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Living legend

A **VERY** honoured Marj Porter has been named a living legend by Pony Club Australia, as part of its 80th birthday celebrations.

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Guilty verdict for Strathmerton murder

STRATHMERTON man Robert Strucelj has been found guilty of the murder of Beari man Peter James Doyle at Strathmerton in January last year.

Mr Strucelj, aged 47, was found guilty of one count of murder by a jury last Wednesday, following a trial in the Supreme Court sitting at Shepparton. He had pleaded not guilty.

The murder charge arose from an incident in which Mr Doyle received fatal stab wounds when he tried to intervene in a verbal altercation between his friend Adrian Walley and Mr Strucelj.

The altercation occurred at 1.40am on January 8, 2018 at a Williams Rd property at which Mr Walley was a tenant, and is alleged to have been the culmination of an ongoing noise dispute between Mr Walley and Mr Strucelj, who lived at a neighbouring property.

Despite attempts by Mr Walley to save him, Mr Doyle died at the scene. He was 32 years old.

Mr Strucelj was arrested later that morning.

A mention hearing is set for next Wednesday, May 29, at which time a date for Mr Strucelj's pre-sentence plea hearing will be set.

Once the plea hearing is complete, Strucelj will be sentenced at a later date.

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Post office burgled, parcels stolen

NUMURKAH post office was broken into overnight on Friday, with an unknown number of parcels believed to have been stolen.

The burglary was discovered by an Australia Post driver who entered the building at around 4am on Saturday to find the parcel storage area in disarray, with parcels strewn around the room.

An Australia Post spokesperson confirmed the burglary, and told the *Leader* the organisation is working closely with police who are investigating the matter, and cannot provide further comment.

"Customers with enquiries about their mail are urged to contact us on 13 POST," the spokesperson said.

The post office burglary is believed to be linked to a number of burglaries that occurred at Numurkah residential properties between 9am and 2pm on Saturday.

A backpack containing various items was stolen from an address on Meiklejohn St, whilst laptops were taken from a Paterson St property and jewellery was taken from a Gray St address.

The items stolen from the three properties are believed to have a combined value of approximately \$3,000.

On Saturday afternoon, two women returned to a car parked beside the train park on McNamara Drive to find an unknown male in

the back seat.

The man hastily exited the vehicle and fled in a yellow or gold commodore when the women shouted at him.

If anyone has seen anything suspicious, they are encouraged to contact Cobram CIU on 5871 1977.

Police investigations are continuing after a red Holden VE sedan, which had been observed 'hooning', in Victoria St in the early hours of Monday, collided with a fence causing extensive damage in what may have been a deliberate act.

The driver fled the scene before police arrived. If anyone has information on this vehicle please con-

tact Numurkah Police station on 5862 3311.

A man has been interviewed and charged with theft offences, after stealing items from Numurkah Foodworks, and attempting to steal items from Numurkah Bakery & Cafe, last Thursday.

The man allegedly took items from Foodworks without paying before attending the bakery and attempting to do the same there.

When he was confronted by a bakery employee the man threw the items at the employee and fled the premises. He was later located by police and interviewed before being charged.

It's a Drum roll-over for Nicholls

NATIONALS MP Damian Drum has made history by becoming the first elected member for the newly-created federal seat of Nicholls.

In a result that was widely predicted beforehand, Mr Drum took the seat with a clear majority at Saturday's election.

With a first preference count of 51.4%, Mr Drum easily had the numbers over nearest rival Labor's Bill Lodwick, who received 19.1% of the primary vote and had a less impressive lead on third place getter Rikkie-Lee Tyrell from Pauline Hanson's One Nation.

Once preferences were counted, Mr Drum widened his lead to 69.6%

over Mr Lodwick on 30.4%.

The full order for first preference votes in Nicholls was:

1. Damian Drum, The Nationals, 51.4%
2. Bill Lodwick, Australian Labor Party, 19.1%
3. Rikkie-Lee Tyrell, Pauline Hanson's One Nation, 12.2%
4. Stewart Hine, United Australia Party, 5%
5. Andrew Bock, Independent, 4.7%
6. Nickee Freeman, The Greens (VIC), 3.9%
7. Nigel Hicks, Independent, 1.8%
8. Jeremy Parker, Independent, 1.8%

Letter to the Editor

Development committee needs support

THE Numurkah and District Development Committee (N&DDC) needs help.

The development committee has been an active and well respected committee within Numurkah and district for 24 years. In that time it has initiated and worked to achieve many small, and several larger, projects for the benefit of the Numurkah community.

The N&DDC Mission is 'to promote growth in economic and community activity in the Numurkah area.'

At its inception, N&DDC was supported financially by Moira Shire, but that no longer happens. As an incorporated body, the committee is responsible for its own insurance, PO Box expenses, etc.

As the only income received is from membership subs, financial resources are dwindling rapidly. Not only are financial resources dwindling with little hope of a boost, but with the passage of time, the number of active members is also of concern.

Without a strong membership base and the resultant enthusiasm to drive projects, the future of the organisation may be in doubt.

As the following brief summary of achievements indicates, projects completed are varied.

The N&DDC successfully lobbied council for:

1. A drinking fountain in Apex

Park.

2. New signage and seating at the Harding rose garden in Melville Street.

3. Refurbishment and re-positioning of history signs onto the brick wall outside the Numurkah Visitors Information Centre.

4. Painting of the rotunda near the Hamon rose garden.

5. Refurbishment of the water fountain in the Broken Creek following the 2012 floods.

The Flood Action Group began its deliberations as a sub-committee of the N&DDC.

We created the 'Saluting Their Service' mural on the IGA supermarket wall and installed outdoor exercise equipment along the Broken Creek walking track.

We also held a town forum to plan activities to mark 140 years since Numurkah was gazetted and created a draft Economic Action Plan in 2018.

Some form of public art for Numurkah was strongly favoured in the My Big Idea workshops several years ago (2013) and the N&DDC is keen to see a positive outcome for that proposal.

Community support would be welcomed in the form of attendance, suggestions and exchange of ideas at the forum at the N&DDC AGM to be held on Wednesday, May 29 at 7.30pm, at the Uniting Church meeting room Quinn Street, Numurkah.

Without community support another project will not go ahead. With community support the sky's the limit.

Rosemary Kennett
Numurkah

Marj is a living legend

IF anyone were in any doubt, it's now been made official - Numurkah's Marj Porter is a living legend.

The honour has been bestowed on community stalwart Marj by Pony Club Australia (PCA) as part of its 80th birthday celebrations, having sought nominations from pony clubs across the nation of supporters aged 80+ who were worthy of the honour.

Numurkah pony club president Louise Bourchier said that when they received the call to nominate a living legend, it was a no-brainer.

"Once Marj sets her mind to something she works hard to make it happen, and she has given so much to the club over the years," Louise said.

"She has been a tireless advocate for the club, and in her time as secretary throughout the 1980s, she was instrumental in getting the club's current grounds at Floridan Park."

Marj said that her involvement with pony club is really an example of a bribe that got out of hand.

"We were moving from north to Numurkah from down near Timboon, and I told my daughter that after we moved she could get a pony. But I never said anything about pony club," she said.

"Still, it was the best way for her to learn skills, and it's a wonderful organisation."

For Marj, although she didn't know anything about pony club, getting involved with the club was obvious.

"You can't just drop your child off and go, you have to help out and I really feel that you have to give back to communities that give to you."

Typically modest, Marj said that for all the effort and energy she put into the club, she was just one member of a wonderful committee.

"There were some really great people there and everybody worked so hard, but we all worked together and looked after each other and had a lot of fun."

Louise Bourchier told the *Leader* that the title of living legend was a fitting one for Marj.

"Marj is involved with so many different organisations, and she does so much for all of them. People like Marj are irreplaceable," she said.

As for how Marj feels about the living legend title, she said it is a great honour, but one of a slightly dubious nature.

"I think it means I'm old," she said.

FIRE WATCH

Slow week for firies

FOLLOWING a relatively busy few weeks for local brigades, the past week bucked the trend with just three call-outs, two of which occurred last Friday, and turned out to be non-events.

At 11am, Waaia Fire Brigade was called out to a report of smoke issuing from the location of Tuesday morning's house fire at the corner of Fuzzards and Rendells Roads, Waaia. Fortunately, when firefighters arrived, they found no fire.

Then at 12.45pm, Wungnlu brigade received a call to support Katandra West and Tallygaroopna brigades at the Katandra West Primary School, where a smell of gas had been reported, however the Wungnlu brigade was stopped before it left the station.

At 10.25am yesterday, Numurkah, Strathmerton and Cobram brigades were called out to a home on Finlay St Strathmerton, where a stove had caught fire.

Strathmerton brigade were first on scene, quickly bringing the blaze under control with a fire extinguisher.

Numurkah brigade was turned back before it got out of town, whilst Cobram brigade continued to the address to clear smoke from the house with its ventilation fan.



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NCLC open to discuss free courses

NUMURKAH Community Learning Centre (NCLC) is hosting an open house next Wednesday to find out which free TAFE courses people would like to see delivered locally.

NCLC manager Deb Fowler said the organisation wants to hear from community members about which courses are most useful to them.

"We're pleased to partner with GOTAFE to deliver quality and relevant courses in Numurkah for the benefit of the local community," she said.

NCLC will be providing an 'open house' from 4pm next Wednesday, May 29 to answer questions about the centre, with GOTAFE holding a session from 5 - 6.30pm to discuss which free courses are available, and to explore the training requirements of Numurkah district residents.

GOTAFE interim executive director of education Louise Pearce said they want to listen to what the community needs in terms of training solutions.

"If you are thinking of upskilling or retraining in health and community services, this is your chance to come along and find out what courses are available," she said.

"There are courses available through the State Government's Free TAFE initiative, which means that if you have been thinking about study, now is the time to do so."

The forum will also provide the opportunity for employers to discuss training options for staff that can be delivered in the workplace.

Everybody is welcome to attend.

What regional Australia really needs

AT its inaugural Regions Rising National Summit in Canberra earlier this year the Regional Australia Institute (RAI) asked more than 250 stakeholders from across regional Australia the burning question: what is it that regional Australia really needs?

The results are now in, and the message is clear and consistent - governments need to invest in people.

RAI co-CEOs, Dr Kim Houghton and Liz Ritchie said the message from the summit was very strong and called for a new approach to regional policy in Australia.

"Our policy hacks asked more than 250 stakeholders from across regional Australia to put their experience on the table and come up with solutions to drive regional Australia forward - on the big-ticket items surrounding regional jobs, health, population and regional place-based policy," Dr Houghton said.

The four key themes that emerged throughout the policy hack sessions included:

1. Investing in 'soft' infrastructure - human capital and liveability;
2. Governments and regions working together;
3. Empowering regions through flexibility and place-based policy; and
4. Shifting the narrative of regional Australia.

While the group was as diverse as regional Australia itself, the discussions all ended up at the same conclusion - regional Australia needs this top-down, one-size-fits-all, big infrastructure approach to change.

"While we know investment in infrastructure such as roads, rail and airports is critical, our research is showing that regional Australia needs a rebalanced direction.

