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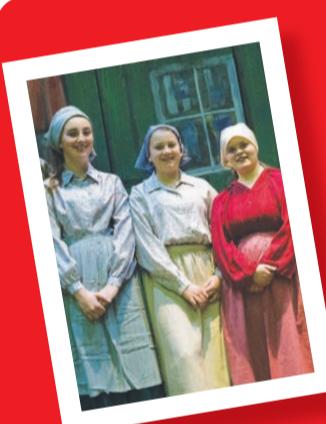
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EPA investigation ends in for fine Mustica

THE Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) has fined a company owned by Moira Shire Mayor Libro Mustica for dumping industrial waste at a property in Ritchie Rd, Cobram.

EPA has issued Sunbrell Pty Ltd with an \$8,060 fine for depositing industrial waste on premises that are not licensed to receive it, in contravention of Section 27A(2) of the Environment Protection Act.

The company has also been issued with an official notice requiring that it clean up the site.

EPA Regional Manager, North East Region, Emma Knights, said EPA officers inspected the site at 85 Ritchie Road after receiving a report of possible illegal dumping.

"They found a stockpile of industrial waste approximately 25 metres square and two metres deep, that included concrete, brick, timber, green waste, carpet, plaster, cables and metal," she said.

"There was windblown litter scattered across the

property and several small stockpiles of burnt material."

A large pit on the site contained burnt material and industrial waste, including treated timber, pallets, plastic strapping, polystyrene, silicon tubes, chemical containers, plastic drill cases, cardboard boxes and domestic waste, such as mattresses, furniture, TVs and plastic chairs.

"Depositing industrial waste in such an uncontrolled manner can pollute the soil and groundwater," Ms Knights said.

"EPA will continue to monitor the clean-up of Sunbrell Pty Ltd's property in Ritchie Rd, Cobram, to ensure that the company complies with the clean-up notice by the due date of August 14, 2019," she said.

Under the Environment Protection Act 1970 and the Infringements Act 2006, the company has the right to have the decision to issue the infringement

notice reviewed, or alternatively to have the matter heard and determined by a court, but Mr Mustica told the *Leader* that he does not intend to take that action.

"I don't intend to challenge the EPA's determination. I will pay the fine," he said.

"This has arisen from a misunderstanding in which I was trying to avoid simply dumping 400 tonnes of building material in landfill, by taking it to my property to sort it for recycling.

"We have complied with the EPA's clean-up order and have been able to recycle 90% of the materials. There was just some timber that couldn't be recycled because it contained 70 year-old nails."

Mr Mustica said that the heavy equipment necessary to sort the rubble for recycling would not have been able to access the Station St site from which the rubble originated.

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Funding boost will expand palliative care team

MOIRA Palliative Care Service has been given a boost, with the State Government last week announcing a grant of \$131,529 to support the expansion of services in the local area.

The service provides community based specialist end of life support to clients across the Moira Shire catchment. The goals of palliative care include providing pain relief and symptom management, offering support systems to clients and their families, environmental and safety considerations and integrating psychological and spiritual aspects of care with the necessary medical treatments.

Numurkah District Health Service (NDHS) primary health manager Robyn Sprunt said palliative care is an evolving and complex sector that is experiencing increasing service demand and increased levels of complexity which impacts service delivery.

She said the funds would allow Moira Palliative Care Service to explore enhancements to the existing workforce model for specialist palliative care services across the Moira Shire catchment area.

"It will allow us to look at how we can sustainably expand the palliative care team to meet the unique needs of palliative care clients in a range of healthcare settings including acute, residential aged care and community based environments into the future," she said.

A multidisciplinary team approach, that includes an occupational therapist and social worker, has significant benefits when used for people with serious or life-threatening illnesses to enhance their quality of life, and that's what we would like to be able to provide to clients.

"This funding will allow us to look at the model of care, and attract allied health specialists with an in-

terest, and specialist knowledge, in palliative care, and improve end of life care for local clients."

Moira Palliative Care Service data over the past three years has shown a trend in increased referral rates, admission to service and general complexity of clients supported.

Moira Shire is a region of significant disadvantage when compared to other areas across Victoria, and has higher than average rates of cancer and chronic diseases and is generally a region with an ageing population, all issues that impact the experience of optimal end of life care.

Moira Palliative Care Service client assessment and care coordination is currently undertaken by clinical nurse specialists who aim to provide an overall assessment of the needs of the clients, without direct support from other disciplines to support this process.

Clinical nurse specialist Heather

Rice, who heads the Moira Palliative Care Service at NDHS, told the *Leader* that having specialist allied health workers on board would provide a great support to the existing palliative care team, as well as clients.

"A specialist social worker will be able to help clients and their families navigate various services and supports which will help ease their burden," she said.

"Specialised occupational therapy services will also help clients be able to stay at home, if that's where they want to be, in circumstances where they would otherwise be likely to have to be admitted to hospital, so that's a really huge benefit for everybody."

"Having other specialist workers available will also be a great support to the current team as we assess patients and try and make the best possible care plans for them."

EPA investigation ends in for fine Mustica

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"I could have taken it straight to the tip and dumped it, but I thought why pay to do that and just add to landfill when it can be sorted for recycling and re-used instead?"

Mr Mustica said that most of the rubble has now been converted to clean-fill, whilst the concrete has been crushed for gravel, and the steel has been taken to the council's industrial landfill site where it can be on-sold.

Mr Mustica told the *Leader* that he accepts that, as an experienced property developer, he should have known that regulations prevented the transport of waste from a building site to an unlicensed site.

"I tried to do the right thing and did the wrong thing," he said.

"I'm paying for it now, and I definitely won't be doing it again."



Clean-up ... Heavy machinery processes the rubble at the Ritchie Rd site.

Number plate recognition car now patrolling Moira Shire roads

UNAUTHORISED drivers in Moira Shire will now find it much harder to flout the law, since a highway patrol car equipped with Victoria Police's new automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) system has appeared on local roads.

The technology allows police to detect drivers who are suspended, disqualified or unlicensed, unregistered and stolen vehicles and stolen number plates.

The cars are also fitted with in-car video to record audio and visual evidence that can be used in court.

ANPR scans number plates and matches them against a database of vehicles of interest.

The new car is one of 221 ANPR units that will be deployed across the state over

the next two years.

Cobram officers began patrols in the car last week, allowing them to take more unauthorised and dangerous drivers and riders off the roads than ever before.

Road Policing Command Assistant Commissioner Stephen Leane said the technology would make it much easier to detect and remove people who should not be on the roads.

"Unauthorised road users pose a significant threat to themselves and others," he said.

"A study of fatal collisions in 2016 found that unauthorised drivers were at fault in 16% of them."

The same study found that around one in five injury collisions involving an unregistered vehicle also involved an

unauthorised driver.

"These drivers have no right to be behind the wheel, either because of their previous unsafe behaviour or because they are unlicensed," Assistant Commissioner Leane said.

"We're determined to detect them and get them off our roads, and ANPR is a big step forward in that effort."

"The system will allow us to scan around 5000 number plates per shift, which is a huge increase on what our officers are able to do manually."

It is hoped that public awareness of the video system will enhance officer safety by deterring and de-escalating potential incidents.

The Cobram car has been operating on local roads since July 5. The full suite of ANPR units will be rolled out across the state by March 2021.

POLICE BEAT

Lucky escape after car hits tree

TWO women are lucky to have escaped serious injury after the car they were travelling in hit a tree on Kellys Rd Numurkah last Friday afternoon.

The incident occurred at around 2.45pm, when the car, which was travelling north, became airborne and left the road, careening into a stand of trees.

Speed is believed to have been a factor in the incident, with police saying the 20 year-old female driver was not travelling safely for the conditions on the gravel road.

The early model Holden Commodore was written off in the incident.

Investigations are ongoing, and police are yet to determine whether the vehicle had airbags, as none deployed on impact.

The two women attended GV Health for assessment following the collision, but were not admitted.

Sergeant David Young from Cobram police said that both women were extremely lucky not to have been seriously injured or killed.

"It could have been much, much worse," he said.

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Council calls for feedback on draft development strategy

MOIRA shire council is calling for public feedback on the draft of its Economic Development Strategy 2019 - 2023.

Mayor Libro Mustica said the draft strategy would guide council's strategic direction, decision making and service delivery into the future.

"The draft strategy builds on the existing strengths of the local economy while seeking to embrace new opportunities that create diversity and resilience, and we want to know if we have got the balance right," Cr Mustica said.

"We have focussed the draft strategy around five key priorities.

"Priority one is enhancing infrastructure and land which are fundamental for economic activity to prosper in Moira Shire.

"Priority two is providing information, learning and networking to enable a strong economy.

"Priority three is encouraging growth, diversification and innovation to build resilience in our economy.

"Priority four is fostering the visitor economy to identify tourism infrastructure gaps and attract investment.

"Lastly, priority five is making great places for people with place-making programs playing a vital role in promoting economic development."

Drop in sessions are being held at the following times and places cross the shire to discuss the draft strategy:

- Nathalia – Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre – Thursday, July 18, 11am-12noon
- Numurkah – Visitor Information Centre – Thursday, July 18, 1pm-2pm
- Yarrawonga – Visitor Information Centre – Friday, July 19, 11am-12noon
- Cobram – Visitor Information Centre – Friday, July 19, 1pm-2pm

Feedback can also be provided on council's website, where more information is also available.



Family passion for excellence ... John, Julie and Jim Hall in the cactus garden they have lovingly built and tended.

Cactus Country tourism finalist

STRATHMERTON'S Hall family has put years of hard work and passion into creating a unique and engaging visitor experience at Cactus Country on the Murray Valley Highway.

Starting 30 years ago as a hobby that got out of hand, the local tourist attraction now features Australia's largest collection of cacti, with thousands of varieties on show in a garden stretching over 12 acres of land.

Their efforts, and the unique experience they offer, have now been recognised with a coveted place on the finalists list of the 2019 Destination Riverina Murray and Destination Country and Outback Regional Tourism Awards

The awards recognise excellence in tourism at destinations and events on both sides of Australia's longest river, and this year alone they received over 100 nominations.

Julie Hall, who prepared Cactus Country's nomination, said it was a thrill to make the finals.

"Excellence in tourism is exactly what we've always strived for, so to receive recognition for achieving that is wonderful," she said.

Julie said that completing the nomination was a job in itself, but one that gave her a rare

chance to reflect on how far they've come.

"Filling out the nomination was a long and involved process, as it had five different sections and so many questions," she said.

"It asked about the history of the place and it really made me think about how we started and how far we've come, which was nice really because we're always looking forward."

Cactus Country has indeed come a long way, welcoming thousands of visitors a year, many of whom come all the way from China, where cacti are a source of much fascination.

China, like Australia, has no native species of succulent, and no cacti gardens anywhere near the scale of Cactus Country.

"The Chinese visitors tend to be really fascinated by the size of the cacti and love posing with them and posting the photos to social media, which attracts even more visitors," Julie said.

Even with the increase in overseas visitors, the attraction's mainstay is day trippers from Melbourne.

"Overall, they still make up around 60% of our visitors."

Though Cactus Country has a good hold on

the domestic market, and is becoming ever more popular with Asian tourists, there is one class of visitor that Julie hopes will be attracted to her family's garden when word of awards recognition spreads.

"We'd really like to see more visitors from the local area," she said.

"I think because it's been a slow evolution over time, people don't realise what Cactus Country actually is and how big and established we now are."

"To them, it's just something they drive past on their way around the area, and we'd really love them to turn into the driveway and come and see what we've built. Hopefully when they realise that we've been recognised as creating something excellent, they'll take the time to drop in and say hello."

Hopefully, whether or not Cactus Country takes top place in its category at the awards ceremony in Dubbo on July 27, locals will have had their curiosity about what is behind the big colourful fence piqued enough to want to stop and see for themselves.

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Working together ... Moira Shire tourism staff and local operators are keen for locals to enjoy the best the region has to offer.

Sun Country discovery weekend launched

AN opportunity for Moira Shire residents to rediscover the gems in their own backyard was launched last Friday - and tour operators throughout the Sun Country, who are more than making it worth the locals' while, were in attendance.

