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Honoured ... Ella Sprunt at the Gallipoli Scholarship Fund presentation with her mother Robyn Sprunt (left) and her grandmother Janet Stevens. *Photo: Robert Horton.*



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Service history inspires scholarship

BOMB FOUND

A NUMURKAH family is lucky to have avoided serious injury, after they transported an unexploded improvised explosive device (IED) in their car last Wednesday.

The device was thrown over the fence into the front yard of a Victoria St property at around 3am last Wednesday morning, but failed to detonate.

Later in the morning, the property's resident informed his mother, who came and transported the man, a number of children, and the device to her home on O'Connor St.

The Victoria St resident later informed local police, who called in Cobram Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) who, in turn, notified the Bomb Response Unit (BRU) who attended from Melbourne.

The BRU moved the IED to the home's driveway before analysing and neutralising it.

An arson chemist also travelled from Melbourne late in the afternoon, first visiting the Victoria St property where the device had been thrown, before removing the IED

from O'Connor St and transporting it to Melbourne for further analysis.

The targeting of the Victoria St address appears to be the escalation of a dispute which led to a vehicle being driven into the property's fence in the early hours of last Monday, caus-

ing extensive damage.

Police wish to speak to the driver of a red VE Holden sedan in that matter.

Police enquiries are ongoing, and anyone with any information regarding either incident is urged to contact Cobram CIU.



Improvised explosive device ... The home-made bomb was placed in front of a blast-shield in the O'Connor St driveway (BRU analysis device in foreground).

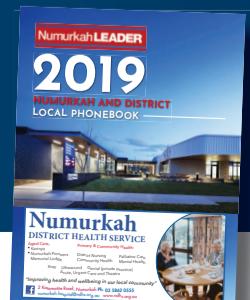


Bomb Squad ... A Bomb Response Unit officer donned protective clothing before neutralising the device.

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State budget misses Moira

THE State Government has announced its 2019/2020 budget, but despite big spends on public transport, roads and education, there is precious little new spending that will specifically benefit Moira or Shepparton shires in the immediate future.

Most of the transport spending relates to suburban rail, with specific road spending also set to benefit predominantly metropolitan projects.

Perhaps the biggest win for regional Victoria across the board comes from the fourth consecutive drop to regional payroll tax, with the payroll tax-free threshold to be increased by \$50,000 to \$700,000 by 2022-23 for eligible businesses.

The budget also provides for a 50% discount on land transfer duty of commercial and industrial properties in regional Victoria by 2023-24.

Whilst the budget invests more than \$880 million to kick start the roll-out of 15 hours of subsidised kindergarten programs for all three year-olds by 2029, Moira will be among the local government areas that will be included in the third, and final, year of the roll-out.

The Diploma and Certificate III of Early Childhood Education and Care will also be added to the Free TAFE list from 2020, which is vital as the Labor Government delivers three-year-old kinder across Victoria.

Victorian families are anticipated to save around \$400 a year per child in dental costs, with \$321.9 million allocated for the roll-out of free dental care to all government school students.

The first school dental vans to hit

the road later this year, providing free dental care including check-ups, radiographs, teeth cleaning, fillings and root canal work.

Mental health spending also features, with \$28.7 million over two years to give more than 7,000 people access to earlier care and support through additional clinical mental health services in the community.

Domestic violence prevention initiatives will receive \$185.5 million, \$85 million of which is allocated to programs to hold perpetrators to account and change their behaviour, including intensive case management of perpetrators.

\$486 million has been allocated to Regional Roads Victoria to lift the standard of country roads.

Community bushfire resilience across Victoria is also in the budget, with \$43.3 million to continue delivering the Safer Together program, and a digital radio transition program, replacing the outdated analogue system for emergency services.

Independent Member for Shepparton District Suzanna Sheed said that, given the hundreds of millions of dollars we have received over the previous three budgets for health, education, rail and other initiatives, it is not surprising that this budget contained little in the way of locally targeted major new funding announcements - other than \$7 million for a native fish hatchery in Shepparton.

Ms Sheed said she is looking forward to receiving a more detailed briefing in the coming days.

"Clearly this is a budget whereby the government has decided to meet its pre-election budget com-

mitments following Labor's success at last year's election. At first glance there appears to be little new money for our region," Ms Sheed said.

Whilst Ms Sheed welcomed initiatives such as the payroll tax concessions for regional areas and a basketball hub for Shepparton, she said she is disappointed Shepparton appears to be missing out on sharing in \$214 million to establish seven early parenting centres across the state, including at Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong.

"Shepparton is no less in need than the other three big regional hubs - arguably more so - and following decades of our community advocacy for a local mother-baby unit I am disappointed we will not be included in this important initiative," she said.

"I will continue to urge the Andrews Government to view the needs of Shepparton's mothers and newborns as vitally as it has viewed those in Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong.

"As an independent I propose to continue advocating for the major commitments our region has identified as critical to our future growth.

Liberal Member for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell, however, has slammed the budget's failure to deliver for the Shepparton electorate, calling it 'a typical Labor budget' that failed to include funding for vital Shepparton projects and exposed delays to Shepparton transport projects.

"Disappointingly, the budget failed to include the State's share of funding towards stage one of the Shepparton Bypass project," Ms Lovell said.

"This year's federal budget allocated \$208 million towards this vital Shepparton project, and all that is delaying construction of stage one of the project, including the second river crossing, is the failure of the State Government to provide their share of funding."

Ms Lovell also claimed that the budget indicated that work to upgrade Shepparton passenger rail services will be delayed for at least another six months.

"While other regional centres like Geelong, Bendigo and Ballarat enjoy many daily services, all Shepparton gets is more delays," she said.

Ms Lovell also criticised the budget for lacking any allocation of funds to progress the construction of the new secondary school in Shepparton, and noted that a lack of funding for stage two of the Goulburn Valley Health redevelopment was another major omission.

"This is particularly disappointing as it raises concerns about the government's commitment to complete GV Health, whilst they continue to invest more funds in other hospitals that have recently finalised complete rebuilds," she said.

"Other Shepparton projects ignored in this year's budget include the La Trobe University Shepparton campus expansion, the Shepparton Sports Stadium redevelopment and stage two of the SAM project.

"This budget once again ignores the needs of the Goulburn Valley and favours other regional centres such as Geelong and Ballarat ahead of the Shepparton electorate."

POLICE BEAT



Car and petrol theft charges laid

NUMURKAH Police have arrested a 38 year-old Shepparton man for the theft of a Nissan Patrol four wheel drive station wagon from the rear of Capri Pizza on Wednesday, May 22.

The offender has also been charged in relation to petrol thefts from Tallygaroopna Shell petrol station, and a Shepparton petrol station.

False registration plates had been attached to

the vehicle prior to the petrol thefts. The investigation into that matter is ongoing, and police expect the offender to be charged in relation to that offence.

The male has been remanded in custody and will appear before Shepparton Magistrates Court in June to face numerous charges.

No stopping the rise of female football

FROM under-nines to open age and veterans, female football is flying in Victoria with team numbers tripling in three years to smash through the 1,000 mark.

From bush ovals to AFLW stadiums, women and girls have broken new ground with 1092 teams turning out to play in 2019.

In 2010, there were just 58 female teams. Now there are more than 28,500 women and girls playing each week, with community leagues booming, mirroring the success of the AFLW.

More than \$630 million has been invested in community sport and recreation facilities since 2014, including new female-friendly facilities at 150 locations across the state.

The State Government is also supporting elite competition, investing \$45 million to upgrade AFLW venues for the current crop of stars - and the youngsters who dream of making the big time.

Head of AFL Victoria Ricky Bell said the organisation's objective is to be the most accessible sport for

all Victorians, regardless of age and gender.

"Having over 1,000 female football teams across the state indicates that we are achieving that goal," he said.

A \$20 million investment in Ikon Park will turn the stadium into a women's footy hub, \$13 million will enable Moorabbin Oval to accommodate St Kilda's new AFLW team, while Casey Fields (\$5 million), Whitten Oval (\$5 million) and Victoria Park (\$2 million) have also benefited.

The \$7.2 million Change Our Game campaign is helping level the playing field for women and girls in all sports and across every field of recreation - led by ambassadors including AFLW icon and new Richmond recruit Katie Brennan.

Minister for Women and Youth Gabrielle Williams said that sport is an important frontier in the fight for gender equality.

"The surge of women and girls into footy is fantastic to see," she said.



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Seeing for themselves ... Don Staggard and Neil Hutchins (front left) show DELWP representatives recent damage done by corellas at the recreation reserve.

Corellas high on everyone's agenda

EVIDENCE that minimising the damage done - at every level - by little corellas in and around Numurkah is a priority, was clearly on display last Friday.

A large delegation of staff from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) paid a visit to the Numurkah recreation reserve to see for themselves the damage that the birds do in just this one small part of the town.

The delegation of 21 DELWP employees tasked with managing affairs for the Hume region heard from members of the recreation reserve committee, as well as Numurkah Bowling Club grounds director Don Staggard.

The DELWP group had the opportunity to view freshly dug corella holes on the cricket pitch and football field, as well as learning about measures that had been taken to stop the corellas from damaging the grounds' lighting and electrical system.

DELWP Hume regional manager Clare Kiely, who was part of the delegation, told the *Leader* that it was important to visit the town to see the extent of the problem.

"When you're on site and seeing how extensive the damage is, as we

have today, it's clear how important it is to have a solid management plan in place," she said.

"Getting people together for recreation is crucial in regional communities, especially when those communities are experiencing other challenges such as drought.

"To have those activities jeopardised by damage being done by birds in excessive numbers, like they are here, is something we need to try and avoid."

Ms Kiely's sentiments were echoed by Nathan Stamkos, regional manager of DELWP's Hume compliance unit, who represented DELWP at the public meeting held in Numurkah in early April and has since been working with local groups to address the issue.

"We can't quantify the impact the birds, which we certainly acknowledge are in excessive numbers here, are having on the social fabric of the town, and that shouldn't be underestimated," he said.

Although the social and psychological impact of the birds cannot be adequately measured at this point, DELWP is determined to try and quantify the economic impact.

"We are creating a template to distribute to community stakeholders so that we can get data on the financial

impacts of the birds," Mr Stamkos said.

"We want to get numbers on things like volunteer hours and volume of materials for repairing the damage done at places like the recreation reserve, so that we can show what the actual cost to the community is of having little corellas present in these numbers."

One possible option being looked at is a change to the little corella's legal status.

DELWP's Governor in Council document, which sets out policy for the control of native birds, allows for long-billed corellas, galahs and sulfur-crested cockatoos to be controlled without the need for a permit on premises such as farms, orchards and sporting reserves where it can be proved that they are causing financial damage.

With that document, which was written in 1994, being due for review, it is possible that little corellas may be added to the list of birds that can be controlled without a permit.

Once again though, it all comes down to data collection.

"Just because little corellas are in excessive numbers in Numurkah, doesn't mean the same is true further north," Mr Stamkos said.

"It could be that overall, in terms of numbers, they are still under threat and may need to retain their protected status. That is something that we need to gather accurate data on so we can make a proper assessment."

In the meantime, though recent seasonal changes and control activities have reduced the number of little corellas in Numurkah, planning is underway regarding how best to manage the birds when their numbers go back up next summer.

Mr Stamkos said that a multi-faceted approach is being looked at.

"We are looking to put a range of different control methods in place, such as drones and 'eagle eye' discombobulation methods to discourage the birds," he said.

"We are also looking into whether there may be ways we can bird-proof areas and minimise the damage they do when they are around."

"Are there different types of turf that are less attractive to them that could be used to resurface playing fields, and, if so, what grants are available to cover or off-set the costs of doing that?"

The man who started the ongoing campaign to reduce the birds' impact

on the town, Don Staggard, said he is confident that the little corellas will present less of an issue from here on out.

"Although a lot of the birds seemed to have moved on before the shooting campaign started, the ones that are still around seem to be getting the message already and spending less time in the public areas," he said.

"Most importantly, we're all working together now, and we've got the support of DELWP who are giving us their focus and expertise, and helping us work on an ongoing strategy, and that's the best position we've ever been in with regards to the corellas."

Though there is clearly a lot of work to be done to get a solid handle on Numurkah's corella problem, Mr Stamkos echoed Mr Staggard's sentiments, saying that the town has already got the most important thing sorted.

"The most absolutely critical thing in this type of situation is that the community takes ownership of the situation and works together so that we can work with them on an integrated management approach," he said.

"And Numurkah is doing that very well."

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Generations ... Elsie Gribben holding great-granddaughter Ella Sprunt as a baby.

Ella benefits from family service history

MOVING away from home to study at university requires a certain level of courage and commitment, fortunately for Numurkah's Ella Sprunt those two things are in her DNA and have paid off in one unexpected way.

Ella is among the 2019 recipients of the Gallipoli Scholarship Fund (GSF), a program designed to honour the memory and legacy of Australian veterans through the granting of tertiary scholarships to eligible and deserving descendants.

Ella told the *Leader* that, though she had a number of forebears who had served in the armed forces, for her GSF application she chose to focus on the second world war service of her great-grandmother Elsie Gribben.

Elsie Gribben (nee Elliott) was born in Echuca in 1923 and enlisted in the Australia Women's Army Service (AWAS) in 1943 at the age of 19 years. She served as a Corporal in the AWAS in Melbourne in the accounting branch until her discharge from service in 1945.

"She moved to Melbourne from the country so she could play her part in the war effort," Ella said.

"There was a lot of information about her service, so I decided to focus on her."

Elsie and her daughter Janet moved to Numurkah in 1956 to live with Elsie's parents, who were the licensees of the Shamrock Hotel. Elsie lived in Numurkah with her husband Ian Gribben until her

passing in 2001.

Ella, who completed VCE at Goulburn Valley Grammar School last year and achieved an ATAR of 86.05, said that despite applying for the scholarship, she was surprised to be chosen to receive it.

"Considering it is open to people in all parts of Australia, I was quite surprised they chose me," she said.

"I was only seven months old when my great-grandma died, so I don't remember her, but when I was looking at the paperwork for the scholarship application, I was so proud of her service."