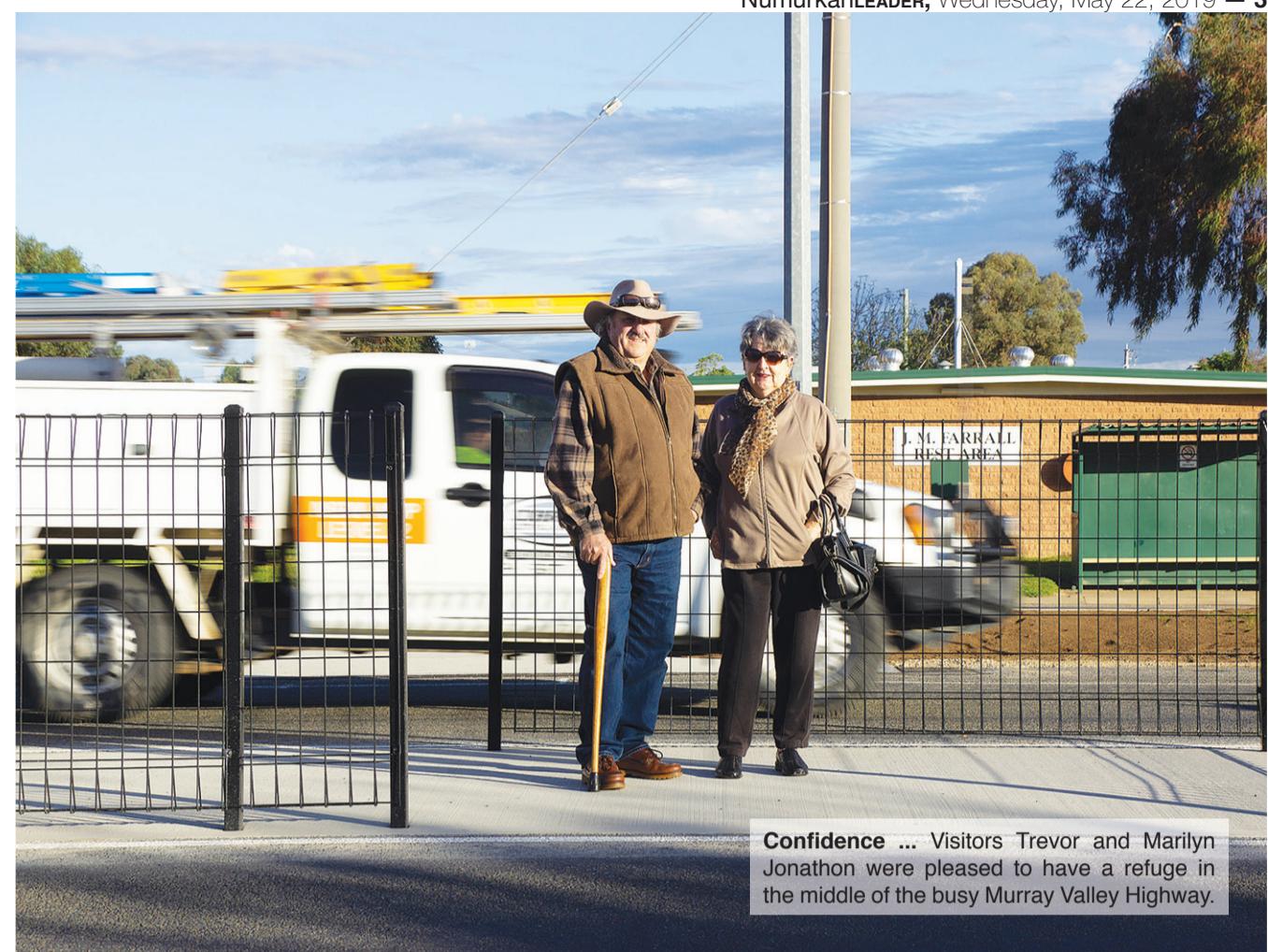
"Investing in human capital has to be pushed further up the agenda to meet jobs demand of the future," Dr Houghton said.

The RAI's Regional Jobs Update released for the first quarter shows there are now more than 46,000 job vacancies around regional Australia.

"There are many examples of where regional communities are ahead of government and driving their own communities through locally-led strategies around education and jobs - and people want to be supported," Liz Ritchie said.

"People will drive prosperity, people will drive jobs growth, people will drive investment and therefore people are the engine for our regional economies.

"The successful development of regional Australia depends on all of us to promote the opportunities of our towns and regional cities - the story has to change."



Confidence ... Visitors Trevor and Marilyn Jonathon were pleased to have a refuge in the middle of the busy Murray Valley Highway.

Strathy pedestrian refuge open

PEDESTRIANS in Strathmerton now have safer passage with the completed construction of a refuge island in the centre of the Murray Valley Highway.

The refuge was completed last week by Moira Shire Council with \$50,000 funding provided by Regional Roads Victoria.

The completion of the refuge signals the final stage of a campaign to address a perceived lack of road safety on the highway.

The major success of the campaign occurred when the speed limit on the Murray Valley Highway through town was reduced from 80kph to 60kph just days before Easter, following a five year long campaign by local residents.

The construction of the refuge was announced by Moira Shire in April last year, with a design and proposed location made public, and submitted to Strathmerton community steering committee for comment, mid-year.

The location was amended slightly, being moved a few metres further east, following community concerns that heavy vehicles turning on and off the highway from Numurkah Rd would not be able to do so without impacting the refuge.

Safety barriers were also added to the design, which originally consisted of just a concrete island, following community feedback.

Strathmerton community steering committee was reluctant to approve the crossing prior to the completion of a VicRoads speed review, which was to include a recommendation on the proposal to move the town's bus stop.

The *Leader* understands that the committee approved the amended crossing design last month.

Strathmerton community steering committee chairperson Bernard Murray told the *Leader* in February that the committee was aware that any decision it made wouldn't be the one preferred by everybody, but they needed to make a decision that benefited as many people as possible.

"We know not everybody is in favour of the crossing, but we have done our own

community surveys, and we know that most people are in favour of both a crossing and a speed reduction," he said.

Moira Shire Mayor Libro Mustica said this week that the safety improvements the refuge will provide are paramount.

"Pedestrians who would normally struggle to cross the full width of the Murray Valley Highway in one movement due to mobility issues, can now safely pause within the centre median refuge which is protected by fencing, before crossing the next traffic lane," he said.

"In addition, the staggering of the crossing by strategic fencing also helps mitigate pedestrians of all ages stepping inadvertently out into oncoming traffic."

Pedestrian Trevor Jonathon, who used the crossing on Monday during a visit to Strathmerton, provided a perfect example of Cr Mustica's sentiments.

Mr Jonathon, who is aged 73 and walks



Busy road ... The original school crossing remains in use despite the completion of the pedestrian refuge.

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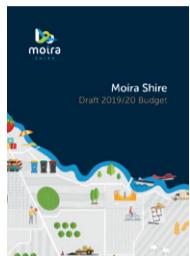
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Your opportunity to submit feedback on our draft 2019/20 Budget and Strategic Resource Plan will close 5pm Thursday 23 May.

The draft budget details the projects, programs and services council will deliver in 2019/20 and how these will be funded through rates and other fees and charges and the SRP describes the broader funding priorities for the next four years.

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO HEAR BUDGET SUBMISSIONS – 29 MAY



A Committee of Council comprising all available councillors will meet at 5pm Wednesday 29 May at the Cobram Civic Centre to hear any person wishing to speak in support of their draft 2019/20 Budget and Strategic Resource Plan submission. To present you must submit a written submission by 23 May and indicate your wish to speak in that submission. This meeting is open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

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If you are paying your 2018/19 rates in instalments, your fourth instalment payment is due Friday 31 May.

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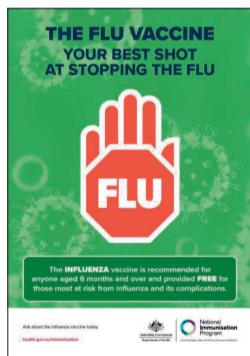
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HAVE YOUR SAY ON SECTION 86 COMMITTEES



We are calling for feedback on the future directions for Section 86 committees. A discussion paper, which includes 13 key principles to guide the future operation, funding and support for volunteer committees is available from our website and service centres. We encourage everyone to read the discussion paper and to consider what the future could look like for these committees and for the wider community they serve.

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Engineering a feed ... Jorja Dixon serves up the democracy sausages with the help of Rotary member Katrina Donaldson .

Science gets Jorja flying

VOTERS taking the opportunity to get a democracy sausage in Numurkah on Saturday didn't know it, but they were helping a local girl achieve a dream.

With the help of the Rotary Club of Numurkah, Jorja was manning the barbecue to raise funds that will, hopefully, help her attend the International Youth Science Forum in London at the end of July.

Jorja, who is studying VCE at St Mary's in Nathalia, said she's always loved science, especially engineering and physics.

"I've always just found it so interesting, the way things work and what affects them," she said.

Jorja qualified to attend the international forum by having attending the national Youth Science Forum in Brisbane in January.

"I was then able to apply to go to one of the international forums this year, which are being held in Singapore, Germany, America and Eng-

land," she said.

Although her first preference was Singapore, Jorja is not at all unhappy about being selected for the UK event.

"I'm really excited. It's being held at Imperial College London and there are specialist lectures in different scientific fields that you can choose from.

"I'm really looking forward to the engineering ones, and I've never been overseas before so I'm really looking forward to that as well."

Jorja has a lot to look forward to, and is hoping that includes studying engineering at RMIT starting in 2020.

"I'm not sure what type of engineering I want to specialise in, either civil or mechanical probably, or maybe even aerospace."

"I'm not too worried about that at the moment, I'll work it out as I go along."

Show not so far away

IT feels like just a few weeks ago that we were all having a ball at the 131st Numurkah Show, but, amazingly, the 132nd show is just five months away.

So, it's time to start thinking about what you are going to enter in the various competition categories, and how you are going to team with this year's theme - boots and shoes.

Do you have an especially fabulous pair of shoes that always get compliments? Or a clever idea to turn a pair of gum boots into something truly eye catching? Whatever your style, this is your chance to put your best foot forward, limited only by your imagination.

Whilst you're getting your winter veges in the ground in coming weeks, don't forget to plant some beetroot - it's the hero of this year's garden to plate competition.

Garden to plate entries should feature a small tray with three to seven items with beetroot as the star. Beetroot dip, beetroot aspic, beetroot and feta salad - whatever your specialty, as long as it involves beetroot it's fair game.

Of course, beetroot isn't the only vegetable that can win you a prize. Categories in the garden produce section also include peas, broad beans, broccoli, rhubarb and Asian vegetables.

Then again, we're not all gardeners - maybe art is more your thing. If so, there are the needle work, art, photography and model sections for you to enter.

There are also plenty of chances for the cooks, flower growers, animal breeders and horse riders among us to score a win as well.

Then there is the pure fun and entertainment of side show alley for those who just want to enjoy a relaxed day off but still wouldn't mind the chance to win a prize while they're at it.

So, mark the date on your calendar - Wednesday, October 23. We know there's no need to tell you where because the Numurkah Agricultural and Pastoral Society Show will be held at the same place it's been held since the very first event on Wednesday October 19, 1882 - the Numurkah Showgrounds.



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Beautiful day for a cuppa for cancer

WITH one in two Australians diagnosed with cancer by the age of 85, access to treatment services is vital no matter where you live.

Nathalia Women's Health has been raising money for cancer treatment and research, and to support locals fighting the disease, for decades, and gathered last Friday for its major annual fundraiser - A Cuppa for Cancer.

Despite the cause that brought the gathering of around 120 people together, it was far from a sombre occasion and the Nathalia recreation reserve building was full of laughter as attendees gathered for a proper morning tea.

Guest speaker Carmel Johnson, director of GV Health Foundation, addressed the gathering, speaking about the growth of cancer treatment services in the Goulburn Valley, and how vital the support of local organisations like Nathalia Women's Health is.

"Support of local groups really helps underpin the growth of services at GV Health, and it is very much appreciated," she said.

Ms Johnson said that, when GV Health's oncology unit opened in 2010, it delivered 400 treatments, and that in 2018 it delivered 5,900.

"That growth reflects a combination of us having better diagnostic tools, and people having better knowledge of, and taking more responsibility for, their own health," she said.

"In terms of funding, health is a bottomless bucket. We are appreciative of all of the funding the government gives us, but it is never going to be enough, so the support of local community groups like Nathalia Women's Health is vital."

Ms Johnson said that, whilst the financial support of local groups allows GV Health to enhance patient care through the purchase of equipment and an increased ability to support families, it also has an unseen, but equally important, benefit.

"It is good for patients from small communities to know that their community supports and contributes to their treatment, because they know their community is with them and helping them fight."

The money raised by the annual Nathalia Cuppa for Cancer event often helps local patients fighting cancer in a much more direct way.

Nathalia Women's Health president Julie Gross-McAdam said that, although a sizeable donation is made to GV Health cancer services from the proceeds of the event, money is also used to directly support local cancer patients.

"We help out with things like fuel vouchers if people need to travel to Melbourne for treatment, or sometimes they might have a sudden drastic need and we will help them out," she said.

"Anything they need that might make their journey with cancer a little less traumatic, we will try to provide it."

The success of the event came down to a group effort, with members from Nathalia Night Watch CWA and Nathalia Golf Club helping with catering, and a number of other community groups assisting in various ways.

Local businesses donated a huge range of raffle prizes and auction items, and students from Nathalia Secondary College and St Mary of the Angels were on hand on the day to help out wherever help was needed.

All up, Friday's event raised \$700 from the major raffle for the benefit of GV Health's Peter Copulos Cancer and Wellness Centre, and an additional \$3,000 for Nathalia Women's Health to use for the benefit of local cancer patients.



Top trio ... President of Nathalia Women's Health Julie Gross-McAdam, Unit Manager of GV Health Peter Copulos Cancer and Wellness Centre Linley Smith and guest speaker Carmel Johnson, Director of GV Health Foundation.