On the upcoming Discovery Weekend, being held on July 27 and 28, residents can enjoy scrumptious local produce, paddle boat rides, coffee, historic tours and more - all for just \$1 - and are being encouraged to invite family and friends along for the ride.

Launching the event at Strathmerton's Cactus Country last Friday, Moira Shire mayor Libro Mustica said he was looking forward to the weekend and encouraged all residents to save the date.

"Locals are the friendly faces to thousands of family and friends visiting our region each and every year," Cr Mustica said.

"With the Discovery Weekend, from Bundalong to Barmah, tourism operators will welcome locals to re-visit attractions they may not have been to for a while, or to take a tour they haven't experienced before."

Cr Mustica said visiting friends and relatives make a significant contribution to the local tour-

ism economy and account for 34.54% of day visitors, 31.7% of domestic overnight visitors and 42% of international visitors to the region.

At the event launch, Cr Mustica said that Moira Shire Council and local tourism operators had joined forces to make the event a temptation that was too good for locals to refuse.

"Residents will receive a ticket and brochure in the mail about the specials on offer over the Discovery Weekend," he said.

"Just show your Sun Country Discovery Weekend ticket at participating venues and enjoy mates rates all weekend."

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

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

Simply return your completed ticket with its four stickers to your local Visitor Information

Centre before Saturday, August 10 to be in the running to win.

"The Sun Country Discovery Weekend is a great opportunity to explore our own backyard, so we can spread the word to our friends and rel-

atives when they visit," Cr Mustica said.

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



Launch ... Mayor Libro Mustica launched the event which encourages locals to get out and about in Moira, and bring a friend.



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In coming months our kerbside organic waste collection service will be expanding.

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Second stage – The townships of Barmah, Bundalong, Katamatite, Katunga, Picola, St James, Strathmerton, Waaia, Wilby, Wunghnu and Yarroweyah will receive the service in October.

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Waste such as non-recyclable plastic, plastic bags, nappies, polystyrene foam, hoses, ropes and kitty litter can't go into your organic waste bin as they will cause contamination. If you are unsure about what can go into your bin, go to our website for more information.

What if I run out of purple bags?

There are 150 purple compostable bags per roll, which is about a year's supply. If you run out of these bags please DO NOT use plastic bags as they are not compostable. Give us a call or pop into our service centres in Cobram or Yarrawonga and we can arrange some more bags for you.



In safe hands ... Lions Club of Numurkah 2019/2020 board (from left): Keith Nicoll, Mark Nordbye, Sonya Sutherland, Peter Cox, Lindsay Mitchell, Ian Clark, Mike Duffett, Malcolm Evans, Val Granger and Amanda Stuart.

Lions roar in another year of service

THE Lions Club of Numurkah has come together to celebrate another year of service to the community, with its changeover dinner last week.

Outgoing president Mark Nordbye's report for the 2018/2019 year served as a reminder of what an intrinsic part of community life the Lions are.

As well as conducting Lions-specific events such as Voice of Youth and Youth of the Year public speaking competitions, there was hardly an event held locally with which the Lions weren't involved.

The club organised and ran seven Numurkah foreshore markets, manned the gate for the Numurkah Football Netball Club, and the annual Numurkah show, where they also ran the fleece competition and shearing demonstrations.

As is tradition, the club presented Carols by Candlelight in Newman Square and the Rex Wellington Charity Bowls Day, as well as helping out at the Numurkah Anzac Day service, St Joseph's Fun Run and Nathalia Lions New Year's Eve carnival to name just a few.

Numurkah Primary School students also learned about the importance of combating Queensland fruit fly thanks to information sessions presented by Numurkah Lions.

As always, the past year saw the club stepping up to help locals in need.

It was able to provide financial assistance with sponsorship for Numurkah Primary School to send students to the leadership conference in Melbourne, purchase a HART walker for a local child with disabilities, and sponsor three chil-

dren to attend the Licola Lions Camp.

Through the 201V6 Foundation the local Lions assisted two families whose homes were destroyed by fire, and they also purchased a box of Lions trauma bears which were distributed to local emergency service organisations.

Farmers doing it hard throughout the district benefited through the distribution of Christmas hampers, whilst those further afield received much needed hay when the proceeds of the August market were donated to Need for Feed.

At the dinner, Mr Nordbye announced that a further \$3,500 would be distributed to 25 local and Lions charities.

Mr Nordbye singled out Lions Lady president Pauline Stuart and her small band of members who have assisted with the catering at events including the MND Big Freeze, Show Us Ya Wheels, Strathmerton fishing competition, Australia Day breakfast and Numurkah Hospital open day, and also hosted the High Tea for Cancer and the Numurkah Biggest Breakfast.

Mr Nordbye said it had been an honour to serve as president.

"I thank the board, the members and Lady Lions for their support," he said.

"I would also like to thank my wife Lion Lady Karren for support, encouragement and putting up with me."

Mr Nordbye passed the baton to new president Keith Nicoll, whose father Ray was a charter member and past president of the club.

Mr Nicoll told the *Leader* that it was an honour to be appointed president.

"It's very rewarding, especially as we are in our 50th year as a club," he said.

"We will be holding a special celebration in September, and we will be presenting awards then, which was why we didn't do them at the changeover."

Incredibly, the club has two charter members who are still active within the club, as well as one member who has been with the club for 48 years and has perfect attendance.

"We are very lucky because we have a really great mix of members," Mr Nicoll said.

"We have been very successful with recruiting new members in recent years and we also have some members who have been with us for a long time and everybody is extremely committed to the club."

Though Mr Nicoll has many ideas for his term at the head of the club, his focus remains on the club's mainstay - community service.

"We will continue with our projects that serve those in the community, and the world, who are in need. That's the most important thing."



Passing the baton

... Mark Nordbye hands over president duties to Keith Nicoll.

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Helping others secure a place to call home

REPRESENTATIVES from Numurkah's St John's parish and St Vincent de Paul Society were among around 75 people who gathered at a forum in Shepparton on Saturday to try and find practical solutions to the region's homelessness crisis.

The Shepparton electorate is particularly hard hit by the homelessness problem, with twice as many homeless people as other regional electorates, with homelessness in the region having increased by 14% in the past five years.

Whilst Numurkah may not have the visible rough sleepers of larger towns, Kerry Stone, Sandhurst diocesan coordinator from the Caritas justice office, who helped organise the forum, assured the *Leader* that we have people who fall into the homeless category.

"We certainly have people who are sleeping in their cars or couch-surfing, which is just a step away from rough sleeping and definitely qualifies as homeless," she said.

"Our district also has many households experiencing housing stress, which means they spend more than a third of their income on rent.

"It's a huge issue for central and north east Victoria, which is feeling the brunt of unaffordable housing more than other parts of Victoria."

Saturday's forum was organised as an opportunity for local communities to consider possible action and advocacy they can take in response to the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2019 'A Place to Call Home', which reflected a deep concern at the growing problem of homelessness and insecure housing in Australian society.

In addition to hearing about innovative responses from parishes in communities with high levels of homelessness, such as Mooroopna and Bendigo, attendees at the forum worked out what action they can take to address homelessness and vulnerability in their own communities.

"In a smaller place like Numurkah, that mainly

revolves around raising awareness of the hidden realities in our communities," Mrs Stone said.

"People in church and community groups need to be talking and listening about the issues and establishing networks of people who can recognise vulnerability and help address it."

"And we need to make sure that our spaces are welcoming and hospitable so that people know that they can come to them to ask for help."

"These are small steps to start with, but they are achievable and can make a difference."

Mrs Stone said these steps could also be powerful in addressing the issues that lead to homelessness, such as domestic violence, mental illness and financial stress.

"The amount of vulnerability and financial stress experienced in our wider community is quite astounding, and we need to take whatever action we can to address it."



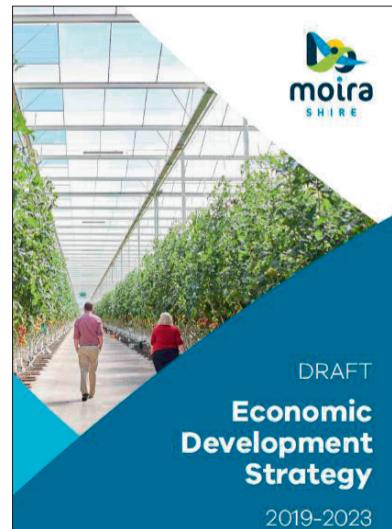
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Drop in sessions are being held across the shire to discuss Council's draft Economic Development Strategy 2019-23.

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The draft strategy builds on the existing strengths of the local economy while seeking to embrace new opportunities that create diversity and resilience and we want to know if we have the balance right.

Pop in and speak to our officers about how this draft strategy could work for you and your business.



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to see how she is," he said.

"If they'd given us a call or knocked on the door and said 'how's she going?' and showed a bit of concern, that would have gone a long way."

"If they'd done that, I wouldn't be talking to you now."

Council staff attended the scene and filled the hole with asphalt on Monday July 1.



Melville St pothole causes injury

A NUMURKAH couple are unhappy with Moira Shire's response after one of them was injured when they fell foul of a large pothole on Melville St on a recent night out.

Elaine Butcher, aged in her 70s was returning to her partner Neil's car, parked outside the Numurkah Laundromat, at around 8.30pm on Saturday, June 29 when she stepped into the pothole in the road and lost her footing.

Neil told the *Leader* that, although there was a working lamp post nearby, the shadow of his car obscured the pothole from view.

"She walked around the back of the car to the passenger side door and then she just disappeared," he said.

"The pothole was one that had been dug out of the road and was several metres long, stretching to the edge of the marked parking bay on Melville St.

"The car covered most of it, and there was no way she could have seen the end of it that was in the gutter."

Ms Butcher fell heavily on her left side, sustaining a large bruise on her left hip, pain and stiffness in her left shoulder, a badly swollen hand and a nasty graze on her left elbow.

Ms Butcher attended NDHS the following day to have the graze dressed, and an x-ray was performed on her left shoulder, arm and hand to assess if there were any breaks. The NDHS doctor told the couple he would contact them if the x-ray results showed any breaks, but they have not heard back.

Neil said that he contacted Moira Shire on Monday, July 1, to report the incident but received little sympathy.

"The lady I spoke to was quite officious and showed no real concern," he said.

"She said she would get someone to contact us but I'll we've had is an email with a claim form attached."

Neil told the *Leader* both he and Elaine were unimpressed by the lack of concern showed by council, especially given Elaine's injuries, and the fact that the pothole was clearly council's responsibility.

"I told them she's had x-rays to see if there were any breaks but they haven't followed up with us



This week in 1917 ...

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

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

AMOTHER'S CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

£160 AWARDED.

The attention of His Honor Judge Moule and a special jury of six was occupied at the County Court all day on Wednesday last in hearing a sordid case, in which Mrs Nellie Piper, farmer, of Yielima, sued George Kinsey, farmer, also of Yielima, for £1000 damages for the seduction of her daughter.

Interrogatories and answers by defendant were put in by Mr Shelton, in which it was admitted that he had had illicit relations with the girl (who bears the same name as her mother) on numerous occasions, and that he had paid portion of the expenses in connection with the birth of a child on February 17 of this year.

Nellie Piper, daughter of plaintiff, deposed that she resided with her mother at Yielima. From time to time prior to the birth of her child she went to service at Minchin's, Baxter's, and Walker's, receiving 17/6 a week as wages, which she used to give to her mother. When at home she milked cows and did general work in the house. She was 19 years of age on April 2 of this year. No one was employed on the farm when she was at home. Intimate relations with defendant commenced in March, 1918, and continued till July. Intimacy had never taken place at defendant's house. Defendant was the father of her child; no one else had been intimate with her. When she found herself in trouble defendant spoke of marriage, and said he would fix date on his next visit. His next reference to marriage was that he need not marry her: she could sue him for maintenance, but he said he would not see her taken down, and asked her what she thought was a fair thing. She said nothing less than £250, and he replied that she would have to expect, a good deal less than £10. On November 5 witness asked him if he would marry her, and he replied that he would not do so till after the child was born, and she replied that he need not marry her at all then. He asked if her mother would agree to his paying the maternity expenses and then having the child "put on the State," and said that if she did not agree to that she would "have to put up with it." On June 2, some time after this action was commenced, defendant asked her if the case could be settled, and she replied that everything would have to be done through her solicitors. He said he had plenty of money to get witnesses to swear against me, and would "make everything as dirty as he could," as he had to screen himself.

