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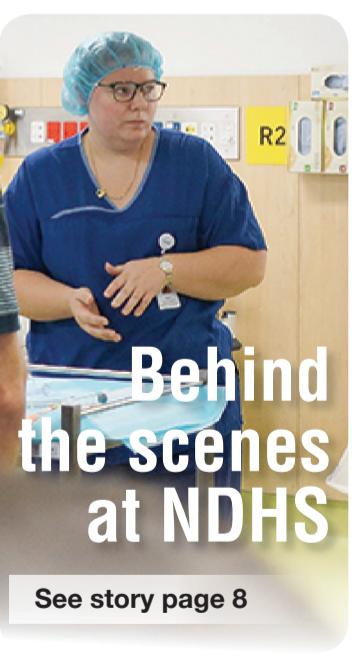
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All the way in ... The four wheel drive went straight through the front wall of the home before coming to rest in the lounge room.
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GrainCorp fined

ENVIRONMENT Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) has handed GrainCorp Oilseeds a fine of \$8,060 over a strong odour that drifted into nearby homes at Numurkah.

EPA North East Regional Manager Emma Knights said the company has more work to do when it comes to controlling odour.

"EPA officers conducting an inspection were able to confirm that people living in homes nearby were directly affected by a strong cooking smell with a chemical undertone," Ms Knights said.

"Allowing the offensive odour to leave the premises and affect neighbouring properties is a breach of the conditions of the EPA licence under which the facility operates," she said.

"The cause of the problem is still under investigation, and EPA may require the company to undertake further remedial action to prevent any future problems."

Residents of Knox St told the *Leader* that, because of the odour, they were unable to sit outside, and did not leave doors and windows open.

Jo Lowrie, whose home is one of the closest to the GrainCorp plant, said that whilst the odour isn't constant, it is particularly bad at times.

"It was really horrid last week. I had visitors staying

out the back in a caravan but they left because the smell made them feel sick," she said.

"It's especially bad when there's a bit of wind, and I can't open the house up at all if there's a smell, which is just wrong."

Another neighbour, who asked not to be named, said that when the smell was especially bad he left.

"It becomes so unpleasant that you don't want to be here," he said.

Another Knox St resident, who also spoke to the *Leader* on condition of anonymity, said that she had been complaining to the EPA about the smell on a regular basis since it became particularly bad during upgrade and maintenance works in October last year.

"The EPA told me to take note of the wind direction, time and type of smell and email those details through to them, and to get the neighbours to do it as well," she said.

"I'm in contact with the EPA all the time, and they've been excellent, but it doesn't change anything. The smell is putrid, you can't sit outside and it wafts through the house."

"GrainCorp need to be doing a lot more about it."

Ms Knights said that breaches involving odour can be difficult to investigate.

"Any delay in reporting or a change of wind can leave us with no confirmation. A prompt report from residents in the area can help EPA officers to identify the source, the nature and strength of the odour, and the area being affected," Ms Knights said.

All of the neighbours the *Leader* spoke to agreed that \$8,060 was a completely inadequate amount for the company to be fined given the impact the smell has on their home lives.

A GrainCorp spokesperson told the *Leader* that the company is committed to working closely with the EPA to ensure it is fully compliant with its licence conditions as they relate to the environment and community.

"GrainCorp has made significant investment in the site infrastructure, including improvements to plant, equipment and processes, to eliminate or mitigate the effects of any noise or odour generated by our production activities on both our environment and nearby residents," the spokesperson said.

"We take these obligations extremely seriously and sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused."

Members of the public can report pollution to EPA's 24 hour hotline, by calling 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842).

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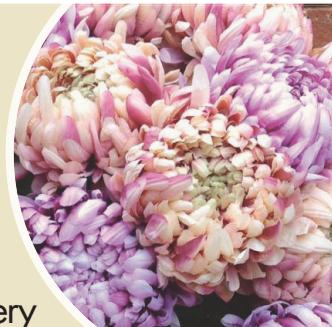
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Corella cull licences issued

THE damage done around town by Numurkah's notorious little corella flock may soon be a thing of the past, with permits having been issued to cull up to 1,000 of the birds by shooting.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has issued an 'authorisation to destroy, possess and dispose of protected wildlife and to use a gun to gain possession of protected wildlife' to the chairperson of the Numurkah Recreation Reserve committee.

Given the reserve's location, and proximity to residences and other public areas, a 'public place permit' has also been obtained from Victoria Police to allow the shooting to take place.

The recreation reserve will be closed to the public at times when shooting is to take place, with prominent signage advising that access is prohibited, and marshals situated around the perimeter to ensure that nobody who is not involved in the cull enters the site.

Nearby residents will be receiving letters in coming days advising them of the details of the cull, which is expected to take place in coming weeks.

A representative of the recreation reserve committee told the *Leader* that although the permit allows for up to 1,000 little corellas to be shot, they do not anticipate anywhere near that number to be affected.

"The aim is to move the birds on, and once you shoot a number of them the others realise the danger and the flock leaves town," the representative said.

"We have hired a team of experienced, professional vermin control shooters to carry out the

action, and we, and they, will be complying with all of the conditions of the permits.

"The reality is, the corellas cause a lot of damage and disruption in Numurkah, and we just can't continue to sustain that level of damage, but we are confident that it will result in the corellas moving on without the need to exterminate too many of them."

DELWP program manager compliance operations for the Hume region, Greg Chant, said that an assessment had been made that control of the birds was necessary, given that they cause damage to infrastructure, sporting grounds and businesses at multiple sites.

"Numurkah does have a sizeable little corella presence which presents a significant issue in Numurkah," Mr Chant said.

"The issuing of the control permit is part of an integrated management control action aimed at reducing the negative impacts the birds are having at various sites."

However, even if the upcoming shooting program succeeds in running the birds out of town, it is still only a short term solution.

Mr Chant said that Numurkah is an attractive location for the birds, and we can expect, in all likelihood, to see them again.

"Numurkah has an abundance of things the birds need in the dry months - access to water, grass and perching trees," he said.

"We are looking at how we can help the community be responsive to the issue when the birds return, and that will include a number of different control methods."

Car goes through cafe window on Melville St

ambulance were also in attendance.

Moira Shire was called to supply kitty litter to soak up the oil.

At 4.50pm on Tuesday, April 30, Strathmerton and Yarroweyah fire brigades were called to investigate a burn off in the fire danger period at the corner of Lorenzs and Reynoldsons Roads.

The owner was burning off and did not realise that fire restrictions were still in force. The fire brigade extinguished the fire. Police attended.

THE driver of a security company vehicle got a fright on Saturday night, when a collision with a four wheel drive ute forced it through the front window of Numurkah Cafe Bar and Restaurant on Melville St.

The incident occurred at 10 minutes past midnight on Sunday morning, with the impact sending the small Toyota sedan onto the footpath and through the window.

Numurkah and Wunghnu fire brigades attended, along with Numurkah SES, and police and

Car ends up in lounge-room on Poplar Drive

From front page.

A FOUR wheel drive vehicle smashed through the front brick wall of a Poplar Drive home and ended up in the lounge room at around 4pm yesterday.

The accident occurred when the female owner of the home, aged in her mid 50s, was moving the vehicle outside the residence and is believed to have accidentally stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake.

The driver tested negative for drugs and alcohol at the scene. She was taken by ambulance to Goulburn Valley Health for observation suffering minor injuries.

Nobody was present in the front section of the house when the accident occurred, and nobody else was injured.

Numurkah SES, ambulance, police and fire crews attended the scene.

The front wall of the house was extensively damaged, and a structural integrity assessment will be carried out to assess if it is fit for occupation.

Have coffee with a cop in law week

LOCAL residents are being given a unique opportunity next Wednesday - have coffee with a cop.

Next week - May 13 - 19 - is law week in Victoria, offering a range of informative and entertaining ways for people to find out more about the law through a variety of exciting events.

This year Goulburn Valley Libraries are offering some free innovative and interesting programs that have something for everyone.

In Numurkah, that means the opportunity to meet one of the people who enforces the law in the local district, and ask a question or voice a concern in a relaxed, informal environment.

Coffee with a Cop will be held at Numurkah library next Wednesday, May 15 from 10.30am to 11.30am.

The event will feature a presentation about avoiding scams, as well as a Q&A session with Helen Parfett of Wangaratta police.

It's a great chance to enjoy a coffee and some morning tea, and meet one of the people who enforces the law in our community.

Fiona Hudgson, Programs Coordinator at Goulburn Valley Libraries, said they are thrilled to be able to host a number of events during Law Week after receiving a grant from the Victoria Law Foundation.

"This has enabled us to engage with legal professionals in the region and provide sessions that are accessible to our community," she said.

Joh Kirby, Executive Director of Victoria Law Foundation which organises the annual law week festival, said that law week is a great opportunity for all Victorians to find out more about the law, the legal profession and how the legal system works.

"The law is something that affects all of us so it's important that we make it more accessible, particularly for those who may have a need for legal help but do not know where to start," she said.

Coffee with a Cop is just one of a number of events happening at Goulburn Valley Libraries across the region. To find out what's on go to <https://www.gvlibraries.com.au/events> or www.lawweek.net.au.

Bookings are preferred and can be made on 1300 374 765.



Descendants ... Don Collie addresses the crowd as descendants of the other pioneers, John Lorenz, Jennifer Spence, Nola Smith, Margaret Carter, Margaret Jones and Ron Garner, look on.

Strathy honours rec reserve pioneers

STRATHMERTON residents past and present gathered at the town's recreation reserve on Sunday to honour the seven pioneering families whose foresight 130 years ago provided the area that is a centre of town life to this day.

In 1889, early Strathmerton settlers Albert Ruttle, William Smith, Patrick Lorenz, Murdock Collie, Leonard and James Reynoldson and James Sullivan formed a joint venture to acquire 70 acres of land and hold it for recreation purposes for the people of Strathmerton.

A committee of residents was appointed to hold functions, such as race meetings, to pay off the £700 cost of the purchase. Over the next decade, improvements were made to the site, with an area cleared for a football oval.

The first football and cricket was played at the site in around 1900, and the rest is history.

Around 100 people, including descendants of the original pioneers who had travelled from far and wide, gathered at the rec reserve on Sunday to pay tribute to the men, and to witness the unveiling of a plaque acknowledging their enduring contribution to the Strathmerton community.

The plaque is attached to a gate that was one of a set donated by the Pinnuck family in 1951, but had long since been removed from the site after one was hit by a bus and repair proved problematic.

Through a project by the Lions Club of Strathmerton, the gate has been repaired and reinstated at the ground.

The project was the brainchild of Lions member Neil McColl, who not only oversaw the entire project - which included original granite inlays being sent to China for polishing - but manufactured the new post capping for the gates.

Ed Pinnuck, whose grandfather was responsible for the donation of the gates, was one of eight family members who attended Sunday's event, and said the family was pleased with the restoration.

"It was a lovely day and the family is pretty impressed that the Lions club thought to restore one of the gates and re-install it at the grounds," he said.

"My grandfather was president of the football club when the donation was made, and I'm sure he'd be happy to see one of the gates back at the ground."

Lions member Daryl Williams said that Sunday was a wonderful day, and that having so many descendants of early Strathmerton settlers

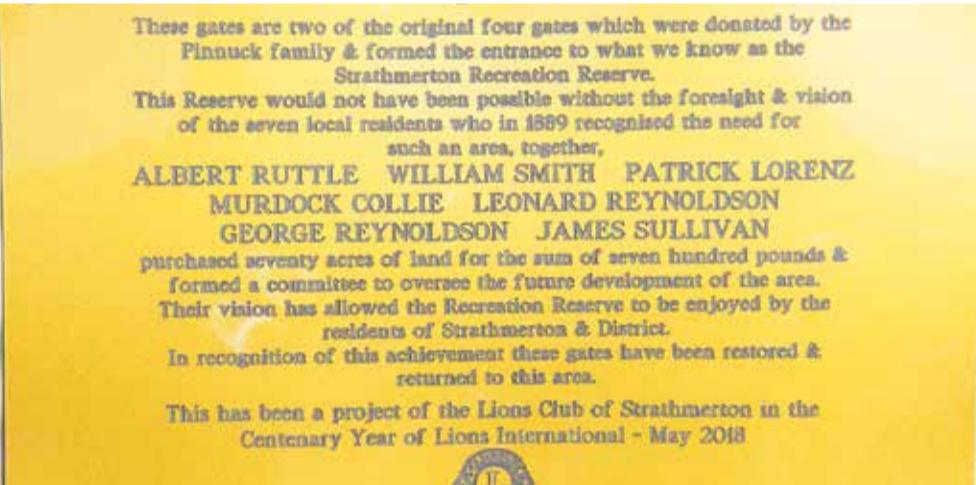
return for the event, provided for a wonderful reunion.

"There were so many stories told and acquaintances renewed, it was really something special," he said.

"There were people there who left the district years ago and hadn't seen others since school days 60 years ago, so the room was just abuzz."

Daryl also observed that, for those who weren't aware of the origins for many of the local road names, the event provided an education.

"There were Ruttles and Lorenzes and Reynoldsons, so there was a lot of living history there - right on the spot where their forefathers were smart enough to make an investment for the whole community over a century ago."



Acknowledgment ... The plaque on the gates means that the pioneers' vital contribution to the Strathmerton community will not be forgotten.

Options for irrigators as season ends

WITH the irrigation season ending in a week, Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) is reminding customers of their water management options.

The annual three-month winter shut down allows GMW and the Connections Project to perform essential maintenance and important capital upgrades to the irrigation delivery network across the Goulburn-Murray Irrigation District.