Ella is in her first year of seven years of university study through a new collaboration between La Trobe and Melbourne universities which launched this year and is aimed at addressing the shortage of doctors in regional and rural Victoria.

Ella is one of the first students to enter La Trobe's new three-year Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Medical) undergraduate degree delivered at its Bendigo campus.

Those who successfully complete the course will then gain guaranteed entry into the University of Melbourne's new Doctor of Medicine (Rural) postgraduate degree, based in Shepparton.

Ella said that the \$6,000 she received through the GSF will be a big help while she studies.

"It will be a great help with all things university related," she said.

Whilst Ella returns to Numurkah each week to work at Louis Ham-

on Amcal Pharmacy on Friday and Saturday, she said the scholarship helps take the pressure off.

"The scholarship means I can worry less about working during exam times and stuff like that, because I have some money to fall back on."

Ella attended the April presentation ceremony in Sydney, where she received her official certificate from guest of Honour the Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Rick Burr, with her mother and grandmother.

Ella's mother Robyn said that Ella applied for the scholarship under her own steam, and her family are

proud of her for taking the initiative to help support herself in her studies.

"We're really proud of Ella for undertaking her studies and dedicating herself to it like she has," she said.

Ella said, as far as what happens after university, she is fairly invested in the idea of becoming a general practitioner due to the work/life balance it offers, but she is open to other options.

"I've only just started studying, so I've got seven years to think about it."



Serving ... Corporal Elsie Elliott of the Australia Women's Army Service.

NDIS grants open to regional organisations

ORGANISATIONS across regional Victoria are invited to apply for one-off grants to build up the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) workforce so it can best meet the needs of Victorians with a disability.

The State Government is providing \$1.3 million to the Victorian Regional Readiness Fund for grants of up to \$130,000 each.

The funding will help address the particular

challenges faced by rural and regional Victoria in transitioning to the NDIS, including recruiting qualified staff such as therapists and other specialists, and managing services across large areas with small populations.

Applications for grants are welcome from not-for-profit services, community groups, businesses, higher education and training institutions, local government and other organisations.

These grants will help deliver services to regional and rural communities, generate local solutions to workforce issues and better support the choices of people with a disability on the NDIS.

For the grant guidelines and application form, go to: <https://dhhs.vic.gov.au/news/grants-open-help-victoria-ndis-readiness>.

Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Have your say on mental health at royal commission

VICTORIANS are being invited to share their experiences, views and ideas to improve Victoria's mental health system.

The royal commission into Victoria's mental health system has opened a new portal that allows people to share their contributions online as a written submission, images, audio or video content.

The commission is seeking input from the whole community.

Whether you are living with mental illness, caring for a loved one, working in the sector or just have a general interest in mental health – the commission wants to hear your views and ideas for change.

Contributions can be brief comments, or longer, more formal submissions. The submission process takes users through a series of questions on reducing stigma and discrimination, preventing suicide, early intervention and how people access and experience treatment and support.

With a target of broad and meaningful engagement, the commission wants to create a future mental health system that meets the needs of all Victorians. Every contribution will inform the royal commission's reports.

In addition to taking submissions, the commission is running a series of community consultation sessions at rural, regional and metropolitan locations during April and May.

Penny Armitage is leading the royal commission as chairperson, and is supported by commissioners Professor Bernadette McSherry, Professor Allan Fels AO and Dr Alex Cockram.

Ms Armitage described the royal commission as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to improve the way we deal with mental health in Victoria.

"We are committed to taking on the considered suggestions made by consumers, carers, family members and specialists around practical improvements to the system," she said.

"Through the first consultation sessions, we have already experienced the genuine goodwill felt towards the royal commission and the incredible willingness of people to share their experiences and insights, even when this can bring up painful memories."

The royal commission will deliver its interim report in November this year, with the final report delivered in October 2020.

To have your say, learn about upcoming consultations and to stay up to date with the royal commission's activities visit www.rcvmhs.vic.gov.au.

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Large scale operation ... NSC students were surprised by the scale of this horticulture industry right on their doorstep.

Students discover jobs on their doorstep

NUMURKAH Secondary College (NSC) senior students were given some food for thought about their futures last week, as they took a tour of some local industries.

Students visited Katunga Fresh, Bega, Padman Stops, GrainCorp and Diverse Builders to find out about thriving industries in their own area, and what employment opportunities are available.

The industry visits were organised by Goulburn Murray Local Learning and Employment Network (GMLLEN) in partnership with Moira Shire Council's economic development team.

GMLLEN project consultant Kristen Elliott said that it was a chance for students to see what employment opportunities were available in their own communities.

Students often don't realise how much industry there is within just a few kilometres of where they live, and how many people those indus-

tries employ across a huge range of roles," she said.

"These tours are a chance to open their eyes to that, and to raise their aspirations a little as to what they can go on to in their own district when they finish school."

The 16 students who took the tour witnessed a clear demonstration of the pathway from NSC to local industry, with their tour guide through Katunga Fresh being a former NSC student.

Year 12 student Drew Scouller said that Katunga Fresh was his favourite destination on the tour.

"I didn't realise that it was so close or so large," he said.

"It was a cool facility, it was very clean and organised and it seemed like a really social and friendly place to work too."

"I was impressed by how supportive they are of the local community, and how keen they are to employ local people. I'd definitely consider

it as a place to work when I finish school."

Meanwhile, fellow year 12 student Aislinn Harrison found the intricacies of the Bega production process intriguing.

"I was really surprised by how much effort goes into producing cheese, and the processes for maintaining cleanliness and hygiene so they can guarantee a quality product," she said.

"I didn't realise that there was such a big company operating such a big facility at Strathmerton. There is a massive selection of jobs here, and I'd definitely consider a role here for my future."

Ms Elliott said that all of the industries involved had been extremely supportive of the program, and welcomed the opportunity to communicate with local young people about what they look for in employees.

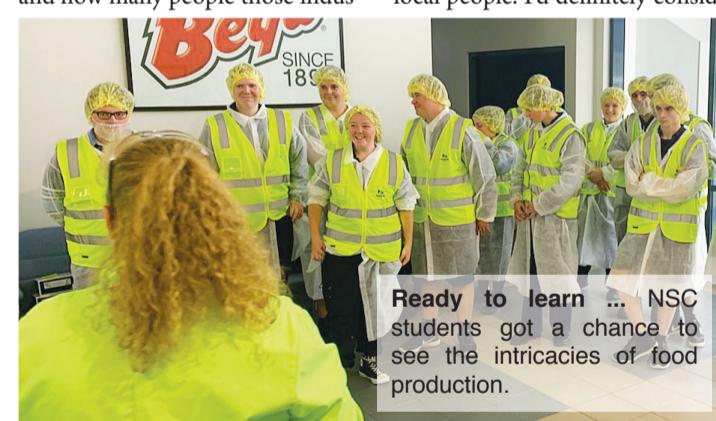
"They are all keen to encourage

young people to follow through with school, and develop the skills and attributes they need to succeed in local industries."

Ms Elliott said that the program is also a way to ensure that local school staff have current knowledge about the opportunities for students in their area, so they can show them the pathways to employment locally.

"We really want to maintain a strong connection between schools and industry, because that really works to everybody's advantage," she said.

"Local industry needs employees, and they are keen to encourage young people to stay in the local area and be part of local industry. Young people need jobs so they can build a strong future here and this is a way for local industries, and local schools, to show them how they can do that."



Ready to learn ... NSC students got a chance to see the intricacies of food production.



Diverse ... Students got an insight into local jobs in the construction industry.

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A RULING by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has burst the bubble of car dealerships, and provided flexibility and peace of mind to new car owners.

Dealerships have long had a stranglehold on new car servicing by insisting that car owners would void the manufacturer's warranty by having their vehicle serviced anywhere else - but it turns out that isn't true.

The ACCC has recently clarified that Australian consumer law itself guarantees vehicle owners a level of protection. This protection applies regardless of whether a manufacturer offers its own warranty - which they almost all do; and even then they aren't able to insist that you exclusively have your vehicle serviced at their dealership in order for it to apply.

That means you can have your new vehicle serviced wherever you choose, so long as your preferred workshop abides by the following minimum essential requirements:

- Service performed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions;
- Staff are trained supervised and suitably qualified;
- Use quality spare parts from reputable suppliers;
- Use fluids and lubricants that meet manufacturer's specifications.

Justin McGraw from Numurkah's JSI Auto-

tive said they regularly service vehicles under manufacturer's warranty, and they also regularly have people tell them that their dealership says they must get their vehicle serviced at a licensed dealer.

"It's just not true, the dealers just don't want to lose the business and they play on the fact that most people don't know the consumer law, and they charge them pretty highly for the privilege too," he said.

Justin's partner Kelly said the subterfuge is particularly unfair on people who don't live close to a dealership.

"They make people waste time and money travelling to get their car serviced, when they could legally do it here in town where we do just as good a job, at a fairer price, and still maintain the log book and the warranty," she said.

On top of manufacturer's warranties, some dealers offer 'extended' warranties which are separate to manufacturer's warranties (meaning they do not replace them) and usually kick in after they have ended.

In the case of these warranties, dealers may be able to impose a condition that you have your vehicle serviced only by them for the period of that warranty alone - not the manufacturer's warranty - so it's best to read the fine print on a dealership warranty if one applies to your vehicle.



Mr and Mrs Grinter ... Stuart and Angela enjoyed a beautiful wedding day at Monichino Wines recently. Photo: Alicia Flegeltaub.

Winery wedding

MARCH 23 was a beautiful day to start life as a married couple, and that's exactly what Angela Janczuk and Stuart Grinter did at Monichino Wines recently.

Angela is the daughter of Richard and the late Barbara Janczuk of Melbourne, and Stuart is the son of Col and Gail Grinter of Kaarimba.

The couple met through mutual friends when Angela moved from her hometown of Melbourne five years ago to take up a nursing position at Nathalia hospital.

The bride arrived for the wedding in a lovingly maintained 1964 Chevy that has been in her

groom's family since 1966, looking radiant in a gown with a strapless lace bodice and full layered skirt.

Though the groom was dressed slightly less formally in dark jeans and boots, like the born and bred country lad he is, all anybody noticed was how bright his smile was when he looked at his bride.

A reception at Numurkah Town Hall followed the service, and the couple honeymooned at Cape Schank Resort.

Mr and Mrs Grinter have now settled on the farm, Sheepwash Station, at Kaarimba.



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Helping hands make light work

THESE are exciting times for Numurkah's Church of Christ (COC) congregation, as their long-awaited new worship centre is starting to take shape.

An old factory shed purchased by the church several years ago is slowly being transformed into a place of worship, thanks to the help of a unique group that provides free construction services to Christian church groups.

Mobile Mission Maintenance (MMM) is a global not-for-profit organisation started by four Melbourne couples in 1975 that has provided six workers for two weeks to whip the shed into shape.

When the *Leader* visited the project last week, a seventh MMM member had travelled from Melbourne for the day to lend his services as well.

Leader of the MMM team Geoff Jarvis, who is the organisation's regional manager for Victoria and South Australia, said that MMM has permanent bases in New Zealand, Hong Kong, Zambia and South Africa, but works on projects all over the world.

"I usually work in China, and we have members here who have done projects as far afield as Kazakhstan, but we do plenty of projects like this in Australia too," he said.

The Numurkah project is being managed by Church of Christ member Tony Wiltshire who told the *Leader* that it was very much a long-term project.

"Doing it as owner-builders is the most affordable option for us, but as most of us work, it's a weekend project so it's not going to happen overnight," he said.

"Having the MMM team here has been great because with a few people here working for a couple of weeks you can get a fair bit done."

With COC and MMM members working to-

gether, the shed space has been given internal walls to create toilet and bathroom spaces, as well as a Sunday School room with ample storage space.

At the front of the building, an existing kitchen space has been expanded by knocking out a wall separating it from an office.

The church purchased the building two years ago with proceeds from the sale of another property, and whilst they waited for planning approvals, they have been busy raising the rest of the money needed for the massive renovation project.

Fundraising manager Bev Brooking said that after so much time, it was wonderful to see the project finally coming together.

"They have made so much progress it's just a joy to see," she said.

"There will still be a lot for us to do when they leave, but they have really broken the back of the project for us."

Whilst the church has paid local contractors to install the plumbing and electrics for the project, it has been lucky enough to receive donations of some materials and labour to offset the cost.

"We had around \$6,000 worth of tiles donated, and one of our members recently had a builder friend visit from Perth so he put him to work here getting some things ready before this team arrived," Mrs Brooking said.

Though there is still much to do now that the MMM team has left, Mrs Brooking is confident they will get it done, especially as they have tradesmen among their membership.

"We are hopeful that we can be in by Christmas, which would be lovely," Mrs Brooking said.

"We've waited so long, we don't mind waiting a bit longer."



Working together ... Church of Christ members and MMM members breaking the back of the project. Back (from left): Max Brooking, Peter Holliday, John, Peter Lewis, Geoff Jarvis, Ian Knowles, Barry Steer. Front: Glenda Holliday, Marg Knowles, Anne Stammers, Bev Brooking, David Freeman and Robyn Freeman.

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Charitable gathering ... People of all ages gathered to enjoy each other's company and raise money for cancer research.



Guessing game ... Jill Lewis and her mum Betty Garner were as stumped as everybody else by the mystery gadget.

Tea and history and a boost for research

NUMURKAH Lions Ladies hosted an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea event last week, and simultaneously provided a chance for locals to learn a little more about local history.

Around 70 people attended the event at Numurkah RSL hall, enjoying a proper country morning tea spread.

Adding to the setting, which celebrates both national and local military history, was a display of traditional kitchen 'gadgets' which once would have been a common sight in local kitchens.

The guest speaker for the event was Stephen Mills, who has been researching the history of the local soldier settlement scheme.

Mr Mills provided a list of the families involved in the scheme, and provided an insight into the conditions under which the scheme operated, and the conditions that greeted settlers - many of whom had little to no farming experience.

Mr Mills also called on his own childhood memories of growing up on a soldier settlement farm, relating humorous tales of life as a pioneering farm kid, and the methods the farmers used to skirt the regulations and make a little more money for their families.

Lions Ladies president Pauline Stuart said that they were very happy with the attendance at the event.