To Mr Cussen—Have never been intimate with anyone excepting defendant: was never at his house late at night; was there in the evening when my brother was working there; the Smiths were supposed to be friends of hers: went to them in her trouble, but against her will: my mother never suggested I should throw myself at defendant in order to get him to marry me; knew my mother was in financial difficulties: my mother did not suggest I should marry Lambourn; had told Smiths lies in order to "throw them off the scent"; told lies about my virtue; mentioned the names of Woolin and Pell; the Smiths were no friends of mine and I told lies: did not tell them that if the child was born in December it would be Kinsey's, but if after that date did not know who would be the father; did not tell Smith I used to go to Kinsey's place, and did not say the "old woman" had sent me; generally protested against defendant's interference; defendant did not speak of the risk; she suggested that.

National Federation.—A meeting of the above was held on Friday afternoon, with President F. G. Moss in the chair. The attention of members was taken chiefly in receiving the President's report of the progress of affairs at head office. A suggestion had been made that an organiser be attached to each electorate, and steps towards this end were being taken. It is more than possible that an election would take place earlier than the statutory time, and it would be well for arrangements to be made to meet such a contingency. Conferences had taken place between the executive and the Farmers' Union, and it was hoped that an agreement would be reached under which each would give the other's candidates second preference at elections. The executive had helped in improving the lot of members of the police force, and in securing consideration for loyalist workmen who were being "given hell" by unionists. The meeting spent some little time in discussing the desirability of securing an organiser to infuse fresh enthusiasm into the federation, and by tacit consent the President and secretary (Cr. W.A. Campbell) were deputed to make necessary arrangements at a propitious moment.

Supporting the community

WHEN people think about supporting small locally owned businesses, they don't usually include banks in that category, and for good reason.

However, in both Numurkah and Nathalia there is a clear exception to that rule - the Bendigo Community Bank.

Unlike its corporate branches, Bendigo community banks are genuinely small, locally owned businesses run by a volunteered board of directors (community locals) whose reason for existing is to benefit their community.

Julia Arho, Customer Relationship Manager at both Numurkah and Nathalia branches, said that for them, it's all about what they can do for the community.

"We are 100% local and we put our profits back into the community because that's what a community bank is," she said.

"The more people who bank with us, the more profits we earn and the more we can give back to the local community."

Every year, the Bendigo community bank in Numurkah disperses between \$15,000 and \$20,000 worth of grants to local community groups to facilitate projects that benefit the community.

Any not for profit community organisation, including schools and kindergartens, are welcome to apply, and applications open next week.

In order to give organisations the very best chance of being successful in their application, the Numurkah branch is holding a grants information session next week to outline the process and let people know what makes a good application.

Mrs Arho is encouraging all local community groups to make sure they have a representative at the information night.

"We know that raising money towards projects can be hard, but we want to make it easier for groups and help as many as we can," she said.

"We know there are groups who haven't applied before, so we want them to come along and learn about the program and give it a shot."

The Bendigo Community Bank Branch of Numurkah will hold its information night next Wednesday, July 17 at the Shamrock Hotel in Melville St Numurkah.

Nathalia will hold its information session on Wednesday, July 24 at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve.



Community service ... Numurkah branch Customer Relationship Manager Julia Arho is keen to help as many community groups as possible.



In rehearsal ... The Numurkah Singers kids are making sure their performance will be perfect.



Lead players ... Bradley Skidmore, Charlotte Brown, Matilda Altoft, Sophie Guy, Tiernan Wylie and Luke Martin are ready to entertain audiences.

Kids keep warm putting on a show

THE winter school holidays may be notorious for keeping kids cooped up inside, but a group of talented local youngsters are putting the indoor time to excellent use.

The Numurkah Singers Kids have been treading the boards of the town hall stage perfecting their version of the Broadway classic Fiddler on the Roof.

Though the tale is set in pre-revolutionary Russia, the young cast said it is a story they can relate to.

"It's about how traditions have to change as the world changes," said Sophie Guy who plays Golde.

Director Jane Willis said Fiddler provides a good challenge for theatre kids.

"It's a good story full of tension and relationships and love so it's something they can sink their teeth into, but also something they have to think about," she said.

Ms Willis said she has been impressed with how far the kids have come after just over a week of rehearsals.

"They have really thrown themselves into it and done so well," she said.

"It's such a pleasure to work with them and see them embrace the material and watch them grow with it."

Ms Willis is also full of praise for the adult crew who fill important roles including set building, painting and costume making.

"They are just fantastic and work really hard to help us put on a very professional show."

Fiddler on the Roof Jr will be presented in two performances at Numurkah town hall this Saturday at 2pm and 7.30pm.

Tickets for unreserved seating will be available at the town hall between 9am and 2pm all week, and before the performances, and are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults.

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GMW Reference No. BGW0454-19

We, Akuna Holdings Pty Ltd of 945 Spences Road KATUNGA VIC 3640 Refer to Vic Roads map 22 H9 (ed. 8) intend to make application to Goulburn-Murray Water for a Licence to Construct Works (Bore), and if successful:

• This is our notice for an application of a new Licence to Take and Use Groundwater.
• We intend to apply to transfer 1200ML of licensed entitlement from an existing licensee/s on a temporary or permanent basis. The application is for one bore to be constructed to a proposed depth of 50-150 metres.
The water will be used for the purpose of Irrigation.

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Any person able to demonstrate that their interests will be affected by the issuing of this Licence including any intended groundwater use, is invited to make a written submission (via post, email or fax) setting out the nature of the impact within 14 days of receipt of this written notification. Late submissions will not be considered.

To make a submission, please read the information available to download from www.g-mwater.com.au/customer-services/forms/groundwaterforms refer to No. 4 (or contact GMW to arrange for a copy to be posted to you). Submissions must be lodged in writing using the template available by either mail or email to Customer Support Coordinator, Licensing Administration, PO Box 165, TATURA VIC 3616 or email licensingadmin@g-mwater.com.au.

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The annual groundwater allocation for 2019/20 for the Katunga Water Supply Protection Area (WSPA) has been set at **100 per cent**.

This allocation determines how much water can be pumped this year from deep lead aquifers by licensed groundwater users located in the protection area.

Goulburn-Murray Water determines annual allocations in accordance with the Katunga WSPA Groundwater Management Plan.

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July-September Courses/Activities

COURSE

TIME

START DATE

Accredited Courses

Certificate in General Education for Adults (This course runs every Tue, Wed & Thu during school terms)
CHC33015-Certificate III in Individual Support (Delivered by Yarrawonga Education & Training-RTO 21765 at Numurkah)

10am-3pm

Tue 16th July

9am-3pm

Thurs 25th July

Compliance and Workplace Requirement Courses

Responsible Service of Alcohol (Vic)
First Aid - Delivered by Yarrawonga Education & Training-RTO 21765
HLTAID001 – Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
HLTAID003 – Provide first aid

5.30pm-9.30pm

Tue 30th July

9am-1pm

Sat 27th July

9am-5pm

Sat 27th July

Information Technology

Computer Skills for Employment (7 sessions)
iPads, Tablets and Smartphones (2 sessions)
Introduction to MyGov Website (2 sessions)

9.30am-12.30pm

Wed 31st July

1pm-3.00pm

Wed 31st July

1pm-3.30pm

Wed 28th August

Pre Accredited Courses

Beauty and Wellbeing (6 sessions)
Food Glorious Food (3 sessions)
Introduction to Horticulture (20 sessions)

9.30am-2.30pm

Wed 31st July

10am-1pm

Thurs 22nd August

9am-2pm

Tues 16th July

Special Interest Activities

Auslan - Australian Sign Language (5 sessions)
Dru Yoga (Every Monday during school terms)
Purna Yoga (Every Tuesday during school terms)
Ashtanga Yoga Sunday Class
Parents Support Group (Every Monday during school terms)
Boomerang Bag Making (4th Wed of the Month)
Sip N Sew Social Group – (Every second Wednesday)
Social Art Group – (Every Monday)
Paper Crafting Classes (every 2nd & 4th Friday each month)
NumurkahUkelele Club (Every Wednesday)

5pm-6pm

Mon 29th July

7pm-8.30pm

Mon 15th July

6.30pm-7.30pm

Tue 16th July

8.30am-10am

Sun 15th Sept

9am-11am

Mon 15th July

10am-4pm

Wed 24th July

10am-3pm

Wed 24th July

1pm-4pm

Mon 15th July

10am-3pm

Fri 12th July

7pm-9.30pm

Wed 10th July

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THANKS

Ashton — Phyllis Elizabeth.
The family of the late Phyllis Ashton sincerely thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy, support and attendance at the Memorial Service, following the passing of their much loved Mum, Nan and Great Nan.
Special thanks to Dr Asad and Dr Liesel and the nurses at Numurkah District Health for their compassion and care of Mum during her final days.
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Rumbalaria	4.2, 11.7, 14.8, 18.11 (119)
Mulwala	2.3, 4.7, 6.13, 12.17 (89)
GOALS, Rumbalaria: C. McCartney 7, N. Terlich 3, K. Wise 2, T. Lloyd 2, J. Patmore 1, T. Kelly 1, C. Egan 1, L. Power 1. Mulwala: H. Crossley 3, B. Clarke 2, C. Magher 2, A. Rouel 1, E. Boyer 1, D. Flanagan 1, S. Johns 1, T. Dow 1.	
BEST, Rumbalaria: N. Terlich, K. Wise, T. Lloyd, L. Power, J. Papoulios, C. McCartney. Mulwala: G. Dominic, C. Carling, H. Crossley, E. Boyer, F. Fletcher, T. Dow.	
Echuca United	8.7, 12.8, 16.14, 24.17 (161)

Deniliquin Rams	0.0, 3.2, 4.3, 4.5 (29)
GOALS, Echuca United: J. Mellington 11, J. Florance 3, B. Fulford 3, N. Denahy 2, R. Priest 2, P. Hubbard 1, C. McLay 1, B. Barnes 1. Deniliquin Rams: A. Pappin 1, N. Howe 1, L. Pitts 1, B. Nisbet 1.	
BEST, Echuca United: J. Mellington, J. Florance, N. Denahy, R. Priest, F. Priest, C. McLay. Deniliquin Rams: A. Pappin, R. Gittens, N. Howe, J. Bowie, A. Bull, C. Howe.	
Katandra	3.4, 6.7, 10.8, 14.9 (93)
Numurkah	3.4, 4.9, 7.12, 10.15 (75)

GOALS, Katandra: R. Shannon 3, W. Jeffery 3, T. Herbert 3, T. Jeffery 2, L. Minogue 2, R. Yze 1. Numurkah: M. Herlihy 3, B. Gunning 2, N. Hicks 2, M. Griffiths 1, J. Fulton 1, J. Hoffmann 1.	
BEST, Katandra: S. Bensch, W. Jeffery, A. Muntz, M. McGrath 1. Minogue 1, R. Eden. Numurkah: D. Taylor, M. Griffiths, L. McKeown, J. Hoffmann.	
Nathalia	2.5, 5.6, 8.10, 13.11 (89)
Barooga	3.1, 8.3, 10.3, 13.3 (81)

GOALS, Nathalia: L. Evans 3, A. Hicks 3, B. Bell 2, B. Ross 2, D. Barnes 1, A. Jorgensen 1, J. Limbrick 1. Barooga: L. Olson 8, R. Gatum 1, C. Patten 1, T. McNeill 1, L. Baxter 1, L. Morey 1.	
BEST, Nathalia: D. Barnes, A. Corry, R. Shannon, T. Nihill, A. Jorgensen, N. Nihill. Barooga: L. Olson, R. Thomson, R. Gow, W. Robinson, B. Oats, K. Bextreman.	
Cobram	3.4, 7.9, 10.12, 15.13 (103)
Congupna	1.1, 2.2, 5.3, 8.4 (52)