Interim GMW General Manager Water Delivery Peter Clydesdale said it is important that customers know and understand the options

available to them with any unused water allocation.

"These include using your water before May 15, carrying over water into the next irrigation season, selling, trading or relinquishing water," Mr Clydesdale said.

More than 19,700 irrigators and diverters will soon receive an end-of-season newsletter with important information on their options, reminders of key dates and deadlines and where to go for further assistance.

The key dates include May 10 - the last day to submit water orders

- as well as delivery share transfer and water trading deadlines. Customers with on-farm tanks and dams are also reminded to fill these before May 15.

Mr Clydesdale said GMW also cannot guarantee access to irrigation water from the channel system from May 15 to the opening of the irrigation season on August 15.

"We are mindful it has been an unusually dry and hot season and some irrigation customers may wish to water beyond May 15."

"In certain circumstances and locations, where our scheduled

capital works are not affected, customers can contact us and we may be able to accommodate a late delivery."

Mr Clydesdale said GMW also had formal out-of-season arrangements with a small number of irrigation customers whose specific operations require water delivery in the irrigation off-season.

"The vast majority of our customers, however, will not irrigate over winter and now need to consider their options with any unused water allocation," Mr Clydesdale said.

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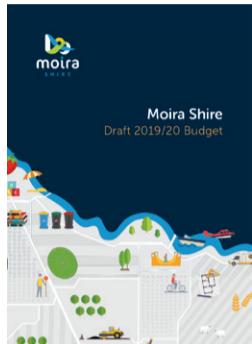
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Tuesday 14 May: Cobram 10am – 11.30am; Nathalia 1.30pm – 3pm

Thursday 16 May: Numurkah 10am – 11.30am; Yarrawonga 1.30pm – 3pm

For a copy of the draft 2019/20 Budget and Strategic Resource Plan or for more information go to our website.

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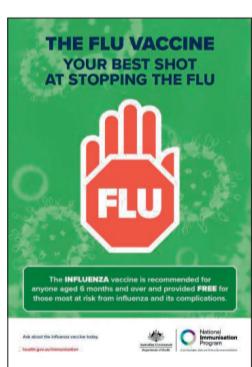


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Wednesday 22 May

4pm – 4.30pm Nathalia Maternal and Child Health Centre.

6pm – 6.30pm Numurkah Maternal and Child Health Centre.

These sessions are in addition to our normal immunisation sessions.

For more information go to our website or call our friendly Customer Service team.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 22 MAY



The next ordinary meeting of council will be held Wednesday 22 May beginning at 5pm at the President's Room, Numurkah. All meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

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Winners are grinners ... Brothers Cooper and Toby Newbery were happy to take out first and second place respectively in the nine to 10 age bracket.

Students go cross country

PRIMARY school students across the district have been competing in cross-country running events in recent weeks to vie for the chance to compete in the Goulburn Murray regional event this Friday.

Last Friday, Katunga PS hosted students from Strathmerton and Katunga South primary schools in an inter-school cross country event which proved hotly contested.

The course consisted of a one km loop, starting at the Katunga recreation reserve and going around the Katunga Primary School oval.

Students aged nine to 10 were required to run two km, whilst students aged 11 and above were required to run 3km.

Cooper Newbery from Katunga primary took out the nine to 10 age bracket with a time of 8 minutes 45 seconds, whilst Ben McDonald, also

from Katunga PS, was the 11 and above winner with a time of 11 minutes and 44 seconds.

Katunga phys ed teacher Brodie Humphreys said the cross-country event provides an opportunity for students to take on challenges and to set themselves personal goals.

"We have been training for this event over the past couple of weeks and it was fantastic to see the students achieve some great results and improve on their times," he said.

"As a school we are really keen on implementing a whole-school approach to fitness programs, and as such will look at incorporating a shorter run next year for our younger students, as well as looking at options for different tracks."

The participating schools will now select students to represent them at the Goulburn Murray event in Shepparton this Friday.



Coming home strong ... Strathmerton primary's Jacob Church and Koby Gilmour from Katunga give it their all to take out third and fourth places

How Australians celebrate a mother's love

WITH Mother's Day just days away, new research commissioned by Australia Post shows that mums across the country really value the simple things when it comes to showing them your love and appreciation.

The research found that Mother's Day is special to Australians, with 75% celebrating Mother's Day and 24% of those celebrating extending the love to wives, stepmothers, grandmothers, mothers-in-law, aunts and guardians.

The research also found that what mothers like to receive and what children like to give are often two different things, with further variations across metro and regional locations.

Universally, over 86% of Mums would love a handwritten message in a card and 59% a home-made gift. While 45% would be extremely happy with a card only, 88% of people who celebrate Mother's Day will purchase and give a gift.

Other key highlights from the research include:

• 47% of regional and 45% of metro mums

would be extremely happy with a card only;

• 77% of Australians that celebrate Mother's Day give a card (72% of metro and 84% of regional people);

• 46% of metro gift givers will purchase in the last week; with 12% of males leaving it until the day before, versus 5% of females;

• On average, 71% of men and women nationally will take at least five minutes to consider what they write on Mum's card and 11% spend more than 15 minutes; and

• Regional Mums (74%) are more likely to receive a card than metro Mums (65%) and, interestingly, are also more likely to be visited by family (44% regional versus 36% metro).

Meanwhile, in a survey of 1,600 mums conducted by Pilot Pen Australia, 68% said a handwritten card was better than an email or text because it was much more personal, with 88% saying it showed someone had taken the time to pick up a pen and write to them.

The Numurkah Leader.

GOULBURN VALLEY FARMERS AND FRUIT GROWERS GAZETTE

100 years ago

This week in 1919 ...

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

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

MEETING OF NUMURKAH BOWLS CLUB.

A general meeting of the Numurkah Bowling Club was held at the pavilion on Wednesday night. The President (Mr R. J. Watters) presided, and there was a fair attendance of members.

The Club's Position. — The President, in opening the meeting, said he thought, as the season was drawing to a close, that the members should be called together in order that the position of the club should be placed before them. They had had a very successful season, and the members' roll was the largest since the formation of the club. The financial position, however, was not as satisfactory as he had expected it would have been. They would finish the season in about the same position as when the season opened. The subscriptions paid by members totalled £60, and the main items of expenditure were cutting of green (£22) and electric light (£17 18/-). The latter item was one that needed careful consideration before next season, as it seemed impossible for the club to go on treating members so liberally in this connection. — The report was received.

Mr Kilpatrick thought the time opportune for the members to consider the purchase of the green, either by issue of debentures or by some other method. He would like to see a sub-committee appointed to go into the question thoroughly.

Mr Teare said there seemed to be a great deal of misunderstanding in regard to the ownership of the green, which was really held in trust for the members by Dr Spence, who had advanced the purchase money.

The President was pleased Mr Teare had made that statement, as there was a doubt in the minds of many members as to the position. The matter of purchase had been considered a few years ago, but it was then thought, the present method was better in view of the club's position.

Mr S. Callander did not think the matter should be dealt with that night. The meeting had been called for a certain purpose, and if the matter of purchasing the ground is to be considered, another meeting should be called. The matter then dropped.

Mr Timms intimated that the guarantee required re-signing. — To be attended to.

AN ESTIMABLE CITIZEN PASSES.

The influenza scourge exacted its first toll in this district on Sunday morning last, and in claiming Mr R. H. Cook (headteacher of the Numurkah Stateschool) as its victim it chose a gentleman who from many standpoints can ill be spared.

Mr Cook had to take to his bed three weeks previously, and in that time fought with all the virility and strength of which he possessed such a fund against the complaint. On Saturday night it was confidently thought that he had won through; in fact, he discussed with his medical adviser the possibility of leaving his bed the following day. He woke about 3 a.m. on Sunday, and drank a cup of coffee, and chatted cheerfully with his nurse. A little later he asked that Mrs Cook be called, and then other members of the family were called in turn. A sudden change in his condition was noticed, and one of the boys ran for Dr. Harbison, who, though he did not wait even to change his sleeping garments, arrived too late, death having taken place in the short interval.

The death of such a fine citizen caused a profound sensation in the town, for it was confidently thought that Mr Cook was well on the road to recovery, and Mrs Cook received scores of tokens of sympathy in her bereavement. For very many years the subject of this notice had been in charge of State-schools in this district. His first charge was at Invergordon, and the fine results he trained there marked the commencement of a career that has not been bettered by many in the service of the department. His work was his hobby, and he brought to his daily tasks an enthusiasm that communicated itself to his scholars. His record at the Wungnunu school was, if anything, an even better one than that made at Invergordon and though he had been only a little more than a year in charge at the Numurkah school the examinations in December last showed how well the few months amongst the children here had been spent.



PALS on bikes ... Program participants Rosanna Magnano, Lynette Phyland, Raymond Hoggard, Jeffrey Rose, Gemma Chaplin and Justin are loving every minute of the new program.

Wheelie good times ahead for PALS

CYCLING is a skill that many of us take for granted, and it has certainly proved popular in recent months with participants in a new PALS program, PALS on Bikes.

Participants joining in on the fun of PALS on Bikes have been learning the basics of bike maintenance, bike safety and road rules on two, three or sometimes four wheels, with the recent sunny weather making for perfect riding conditions.

PALS had a great deal of interest shown in the program, with participants encouraged to bring their own bikes along.

Unfortunately, many of those interested in taking part were prevented from participating because they didn't have their own bikes.

Seeing the obvious benefits of the program, the Barooga Sports Club generously donated two new Malvern Star cruisers, one with training wheels, a new trike, a new bike pump and three new helmets to help grow the program.

PALS business services manager Paul Quinane, a keen cyclist himself, donated a further three new bicycles to the cause.

Paul's generous contribution was funded through donations generated by his recently completed 321 Ride for Down Syndrome Awareness campaign (*Numurkah Leader* March 27, 2019).

From the donations received during his ride in March, Paul was not only able to donate \$2,000 to the Cobram District Specialist School, but was also able to purchase bikes for the PALS program.

It's hoped that those who join the PALS on Bikes program will use it as an introduction to the joy of riding bikes, and be encouraged to purchase their own bikes and continue exercising skills learned in the program to stay fit and active in their own time.

Letters to the Editor

Vote republicans last

VOTERS are being overwhelmed with election propaganda as the candidates for the major parties vie for their vote with promises of doubtful validity.

This appears to be characteristic electioneering in the modern age, while voters are confronted with many issues to consider.

There is one question of the highest priority for this election that at least separates the candidates into two major groups—Do you support Australia becoming a republic?, with the answer requiring an unequivocal YES or NO.

Bill Shorten has pledged to hold a plebiscite on Australia becoming a republic in his first year if he is elected Prime Minister. This should be viewed

with alarm, as it is a direct attack on the Australian Constitution and system of government that has served this nation well for 119 years.

This is beyond doubt the best system of government in the world! There is not one republican form of government anywhere that can match the freedoms enjoyed by Australians today.

It attracts newcomers in their thousands, many leaving republics to find freedom not found in their country of origin.

Pro-republican candidates should be placed last on the ballot paper. Yes, there are many other issues of concern, but none more important than supporting a system of government from which our individual freedom flows.

Louis Cook, Numurkah

OVER 70? YOU STILL HAVE TO VOTE IN THE FEDERAL ELECTION

The federal election will be held on Saturday 18 May 2019. Unlike some other elections, voting is compulsory even if you're over 70 years of age.

If you can't make it to a polling place on election day, you may be entitled to vote early.

For more information go to www.aec.gov.au or call the AEC on 13 23 26.

**Voting is compulsory for Australian citizens aged 18 years and over.
If you don't vote, you may be prosecuted.**

Federal election, Saturday 18 May 2019

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Australian Electoral Commission

**ELECTION
2019**



Queensland Fruit Fly hot spots

If you live in the following urban areas which are, at present, registering high Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) populations, you should commence control programs now.

- Ardmona
- Cobram
- Echuca
- Grahamvale
- Kyabram
- Merrigum

Fruit left on trees or the ground after harvest is especially susceptible to QFF attack. When most of the fruit is harvested the local QFF population remains in the vicinity for a week or two before moving on to another site with ripe or ripening fruit. These QFF are desperate to lay eggs because most of their host fruit has been removed during harvest. Any fruit left, even on the ground, will be a target for infestation by remaining fruit fly. If this fruit become infested and is allowed to remain on site, or is not destroyed effectively, QFF that eventually emerge from it will find evergreen plants to take refuge in over the winter or until the next nearby crop ripens. In Victoria QFF overwinters as the adult fly. Overwintering flies will be the inoculum for next season's populations.

It is highly recommended to commence a bait-application program. This is especially important if you or your neighbours experienced fruit fly problems last season.

It is also highly recommended to ensure your traps are fresh (following label instructions) and placed in suitable locations to intercept QFF coming into your backyard.

Weather outlook

Data from the Bureau of Meteorology forecast that chances of rainfall for May 2019 being above the average of 10-25mm are not likely (a 40-45% chance for the Goulburn Murray Valley). QFF find these levels of rain extremely limiting but, with urban garden watering they can survive, in areas serviced this way, without difficulty. This is due to the use of home gardening watering systems and home heating which artificially raise localised relative humidity and temperatures (close to the house) and improves the survival of eggs, larvae, pupae and adults at that site.

Commit or quit

Now is the time to assess your garden, remove unwanted plants and plan for any new plantings. If you love your fruit trees and are prepared to make the commitment and manage them correctly, you can protect them from QFF infestation and enjoy your home grown fruit and vegetables.