Cheers ... Estelle Chalker, Moira Bourke and Wendy Dempsey gathered for a cuppa for cancer



On for young and old ... Helen Caldwell, Diana Baxter, Grace Baxter and Georgie James all enjoyed the morning tea.



Good crowd ... Around 120 people gathered at Nathalia rec reserve for the event.

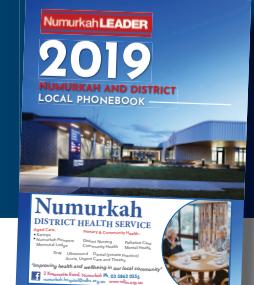


Helping hand ... Nathalia Secondary College students Rohan Hermlin, Erin Hasslerr and Maisie Hawks get the raffle tickets ready for the draw

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We commend you on your generosity and commitment to making a difference. Your contributions are invaluable and have made a profound impact within our communities and society as a whole.

This year is the 30th anniversary of National Volunteer Week.

Our celebrations highlight the important role of volunteers in our community and allow us to say thanks to the more than 6 million Australians who volunteer nationally.

Across our shire, volunteers contribute their time and expertise to look after local recreation reserves, buildings and wetlands as well as providing advice and feedback on multiple advisory committees.

There are countless ways members of our community generously donate their time and efforts to make our shire the best place it can be.

Thank you.

**Mayor Libro Mustica, Deputy Mayor Peter Lawless, Cr John Beitzel,
Cr Kevin Bourke, Cr Wendy Buck, Cr Gary Cleveland, Cr Ed Cox,
Cr Peter Mansfield and Cr Marie Martin**

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Vital contribution ... Vinnies Numurkah workers Arthur Hall, Jodie Stockdale, Rob Tribe, Shona Spokes and Marilyn Nolan.

Volunteers vital and valued at Vinnies

THE contribution volunteers make to a successful society, especially in smaller communities, cannot be underestimated, and this week - National Volunteer Week - is all about celebrating their selfless efforts.

Numurkah's Vinnies op-shop manager Shona Spokes told the *Leader* that, as hers is the only paid position at the store, without volunteers the place literally wouldn't be able to open its doors.

"Our volunteers play an extremely important role and we wouldn't be

able to run without them," she said.

Shona's boss, Vinnies' north east Victoria area support manager Shannon Cole, confirmed that.

"Without volunteers we wouldn't be able to run our shops, and our shops are the main source of revenue that we use to help people who seek our assistance in their local areas. So volunteers really do have a big impact in their communities," he said.

One of the really great things, as far as Vinnies are concerned, is that volunteers can make a big difference by

giving just a little bit of time.

"We are very grateful for any time our volunteers give us, so if you can only give an hour or so a week, that's fine, and if you can only help out in school hours that's fine too.

"We know that people's availability changes as well, so we don't lock people into rosters that never change, if you need to change things from week to week, or you need to take a break, that's not a problem - we are grateful for your help."

Shona said that volunteering at Vinnies can be quite a social activity, as people work together to sort raw donations, price them and arrange them in the store, as well as serving customers.

Rob Tribe, one of Vinnies Numurkah's current volunteers, agrees.

"I'm relatively new in town, having only been here a couple of years, and I didn't really know anyone when I arrived," he said.

"Volunteering at Vinnies has given me the chance to meet people and make friends and I really enjoy it," he

said.

Despite its happy and helpful local team, Vinnies is always happy to bring new volunteers on board, and could do with a few more who are available on Saturday mornings.

Mr Cole said that now is a great time to join the team too, as it is scheduled for a mini-refurbishment.

"It's about to get a bit of a spring clean and freshen-up with some new fixtures, so it will be an even better place to spend a bit of time."

Moira recognises palliative care volunteers

THIS week is not only National Volunteer Week, but also National Palliative Care week, so it was only fitting that Moira Palliative Care recognised the important role that its volunteers play in providing end-of-life care in the local area, by treating them to morning tea.

Moira Palliative Care has 16 palliative care volunteers who support people with a life limiting illness, and their families, to live, die and grieve well.

Their care, compassion and community spirit make an enormous difference - to all the people that they support and to their palliative care team colleagues.

National Palliative Care Week is a national week supported by the Department of Health to raise awareness and understanding about palliative care in the Australian community.

This year's theme - What Matters Most - addresses the need for Australians to plan ahead for their end-of-life care and have the conversation with family members and medical staff about what they would like if they weren't able to speak for themselves.

Moira Palliative Care volunteer Marita Crowther-Harris said the role allows her to know that she helps people who need it, and brings a bit of light to their day.

"Really, a lot of what we do is just providing company and conversation, and maybe providing a bit of respite for carers, but that does make a difference to people," she said.

"Clients just want you to be normal around them, and it is wonderful when you build a rapport with them."



Caring role ... Moira Palliative Care volunteers Ruth Silvester, Eileen Thorp, Noel Richmond, Kim Kirkham, Marita Crowther-Harris, Lyn Williams and Christine Ginnane fulfil a vital role.

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Informative cup of coffee with a cop



Adventure in education ... Lachie O'Hara and Luke Bosse with some of the stationery they took to St Jude's.

African educational adventure begins

IT'S a long way from Nathalia to Arusha, the capitol of Tanzania, but two St Mary of the Angels students made the journey over the weekend, to see how they do education on the other side of the world.

Year nine students Lachie O'Hara and Luke Bosse weren't destined to be among strangers when they arrived at the School of St Jude though, as each of the boys' families sponsor a student at the school.

The school, started by Australian woman Gemma Sisia, opened in 2002 with just three students and has since grown to educate around 1,600 students, from prep to year 12, across three campuses.

The students of St Jude's are some of the poorest children in Tanzania, with each coming from a family that lives below the poverty line.

Lachie has visited St Jude's once before, and told the *Leader* it was a real eye-opener.

"The school is pretty nice and has fairly good facilities, but we went to visit our student's family at home and they live in extreme poverty. They have a dirt floor and not much at all," he said.

"It really gave me a new perspective on the world and taught me to be more grateful for what I have."

Luke said he was also looking forward to seeing another side of life.

"I know we're really lucky here and I'm glad that I'll have the opportunity to see how other people live, and what we can do to help them," he said.

Both of the boys said they were looking forward to meeting their sponsor students in person.

"They write to us about once a month, so we know a little bit about them and their lives and it will be good to have a chance to meet them and talk to them in person," Luke said.

Luke and Lachie have used the trip as an opportunity to do a little more for the St Jude's community as well, having spent recent weeks accepting donations of school supplies, and headed off on Sunday with an impressive cache of stationery.

"People have been really generous and that's really good for St Jude's."

THE ins and outs of law enforcement are a mystery to most of us, so the opportunity for a Q&A with a police officer was a tempting prospect taken up by a number of locals last week.

The event, held as part of Victorian Law Week, was hosted by Numurkah library with leading community policing officer Leading Senior Constable Helen Parfett from Wangaratta Local Area Command.

LSC Parfett filled the audience in on common scams, techniques used by scammers and travelling conmen, and how to avoid becoming a victim.

There was also a back and forth discussion on changing societal and crime trends, how to maintain good home security practices, and when and how to contact police.

Referring to the audience of mostly retirees, LSC Parfett told the *Leader* that it was good

to have an opportunity to talk to people who don't have much contact with police.

"Older people grew up in times when crime and policing were quite different, so it's good to have an opportunity to talk to them and answer their questions, and help them adapt to the times," she said.

"They also tend to be a prime target for scammers, so knowing how to recognise scams and avoid becoming victims is really valuable information for them."

Audience member Diane Hall said that she found the session very informative.

"I learnt a lot, the information was very straight forward, and I felt comfortable and confident in asking questions," she said.

"There was also a bit of light heartedness, so it wasn't all serious and full of bad news."

"It was actually quite reassuring."



Scam alert ... Community policing officer LSC Helen Parfett tells the audience how to recognise and avoid common scams.

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EPA's online help for farmers

ENVIRONMENT Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) has a one stop shop for online advice for the agricultural community, and is taking requests on what farmers need next.

EPA executive director Damian Wells says there's already a lot of useful information in the agricultural guidance section of EPA's website. "We aim to support farmers; equipped with the right advice, farmers can manage the farm in a way that minimises harm to the environment and human health, meets Victorian regulations, and helps them to pass on their farms to the next generation in good condition," Mr Wells said.

"Victoria's \$13 billion agricultural sector is very broad and we want to ensure our advice meets farmers' needs. That's why we're encouraging them to tell us where they need greater support," he said.

"Our agricultural guidance page includes a simple, two-minute survey that gives farmers an easy way to ask for the environmental advice they most value."

EPA's advice for the agricultural community is available online at: www.epa.vic.gov.au/business-and-industry/guidelines/agricultural-guidance.

The site offers useful advice on protecting the environment and human health, and meeting Victorian law and regulations, on:

- Livestock planning, including odour modelling for broiler farms; separation distances between farming and homes or public buildings; and approvals for large scale saleyards, piggeries, feedlots or animal holding depots.

- Farm waste including solid waste including silage wrap; effluent; dead stock; old batteries; building compost facilities; waste tyres; and farm chemicals and containers.

- Noise, including generators and other fixed sources.

- Water, including risk management for reusing water.

- Sediment and dust, including from dams, basins and holding ponds, roads/tracks and earthworks.

Anyone involved in agricultural activities is invited to make a request or provide feedback via the survey, at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/EPAwebpagereview.

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Vision Initiative



Collaborators ... Nicolette Torcello, Kristen Retallick and Philippa Shaffer all know a good partnership when they trip over it

Collaboration values the visible

WHEN Nicolette Torcello started her job as a health promotion officer at Vision Initiative, her bosses told her that she would know a good project when she tripped over it.

Melbourne based Nicolette had been working in the Moira Shire through 2018 and 2019, seeking to raise awareness of early intervention and eye sight loss prevention.

On a wander through Nathalia trying to kill some time before a presentation at last year's senior citizens gala, Nicolette had a chance encounter with mosaic artist Veronica Kelly who led her to the Grainstore.

Nicolette told the *Leader* she knew then that she had just tripped over a great project.

"I found myself in this extraordinary space in the middle of Nathalia with a culture that is outside the mainstream way we usually spread our message, but is really ingrained in this community," she said.

"I saw an opportunity to marry the health message with an artistic approach, and to spread that message in a different way."

The Grainstore's Philippa Shaffer said that the Grainstore could immediately see the connection between vision and art.

"Art is all about seeing, and seeing in a different way, so a collaboration with Vision Initiative immediately interested us," she said.

The seeds for Making the Invisible Visible had been sown, and local artists began creating pieces on the theme, using whatever medium appealed.

Along the way to the exhibition's opening last

Thursday, Nicolette found herself discovering a previously dormant creative streak, and becoming inspired to create a photographic work and a Powerpoint presentation which are included in the exhibition.

Nicolette took part in the creation of the 3D map which was created through community workshops as part of the Grainstore's recent artist in residence program, *Marking the Nature of Things*, with artists Liz Walker and Avis Gardner.

"I had never taken part in something like that before and I found it really interesting and enjoyable, and I found myself channelling a natural creativity I wasn't really aware of," she said.

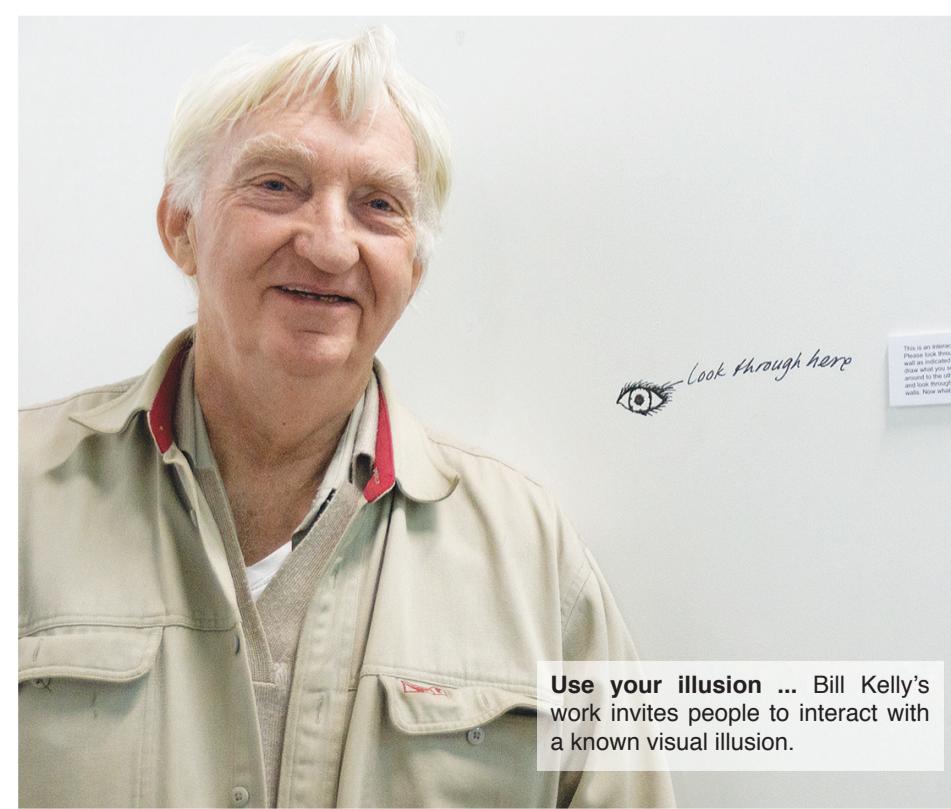
Ahead of the exhibition opening last Thursday, Nicolette presented an interactive session on eye high, increasing participants' knowledge of the human eye, and awareness of the importance of looking after your vision.