GOALS, Cobram: C. Williams 5, D. McCormack 4, N. Hoban 2, J. Lucas 2, S. Stallion 1, T. Scott 1. Congupna: D. Schaper 4, M. Beck 1, B. Squire 1, A. Brophy 1, J. Trewin 1.	
BEST, Cobram: A. Di Cicco, M. DeMaio, C. Williams, S. Beasley, T. Scott, L. Allen. Congupna: B. Squire, T. Favarro, D. Schaper, H. Durston, A. Brophy, B. Gee.	
Tungamah	7.4, 11.7, 13.10, 19.17 (131)
Finley	3.6, 6.8, 9.10, 10.14 (74)

GOALS, Tungamah: N. Lawless 7, T. Cooper 4, T. Jones 2, K. Row 2, J. Reilly 1, C. Powell 1, J. O'Brien 1, D. Haebich 1. Finley: J. Brain 3, L. Moore 2, N. Burns 2, L. Middleton 2, R. Jewell 1.	
BEST, Tungamah: C. Powell, T. Hayes, T. Jones, N. Lawless, K. Rowe, C. Bourke. Finley: L. Middleton, L. Moore, J. Brain, R. Jewell, L. Hawkins, T. Doyle.	
Tongala	4.2, 5.5, 8.6, 12.8 (80)
Moama	1.1, 4.1, 6.2, 8.3 (51)

GOALS, Tongala: A. Dennis 4, R. Bacon 2, M. Ryan 1, C. McCarthy 1, J. Souter 1, B. Cox 1, K. Fitzgerald 1, J. Hammond 1. Moama: L. Dunham 3, F. Buchanan 2, S. Youngman 2, J. Harland 1.	
BEST, Tongala: A. Dennis, C. Illett, A. Lovision, J. Tucker, B. Nevert, K. Fitzgerald. Moama: J. Ives, L. Youngman, J. Russell, L. Dunham, J. Harland, G. Ward.	
RESERVES	

Rumbalaria	2.2, 5.4, 5.7, 6.9 (45)
Mulwala	2.2, 3.4, 4.10, 5.12 (42)

GOALS, Rumbalaria: G. Weston 4, J. Atkinson 1, J. Armstrong 1. Mulwala: C. Nye 2, D. Phibbs 1, A. Sammut 1, J. Bozola 1.	
BEST, Rumbalaria: G. Weston, T. Miller, J. Atkinson, J. Armstrong, J. Clark, A. Hexter. Mulwala: A. Sammut, J. Bland, N. Beasley, Z. Scott, C. O'Neill, W. Dennis.	
Echuca United	3.4, 6.8, 9.9, 15.14 (104)
Deniliquin Rams	1.0, 1.0, 2.4, 2.4 (16)

GOALS, Echuca United: A. McMahon 9, J. Hartigan 2, B. Dixon 2, L. Gundry 1, S. Simpson 1. Deniliquin Rams: R. Barnes 1, S. Werner 1.	
BEST, Echuca United: J. Hartigan, D. Haydon, A. McMahon, M. Retallack, J. Steel, L. Schwencke. Deniliquin Rams: L. Ives, J. Park, J. Allitt, H. Landale, B. Rose, L. White.	
Katandra	4.5, 7.7, 10.12, 17.13 (115)
Numurkah	0.0, 0.2, 0.2, 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Katandra: B. Black 6, L. Dunham 3, M. Shannon 2, D. Giles 2, T. Trewin 2, B. Connors 1, T. Cheer 1. Numurkah: J. Miller 1.	
BEST, Katandra: A. Zinonos, L. Dunham, L. Dempsey, L. Dunkley, T. Cheer, B. Black. Numurkah: P. Collins, K. Morrison, G. Gallus, K. Rees, H. Lambert, J. Pruden.	
Nathalia	2.0, 5.0, 8.2, 8.7 (55)
Barooga	1.2, 1.2, 2.3, 4.4 (28)

GOALS, Nathalia: K. Hicks 3, D. Limbrick 2, D. Robinson 1, S. Quarell 1, L. Wigmore 1. Barooga: Z. Goodwin 2, M. Macheda 1, E. Leighton-Daly 1.	
BEST, Nathalia: D. Robinson, T. Byrnes, S. Zammit, C. Nave, J. Gemmill, C. Hickey. Barooga: S. Macheda, N. Macheda, E. Leighton-Daly, M. Macheda, D. Trener.	
Congupna	3.1, 5.5, 5.10, 6.11 (47)
Cobram	1.1, 2.2, 3.4, 4.7 (31)

GOALS, Congupna: S. Marshall 1, B. Ford 1, J. Roadaughan 1, J. Winnell 1, J. O'Donoghue 1, C. Quaife 1. Cobram: P. Bourke 3, L. Hartley 1.	
BEST, Congupna: M. Cornwall, J. Hicks, J. Roadaughan, J. O'Donoghue, K. Rattray-Robert 4, W. Watson 2, P. Degei 1, M. Vescio 1, J. Allen 1, M. Lebner 1, L. Tejones 1, C. Hulley 1, P. Suphus 1.	
BEST, Cobram: K. Griffin 7, K. Rattray-Robert 4, W. Watson 2, P. Degei 1, M. Vescio 1, J. Allen 1, M. Lebner 1, L. Tejones 1, C. Hulley 1, P. Suphus 1.	
Finley	7.3, 11.8, 14.10, 18.16 (124)

GOALS, Finley: J. Hay 4, J. King 3, K. King 3, L. Rafferty 2, H. Boyd 2, G. Koschel 1, K. Joseph 1, H. Sneddon 1, J. Armer 1.	
BEST, Finley: H. Boyd, H. Sneddon, J. Koschel, J. McNamara, I. Lunn, G. Koschel. Tungamah: H. Thomson, D. Hicks, J. Arnold, B. Doyle, J. Purtell, S. Adkins.	
Tongala	0.0, 4.2, 5.4, 6.5 (41)
Moama	0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.3 (9)

GOALS, Tongala: H. Reid 4, R. Cronin 1, D. Scoble 1. Moama: K. Hunter 1.	
BEST, Tongala: J. Murray, K. Northausen, M. Carroll, D. Scoble, T. Watson, B. Northausen. Moama: Z. McKenzie, M. Bell, B. Miller, K. Hunter, N. Langborne, G. Hope.	
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Half of a great pair ... Sid Roughsedge won the Jack Roach final with his grandson Mitch Grandell on Sunday.

Sid and Mitch take grand win

A UNIQUE pairing of grandfather and grandson has won the prestigious Jack Roach fourball event at Numurkah Golf Club.

Sid Roughsedge and Mitch Grandell took a hard fought, two up win on the 17th hole over Robbie Sutton and Hughie Gunn in Sunday's drizzling rain.

Sid and Mitch led by three at the turn, but Robbie and Hughie battled hard around the back to reel in the deficit, but ran out of holes, finishing two down with one hole to play.

Saturday's event was a two person ambrose and the late pairing of Brandan Hosie and Peter Cowan proved a winning combination.

On a perfect day for golf, Brandan and Bullant played off a combined handicap of 5.5, and shot a great score of 62.5 nett.

The pair teamed well together, covering each other when one got into trouble.

Runners-up and best mates were the Melburnians Col McMinn and Adam Farrell, who held the lead in the clubhouse for most of the day, with a

nett score of 64.25.

Kevin Morland and Mitch Grandell finished third with 65.25, ahead of Glenn 'Bubba' Thompson and Dave Gilmour, Mark Hegarty and John Smith with 66 nett, Roy Peterson/Bill Green with 67.5, Garry Hosie/Bob I'Anson and Steve Piggott/Peter Stonehouse with 68.25, and the last of the balls went to Paul and Will Arnel with 68.5.

Col McMinn won nearest the pin on the fourth hole, visitor J. Robb won on the seventh, Steve Piggott had the best shot to the 15th green, and Will Arnel finished about six inches astray of a hole-in-one on the 18th.

The Mickey Mouse ears went to club manager Grant Duffy who teed up on the 12th hole, had a swing, and reportedly missed the ball by a good 18 inches.

This Saturday's golf will be the Geoff and Pam Partington sponsored fifth round of the stableford trophy.

The Jim Retallick mixed will be played on Sunday, August 4, so it is time to find yourself a good woman and get your names up on the list in the clubhouse.

points over Peter 'Mozzie' Graham.

It was a much more one-sided match on Tuesday night, between Numurkah Seniors and Numurkah Golf, the Seniors winning 591 points to 405.

The stand out performer on the night was Seniors' skipper Don Staggard. Don amassed scores of 124 and 118 points in his two games.

Finals begin this week, with McPhersons again meeting Southside, in the first semi final.

Robyn and Mavis stock up

by "The Shankster"

ROBYN Hodgkin and Mavis Birrell have both been showing some good golf form lately, and last Wednesday they teamed up together to easily win the day's Meat on Melville foursomes stableford event.

The pair finished with 36 points in the difficult foursomes format, when players only hit every second shot, and many find it difficult to get into any rhythm.

The day also doubled as the Doris Chambers qualifying round, so Robyn and Mavis will be heading off to Sanctuary Lakes for the state final in October.

Bev Hutchins and Liz Dell were very surprised to see their names on the prize sheet as runners-up, having been a bit disappointed with their finishing score of 30 points, but it proved good enough to see them both head home with a voucher from the day's very generous sponsor, Meat on Melville.

The cake hole voucher didn't go off last week, so there was a voucher on both nearest the pin holes this week, but again, no-one managed to get onto the seventh green, so another voucher goes begging for another week.

Sandy Trimble won the voucher on the 18th hole, and will be heading off to Numurkah Cafe Bar and Restaurant for a delicious treat.

Saturday's golf was a two person ambrose event, which provided a little light-hearted

fun after there has been a lot of serious golf played recently.

Bev McIntosh and Sue Plattfuss teamed up the best, to finished with a great score of 67.75 nett, almost two shots ahead of Tracey Clouston and Pauline Davies.

Bev Hutchins and Karen Harper took third place with 70.5, while Helen Schmedje and Pip de Bondt took the last of the balls with 71.5.

Pauline Davies won nearest the pin with a great shot to the fourth green, Sue Plattfuss won the ball on the 18th, and no-one managed to get onto either the seventh or 15th greens.

Sue Plattfuss made her way into the final of the Saturday singles knockout with a fighting win over Robyn Hodgkin last Friday.

Robyn was two up after nine holes, but Sue suddenly found her form (that she continued on Saturday) and ended up snatching the victory on the 17th hole, two up.

Sue will meet either Helen Schmedje or Karen Harper in the final, with these two still to play their second round match.

Today's golf will be a monthly medal round, and the qualifier for the Thelma McBride singles knockout.

Saturday will be a G. & P. Partington stableford trophy round, and next Wednesday will be a stableford charity day event.

Bugs stands alone

MONDAY'S Goulburn Valley veterans' golf event at Shepparton Golf Club was a fourball stableford event, and one local player managed to team up well with his partner and finish in the top three.

Neil 'Bugs' Hutchins paired up with Mooroopna golfer, but regular Numurkah golfer, Bill Murphy, to finish with 43 points, two points behind the winners.

Rich River golfers Joel Watson and Rob Kilgour collected first prize with 45 points, while Deniliquin's John Radeski and Neville Werner finished third.

The field of 89 golfers included representatives of the association's sponsors, who seemed to enjoy the day, recording some impressive scores.

Nearest the pin was contested on the 12th hole set at a "gentle" 130 metres. John Radeski grabbed A grade; Bill Hayward (Mooroopna) was the best in B grade and Andrew Christy (Kialla) had the best shot of the C graders.

The ball run down included: Darryl Sheridan-Mark Hegarty, Bernard O'Hare-David Fullager, Peter Mangan-Gavon Armstrong, Graeme Jolly-Peter Rooney, Maurice Webb-David Shiells, William Wright-Richard Farmer, Len Adams-Les Hall, Alan Williams-Graham Peat, Philip Jarvis-John Boruch, Keith Seeber-Brian Rosenbok, William Green-John Trimble, Peter Lahiff-John Welsh and Tony Papallo-Neville Larson,

The association's next event will be at Nangambie Golf Club on Monday, July 30, with players to assemble by 9.30am for a 10am tee.