If you cannot manage your fruit trees, you can take advantage of our free urban fruit tree removal program. Qualified arborists will remove your unwanted fruit trees free of charge, allowing you the freedom to enjoy or expand your garden.

For more information on QFF control, collect an information pack from your Council's Customer Service Centre.

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DO YOU KNOW HOW TO MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT?

FEDERAL ELECTION, SATURDAY 18 MAY 2019

It's important that you understand how to vote correctly.

On election day, you'll receive two ballot papers:

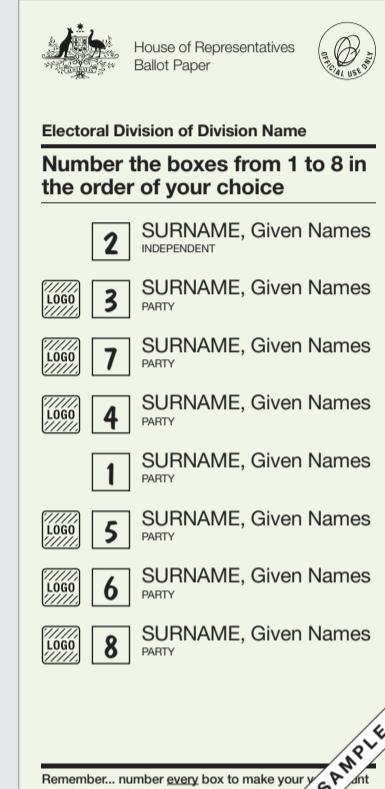
- a green one for the House of Representatives
- a large white one for the Senate

On the green ballot paper you are voting for a representative of your local area or electorate in the House of Representatives.

On the white ballot paper you are voting for representatives of your state or territory in the Senate.

**Don't worry if you make a mistake.
Just ask for another ballot paper and start again.**

Green ballot paper –
Number **every box** in the order of your choice



House of Representatives
Ballot Paper

Electoral Division of Division Name

Number the boxes from 1 to 8 in the order of your choice

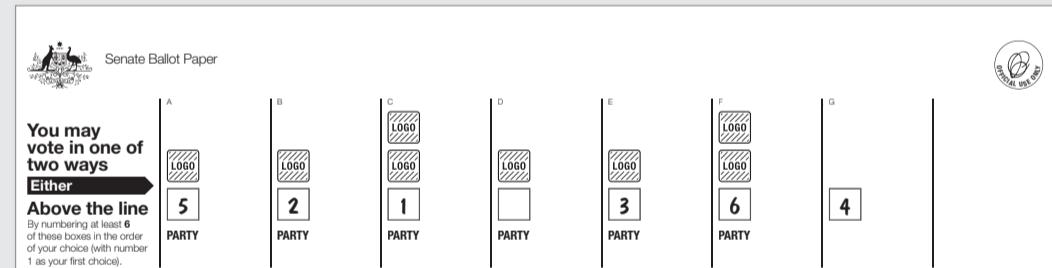
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6	SURNAME, Given Names PARTY
8	SURNAME, Given Names PARTY

Remember... number **every box** to make your vote count

SAMPLE

Sample ballot paper

White ballot paper – you can choose to vote either above or below the line



Senate Ballot Paper

You may vote in one of two ways

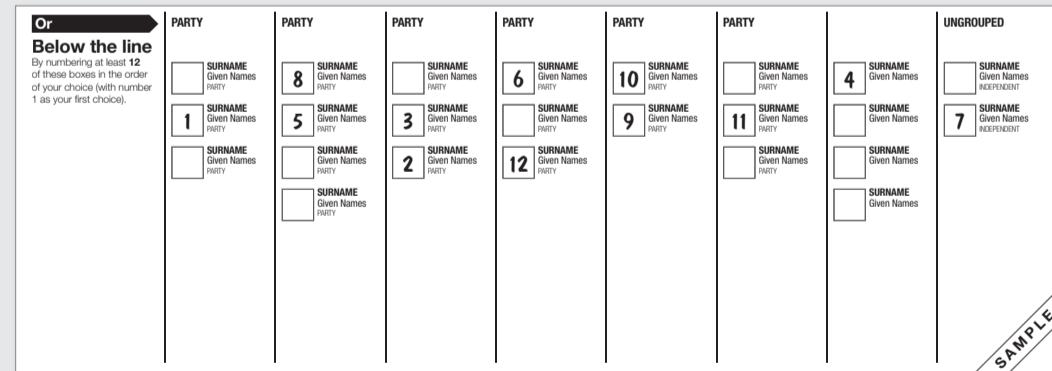
Either

Above the line
By numbering at least 6 of these boxes in the order of your choice (with number 1 as your first choice).

A	5	PARTY
B	2	PARTY
C	1	PARTY
D	3	PARTY
E	6	PARTY
F	4	PARTY
G		

EITHER

Vote above the line
Number **at least 6 boxes** for parties or groups, in the order of your choice.



Or

Below the line
By numbering at least 12 of these boxes in the order of your choice (with number 1 as your first choice).

PARTY	PARTY	PARTY	PARTY	PARTY	PARTY	UNGROUPED
1	8	6	10	4	7	
SURNAME Given Names PARTY	SURNAME Given Names INDEPENDENT					
12	5	3	9	11		SURNAME Given Names INDEPENDENT
SURNAME Given Names PARTY	SURNAME Given Names INDEPENDENT					

OR

Vote below the line
Number **at least 12 boxes** for individual candidates, in the order of your choice.

SAMPLE

Sample ballot paper

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To learn more

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Congratulations Frank ... Frank Barbaro receives his life membership from good mate and fellow like member Russell Harris.

Not old enough for life

FRANK Barbaro has been a familiar face around the Numurkah Fishing Club since its official formation in 2001, and his dedication to the club has seen him recently inducted into the exclusive group of life members.

Frank was awarded the honour not just for his long membership of the club, but for devoting countless hours and an enormous passion to help guide it to what it is today.

Club secretary Gavin Parkinson said that Frank is the type of member that every club needs.

"Frank devotes a lot more of his time and energy to the club than most people realise, and it wouldn't be anywhere near as successful without him," Mr Parkinson said.

"He's not much of a fisherman though."

Despite Gavin's assertion regarding his skills, as well as being an ongoing committee member and regular contributor at club events and fund-raising activities, Frank has also managed some fishing success along the way, including being a four time club champion.

According to Frank though, being awarded a life membership to the club is an honour surpassing any fishing achievement he has managed.

"It's great; something to be really stoked about," he said.

"Although, I thought only old people got life membership of things and I don't feel old

enough for that."

For Frank, the club's motto 'there's more to fishing than catching fish' rings true.

"One of the great things about fishing is that it's something you can do on your own, but you can also share it with other people," he said.

"It's one of those activities that's relaxing and can include great companionship, and we enjoy some good banter."

Frank is also happy to be seen as someone that adds value to the club, especially as he sees it as a happy place that welcomes family participation.

"It's a great atmosphere, and it's definitely the best club I've ever been involved with."

Frank told the *Leader* that, although he hasn't been able to dedicate as much time as he would have liked to the actual fishing side of club membership in recent years, he is looking to change that this year.

"I think four out of the past five years it's been younger members who have won the club championship," he said.

"It's great to see so many younger members, and see them enjoying the fishing, but I think it's time us older blokes hooked back in and really showed them how it's done."

Frank becomes just the third life member of the Numurkah Fishing Club, joining good mates Ron Hayllar and Russell Harris.

Pre-winter checklist to keep you safe and warm

AUTUMN is the season to prepare the house for the colder and wetter weather of winter in Victoria.

To assist households to keep safe, warm and dry during winter, the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) has compiled the following checklist:

- Check your smoke alarms and change batteries: The end of daylight savings was a trigger to check that your smoke alarms are working properly.

It is recommended that you change your smoke alarm battery every 12 months. It's not too late to check.

- Have your gas heater serviced: The VBA and Energy Safe Victoria (ESV) recommend that gas heaters are serviced at least once every two years by a gasfitter registered or licensed in Type A appliance servicing work.

As part of servicing your gas appliance, the gasfitter will test for carbon monoxide (CO) spillage and negative pressure, two key risks for CO poisoning.

If the gasfitter identifies CO spillage, it must be rectified immediately as CO exposure can put lives at risk. This may require the appliance to be repaired or disconnected.

If the gasfitter identifies negative pressure, it needs to be rectified. This may require the gasfitter to install additional ventilation.

The gasfitter carrying out the servicing work must provide you with a compliance certificate if the total value of the work is \$750 or more.

Using an unqualified or unregistered person for this work is unlawful and can put your life at risk.

- Check your gutters and downpipes: To prevent water damage to your property, you should

clean your gutters and downpipes regularly to clear leaves and other debris. This is particularly important in autumn.

Properly maintained gutters and downpipes are vital in moving rainwater from the roof to the stormwater drains or tanks.

If gutters or downpipes are corroded or damaged, they require repair or replacement. This work must be carried out by a plumber who is registered or licensed in roofing (stormwater) work. If the total cost of the work is \$750 or more, the plumber must provide a compliance certificate.

- Check the condition of decks and balconies: Check that rainwater does not pond on decks or balcony surfaces, flow back towards the property, or pond at the base of posts or pillars supporting balconies and decks.

Other signs of deterioration include cracked concrete or signs of leaning; cracked or weak mortar; or dislodged brickwork/masonry. Termites, wet rot, environmental conditions and loading can all affect the structural integrity of balconies, decks or balustrades.

Always use an appropriately registered building practitioner (building surveyor, building inspector, builder or structural engineer) to carry out maintenance checks and make repairs to balconies, decks and balustrades.

Remember, always ask to see a plumber or builder's photo ID card. It lists the classes of work they are licensed and/or registered to do.

In addition, you can check a plumber or builder's registration by going to the 'Find a Practitioner' tab on the VBA website (www.vba.vic.gov.au).



MHA Care

'The Right Care for You'

Aged Care – Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) and Home Care Packages

The CHSP program is Funded by the Australian Government and is designed to provide a range of entry-level aged care services for older people who need assistance to remain living independently at home and in their community.

The program is for people aged 65 years and over (50 years and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people). The program also includes support services for prematurely aged people on a low income who are 50 years or over (45 years or over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) and are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The aim of the program is to help older people live as independently as possible with a focus on working with you, rather than doing for you. It is about building on your strengths and abilities to help you remain living independently and safely at home. If you are generally able to manage but just need some help with daily tasks to continue living at home then CHSP services may be right for you.

For further information call My Aged Care on 1800 200 422.



Moira FoodShare:

In January 2019 the warehouse in Camber Court, Cobram ceased to be the storage facility for donated foods. This brought an end to the 12-year association with the Jack Pither (I.K Caldwell) family, who had provided their warehouse facility at no cost during the formation and development of the Moira FoodShare program. It is conservatively estimated that the generosity of Jack Pither had saved Moira Foodshare in excess of \$130,000 in expenses during this time, and a thank you morning tea held in his honour in March acknowledged his invaluable support.

The new warehouse facility at 116 Karook Street, Cobram is well facilitated for warehouse storage of food products, and Frank Wallace's supervision and leadership in the completion of the transition was indicative of the commitment shared by all volunteers. For information about accessing support from Moira FoodShare please contact Alan Petrie on 5743 8595.

The delivery of the Moira FoodShare comes at a cost and it is without doubt that the commitment and support provided to the program by the Moira Shire and some very generous benefactors within the local community that this valuable service continues to be provided to members of our community.

If you would like to join our valued team of Moira FoodShare volunteers please call Lorraine Northeast, Volunteer Coordinator on 5742 1111 or call into our office in Orr Street, Yarrawonga and ask to speak to Lorraine. We also have ongoing Volunteering opportunities in our Meals on Wheels Program and Yarrawonga Community Opportunity Shop.



Employment opportunities

Our Community Care Workers provide a range of high-quality services and support to frail, aged and disabled clients and their carer's, both within their homes and in the community. Every staff member contributes to the development and growth of MHA Care and endeavours to encourage and actively support individuals to continue to live in their community.

As we continue to experience continued growth and demand for our Home Care services, across the Moira Shire, we are seeking Community Care Workers who can demonstrate high professional skills and the ability to enable MHA Care to meet this increased demand for our services. If you would like to be a part of this exiting period of growth please send your resume with a covering letter to; hr@mhacare.org.au or call into our office in Orr Street, Yarrawonga for more information.



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Behind the scenes at NDHS

NUMURKAH District Health Service's 2019 open day has been hailed a success, as around 70 people took up the open invitation for a behind the scenes tour last Wednesday.

The annual event featured three tours that took in different parts of the hospital that people don't usually have the chance to see.

Tours were led by senior staff and took in areas including the surgical theatre suite, ambulance station, Pioneers Memorial Lodge, x-ray and ultrasound, primary health and the kitchen/support services.

Staff from each department were on hand to provide information about the different areas and answer visitors' questions.

Maria and Patrick Kempton told the *Leader* that, although they are regular visitors to the hospital, they found the tour informative.

"We came along because we were just curious really, and it's been fantastic," Patrick said.

"We've both been pleasantly surprised by the number and variety of allied health services and staff, as we weren't really aware of that. We are very fortunate to have such high grade facilities and such committed and enthusiastic staff here."

For Numurkah Secondary College student Kate Kelly, who is considering nursing as a future career, the tour was an opportunity to tick some boxes for her careers subject at school, as well as learn more about the hospital.

"I didn't know that Gwandalan Court existed, so that was interesting, and I'm also really surprised by the number of people who work here because I didn't realise there was so many," she said.