The exhibition features works in a range of media, including photography, drawing and ceramics.

One interactive piece, produced by local printmaker Bill Kelly, provides a practical demonstration of known visual illusion, the 'triangle illusion'.

Bill said that he was excited when he heard of plans to present *Making the Invisible Visible*.

"I've always been interested in visual perception so it's been lovely to be able to take part in this, and to have the opportunity to present a 3D take on visual illusion," he said.



The Numurkah Leader.
GOULBURN VALLEY FARMERS AND FRUIT GROWERS GAZETTE

100 years ago

This week in 1919 ...

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

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

A Stitch In Time—When discussing the thistle inspector's report at the council meeting on Tuesday (Mr Crozier had reported that he had had to put men on to three properties at a cost of £106), Cr. Campbell mentioned that last year it was said that there was one plant of a particular weed in a certain paddock. This year the result of allowing that plant to seed was shown, when it took a man three days to cut weeds that had sprung up. To have pulled out the weed in the first instance would probably have occupied half a minute—time that would have been well spent, as after events proved.

Omitted.—In our report of the Presbyterian flower show mention was omitted of the fact that Mrs H. J. Pearson gained the prize for champion rose. Mr R. Callander has taken exception to the incompleteness of our report of the function, and complains that due recognition was not given him for his prowess in guessing the nearest to the number of peas contained in a bottle. We regret the oversight, but would remind Mr Callander that "the talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well; and doing well whatever you do, without a thought of fame." This refers to the guessing of peas as well as to more important things.

Sheep Worried.—Mr J. F. DeLaRue has during the past few days had five sheep, valued at £8, worried by straying dogs, and in order to protect his property has laid poison in his paddocks. Owners of dogs are asked to take a note of this.

Electric Light Plant.—Tenders for the installation of an additional engine for use at the Numurkah power station was considered at the last meeting of the council. In two cases the engines could not be delivered for many weeks, but in a third delivery of a secondhand engine could be made almost immediately. It was decided to engage an expert to inspect the engine, consideration of the tenders being held over for two weeks to permit of his report being received. With the installation of a second engine the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs will terminate, for the "standby" engine will be capable of running for a full "shift" without personal attention.

Travelling Stock.—The continued spell of dry weather, and consequent shortage of feed, has impelled many stock-owners to graze their sheep flocks on the roads, and complaints of sheep breaking into paddocks and eating down the grass are numerous. The matter was mentioned at Tuesday's meeting of the shire council by Cr. J. H. Tuckett, and Cr. Moss said he knew of cattle and sheep that had not been travelled the required distance each day. He moved that the police be asked to see that the law was carried out. The motion was carried but councillors made it clear that they were aiming only at those owners who had deliberately set out to "eat out the roads," not caring whether their stock got into paddocks.

Lost Bicycle.—The owner of a bicycle taken from the front of the Numurkah Motor Garage desires its immediate return, in order to save unpleasantness. The loss has been reported to the police.

Nathalia.—An exciting bolt took place on Thursday evening last. A horse harnessed in a gig, in which was seated a young lady, bolted from the Bridge Hotel across the bridge and up Elizabeth-street to the Victoria Bank corner, turned this and rounded the corner of Mr O'Brien's place and was eventually stopped near Mr I. R. Gracey's cordial factory. The young lady was screaming her hardest, the reins were dangling on the ground, and when she came to the second turn she jumped and escaped uninjured. There was no damage to horse and vehicle.

There are two changes taking place in our hotel businesses, the licensee of the Bridge Hotel, Mr Reilly, having sold his interest to Mrs Gray, who desires to get back among old friends; and the licensee of the Court House, Mr Edwards, having sold his interest to Mr Draper, hailing from Melbourne.

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MEETINGS

NUMURKAH & DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE INC.
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Wednesday, 29 May, 2019
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DEATHS

CACCIANIGA — Leonard Jeffrey 30.1.1927 — 14.5.2019

Late of Numurkah (formerly of Strathmerton) passed away peacefully at Goulburn Valley Health, Shepparton. Loving husband of Margaret for 66 years; Dad and father-in-law of Brian, Kevin, Graeme and Pam, Wendy, Debbie and Peter. Grandpa to 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

There is a family who will miss you dearly, In the home where you used to be. This life and love you shared with us, Will live for eternity.

TREASURED MEMORIES

HARPER — Ian Anthony. 1.9.1936 - 14.5.2019 Peacefully at home. *Privately cremated.*

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HOLMES — Douglas Edward. We are saddened by the loss of our dear friend, neighbour and saviour in times of snake, possum and chimney fire emergencies. Our thoughts are with Glenice and her family at this time. Sincere condolences from Mark, Caroline and family.

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BROWN — Noel Walter. 28.6.1933 ~ 14.5.2019 Late of Wunghnu.

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Noel's funeral service was held yesterday at the Numurkah Lawn Cemetery Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

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HOLMES — Douglas Edward 29.8.1928 — 17.6.2019

Late of Numurkah, passed away at Karinya.

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*Sadly missed by all of us.
Rest in Peace, you deserve it*



HOLMES — Doug. The Numurkah Football Netball Club would like to offer their sincere condolences to Craig, Andrea, Laura, Jarrod, Alistair and the extended Holmes Family, on the passing of Doug Holmes.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



HOLMES — Doug. President and members of the Numurkah Lions Club and Lions Ladies regret the passing of our charter member Douglas Holmes. Our condolences to Glenice and family.

FUNERAL NOTICES

CACCIANIGA — A Service to celebrate the life of Mr. Leonard "Len" Caccianiga will be held at the Numurkah Uniting Church, Quinn Street, Numurkah, TODAY, May 22, 2019 commencing at 1.00 p.m. after which the cortège will leave for the Numurkah Lawn Cemetery.

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M c K E N Z I E
(Kilmister) — Margaret Joyce

17.8.1917 ~ 15.5.2019

In her 102nd year
Peacefully at Banawah Nursing Home. Loving wife of John (dec.), loving mother and mother-in-law of Barbara (dec.), Graeme and Lorraine, David, Diane (dec.), and Cheryl, Will and Lyn. Dearly loved grandma to her grandchildren, step grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

May the winds of love blow softly And whisper for you to hear That we will love and remember you And forever keep you near.

Joyce's funeral was held at Nathalia on Monday, May 20, 2019.

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HOLMES — A service to celebrate the life of Mr. Doug Holmes will be held in the gardens of Holmes Estate, 226 Melville Road, Numurkah, on Friday, May 24, 2019, commencing at 1pm, followed by interment at the Numurkah General Cemetery.

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WEDNESDAY'S EDITION

Girls' standing ovation for Barry

by "Archie Bunker"

WITH the Numurkah golf course in fantastic condition for the second round of the club championship on Saturday, there was only one nett score in the sixties.

Barry "The Coach" Pruden handled the slick greens well to finish with 68 nett and win the day's A grade voucher.

Barry is good at giving out advice to anyone who will listen, but after his good round, perhaps we should start taking notes.

A couple of years ago, Barry was humorously appointed as the Ladies' Liaison Officer, a job which he takes quite seriously, and he received a standing ovation from the women as he made his way up to collect his winnings.

Runner-up to Barry was Dylan Grandell, three shots behind with a 74/71 nett.

B grade was decided by a countback on 70 nett, with Jack Hepworth finishing ahead of Hugh Gunn.

Jack has been playing good golf of late, in both the Thursday and Saturday competitions, while Hughie doesn't hit the ball long, but spends most of his time in the middle of the fairways.

Down the line balls went to Pierre Klaessen and Chris Hicks on 70 nett, Geoff Stone and Allan Newby on 71s, and Bill Green and Peter Stonehouse on 72s.

Then followed Mitch Grandell, Ian Hannaford, Stephen Piggott, Colin Rankin and Kerry Collins on 73 nett, while John Smith, Ian Clark and David Ludington rounded out the ball winners with 74s.

Nearest the pins went to Dean Toy on the fourth, David Booth on seven, John Smith on 15 and Andrew Storer on 18.

There were a few nominations for the ears, but it was Steve Piggott wearing them at presentations after having had four three putts. Steve also got a bit confused by hitting off on the back nine, and only noticing after five holes that he had marked his card on the wrong side.

With a disappointing round of 76 in the second round of the club championships, Andrew Storer dropped one shot off his lead, his 147 now two shots ahead of Dylan Grandell and Matt Sellars. Mitch Grandell is a further shot behind on 149, but David Booth dropped out of the race with an 88 that included three out of bounds.

Robbie Sutton leads B grade with 168 shots, two ahead of John Smith, while Hugh Gunn is two ahead of Ian Clark in C grade, with Geoff Stone and Chris Hicks in hot pursuit.

This Saturday will be the third of four rounds of the club championships.



Blocker ... Last Tuesday's winners Ian Londey and Lois Lowe, watched by opponent Barb McKeown (centre).

End of season nigh

A GOOD roll-up of players enjoyed last Tuesday's golf croquet social day in close to perfect conditions.

Lois Lowe and Ian Londey teamed up well, finishing as winners after three games, winning all their games and finishing with 26 hoops.

Heather Brown and Graeme Tyack were a very close second, also winning their three games but finishing one hoop down, with 25/25.

Hoops-in-one were run by Sue Edis and Lyn Hughes, while the men dominated the jump shots this week with David Geddes, Ian Londey and Kevin Hansen all making one.

Beginning at 10am this Thursday is the last of the club's coaching sessions for the time being.

Rhonda Geddes has been appointed golf croquet captain for 2019/2020 season, her appointment made at the committee meeting held last week.

The current season finishes on Tuesday, May 29, but golf croquet will continue to be played on Tuesday mornings in a much more casual way. Play usually starts at 9.30am, uniforms are not required, but warm coats and beanies are nearly always needed. No scores or aggregates are kept.

This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in trying croquet to have a game in a very relaxed atmosphere. Previously known as the Chilly Chicks, the club is now looking for a more inclusive name, as half the players are men. Any suggestions would be most welcome.

Big win for Nathalia

AFTER moving into second place with a good win in round two, Katamatite suffered a very big loss to Nathalia in round three of the Numurkah indoor bowls competition.

Waaia continued its unbeaten run, with a 9-1 win over Senior Citizens, and reigning premier Strathmerton got back on the winners' list, and into the top four, with a good win over bottom side Wunghnu.

The final game saw Barooga take an 8-2 win over Shamrock.

RESULTS

Strathmerton 10/56 lt Wunghnu 0/32. R. Clarke 22 d N. Barnes 19; T. Haynes 34 d D. O'Connor 13.

Nathalia 10/67 d Katamatite 0/27. B. Hutchins 35 d M. Nordby 16; F. Hutchins 32 d C. Owen 11.

Shamrock 2/36 lt Barooga 8/54. T. Bullock 15 lt I. Swain 38; M. Young 21 d H. Quinn 16.

Senior Citizens 1/42 lt Waaia 9/55. L. Addison 15 lt S. van Taarling 28; B. Seymour 27 drew S. Cleeland 27.

LADDER

Waaia 29 +61; Nathalia 20 +67; Katamatite 20 -9; Strathmerton 18 +6; Barooga 16 +20; Shamrock 12 0; Senior Citizens 5 -38; Wunghnu 0 -107.

FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

MFL

Interleague, May 18: Murray v Wimmera

Murray FL 5.7, 11.12, 16.16, 18.19 (127)

Wimmera FNL 5.7, 11.12, 16.16, 18.19 (127)

GOALS, Murray: N. Hicks 3, L. Moore 2, B. Bell 2, D. Schaper, H. Hosking, C. Hickford, T. McCarthy, M. Herlihy. Wimmera: S. Jasper 3, L. Fisher 3, D. Roberts 3, J. Peters 2, J. O'Beirne 2, T. Mills 2, c. schache, R. Parker, B. Carter.

BEST, Murray: M. Herlihy, L. Moore, Z. Brain, N. Denahy, C. Ilett, B. Sawyer. Wimmera: C. Schache, L. Fisher, J. McGrath, S. Jasper, D. Roberts

NEXT WEEK

Round 7, May 25: Moama v Mulwala; Deniliquin v Tungamah; Katandra v Echuca United; Nathalia v Barooga; Numurkah v Congupna; Cobram v Tongala.

PFL

SENIORS

Katunga 1.1, 7.6, 9.9, 16.14 (110)

Jerilderie 4.4, 4.5, 5.6, 7.7 (49)

GOALS, Katunga: Dylan Sidebottom 7, Mitchell Jones 3, Clint Phillips 2, Rhys Wallace 1, Mitchell Sidebottom 1, Tyler Dunn 1, Matthew John 1. Jerilderie: Bradley Parker 3, Jordan Anthony 3, Ned Beasley 1.

BEST, Katunga: Dylan Sidebottom, Mitchell Jones, Clint Phillips, Joshua Smith, Will Newman, Ethan Hodgkin. Jerilderie: James McRae, David Gregory, Nicholas Parker, Jye Holcombe, Peter Cochrane, Dylan Henery.

Deniliquin Rovers 6.3, 14.5, 21.10, 26.16 (172)

Tocumwal 1.3, 3.4, 3.6, 5.8 (38)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rovers: Ricki Waters 8, Allan Bond 3, Joshua Flight 3, Damian Hope 2, Raymond Murphy 2, Ryan Murray 1, Rhys McCulloch 1, Terry Lumbar 1, Andrew May 1, Scott Howard 1, Joseph Hay 1. Tocumwal: Keith Baron 2, Matthew Osborn 1, Dion Metzner 1, Sam Jenkins 1.

BEST, Deniliquin Rovers: Ricki Waters, Dylan May, Rhys McCulloch, Nathan Kerr, Andrew May. Tocumwal: Keith Baron, Matthew Osborn, Timothy Arklay, Zak Thomson, Drew Eddy, Dion Metzner.

Blyth 2.3, 4.9, 9.13, 12.14 (86)

Mathoura 3.3, 6.4, 6.6, 8.8 (56)

GOALS, Blyth: Brock Close 4, Judd Barnes 3, Darcy Morris 2, Beau Close 2, Kyel Bain 1. Mathoura: Jack Hughes 2, Jake Ellery 2, Darcy Robinson 1, Beau Dugan-Hulands 1.

BEST, Blyth: Brock Close, Tanner Robertson, Darcy Morris, Lachlan MacDonald, Jack Bennett, Beau Close.

Mathoura: Clay Poidevin, Earl Handy, Andrew Evans, Jesse Pridham, Samuel McHale.

Strathmerton 4.5, 10.11, 16.17, 23.22 (160)

Yarroweyah 1.0, 3.5, 5.6, 6.8 (44)

GOALS, Strathmerton: Travis Down 9, Tyron Hill 3, Zeko Bunge 3, Connor Hargreaves 2, Michael Laidlaw 2, Nathan McNair 1, Simon Russell 1, Brandon Duckworth 1, Brock Palmer 1. Yarroweyah: Louis Hill 4, Shaun Greenway 1, Stephen Marshall 1.

BEST, Strathmerton: Travis Down, Brock Palmer, Matthew O'Kane, Tyron Hill, Connor Hargreaves, Samuel Lewis. Yarroweyah: Nicholas Mende, Shaun Greenway, Keegan Oliver, Tim Atkins, Louis Hill, Cristofor Santoro.

Berrigan 7.5, 8.7, 10.12, 13.14 (92)

Katamatite 0.1, 1.2, 1.5, 6.6 (42)

GOALS, Berrigan: Edward (Ted) Walliss 4, Jake Beams 3, Ronald Harley Middleton 2, Angus Coldwell 1, Will Robinson 1, Jake Dalglish 1, Kyle McQualet 1. Katamatite: Aaryn Cormican 2, Jayson Bigg 2, Luke Riordan 2.

BEST, Berrigan: Adam Way, Tom Beams, Edward (Ted) Walliss, Jake Beams, Kyle McQualet, Will Robinson. Katamatite: Patrick Riordan, Brodie McDonald, Thomas Buzzza, Aaryn Cormican, Trent Steers, William McNamara.

Rennie 4.6, 7.9, 10.10, 14.13 (97)

Picola United 2.1, 6.1, 6.3, 12.4 (76)

GOALS, Rennie: Khrisopher Willett 4, Matthew McCabe 3, Craig Ednie 2, Chase Strawhorn 2, Duane Rhodes 1, Jack Welsh 1, Matthew Knight 1. Picola United: Lee Solar 4, Adam Jorgensen 4, Jordan Glanville 2, Blake Jorgensen 1, Tim Scadden 1.

BEST, Rennie: Jack Welsh, Jeremy Stevenson, Christopher Willett, Dean Bigger, Jack Kennedy, Craig Ednie. Picola United: Adam Jorgensen, Blake Jorgensen, Luke Jackson, Reagan Hamilton, Lee Solar, Daniel Atkinson.

RESERVES 3.2, 6.3, 8.3, 16.4 (100)

Katunga 1.0, 1.0, 2.4, 4.5 (29)

GOALS, Katunga: Brett Kimberley 7, Thomas Van De Berg 2, Jordan Simmons 2, Joshua Macfadyen 1, Zackery Leskie 1, Joshua Tetley 1, Michael John 1, Trent Corby 1. Jerilderie: not supplied.

BEST, Katunga: Shannon Bond, Lachlan Corby, Brett Kimberley, Josh Bale, Jordan Simmons. Jerilderie: not supplied.

Deniliquin Rovers 2.3, 9.5, 13.5, 14.11 (95)

Tocumwal 1.1, 2.1, 2.1, 2.1 (13)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rovers: Daniel Kirby 3, Lachlan Holschier 2, Rhys Thommers 2, Jordan Treble 1, Brayden Thomas 1, Jake Parsons 1, Riley Norris 1, Brock Ezard 1. Tocumwal: not supplied.

BEST, Deniliquin Rovers: Jordan Treble, Riley Draxl, Jayden Caniglia, Daniel Kirby, Lachlan Holschier, Jaycen Pattinson. Tocumwal: not supplied.

Blyth 4.5, 11.9, 14.10, 18.12 (120)

Mathoura 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 3.2 (20)

GOALS, Blyth: Daniel Kirchen 4, Ashley Bain 3, Aaron Litchfield 2, Brodie Bennett 2, Leigh Culton 2, Blake Charlton 1, Luke Charlton 1, Jhi Dudley 1, Darcy Webb 1. Mathoura: Keith Atkinson 2, Paul Walker 1.

BEST, Blyth: Jamie Shields, Leigh Culton, Blake Charlton, Daniel Kirchen. Mathoura: Wayne Phylard, Mark Eddy, Mark Fisher, Keith Atkinson, Scott Eddy, Jack Lothian.

Strathmerton 3.3, 6.15, 7.18 (60)

Yarroweyah 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.4 (10)

GOALS, Strathmerton: Tristan Lee-Madwick 3, John Lucci 2, Haydn Wyatt 1, Ryan Bury 1. Yarroweyah: Jake Henderson 1.

BEST, Strathmerton: Josh Beer, Adam Graham, Jacob Gillie, Greg Stephens, Christian Duhring, John Russo.

Yarroweyah: Jamie Jack, Mitchell Hill, Dayne Chapman, Lincoln Humphries, Samuel Mudge, Paul Iskov.

Berrigan 2.6, 4.10, 11.13, 17.14 (116)

Katamatite 0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 1.4 (10)

GOALS, Berrigan: Tyson Maret 5, Gerald Towler 4, Andrew Hawkins 2, Thomas Burns 2, Damon Ferguson 2, Ian Congdon 1, Matthew Eales 1. Katamatite: Jonathan Grant 1.

BEST, Berrigan: Kyle Hawker, Adam Fox, Daniel Hustwayte, Tyson Maret, Ian Congdon, Gerald Towler.

Katamatite: Jack Kelly, Jordan Dickie, Gus Van Tilborg, Joe Holt, Lachlan Cooper, Peter Connors.

Strathmerton 8.5, 16.8, 20.11, 28.16 (184)

Yarroweyah 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Strathmerton: Joshua Payne 8, Mitchell

Easden 4, Tyler Stephens 3, Cody Harris-Cunningham 3, Jayden Edgar 2, Jake Henderson 1, Harrison Barnes 1, Ethan Coghill-Lynam 1, Benjamin Lee-Madwick 1, Harry Spicer 1, Sid McNeill 1, Mitchell Obrien 1, Jaxon Webb 1.

BEST, Strathmerton: Mitchell Easden, Joshua Payne, Benjamin Lee-Madwick, Mitchell Obrien, Sid McNeill, Jai Stephens. Yarroweyah: Kepler Lukies, Finn Macauliffe, Ethan Brooks, Riley Bushby, Griffin Lawrence, Tristan Andrew.

Katamatite 1.0, 2.0, 4.0, 5.0 (30)

Berrigan 2.0, 3.1, 4.1, 4.3 (27)

GOALS, Katamatite: Mitchell Ward 4, Kaicha Crowe 1, Berrigan 2, Farron Ferguson 2, Farron Andrei Urrutia 1, Connor Taylor-titlow 1.

BEST, Katamatite: Mitchell Ward, Benjamin Macheda, Matthew Ward, Kaicha Crowe, Connor Langshaw, Adam Kennedy. Berrigan: Mathew Whelan, Darcy Pyle, Hamish Cameron, Liam Brown, Benjamin Ackerly, Jack Stie.

Rennie 3.5, 9.6, 14.9, 16.11 (107)

Picola United 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Picola United: Cooper Lonergan 3, Luke Slattery 2, Zac Forge 2, Fraser Bennett 2, Jack Bassett 1, Dominic McInnes 1, Beau Binks 1, Ben Kennedy 1, Nate Williams 1, Samuel Bigger 1, Joe Lee-Conway 1.

BEST, Rennie: Cooper Lonergan, Max O'Bryan, Joe Lee-Conway, Axel Doherty, Fraser Bennett, Zac Forge, Picola United: Kayden Atkinson, Jason Beckett, William Dargan, Zac McKenzie, Jye Hamilton, Logan Daniel.

GOLKICKING 1.0, 2.0, 4.0, 5.0 (30)

GOALS, Rennie: Cooper Lonergan 3, Luke Slattery 2, Zac Forge 2, Fraser Bennett 2, Jack Bassett 1, Dominic McInnes 1, Beau Binks 1, Ben Kennedy 1, Nate Williams 1, Samuel Bigger 1, Joe Lee-Conway 1.

Bowlers top golfers

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

THREE summer-time lawn bowlers dominated the winners' circle in last Thursday's mid week event at Numurkah Golf Club.

Allan Newby finished in top spot with 39 stableford points, just a whisker ahead of Jack Dell on 38 and Steve Piggott 37.

Other players who received a club ball for their score were: John Trimble 37, Alf Patman and Neville Smith 36, Ron Smith, John Smith, Hugh Gunn and Barry Pruden 35, Roy Peterson, Allan Rogers, plus Les Summerville 34, Peter Stonehouse 33.

A cool, calm and collected Ray Falla won the confectionery with the lowest score of 21 points!

Steve Piggott's accuracy enabled him to win the GMCU sponsored ball for nearest the pin on the 169 metre fourth hole. Jack Dell happily collected the player's \$39 sweep money on the seventh hole for being closest to the flag. Geoff Stone deftly strung two accurate shots together to take Dennis and Roy's sponsored ball on the 14th, while Graeme 'Doggy' Sprunt saved himself more dollars when, once again, no player could land on the 15th green. Alf Patman received a ball from Pruden's Carpentry for the best shot to the 18th.

The greens continue to run at lightning speed, as do the fairways, though it must be said that the course, like the Numurkah area itself, could do with further rainfall.

Why not join us this Thursday? Assemble at the clubhouse at 9.30am for a 10 o'clock hit off. Visitors and guests are most welcome.

Jack best of the vets

JACK Hepworth had the best result of any of the local golfers who ventured to Rich River Golf Club on Monday for the GV veteran golfers' monthly competition.