"It's our third year holding the event, and it's been very well supported," she said.

"It's always wonderful to have so many age groups come together and enjoy each other's company and it's been a beautiful day," she said.

The event raised \$700 for cancer research through admission fees, and around \$250 for Lions Ladies, mostly through the sale of raffle tickets.

Raffle prizes were donated by a range of local businesses, with Lions Ladies secretary Bernadette Steward praising their generosity.

"Local businesses are always so supportive of us, and we couldn't do these type of events without them," she said.

Funds were also raised through a 'guess the kitchen utensil' competition, in which attendees donated \$2 for the chance to guess the purpose of a mystery gadget.

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This week in 1919 ...

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

Serious Accident Narrowly Averted.—On Sunday morning Mr R. J. Ambler and his family had an exceedingly narrow escape from serious injury, if not death. They were returning from Wungnun in a motor car, and when near Mr M. Seymour's residence a horse, frightened by the approach of another car galloped towards them from the opposite direction. Mr Ambler pulled the car up, and the horse endeavoured to jump over it. The animal crashed on to the bonnet of the car, smashing it and the radiator, and with its head the animal smashed the glass wind screen. Had the horse jumped into the car, which it nearly did, the occupants (who were Mr and Mrs Ambler and their three girls) would certainly have been seriously injured, if not killed, for they were all together in the one seat of the car.

Glorious Rain.—A rain that gladdened the hearts of farmers and graziers fell last week, and removed, for the time at any rate, the serious misgivings with which the district contemplated the future. In all 164 points were recorded, and as bright sunny days have since been experienced, crops and grass should soon show the effects of the fall. The record for the month is 110 points.

Irrigation—At a meeting of the Numurkah Irrigation League on Friday (Mr F. G. Moss, President, presiding), the following were appointed to represent the league on the deputation to urge the claims of this district for an irrigation scheme:—President, secretary (Mr J. F. Bedwell), Messrs T. Thornton, J. S. Christie, and J. C. Rockliff.

The Miller Homes.—In another column Messrs Laird & Buchan invite tenders for the erection of cottages at Numurkah, Rushworth and Shepparton. Plans, which have been amended since last advertised, may be inspected at the Methodist Parsonage, Numurkah, and tenders close on Wednesday next.

The Recreation Reserve.—The attendance was poor at the meeting called for Thursday night to elect trustees (or a committee of management as it is officially termed) for the Numurkah recreation reserve.

Mr H. J. Glenny was voted to the chair, and Mr F. A. Guenther (acting secretary) explained that the term for which the former trustees had been elected had expired, and it was necessary to submit the new names to the Department for approval and gazettal. Mr R. J. Watters urged those present to only elect men who showed they had an interest in the park, as in the past, men had been elected and had not attended a meeting.

A Notable Case.—Some months back a young girl who attended a function in the Coonamble School of Arts fell down a stairway and sustained serious injuries. She proceeded against the committee of the School of Arts for damages and was awarded £2000. The committee appealed to the Full Court, which reversed the decision, and plaintiff in turn appealed to the High Court. The latter upheld the appeal by plaintiff as against the Coonamble School of Arts. Mr Justice Barton said that appellant, on the original case was either a trespasser, a licensee or an invitee of defendants. That she was not a trespasser was so clear that it would be a waste of time to discuss the question. She was there either by the permission or by the invitation of the occupiers. It was the duty of the invitees to prevent appellant from suffering damage. He thought that every material finding of the jury was amply supported by the evidence.

Influenza Again.—State school teachers in Victoria have been warned to see that no "flu" contacts come to the school, and each morning a "contact muster" is held, and the kiddies from infected homes are sent back to them. The comb-out has to be speedy, and the assertions of the children made at a "hands-up contact" rally in each class room are accepted. The teacher in one grade, suspicious of a bright lad, who said his mother "had it pretty bad" made an independent inquiry by letter. The father, a returned Digger, replied as follows:—"If more ladies were suffering from his mother's complaint there would be a better chance for a White Australia. Mother's influenza is a girl."



Gratitude, empathy and mindfulness ... From left, college leaders Vince Barca, Rosie Arnel, deputy principal Tim Campbell, Kye Roberts and Sophie Morris.

Resilience is key to happiness at SMOTA

ST Mary of the Angels Secondary College has recently joined more than 500 schools across the country to partner with The Resilience Project and to incorporate the principals of the program into the school's curriculum.

The resilience project delivers emotionally engaging programs providing practical, evidence-based mental health strategies to build resilience and happiness.

The project was started by Hugh van Cuylenburg, who has been working in education for more than 13 years, teaching both primary and secondary students.

During Mr Cuylenburg's career he

had the opportunity to spend a year in the far north of India, volunteering and living at an underprivileged school in the Himalayas. It was here that he discovered resilience in its purest form and uncovered what he believes are the three core values which result in happiness.

Inspired by his experience, Mr Cuylenburg developed and facilitated programs for schools Australia-wide, as well as many elite sporting teams including the Australian cricket, netball and soccer teams.

St Mary's deputy principal Tim Campbell said the resilience project fits with the five core values of St Mary's school-wide positive be-

haviours strategy 'SPARK'.

"We believe the resilience project will aid in teaching students and staff the right strategies to achieve positive mental health outcomes and happiness, now and into their futures," he said.

"The numbers are staggering; one in four adolescents already have a mental illness or mental health issue, and 65% do not seek help for their suffering.

"We want to do whatever we can here at St Mary's to assist in reducing those numbers."

Resilience Project facilitator, and former AFL footballer, Martin Heppell will visit St Mary's to

engage with staff, parents and students about the benefits of G.E.M.: Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness, over the course of two days.

For more information, families from the local community are invited to attend a parent information night to learn more about methods to support mental health and well-being.

The information session will be held at St Clare Auditorium, St Mary of the Angels Secondary College, Tuesday, June 4, at 7pm.

Entry is free, however bookings are essential



Life saving service ... Whatever type of gas heater you have, Nathan and Chris Hicks will make sure it's running safely and efficient

Heater servicing vital as winter hits

IT may still officially be autumn, but chances are you've already switched your heater on at least once, as those cold nights and mornings bring the bite of winter with them.

However, as true 'heater season' hits, it's vital to get gas heaters cleaned and serviced - not just to ensure that they are operating as efficiently as possible, but to make sure they don't pose a serious risk to the lives of your family via an 'undiagnosed' carbon monoxide leak.

Carbon monoxide is produced whenever a fuel burns - whether it's gas, oil or even wood. When systems are fitted correctly, serviced

often and in good working order, they'll vent this gas externally.

But irregular servicing and breakdowns can lead to this noxious gas escaping into spots that it shouldn't.

Local gas-fitter and plumber Chris Hicks from All Plumbing Services describes carbon monoxide as a silent killer.

"It's invisible and odourless, so if you do have a leak you're unlikely to realise it before it's too late," he said.

"Gas offers an excellent option for home heating because it's efficient and clean, but because it just quietly does its job in the background, people often forget that it needs to be serviced.

"It'll keep your home toasty and warm, but the consequences of not servicing it regularly can be deadly."

With the Bureau of Meteorology predicting some cold weeks ahead, now is the time to book your service to ensure peace of mind.

Although money is nothing compared to your family's lives, there is also the very real consideration of efficiency - an unserviced heater could be costing you much more than it needs to.

"If your heater's not clean, it's not going to run as efficiently as it should," Chris said.

"As part of a heater service we give the whole thing a good clean and remove any soot or dust build

up so we leave it running as efficiently as it can."

As part of a thorough heater service, Chris and his son Nathan will check burner and gas pressure, the heat exchanger, flue, thermostat, regulators, fan, air filters and hoses and complete a carbon monoxide test.

Once the job is complete, they will clean up after themselves, and while they do you can take the opportunity to ask about all the other services they offer - including gas and plumbing installations to new homes and renovations, drainage, guttering, septic systems and hot water services.

Aussie diet fourth healthiest

A RECENT study has delved into national dishes from 34 countries across the globe, revealing that Australia is home to the fourth healthiest national diet.

The study explored over 102 different dishes - from popular breakfasts, lunches, dinners and claimed national dishes - identifying how close the nutrients in a meal are to the recommended proportions per calorie.

Whilst Australia's nominated national breakfast - zucchini fritters - left some scratching their heads, chicken parmigiana made a little more sense as the national dinner.

All up, the Australian micronutrient profile is robust and salt is low, scoring our diet a third place for breakfast and fourth overall.

India scored top spot, with dishes like marsala dosas, which is low in saturated fats and high in fibre and micronutrients.

Surprisingly for some, the US, renowned for big portions, came in at sixth place.

Apparently, the US actually boasts some comparatively balanced iconic meals, with a simple hamburger actually proving high in iron and protein, if a little high in saturated fats. Pancakes with maple syrup are healthier for being wholewheat, only suffering from high sugar, and clam chowder is packed with micronutrients like Vitamin C, calcium, and iron.

Whilst New Zealand ranked slightly lower than Australia overall with 11th place, it proved to have the best dinner option, serving up Kumara fritters.

The UK didn't do quite so well, coming in at 29th place out of 34.

Chicken tikka marsala, the UK's nominated dinner, didn't help the nation's chances, faring poorly with a ranking of 64th on the list out of 102 meals.

However, it was actually England's healthiest meal.

The full English breakfast contains 26g more fat than the recommended amount for the serving size, and contains more cholesterol per serving than any other dish in the study.

But it turns out a Sunday pork roast is England's least healthy option, overloaded as it is with protein, and both saturated and unsaturated fat.

All up, the English diet proved far too high in cholesterol and fat, and too low in fibre, to be doing anybody much good.

The unhealthiest country for a culinary tour proved to be Brazil, with the high sugars of local granola bars, and saturated fats in their moqueca de camara (shrimp stew), dragging the country down.

The unhealthiest meal around, went to a meat-heavy chorizo, pork, and beef meal from Argentina.



Healthy breakfast ... Bow Stuart happily tucks into zucchini fritters for breakfast.

Zucchini fritters for breaky anyone?

NUMURKAH Leader Facebook followers may recall that a little while ago we posed a question: "Just wondering how many of our readers regularly (or ever) eat zucchini fritters for breakfast?"

This, seemingly random, question had been prompted by a media release we received informing us that a recent study had shown that Australia had the fourth healthiest diet in the world.

Fair enough, you might think, but it was the following line that piqued our interest: 'Australia also ranked as the third healthiest breakfast option, with nutritious and delicious zucchini fritters.'

Zucchini fritters? For breakfast?

Really?

To us here at the Leader that seemed to come straight out of the blue, but then we figured, what do we know? Maybe everyone else is out there cooking up zucchini fritters for breaky on the regular, and we just haven't caught on yet.

So we put it to the people, and, much to our surprise, a not-insignificant number of you expressed a genuine love for zucchini fritters - especially for breakfast.

One of those people was Bow Stuart, who said that she doesn't often cook them herself, but will often order them if dining out for breakfast, brunch or lunch.

"Zucchini fritters are divine, and

I'd definitely order them over bacon and eggs, or anything else really, if they were on the menu" she said.

Bow admits that her love of zucchini fritters is partly fuelled by nostalgia, as she has fond memories of her Nan cooking them for her when she was a child.

"Nan was a great cook, and my go-to person if I ever needed a recipe," she said.

"I've made her zucchini fritters, but I would never bother making them for breakfast because I would be the only here who would eat them and it would be a bit too much messing around in the morning just for one person.

"But it's a good family meal which

just uses pantry staples and you could feed a big family cheaply on it."

Indeed, zucchini fritters is not only a cheap and tasty dish, but also a versatile one.

You can keep it plain, with just zucchini, or you can add all sorts such as corn, peas, bacon, potato - whatever you like really.

As for Bow, although she still reckons her Nan's recipe is the best, she isn't fussy and will happily order whatever version is on the menu of the breakfast spot she finds herself in - preferably with some beetroot relish, and a rasher or two of bacon on the side.

Basic zucchini fritter recipe

This fairly basic zucchini fritter recipe benefits from the addition of parmesan cheese to provide a crunchy crust on the outside whilst staying fluffy - but not soggy - on the inside.

Ingredients:

500 grams zucchini, grated
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup plain flour
1/4 cup grated parmesan
1 clove garlic, minced

1 large egg, beaten
Salt and black pepper, to taste

2 tablespoons olive oil

Method:

Place grated zucchini in a colander over the sink. Add salt and gently toss to combine; let sit for 10 minutes. Using a clean dish towel or cheese cloth, drain zucchini completely.

In a large bowl, combine zucchini, parmesan, garlic and egg. Sprinkle flour over evenly so it

doesn't clump and mix until just combined. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Heat olive oil in a large fry pan over medium high heat. Scoop tablespoons of batter for each fritter, flattening with a spatula, and cook until the underside is nicely golden brown - about 2 minutes. Flip and cook on the other side, about 1-2 minutes longer.

Serve immediately, or if cooking in batches, keep warm in the oven until all done.

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FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

MFL

SENIORS

Mulwala 0.5, 3.6, 4.8, 6.12 (48)

Moama 1.0, 2.0, 5.4, 6.5 (41)

GOALS, Mulwala: D. McNamara 2, B. Wilson 2, T. Dow 1, B. Clarke 1. Moama: D. Lowry 2, L. Thorp 2, F. Buchanan 1, G. Ward 1.

BEST, Mulwala: J. Gash, B. Clarke, C. Carling, G. Dominic, L. Russell, T. Doyle. Moama: L. Dunham, W. Jackson, J. Ives, D. Pinney, J. Whitehead, J. Simpson.

Tungamah 4.1, 5.1, 6.4, 13.6 (84)

Deniliquin Rams 4.5, 5.12, 7.14, 9.14 (68)

GOALS, Tungamah: A. Saunders 2, N. Lawless 3, J. O'Brien 2, T. Jones 1, J. Irvine 1, T. Irvine 1, C. Powell 1, D. Haebich 1. Deniliquin Rams: R. Gittens 2, A. Papin 2, A. Free 1, C. O'Connor 1, B. Irwin 1, N. Howe 1, J. Pitts 1.