Kate is referring to the fact that the hospital employs 220 full-time staff, including 80 in support services roles.

Visitors also learned that the hospital sees 2,500 urgent care patients a year, and has performed 2,000 ultrasounds and 2,700 x-rays in the past month.

In support services, the hospital uses 10,935 pieces of linen per month, including 6,980 serviettes, and prepares and serves 157 litres of soup, 30kg of pumpkin and 45 dozen eggs each week.

NDHS CEO Jacque Phillips said the health service is very pleased with the strong sense of community and attendance at the open day.

"Community engagement and feedback is important to our health service," Ms Phillips said.

"The open day is one way of showcasing the broad range of health care available locally and the many support services that work together to provide excellent care."

"The tours were a great success and we thank all the staff and volunteers who put together information, activities and displays to promote health care."



Keen for the tour ... Maria Kempton, Beth Jackman and Kate Hodge chat to NDHS CEO Jacque Phillips before the tour.



Behind the scenes ... Radiographer Penny Thomas explains the radiography suite.



Fun and informative ... Lexie and Xavier Moon took advantage of the free face painting before being shown the operating theatre by theatre manager Nikki Kerry-Opie.

More drug tests, more places, more often.



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Treat:

Noun; an event or item that is out of the ordinary and gives great pleasure.

THERE is no doubt about it - Mums are awesome and there is really no way we can ever properly thank them for the million and one things they do for us - but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't try.

Fortunately, there is one day a year especially set aside for us to do just that, and plenty of places right on our doorstep to make it happen.

Giving mum the day off from cooking is an excellent place to start on Mother's Day, and local venues are stepping up to the plate to help mum feel extra special.

The Shamrock Hotel chef and staff have made it all about mum with an extensive menu and decadent sweet coffees, and a complimentary glass of bubbles for Mum or Nana when you treat them to a meal.

With a child friendly menu and great play area, it's the ideal spot for mum to be able to truly relax.

At the Wunghnu Café, high tea is the order of the day, with award-winning cook Tracey Bright baking up

miniature sweet and savoury treats to accompany tea and coffee served in fine china.

The café will be transformed to enable guests - especially Mum - to relax and watch the world go by as they enjoy the finer things in life.

With the busy lives they lead taking care of everybody else, indulging in a bit of pampering can be low on Mum's list, but a number of local businesses are helping it rise to the top with special Mother's Day offers.

Reapers Hair & Beauty is offering a 'Pamper me Please' experience where mum will get all the pampering she deserves.

The staff will settle her in the massage chair and make her feel like a queen as she receives a manicure, including a free shellac upgrade, and an express treatment blow wave /style for her hair.

At Magic Mirror Salon, manager Tracey Patullo recommends a gift voucher so that Mum or Nana can indulge themselves from a range of products and services they might usually con-

sider too extravagant.

You could also pre-pay Mum's visit in advance to make the experience even more effortless for her.

Mums will always tell you that they'd be happy with just a card, but a thoughtful gift is the least we can all do to show our appreciation.

Numurkah Guardian Pharmacy has such an extensive range that there is something in store for every kind of mum. From pretty delicate things to something a little cheekier, it's a one stop shop no matter who your mum is.

Mums' most treasured memories are always of their family, and with the Numurkah Leader's photo kiosk, printing a favourite image from a camera, mobile phone or storage device is as easy as pressing a few buttons.

The Leader's huge range of frames, and staff who are happy to help you choose the perfect match and place the photo in it, means that you can walk out the door with a complete gift that Mum is guaranteed to love, in a matter of minutes.

HIGH TEA

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Fun and challenging ...
Participants coming to grips with the steps at the first line dancing class.

Dancing in line is fine

THE latest class in the UCAN - which stands for Unlimited Choice of Activities Now - program has started at Numurkah Senior Citizens centre, and it's a hit!

The first line dancing class was held last Friday, and though there were some fairly fierce looks of concentration as participants tried to master the steps, there were plenty of smiles and a few laughs as well.

UCAN aims to tackle social isolation by offering diverse activities to cater for a range of different tastes.

Sam Spinks, Primary Care Connect (PCC) health promotion officer who is responsible for UCAN, said that reaching people suffering social isolation is challenging, so the program aims to draw them out and engage them with things that interest them.

"We're just getting started, so new participants can definitely still join in without fear of being behind," she said.

Yvonne Clark from Numurkah said that she went along to keep a friend company and get some exercise, and found it quite fun.

"I've done rock 'n' roll dancing before and found the line dancing quite similar, but it was actually easier than dancing with a partner," Yvonne said.

"I'll definitely be going back."

UCAN is funded through PCC's gambler's help program, in recognition of the fact that research has shown that social disconnection makes people more susceptible to vulnerable behaviours such as gambling.

Line dancing will be held at the Numurkah Senior Citizens centre for the next two Fridays (at least) from 2pm to 3pm.

Letter to the Editor

Tax the speculators

THE real solution to the national budget, instead of increasing income taxes and the GST.

More than \$130 trillion per year is turned over by financial speculators who gamble in currencies, stocks, bonds and derivatives.

None of this \$130 trillion has anything to do with the real economy.

A 0.1% (that is \$1 in every thousand) tax on the damaging financial speculation that drains the wealth out of the

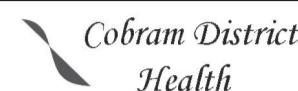
real economy, will raise \$130 billion in one year, discourage reckless financial gambling and keep money in the real economy.

It's time to tax the speculators who have drained the real economy at the expense of everyday working Australians and families who have been told that they must carry more burden and work longer and longer because we can't afford it.

B.S. Wake up!
Jeff Davy
Numurkah

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The successful applicant will be responsible to the Community Services Manager and will provide Case Management to our home care package clients located in Cobram and the surrounding Moira Shire. The Case Manager will work closely with Aged Care Assessment Service (ACAS) and other community based aged care providers to develop the partnerships necessary to deliver a quality service. The individual will promote Cobram District Health as a leading health care provider within Moira.

The individual will possess:

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- Current drivers licence.

Salary and Conditions as per the Allied Health Professionals (Victorian Public Health Sector) Single Interest Enterprise Agreement 2016-2020. Salary packaging is available.

Cobram District Health welcomes diversity and promotes Equal Opportunity and puts in place inclusive and flexible recruitment and retentions practice. Please contact the People and Culture Office on (03) 5871 0703 if you would like to discuss further.

Kim Fitzgerald — Community Services Manager on (03) 5871 0900 or email: Kim.fitzgerald@cobramdistricthealth.org.au. Or visit our website at www.cobramdistricthealth.org.au

Written applications should be forwarded to:

Fiona Luke
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C025/19

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C026/19

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Mark Henderson
Chief Executive Officer



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GMW Reference NO. BGW0177-19

We, Ponderosa Park Pty Ltd of 3142 Murray Valley Highway Nathalia 3638 Refer to Vic Roads map 22 E9 (ed. 8) intend to make application to Goulburn-Murray Water for a Licence to Construct Works (Bore), and if successful:

- This is our notice for an application of a new Licence to Take and Use Groundwater.

- We intend to apply to transfer 800ML of licensed entitlement from an existing licensee/s on a temporary or permanent basis. The application is for one bore to be constructed to a proposed depth of 150-200 metres. The water will be used for the purpose of Irrigation. To be constructed and used on lands described as: Volume 2149 Folio 680 Crown Allotment 13 Parish Yielima.

Any person able to demonstrate that their interests will be affected by the transfer of this Licence including any intended groundwater use, is invited to make a formal submission setting out the nature of the impact within 14 days of receipt of this written notification.

To make a submission, please read the information available to download from www.g-mwater.com.au/customer-services/forms/groundwaterforms refer to No. 4 (or contact GMW to arrange for a copy to be posted to you).

Submissions must be lodged in writing using the template available by either mail or email to Customer Support Coordinator, Licensing Administration, PO Box 165, TATURA VIC 3616 or email licensing.admin@gmwater.com.au.

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IN MEMORIAM

BERGAMIN (Serle) – Donna Maree. 28.07.1927 – 11.05.2015 Always in our hearts. Miss you lots. Love Mum and Dad.

GARAGE SALES

138 Kemps Rd Katunga

Saturday 11th 8 - 2pm
Sunday 12th 8 - 12pm
No early Birds

Great mothers day gifts.

Moving Garage sale, everything must go. Household goods, lots of clothing, books, bric-a-brac, too much to list!

THANKS

Thank you to my family and friends for the unforgettable day spent celebrating my 90th Birthday. Dorothy Thorp

Thank you

To each and every one who visited, sent texts, messages, calls, letters, cards, flowers and gifts after the recent loss of our Madi, we give you our heartfelt thanks. Your love and support has been embraced. Russell and Sue

Thank you

We want to say thank you to those relatives and friends who gathered around us to help us celebrate our 60th Wedding Anniversary.

We will treasure the memories of that day forever. Thank you for every card that was sent or given, the beautiful flowers and plants, and the numerous telephone calls received.

A special thank you to each member of our family who gave their time and effort to make this occasion so special for us.

Josie and Ron Munro

DEATHS

ALLERT — Garth Lean 4.10.1927 – 1.5.2019 Late of Nathalia, formerly of Numurkah. Passed away peacefully at G.V. Health, Shepparton. Son of John and Florence (both dec.). Brother and brother-in-law of Erle and Carmel; and twin brother Greig (dec.) and Uncle of Garry, Ray, Peter, Andrew, Sonia and Gavin (Strachan), and Cameron. Reunited with Greig

ALLERT — Garth 4.10.1927 – 1.5.2019 My dear mate, time has come to say goodbye. It has been my pleasure to be your Carer for 16 years.

Rest In Peace my mate
from your carer Joe

SANDERS — Maxwell William "Max" 4.10.1932 – 1.05.2019 Late of Wodonga, formerly of Nathalia and Numurkah.

Dearly beloved husband of Joan. Loving and loved father of Lesley, Julie, Kerry and Peter. Much loved Grandpop of 9 and Great Grandpop of 8. Loved brother of Ron, Barb, Pat and Tim.

Forever in our Hearts

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ALLERT — A Service to celebrate the life of Mr. Garth Lean Allert will be held at the Uniting Church, Quinn St. Numurkah, THIS MORNING, WEDNESDAY May 8, 2019 at 11 a.m. after which the cortège will leave for the Numurkah Lawn Cemetery.

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FUNERAL NOTICES

SANDERS — A Service to Celebrate the life of Mr. Maxwell William "Max" Sanders will be held at St. George's Anglican Church, Brenion St. Numurkah TOMORROW THURSDAY May 9, 2019 at 2 pm followed by a Private Cremation.

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DEATHS

WOODROOFE, Michael Royston.

06.09.1927-01.05.2019

Aged 91 years.

Late of Numurkah

Passed away peacefully with his family by his side at Banksia Lodge, Shepparton

-Beloved husband of Marjorie (dec). Dearly loved father of Catherine, Helen and Peter. Loved father-in-law of Rolf, Trevor (dec) and Mary. Adored Grandad of Hannah, Ross, Iain, Adele and Ashley. Caring husband of Audrey (dec) for 12 years.

Thank you for the years we shared,
The love you gave,
The way you cared,
In our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered every day.
-Catherine and Rolf.

You were a very special father,
A man we loved so much.
Through the years you gave us care and devotion,

You loved, guided and supported us.
You had a special way,
Your humour was a delight,
So many memories to treasure and hold tight.

-Beloved father of Helen and Trevor (dec). Grandad of Hannah, Ross, Iain and Adele. Special friend of Jess, Sharna and Joey.

Your selfless support, your guidance and values are things we will have forever. You fought so hard to stay with us until you went to join Mum - Marjorie. With your sense of humour, the twinkle in your eye and a smile that enriched everyone that you met. We were so blessed having you in our lives.

Now at peace.

-Peter, Mary and Ashley.



Michael's funeral was held at St George's Anglican Church on Monday May 6th 2019.

Private cremation
Heritage Park Funerals
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Finley 2.0, 6.7, 8.10, 13.13 (91)

Moama 5.5, 6.6, 8.11, 12.12 (84)

GOALS, Finley: L. Moore 5, M. Wilson 2, S. Kable 2, Z.

Cuppens 2, M. Jackson 1, L. Middleton 1. Moama: F.

Buchanan 4, D. Pinney 2, C. Farrell 2, D. Lowry 1, J.

Russell 1, L. Eldridge 1, J. Harland 1.

BEST, Finley: L. Hawkins, L. Moore, P. Massingham,

R. Jewell, C. Robertson, M. Ryan. Moama: L. Thorp, J.

Harland, F. Buchanan, G. Ward, C. Farrell, J. Whitehead.

Deniliquin Rams 7.2, 9.4, 10.5, 13.7 (85)

Barooga 1.0, 4.0, 7.1, 9.3 (57)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: A. Morris 4, J. Pitts 2, T.

Gallagher 2, L. Pitts 1, B. Irwin 1, N. Howe 1, B. Hall

1, R. MacDonald 1. Barooga: L. Olson 3, R. Gow 2, B.

Oats 1, C. Brooks 1, Z. Brain 1, S. Macheda 1.