Despite a little sprinkle of rain that fell during the first few holes, the 101 golfers enjoyed the conditions as the temperature climbed to a pleasant 19°C.

Jack finished his round on the east course with 39 stableford points, to finish runner-up in A grade, losing a countback to Hill Top's John Keller.

Neville Winch from Shepparton comfortably won B grade, with 39 points, from Will Mason, Mooroopna, on 36 points.

Only 36 points was needed to win C grade, going to Deniliquin golfer Laurie Hughes, on a countback from John Burrows, Valley View.

Nearest the pin was contested on the short 16th hole, with Trevor Price, Parklands, successful in A grade, Geoff Partington, Numurkah, in B grade, and Dick Maloney, Nathalia, in C grade.

Balls went to Stephen Piggott, Philip Jarvis, John Fanning, Pooch McHale, Graham Peat, Vin Edwards, Dennis Koik, Joel Watson, Bernard O'Hare, John Trimble, Darryl Sheridan, Laurie Stewart, Kevin Taylor, Cory Liefing, Peter Lahiff, Gerald Pennefather, Len Adams, David Shiells, Allan Newby, Tony Ciavarella, Max Ryder, John Metcalf, Walter Tink, Max Dawber, Bill Waite, Tom Martin, Ian Clark (Kyabram), Ross Kirkham, Bill Holyman, Ian Scurrah, Bruce Whebell, Doug Barber.

The association's next regular event will be at Merigum Golf Club, on Monday, June 3, 9.30am assembly, for a 10am tee time.

Tuneful win for Sandy

by "The Shankster"

WHILE Tracey Clouston was increasing her lead in the Numurkah Golf Club's women's club championship on Saturday, Sandy Trimble was merrily on her way to a great nett score to win the day's event.

On a perfect, warm day, Sandy's 71 nett was a good score considering the slick greens the greens staff had prepared to test all contenders.

The ever-consistent Lauris Ashton won a countback from Nola Dalton, just a shot behind Sandy, on 72 nett. Helen Schmedje and Robyn Hodgkin both came in with 73s, while Kath Hepworth and Liz Dell rounded out the ball winners on 74s.

The women managed to snare all four nearest the pin balls, in a terrific, but unusual, effort. Helen Schmedje won the ball on the fourth hole, Lauris Ashton won the seventh, Margot McGrath had a nice shot to the 15th, and Karen Harper hit a good one to the 18th.

With scratch rounds of 81 and 82, Tracey Clouston increased her four shot lead by one more in the championship event, now leading by five shots from reigning champion Nola Dalton, with 85 and 83.

With a terrific 89 in round one, Karen Harper leads B grade by three shots from Robyn Hodgkin, and Norma Cullum has a nine shot lead in C grade.

Nola's consistency on the course has her in the lead in the nett championship, three shots ahead of Liz Dell, and one more ahead of Bev McIntosh, but there are probably a myriad of players who could win this one, when the final round is played today.

Last Wednesday's golf was a bit more relaxed, with pairs playing a two person am-brose event on a beautiful, sunny day.

Felicity Booth and Tracey Clouston finished a big five and a half shots ahead of their nearest rivals to win the day, with 65.25 nett.

Helen Schmedje and Robyn Hodgkin were runners-up with 70.75

Tracey was obviously in good form, hitting the ball straight, winning both nearest the pin prizes, including the cake hole seventh, for a Telegraph Hotel voucher.

Monday's pennant was mostly played in drizzling rain, and the division one girls would have been happy that their pennant was at Numurkah and, hence, they had the bye.

But the divvy two side headed out in the rain at Shepparton, and made it all worthwhile with a 5-0 win over Tocumwal.

Robyn Hodgkin completed an undefeated season, taking a 5/4 victory this week, the same score as Helen Schmedje. Bev McIntosh won 4/3, Bev Hutchins won 4/2, and Karen Harper, in her first ever game of singles pennant, went all the way to the last hole to finish two up.

Numurkah sits on top of the ladder, but only by default, being the only team to have played all four rounds so far, and having the bye next week.

Shepparton, the only team the Numurkah girls have fallen to, sits in second place, but on the same points, so a win next week, over fourth-placed Cobram-Barooga, will give it the flag, while the Numurkah girls serve up lunch and hope for an upset. Even so, Shep-

parton would only need to win two matches to secure the pennant win.

The division one side is also in a precarious position, but the women have their destiny in their own hands, when they meet the only other undefeated side in the competition, Cobram-Barooga, next week in the final round at Ky Valley View.

Today's golf will conclude the club championships, but the Saturday nett championships will continue on the weekend. This is a best three from four rounds event, so anyone with even one round under the belt will still be eligible, if they can make it for the next two weekends. Saturday will also be a Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal round, with the sponsors' shirt on offer.

Next Wednesday will be a stableford round, with a draw for playing partners at 9.15am for a 9.30am hit off.



Happy golfer ... Sandy Trimble handled the quick greens on the Numurkah golf course well on Saturday to win the day's event.

Lou leads Fritz Schmidt

THE Numurkah Small Bore Club held its monthly Fritz Schmidt handicap night last Thursday, with Lou Cook leading the way in the 20 metre benchrest event, with 200.5.

Rod Hill had the best score in 20 metre prone with 199.13, and Shayne Rosemeier topped 50 metre prone with 198.5

SCORES

20 metre benchrest:

L. Cook 195.5, C. Saxton 192.1, S. Clark 191.2, B. Braybon 190.3, J. Matys 190.2, C. Saxton 190.2, E. Ryan 187.2.

20 metre prone: L. Braybon 98.5 99.1 197.6, R. Hill 96.5 99.8 195.13, G. Braybon 96.4 93.5 189.9, Al Lee 94.0 95.4

189.4, Al Gibbon 94.3 94.2 188.5, H. O'Brien 95.1 93.2 188.3.

50 metre prone: T. Braybon 95.3 96.2 191.5, D. Cook 94.1 96.2 190.3, B. Sneddon 96.5 93.2 189.7, S. Rosemeier 93.3 91.2 184.5, J. Smith 64.0 86.0 150.0.

There will be shooting as usual at Numurkah tomorrow night.

NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

MNL

Interleague - : Murray v Wimmera

Murray 51 d Wimmera 50

BOC: Tessa Bruni (Murray)

NEXT WEEK

Round 7 - May 25: Moama v Mulwala; Deniliquin v Tungamah; Katandra v Echuca United; Nathalia v Barooga; Numurkah v Congupna; Cobram v Tongala.

PNL

A GRADE

Berrigan 35 def Katamatite 45
Blighty 27 def by Mathoura 38
Deni Rovers 41 def Tocumwal 37
Katunga 42 def Jerilderie 19
Rennie 55 def Picola United 45

Strathmerton 55 def Yarroweyah 30

LADDER

P B W D L F A Pts %

Strathmerton

6 0 6 0 0 1 305 214 20 142.52

Katamatite

5 1 5 0 0 2 236 172 20 137.21

Deni Rovers

6 0 5 0 1 237 177 20 133.9

Tocumwal

5 1 4 0 1 232 168 16 138.1

Picola United

6 0 4 0 2 305 231 16 132.03

Katunga

6 0 4 0 2 260 215 16 120.93

Waaia

5 1 3 0 2 226 176 12 128.41

Rennie

6 0 2 0 4 242 271 8 89.3

Mathoura

5 1 2 0 3 172 206 8 83.5

Berrigan

6 0 1 0 5 204 245 4 83.27

Yarroweyah

5 1 1 0 4 145 248 4 58.47

Jerilderie

5 1 0 0 5 168 256 0 65.63

Blighty

6 0 0 0 6 142 295 0 48.14

LADDER

P B W D L F A Pts %

Berrigan

6 0 6 0 0 1 410 154 24 266.23

Mathoura

5 1 5 0 0 1 199 115 20 173.04

Deni Rovers

6 0 5 0 1 236 217 20 108.76

Waaia

5 1 4 0 1 268 157 16 170.7

Katunga

6 0 4 0 2 235 163 16 144.17

Picola United

6 0 3 0 3 191 245 12 77.96

Jerilderie

5 1 2 0 3 153 159 8 96.23

Rennie

6 0 2 0 4 206 217 8 94.93

Tocumwal

5 1 2 0 3 153 221 8 69.23

6 0 1 0 5 169 234 4 72.22

Blighty

5 1 1 0 4 142 238 4 59.66

Katamatite

5 1 0 1 4 100 190 2 52.63

Strathmerton

6 0 0 1 5 91 243 2 37.45

C GRADE

Berrigan 88 def Katamatite 23

Blighty 16 def by Mathoura 46

Deni Rovers 42 def Tocumwal 36

Katunga 45 def Jerilderie 26

Rennie 32 def by Picola United 42

Strathmerton 19 drew Yarroweyah 19

P B W D L F A Pts %

Berrigan

6 0 6 0 0 1 351 138 24 254.35

Blighty

6 0 5 0 1 242 163 20 148.47

Deni Rovers

6 0 5 0 1 254 180 20 141.11

Mathoura

5 1 4 0 2 228 162 16 140.74

Tocumwal

5 1 4 0 1 216 155 16 139.35

Jerilderie

5 1 2 0 3 170 212 8 80.19

Deni Rovers

6 0 1 0 4 195 261 6 74.71

Tocumwal

Good win for Bulldogs

STRATHMERTON'S A graders battled through a warm day on the netball court to come away with a solid 25 goal win over Yarroweyah.

The three juniors in the side made it on court together in the last quarter, showing their maturity and strength on the court.

Grace Thomson was consistent for four quarters, patiently feeding the ball into the goalers in their 55-30 win.

Defensively, the Bulldogs had to work hard, but they started getting hands to the ball and turning it over more in the second half, and these opportunities were quickly converted into goals.

While the Bulldogs are going from strength to strength each week, they can only improve with a full side coming together in the coming weeks.

They will need all the strength they can muster this weekend, though, when they meet the top side, Katamatite, at Katamatite.

Awards: Strathy Pub: Amy Carter; Subway: Alyssa Crestani; Strathy Cafe; Pizza: Jordyn Lee-Madgwick.

B GRADE

Strathmerton's B grade side managed to take its first win for the season, defeating an also winless Yarroweyah side.

The Bulldogs played a great first half, they came out wanting the ball, and that showed on the scoreboard.

While they dropped off in the second half, tiring in the day's heat, Yarroweyah closed the gap a little, but Strathy held on for an 11 goal win, 43-32.

Great defence from Rachael Olson and Joy Maher saw constant pressure applied to their opposition, which resulted in turnovers that were then worked down to the court to Jess Bailey in the goal ring.

Awards: Jess Bailey, Rachael Olson, Joy Maher.

C GRADE

The bottom two C grade sides met

and played an exciting game that ended in a 19-all draw.

The Strathy girls were happy with the improvement in their game over the past couple of weeks, starting to find their game and put pressure on their opponents.

Their defence was outstanding, working tirelessly whenever the ball was in Yarroweyah's attack.

Awards: BOC mug: Chloe Wells; Strathy Pub: Imelda Padman; Ambiance Bakery: Caitlin Bailey.

C RESERVE

Katunga's C reserve side battled out a tough, hard-fought win over Yarroweyah.

The Swans all backed each other, and took their time when needed, to take victory 30-24.

Awards: BOC Strathy Pub: Amy Duhring; Strathy Cafe Pizza: Jodi Brooke; Subway: Shelly Shannon.

17 UNDER

A deb ball on Friday night could have played havoc with Strathy's under 17s' performance but, despite some very tired girls on the court,

the Bulldogs kept their unbeaten record intact with a terrific win.

Strathy got off to a great start, and then relished having such a versatile team to change up and swap around.

Jordyn Lee-Madgwick starred as usual, while Gabby Cochran and Liv Brincatt pulled in many terrific intercepts in the mid court.

The top of the ladder Bulldogs have a few tough games coming up, beginning with second placed Tocumwal at Tocumwal this weekend.

Awards: Wingates: Jordyn Lee-Madgwick; Strathy Cafe: Olivia Brincatt; Subway: Gabby Cochran.

15 UNDER

The Strathmerton under 15s came out firing on Saturday, scoring nine goals to nil in the first quarter.

Even making some changes at the first break failed to upset the girls, who adapted quickly and worked together as a team to win 30-10.

This Saturday the eighth placed Bulldogs will meet Tocumwal, which sits just ahead of them on

the ladder, in what should be a tight contest, as both teams try to notch up their third win.

Awards: Subway: Tahlia Woodland; Strathy Cafe Pizza: Emily Orsida; iTunes voucher: Taryn Miller; \$5: Kiara Deverill.