The VVGA teams event this year will be played at Beaufort on September 16-17. The Goulburn Valley association is entitled to send two teams of three players, and currently has only one team nomination.

Anyone wishing to play this event should contact the GVVGA secretary for more information.

Billiards

LAST Wednesday's Seiters Shield billiards match between McPhersons Mensland and Southside proved to be a very close affair, with McPhersons eventually winning by just 10 points.

After six of the eight games had been played, the two sides were locked together on 333 points each.

The deciding two games were both won by McPhersons: Duncan McPherson by six points over Andrew Henderson, and Ollie Heap by four

points over Peter 'Mozzie' Graham.

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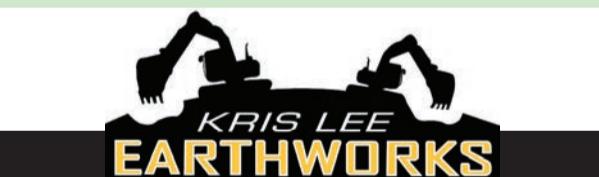
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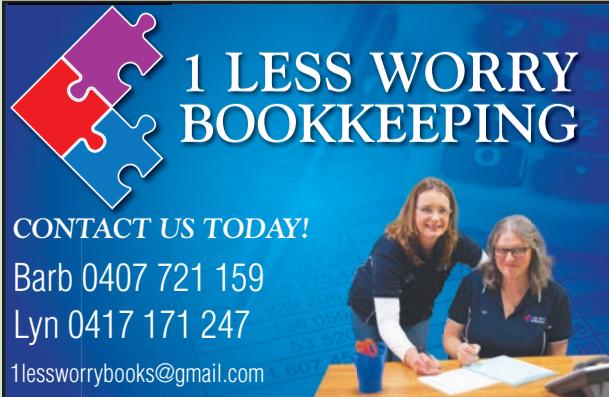
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Waaia's back in the winners' circle

WAAIA got back on the winners' list in the Numurkah indoor bowls competition after a shock loss in round nine, last week having a 10-0 win over Senior Citizens.

Strathmerton had a just as easy vic-

tory over bottom side Wunghnu, Barooga won on both mats over Shamrock, and a loss to Katamatite saw Nathalia drop from third place to fifth, now with a struggle on its hands to make finals.

RESULTS

Katamatite 10/49 d Nathalia 0/43. M. Nordbye 26 d F. Hutchins 21; C. Owen 23 d B. Hutchins 22. Wunghnu 0/28 lt Strathmerton 10/50. D. O'Connor 21 lt T. Haynes

22; N. Barnes 24 lt R. Clarke 28. Waaia 10/65 d Senior Citizens 0/28. S. Cleeland 40 d L. Addison 12; L. Clarke 25 d B. Seymour 16. Barooga 10/645 d Shamrock 0/40. E. Gordon 30 d M. Young 20; I. Swain

35 d K. Moffatt 20.

LADDER

Waaia 87 +217; Strathmerton 80 +77; Barooga 57 +28; Katamatite 56 -7; Nathalia 51 +54; Senior Citizens 35 -38; Shamrock 32 -56; Wunghnu 2 -275.

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West Coast Eagles vs. Collingwood (OS) (N)
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Hawthorn vs. Fremantle (UTAS)
Essendon vs. North Melbourne (MRVL) (T)

Gold Coast SUNS vs. Adelaide Crows (MS) (N)
Geelong Cats vs. St Kilda (GMHBA) (N)
Richmond vs. GWS GIANTS (MCG)
Western Bulldogs vs. Melbourne (MRVL)
Port Adelaide vs. Brisbane Lions (AO) (T)

BEV'S FAVOURITES

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

Beware: Place your tips or you'll get Bev's!

Last week 6 Total 65



My apologies. Not sure what happened to last week's results, somehow the gremlins got into the system, and while the tips were changed, the results and totals were still the previous week's. And just the week when my favourites got up, too, which doesn't happen very often. Anyway, hopefully I've got it all right this week. Bev.

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Last week 5 Total 84

Chris O'Dwyer

- 1 West Coast
- 2 Sydney
- 3 Hawthorn
- 4 Essendon
- 5 Adelaide
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Last week 7 Total 84

Roger Seiter

- 1 West Coast
- 2 Sydney
- 3 Hawthorn
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Last week 5 Total 91

Tom Buzzo

- 1 West Coast
- 2 Sydney
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Last week 5 Total 72

Peter Newby

- 1 Collingwood
- 2 Sydney
- 3 Hawthorn
- 4 North Melb
- 5 Adelaide
- 6 Geelong
- 7 Richmond
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- 9 Brisbane



Last week 3 Total 77

John Beitzel

- 1 West Coast
- 2 Sydney
- 3 Hawthorn
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Last week 4 Total 76

Brad Kerry

- 1 West Coast
- 2 Sydney
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Last week 5 Total 75

Katunga Fresh

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Last week 6 Total 84



Danni Woolley

- 1 Collingwood
- 2 Sydney
- 3 Hawthorn
- 4 Essendon
- 5 Adelaide
- 6 Geelong
- 7 Richmond
- 8 Melbourne
- 9 Port Adelaide

Last week 3 Total 64



Kevin Morland

- 1 West Coast
- 2 Carlton
- 3 Hawthorn
- 4 North Melb
- 5 Adelaide
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- 9 Port Adelaide

Last week 5 Total 82



John Schaaf

- 1 West Coast
- 2 Sydney
- 3 Hawthorn
- 4 Essendon
- 5 Adelaide
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- 7 Richmond
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- 9 Port Adelaide

Last week 6 Total 76



David Ludington

- 1 West Coast
- 2 Carlton
- 3 Hawthorn
- 4 North Melb
- 5 Adelaide
- 6 Geelong
- 7 Richmond
- 8 Bulldogs
- 9 Port Adelaide

Last week 4 Total 81



Nathan Morris

- 1 West Coast
- 2 Sydney
- 3 Fremantle
- 4 Essendon
- 5 Adelaide
- 6 Geelong
- 7 GWS
- 8 Bulldogs
- 9 Port Adelaide

Last week 4 Total 86



Troy Knox

- 1 West Coast
- 2 Sydney
- 3 Hawthorn
- 4 North Melb
- 5 Adelaide
- 6 Geelong
- 7 Richmond
- 8 Melbourne
- 9 Brisbane

Last week 5 Total 65



Denis Brooks

- 1 West Coast
- 2 Sydney
- 3 Fremantle
- 4 North Melb
- 5 Adelaide
- 6 Geelong
- 7 Richmond
- 8 Bulldogs
- 9 Brisbane

Last week 5 Total 84



Liam Gledhill

- 1 West Coast
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- 9 Port Adelaide

Last week 5 Total 83



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Bulldogs are back

STRATHMERTON got back on the A grade winners' list on Saturday, a month since its last victory, taking the win 45-23 over Mathoura.

The Bulldogs were determined to turn the tables from previous weeks, and eager for a win.

As has been the case for much of the season, new combinations took to the court, and it took the first quarter for everyone to settle in.

Settling in well, Strathmerton held a 12 goal lead at half time, and then extended that lead in each of the next two terms to take a 22 goal win.

Going into this game, the Bulldogs' focus was to play out a full four quarters of netball as a team, and get back some confidence leading towards the end of the season and finals.

B GRADE

Bringing in two new players to their team, the B graders knew they had a tough game on their hands against the fourth placed Mathoura, and struggled a little to go down by 16 goals, 26-42.

Leonie Wren and Emma Bailey both fit into the team well and worked hard in their positions.

The defenders were consistent for the whole game, creating many turnovers, but the Bulldogs struggled to get the ball down into their own goal circle, against a strong Mathoura defence.

The Strathy girls kept working hard for the whole game, but it was a 42-26 win for Mathoura.

Awards: Leonie Wren and Emma Bailey.

C GRADE

It was a similar situation in the C grade game, with Strathmerton up against third placed Mathoura, which took a comfortable win, 30-16.

With a few regular players out this week, the girls made every position change work for them.

The team's defence was again outstanding and, with the addition of Sheree Bailey into the centre, everyone adjusted and worked with each other and the movement in attack was fantastic.

Awards: Keep Active Osteo BOC: Chloe Wells; Supreme Meats: Sheree Bailey; Strathy Cafe: Maddy Wilson; Subway: Maddi Beasy.

C RESERVE

The Strathy C grade side got off to a promising start, but Mathoura got the better of the visiting side in the second half to take a six goal win.

The Bulldogs gained some confidence with their good start, and were eager to continue their good style of play.

Strathmerton worked hard to turn the game around against a resurgent Mathoura in the second half, but couldn't settle the play and Mathoura took the win, 25-19.

Awards: Strathy Pub BOC: Steph Berndt; Strathy Cafe: Kerry Edgar; Supreme Meats: Olivia Van Every.

17 UNDER

School holidays saw a drain on the Strathy under 17s' team, and they took to the court without three of their regular players.

After taking the first half to settle in to new combinations, the Bulldogs surged ahead to finish with a 10 goal victory, 31-21.

Awards: Strathy Cafe: Sarah Brooks

15 UNDER

Despite a very good second half of netball, the under 15s went down by 32 goals to Mathoura.

The Bulldogs went into the game with a plan they've been practising at training and, when executed, the ball flowed straight into their goals.

The girls have improved so much through the season, and will hopefully finish off the season with a few strong games.

Awards: \$5: Tahlia; Strathy Cafe: Ammy, Mackenzie; Subway: Taryn.

13 UNDER

The under 13 girls played a fantastic game to take a 21 goal win over Mathoura, 28-7.

The Bulldogs' support and backing up, front cutting and leading onto the ball, were done so well that Mathoura had no chance of getting hand to ball.

A couple of youngsters got a chance to step up into the side, with Kenzie Duhring finding confidence and shooting goals from everywhere to score of personal best shooting performance.

Awards: Laidlaw Electrical: Kenzie Duhring; Subway: Amy Wyatt; Strathy Cafe: Indy Ashcroft.

MINIS

The mini midgets played another great game. The girls have turned a corner and their confidence is fantastic.

Lily Graham played a brilliant game, going for everything and Jess Laidlaw took some brilliant intercepts.

Lucky Sid

by *Rufus T. Firefly II*

LOW scoring was the order of the day in last Thursday's Bear Sanders challenge round at Numurkah Golf Club.

And on what turned out to be a very pleasant winters day, after much discussion post golf, no excuse could be found for this.

The impact of low scoring, however, always results in a closely contested event.

The victor on the day, in a return to form with 36 points, was the ageless sweet swinging Sid Roughsedge.

Sid may have thought himself a little fortunate when it was revealed that the runner-up on a countback, Billy Padgett may have had a chance to go one better if not for picking up his ball on the 16th hole before realising he still had a shot remaining. However, it was good to see Bill back in a bit of form, with a couple of recent good finishes.

Third, fourth and fifth places were decided on a countback as well, with these players - Mr Consistency Steve Piggott, freshened after a recent holiday Darryl 'Dasher' Sheridan, and enjoying school holidays Andrew Nicholls - all receiving two balls for 35 points.

John Smith and Bill Green, Neil Hutchins and John Trimble all finished with 34 points, Mark Hegarty and Les Summerville shot 33 points, JOHN MCHALE, Roy Peterson, Steve Thornton shot 32s, and Peter Blakemore, visiting from Kyabram for the first time, took home the last ball for the day with 31 points.

John Trimble claimed the GMCU sponsored nearest the pin on the fourth hole, Bill Padgett regathered himself to claim the Barry Pruden Carpentry ball on 18, and Ron Smith was awarded Roy and Dennis' ball for hitting it close for two on the 14th.

Gary Blackburn had threatened to take this away from Ron, only to be reminded of his miss-hit second shot from the adjacent 13th fairway that made him ineligible for the prize.

Gary was more than happy to settle for the little envelope encompassing all players' dollars for his shot on the jackpot hole seventh.

Once again, the 15th hole sponsored by Graeme 'Doggy' Sprunt eluded all combatants.

While the top end scoring appeared low given the day's conditions, the bottom end score of 15 points, winning the tin of boiled lollies, had some people talking of new records.