BEST, Deniliquin Rams: A. Morris, R. Gittens, M. Bar-

nett, T. Gallagher, N. Howe. Barooga: C. Keys, Z. Brain,

K. Bextream, R. Brooks, W. Robinson, H. Brown.

Rumbalaria 5.6, 9.9, 12.14, 19.16 (130)

Tungamah 6.0, 10.0, 13.3, 15.7 (97)

GOALS, Rumbalaria: N. Terlich 5, D. Smith 4, C. Mc-

Cartney 3, M. Johnstone 3, C. Mahoney 1, C. Egan 1,

K. Wise 1, L. Power 1. Tungamah: A. Saunders 6, D.

Haebich 3, M. Bourke 2, N. Lawless 2, W. Thomson

1, B. Butts 1.

BEST, Rumbalaria: N. Terlich, A. Miller, C. McCartney,

M. Johnstone, C. Mahoney, J. Terlich. Tungamah: J.

Irvine, A. Saunders, W. Thomson, B. Butts, J. Jones,

T. Irvine.

Cobram 1.3, 6.6, 9.11, 15.17 (107)

Katandra 6.2, 6.2, 10.4, 11.4 (70)

GOALS, Cobram: S. Stallion 5, N. Dore 3, M. DeMaio

2, C. Williams 1, A. De Cicco 1, D. Brunkill 1, B. Rudd

1, N. Wines 1. Katandra: B. Black 3, T. Jeffery 2, L.

Minogue 2, T. Herbert 1, A. Jeffery 1, R. Sarkady 1,

S. Barrett 1.

BEST, Cobram: S. Stallion, I. Artavilla, N. Wines, C.

Williams, A. De Cicco, L. Allen. Katandra: T. Herbert, X.

Chalkley, P. Frappell, L. Minogue, A. Muntz, T. Jeffery.

Numurkah 3.3, 4.6, 10.8, 12.8 (80)

Echuca United 2.2, 5.3, 7.5, 9.6 (60)

GOALS, Numurkah: M. Herlihy 4, T. Arnel 2, M. Price

2, J. Hoffmann 1, N. Hicks 1, B. McKeown 1, R. Cason

1. Echuca United: J. Mellington 6, F. Priest 1, R. Priest

1, P. Quanchi 1.

BEST, Numurkah: M. Price, D. Taylor, G. Gallus, M.

Herlihy, L. McKeown, T. Arnel. Echuca United: B. Saw-

yer, J. Cantwell, C. McLucas, N. Denahy, L. Sanderson,

J. Mellington.

Nathalia 2.3, 6.10, 7.12, 8.14 (62)

Mulwala 3.1, 4.3, 5.10, 8.12 (60)

GOALS, Nathalia: B. Bell 3, A. Hicks 1, C. Congues 1,

A. Hickey 1, A. Jorgenson 1, M. Barnes 1. Mulwala: S.

Johns 2, L. Rouel 1, T. Doyle 1, T. Dow 1, S. Robinson

1, A. Rouel 1, B. Clarke 1.

BEST, Nathalia: B. Bell, D. Barnes, T. Nihill, A. Jorgen-

son, A. Hickey, R. Shannon. Mulwala: D. Flanagan, H.

Hosking, L. Rouel, S. Robinson, J. Gash, Z. Scott.

Tongala 4.6, 7.9, 13.14, 15.16 (106)

Congupna 0.1, 4.4, 4.5, 10.9 (69)

GOALS, Tongala: C. McCarthy 2, M. Watson 2, J. Ro-

billard 2, M. Ryan 2, C. Ilett 2, S. Cipriani 2, T. Vick 1,

D. Joyce 1, J. Hammond 1. Congupna: D. Campbell

3, D. Hammer 2, J. Trewin 2, N. Cole 1, B. Squire 1,

J. Cornwall 1.

BEST, Tongala: C. Ilett, C. McCarthy, R. Bacon, J.

Hammond, A. Lovison, C. Nephew. Congupna: A. Egan,

D. Gleeson, J. Chapman, L. Baldwin, D. Campbell, J.

Dwyer.

RESERVES

Moama 6.1, 10.4, 11.8, 16.11 (107)

Finley 1.1, 1.2, 2.6, 2.6 (18)

GOALS, Moama: M. Veitch 4, J. Galpin 5, M. Palmer

2, L. McCann 1, R. Murphy 1, T. Christie 1, M. Fogarty

1, Finley: K. Russell 1, T. Isedale 1.

BEST, Moama: M. Palmer, A. Dewinne, J. Smith, J.

Galpin, T. Christie, Z. Stovell. Finley: W. Robertson, M.

Jackson, W. Gray, S. Fuller, E. Harding, S. Brain.

Deniliquin Rams 6.5, 8.7, 13.9, 14.9 (93)

Barooga 0.0, 0.2, 0.3, 2.5 (17)

Katandra 0.1, 2.3, 3.4, 6.6 (42)

GOALS, Katandra: O. Mackay 2, T. Cantrill 2, J. Grant 1,

J. MacKenzie 1. Katandra: Q. Shannon 2, T. Trewin 1,

D. Giles 1, T. Chear 1, B. Richards 1.

BEST, Cobram: B. Govan, J. Tejones, M. Mackay, K.

Zito, R. Hayes, A. Latessa. Katandra: J. Thorne, S.

Bensch, N. Warner, Q. Shannon, D. Candy, L. Dempsey.

Echuca United 9.1, 15.8, 23.11, 31.17 (203)

Numurkah 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Echuca United: A. McMahon 10, A. Pryde 5, T.

Pitt 4, S. Simpson 3, Z. Molluso 2, A. Carmody 2, B.

Dixon 2, N. Smith 2, J. Burgess 1.

BEST, Echuca United: A. McMahon, B. Dixon, S. Simp-

son, D. Barwick, L. Gundry, A. Pryde. Numurkah: J.

J. Pruden, B. Millen, G. Gallus, P. Collins, J. Morris, J.

Rees.

Nathalia 5.3, 7.4, 10.7, 13.8 (86)

Mulwala 0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 1.4 (10)

GOALS, Nathalia: J. Bell 4, M. Carroll 2, K. Hicks 2,

C. Hickey 1, J. Hardy 1, N. McKenna 1, S. Morris 1.

Mulwala: L. Wood 1.

BEST, Nathalia: B. Summerville, A. Corry, J. Gemmell,

S. Morris, N. McKenna. Mulwala: N. Beasley, A. Miller,

C. Magher, J. Bland, C. Carling, L. Wood.

Tongala 6.5, 9.11, 10.13, 17.15 (117)

Congupna 1.1, 2.1, 2.4, 2.5 (17)

GOALS, Tongala: J. Moran 5, S. Tyler 3, B. Power 3, Z.

Johnstone 2, M. Williams 1, A. Tucker 1, T. Cipriani 1,

A. Dennis 1. Congupna: B. McCrimmon 1, S. Brodie 1.

BEST, Tongala: B. Denham, S. Tyler, J. Moran, B.

Power, T. Pyke, T. Cipriani. Congupna: S. Brodie, N.

Jacobson, J. Winnell, M. Beck, C. Lambert, C. Saron.

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Moama 0.3, 1.4, 3.5, 6.8 (44)

Finley 1.2, 2.2, 5.3, 5.3 (33)

GOALS, Moama: N. Milner 3, L. Edwards 1, L. Boys

1, J. Veldhuisen 1. Finley: S. Brain 2, A. Mason 1, N.

Lunn 1, C. Coombs 1.

BEST, Moama: N. Milner, K. Stovell, C. Vredenburg,

E. Redwood. Finley: B. Coombs, S. Brain, A. Mason, H.

Jamieson, L. Osborne, R. Hamann.

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Deniliquin Rams 4.3, 10.4, 15.6, 20.8 (128)

Barooga 0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1 (1)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: D. McManus 10, R. Milward

4, K. Wilson 2, T. McCallum 1, B. Poka 1, H. Hillier 1,

J. McMahon 1.

BEST, Deniliquin Rams: R. Milward, D. McManus, D.

Hughes, L. Rodda, L. Marshall, J. McMahon. Barooga:

R. Sampson, N. Nolan, W. Brooks, R. Bale, J. Ballerini,

S. Watt Fotia.

Rumbalaria 4.7, 7.9, 14.15, 22.18 (150)

Tungamah 1.0, 1.2, 1.2, 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Rumbalaria: D. Miller 4, J. Stewart 3, J. Arm-

strong 2, A. Miller 2, A. Atkinson 2, T. Hargave 2, M.

Atkinson 1, G. Handy 1, J. Sorgel 1, J. Sorgel 1, L.

Weston 1, B. Wilson 1, L. Makkonen 1. Tungamah: A.

Mills 1.

BEST, Rumbalaria: J. Armstrong, A. Miller, G. Handy,

A. Atkinson, J. Sorgel, B. Wilson. Tungamah: W. Sharp,

D. Sidebottom, B. Griffin, S. Haebich, R. Kruse, M.

Goldman.

Cobram 2.2, 6.5, 9.9, 15.11 (101)

Katandra 0.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0 (6)

GOALS, Cobram: O. Mackay 3, J. Cassidy 3, W. Slat-

erie 2, D. Kennedy 2, L. McShane 2, J. Curtin 1, R.

Mele 1, L. Hayes 1. Katandra: A. Harrington 1.

BEST, Cobram: J. Cassidy, L. Kennedy, N. Sneddon,

J. Curtin, O. Mackay, R. Mele, Katandra, F. Lesire,

L. Moroney, A. Harrington, C. Simpson, L. Hicks, C.

MacGibbons.

Echuca United 3.1, 6.6, 11.12, 13.13 (91)

Numurkah 1.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.4 (22)

GOALS, Echuca United: N. Osborne 3, T. Holmes 2,

B. Barnes 2, J. Jansen 1, J. Garner 1, C. Sidebottom

1, A. Jackson 1, M. Briscoe 1, M. Coote 1. Numurkah:

K. Newby 1, D. Ebborn 1, S. Kelly 1.

BEST, Echuca United: K. Sharpe-Long, B. Simpson,

T. Holmes, J. Garner, J. Talbot, D. Ramage. Numurkah:

F. Penberthy, M. Mansfield, T. Hughes, P. Masters, J.

Kam, K. Newby.

Golf anyone ... or coffee and cake?

by "The Shankster"

ONE little shower of rain just Wednesday was enough for the Numurkah women golfers to decide that coffee and cake sounded far more enjoyable than golf in the drizzling rain, so it was off to the Numurkah Bakery Cafe to spend some of their cake hole vouchers for winning nearest the pins.

It would seem that the girls have perhaps gone a little soft, having seen so little rain over the summer months.

The sun shone on Saturday, though, and a good field was out to play the second and final qualifying round for the Jack Roche fourball event.

Julie Hannaford and Jeanette Adams were the day's winners, but won't be taking up a place in the knockout rounds, being unavailable to play some of those dates.

Julie and Jeanette had a good score of +4, although it was a few short of the first round winning score.

Merren Carr and Kath Hepworth improved on their first round square, with +3 to finish second on the day, while Felicity Booth and Lauris Ashton added one more plus to their +7 to finish as the top qualifiers.

Nola Dalton and Tracey Clouston were the last of the ball winners, also with +1.

In contrast to their form a couple of weeks ago, when the ladies didn't manage to get onto any of the four nearest the pin greens, and consequently were sharing around the Minnie Mouse ears at presentations, they managed to find three of the par three greens this week, but the ears were still shared around.

Julie Hannaford had the best shot to the seventh hole, and Nola Dalton got onto the 18th.

Karen Harper hit a terrific shot to the 15th green, that was easily close enough for her to sink the putt and take a birdie, but ... Karen's partner Helen Schmedje decided she wasn't to

be outdone, and chipped her ball in, before Karen even had a chance to get her birdie.

For that, Smedge was awarded the ears, but the girls were in high spirits on Saturday afternoon, and it wasn't long before the ears were being plonked on other heads for minor misdemeanours during presentations and the raffles.

With only seven pairs being available to play the fourball knockout rounds, Felicity Booth and Lauris Ashton, as top qualifiers, will enjoy a bye in the first round.

In second place with +6, two of the Bevs, McIntosh and Peacock, will meet Robyn Hodgkin and Lorraine Craig, after Lorraine bravely soldiered around the 18 holes on her own on Saturday, with Robyn unable to play due to a previous commitment.

Last week's winners, Jenny Ludington and Liz Dell finished with +6 and third place, and will meet Julie Daniel and Margot McGrath, who didn't have the best of days on the weekend.

The final match, fourth versus fifth, will see previous winners Karen Harper and Helen Schmedje meet up with Kath Hepworth and Merren Carr.

First round matches are to be played by Sunday, June 2.

The club's annual Numurkah Leader Glynnmawr Salver was played last Friday. A Numurkah team won the salver last year, so it got to stay at home, and this year it has only travelled slightly further, heading west to Nathalia.

Sue Lowe, Wendy Fulton and Alison Keogh finished with a combined score of 93 points to win the day.

Liz Dell won a countback to win the delicious Cafe Mierlo hamper with 30 points, ahead of Cobram Barooga's Steph Hodges.

Helen Schmedje finished with 33 points, two shots behind Tocumwal's Bobbette Wilkinson in division one, while Cobram's Jenny Tom and



Another trophy goes west ... Wendy Fulton, Sue Lowe and Alison Keogh won the Glynnmawr Salver event last Friday at Numurkah.

Tocumwal's Robyn Conrick both had 31 points to head division two.

Alison Keogh won the veteran's event.

The division one pennant team continued its terrific start to the winter season with another clean sweep on Monday, defeating Valley View 5-0 at Mooroopna.

Nola Dalton and Pauline Davies both cleaned up their opponents by the 15th hole, Felicity Booth and Bev Hutchins went to the 17th, while Tracey Clouston's opponent took her all the way to the 18th.