BEST, Tungamah: J. Jones, N. Lawless, W. Thomson, K. Rowe, J. Irvine, T. Jones

Deniliquin Rams: R. Gittens, N. Howe, J. Anstee, T. Gallagher, S. Atley, A. Bull.

Echuca United 4.0, 7.2, 16.3, 23.5 (143)

Katandra 2.3, 9.6, 12.6, 12.8 (80)

GOALS, Echuca United: J. Mellington 13, F. Priest 4, B. Fulford 4, R. Priest 1, B. Barnes 1. Katandra: C. Hickford 4, R. Shannon 2, L. Minogue 2, R. Wardle 1, S. Barrett 1, B. Black 1, T. Jeffery 1.

BEST, Echuca United: J. Mellington, C. McLay, C. Zanella, N. Denahy, B. Fulford, R. Priest. Katandra: C. Hickford, Z. Thorne, L. Minogue, T. Jeffery, A. Muntz, R. Yze.

Nathalia 3.2, 7.5, 11.5, 17.7 (109)

Barooga 1.5, 2.6, 6.8, 10.10 (70)

GOALS, Nathalia: L. Evans 4, B. Ross 4, A. Hicks 3, J. Limbrick 3, A. Hickey 1, T. Moroney 1, A. Jorgensen 1.

Barooga: R. Thomson 3, C. Patten 2, R. Gow 2, B. Oats 1, C. Leighton-Daly 1, W. Demasi 1.

BEST, Nathalia: R. Butler, N. Nihill, T. Nihill, H. Hawks, A. Hicks, L. Evans. Barooga: C. Patten, L. Wright, T. McNeill, R. Thomson, C. Leighton-Daly, Z. Brain.

Deniliquin Rams 5.5, 10.10, 18.15, 27.16 (178)

Tungamah 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: C. Hillier 4, B. Marshall 3, W. McCartney 3, A. Wright 3, R. Ives 2, B. Park 2, J. Park 2, T. Willis 2, H. Way 1, H. Dudley 1, N. Bradley 1, C. Paton 1, M. Moose 1, Z. Free 1.

BEST, Deniliquin Rams: C. Hillier, A. Wright, T. Willis, J. Park, B. Marshall, N. Bradley. Tungamah: J. Costigan, A. Doyle, J. Purtell, T. True, L. McDonald, H. Thomson.

Echuca United 5.9, 11.15, 16.18, 22.24 (156)

Katandra 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Echuca United: O. Poole 4, S. Fisher 4, B. Barnstable 3, W. Graham 2, R. Stobaus 2, H. Dixon 1, N. Schmedje 1, A. Wagner 1, T. O'Brien 1, K. Blachford 1, D. Purbrick 1, R. Godfrey 1.

BEST, Echuca United: N. Ramage, O. Poole, W. Graham, K. Blachford, T. O'Brien, R. Godfrey. Katandra: R. Dawson, W. Morrissey, F. Walters, T. Wilson, R. Ash, L. Malcolm.

Nathalia 2.1, 5.3, 7.7, 9.10 (64)

Barooga 0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1 (1)

GOALS, Nathalia: K. Lundberg 3, B. Orton 2, B. Nave 1, J. Hutchins 1, B. Walpole 1, D. Conroy 1.

BEST, Nathalia: K. Lundberg, E. Congues, J. Hutchins, C. Sheehan, N. Bramwell, J. Amery. Barooga: J. Nolan, C. Jezewski, K. Withers, J. Woodhead, N. Brown, A. Krause.

Numurkah 2.2, 5.3, 7.6, 8.8 (56)

Congupna 0.3, 0.3, 3.9, 6.11 (47)

GOALS, Numurkah: N. Hughes 3, C. Waites 2, M. Millen 1, R. Verhoeven 1, T. Griffiths 1. Congupna: S. Jones 1, M. Brown 1.

BEST, Numurkah: N. Hughes, C. Waites, J. McNeill, A. Siemers, Z. Cason, H. McDonald. Congupna: O. Ryan, B. Lee, J. Guthrie, I. Guthrie, T. Webber.

Tongala 2.0, 5.4, 7.5, 12.8 (80)

Cobram 2.2, 2.3, 3.6, 6.6 (42)

GOALS, Tongala: H. Reid 8, K. Northausen 3, D. Scoble 1. Cobram: K. Griffin 4, P. Deger 1, M. Mustica 1.

BEST, Tongala: T. Watson, H. Reid, J. Johnstone, K. Northausen, D. Moore, M. Carroll. Cobram: C. Hulley, K. Griffin, L. Tejones, O. Quinane, L. Quinane, N. Elliott.

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BEST, Echuca United: T. Holmes, K. Sharpe-Long, J. Garner, C. Campbell, C. Sidebottom, D. Tomkins. Katandra: P. Cormican, N. Walters, L. Moroney, A. Harrington, F. Lesire, J. Hicks.

Nathalia 2.2, 3.5, 4.8, 7.11 (53)

Barooga 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 2.1 (13)

GOALS, Nathalia: J. Brown 2, S. Young 1, W. Sheehan 1, B. Armstrong 1, T. Favaro 1, A. Lindsay 1. Barooga: J. Andrew 1, W. Hoyle 1.

BEST, Nathalia: W. Sheehan, B. Armstrong, W. Guthrie, J. Brown, A. Lindsay, R. Bell. Barooga: R. Sampson, M. Perri, C. Doyle, B. Tenney, K. Trease, W. Hoyle.

Numurkah 4.2, 9.4, 10.7, 12.8 (80)

Congupna 2.1, 3.3, 4.3, 6.8 (44)

GOALS, Numurkah: M. Mansfield 3, D. Ebborn 2, S. Kelly 2, F. Jones 1, J. Kam 1, B. Millen 1, J. Hollands 1, K. Newby 1. Congupna: B. Austin 3, C. Guy-Smith 1, B. Gee 1, H. Hallahan 1.

BEST, Numurkah: K. Newby, M. Mansfield, P. Millen, B. Millen, D. Pellegrino, S. Kelly. Congupna: H. Hallahan, W. Batey, C. Guy-Smith, B. Austin, L. Bartels, J. Hall.

Cobram 6.3, 7.10, 13.13, 15.15 (105)

Tongala 1.1, 2.1, 2.1, 3.4 (22)

GOALS, Cobram: D. Langshaw 3, J. Opray 2, L. McShane 2, O. Mackay 2, L. Kennedy 2, J. Cassidy 2, M. Allen 1, A. Al Jassim 1. Tongala: R. Locke 1, M. Watson 1, S. Cipriani 1.

BEST, Cobram: J. Cassidy, D. Langshaw, O. Mackay, M. Allen, L. Adams, N. Iddles. Tongala: C. Watson, N. Densley, J. Matthes, S. Cipriani, R. Hatch, R. Souter.

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Moama 3.5, 6.7, 13.8, 18.13 (121)

Mulwala 0.0, 1.1, 1.1, 1.1 (7)

GOALS, Moama: N. Langborne 4, M. Bell 3, C. Huddle 3, L. Hogan 3, M. Flemming 2, J. Meager 2, D. Jenkins 1.

Mulwala: T. Jones 1.

BEST, Moama: J. Grubb, N. Langborne, J. Meager, M. Hipwell, K. Huddle, Z. McKenzie. Mulwala: Z. Oliver, J. Wheeler, D. Krichen, V. Kreech, T. Jones, R. Mitchell.

Deniliquin Rams 5.5, 10.10, 18.15, 27.16 (178)

Tungamah 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: C. Hillier 4, B. Marshall 3, W. McCartney 3, A. Wright 3, R. Ives 2, B. Park 2, J. Park 2, T. Willis 2, H. Way 1, H. Dudley 1, N. Bradley 1, C. Paton 1, M. Moose 1, Z. Free 1.

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Echuca United 5.9, 11.15, 16.18, 22.24 (156)

Katandra 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Echuca United: O. Poole 4, S. Fisher 4, B. Barnstable 3, W. Graham 2, R. Stobaus 2, H. Dixon 1, N. Schmedje 1, A. Wagner 1, T. O'Brien 1, K. Blachford 1, D. Purbrick 1, R. Godfrey 1.

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Nathalia 2.1, 5.3, 7.7, 9.10 (64)

Barooga 0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1 (1)

GOALS, Nathalia: K. Lundberg 3, B. Orton 2, B. Nave 1, J. Hutchins 1, B. Walpole 1, D. Conroy 1.

BEST, Nathalia: K. Lundberg, E. Congues, J. Hutchins, C. Sheehan, N. Bramwell, J. Amery. Barooga: J. Nolan, C. Jezewski, K. Withers, J. Woodhead, N. Brown, A. Krause.

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Congupna 0.3, 0.3, 3.9, 6.11 (47)

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Barooga 0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1 (1)

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BEST, Nathalia: K. Lundberg, E. Congues, J. Hutchins, C. Sheehan, N. Bramwell, J. Amery. Barooga: J. Nolan, C. Jezewski, K. Withers, J. Woodhead, N. Brown, A. Krause.

Numurkah 2.2, 5.3, 7.6, 8.8 (56)

Congupna 0.3, 0.3, 3.9, 6.11 (47)

GOALS, Numurkah: N. Hughes 3, C. Waites 2, M. Millen 1, R. Verhoeven 1, T. Griffiths 1. Congupna: S. Jones 1, M. Brown 1.

BEST, Numurkah: N. Hughes, C. Waites, J. McNeill, A. Siemers, Z. Cason, H. McDonald. Congupna: O. Ryan, B. Lee, J. Guthrie, I. Guthrie, T. Webber.

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Barooga 0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1 (1)

GOALS, Nathalia: K. Lundberg 3, B. Orton 2, B. Nave 1, J. Hutchins 1, B. Walpole 1, D. Conroy 1.

Two perfect scores

BOTH Jeff Matys and Lindsay Braybon scored perfect 100s on their second cards at Numurkah small bore competition last Thursday night.

This saw them both head their respective disciplines, Jeff in 20 metre benchrest, and Lindsay in the 20 metre prone event. Tim Braybon topped the 50 metre prone.

Scores:

20 metre benchrest: J. Matys 96.1 100.1 196.2, B. Braybon 97.1 95.0 191.2; L. Cook 96.0 95.2 191.2, C. Saxton 97.1 94.1 191.2; S. Clark 95.1 96.0 191.1, J. Matys 185.0; C. Saxton 92.1 92.0 184.1, E. Ryan 90.0 92.2 182.2.

20 metre prone: L. Braybon 98.4 100.5 198.9, R. Hill 97.5 96.0 193.5; B. Sneddon 95.4 95.1 190.5, W. Willsher 94.1 91.5 185.6; J. Cook 86.2 92.1 178.3, H. O'Brien 87.0 84.0 171.0.

50 metre prone: T. Braybon 98.5 95.2 193.7, G. Braybon 94.1 95.3 189.4; A. Lee 94.3 92.1 186.4, G. Miles 93.3 87.0 180.3; A. Gibbon 90.2 89.3 179.5, S. Rosemeier 91.2 87.1 178.3; A. Gibbon 92.1 85.1 177.2, D. Cook 85.0 92.0 177.0; M. Rosemeier 86.1 84.0 170.1.

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

Croquet season over

LAST Tuesday was the final day for recording this season's aggregates for Numurkah golf croquet social days, and the winners of all these were presented with their awards at a luncheon at the Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club yesterday. These will be reported in next Wednesday's *Leader*.

Golf croquet winners last week were Fay Shannon and Kevin Hansen, scoring three wins and 24 hoops, with second place going to Marg Brown and Joan T. Hansen with 2/22.

Graham Tyack topped the hoops-in-one, scoring two for the morning, while Lois Lowe and Ian Londey scored one each.

It was a good morning for jump shots, with Glenys Londey and Kevin Hansen making two, and Dot Storer and David Geddes one each.

Thursday morning coaching has been quite a success, so it was decided to continue these sessions at 10am. Last Thursday three new people took the opportuni-

ty to have one-on-one tuition from our more experienced members. This is a great opportunity to learn the game in a less structured setting and anyone who would like to give croquet a try will be made most welcome. Club mallets are available for use.

Selling raffle tickets can be a bit tedious at times, but not for the club's newly appointed golf croquet captain. A very enthusiastic helper in the form of Archie the galah turned up last week to give Rhonda Geddes a helping hand (beak). He didn't sell many tickets but would have been quite happy to take home the money.

Unfortunately our club had to cancel the association social tournament last Friday. With so many members from other clubs away, probably heading north for the winter, there were not enough entries to make it viable.

Friday morning asso-

ciation practice will

continue, beginning at 9am while the weather is reasonable.



Can I help? ... Rhonda Geddes selling raffle tickets with Archie her very keen assistant.

NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

MNL

A GRADE

Cobram 55 def Tongala 37
Deniliquin 60 def Tungamah 25
Moama 65 def Mulwala 21
Nathalia 41 def Barooga 35
Numurkah 29 def Congupna 51
Finley 30 def by Rumbalara 61
Katandra 30 def by Echuca United 71

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Moama	7	7	0	0	432	200	28	216
Rumbalara	7	6	1	0	421	222	24	189.64
Echuca United	7	6	1	0	425	250	24	170
Deniliquin	7	5	2	0	379	253	20	149.8
Mulwala	7	5	2	0	255	234	20	108.97
Cobram	7	4	3	0	310	349	16	88.83
Finley	7	4	3	0	275	343	16	80.17
Congupna	7	3	4	0	278	295	12	94.24
Tongala	7	3	4	0	247	301	12	82.06
Nathalia	7	2	5	0	221	275	8	80.36
Tungamah	7	2	5	0	230	341	8	67.45
Barooga	7	1	6	0	215	326	4	65.95
Numurkah	7	1	6	0	194	358	4	54.19
Katandra	7	0	7	0	211	346	0	60.98

B GRADE

Cobram 41 def by Tongala 46
Deniliquin 67 def Tungamah 14
Moama 45 def by Mulwala 48
Nathalia 38 def Barooga 25
Numurkah 25 def by Congupna 42
Finley 31 def Rumbalara 24
Katandra 23 def by Echuca United 63

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Deniliquin	7	7	0	0	387	164	28	235.98
Mulwala	7	7	0	0	343	177	28	193.79
Echuca United	7	6	1	0	374	228	24	164.04
Moama	7	5	2	0	323	241	20	134.02
Cobram	7	5	2	0	287	259	20	110.81
Congupna	7	4	3	0	243	220	16	110.45
Tongala	7	4	3	0	263	261	16	100.77
Finley	7	4	3	0	228	275	16	82.91
Barooga	7	2	5	0	204	283	8	72.08
Rumbalara	7	2	5	0	218	326	8	66.87
Nathalia	7	1	6	0	214	261	4	81.99
Numurkah	7	1	6	0	235	324	4	72.53
Tungamah	7	1	6	0	200	341	4	58.65
Katandra	7	0	7	0	221	380	0	58.16

C GRADE

Cobram 47 def Tongala 29
Deniliquin 89 def Tungamah 15
Moama 23 def by Mulwala 58
Nathalia 68 def Barooga 34
Numurkah 20 def by Congupna 45
Katandra 36 def by Echuca United 62

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Mulwala	7	7	0	0	369	161	28	229.19
Echuca United	7	7	0	0	365	169	28	215.98
Deniliquin	7	6	1	0	434	216	24	200.93
Cobram	7	6	1	0	344	178	24	193.26
Nathalia	7	4	3	0	313	257	16	121.79
Moama	7	4	3	0	286	286	16	100
Tongala	7	4	3	0	252	259	16	97.3
Congupna	7	3	4	0	267	278	12	96.04
Katandra	7	2	5	0	248	325	8	76.31
Rumbalara	7	2	5	0	221	317	8	69.72
Finley	7	2	5	0	171	323	8	52.94
Numurkah	7	1	6	0	150	249	4	60.24
Tungamah	7	1	6	0	173	351	4	49.29
Barooga	7	0	7	0	179	403	0	44.42

C RESERVE

Cobram 61 def Tongala 18
Deniliquin 55 def Tungamah 16
Moama 28 def by Mulwala 37
Nathalia 24 def by Barooga 33
Numurkah 29 def by Congupna 31
Katandra 23 def by Echuca United 64

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Mulwala	7	7	0	0	379	163	28	232.52
Echuca United	7	6	1	0	300	173	24	173.41
Deniliquin	6	5	1	0	312	157	20	198.73
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Bugs gets his third ace

by "Archie Bunker"

ALL the talk after golf at Numurkah on Saturday was about Neil 'Bugs' Hutchins' third hole-in-one.

Bugs had his first one at Tocumwal in December 2016, and then his second at Numurkah in January this year.

In perfect conditions for golf, Bugs hit a perfect little five-wood shot to the 145 metre seventh hole, that landed on the green about three metres short of the flag and disappeared into the shadow of the trees.

Being in the shadows, they didn't actually see it go in the hole, but knew it would be close and when they got nearer to the green and couldn't see a ball on the green, knew it must be in.

Scores were low for the third round of the club championships and Mawsons Concrete monthly medal, with five players finishing under nett 70.

With four 69s in the clubhouse, it wasn't until one of the last groups came in that Grant Duffy stole the monthly medal with a 67 nett.

Grant put on a great display for his playing partners, saying everything worked well, particularly his driving and putting.

Runner-up to Grant in B grade was Ben Clurey with 70 nett.

A grade came down to a four-way countback, with John Smith winning the top prize.

John has been spending a lot of time on the practice fairway and was very happy just to have played some good golf, some reward for all the hard work he has been putting in.

Robbie Sutton finished runner-up, ahead of Dylan Grandell and the ace master Neil Hutchins.

Robbie has played some great golf in the past three weeks, which has him leading the B grade championship.

Andrew Nicholls, Peter Cowan and Andrew Storer all finished with 70 nett, and were followed by Ron Smith on 71, Ian Clark, Chris Hicks, Mitch Grandell, Steve Piggott, Mark Hegarty and Brandan Hosie, who scored an eagle three on the third hole, all on 72. David Luding-

ton snaffled the last ball with 73.

Obviously Bugs won nearest the pin on the seventh hole, which would have left Paul Arnel feeling a little disappointed, as he had put one to about 18 inches during the morning, and would have been very confident of winning the ball.

Dylan Grandell won the ball on the fourth, Col McMinn had a great shot to the 15th, and Matt Ebborn was closest on the 18th.

Jack Dell won the Mickey Mouse ears after having 101 shots for his round. So bad was his game, that he actually paid out some of his dollar bets after playing only five holes.

The final round of the club championships will take place this Saturday.

With a terrific round of 68 on Saturday, Andrew Storer increased his lead to five shots ahead of Dylan Grandell, and will be hard to beat.

Robbie Sutton has a two shot buffer from John Smith, while there are only six shots separating the top four C graders, with Ian Clark leading by two from Chris Hicks.

The top four players in each grade will tee off at the following times:

C grade: 12 noon: Ian Clark (274), Chris Hicks (276), Peter Cowan, (278) Pierre Klaassen (280).

B grade: 12.08pm: Rob Sutton (248), John Smith (250), Steve Piggott (257), Barry Pruden (265).

A grade: 12.16pm: Andrew Storer (215), Dylan Grandell (220), Mitch Grandell (225), Matt Sellars (226).

Saturday's round will also be the third round of the AIIM Choices captain's putter event.

Two Jack Roche fourball first round knockout matches were played on Sunday.

Garry Hosie and Bob I'Anson defeated Pierre Klaassen and Charlie Walsh 5/4, and David Ludington and Jack Dell defeated David Booth and Dean Toy 4/3.

The final two matches are to be played by this coming Sunday.



And one shot makes three ... Neil Hutchins will soon have another hole-in-one trophy to add to these two.

I'm trying to be nice, Bugs

by Bev Hutchins

MY husband (Bugs) gives me theirritates. (Sorry, I'm trying to be nice.)

On Saturday he scored his third hole-in-one in just two and a half years, the second this year.

I know, I should be happy. And I was ... for his first one.

He had played golf for 30 years and never had one. It was terrific to see him get one.

It's every golfer's dream.

Then, in January this year, he had another one.

"Yeah, terrific", the family all said.

Talk about lucky!

But then on Saturday, I was playing the first hole (having started on the 10th) and my new Apple watch, that has only brought me joy since my beautiful family gave it to me on mothers' day, went buzz buzz, and when I looked, there was a blurry photo of a golf ball in a hole.

"Oh what the"

Being used to me receiving some interesting messages relating to my work during my round of golf, my playing partners asked me what was wrong.

"I think Bugs has had another hole-in-one," I said.

Yes, I confirmed with a quick look at my phone. Another hole-in-one.

Within minutes, the group that was follow-

ing Bugs had asked me "Have you heard?"

"Yes, I've heard," I replied snippily.

That's probably the only thing he did right. Posted it on the family What's App group.

"You're kidding?!?!" was the first comment, within seconds.

"You tin ass," was the next, before I could get out my own obscenity.

Then, finally his daughter replied with "Bloody heck, it's a race between you and Nola to see who gets the fourth one first".

Yes, as if it wasn't bad enough, my husband having his third hole-in-one, and me not having one (please note, I have only been playing for 20 odd years), but my best friend Nola Dalton, has had three. I was really happy for Nola to have her first one, which I witnessed up at Tocumwal, but then she had two within a week while I was overseas in 2016. How rude.

Anyway, back to Bugs (this story was supposed to be about him) and as we continued on our round on Saturday, I had numerous people asking "Have you heard?"

Yes, I have heard!

He notches up three trophies on the dresser, while I can't even manage to put together a decent round of golf at the moment.

It's lucky I love him.

Great to see, Bugs, couldn't happen to a better person!



She's back ... Rosemary Rutledge made a welcome return to form on Saturday, winning the day's competition with a terrific 69 nett.

Rosemary finds welcome form

by "The Shankster"

BEV McIntosh teed off early on Saturday morning and, with a better than nett par round, was the clubhouse leader for a very long time, until Rosemary Rutledge came in with the last group to steal the day's Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal shirt.

With too many other things getting in the way of golf over quite a long time now, Rosemary has been in the golfing doldrums, and was ecstatic to be out on the golf course playing something resembling the game she used to play. Her score included a chip in on the seventh for a birdie two.

With 69 nett, Rosemary finished three shots ahead of Helen Schmedje on 72 nett, and Bev McIntosh had to settle for third place, losing the countback to Smedge.

Tracey Clouston and Pippa de Bondt both finished with 73s, Jenny Ludington had 75, and Felicity Booth took the last of the balls with 76 nett.

Club champion Tracey Clouston had the best scratch score of 79 shots.

Sandy Trimble won nearest the pin on the seventh hole, Lauris Ashton was a one-hit-wonder, with a good shot to the 15th green, and Bev McIntosh won the ball on the 18th.

It's not often the day's winner also wins the Minnie Mouse ears, but Rosemary achieved that feat on Saturday.

Obviously she didn't hit all good shots on the day, for her drive off the 15th tee almost taking out, not one, but three men playing in the following group, and missing them all!

While the final round of the club championships was played last Wednesday, those of us mere mortals not in contention for anything joined in the day's round hoping to better our form and maybe score a daily competition win.

Robyn Hodgkin was the big winner of the day, adding a division two win to her B grade championship, coming in with 72 nett to win the division by one shot from Marie Ryan.

Robyn's score was no doubt helped along by parring all five of the par threes on the day.

Helen Schmedje put together a serviceable round of 74 nett to win division one, with two shots to spare from Julie Daniel on 76.

Balls down the line went to Sandy Trimble with 74, Norma Cullum, Merren Carr, Bev Hutchins, Karen Harper and Lorraine Craig, all with 76 nett.

Pauline Davies won nearest the pin with a nice shot to the seventh green, and Julie Daniel won the cake hole 18th, and will be off to Mierlo for a delicious feed.

Two of the first round Jack Roche fourball knockout matches were played in the past few days.

Robyn Hodgkin is proving an unbeatable op-

ponent in match play, having gone through the recent short pennant season undefeated, and steering herself and Lorraine Craig to a win on Sunday.

They defeated Bev McIntosh and Bev Peacock 3/2, sealing the match with an unbeatable five, nett four on the long 16th hole.

Kath Hepworth and Merren Carr also moved into the next round, defeating Helen Schmedje and Karen Harper 5/3 in cold, windy conditions.

The final match between Jenny Ludington/Liz Dell and Julie Daniel/Margot McGrath is scheduled to be played this Sunday.

The pennant team got oh so close to taking out another division one flag, missing out by just half a game.

Numurkah faced Cobram Barooga in the last round of the season on Monday, needing to square the match to secure the flag.

But the Numurkah girls only managed two wins, to fall agonisingly short. A squared match meant they would have shared the points, and Numurkah had more game wins, which would have got it over the line.

Nola Dalton and Pauline Davies both won their matches well, Nola 3/1 and Pauline 4/2. Felicity Booth went down 4/2 and Julie Daniel and Tracey Clouston both went down on the last hole of the day.

The division two side had the bye and was relying on Shepparton losing its match against Cobram Barooga, but the Shepp girls got up 3-2, and Numurkah finished second in this division too.

Back at home, the final round of the nett championships will be played this Saturday, and there are many players still in the mix to win this.

Of those players to have played all three rounds so far, Bev McIntosh has the best score of 222, followed by Nola Dalton on 223, Tracey Clouston on 226 and Jenny Ludington 227.

With only three of the four rounds to count towards the final score, players are able to drop off their worst round, which brings many more players into contention. Just four shots separate the top seven players.

Using only the best two rounds, Helen Schmedje has the best score of 145, just one ahead of Bev McIntosh and Nola Dalton on 146. Liz Dell and Karen Harper are both on 148, while Tracey Clouston and Pip de Bondt are 149.

Things will get a little more relaxed today, with a stableford round on the agenda, with a draw for playing partners to be done at 9.15am.

The Saturday nett championships will conclude this Saturday, in conjunction with the third round of the Numurkah Pharmacy captain's putter event.

Next Wednesday will be a par round.

Strathmerton Bulldogs win but lose

EVEN with a two goal win against Tocumwal on Saturday, Strathmerton dropped to second spot on the Picola Netball League A grade ladder.

The Doggies came out firing at the start of both of the first two quarters, but lost their momentum and let Toc get back in the game.

Even with a seven goal lead at half time, they knew it wasn't going to be easy to stay in front, and the Bloods knew the script, and hit back hard.

The Strathy girls stayed patient and stuck to their game plan. The attackers worked tirelessly all game to get the ball into the goal circle.

The end result came down to the dying minutes of the game. The defenders got their hands on important rebounds and intercepts to send the ball back into attack.

After a couple of missed shots, Strathmerton was able to score the crucial goals to finish up by two, 39-37.

The Bulldogs are level on points with Katamatite and Deniliquin Rovers, sitting second behind Katamatite,

which is undefeated, but played one game less due to the bye, on percentage.

Awards: Strathy Pub: Brittany Brunskill; Strathy Cafe: Kelley Laidlaw; Subway: Caitlyn Price.

B GRADE

Strathmerton got a second B grade win on the board, with a consistent effort from all girls on Saturday.

All the things they have been working on at training came into play against Tocumwal on the weekend.

The Strathmerton girls were very settled, and put together some good passages of play in a consistent, four quarter effort.

No-one ever stopped fighting for the ball, which resulted in a terrific 12 goal win, 55-43.

Awards: Talia Jacobs, Amy Martin, Caitlin Hill.

C GRADE

The C graders put in a terrific effort, but couldn't quite pull off a win, going down 19-26.

The girls are continuing to improve every week, and starting to gel as a

team.

Everyone put in 100% from the first whistle. The defenders worked tirelessly to bring the ball down the court and feed into the attackers, and the goalers showed a terrific improvement in their movement in the goal circle.

Awards: Strathy Pub: Caitlin Bailey; Ambience Bakery: Tomasina Ventre; Wingates: Elle Walkington.

C RESERVE

Having to make some really big changes to their line-up didn't stop the C reserve team from taking a big win on Saturday, 23-9.

With a few girls out injured, Nin Palmer and stepped up, along with Sarah Brooks, who made her senior debut.

The Bulldog defenders were consistent, sending the ball down slow and steady to the goalers, who were persistent and rarely missed a rebound.