13 UNDER

The under 13s set themselves goals, took to the court with the right frame of mind and had a fantastic win, 21-0.

The girls are really starting to settle into the team, and stuck to their goals on Saturday. They are backing each other and looking for the best options.

Awards: Strathy Cafe Pizza: Amy Wyatt; Canteen: Akina Bono.

MINIS

The youngest pups played a great game, with the older girls helping out the younger ones.

Paiton Coghill was amazing, rebounding goals like they practised at training.

Awards: \$5: Paiton Coghill; Strathy Cafe: Maddie Shannon.



Early fun ... Tomasina Ventre appeared to be enjoying the first quarter of her C grade game, but may not have been so light-hearted as the game drew closer to its drawn conclusion.

Good win for Swan netballers

KATUNGA'S A grade netballers got off to a slow start on Saturday, but still found a way to victory over a still winless Jerilderie side.

The Swans' game was pretty at times, but Mel Malloy put in a very strong defensive effort to lead her side to a 42-19 victory.

It was a good week for Katunga, with only the under 15s side going down.

The Swans will enjoy the bye this week, before coming up against bottom side Blighty on June 1.

Awards: AgBioEn: Mel Malloy; ND Services: Rach Howden.

B GRADE

The top of the ladder Katunga B grade side posted an easy victory over Jerilderie on Saturday, winning 61-21.

Following next week's bye, the Swans will meet fifth placed Blighty in a hope of keeping their unbeaten record intact.

Awards: KSG Fuel: Tracey Salter; Numurkah Pharmacy: Kate Morris.

C GRADE

The game between the fifth and sixth placed teams on the C grade ladder failed to live up to expectations, as Katunga strolled to a 17 goal victory.

Despite the scoreline, the game was a tough contest, and every member of the Katunga team fought hard to bring home the 45-28 win.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Gabby John; Fitness 3636: Kate Mansfield.

C RESERVE

A few positional changes at half time saw Katunga's C reserve team take a terrific, 21 goal win over Jerilderie.

Better decisions from the Swans saw the Swans come away with the 36-15 win.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Kirsten Rogers; Fitness 3636: Lisa Browning.

15 UNDER

The Katunga under 15s came up against a strong Jerilderie side, with a very tall shooter.

While the Swans fought hard for every ball, sometimes their passes let them down, and Jerilderie took victory 29-15.

Awards: Ten Pin Bowling: Bella Sefton; Reapers Hair & Beauty: Sophie Kelly; Arbonne: Sophie Kennedy.

13 UNDER

Defying Jerilderie's superior position on the ladder, the under 13 girls took a great eight goal win over the visiting opposition.

The Swans' game is starting to come together, and their passing on Saturday was terrific.

Awards: Canteen: Rahni Garner; Cold Rock: Keely Sprunt; Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Jasmin Thompson.

11 UNDER

The under 11s played another nice game against a very good side. The Swans put in some great mid court play, but need to keep working hard on their leading and passes.

Awards: Canteen: Ruby Hickey; Cold rock: Marli Salter; Nutrimetics: Millie Beverley.



Still on top ... Tracey Salter looks for a way into the goal circle.

Picola drops down the ladder

PICOLA got off to a slow start in its A grade netball game against Rennie on Saturday, and never recovered, suffering a disappointing loss.

The Blues put in a good last quarter, but it wasn't enough to make up the deficit, and they went down by 10 goals, 45-55.

The loss sees Picola slip from second place on the Picola league ladder to fifth place.

Awards: Nathalia Post Office: Emily Atkinson; Brereton's Bakery: Georgia Walton.

B GRADE

After a great first half of netball, Picola's B graders started to tire in the heat late in the second quarter, and the Blues went down 25-49.

The Blues made some great efforts right across the game, but Rennie proved the better side on the day and ran away with the game in the second half.

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

C GRADE

The clash between the seventh and eighth placed teams on the ladder proved a good one for Picola, with the lower placed Blues taking a 10 goal victory.

The Blues fought hard in the heat to take the win 42-32.

Ash Mannion made some great leads and applied terrific defensive pressure, while Margot Craig worked hard and shot many goals.

Awards: Foott Waste Solutions: Ashleigh Mannion; Club dinner: Margot Craig.

C RESERVE

Despite going down by 33 goals, the C reserve players were happy with their efforts against the top side.

The important thing was the positive new approach they took into each quarter, despite eventually going down 47-14.

Mel Szakal's positivity and constant talk on the court was a real boost to the team, and Emilee Azzopardi took so many great intercepts with her never-give-up attitude.

Awards: Casual Step: Mel Szakal; Club dinner: Emilee Azzopardi.

17 UNDER

After receiving a forfeit the previous weekend, the under 17 girls were keen to get back on the court, and played their way to a terrific win, 46-30.

The defenders really shone out on the court on Saturday, getting lots of intercepts and rebounds. Good talk down the court, and some great plays into the goal circle took them onto the 16 goal victory.

Awards: Power Livestock: Violet Cooper; Barmah Social Club: Tess Walton.

15 UNDER

The under 15s knew they were in for a tough game, up against the top side, but tried their hardest in their 13-48 defeat.

The young Blues need more talk on the court, and to be making stronger leads.

Awards: Birth Earthmoving: Maizie Hawks; Barmah Social Club: Keisha Hitchins.

13 UNDER

The Blues under 13s fought hard the whole game and recorded a 17-17 draw against a team a few places higher than them on the ladder.

The attacking end of the court worked much better, making good space, while the defenders worked tirelessly all day.

Awards: Baxter Family medallion: Jordan Florence; Barmah Social Club: Jorja Langley.

MINIS

The under 11s are beginning to show what great netballers they are. The youngsters all really listened to the coach's feedback, and played an excellent second half, defensive wise.

Awards: Intersports Bennett's: Amy Caldwell; PUFNC: Grace Morgan.

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Picola feels the Blues on winless Saturday

PICOLA United once again has fallen to Rennie, with the Blues going down in the 2018 Picola & District Football League grand final rematch by 21 points at Rennie.

Rennie kicked out to a two goal advantage by the end of the first quarter, but Picola came roaring back into contention, taking advantage of its scoring opportunities with an efficient 6.1.37, contrasting Rennie's wasteful output of 7.9.51 by the half time interval.

Rennie though, showed exactly why it's the reigning premier, in the third quarter, keeping Picola to just two points while booting three goals of its own to open up a 41 point lead heading into the final term.

Picola managed to boot six goals in the final quarter to give the Hoppers a bit of a scare, but the home side's four goals was enough to cap off the 14.13.97 to 12.4.76 Rennie win.

Picola's Lee Solar and Adam Jorgensen both kicked four goals and were among the side's best players, and their form will hopefully fuel the side to bounce back this week against a side that has registered just one win for the season thus far, Yarraweah.

Picola currently sits seventh on the PDFL ladder, having gotten off to a disappointing 2-4 start to the year, but a win this week could kickstart the Blues towards a deep run into the finals.

Awards: DMH Plumbing and Barmah Hotel: Adam Jorgensen, Blake St Butchery: Blake Jorgensen, Brereton's Bakery: Luke Jackson, Limo's Hardware: Regan Hamilton.

RESERVES

Short on players and requiring under 17s players to pull a double shift, Picola's reserves suffered a big loss

on Saturday, going down to second placed Rennie 2.1.13 to the Hoppers' 17.6.108.

Picola managed just a single behind in the opening quarter, allowing Rennie to open up a 25 point advantage that it would use to launch towards a considerable lead and victory.

Five goals to Rennie in the second term drowned out any celebrations for Picola's maiden major of the contest, with the 50 point lead painting a harrowing picture for the young Blues side.

Picola managed to put in a solid showing during the third quarter, kicking another goal while keeping Rennie to just three majors, but five goals in the final quarter, while being kept scoreless, put a thankful full stop on the big loss.

Picola is seventh on the ladder following the loss, equal on 12 points with Blighty, Deniliquin Rovers and Maitoura.

Awards: Nathalia Fertilizer & Grain and Echuca Frozen Food: Jarrod Norman, Brereton's Bakery: Chris Ferguson, Minchin Mechanics: Lachie Newman, Numans Echuca: Rhys Egan.

UNDER 17s

Picola's winless start to the club's under 17s season continued on Saturday, falling victim to second placed Rennie 0.1.1 to 13.20.98.

A scoreless first half saw Rennie's 22 point quarter time lead blow up into a 52 point advantage by the time of the long break, and things only got worse for the Blues thereafter.

The side, forced to use a number of under 14s players to flesh out the numbers, were out-muscled, overrun and beaten handily on the day to trail



En pointe ...
Lachlan Harvey-Hawkins sends the ball forward.

by 80 points heading into the fourth and final quarter.

Rennie's final two goals capped off the big win and kept Picola last among the teams that have managed to field a side in the grade this year, sitting 11th with a percentage of 15.12%.

The Blues take on fourth placed Tocumwal this week and will hope to bounce back strongly after the big defeat.

Awards: Dove Motors and Lubke Engineering: Seth Bailey, Barmah Social Club: Clay Stevens, TJ's: Connor Langley, Nathalia Hair & Beauty: Clay Ste-

vens.

UNDER 14s

Heading into the top of the table clash against Rennie, Picola's under 14s lined up hoping that it could take the reins of the competition as the only undefeated side after six rounds, but Rennie's bigger bodies had other ideas.

Rennie soared to a huge 107 point blowout victory, keeping Picola scoreless for the game's entirety.

Picola simply had no answers for Rennie, which dominated from the get-go to kick out to a 10 goal lead by the end

of the first half.

Picola's young players never gave in, but the Hoppers' ability shone through and the side slammed through another seven goals in the second half to finalise an emphatic 16.11.107 to 0.0.0 win.

Picola takes on sixth placed Tocumwal this week, with hopes it can put the tough day of football behind it.

Awards: Power Livestock and Barnet Family: Kayden Atkinson, Better Bite Barmah: Jason Beckett, Barmah Social Club: Will Dargan, Al's Café: Logan Daniel.

Saints out-muscle Angels

HAVING suffered a big loss to Echuca the previous week, Nathalia's women's football team fell short in its mission to bounce back against Benalla, falling to the Saints 4.2.26 to 6.4.40 on Sunday.

While Benalla got off to a decent start, kicking away to a 14 point lead by the end of the first quarter, the Purples responded with gusto in the second term.

Nathalia kept the Saints to just a single point and closed the gap to just three points.

The halftime break though, gave Benalla a chance to catch its breath and regroup, and the Saints regained the ascendancy and restored a 13 point advantage.

Despite Abby Favaro booting two goals for the Purples, taking her tally to 12 from three games, Nathalia lacked the firepower to overrun the Saints and eventually went down by 14 points.

Nathalia currently sits in third position on the MBCM Northern Country Women's League ladder, but has a chance to close the gap between ladder leader Echuca, second placed Shepparton and itself this week against Mooroopna.

Awards: B.O.G. Mug: Ellen Pinnuck, Brereton's Bakery: Sarah Bruce, Cheeky Cidery Co: Tegan Sutton, Bridge Hotel: Gemma Hawks, Casual Step: Michelle Cobbleck, NWR Communications: Olivia Checkley.

NORTHERN ANGELS

Northern Angels suffered its biggest loss of the year on Sunday, falling victim to the Saints by 90 points at Nathalia Recreation Reserve.

The Angels and Saints did battle, but it was clear that despite the home side's best efforts, the visiting side was well and truly ahead on the day.

Northern Angels registered just one goal for the day, via Olivia Cicolini, while the Saints ran rampant on their way to a big 15.12.102 to 1.6.12 win.

The Angels will hope to bounce back this week against Mooroopna.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Brooke Monk, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Olivia Cicolini, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Andy Oliver, Marketplace Subway: Charli Dorrity, Nathalia Fertilizer & Grain: Rani Guthrie, Shepparton Pizza: Amy Modlic.

Knights on Knights battle

NUMURKAH Knights football is in full swing but the Knights encountered a tough opponent in the form of Kyabram Knights, going down by seven goals on Saturday. The 7-0 margin details the class of Kyabram's charges, but Numurkah's under 12s footballers tried their hardest to keep their side in the game.

Tyler Bodsworth and Beth Oswald were both under immense pressure in defence, but their hard work and never say die attitude shone through amid the heavy defeat.

At the other end of the ground, Cody Simpson and Ryley Lau attacked the ball continuously, but were unable to break down the stringent Kyabram backline.

Numurkah will take on Gowrie Street this Saturday, hoping to register its first win of the season.

UNDER 10s BLACK

With illness and unavailability causing Numurkah Knights Black to bring in several under 8s players, the young Knights went down to Kialla in an exciting tussle. Kialla managed to break the deadlock, despite solid work from the Knights' backline, and while Numurkah managed to give Kialla a bit of a scare, was unable to equalize.