The division two side squared three matches, but lost the other two to go down 1.5-3.5 in a very close game.

Robyn Hodgkin, Julie Hannaford and Bev

McIntosh all halved their matches. Jeanette Adams lost 3/1 and Helen Schmedje went to the 16th, after having had a huge win last week.

After a big week, the winter season competition is just warming up. There will be a monthly medal today, and a two person ambrose event next Wednesday.

The big event of the year, the club championships, begin on Saturday. The women's title event will be played over the next two Saturdays, concluding on Wednesday May 22, while the Saturday nett championship will run over the next four weekends. This Saturday's event will also be the first round of the Numurkah Pharmacy captain's putter.

NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

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A GRADE

Cobram 50 def Katandra 38
Deniliquin 52 def Barooga 32
Moama 62 def Finley 36
Nathalia 33 def Mulwala 24

Numurkah 17 def Echuca United 87

Tongala 32 def Congupna 44

Tungamah 29 def by Rumbalara 70

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Moama	4	4	0	0	235	122	16	192.62
Rumbalara	5	4	1	0	298	160	16	186.25
Mulwala	4	4	0	0	165	112	16	147.32
Deniliquin	4	3	1	0	234	143	12	163.64
Echuca United	4	3	1	0	195	175	12	111.43
Finley	5	3	2	0	198	248	12	79.84
Tungamah	4	2	2	0	143	158	8	90.51
Cobram	4	2	2	0	177	202	8	87.62
Tongala	4	2	2	0	130	174	8	74.71
Barooga	4	1	3	0	127	163	4	77.91
Numurkah	4	1	3	0	124	175	4	70.86
Congupna	4	0	4	0	130	199	0	65.33
Katandra	4	0	4	0	115	177	0	64.97
Nathalia	4	0	4	0	112	175	0	64

B GRADE

Cobram 53 def Katandra 33
Deniliquin 51 def Barooga 14
Moama 59 def Finley 23

Nathalia 20 def by Mulwala 43

Numurkah 36 def Echuca United 70

Tongala 25 def by Congupna 27

Tungamah 40 def by Rumbalara 45

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Mulwala	4	4	0	0	197	89	16	221.35
Deniliquin	4	4	0	0	207	117	16	176.92
Cobram	4	4	0	0	154	129	16	119.38
Echuca United	4	3	1	0	190	130	12	146.15
Moama	4	3	1	0	173	145	12	119.31
Finley	5	3	2	0	172	184	12	93.48
Barooga	4	2	2	0	140	148	8	94.59
Tongala	4	2	2	0	145	163	8	88.96
Congupna	4	1	3	0	127	149	4	85.23
Rumbalara	5	1	4	0	154	224	4	68.75
Tungamah	4	1	3	0	125	182	4	68.68
Numurkah	3	0	3	0	116	124	0	93.55
Nathalia	3	0	3	0	91	125	0	72.8
Katandra	4	0	4	0	135	217	0	62.21

C GRADE

Cobram 55 def Katandra 29
Deniliquin 62 def Barooga 30
Moama 52 def Finley 22

Nathalia 38 def by Mulwala 47

Numurkah 60 def Echuca United 10

Tongala 34 def Congupna 28

Tungamah 34 def by Rumbalara 44

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Mulwala	4	4	0	0	216	74	16	291.89
Cobram	4	4	0	0	215	77	16	279.22
Echuca United	4	4	0	0	250	106	16	235.85
Deniliquin	4	3	1	0	236	153	12	154.25
Nathalia	4	2	2	0	145	151	8	96.03
Katandra	4	2	2	0	146	156	8	93.59
Tongala	4	2	2	0	137	147	8	93.2
Moama	4	2	2	0	144	174	8	82.76
Finley	5	2	3	0	124	209	8	59.33
Numurkah	4	1	3	0	104	146	4	71.23
Congupna	4	1	3	0	134	193	4	69.43
Rumbalara	5	1	4	0	159	236	4	67.37
Tungamah	4	1	3	0	93	158	4	58.86
Barooga	4	0	4	0	83	206	0	40.29

C RESERVE

Cobram 39 def by Katandra 51
Deniliquin 63 def Barooga 18
Nathalia 27 def by Mulwala 38

Numurkah 34 def by Echuca United 51

Tongala 22 def by Congupna 30

Tungamah 22 def by Rumbalara 23

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Echuca United	4	4	0	0	196	80	16	245
Mulwala	4	3	1	0	184	95	12	193.68
Katandra	4	3	1	0	189	133	12	142.11

13 & UNDER

Cobram 33 def Katandra 3
Deniliquin 40 def Barooga 20
Moama 15 def Finley 37

Nathalia 17 def by Mulwala 29

Numurkah 16 def by Echuca United 23

Tongala 36 def Congupna 6

Tungamah 12 def by Rumbalara 30

Finley 5 5 0 0 180 76 20 236.84

Tongala 4 4 0 0 144 33 16 436.36

Chris conquers all challengers

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

CHRIS Hicks demolished his opposition in last Thursday's midweek competition at Numurkah Golf Club.

Playing against a small field of 18 true golfing fanatics, Chris overcame the unusual drizzly rain and wet fairways to best his nearest competitors by five stableford points, 39 to 34.

Runner-up to Chris was, "I came in through the bathroom window," Barry Pruden, who gained second place in a countback.

Fellow players whose score earned them a club ball were: Ron Smith 34, Matt Ebborn, Leigh Robertson, John McHale and Steve Piggott all 33, Hugh Gunn, Neil Hutchins and Sid Roughsedge 32.

John Smith earned the tin of boiled lollies with the lowest score of 28 points.

Chris' good round extended to winning the players' sweep money for nearest the pin on the seventh hole, and Dennis and Roy's sponsored ball on the two-shot 14th.

Steve Jones was closest to the pin on the GMCU sponsored 169 metre fourth hole, and Sid Roughsedge took the Pruden Carpentry sponsored ball on the 18th. No player was capable of landing on Graeme Sprunt's sponsored 15th hole.

With the arrival of much needed rain, the golf course has undergone a pleasing transition. Why not dust off the golfing brogues and join us this Thursday and see for yourself? Visitors and guests are most welcome. Assemble at 9.30am for a 10 o'clock hit off.

Great second round from Robbie and Hughie

by "Archie Bunker"

HUGHIE Gunn and Robbie Sutton had the best score in the second qualifying round of the Jack Roche fourball at Numurkah Golf Club on Saturday, finishing with a score of nine up.

In his acceptance speech, Robbie thanked Hughie for playing well, but in reality, the pair had really teamed together well.

After scoring +5 in the first round, this pair finished in second spot for the knockout rounds.

David Ludington and Jack Dell seem to do well in the qualifying rounds of this event every year, and finished with the day's second best score of +7 on Saturday, winning a three-way countback.

Losing that countback were Paul Collins and Jye Warren, who kicked the dew off the greens early on Saturday morning, and Alan Dalton and Ian Gray.

Dave Gilmour and Glenn 'Bubba' Thompson finished with +6, while +5s rounded out the ball winners, going to Garry Hosie/Bob I'Anson, Mitch Grandell/Sid Roughsedge, and Mark Hegarty/Darryl Sheridan.

Garry Hosie won nearest the pin on the fourth hole, Alan Dalton had the best shot to the 15th, and Bubba Thompson won the ball on the 18th. No man could get onto the 15th on Saturday.

Peter Stonehouse would have been wearing the Mickey Mouse ears, had he still been in the clubhouse for presentations.

Pete hit his tee shot on the 16th very close to the out of bounds fence, so climbed the fence to see if he might have a better swing from the other side, which he didn't. So he climbed back over the fence and tried to take his stance, leaning on the fence post, which snapped under his weight and Pete landed flat on his back.

Dave Scanlan was, as usual, still around for the fun of presentations, and jovially wore the ears for having a windy ... on the 10th tee.

Whether it was the early morning round, or their superior fitness, that got them over the line, but Paul Collins and Jye Warren qualified for the fourball knockout rounds in the top spot. They will meet the grandfather/grandson duo of Sid Roughsedge and Mitch Grandell in the first round.

Robbie Sutton and Hugh Gunn will meet Geoff Stone and Bruce Collins, who only just scraped in after winning the first round.

Garry Hosie and Bob I'Anson will play Pierre Klaassen and Charlie Walsh, and the final match will be David Ludington and Jack Dell against David Booth and Dean Toy.

Players have until June 2 to complete these matches.

The club championships begin this Saturday, with the first of four rounds, along with the first round of the captain's putter event.

No joy for Blues

NUMURKAH'S young A grade side was overrun by a slick, quality Echuca United team on Saturday.

Despite the 17-87 scoreline, the young and inexperienced team produced many great patches of play, and many positives to take away from the game.

The girls quickly adjusted to the things that weren't working and never gave up.

Glenys Zucco gave great drive and direction, giving great support to the younger players, while Fiona Elliott worked hard all game. Fiona got numerous finger tips to many balls, but was out-sized in the goal circle against a very tall goaler.

Awards: Numurkah Hotel: Fiona Elliott, Brereton's Bakery: Glenys Zucco.

B GRADE

There was excitement in the air for the B graders as two players, Rachel Robertson and Andrea Holmes, took to the court for Numurkah for the 250th time, but it was a tough game for the Blues, who went down 36-70.

Numurkah started well, going goal for goal with Echuca United, but the play was fast and dynamic, with no room for errors.

The Echuca side was tall and quickly scored from any turnovers, and the Blues were soon outplayed by a very drilled side.

Awards: Shamrock Hotel: Rachel Robertson, Numurkah Cafe Bar & Restaurant: Krystal Sheridan.

C GRADE

Numurkah was unable to field a team in C grade and forfeited this game.

C RESERVE

Numurkah came out firing in the first quarter of its C reserve game, but slowly got further and further behind the strong Echuca United side.

The game was fast and the Blues defenders caused many turnovers in the first quarter, to see them trail by just one goal at quarter time.

United fired up for the second quarter, while the Blues tired. Despite accurate goaling from Mary



Arn's length ... Tracey Commadeur reaches high for a catch.

Morrison and Makayla Millen, Numurkah trailed by seven goals at the long break.

The pattern continued for the second half, with Echuca slowly increasing its lead, although Numurkah played a better last quarter, losing the term by just two goals, going down 34-51.

Lil Ruscoe played a great game in centre, against three different opponents.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Mary Morrison, Hair Societe: Elizabeth Ruscoe.

17 UNDER

The under 17s were no match for a well structured Echuca United team, going down 8-68.

The Blues played a great team game. Katie Miller and Jenny Smith were outstanding in defence, and Tiara Kelly played a great game in attack.

Awards: Sportfirst: Jenny Smith, Tiara Kelly, Telegraph Hotel: Katie Miller.

15 UNDER

The under 15 girls played a fantastic first half, but went down to Echuca United 12-29.

Awards: Rush Food: Taesharn Crowe.

The Blues were determined to get another win on the board. They worked hard and stuck to their game plan for the whole game.

Abby Commadeur showed great leadership all over the court and Charlee Little worked hard and continually made beautiful leads into attack.

Awards: Reapers Hair & Beauty: Abby Commadeur, Club hat: Charlee Little.

13 UNDER

The under 13s tried hard but lost 16-23.

11 UNDER

The under 11s were the only Numurkah side to put a win on the board on Saturday, taking a nice victory 17-3.

The defensive pressure from the whole team was awesome to watch.

Bethany Pellegrino's defence in the goal circle was outstanding, and Taesharn Crowe provided great options around the ring for the goalers.

Awards: Rush Food: Taesharn Crowe.

Bowlers line up indoors

THE first round of the Numurkah indoor bowls season for 2019 was played last Thursday, with Shamrock taking the early lead on the ladder with a great win over Wunghnu.

Reigning premier Strathmerton got up by just six shots over Senior Citizens, and last year's runner-up Waaia won by 24 shots over Nathalia. Barooga went down to Katamatite.

RESULTS

Senior Citizens 2/49 lt Strathmerton 8/55. L. Addison 30 d R. Clarke 19; B. Seymour 19 lt T. Haynes 36.

Nathalia 0/34 lt Waaia 10/58. B. Hutchins 23 lt L. Clarke 29; F. Hutchins 11 lt S. Cleeland 29.

Shamrock 10/65 d Wunghnu 0/33. T. Bullock 29 d D. Staggard 11; M. Young 36 d N. Barnes 22.

Barooga 0/39 lt Katamatite 10/56. H. Quinn 23 lt M. Nordbye 26; E. Gordon 14 lt C. Quinn 30.

LADDER

Shamrock 10 +32; Waaia 10 +24; Katamatite 10 +17; Strathmerton 8 +6; Senior Citizens 2 -6; Barooga 0 -17; Nathalia 0 -24; Wunghnu 0 -32.

David impresses

DAVID Geddes was in top form at Numurkah Croquet Club's social day last Tuesday with three wins and an impressive 29 hoops.

Contributing to his great score were the six successful jump shots he played. Naturally David was delighted, his opposition were not as impressed and were left a little dismayed to find themselves disadvantaged for the next hoop.

Runners-up were Glenys and Ian Londey with 3/24.

Hoops-in-one were made by Sue Edis, Lyn Stokes and Ian Londey, with Glenys Londey being the only player, other than David, to score a jump shot.

Thursday's much needed rain gave the courts a good soaking, but luckily one of the courts was dry enough to allow for the association croquet Friday morning practice session.

Anyone interested in trying their hand at croquet is very welcome to head along on a Tuesday morning for golf croquet or Friday morning for association croquet.

Both sessions begin at 9am and the club has many experienced players willing to help newcomers to learn the game.