Awards: Strathy Pub BOC: Jodi Brooks; Strathy Cafe: Sienna Bate; Subway: Sarah Brooks.

17 UNDER

The undefeated Strathy under 17s continued on their winning way, with a terrific win over the second placed team on the ladder.

In a top of the table clash, the Bulldogs were prepared for a tough game and got off to a great start and never let up the pressure, going on to win 42-26.

Awards: Wingates: Molly Coburn; iTunes voucher: Maddison Wilson.

15 UNDER

It all came down to the final minutes of the under 15s' game and, despite a terrific last quarter fightback, Strathmerton came out on the wrong end of a one goal margin.

The Bulldogs trailed by five goals going into the last quarter, and the girls were given a few simple instructions on which to focus.

The defenders turned over the ball on several occasions and the girls all held their nerve, but Tocumwal was in front at the final whistle, winning 16-15.

Awards: Strathy Cafe: Kiera Henderson; iTunes voucher: Tahlia

Woodland; \$5 award: Taryn Miller.

13 UNDER

The Toc under 13s have only lost one game for the season, and continued this trend on Saturday with a big win over Strathy, in a clash between third and fourth on the ladder.

The Bloods were too good and polished, and the Bulldogs were short on numbers, making it an even tougher day for the visitors.

Maddie Shannon and Eva Laidlaw showed some of the talent coming up next season, stepping up to help out.

Tocumwal took victory 24-4.

Awards: Subway: Amy Wyatt; Strathy Cafe: Darci Bennet, Eva Laidlaw.

MINIS

The youngest Bulldogs played one of their best games for this season, against a slick and tall Tocumwal side.

The girls implemented the things they've been working on at training, in a great effort.

Awards: \$5: Ella Wood; Strathy Cafe: Makayla Hughes; Subway: Olivia Hanley.

Col bounces back

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

COL Stone's previous two rounds of golf had seen him vying for the tin of boiled lollies awarded for coming last in the mid-week "Bear Challenge" field.

Conversely, this past week saw Col scoring 37 stableford points and winning the day in a countback from an in-form Alan Newby. Quite a turn around!

Overall, scoring was quite modest, with about one third of the top scores being close to the player's handicap. Ball winners and their scores were: Les Summerville, Dick Maloney, Max Shearman (Bairnsdale), Roy Peterson all 36, John Smith and Chris Hicks 35, Sam Robertson, Neil Hutchins, Alan Rogers, Neville Smith, Ray Falla and Sid Roughsedge 34, Hugh Gunn 33.

Bruce Collins was the recipient of the tin of boiled lollies with the lowest score of 24 stableford points.

Bill Padgett once again wore the Mickey Mouse ears for the wackiest play of the day. This week Bill hit his ball off the 10th tee and saw it go a bare five metres. He then proceeded to walk forward, pick up his ball and tee it up again for his second shot!

If your surname was Smith you were a shoo-in to win a nearest the pin this week. Neville Smith scored the GMCU ball on the fourth hole, John Smith took Dennis and Roy's ball on the 14th and Ronny Smith won the Pruden Carpentry ball for best shot to the 18th. Neil Hutchins was happy to win the \$38 players' sweep money on offer for best shot to the seventh hole and finally, Matt Ebborn was able to break the drought and take Graeme Sprunt's sponsored ball on the 15th.

Why not join us this Thursday and see for yourself what antics Bill gets up to? Assemble at the clubhouse by 9.30am for a 10 o'clock hit off. Visitors and guests are most welcome.



Determination ... Marni Hicks searches the court for a lead in her B grade team's 20 goal victory on Saturday.

Working on their form

THERE were so many great moments for Waaia in its A grade netball game against a team placed much higher than it on the ladder, but it wasn't the Bombers' day in the goal ring, and they went down to Deni Rovers 33-46.

The Bombers feel they are very close to getting it right on the court, they just need to keep working hard and building on their game plan.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Amy Williams, Terminus Hotel: Angela Thorne, Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Milly Foster.

B GRADE

The Bomber B graders got off to a good start and took a nice victory, 41-21.

After a second quarter lull, the bombers went into the second half only a couple of goals up, but they dug deep and hit the ground running.

Great defensive pressure resulted in a lot of turnovers, which were rewarded by the goalers.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Maddi Cleeland, Telegraph Hotel: Jemma Bell, Casual Step: Bree Jorgensen.

C GRADE

With last year's premiership winning coach going along to watch the Waaia game on Saturday, the Bombers turned it on, and took a hard-fought six goal win.

The Bombers worked hard in the first quarter and it soon became apparent that they had met with tough opposition.

The attackers stepped up their game in the second quarter, and the defence was outstanding, yet again, going on to take victory 27-21.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Olivia, Terminus Hotel: Aimee Wilson, Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Andrea Walker.

C RESERVE

Beginning their game on a wet court, the Waaia girls used lots of short, sharp passes to keep possession down the court, and it paid off, as they went on to a 20 goal win.

This was a re-match of last year's grand final, which was won by Deni, so it was a terrific effort from the home side to take such a good win, 41-

21.

All players adapted to position changes well, they just need to work on being more vocal on the court.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Zena Walpole, Telegraph Hotel: Tarni Williams.

We started off with a wet start on the court and the girls used lots of short, sharp passes to keep the ball in our possession down the court. Last time we came up against Deni, was the grand final last year. It was great to see a clean and polite game and our girls came out with a 20 goal win. Everyone adapted to our changes well and the only thing the girls need to work on is being more vocal on the court.

17 UNDER

Three great quarters of netball proved to be just enough for the under 17 girls to take victory, but it's not something they will want to keep repeating.

The girls dropped off their intensity in the last quarter, and scraped home by just two goals, 30-28.

15 UNDER

Waaia's under 15s had a nine goal win over Deni Rovers, 28-19.

13 UNDER

The under 13s had a tough game against the second placed side, but battled hard.

The first quarter was very even, but Deni pulled away in the second and held the lead for the rest of the game.

The defenders worked hard to get rebounds, and the mid court players did well to get the ball into the goalers.

Awards: WFNC Scrunchie: Bindi Stuart, WFNC Canteen: Jemima Moore.

11 UNDER

The under 11s played a great game, supporting and encouraging each other, and trying new positions, and all with a smile.

Awards: WFNC Scrunchie: Lil, Northstar: Myla, Terminus Hotel: Lucy.

Tracey makes it nine

by "The Shankster"

ON a drama-filled day on the golf course, Tracey Clouston took out her ninth Numurkah club championship last Wednesday, with an eight shot margin from last year's winner Nola Dalton.

With rounds of 81, 82 and a final round score of 86 shots, the six handicapper staged a comeback on the back nine, after Nola got to within one shot of the leader on the 11th hole.

After starting the final round with a five shot lead, Tracey led by three at the turn, but Nola bettered her scores on both the 10th and 11th to almost share the lead.

Tracey then parred 12, 13 and 14, and had a nice birdie on the 15th to lead by six shots and virtually have the title in her hands.

While it is a fantastic achievement for Tracey, Nola has also put in a terrific performance over the three rounds, off her 11 handicap, which saw her win the handicap trophy.



Champs ... Norma Cullum, Tracey Clouston, Robyn Hodgkin and Nola Dalton with their championship trophies.

Changes at the top

WAAIA continued on its unbeaten run in the Numurkah indoor bowls competition with another 10-0 win over Wunghnu last Thursday to remain in top spot on the ladder.

Strathmerton moved into second place with maximum points in its game against Katamatite, which has now lost two in a row to drop from

second place to fourth.

Senior Citizens defeated Shamrock, and the second-placed Nathalia went down to Barooga, which saw it drop to fourth place.

RESULTS

Katamatite 0/33 lt Strathmerton 10/53. M. Nordbye 20 lt T. Haynes 24; C. Owen 13 lt R.

Clarke 29.

Waaia 10/75 d Wunghnu 0/24. S. Cleland 46 d N. Barnes 9; L. Clarke 29 d D. Staggard 15.

Senior Citizens 10/66 d Shamrock 0/38. L. Addison 27 d T. Bullock 23; B. Seymour 39 d M. Young 15.

Barooga 9/45 d Nathalia 1/39. I. Swain 22 drew

B. Hutchins 22; E. Gorden 23 d F. Hutchins 17.

LADDER

Waaia 39 +112; Strathmerton 28 +26; Barooga 25 +26; Nathalia 21 +61; Katamatite 20 -29; Senior Citizens 15 -10; Shamrock 12 -28; Wunghnu 0 -158.

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Melbourne vs. Adelaide Crows (TIO) (N)
St Kilda vs. Port Adelaide (AAJS)
Essendon vs. Carlton (MCG)
West Coast Eagles vs. Western Bulldogs (OS)

BEV'S FAVOURITES

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Fremantle
- 3 Gold Coast
- 4 Geelong
- 5 Hawthorn
- 6 Melbourne
- 7 St Kilda
- 8 Essendon
- 9 Bulldogs

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

Last week 3 Total 43



Dave Jenkins

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

Last week 7 Total 57



Danni Woolley

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Collingwood
- 3 GWS
- 4 Geelong
- 5 Hawthorn
- 6 Melbourne
- 7 St Kilda
- 8 Essendon
- 9 Bulldogs

Last week 4 Total 44



Kevin Morland

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

Last week 5 Total 54



John Schaaf

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

Last week 7 Total 49



David Ludington

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

Last week 6 Total 54



Nathan Morris

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

Last week 5 Total 56



Troy Knox

- 1 North Melb
- 2 Collingwood
- 3 GWS
- 4 Geelong
- 5 Hawthorn
- 6 Melbourne
- 7 St Kilda
- 8 Essendon
- 9 West Coast

Last week 3 Total 43



Denis Brooks

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Collingwood
- 3 GWS
- 4 Geelong
- 5 Brisbane
- 6 Adelaide
- 7 Port Adelaide
- 8 Carlton
- 9 West Coast

Last week 7 Total 56



Liam Gledhill

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Collingwood
- 3 GWS
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- 9 West Coast

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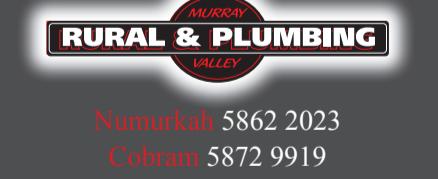
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Last week 7 Total 55



Kylie Jackson

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

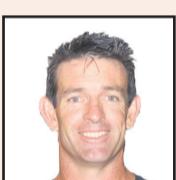
Last week 6 Total 56



Chris O'Dwyer

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

Last week 7 Total 54



Roger Seiter

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

Last week 7 Total 60



Tom Buzzza

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

Last week 5 Total 50



Peter Newby

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

Last week 6 Total 54



John Beitzel

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Collingwood
- 3 GWS
- 4 Geelong
- 5 Brisbane
- 6 Adelaide
- 7 Port Adelaide
- 8 Carlton
- 9 West Coast

Last week 6 Total 53



Brad Kerry

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

Last week 8 Total 50



Katunga Fresh

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

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Nathalia girls notch up second win

WITH both teams going into Saturday's game with one win for the season, it was always going to be a great contest between the Nathalia and Barooga A grade netball teams.

The Nathalia girls played an amazing team game, to take a six goal victory, 41-35.

Strong defensive pressure allowed the Purples to turn over the ball, while the attackers provided terrific drive.

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

B GRADE

The Nathalia B graders got their first win on the board, taking a 13 goal win over Barooga.

The girls all worked hard for the whole game, with plenty of talk on the court.

They adjusted as the game went on and worked very hard in the last quarter to come home with a good win.

Awards: Coprice BOC: Jessi Hicks, Hinchliffe & Greed Real Estate: Millie Maskell, Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Alycia Oakes.

C GRADE

The C graders started well, and continued to play four solid quarters to double Barooga's 34 goals and take a comfortable victory.

There were some beautiful passages of play and everyone worked hard to get the ball back after turnovers.

Awards: Barmah Hotel BOC: Chloe Armstrong, 3 Belles Creations: Ashlea Baker, Sportfirst Numurkah: Anna Tinkler.

C RESERVE

The C reserve game ended in disappointment for Nathalia's C reserve players, going down 24-33.

While the defence worked tirelessly throughout the game, poor passing, and congestion in the mid court let the team down and led to its defeat.

Awards: Limo's Home Hardware BOC: Shelly Patone, Laino's Pizza: Jodie Coutts, Sportfirst Numurkah: Cath Dealy.

17 UNDER

The under 17s got off to a slow start, possibly due to a deb ball hangover, which may have proved their undoing, when they lost by just three goals.

The Nathalia girls quickly caught up and started to play their own game, going goal for goal with Barooga.

It was a great effort, but it was too little, too late, as they fell 30-33.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia BOC: Anna Brown, Marketplace Subway: Ella Brereton, Bell's Water Cartage: Bella Sheehan.

15 UNDER

The under 15s' game was expected to be a close contest, and that it proved, Nathalia getting up by eight goals, 36-28.

The first half was particularly close, with scores level at the main break.

Ebony James provided great drive down the court, and changes in the goals saw Nathalia win both the third and fourth quarters.

Awards: Kyle Richards BOC: Hayley Wigmore, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Ebony James, Marketplace Subway: Kaiya Cornell, TJ's IGA: Emily Woods.

13 UNDER

A change of attitude on Saturday saw the under 13s play a much improved game, although still going down to Barooga 12-42.

The girls put together some amazing passages of play to provide a contest for the fourth placed team on the ladder.

Awards: Bendigo Bank BOC: Ally Bloodworth, Nathalia Dairy: Eliza Kopsidas, TJ's IGA: Ella Dealy.

11 UNDER

The under 11s struggled at the start of their game, but soon settled down and led forward.

Barooga took victory 21-5, but it was a great job from all girls, who adapted well to the weather.

Awards: Past Players: BOC: Bella Nave, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Sarah Stone, TJ's IGA: Charlotte Whyte.



Ball on a string ... Chloe Armstrong played a terrific game to be named best on court in her team's big C grade win over Barooga.

Blues fall short

ALTHOUGH unable to get another win on the board, Numurkah's A grade netball side put up a great effort against Congupna on Saturday, going down 29-51.

As the Blues continue to struggle with numbers in their senior netball ranks, Michelle Vandegoer filled in for the team this week and helped out the very young side, providing great talk and guidance.