In his defence, Roden Brady, a generous contributor to the club's working bees, had a torrid week leading up to last Thursday, also assisting the other golf club of which he a member, Kyabram Parklands, on chainsaw duties cleaning up after the weekend storms.

Finally, after a bit of discussion, the ears landed on the little fella, captain Ronnie Smith. Those gathered considered that his low handicap of nine does not permit him to be having windies during a round.

Anyone wishing to take part in the frivolity of Thursdays, and play a bit of golf as well, should get along to the club by 9.30am for a 10am start, this and every Thursday.



Centre pass ... Zenny Godden worked hard in the centre to be named one of the C grade side's best players on Saturday.

Blues fight back, but still go down

NUMURKAH played some really good netball in its game against Katandra on Saturday, going down by 11 goals, despite staging a bit of a fightback in the last quarter.

The young Blues just need to believe in themselves and not drop their heads.

Numurkah went into the last quarter 16 goals down, but rallied together with determination to peg back the lead, to go down by 11 goals, 38-49.

They proved to themselves that, if they don't dwell on their errors, and back themselves, they can play the sort of netball that will win games.

Jessica Tymensen worked hard, shot consistently and combined well with Fiona Elliott in her first full game back. Sarah Trease again worked hard in defence, combining well with Eilish Judd, and Renee Judd filled-in and showed she's still got it.

Ella Sprunt and Monica Arnel drove hard onto the ring and fed the goalers some great passes throughout the game.

Awards: Numurkah Hotel: Jessica Tymensen; Brereton's Bakery: Eilish Judd.

B GRADE

An eight goal win for the B grade side has the team now setting its sights on a finals berth, as it sits just one game behind eighth placed Finley.

With a couple of players away, the team had to be restructured, but the Blues responded well to take the win 42-34.

C GRADE

The C graders played a much tighter game on Saturday, but went down by 15 goals to Katandra, 31-46.

The Blues hit the front in the second quarter, but a drop in intensity saw Katandra pull away to take the victory from an undermanned Numurkah side.

Zoe Martin played a great game in defence, holding strongly against a tall opponent, and getting her hands to the ball or forcing errors with her pressure.

Zenny Godden worked tirelessly for

four quarters in the centre, providing plenty of drive in attack and great defensive pressure.

Short on numbers again, the C reserve and junior players who stepped up held their own.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Zoe Martin; Numurkah Cafe Bar and Restaurant: Zenny Godden.

C RESERVE

Numurkah just missed out on what would have been a terrific win over Katandra, going down by two goals, 37-39.

It was a close game between sixth placed Katandra and eighth placed Numurkah, with only a few goals in it for the entire game.

Shelby Gallus and Jill Masters worked tirelessly all game with a great defensive game.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Shelby Gallus; Hair Societe: Jill Masters.

17 UNDER

The under 17s faced another tough game, going down to Katandra 16-37.

The young Blues kept fighting and are showing improvement.

Award: Telegraph Hotel: Lilly Osborne.

15 UNDER

The under 15s also had a tough game, and lost to Katandra by 14 goals, 17-31.

13 UNDER

The under 13s kept their finals hopes alive with a strong win over Katandra, 32-2.

The Blues played a solid game of netball for the four quarters to take the win.

Awards: Club: Charlize Borg and Asha Rees.

11 UNDER

A great game from the under 11s saw them take a win over Katandra.

Katandra was short on players, so one of the Numurkah girls swapped bibs for each of the four quarters, but the girls settled well and had a nice win.

They don't come any closer

UP against the second team on the Picola netball league A grade ladder, the Picola girls played a great game to finish the game level with Katamatite.

The Blues kept up their intensity for all four quarters, working the ball well into the goal ring.

Scores were level in each quarter, with Picola applying great pressure, with the final score being 42-42.

Awards: Nathalia Post Office: Demi Morrison; Brereton's Bakery: Danielle Mahncke.

B GRADE

Picola had some good passages of play in the B grade clash between the bottom two sides, but dropped to the bottom spot with a 13 goal loss to Katamatite.

There just weren't enough of the good plays, and Katamatite took victory 39-26.

Awards: Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering:

Pennie Langley; Brereton's Bakery: Mikayla Oliver.

C GRADE

The Blues' C graders had to fight hard for their eight goal win over the Tigers on Saturday.

All girls put in a terrific effort to win 51-43.

Awards: Foott Waste Solutions: Emma Bourke; Club dinner: Margot Craig.

C RESERVE

A slow start may have been costly for the Blues, when they went down by just three goals in the end, 27-30.

The Blues lifted after the first quarter, coming together to play some terrific netball.

Awards: Casual Step: Emilee Azzopardi; Club dinner: Jess Legge.

15 UNDER

The under 15s tried some different combinations on Saturday and adapted well to

most of them, but went down by 17 goals to a stronger side, 19-36.

Awards: Birch Earthmoving: Keisha Hutchins; Barmah Social Club: Jai-Dee Risley.

13 UNDER

After a close game the whole way through, the under 13s just missed out on a win, going down by a solitary goal, 7-8.

The Blues got off to a good start, and played well for the whole game, but just couldn't quite take the win.

Awards: Baxter family medallion: Kiana Guiglo; Barmah Social Club: KJ Fordham.

MINIS

The minis put in a terrific effort, showing heaps of improvement from the whole team.

The girls are currently working on playing faster, and leading down the court.

Awards: Intersports Bennetts: Amy Caldwell; PUFNC: Molly Sheahan.

Rain doesn't dampen Nathalia spirits

DIFFICULT weather conditions, and expecting a strong physical game didn't put off the Nathalia women's football team, which took a convincing win over Mooroopna, by 74 points.

Thankfully the rain held off for most of the game, and the Purples took Mooroopna on, matching their physicality at the ball.

Mooroopna was on the back foot from the start, playing heavily defensive footy, pushing its whole forward line up to Nathalia's half forward, in an attempt to choke the space.

Unperturbed, the Purple girls worked hard to create space and hit their forward targets, creating plenty of scoring opportunities.

Mooroopna played a more attacking

game in the second quarter, showing glimpses of their true abilities and creating scoring opportunities, but they were only able to score three points due to great defensive pressure from Nathalia.

Mooroopna's defensive flooding in the second half meant that the Purples had to continue to work the slow grind, moving the ball around patiently to create scoring opportunities.

By the fourth quarter, Nathalia had the wall down pat and Mooroopna had nowhere to go when it did win the ball.

It was another great all round game, with all players working hard, and no standout game winners.

Abby Favaro, Vanessa Ward and Marni Bell all kicked two goals each, and Camille Montgomery kicked her first

career goal.

Nathalia now sits two games clear in third position on the ladder.

Awards: BOG Mug: Marni Bell, Brereton's Bakery: Sharnah Stevens, Cheeky Cidery: Tegan Sutton, Bridge Hotel: Cara Briggs, Casual Step: Vanessa Ward, NWR Communications: Ainsley Robinson.

INTERLEAGUE

Five Nathalia women have been selected as part of a 25 person squad to represent the Northern Country Women's League against Central Victorian Football League this Sunday.

Those selected are Vanessa Ward, Abby Favaro, Marni Bell, Tegan Sutton and Sharnah Stevens.

The game will be played at Deakin Reserve, kicking off at 1pm.

Close but ...

TOO many unforced errors saw Nathalia just go down to Barooga by three goals on Saturday, 37-40.

The Hawks showed more desperation, wanting the ball more than their visitors.

The loss saw the Purples' A grade netballers drop a spot on the ladder to ninth.

Awards: Coprice BOC: Lisa Kellow, Brereton's Bakery: Breanne Walpole, Casual Step: Steph Limbrick.

B GRADE

Three goals was also the margin in the B grade game, but this time the victory went Nathalia's way, winning.

The Purples let Barooga dictate the game for the first three quarters, rushing their game and losing their tempo.

But the Nathalia girls really wanted the win and fought hard in the last quarter to steal the win, 29-26.

Awards: Barmah Hotel: Laura Harvey-Hawkins, Laino's Pizza: Jessi Hicks, Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Sara Kolundzija.

C GRADE

The C graders all played an excellent game of netball to take a big victory over Barooga 76-20.

The Purples' play down the court and feeding into the goalers was spot on. The Barooga defenders tried all game to shut down Nathalia's game, but to no avail.

Chloe Armstrong was pivotal in the centre, reading the play well, intercepting and driving strongly.

Alysha Cornell and Christie Schram shot very accurately, and the defenders intercepted a lot of feeds and moved the ball down the court well.

Awards: Barmah Hotel BOC: Chloe Armstrong, 3 Belles Creations: Alysha Cornell, Sportfirst: Christie Schram.

C RESERVE

The C reserve side suffered a disappointing loss to a much lower placed Barooga side by 10 goals.

Nathalia got off to a very scrappy start to the game, making lots of fundamental errors and letting the home side get a jump.

Great defence by Cath Dealy, and mid court intercepts from Jodie Coutts kept the Purples in the game, but they were unable to close the gap and went down 29-39.

Awards: Limo's Home Hard-

ware BOC: Cath Dealy, Laino's Pizza: Jodie Coutts, Sportfirst: Anna Brown.

17 UNDER

Nathalia and Barooga's under 17 netball teams sat side by side on the ladder, equal on wins prior to Saturday's game, but it was Nathalia that played a strong game to come home with a nine goal victory.

Annie Dietrich was consistently strong in defence all game, as Nathalia led from the start, while Anna Brown and Indiya Parker both played well in goals.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Annie Dietrich, Marketplace Subway: Anna Brown and Indiya Parker, Bells Water Cartage: Maddy Lindsay.

15 UNDER

The under 15 game between the fourth and fifth placed team was a great game, with strong pressure applied and the lead continually changing.

Going into the last quarter with the scores level, the lead see-sawed until the last five minutes when Barooga scored six consecutive goals to take victory 34-28.

Holly Boyd, Kaiya Cornell and Jenna Mason were consistent across four quarters, with great drive and commitment.

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

13 UNDER

The under 13s faced a tough game against a much higher placed side, and didn't manage to put together their best team game, going down by 30 goals.

The defenders worked extremely hard, creating turnovers that were not rewarded, despite the drive and possession from the attackers.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Ally Bloodworth, Nathalia Dairy: Sophie Creer-Pope, TJ's IGA: Dakota Smith.

11 UNDER

The young Purples got off to a great start to their under 11 game, with some great passages of play and leads onto the ball.

The speed of Payton Johns and Jayda Liddell allowed the ball to move freely down the court, while Taylah Hutchins' pressure on the ring was amazing.

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

Kyabram wins shield match

KYABRAM took advantage of playing this month's round of the Crawford Shield competition on its home range last Wednesday night, defeating Numurkah 1151.43 to 1119.33.

Back at Numurkah on Thursday night, Lindsay Braybon top scored in 50 metre prone with 196.7, Colin Saxton topped 20 metre benchrest with 200.1, and Rod Hill headed the list in 20 metre prone with 196.9.

Col Saxton had a terrific night, scoring 100 on both cards, while Lou Cook and Bev Braybon both scored a 100 each.

SCORES

20 metre benchrest: C. Saxton 100.0 100.1 200.1, L. Cook 99.3 100.4 199.7, B. Braybon 100.2 96.0 165.1.

There will be shooting as usual on Thursday night at Numurkah.



Back row: (From left): Coach Alex Hay (Deni), Brock Thompson (Tocumwal), Zac Cunningham (Strathmerton), Matthew Price (Strathmerton), Hayden Wyatt (Strathmerton), Glenn Dilullo (Jerilderie), Alistair Bear (Kamatatite), Josh Platfuss (Waaia), Tim McDonnell (Deni Rovers), Max Hendy (Katunga), Braith Wade (Deni Rovers), Will Sefton (Katunga), Josh McInnes (Rennie), Callum Howard (Katunga), Bailey Mason (Tocumwal).
Front row: Chris Santoro (Yarroweyah), Fletcher Donovan (Rennie), Sam Trower (Waaia), Logan King (Strathmerton), Ben Neesen (Jerilderie), Kaiden Joss (Deni Rovers), Daniel Thorn (Picola), Oscar Elliott (Rennie), Jackson Collins (Waaia). Photo: Cheryl Thorn

Picola junior reps

TWO Picola league under age representative teams travelled to Hastings on Sunday to line up against the Mornington Peninsula sides, with several local players amongst them.