Narrow loss in small bore

SCORES were very close in the Crawford Shield competition hosted by Kyabram Small Bore Club last Wednesday night.

Kyabram scores 1149.35 to Numurkah's 1142.35.

Thursday night's top scores were Lindsay Braybon with 198.15 in 50 metre prone, Lou Cook with 195.5 in 20 metre benchrest and Glenn Braybon with 189.7 in 20 metre prone.

SCORES

20 metre benchrest: L. Cook 97.2 96.2 199.3, B. Braybon 96.2 96.0 192.2, J. Matys 96.1 96.0 192.1, C. Saxton 96.0 96.1 192.1, D. Bradshaw 96.1 94.0 190.1, E. Ryan 89.0 82.0 171.0.

20 metre prone: G. Braybon 95.5 94.2 189.7, A. Gibbon 85.0 96.3 181.3, A. Lee 91.0 90.2 181.2, H. O'Brien 83.4 84.2 167.3.

50 metre prone: L. Braybon 99.8 99.7 198.15, R. Hill 98.4 99.3 197.7, T. Braybon 94.1 97.2 191.3, S. Rosemeier 91.2 98.4 189.6, D. Cook 95.0 92.4 187.4, A. Lee 91.2 94.2 185.4, A. Gibbon 89.0 89.3 178.3.

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

Win keeps Picola third

PICOLA scored a comfortable win over the winless Blighty in their Picola netball league A grade clash at Blighty on Saturday.

There was great defensive pressure from all the Picola players, which created multiple turnovers and kept Picola sitting in third place on the ladder.

The Blues' conversions were much better, in what was a great team effort from all, and the Blues took victory 44-29.

Awards: Nathalia Post Office, Dan Mahncke, Brereton's Bakery, Georgia Walton.

B GRADE

Picola's B grade side played a strong four quarters, but couldn't take victory, going down to Blighty 23-35.

The Blues' talk on the court was terrific, as was their backing each other up.

The defenders covered their opponents and teamed well with their attackers to rebound well and work the ball around the goal circle and into the ring.

Awards: Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering: Caitlyn Boschetti, Brereton's Bakery: Penny Langley.

C GRADE

Picola won a very close encounter in the C grade game, coming

away with a narrow, three-goal win, 32-29.

Down on regular numbers, the girls all worked hard to take their victory.

Ten Dove smashed it in defence, pulling in rebounds and intercepts, while Sophie Moylan had hands over everything and stuck tight to reduce her opponent's impact on the game.

Awards: Foott Waste Solutions: Tennessee Dove, Club dinner: Sophie Moylan.

C RESERVE

The C reserve side suffered a big loss to Blighty, but played well together as a team and remained positive throughout their 4-31 loss.

Awards: Casual Step: Mel Szakal, Club dinner: Ern Azzopardi.

17 UNDER

Positive talk all over the court wasn't enough for the Picola under 17 girls to get a win over Blighty.

The girls defended well down the court, and covered well in the ring, while the attackers delivered the ball well into the goalers.

Blighty took victory by 12 goals, 44-32.

Awards: Power Livestock: Hol-

ly Chalker, Barmah Social Club: Chantel Leggets.

15 UNDER

The under 15s had a tough job to do against the second placed team on the ladder, but worked hard all game, going down 11-39.

The girls need to switch on right from the first whistle, and Saturday's game showed a few things to work on at training.

Awards: Birch Earthmoving: Mikaela Daniel, Barmah Social Club: Jai Dee Risely.

13 UNDER

Coming up against the undefeated Blighty side was always going to be a tough ask for the under 13s, but the young Blues kept up their heads all game, and fought it out to the end.

A well trained Blighty side proved very tough opposition, taking victory 42-3.

Awards: Baxter Family medalion: Jorja Langley, Barmah Social Club: Indiana McCabe Jackson.

MINIS

The littlest Blue girls played a great game after the long trip to Blighty on Saturday morning.

Awards: Intersport Bennetts: Molly Sheahan, PUFNC: Bailee Ward.

Waaia scores big over Hoppers

WAAIA took a good home win over Yarroweyah in their Picola league A grade clash on Saturday, winning 54-29.

The Bombers are improving every game and tidying up their errors. Their speed and versatility will be a necessity to help them match up and be competitive against all sides in the competition.

Saturday's win saw Waaia jump from fifth spot on the ladder into second place, behind Tocumwal, which it will meet this weekend in a battle for the top spot.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Chloe Thorne, Terminus Hotel: Milly Foster, Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Marni Hicks.

C GRADE
a comfortable win that saw them move into fourth place on the ladder.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Naomi Hopkins, Terminus Hotel: Bern Caccianiga.

C RESERVE

It was a 21 goal win for the C reserve side that sits in sixth spot on the ladder, 36-15.

The girls started off well, winning the first quarter by nine goals.

The Bombers made great space on the court, and the goalers worked well together, easily reading each other's play.

With four players out, and less rotations, the girls adapted well and applied great pressure all game, which saw some great intercepts.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Tearn Williams, Terminus Hotel: Abbi Harris, Casual Step: Kiara Brown.

17 UNDER

The Bomber juniors continued the winning vein of the day on the netball court, with all three teams also having great wins.

The under 17 girls played a great game, with nice flowing play.

They need to be able to maintain their pressure for the four quarters, and to work on keeping their passes more direct.

Awards: Numurkah Sportfirst: Jami Moore, Socks: Rachel Williams.

15 UNDER

The under 15s won by 63 goals, 68-5.

Awards: D & M Plattfuss: Eloise Walker, WFNC Canteen: Ella Wilson, Terminus Hotel: Sophie Miller.

13 UNDER

The under 13s also had a terrific win, 38-2.

Awards: WFNC scrunchie: Ciara Ramadge, WFNC Canteen: Sasha Daniel.

11 UNDER

The under 11s played a brilliant game. They



On the up ... Laura Cahoon looks for someone to take a pass during the Bombers' big A grade win over Yarroweyah on Saturday.

were moving well, rebounding, using names and showed the skills used at training.

Teamwork and sportsmanship were on show along with their smiles.

Awards: WFNC scrunchie: Lucy Daniel, Northstar: Claire Bergamin, Terminus Hotel: Kasey Caldow.

Big team effort gets win

A TERRIFIC game from all players saw Strathmerton take a hard-fought, four-goal victory over Berrigan on Saturday.

Short a couple of players, the Bulldogs made the most of every opportunity to take victory 41-37.

The defenders were hard in defence, to keep the Berrigan shooters at bay, while Hope Lindhe completed the power trio in the defensive end with strong drives and great backup.

The multiple turnovers created by the defenders saw the goalers look after confidently.

Awards: Strathy Railway Hotel: Claire Walker, Supreme Meats: Hope Lindhe, InterSport Wingates: Caitlin Hill.

B GRADE

Strathmerton's B graders got off to a solid start, with great ball movement and teamwork all over the court, but failed in their bid to get a win on the board, going down by seven goals.

The Bulldogs led by two goals going into the last half, but Berrigan showed why it was sitting in sixth place on the ladder, putting in a strong performance to take victory, 39-32.

The Strathy girls played a tight four quarters and put together some great passages of play, showing improvement each game.

Awards: Strathy Railway Hotel: Joy Maher, Strathy Cafe: Jess Bailey.

C GRADE

Although the scoreboard didn't look like the Strathy C graders would have liked, the Bulldogs were happy with their game against the undefeated top side, fighting it out until game's end.

After making a few changes to the team this week, it took a quarter for the players to adjust, but the girls managed to settle play and showed improvement with strong drives to the ball.

Berrigan went on to take victory 80-7.

Awards: Strathy Pub: Aimee Fletcher, Wingates: Chloe Wells.

C RESERVE

Sixth placed Strathy took on fifth placed Berrigan in a hard-fought C reserve game on Saturday.

Berrigan provided great opposition and the first three quarters were neck and neck. But the Strathy girls fought that little bit harder in the final term to come away with the win, 21-13.

Awards: BOC Strathy Hotel: Sienna Bate, Strathy Cafe: Shelly Shannon, Subway: Shayla Crowe.

15 UNDER

The under 15s' game ended in a draw, 19 goals apiece.

Coming off a loss last week, the girls were eager to get another win to their name.

Down by seven at half time, a few changes were made, and they received a few words of encouragement from their fill-in coach that had them pumped for the second half.

Claudia Ross did everything right, playing in an unfamiliar position, feeding the ball patiently into the goalers.

After a terrific third quarter, they only trailed by two goals at the last break.

The defenders worked well together, turning over the ball when they could and drawing level when the final whistle sounded.

Awards: Strathy cafe Claudia Ross, subway: Kiera Henderson

13 UNDER

What a great win for the Strathy under 13s. With everyone giving their very best effort, the Bulldogs took a seven goal win, 18-11.

Awards: Strathy Cafe: Makenzie Duhring, Subway: Sienna Ross, Strathy Cafe: Amy Wyatt.

MINIS

The mini Midgets came up against a very slick Berrigan team on Saturday.

It was very hard for the girls to get past Berrigan's defence, but they kept trying hard all game. The encouragement and support shown to each other by all team members was brilliant.

Awards: Strathy Cafe: Brylie Barnes, Ayla Lindhe, Paiton Coghill and Eva Laidlaw.

Swans fall short

KATUNGA put up a great effort against an undefeated Katamatite A grade netball side, but fell short of a win, going down by eight goals.

The Swans had every opportunity to win the game, but couldn't convert the turnovers.

There were glimpses of good netball, but a last quarter slump let Katunga down, and Katamata took victory 50-42.

Awards: AgBioEn: Emma Fothergill, ND Services: Sarah Wiedmann.

B GRADE

The top of the ladder Swans' B graders gave their Katamatite counterparts a netball lesson on Saturday, taking victory 78-20.

Katamatite made the Swans work hard, with some good attacking play and persistent defensive pressure, but the Katunga team played like one that has been together for years.

Awards: KSG Fuel: Katie Morris, Numurkah Pharmacy: Carly Duckworth.

C GRADE

The Swans C graders had a comfortable win, in which everyone played their part.

Katunga took victory 38-26.

Awards: Fitness 3636: Marlee Ingamells, Telegraph Hotel: Gabby Cunningham.

C RESERVE

A beautiful game of netball was the way the Katunga C reserve game was described, on its way to a 52-15 win.

The Swans passed the ball well down the court, and created turnovers picking up loose balls.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Kylea Sidebottom, Fitness 3636: Millicent Nye.

15 UNDER

A slow start proved costly for Katunga's under 15 team, going down in a nail-biting finish by a solitary goal, 24-25.

The Swans struggled in the first half, but came out firing after the long break, working well as a team, but were unable to get in front.

Awards: Cold Rock: Montana Hill, Reapers Hair & Beauty: Ainsleigh Banner, Nutrimetics: Tracey Crocker.

13 UNDER

The under 13 girls got their first win of the season, with some really good defence, taking victory 13-3.

Awards: Laino's: Hannah O'Brien, Cold Rock: Angelina Crisara.

11 UNDER

The under 11s had their defensive pressure on fire, with arms up and strong hands forcing plenty of turnovers.

After working hard to bring the ball down the court, the Swans were rewarded in attack, with 20 goals scores.

Awards: Canteen: Isabella Rogers, Nutrimetics: Rhani Lawless.



Peekaboo ... Sophie McCracken gets a pass away to Carly Duckworth in their B grade win over Katamatite.

Nathalia girls get a win on the board

NATHALIA moved off the bottom of the Murray Netball League A grade ladder with a nine goal win over Mulwala on Saturday.

The Purples have been putting in the hard work, and it paid off with their first win of the season.

Great defensive pressure all over the court saw Nathalia turn over many balls and take the win, 33-24.

Awards: Coprice BOC: AMY Brooks; Brereton's Bakery: Steph Limbrick; Casual Step: Breanne Walpole.

B GRADE

Nathalia got off to a slow start in its B grade game against the top side and, although improving later in the game, went down 20-43.

The Purples took control of the game during the second half, but it was too late to overcome the strong home side.

Olivia Hanlon and Laura Harvey Hawkins both played strong games in the mid court.

Awards: Coprice BOC: Georgia Saunders;

Hinchcliffe & Greed Real Estate: Alysia Oakes; Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Laura Harvey-Hawkins.

C GRADE

The Nathalia C graders played terrific netball for three quarters, but not playing it out for the whole game may have cost them a win, going down 38-47.

Awards: Barmah Hotel BOC: Christie Schram; 3 Belles Creations: Jen Butler; Sportfirst Numurkah: Kristy Hudson.

C RESERVE

The C reserve side put in a great performance against the second side, but went down by 11 goals.

The Purples are showing improvement each week, bring the ball out of defence and converting into goals.

Awards: Limo's Home Hardware BOC: Amy Rohan; Laino's Pizza: Jodie Coutts; Sportfirst Numurkah: Brooke Parker.

17 UNDER

In a thrilling finish, Nathalia's under 17s moved into the top eight with a one goal win over Mulwala, 40-39.

The girls all played well in a great team game.

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

15 UNDER

Defensively, the under 15 girls were strong right across the court, but their attacking game was crowded and messy and resulted in them going down to Mulwala, 14-22.

Awards: Kylie Richards BOC: Hayley; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Holly; Marketplace Subway: Kiaya; TJ's IGA: Mia.

13 UNDER

The under 13s played a much improved game, but went down to Mulwala 29-17.

The girls all wanted the ball and worked hard to convert turnovers into goals.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia BOC: Ella; Nathalia Dairy: Sophie; TJ's IGA: Jasmin.