Sophie Morris had a great day in defence, working well with Michelle, gaining many intercepts and just working hard all game. Sophie continues to grow and improve each week and is a very exciting player for Numurkah.

Jess Tymensen also stood up this week and continues to show so much growth and maturity each week.

Elish Judd again showed her versatility and strength, playing in different positions throughout the game, while Sarah Trease continues to improve and listen each week, and is becoming a very important player in this side.

Danielle Beekman has stepped up from B grade and just takes on direction, always playing her role with great intensity and commitment.

This group of young girls continue to excite, as they develop and mature each week. There were some exciting patches of play, they just need to continue to work on sustaining this for four quarters.

This Saturday they will face Barooga, which sits just one spot ahead of the Blues on the ladder, so they will be hoping to notch up a second victory.

Awards: Numurkah Hotel: Danielle Beekman; Brereton's Bakery: Sophie Morris.

B GRADE

The B graders had one of those games where everyone was flat and the play disjointed, which resulted in them going down by 17 goals, 25-42.

Rebecca Morris tried her hardest and battled on in defence, but the girls found it hard to lift each other and play as a team.

Awards: Numurkah Café Bar & Restaurant: Rebecca Morris; Shamrock Hotel: Mary Down.

C GRADE

With another different line up hitting the court, the C graders faced another tough game, going down 20-45.

Kate Reghennzani stabilised the goal end,

and Lil Ruscoe was strong through the mid-court, both girls showing consistent effort all game.

With a chance to settle in, hopefully the girls will see some improved results in coming rounds.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Kate Reghennzani; Numurkah Café Bar & Restaurant: Elizabeth Ruscoe.

C RESERVE

The C reservers had a very close game against The Road, and led all game until the last few minutes of the final quarter, going down by two goals 29-31.

Zoe Martin put in a strong defensive performance, creating great pressure on her opponent. Mary Morrison is having a terrific season and again goaled well this week.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Zoe Martin; Hair Societe: Mary Morrison.

17 UNDER

The under 17 girls got off to a great start, but couldn't keep up their good work, going down 16-34.

Chloe Taylor was on fire in the goal circle, back on the court after time off with an injury.

Tammy Stone has stepped up on every aspect of her netball, creating beautiful leads and providing options around the whole court, while Lilly Osborne put everything from training into her game.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Tammy Stone; SportFirst Numurkah: Lilly Osborne.

15 UNDER

The under 15 girls played really well and had a great win over Congupna, 34-11.

The Blues worked hard right from the beginning, and pushed through until the end.

Savannah Shanahan and Marly Handford both put in outstanding efforts all over the court.

Awards: Reapers Hair & Beauty: Savannah Shanahan; Club: Marly Handford.

13 UNDER

The result of the under 13s' game came right down to the wire, with the Blues sneaking home with a one goal victory, 19-18.

There were several girls who could have been awarded best on court, but it went to Katelin Watters, who has limited netball experience, but is learning and growing every week.

Award: Club: Katelin Watters.



I've got it ... Teea Brattle stopped this ball from going out of the court in Saturday's under 15 game.

Picola bounces back

WITH a much improved performance from the previous week, Picola United's A grade netballers took a good win over Yarroweyah, 66-38.

The Blues went out and played a great team game. Their defensive pressure and talk was back where it should be, and the attackers fed the ball well into the goal circle, where the goalers goaled beautifully.

Awards: Nathalia Post Office: Georgia Walton; Brereton's Bakery: Holly Chalker.

A big improvement on last week, we came out and played a great team game. Defensive pressure and out talk was back where it should be. Beautiful goaling and feeding from the attackers.

Awards: Picola United: Georgia Walton; Brereton's Bakery: Holly Chalker.

Yarroweyah got its first win of the season, with a 23 goal victory over Picola's B grade side.

The Blues played with great intensity for three quarters, but then let a few things get to them, and went down 45-22.

Awards: Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering: Laura Byrnes-Smith; Brereton's Bakery: Kelsey Trick-

C GRADE

The C graders had a terrific win, defeating Yarroweyah 54-19.

Sophie Moylan pulled in many intercepts, Emma Caldwell smashed it in goals, and the whole team fought hard all game.

Awards: Foot Waste Solutions: Sophie Moylan; Club Dinner: Emma Caldwell.

C RESERVE

Both Picola and Yarroweyah were winless going into Saturday's clash, but it was Yarroweyah that notched up its first victory, in a close contest, 24-20.

The Blues put up a great fight, and played a very good team game.

Awards: Casual Step: Hayley Marrymehat; Club Dinner: Morgan Lee.

17 UNDER

Trying out a few different combinations and positions worked well for the under 17 girls, who took a 20 goal win, 35-15.

Awards: Power Livestock: Jakkara Wise; Barmah Social Club: Chantel Leggette.

15 UNDER

After a great first quarter, the under 15s went on with the task at hand and took a terrific win, 35-7.

The Blues appeared to go to sleep in the second quarter, but played a much better second half to take the victory, with a few under 13s filling-in.

Awards: Birch Earthmoving: Kate Francis; Barmah Social Club: Shontay McCabe Jackson.

13 UNDER

The under 13s were unstoppable in their victory over Yarroweyah, 23-1.

All game they kept their spacing, and their movement down the court was sensational.

Awards: Baxter Family Medallion: Amber Watson; Barmah Social Club: Sienna Varcoe.

MINIS

The minis showed great sportsmanship, facing a very short Yarroweyah side.

The shooting and leading of the young Blues was terrific.

Awards: Intersports Bennett's: Baylee Ward; PUFNC: Abbey Sheahan.



Backstops ... Shane Miller and Numurkah coach Jye Warren were part of an effective backline that stopped many Congupna forward moves on Saturday.

Blues step up and win

DESPITE a bit of a fade-out in the third quarter, Numurkah came away with a terrific, 34 point victory over Congupna on Saturday in a game of football where the home side was never behind.

This week's match up saw several changes to the Blues' line up through recent injury, and a number of players took that opportunity to take on greater responsibility for the team.

The Blues got off to a good start, and kicking three goals, three behinds to The Road's solitary major in the first quarter, and then added five more goals to two in the second.

But Congupna reset after the long break and peppered the goals, with four goals, to Numurkah's two.

The Blues bounced back in the final term to go on to take the victory 14.12 (96) to 10.2 (62).

Michael Griffith was a welcome addition to the line up, combining with Mitch Price to dominate the ruck hit-outs and give midfielders Beau McKeown and Mike Herlihy first use of the football at every stoppage.

Both midfielders pushed forward to hit the score-

board when given the freedom to do so, Herlihy finishing with four goals and McKeown with three.

Shane Miller and Clancy Lester lined up in the key defensive posts and acquitted themselves well. Both were prolific in their one-on-one battles and stopping any threat that came inside the Blues' defensive 50.

The backline proved to be the difference between the two sides in the end, with Dylan Taylor and Jye Warren ably supporting Miller and Lester, with plenty of rebounding run out of defence, proving too pacy for their opponents.

A move to the wing for Josh Hoffmann after half time proved a master stroke by coach Brad Dobson, with Hoffmann providing run and polish on the outside of the stoppages to break the lines and kick three goals.

The Roberts brothers, Kye and Bailey, also ran hard through the wings to provide terrific support at contest after contest.

The Blues' rebound, run and stoppage control proved too good over the course of the four quarters, leading at every change and finishing 34 point winners.

Good start, but no win

NUMURKAH'S reserves hit the ground running and restricted their opposition to just one first quarter goal, but couldn't go on with it, unable to notch up their first win for the season.

The Blues took it right up to Congupna for the first quarter, but the visitors took control after the first break and ran away with the game to take victory 13.13 (91) to 2.2 (14).

Troy Metzner received best on ground honours with a dominant display in the ruck, giving the consistent midfield pair of James Pruden and Kaleb Rees first use of the football in tight space around the stoppages.

Brad Millen's run of good form continued with another solid display in the middle and working into defence. Hamish Lambert continued to impress at centre half back, utilising his run, carry and long kicking to repel the opposition at every opportunity.

Up forward, Sam Mansfield provided a lively target in his first game for the season, kicking the Blues' only two goals.

Awards: Al Millen Concreting: Troy Metzner, Shamrock Hotel: James Pruden, Numurkah Hotel: Brad Millen, Telegraph Hotel: Hamish Lambert, Brereton's Bakery: Kaleb Rees, Mierlo's: Sam Mansfield.

UNDER 17s
The thirds took a 36 point win over Congupna.

The Blues got off to a good start, leading by six goals at half time, which was also the final margin in their 12.8 (80) to 6.8 (44) victory.

Kane Newby, Matthew Mansfield, Pat Millen, Ben Millen, Dakota Pellegrino and Sam Kelly were named in the best for Numurkah.

Mansfield booted three goals, while Dusty Ebborn and Sam Kelly both added two each.

UNDER 14s
The Numurkah fourths took their second consecutive win of the season, winning by just seven points over Congupna.

Rested up after the interleague bye, and buoyed with enthusiasm, the Blues gathered for their foot of the ladder clash against Congupna, strengthened by the addition of co-captain Kobi Rahilly, up for his first foray of the year.

And so a tough contest began, under leaden threatening skies.

With Judah Moody, Lucas Roberts and Oliver Masters playing well in the middle, and Reeve Verhoeven tough and fast on the right wing, Matt Millen slotted the first major of the game in a move forward.

Nick Hughes linked well with Jack Tremellen to again capitalise on the scoreboard, and Numur-

ah went into the first break with a gritty 11 point advantage.

Zac Newby was ferocious on the wing in the second term, and Nick Hughes blazed through to snap two majors, while keeping the boys from The Road scoreless for the period.

Congupna came back with a renewed attack in the second half, raising the pressure considerably with the ball rarely out of its offensive half.

Scoring three goals to Numurkah's two, the difference was back to just 19 points at the last break, and could have been much greater, if not for inaccurate kicking, as The Road also added six behinds.

Congupna was quick to score in the final term, adding two goals and, with 11 minutes to play, there was just one kick in it.

Congupna scored again to level the game and then added a behind to take the most slender of leads before Numurkah drew level again.

Connor Waites slotted his second major with three minutes to play, and then Zac Cason linked well with Lucas Roberts to kick a point on the siren, to give the Blues a fighting seven point victory, 8.8 (56) to 6.11 (47).

Best players: Nick Hughes, Conner Waites, Jaxon McKellar, Ayden Siermans, Zac Cason, Harry McDonald.

Picola adds onto good start

PICOLA put in a solid effort against Yarroweyah in their Picola football league clash on Saturday, eventually opening up the game to take a 58 point win.

In beautiful autumn conditions at Yarroweyah, Picola United started the game strongly, winning more of the ball and applying strong pressure when they didn't have it.

The Blues locked the ball in their forward half and used multiple options in attack to record a six goals to one opening quarter.

Yarroweyah matched Picola around the ball in the second term, tightening up the game, with both teams scoring three goals each, but Picola responded well in the third quarter, again taking control of the game, kicking several unanswered goals.

Not willing to let go easily, Yarroweyah fought back late in the penultimate quarter, and kicked three goals, but Picola had increased its lead with a five goal term.

The Blues steadied in the final quarter and finished with another four goals to one, continuing to run hard and open up space in their forward 50.

It was a solid effort from Picola, but there is still plenty of improvement possible.

Awards: DMH mug and Barmah Hotel: Ben Gill; Blake Street Butchery: Marcus Walsh; Brereton's Bakery: Blake Jorgensen; Lino's Hardware: Luke Jackson.

RESERVES

Good pressure and attack all over the ground saw the Picola reserves side take an 85 point victory over the winless Yarroweyah.

Yarroweyah could only muster one goal for the game, to Picola's 14, going down 1.2 (8) to 14.9 (93).

Jarrod Byrne was the most productive forward, kicking five majors for his side.

The Blues played good disciplined footy, with everyone contributing well for the whole game.

Awards: Nathalia Fertiliser and Grain: Jarrod Byrne; Brereton's Bakery: Angus Hawks; Minchin Mechanics: Dean Moore; Numans: Jayson Byrne.

UNDER 17s

Even though it was a clash between two teams sitting together on the under 17s ladder, Yarroweyah blew Picola away, taking a big win, its first four points for the season.

Yarroweyah started the game with six first quarter goals, while the Blues remained goalless for the entire game.

After some push and shove, the Picola boys got back in the game with many forward entries, but the Hoppers had all the answers and were able to run our comfortable winners, 14.8 (92) to 0.2 (2).

Fraser Hutchins and Jaz Truman were standouts in defence on a difficult day.

Awards: Dove Motors mug/Lubke Engineering: Fraser Hutchins; Peter Limbrick Accounting: Daniel Thorn; Barmah Social Club: Jaz Truman; TJs: Kayden Atkinson.

UNDER 14s

The under 14s did a demolition job on Yarroweyah, keeping the Hoppers scoreless for the game, while adding 26 goals themselves.

The Blues were using the ball well, even when a couple of showers during the game made the ball more difficult to handle.

Some of the younger boys did a great job, getting in amongst the play, and Matty Jorgensen clocked up his 50th club game.

Awards: Power Livestock/Barnett Family: Lachlan Caldwell; Better Bite Barmah: Murphy Briggs; Barmah Social Club: Kayden Atkinson; Al's Cafe: Matthew Jorgensen.

Bombers stamp authority

WAAIA continued its winning streak, remaining undefeated for season 2019 at the top of the Picola football league ladder, with a nail-biting 11 point win over Deni Rovers on Saturday.

After a week off for the bye, the Bombers had the home ground advantage over the strong Deni side.

The second quarter was the Bombers' best, finishing the first half four goals up, but Deni fought back in the second half, adding nine goals to the Bombers' six.

But Waaia held on long enough to take victory 15.14 (104) to 14.9 (93).

Pressure from Deniliquin saw the home side inaccurate in front of goals in the last quarter, posting six behinds.

Lachlan Henderson made some very strong plays and applied relentless pressure on his opposition, earning him best on ground honours.

Mitchell Cleeland was everywhere, and made life tough for his Deni opponents.

Mark Meyland played another strong game and, together with Brendan Harris and Sean Carey, was named in the best players.