Will Robin and Zoe Hawthorn stood up for the Knights to earn plaudits from the coaching staff, and the side will hope their good form continues.

UNDER 10s BLUE

The under 10s Blue side for Numurkah Knights played a pulsating 3-3 draw against Congupna Cruisers on Saturday.

The young Knights pulled out all the stops during the contest and, while the side may have given up three goals, its attacking play was a joy to watch for all those in attendance.

UNDER 8s

Numurkah's youngest Knights took the game to Gowrie Street on Saturday, coming away with a strong win.

The Knights' passing plays opened the game up, leading to a number of shots on target, and while the Piranhas mustered a number of well-aimed shots for themselves, it was the Knights that broke the deadlock to round out the win. Dakota Schultz, Declan Stockwin and Bailey Hawthorn all played well for the Knights, while Zavier Archer and Georgie Hall were also listed among the best for their side.

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Looking for a hit up ... Clint Phillips registers an inside 50.



Hair 'tis ... Kevin Vandengoor gets a kick away during Katunga's first 2019 win on Saturday.

Swans break the duck

KATUNGA has registered its first seniors win for 2019 with a resounding 16.14.110 to 7.7.49 home victory over Jerilderie in its round six Picola & District Football League match up on Saturday.

Led by Dylan Sidebottom's seven goal haul, the Swans had to fight back after allowing the visiting Demons to a 21 point quarter time lead, going on to give up just a further three goals for the remainder of the contest.

By the end of the first half, Katunga had completed a 40 point turnaround and went into the main break up by 19 points.

With Katunga's tackling pressure and ferocity around the ground, the lead kept growing and, while the third term produced just two goals, Katunga was leaving its best performance for last.

The Swans booted seven goals in the fourth quarter, blowing the lead out to 61 points, registering their first win of the season and look to be building

some momentum after a difficult start to 2019.

The win moves Katunga into 10th on the ladder, while Jerilderie fell to 12th.

While Katunga will have to wait through the bye to see if it can follow up its maiden victory, it will be faced with taking on Blighty on June 1.

Awards: Katunga Fresh: Dylan Sidebottom, Clydesdale Hotel: Clint Phillips, Lenny's Ag: Josh Smith, GrainCorp Oilseeds: Will Newman, Telegraph Hotel: Ethan Hodgkin.

RESERVES

Katunga's reserves dealt Jerilderie a huge 71 point thrashing on Saturday, capitalising on efficient goal kicking, including a seven goal bag from Brett Kimberley.

Kimberley's haul led the line of eight different goal scorers, but the side's defensive work saw Jerilderie manage just one goal for the entirety of the first half.

While the Demons managed to kick

three goals thereafter, Katunga's hot start and big lead ensured that the side was never in danger of being overrun.

While Katunga's half time lead of 33 was telling, its best performances came in the second half, including an eight goal final term that detailed just exactly how hard the Swans were going for the jugular.

While the scoring exploits of the side were more than commendable, the team's ability to ensure that Jerilderie had minimal scoring opportunities was a big factor in the size of the win, while the rebounding nature of the side posed as a potent force heading the other way.

While it's just Katunga's second win of the season, the nature of the victory will give the side a big morale boost heading into the bye.

Awards: John King Grain: Shannon Bond, Dan Hendy Landforming: Lachlan Corboy, Telegraph Hotel: Brett Kimberley, Clydesdale Hotel: Josh Bale. KFNC: Jordy Simmons.

UNDER 17s

A brilliant first half showing and six goals to Bailey Smith led Katunga to a seven goal win against Jerilderie in the club's under 17s battle on Saturday.

The Demons were kept goalless in the opening half, managing just a single behind before the major break, giving Katunga a 29 point lead in the process.

Jerilderie managed to finally break through in the third quarter, booting three goals, but Katunga's four goal term ensured that the lead possessed didn't refrain from ballooning further.

Katunga capped off the win with a solid fourth quarter showing, detailing to the fans in attendance that the game was played out with the utmost conviction on the way to the 11.8.74 to 5.2.32 win.

Awards: Rankin Trans: Zac Dixon, Booth Transport: Will Sefton, Numurkah Tyrepower: Bailey Smith, SportFirst: Kody Jackson, Canteen: Lachlan O'Hara.

UNDER 14s

Katunga's biggest win of the day came in the earliest match as the under 14s side gave Jerilderie a 93 point shellacking on Saturday.

Katunga gave up just one goal for the day while Xavier Morris and Harry McDonald booted five and four goals respectively.

A four goal opening term put Katunga in the driver's seat, and things only got better as the Swans eventually led by 49 points at half time.

While the third quarter provided just two points for Katunga, the Swans' final term was nothing short of brilliant.

Katunga booted seven unanswered goals to roar home to a 16.4.100 to 1.1.7 triumph.

Awards: D. & K. Bell: Harry McDonald, GMCU: Lochie O'Brien, Supporters award: Seth Cormick, Red Cherry: Blake Newbery, Canteen: Hudson Storer.

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Down's nine drives Yarro hopping mad



Running rampant ... Sam Lewis looks to clear the ball away after he and teammate Connor Hargreaves attacked the ball fiercely.



Get a grip ... Brock Palmer wasn't going to let his Yarroweyah opponent get away easily.



Get a grip ... Shannon Emmett kicks to a team mate.



Good hands ... Zeke Bunge looks to send the ball forward during Strathmerton's big win over Yarroweyah.

TRAVIS Down booted a career best nine goals in Strathmerton's 116 point dismantling of Yarroweyah in the sides' round six Picola & District Football League clash on Saturday. Strathmerton got off a solid start before the scoreboard just about emitted steam during the rout, with the home side catapulting itself to a truly big win.

With Strathmerton holding a healthy 23 point lead at the quarter time break, the Bulldogs saw their lead get bigger as their side continued to reign supreme over a Hoppers side struggling to sink its teeth into the contest.

With Strathmerton eventually finishing with nine different goal scorers, it was Down who took the limelight with a brilliant performance that saw him outscore the opposition by himself.

The goal scoring frenzy saw the Bulldogs hold a 48 point half time lead, but the goal kicking downpour was far from over. Six more goals to Strathmerton in the third term meant that a more than resounding win was all but inevitable.

Leading by 77 points at the final change over, Strathmerton had no qualms in punishing their local rival, hammering home a further seven majors to cap off a truly dominant win. The 23.22.160 to 6.8.44 win sees Strathmerton jump into second spot on the PDFL ladder, level with Waaia and Berrigan on 20 points for the season.

The Bulldogs have a chance to jump into outright top spot this week against Tocumwal.

RESERVES

Strathmerton's reserves clinched a 50 point win over Yarroweyah in emphatic fashion, with only poor kicking for goal stopping the Bulldogs from winning by a far greater margin. The 7.18.60 to 1.4.10 win is a definite percentage booster and was built upon a strong midfield showing, keeping opposition forward 50 entries to a minimum.

Yarroweyah's lone goal for the day came in the first term, meaning that the Bulldogs took a two goal lead into the first break, only to pump that advantage up to 32 points by the end of the half.

The third quarter saw proceedings get worse for the visiting Hoppers. Unable to score themselves, Strathmerton pushed to blow the game apart, but kicked 1.5 to close out the quarter with a 43 point lead.

Strathmerton once again added a single goal in the fourth quarter, but the game was long decided and the Bulldogs registered their fourth win of the season, moving into the top four. The Bulldogs line up against Tocumwal this Saturday with hopes that a win will see the side jump into the top two.

UNDER 17s

Strathmerton's under 17s side delivered the goods for the club with an 80 point rout on Saturday, handing the Hoppers a heavy 16.5.101 to 3.3.21 defeat.

Former Numurkah Blue Dusty Ebborn made an impactful debut in Strathmerton colours, kicking eight goals for the game, while Haydn Wyatt complemented the scoring with four majors of his own.

In what turned out to be a fiery encounter between two local rivals, Yarroweyah had the majority of centre breaks, but it was the Bulldogs that made best use of the ball when it spilled at ground level.

Strathmerton booted five unanswered goals to open proceedings, taking a 30 point lead into the first break, before heaping even more scoreboard pressure on its opponent in the second. Strathmerton doubled its goal scoring output in the second term, kicking another five goals, while once again keeping Yarroweyah scoreless.

Trailing by 61 points at the main break, the Hoppers finally registered their first couple of goals, but Strathmerton still managed to win the quarter with three of its own.

Strathmerton may have been up by 11 goals heading into the final term, but the physical nature of the match ensured that each and every metre the Bulldogs gained was done so under severe duress and pressure.

Ultimately, despite the sheer competitiveness around the ground, Strathmerton was never in danger of losing the game, capping off the 80 point win with a three goal to one final term.

With the win, Strathmerton holds onto top spot with five wins from as many games, while its current percentage of 690.54% is an imposing sign to the rest of the competition.

UNDER 14s

Josh Payne's eight goals led the line of 13 different goal kickers in Strathmerton's total demolition of Yarroweyah's under 14s at home, keeping the Hoppers scoreless on their way to a 28.16.184 win.

Strathmerton completely dominated the day's play, and from siren to siren held complete control of the Hoppers.

An eight goal to nothing opening quarter was a true indication of how the game was going to transpire, with just the third term failing to produce any less than eight Strathmerton goals. The 53 point quarter time margin blew out past the century mark at half time, but to the visiting side's credit, the young Hoppers kept their head up to restrict Strathmerton to just four goals.

In the context of the match, that was a commendable achievement, but the fourth term saw Strathmerton roar back onto the field, booting eight goals to round out the massive win. The Bulldogs sit second on the ladder, with just Rennie, a side that has given up just 14 points, ahead of them.

Awards: Strathy Café: Mitch Easden, Subway: Josh Payne, Terminus Hotel: Ben Lee-Madgwick, Ladies Committee: Mitchell O'Brien, McDonalds: Sid McNeil, Coaches award: Jai Stephens.

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SWANS BREAK THE DUCK



Maiden victory ... Austin Jones looks to release his teammates during Katunga's win over Jerilderie.

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MFL falters in interleague clash

MURRAY Football League's best were unable to get the job done in the Worksafe Community Championship on Saturday at Rumbalara Reserve, going down to Wimmera Football League 12.10.82 to 18.19.127.

The interleague match up saw Wimmera take a dominant position in the first half, kicking out to a four goal lead before creating more separation by half time, with its lead blowing out to 44 points.

Wimmera had the lion's share of scoring opportunities, kicking 11.12.78 by the half time interval, showing that the damage could have been much worse had it kicked towards goal with more efficiency.

It mattered for naught, though, and despite Numurkah's Nathan Hicks and Michael Herlihy causing headaches for Wimmera's backline, it was Wimmera that seized control of the contest and refused to let go.

The third quarter was evenly matched, but Wimmera still found a way to stretch its lead with a five goal to four showing.

Trailing by 50 points at three quarter time, the writing was on the wall for the Murray League and Wimmera put in one last great effort to close the game out comfortable 45 point winners.

Murray league coach Jye Warren lamented on the slow start, but commended Wimmera's cohesive play around the ground.

"We were disappointed with the loss, though we were happy with our finish after a poor start.

"We probably didn't give them as much respect as I would have liked, Wimmera was very fit, and they spread the contest brilliantly and probably our whole side couldn't keep up with them. Every time we turned the ball over, Wimmera grabbed it and ran, they seemed like they were always in the right place at the right time and the side's efficiency really put them ahead."

Interleague games are always interesting displays of what talent is on offer in each respective league, with just a short amount of time to train together coupled with logistical is-

sues. Wimmera seemed to be a side able to get an upper hand by training together as a unit on a more consistent basis.

"We were told that Wimmera managed to train together for three weeks," Warren said.

"It can be difficult to get everyone together, especially with the commitments the boys have to their own clubs, we trained the best we could but Wimmera really knew how each of their players played and the chemistry was definitely there compared to us."

Despite the loss, there was a number of positives, none bigger, from a Numurkah point of view, than Michael Herlihy being named the Murray League's best player.

Herlihy's season has gotten off to a brilliant start for his club and that form translated to the game played on Saturday.

"It was pretty awkward to get up there and give Michael the medal (for best player) because he's from Numurkah, but that wasn't my decision at the end of the day, it was the other guys, but credit to Mick."

"He had a fair bit of the footy, and while he kicked just one goal, he was strong all around the ground and deserved the award, I'm super proud of him."

The Murray Football League will resume regular season football this week, having taken a competition-wide bye due to the community championships.

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