The under 17s had a massive win, 19.10 (124) to MPJFL 0.0 (0), while

the under 14s went down 6.6 (42) to 17.7 (110).

Best players for the under 17s were Ben Neesen (Jerilderie), Bailey Mason (Tocumwal), Chris Santoro (Yarroweyah), Max Hendy (Katunga), Matthew Price (Strathmerton), Brock

Thompson (Tocumwal).

For the under 14s, those named in the best were Josh Payne (Strathmerton), Alvin Cooper (Deniliquin Rovers), Jackson Harris (Katunga), Dean McDonald (Blighty), Mak Eddy (Tocumwal), Kyle Magro (Mathoura).

Same old, same old for Blues Twos

AFTER a much improved effort from the Numurkah reserves the previous week, Saturday saw a disappointing result for the Blues, going down by 107 points to Katandra.

With numbers depleted again this week, it was once again left to the same familiar players to do the bulk of the hard work.

The backline was valiant and worked hard all game, but was overwhelmed as the team ran out of legs as the game wore on.

Hamish Lambert and Jacob Morris proved to be serviceable defenders after being shifted to the backline.

Paul Collins was best afield for the Blues, Greg Gallus continued to battle the opposition all day in the ruck and through the defence, with great support from James Pruden and Kaleb Rees at every contest.

Kyle Morrison used his run and carry through the middle out into space at every chance he got.

The Blues hung in long enough for Jack Millen, one of four thirds boys to step up and help out, to kick the sole goal for the Blues deep into the last quarter.

Awards: D.J. & B. Concreting: Paul Collins, Shamrock Hotel: Kyle Morrison, Middle Hotel: Greg Gallus, Telegraph Hotel: Hamish Lambert, Brereton's: Kaleb Rees, Mierlo: James Pruden, Social mug: Jake Morris.

on Saturday, scoring a goal in the opening minutes of the game, but Numurkah responded with five goals, and went on to take a comfortable win.

Katandra continued this trend, scoring the opening goals of both the second and third terms, but Numurkah showed its class throughout the day to eventually win by 38 points.

Fraser Jones was impressive over four quarters to be named the Blues' best player, but went down late in the game with a shoulder injury.

Matt Mansfield once again dominated the midfield, and was supported by Flynn Penberthy and Ben Millen.

Dustan Ebborn booted four goals, while Jayden Hollands and Rhys Cason both contributed with three each.

James Kam was solid down back, helping Numurkah jump two places on the ladder, into fifth spot.

UNDER 14s

A clash between two under 14 sides that sit firmly out of contention on the lower rungs of the ladder had most pundits predicting a tight tussle in the battle for the four points, but Katandra took early control of the game and never looked back.

Both teams pressured for the slippery ball early on, but the home team dragged out a two goal lead in an exhilarating first quarter.

Reeve Verhoeven linked well with Lucas Roberts along the right wing. Riley Dobson, Baidyn Dicker, Ayden Sier-

mans, Nick Hughes and Conner Waites were madly mobile and after the crumbs.

With coach Brad Dobson's advice to hold position and play to their strengths, the second quarter began with Katandra on the offensive, kicking a few goals in a hurry, courtesy of a devastatingly fast midfield brigade.

Judah Moody and new boy Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton rolled up their sleeves, allowing Lucas Roberts to rampage through to split the big sticks, though Katandra's big strong units continued to press with admirable accuracy, kicking a total of six goals for the quarter.

Winded but still wriggling, the Blues came out of the blocks for the second half.

Matt Millen and Nathan Page were brave on the wing, vocal Billy Smith forced himself through the middle to push the ball into the offensive 50, Mitch O'Dwyer was sterling on the defensive 50 and Jay Moodie enjoyed his run, but Katandra worked another three majors onto the scoresheet before the siren sounded.

The final quarter saw Katandra continue to push, and Numurkah continue to refuse to capitulate. Jaxon Mckellar and Harry Moon guarded the sticks to end the contest on 12.13 (85) to 1.5 (11).

Best players: Baidyn Dicker, Lucas Roberts, Nathan Page, Reeve Verhoeven, Mitch O'Dwyer and Nick Hughes.

Purples dive on Hawks

NATHALIA didn't have the reserves footy game all its own way to begin with, but wore down its opposition to eventually take victory 55-28.

A few experienced heads in the Barooga side made transitioning the footy forward tough early on, but as the game wore on, the Purples started to break the game open and played the short game well when needed.

Dan Robinson was a handy inclusion back in the team, and he won a mountain of the footy, and always used it well.

Tommy Byrnes was another player back from a long term injury, and he was everywhere across half back, continually intercepting and setting forward plays in motion.

The mids really got going after quarter time, with Sean Zammit continuing his good form, along with Connor Nave and Josh Gemmill.

The Hawks have certainly improved and found their fair share of the ball, but players like Cam Hickey stood tall for Nathalia to continually repel their forward thrusts.

The Purples will be looking forward to the bye this weekend, and are hopeful of a few players coming back into the side before their next game against top side Echuca United.

Awards: Limbrick Accounting BOG: Dan Robinson, Mick Hogan Excavations: Tom Byrnes, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Sean Zammit, Blake Street Butchery: Connor Nave, Numurkah Nu-Genes: Josh Gemmill, Brereton's Bakery: Cam Hickey.

UNDER 14s

The thirds enjoyed a perfect day for footy

and, after a big first half, cruised to a 51 point victory, 83-37.

The Purples started on fire with nine first half goals to Barooga's three behinds, but then took the foot off the pedal a bit in the second half, adding another four goals, while the home side booted five.

But it was a huge win, and the coaches were pleased with their charges' efforts.

Awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Tom Favarro, A.V. Hughes: Kaleb Kopsidas, Rex James Stockfeed: Woody Guthrie, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Mak Hindmarsh, Marketplace Subway: Cooper Bloodworth.

UNDER 14s

The under 14s' game began as a close affair with both teams pushing forward, but Nathalia slowly increased its lead as the game progressed, taking a 31 point victory, 52-21.

Kai Lundberg, Evan Congues, Darcy Conroy and Jack Hutchins were solid in the middle, while Charlie Sheehan was nippy up in the forward line.

Oliver Sheehan, Charlie Dietrich and Max Frostick consistently pushed back Hawk attacks.

The last quarter provided much better football to watch.

Brodie Armstrong and Brandon Orton were great inside fifty, while Jerry Amery and Ryan Dealy were busy through the middle all day, providing great drive and carry.

Awards: Past Players: Charlie Dietrich, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Ben Nave, Al's Café: Ryan Dealy, Frostick Contracting: Billy Liddell, Nathalia Printers: Jack Hutchins.

Late run wins game for Strathy

STRATHMERTON was staring at a shock loss at three-quarter time of its game against Mathoura on Saturday, but pulled itself together to come home with a 16 point victory.

With only one loss for the season so far, an eight point loss to now third placed Berrigan in round four, the Bulldogs trailed by 14 points at the last break on the weekend, but stormed home with a five goal haul in the final term.

The home side came out firing and played the better brand of football for the first three quarters.

The Bulldogs were sluggish and flat but started to get their game going through the middle of the third quarter.

Five goals in the final term, while keeping Mathoura to just three behinds sealed the deal.

On a day where four quarter contributions were hard to find, Tyron Hill again led the way for Strathmerton, along with Simon Russell, Matty Shannon and Brandon Duckworth.

Travis Down and Matty O'Kane were also instrumental in shifting the momentum in Strathmerton's favour, while Theo Thomas booted five goals, and Zeke Bunge three.

The Bulldogs will have a bye this coming weekend, before coming up against a lowly Katunga side in round 15, on July 20.

RESERVES

A scoreless first quarter proved costly for the Strathmerton reserves, who trailed by 15 points at the first change, and ended up going down by a goal.

The Bulldogs kept their opposition scoreless in the second term, kicking with a handy breeze, to see scores level at half time, but Mathoura again put the foot down in the third quarter to lead by 10 points at the final change.

A goal each in the final saw Strathmerton suf-

fer its fifth loss of the season.

On a day when it was hard to pick the better players, Jake Cooney stood strong in defence all day, and Christian Duhring played a ripper game in the ruck.

The Craven brothers, Trent and Dylan, looked good when the ball was kicked in front of them and they had the opportunity to take on the game.

UNDER 14s

With no thirds game to be played on Saturday, the fourths boys welcomed a later start and a sleep in, and cruised to an easy victory over Mathoura.

Strathmerton won the toss and took full advantage of kicking with the breeze in the first quarter, kicking away to an early lead with some great team play.

Positional changes in the second quarter saw some players in new positions, but it didn't affect their term performance, having scored 68 points by the long break, while keeping their opposition scoreless for the whole game.

Mitch O'Brien played one of the best games of his career, off the back flank, stopping everything Mathoura sent his way and using the ball well to set up the Bulldogs' next attack.

Strathmerton was kicking against the breeze in the final term, so needed to keep control of the ball.

Sid McNeil and Brodie Wren played well, using the ball nicely, and following up their kicks, while Josh Payne booted nine of the Dogs' 16 goals.

Awards: Strathy Pizza: Brodie Wren; Subway: Josh Payne; Terminus Hotel: Ethan Coghill-Lynam; Ladies committee: Jai Stephens; Macca's: Mitch O'Brien; Coach's award: Jayden Edgar.



Loyal ... Hayden Brown played his 250th club game with the Picola reserves on Saturday. Photo: Laura Thorn

Blues dig deep, but not enough

PICOLA looked to have no hope at three-quarter time of its game against Katamatite on Saturday, trailing by 39 points at the final break of a low scoring game, but found some terrific football to go down by just 10 points in the end.

If not for inaccurate kicking, with nine behinds scored in the final quarter, the Blues could have easily picked up a win over the fifth placed Tigers.

After the bye the week before, the Blues started slowly and struggled to find their set plays, and Katamatite made the most of this opportunity to take a 24 point lead into the first change.

Picola's pressure around the ground lifted in the second term, and it managed to slow down Katamatite's scoring momentum, but still the visitors led by 27 points at the half.

The Tigers continued to fight for the ball and hit the scoreboard, despite some great defensive pressure around the ground.

The Blues remained scoreless in the third term, but suddenly switched on their game in the final term, making a run home with six goals and nine behinds.

The Blues will be looking to keep up their last quarter momentum, but have another week off this weekend, before meeting a similarly placed Jerilderie on July 20.

Awards: DMH mug/Barmah Hotel: Lachy Harvey-Hawkins; Blake Street Butchery: Jai Morrison; Brereton's Bakery: Blake Jorgensen; Limo's Hardware: Ryan Murphy.

RESERVES

Unlike their senior counterparts, the Blues' reserves were quick out of the blocks, booting six goals in the first quarter, while holding Katamatite scoreless.

The Tigers applied good pressure in the second term, holding back Picola's run, and managing a goal of their own, but Picola went into the half time break with a solid 50 point lead.

The game continued much the same way in the second half, with Katamatite failing to add to its score, and Picola went on to boot a massive total

of 19.12 (126).

Hayden Brown played his 250th club game for the Blues, in what was also his first game of the season, and booted a neat six goals for his side.

Troy Trickey played a great game to be named his team's best player.

Awards: Nathalia Fertiliser and Grain mug: Troy Trickey; Brereton's Bakery: Hayden Brown; Minchin Mechanics: James Badcock; Numans: Zach Estrada.

UNDER 17s

The Picola thirds arrived fired up and ready to play, and kept up their momentum for the whole four quarters, to take a terrific 74 point win.

The Blues managed to score quickly through good ball movement and accurate kicking from Clay Stevens.

Particularly pleasing was seeing the boys share the footy around, kicking it to the man in the best position.

With Picola drawn to play Mathoura and Berrigan, which don't have under 17 sides, in the last four rounds of the season, the Blues have just two more games to play, and will be hoping to keep this momentum going to end the season.