Awards: Onley Consulting: Lachlan Henderson; Gagliardi Scott Real Estate/Telegraph Hotel: Mitchell Cleeland; Ahoy Water/Terminus Hotel: Sean Carey; Mick Hogan Excavations: Mark Meyland; SportFirst Numurkah: Brendan Harris.

RESERVES

Deni proved to be the stronger side in the reserves game, taking victory by 16 points, 8.8 (56) to 6.4 (40).

Both Glen Payne and Damian Hommes were standouts for Waaia, playing hard and moving the ball



Lean machine ... Connor Brown gets a kick away during the Bombers' win on Saturday.

well.

Sam Trower had plenty of the ball and used it wisely to earn himself a spot in the best, while Glenn Caccianiga and Mark Bergamin put in strong four quarter efforts to also feature amongst the best players.

Awards: Onley Consulting/Telgraph Hotel: Glen Payne; Onley Consulting/Terminus Hotel: Damian Hommes; Mick Hogan Excavations: Sam Trower; Murray Valley Rural and Plumbing: Glenn Caccianiga; Ahoy Water Cartage: Mark Bergamin.

UNDER 17s

The Waaia boys came up against a good looking under 17s Deni Rovers side that proved too good for the home team.

The Bombers played a hard game of football, but were unable to get over the line, going down 5.1 (31) to 12.9 (81).

Josh Plattfuss put in an outstanding performance, winning tap outs and possessions all over the ground.

Sam Trower and Joel Clarke both played a strong game of footy, while Jackson Collins and Aaron Hard-

ing dominated all over the ground.

Awards: Sprint Livestock/Terminus Hotel: Josh Plattfuss; Pendlebury Sand & Gravel: Sam Trower; Doug Larkin Refrigeration: Joel Clarke; D. & M. Plattfuss: Jackson Collins; Waaia canteen: Aaron Harding.

UNDER 14s

The fourths took on a strong Deni side, that kept the home side scoreless for the day.

The young Bombers played hard but Deni took over and proved far too good.

Tom Daniel played an outstanding game of football to earn himself best on ground honours. AJ Brooks worked hard to find the football all day, while Bailey Plattfuss was impressive all game.

Regan Collins and Jirra Letcher both contributed well.

Awards: C. & C. Wilson/Terminus Hotel: Tom Daniel; Numurkah Electrical & Pump Services: AJ Brooks; Rex James Stockfeed: Bailey Plattfuss; D. & M. Plattfuss: Regan Collins; Waaia canteen: Jirra Letcher.

Big win for Purple twos

ON a pretty good day for football, the Nathalia reserves faced an unknown Barooga side, with some welcome additions back in the purple jumper, taking an easy win at home.

From the outset, the boys in purple held sway to have control of the football game, gaining first possession around the stoppages, thanks to Jarrod Maskell's dominance in the ruck.

With plenty of opportunities up forward, Alistair Corry and Matty Davies made the most of the freedom, with the latter slotting eight majors.

In a pretty even contribution by most players, the Purples were able to move the ball well into good areas, with Matt Carroll again finding plenty of the ball, and Nathan McKenna and Josh Gemmill lively on the wings providing good run and drive.

Scotty Evans has the boys pulling in the one direction and improving each week, as some of the younger brigade continue to grow as players.

The final scores saw Nathalia victorious 19.19 (133) to Barooga 3.0 (18).

Awards: Ryan Meat Co BOG: Al Corry, Mick Hogan Excavations: Matt Davies, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Henry Congues, Blake St Butchery: Jarrod Maskell, Numurkah Nu-Genes: Brayden Summerville, Brereton's Bakery: Matt Carroll.

UNDER 17s

While the Barooga thirds came out and kicked the first goal within 20 seconds of their game starting, the Nathalia boys turned it around, and ran out 40 point winners.

That margin could have been even bigger, with the Purples kicking 11 behinds in their 53 points.

Awards: Past Players: Kai Lundberg, Bendigo Bank: Elgin Farrall-Stone, Al's Cafe: Charlie Sheehan, Frostick Contracting: Ryan Dealy, Nathalia Printers: Connor Peachey.

There should be another win on the cards this weekend, when they meet bottom side Congupna.

Awards: Past Players: Kai Lundberg, Bendigo Bank: Elgin Farrall-Stone, Al's Cafe: Charlie Sheehan, Frostick Contracting: Ryan Dealy, Nathalia Printers: Connor Peachey.

Abby Favaro and Christie Schram both kicked two goals each, while Cara Briggs and Sharna Stevens boot-

ed one each.



Runaway ... Charli Dorrity gets a break on her opponent.

Last quarter fightback, but not enough

NATHALIA'S senior women's football team travelled to take on Mooroopna on what proved to be a chilly May day and, despite a last quarter resurgence, went down 6.5 (41) to Mooroopna's 10.9 (69).

The game was a tight tussle all the way through, Mooroopna gaining a small lead by quarter time, and extending this over the quarters, but Nathalia remained in the hunt for most of the game.

The last quarter saw Nathalia put on a burst of goals, but it wasn't enough, as Mooroopna also scored well.

The backs worked hard to slow Mooroopna's two key goal kickers, a test of their communication and team work, but which also provided a great learning opportunity for these players.

Abby Favaro and Christie Schram both kicked two goals each, while Cara Briggs and Sharna Stevens boot-

ed one each.

Sharna was also named best on ground, while Michelle Cobbley was again strong, despite carrying a head cold. Vanessa Ward continued her running and weaving style of play and Jules Smith, now known for her chase, strong tackles and quick decision making was among the team's best.

Cat Holt worked tirelessly in the ruck and following up after the taps, and Christie Schram's hunger in front of goals resulted in two true kicks.

Nathalia sits in third place on the Northern Country women's league ladder and will face second top side Shepparton in what should be a terrific clash, at Nathalia this Sunday.

Awards: BOG club mug: Sharna Stevens; Brereton's Bakery: Michelle Cobbley; Cheeky Cider Co.: Vanessa Ward; Bridge Hotel: Jules Smith; NWR Communications:

Christie Schram.

Youth girls football

The Northern Angels girls' side also played Mooroopna, and also went down, with a one behind last quarter.

It was a great team effort from the girls. They played the hard ball well, their team work was great, but they were just not quite able to get the score on the board, going down by just 11 points, 5.6 (36) to 7.5 (47).

The girls will travel to Finley this Sunday to take on the seventh placed Cats, hoping to get a second win on the board.

Goals: A. Oliver, S. Miller, K. Cornell, N. Oliver, K. Miller.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Andriana Oliver, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Charli Dorrity, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Rani Guthrie, Marketplace Subway: Amy Modlic, Nathalia Fertilizer & Grain: Hailey Johnson, Shepparton Pizza: Kaiy Cornell.

Purples scrap up another win

NATHALIA battled to a hard fought 39 point victory over a determined Barooga football side at home on Saturday.

In a scrappy affair, the Purples established an early lead and were able to gradually kick away for a comfortable victory, 17.7 (109) to 10.10 (70).

On a perfect autumn day, with little wind, the game showcased some quality play from the Purples, but also some skill errors from both teams.

Coach Phil Carroll said his team put in a really solid game.

"The game was actually closer than the score indicated," he said.

Ryan Butler was at his attacking best, spoiling effectively and using his dash to set up many forward moves. His defensive buddies Ned Nihill and Carroll also had outstanding games where they intercepted Barooga's forward thrusts and turned defence into attack.

Carroll heaped the praise on Butler.

"Ryan Butler is having a great year," Carroll said, "and we had some players, who I won't name, who stood up in key moments of the game."

Budding key defender/ruckman, Harrison Hawks also played a pivotal role in the victory with his ability to read the play and use his long reach to advantage.

The midfield battle was crucial and, as the game wore on, the Purples' leaders, captain Tom Nihill and assistant coach, Malcolm Barnes stepped up their work rate to dominate possession.

Bailey Bell was also busy with his creativity and elusiveness, whilst Alex Hicks stamped his authority on the game, taking control in the air and winning countless contested possessions. He led a powerful forward line including the mercurial Liam Evans, who continues to have an outstanding season, Brodie Ross and Jason Limbrick.

Injuries to Brett Vallender, pre-game, and Ash Quinn early in the first quarter, put a slight dampener on the victory. However, with some premiership stars looking



Three's not a crowd ... Rizza Butler barks out an instruction to his coach Phil Carroll, who gets ready to pass off to Ash Quinn early in their team's win over Barooga on Saturday.

to return over the next few weeks and the emergence of some younger players in the reserves, the season looks positive for the Purples.

Nathalia still sits second on the ladder, equal on points with Echuca United and Cobram, all with one loss to their names.

The Purples will meet Congupna at Memorial Park, Congupna this Saturday.

Awards: TJ's IGA BOG: Ryan Butler, Club: Tom Nihill, Bourke Group: Harrison Hawks, Liddell Group - Dellcorp: Ned Nihill, Numurkah Tyrepower: Liam Evans, Brereton's Bakery: Alex Hicks.

Big win and now on top

RESERVES

After a very even first quarter, the Strathmerton reserves notched up another great win over Tocumwal goalless for the rest of the game and kicking on to a six goal win.

The Bulldogs were again a little slow to get started, leading by just one point at the first break, but continued to work hard to come home with the 42 point win.

Kegan Moore and Tristan Lee-Madgwick linked up well all day, getting plenty of the football.

Trent Collier continued his good form, being solid over the footy and using it well, while Jake Cooney played well in his first game for the club, adding some much needed height in the backline.

UNDER 17s

Five goals from Haydn Wyatt led the Strathmerton thirds to a 52 point win over Tocumwal on Saturday.

The Bulldogs got off to a great start, booting five goals, and seven behinds to nothing in the first quarter, but let go a little after that, eventually winning by six goals, 10.12 (72) to 3.2 (20).

Logan King, Darren Patmore, Mitchel Payne, Beau Hall, Aaron MacFadyen and Josh Payne were named in the side's best players.

UNDER 14s

An even first quarter in the fourths' game sent a

clear message to the Strathmerton boys that they had a fight on their hands, and they responded well, keeping Tocumwal goalless for the rest of the game and kicking on to a six goal win.

Jackson Webb scored the first goal for the Bulldogs, and the team's two little guys, Jai Stephens and Codey Edgar, showed great desperation and no fear.

The first quarter ended with the scores level on two goals apiece.

The arm wrestle continued in the second quarter, the Strathmerton backline standing rock solid and the midfield doing an excellent job all over the ground.

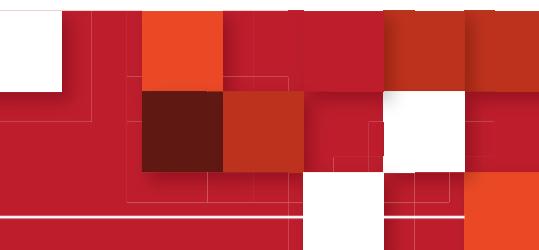
A few changes in the third quarter saw the Bulldogs get the upper hand. Cooper Graham scored his first goal for the club, and the team sneaked away to a five goal lead at the last change.

The boys were asked to not rest on their lead, and they continued to apply the same effort at the end of the game as they had at the start, pushing the lead even further, to take victory 8.6 (54) to Tocumwal 2.1 (13).

Awards: Strathy Pizza: Josh Payne; Subway: Sid McNeil; Terminus Hotel: Jackson Bury; Ladies committee: Tyler Stephens; Macca's: Ben Lee-Madgwick, Cooper Graham; Coaches' award: Codey Edgar.

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Sports



Whole life achievement



450 games ... Rachael Howden has been a stalwart of the Katunga Football Netball Club and recently notched up two incredible milestones on the netball court.

RACHAEL Howden has been around the Katunga Football Netball Club for pretty much her whole life, and last week she celebrated not one, but two, incredible milestones on the netball court.

Having started playing with Katunga as a nine year-old, the club held a double celebration to recognise the club legend's 450th club game and 300th A grade game against Jerilderie.

"My mum and dad, and my husband Ash are all life members of the club. I've just always been around here," Rachael said.

"It was a great day, and we had a win just to cap it off."

Rachael also joined her parents and husband as a life member of the club in 2008.

Her esteemed career includes six A grade best and fairest awards, along with three others in junior grades, and three junior league medals.

She finished runner-up in A grade 13 times, and was third in the league A grade count on three occasions.

After playing her first A grade game as a 15 year-old, the highlights of her career were two A grade premierships, in 1998 and 2001.

Rachael also has two other premierships in her grasp, having played in nine grand finals in all.

All this was done with a five year break between 2012 and 2016 when she stopped playing netball and travelled to Melbourne weekly to gain her A grade umpiring badge, and a couple of years off during pregnancies.

"After I stopped, I never expected to be playing A grade netball again," she said.

"I am incredibly humbled and proud to have played 300 A grade games and 450 games for the Swans."

"The club has so many wonderful volunteers, that make it such a great family club to be involved in."

"My parents and family have been a massive influence, and everyone at the club. I love everything about it."

Big win and now on top

TOCUMWAL scored the first goal of its senior game against Strathmerton on Saturday, but it was also its last, as the Bulldogs handed out a football lesson on their way to a massive victory.

On a perfect day for footy set in the backdrop of the Redgums and

mighty Murray River up at Tocumwal, the home side came out very fired up.

The scoreboard quickly and heavily went Strathmerton's way, scoring 13 goals in the first half, and then another 22 to close out the game and move into top spot, ahead of Waaia and

Berrigan on percentage.

For the second consecutive week, Travis Down kicked nine majors, the best amongst Strathmerton's 12 goal-kickers. Zack Betson kicked five and Theo Thomas four.

The Bulldogs continued to stick to their game plan and played some real

team oriented, selfless footy.

Simon Russell again played as though he didn't have an opponent all day, racking up possessions at will and kicking three majors himself.

Lewis O'Sullivan, Shannon Emmett and Adrian Crestani were terrific in stopping Toc's forward thrusts

and providing run from half back.

Zeke Bunge Worked tirelessly in the ruck and was well supported by Tyron Hill.

This weekend's top of the table clash with the undefeated Waaia should be a ripper, as the two sides battle it out for the top position.

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