with Picola just needing a score to take the win. A minor score was the result, which gave Picola a

one point victory in a nail biter.

Awards: DMH Mug/Barmah Hotel: Ben Gill; Blake Street Butchery: Kyle Saunders; Breretons Bakery: Tom Hislop; Limo's Hardware: Luke Jackson.

### RESERVES

Picola's reserves put in a terrific last quarter fightback in their game against Deniliquin Rovers, but had left their run too late, and Deni finished the game 26 points in front.

Picola started well, kicking three goals to Deni's two in the first term, but Deni shut down the Blues' run in the second, and increased their pressure, holding Picola to just one goal, while adding five of their own.

Picola again struggled to gain any momentum in the forward 50 during the third quarter, despite solid performances from some of the youngsters in the side.

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