Awards: Dove Motors mug/Lubke Engineering: Connor Langley; Peter Limbrick Accounting: Clay Stevens; Barmah Social Club: Fraser Hutchins; TJ's IGA: Dan Thorn; Nathalia Hair and Beauty Have a Go: Dan Thorn.

UNDER 14s

The fourths played a strong game after a week off, finishing with a 64 point win over Katamatite.

The Blues covered the ground well and worked hard for each other in a hard-hitting game, that was a great spectacle for the supporters.

Awards: Power Livestock/Barnett Family: Jason Beckett; Better Bite Barmah: Matthew Jorgensen; Barmah Social Club: Will Dargan; Al's Cafe encouragement medallion: Corey Legge; Nathalia Hair and Beauty Have a Go: Jakob Underwood.

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A similar pattern continued into the second quarter. Luke McKeown shifted to defence and gave the Blues more rebound and an avenue to propel forward, but an inaccurate one goal five into the breeze kept the door ajar for Katandra to seize momentum.

Efficient goal kicking by Katandra saw it take a 10 point lead into the main break.

The Blues maintained the majority

of possession throughout the opening quarter but were unable to take full advantage on the scoreboard.

At the other end of the ground, Katandra made the most of each forward entry and scores were level at three goals 4 behinds at quarter time.

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Despite the dominance of the Blues' ruckmen and continual run of Josh Hoffmann and Josh O'Dwyer, the situation didn't improve for the Blues in the second half.

The Kats consistently played with a greater work rate and desperation as they sensed the win was there for the taking.

Katandra replied to each attempt the Blues made to close the gap on the scoreboard, in the end Numurkah suffering an 18 point defeat.

While not wanting to take anything away from Katandra, coach Jye Warren said the school holidays had killed his side, with five players taking time off for a break, and Price

out injured.

"It was a disappointing loss, but we

had a fair few boys not play on the weekend, which gave the young kids an opportunity to come up from the thirds and play their first actual games for the club, rather than being the sub.

"There was a lot of pressure on the those kids, but a few of them held their own, which was good.

"Missing those six players sort of threw a spanner in the works. The young kids we brought up had a lot of pressure on them, and Katandra just played some really good football.

"We don't go into any games being complacent and think that we're going to win because, as everyone

knows, we don't have the strongest side in the competition, but I'm confident that we will bounce back in the next couple of weeks."

There will be a league general bye this coming weekend, before Numurkah meets bottom side Moama on July 20.

Warren is confident that he will have a full side on the park for the next game.

"We will have the week off training this week, to refresh and get everyone's mind off footy for a little bit. It's been a pretty long year."

"Then coming into next week we will train hard and hopefully give Moama a run for their money."

Shock loss for Numurkah Blues

SATURDAY is a day the Numurkah Football Club will want to forget, as the Blues suffered an 18 point loss to Katandra.

The win was just the Kats' third for the season, and Numurkah will want to regroup if it is to remain a premiership contender.

The Blues took the field wanting to seize control of the contest early.

Dylan Taylor was shifted into the starting ruck role after the loss of Mitch Price to injury last week. Combining with Mick Griffiths, the ruck duo gave onballers Beau McKeown, Josh Hoffmann and Jamie Fulton first use of the football.

The Blues maintained the majority

of possession throughout the opening quarter but were unable to take full advantage on the scoreboard.

At the other end of the ground, Katandra made the most of each forward entry and scores were level at three goals 4 behinds at quarter time.

A similar pattern continued into the second quarter. Luke McKeown shifted to defence and gave the Blues more rebound and an avenue to propel forward, but an inaccurate one goal five into the breeze kept the door ajar for Katandra to seize momentum.

Efficient goal kicking by Katandra saw it take a 10 point lead into the main break.

Despite the dominance of the Blues' ruckmen and continual run of Josh Hoffmann and Josh O'Dwyer, the situation didn't improve for the Blues in the second half.

The Kats consistently played with a greater work rate and desperation as they sensed the win was there for the taking.

Katandra replied to each attempt the Blues made to close the gap on the scoreboard, in the end Numurkah suffering an 18 point defeat.

While not wanting to take anything away from Katandra, coach Jye Warren said the school holidays had killed his side, with five players taking time off for a break, and Price

out injured.

"It was a disappointing loss, but we

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Quick kick ... Beau McKeown gets his kick in before he is brought to ground by a Katandra opponent.

SHOCK LOSS FOR BLUES



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Purples just sneak home

NATHALIA took a come-from-behind win in an entertaining game of football against a brave Barooga outfit by eight points at the Barooga Recreation Reserve on Saturday.

The Hawks jumped the Purples with two quick goals and it was only a late goal from Jason Limbrick that kept the Purples in touch in the opening term.

Nathalia's defenders were working overtime as Barooga won clearances and drove the ball forward frequently.

Al Corry and Ned Nihill gave the Purples some drive, and Bailey Bell and Tom Nihill were busy transitioning the ball forward, yet the Purples trailed by two points at the first

change.

The second quarter saw the Hawks extend their lead to 15 points by the long break.

Drew Barnes was working overtime at half forward and on the ball with his bullish approach to the contest, but the Purples couldn't quite take advantage of their forward entries and struggled to reel in the home team.

Halftime saw the reigning premiers restructure their side. Barnes was sent into the middle on a permanent basis, Ned Nihill went to full back to help curtail a rampant Olsen, and Rhys Shannon shifted to a wing to generate much needed run.

Barnes took absolute control of the game, winning countless clearances and crashing packs to create a pathway for his team mates. Shannon had immediate impact, picking up countless possessions, and with some magic from Adam Jorgensen and relentless running from skipper Tom Nihill, the Purples got themselves back into the game.

They continued to press forward early in the last quarter and it looked like it would be a runaway victory when the Purples skipped out to a 24 point lead at the 20 minute mark. But the Hawks persevered and hit back with goals to reduce the margin to eight points when the siren

sounded.

Drew Barnes was truly outstanding for the Purples, displaying the tenacity and skill that has seen him rated as a premier player in country football for a number of years.

In his second game back in the side, Al Corry's presence in the back half provided composure and creativity, Rhys Shannon set the game alight and seemed to have the ball on a string, Tom Nihill was in everything, Adam Jorgensen was clean and clever with the ball in hand, Ned Nihill played solidly in defence, and Bailey Bell was not only energetic but worked hard to win possessions around the ground.

There will be a general league bye this weekend, for the Vic Country versus Metro game, which will give the Purples an extra week to prepare for its big clash with top side Echuca United.

Both teams have lost just one game for the season, and sit on equal points atop the ladder. The winner of this game will take the number one position outright.

Awards: BOG/Numurkah Tyrepower: Drew Barnes, Ryan Meat Co: Rhys Shannon, Bourke Group: Tom Nihill, Liddell Group – Dellcorp: Adam Jorgensen, TJ's IGA: Al Corry, Brereton's Bakery: Ned Nihill.

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Jack Roach win



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Weekend netball

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Sun Country Discovery Weekend

27 & 28 JULY 2019



Mayor invites locals to explore the Sun Country

I am delighted to announce the Discovery Weekend, which will be held on 27 and 28 July, right across the shire. The Discovery Weekend is part of the Friends and Relatives Campaign, which aims to showcase our region to locals who often act as tour guides, showing off our very special part of Sun Country on the Murray to their visiting friends and relatives.

This weekend is a great opportunity to explore our own backyard and tourism operators from Bundalong to Barmah have got on board offering attractions, products and experiences for just \$1. Look out for your special ticket and brochure in the mail to use on both days of the Discovery Weekend – simply show your ticket at participating venues and enjoy 'mates rates' all weekend.

We are also running a competition for two nights' accommodation for four people, kindly sponsored by RACV Resort Cobram, Waterfront Holiday Homes and the Numurkah Caravan Park.

Simply collect four stickers on your ticket at participating venues and return your completed entry to your local Visitor Information Centre before Saturday 10 August. To be eligible, postcodes will be checked.

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

Cr Libro Mustica
Mayor Moira Shire Council



*Looking forward to seeing you!
Cr Libro Mustica*

As a resident of Moira Shire, you're a friendly face to the thousands of tourists visiting family and friends in our region each year.

This is a special weekend for you to explore your own backyard for just \$1.

Residents of Moira Shire will receive a Sun Country Discovery Weekend ticket in the post, and residents of twin towns Mulwala and Barooga are also welcome to take part.



Visit your local Sun Country Visitor Information Centre or moira.vic.gov.au for details.

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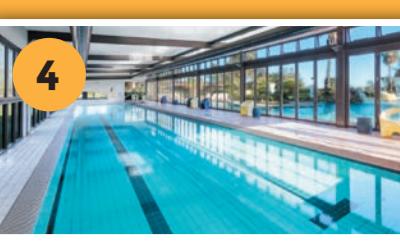
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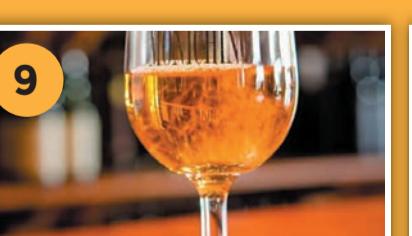
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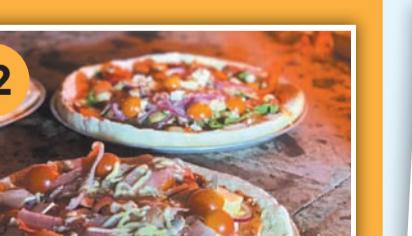
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On the Water

**Arts & Heritage**

Take some time to explore the inspiring artistic, cultural and heritage activities across the Sun Country on the Murray.

- Silo Trail
- Barmah National Park
- Yarrawonga Mulwala Pioneer Museum
- Customs House Yarrawonga
- Tungamah Heritage Walk
- Weir Park & Historical Signage Yarrawonga
- G.R.A.I.N. Store Nathalia

**Explore the Land**

Surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of nature, you'll be reinvigorated by exploring our pristine waterways, river beaches and tranquil bushlands.

- Lake Mulwala
- Ulupna Island
- The Junction
- Ovens River
- Broken Creek
- Barmah National Park
- The Junction
- Ovens River
- Broken Creek

**Food & Wine**

Stimulate your tastebuds while enjoying the Discovery Weekend. On your travels around Sun Country, you'll find terrific fresh food, beer and wine – and lots of \$1 tastes on offer. Keep an eye out for farms that offer direct-to-you freshness; local produce never tasted so good! From high-quality restaurants to quaint cafes, sample Sun Country's gourmet goodies this weekend so you'll be in the know when your visitors arrive!

- Farm Gate Trail
- Pubs
- Clubs
- Local Cafés
- Restaurants

**Golf**

Now's the time to discover some of our fantastic local golf courses – and impress your friends when they visit! From scenic to challenging, there is something for the novice and pro wherever you go. Check out:

- Cobram Barooga Golf Club
- Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club
- Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club
- Black Bull Golf Course
- Nathalia Golf Club
- Strathmerton Golf Club
- St James Golf Club

Cruises, canoeing, fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding, sailing, swimming, wakeboarding and waterskiing all abound on the waters of the Murray River and Lake Mulwala, offering active fun for you and your visitors this weekend and year-round!

Want to know more?

Visit www.moira.vic.gov.au



Official launch of the Sun Country Discovery Weekend

Sun Country Discovery Weekend

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Visit four venues for your chance to win a weekend escape for four!

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Call in to your local Sun Country Visitor Information Centre

Step 1: Receive your Sun Country Discovery Weekend Ticket in your mailbox*.

Step 2: Visit four participating venues on 27 & 28 July and collect four Sun Country stickers on your entry form.

Step 3: Complete your entry form on the back of your ticket and return it to your local Sun Country Visitor Information Centre before August 10.

Step 4: The prize draw will be held on 23 August and winners will be contacted by phone.

Terms and conditions are available at moira.vic.gov.au

The competition is open to Moira Shire residents and those living in Barooga and Mulwala as part of our twin town promotional partnerships and is open to all age groups.

Sun Country Visitor Information Centres

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E: tourism@yarrawongamulwala.com.au
www.yarrawongamulwala.com.au

Cobram Barooga

Cnr Punt Rd and Station St, Cobram
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E: tourism@cobrambarooga.com.au
www.cobrambarooga.com.au

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