Murray's best line up together

THE Murray Football League has announced the initial 40 man squad to play against the Wimmera Football League on the 18th of May at Rumbalara. Numurkah coach Jye Warren will take the lead role of the side and will be amongst familiar company considering Numurkah has the equal most players listed in the initial squad listing. There are five Blues players listed, including Mitch Price, Grant Gallus,

Michael Herlihy, Nathan Hicks and Jye Warren himself. Numurkah isn't the only side with five players picked to this point, with reigning premier Nathalia, Echuca United and Congupna also seeing five of its charges picked. The Purples picked include captain Tom Nihill, Alex Hicks, Bailey Bell, Adam Jorgensen and Ryan Butler. The side poses to be an intimidating

entity, with all 14 sides being represented within the squad. In addition to the seniors side being picked, the league has also revealed the selections for the under 18s side, led by coach Levi Power, and the under 16s and 14s interleague squad. All sides except Katandra have players featured in the under 18s, while Finley has the most players, with six. Numurkah's Jarrod Holmes and Clan-

cy Lester have been named, while Nathalia's Scott Morris, Brayden Summerville, Lachlan Gemmill and Ben Armstrong are also listed. Both teams will train with one another ahead of the clash, with the session being planned for Wednesday May 8. The under 16s and 14s teams will compete in the MCJFL Carnival on May 19, played at Rochester Recreation Reserve.

Rhys Cason, Bailey Roberts, Hayden Hollands and Kane Newby have been listed to represent Numurkah in the side, while Will Sheehan, Aaron Petric and Jake Brown represent the Purple of Nathalia. The under 14s squad sees Blues Nathan Page and Oliver Masters make the initial cut, with Kai Lundberg, Brandon Orton, Gus Bramwell, Charlie Sheehan and Oliver Sheehan flying Nathalia's flag in the squad.

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- 4 Melbourne
- 5 West Coast
- 6 Adelaide
- 7 Geelong
- 8 GWS
- 9 Fremantle



Last week 7 Total 34

Kylie Jackson

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



Last week 7 Total 37

Chris O'Dwyer

- 1 Sydney
- 2 Bulldogs
- 3 Collingwood
- 4 Gold Coast
- 5 West Coast
- 6 Adelaide
- 7 Geelong
- 8 GWS
- 9 Richmond



Last week 5 Total 33

Roger Seiter

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



Last week 7 Total 38

Tom Buzzo

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



Last week 5 Total 32

Peter Newby

- 1 Sydney
- 2 Brisbane
- 3 Collingwood
- 4 Melbourne
- 5 West Coast
- 6 Port Adelaide
- 7 Geelong
- 8 Hawthorn
- 9 Fremantle



Last week 7 Total 34

John Beitzel

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



Last week 5 Total 32

Brad Kerry

- 1 Essendon
- 2 Brisbane
- 3 Collingwood
- 4 Melbourne
- 5 West Coast
- 6 Adelaide
- 7 North Melb
- 8 GWS
- 9 Fremantle



Last week 6 Total 31

Katunga Fresh

- 1 Essendon
- 2 Brisbane
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- 4 Gold Coast
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Last week 6 Total 38



Danni Woolley

- 1 Essendon
- 2 Brisbane
- 3 Collingwood
- 4 Melbourne
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 Adelaide
- 7 Geelong
- 8 GWS
- 9 Fremantle

Last week 5 Total 30



Kevin Morland

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

Last week 8 Total 36



John Schaaf

- 1 Essendon
- 2 Brisbane
- 3 Collingwood
- 4 Gold Coast
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 Adelaide
- 7 Geelong
- 8 Hawthorn
- 9 Fremantle

Last week 5 Total 33



David Ludington

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

Last week 7 Total 34



Nathan Morris

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

Last week 6 Total 37



Troy Knox

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

Last week 4 Total 28

Winless and hurting

KATUNGA'S poor start to the 2019 Picola and District Football League season continued on Saturday with a mammoth 75 point capitulation against Katamatite at home. Katunga is yet to experience victory this year and Katamatite's errant goal kicking saved the Swans from a truly huge loss.

The Tigers doubled Katunga's score in a four goal to two opening term, but it was in the second quarter that Katamatite failed to make the most of its opportunities, despite holding onto a big lead, regardless.

While keeping the home side to just one point, Katamatite kicked 5.7 in a dominant display that could have seen it up by close to 15 goals at the half.

The 50 point lead, though, was nothing to be sneezed at, and only got bigger.

While Katamatite's Brodie McDonald fired on all cylinders, eventually registering his seventh goal for the game, the third term saw the sides momentarily even out as Katunga booted two goals to one, though the lead remained large at 47 points.

Katunga's goals in the third term would be its last for the game, in fact, it wouldn't add to its score at all in the final quarter, while Katamatite added one final flurry with a four goal return.

With the game closing at 4.3.27 to 14.18.102, all Katunga can do is dust itself off and prepare for battle at Mathoura this Saturday.

Awards: Katunga Fresh: Trent Baker, Clydesdale Hotel: Jared Hicks, Lenny's Ag: Josh Howden, GrainCorp Oilseed: Xavier Thorp, Telegraph Hotel: Rhys Wallace, Les Walkington Award: Nick Few.

RESERVES

In a low scoring affair, Katunga's reserves notched up their first win of the season with a 6.6.42 to 3.2.20 win at home on Saturday.

Playing his 200th club game, Katunga ruckman Tony Harris put in some hard yards as his side searched for the win that will hopefully kickstart its 2019 season, but it was Trent Corby that did the most damage.

In a game that saw Katunga kick just six goals, Corby booted three of them, pushing his side to a 22 point win.

Katunga's defensive work in the opening stages of the game proved vital, and after having kept Katamatite scoreless in the opening term, the Swans struggled to fully capitalise. The Swans held just a 14 point quarter time lead, and were unable to add to their tally in the second as the Tigers bounced back to close the margin to a goal by the end of the half.

Heading back onto the ground out of the rooms, Katunga's defensive resolve came to the fore once again, keeping the visitors scoreless for the quarter's entirety.

Katunga though, couldn't make the substantial impact it would have desired, kicking just two goals, and the margin sat at 21 leading into the fourth and final term.



Looking for a spark ... Katunga's Lachlan Corby boots inside 50 during Katunga's 75 point loss to Katamatite.

In the game's most liveliest term, the crowd in attendance saw four goals kicked between the two sides to close out the contest.

The four majors were split, two each to the teams, and Katunga managed to hold onto the points with a gritty win in front of their own fans.

Awards: John King Grain: Trent Corby, Dan Hendy Landforming: Josh Tetley, Telegraph: Tyler Hinck, Clydesdale: Josh Bale, KFNC: Tony Harris.

UNDER 17s

Katunga's biggest win of the day came from the club's under 17s, with 137 points separating the Swans and a hard working Katamatite side.

While only 16 players fronted up for both sides, Katunga was able to race away to a dominant lead, booting six unanswered goals to open proceedings.

Things went from bad to worse for Katamatite, when in the second term, it was unable to score and reply to the Swans' eight goal run.

Harry Hill and Lachlan Daniel were chief destroyers for Katunga throughout the whole game, kicking six and four goals respectively by the end of the match.

The game was all but over by the culmination of the first half. Katamatite had managed just a single behind for the game up until that point, while the Swans had booted away to a 91 point lead.

The Tigers managed to snag a goal in the third quarter, but Katunga's dominance refused to fizzle out, despite the gigantic lead. Katunga slammed through another eight unanswered goals, closing the game out 22.13.145 to 1.2.8.

Awards: S. & L Harbor: Lachlan Daniels, Rankin Ag: Harry Hill, Peter Hill Honda: Lachlan O'Hara, SportFirst Numurkah: Cody Gow, Canteen: Cal Howden.

UNDER 14s

Katunga controlled and dominated the under 14s game against Katamatite on Saturday, with the Swans making sure that the Tigers remained scoreless from start to finish. Xavier Morris booted five goals for the Swans during the lopsided clash, while Harry McDonald and Jackson Harris rounded out the goal kicking with two majors apiece.

Katunga's two goal lead blew out to six by the end of the first half, with the midfield battle going in one direction for most of the day.

By the end of the game, Katunga's score of 9.9.63 showed that scoring opportunities for the Swans were coming thick and fast.

Awards: Dan Harris Mechanical Repairs: Xavier Morris, Maurice MacNamara & Co: Harry McDonald, Supporters Award: Zac Bosse, Red Cherry: Tyson Hill, Canteen Award: Ryan Russo, Morris Award: Joseph Crisara.

Blues fall short in surprise loss

PICOLA United missed an opportunity to stay one game behind top spot on the Picola & District Football League ladder, following a 29 point loss to the previously winless Blighty Football Club at Blighty on Saturday.

The visitors hoped to honour Clinton Barnes' 300th club game with a win, but Blighty kicked away with the help of the breeze, getting off to a strong start.

Blighty booted four goals to one in a term that saw Picola struggle to build much momentum against a side that was hungry for its first win of the year.

Picola managed to bounce back in the second quarter, though, kicking three goals to one and closing the gap to just 10 points.

The visiting side muscled its way to a number of clearances and contested ball gets, something which proved to be the biggest difference between the two opening quarters.

Picola seemed to be on the right track, a track that would have seen it take the lead in the third quarter and sail off into the sunset, but Blighty had enough of losing, enough of being overpowered and it dug its heels in deep as the third quarter commenced.

Picola was kept scoreless, unable to break through Blighty's resolute back line, all the while being cut to shreds with the Redeyes' rebounding ability off the half backline.

Blighty booted four unanswered goals to close out the quarter, and with each major tallied, Picola's chances faded further away.

Blighty didn't have to do anything spectacular in the final quarter to hold onto the win. Picola managed to kick three goals, but even if Blighty hadn't kicked two of its own, it still would have won and taken the points.

The 7.3.45 to 11.8.74 loss means that Picola stays sixth on the ladder and will hope it can sneak into the top four with a win over a side that's riding high, Berrigan.

Awards: DMH Mug and Barmah Hotel: Reagan Hamilton, Blake Street Butchery: Cory Cogan, Brereton's Bakery: Luke Jackson, Limo's Hardware: Kyle Saunders.

RESERVES

In a low scoring but tough game, Picola United came away with a 5.3.33 to 4.3.27 win on the weekend, beating Blighty in the reserves match up of the day.

With a potential top two spot in reach with a win, Picola managed just a single point in the opening quarter, heading into the break down by a goal, managing to tie things up at 1.2.8 apiece by the end of the second half, two injuries threatened to seriously hamper the visiting side's momentum.

Blighty, looking for its second win of 2019, took advantage of the fallen Blues and found itself up by five points heading into the final term, but it was Picola that peaked at the right time.

While Picola restricted Blighty to just a single behind it booted two goals in the last quarter, pipping the Redeyes at the line to secure a gutsy six point win.

Awards: Nathalia Fertiliser and Grain: Matthew James, Brereton's Bakery: Aiden Daniel, Minchin Mechanics: Shane Cooper, Numans Voucher: Clay Stevens.

UNDER 17s

Once Blighty held the advantage over Picola in Saturday's under 17s game, it never let go, eventually kicking away to a comfortable 47 point win at Blighty.

Picola's Jason Beckett stood as the visiting side's only goal kicker, finishing with three for the day, but his lone stand was far from enough compared to what Blighty managed to produce.

The contest started out evenly, but Blighty turned a one point quarter time lead into a three goal half time lead, as Jack Sides began to make his mark on the clash, heading towards a seven goal haul.

Picola wasn't able to score a goal in the second half, while Blighty got past a lacklustre third term to ice the game with a four goal final quarter, cementing the 10.10.70 to 3.5.23 win.

Awards: Dove Motors and Lubke Engineering: Connor Langley, Peter Limbrick Accounting: Clay Stevens, Barmah Social Club: Tommi Dargan, TJ's 6 pack: Jason Beckett.

UNDER 14s

Jason Beckett's nine goal haul helped Picola to its biggest win of the day, with the young Blues demolishing Blighty by 95 points on Saturday.

Picola made things hard for Blighty all day, especially in the first half where the Redeyes were unable to register a score for its entirety, but at the other end of the ground, Beckett was slotting majors with relative ease.

Kicking away to a 34 point lead after the first term, Picola kicked another four goals to see the first half out with a 10 goal lead and, though the game was all but over at that point, Picola kept charging ahead into the second half.

Though all eyes were on Beckett, he led a line of seven different goal kickers, detailing how diverse Picola's scoring range was.

The Blues closed the game out convincingly and the 16.12.108 to 2.1.13 win poses as a big morale boost ahead of this week's clash.

Awards: Power LiveStock and Barnett Family: Jason Beckett, Better-Bite Barmah: Kayden Atkinson, Barmah Social Club: Stephen Atkinson, Als Café Encouragement Medallion: Logan Daniel.

Just one blemish

SAVE for one game that didn't go the Purples' way, it was just about a perfect weekend for Nathalia, winning three of its four games against Mulwala, including the reserves clash against the Lions that saw the Purples come out 76 point winners.

The hosts got off to a strong start, kicking five unanswered goals as Mulwala was unable to score in opening term.

Al Corry found the ball at will and charged his side ahead with clean possessions and solid efficiency.

The midfield showing set the Purples' forward line up, and the side kept producing goals in the middle two quarters.

The 45 point lead at half time turned into 65 heading into the final quarter and it was clear to see Nathalia was well on top and improving with every stage of the game.

Jarrod Maskell gave his midfield first use with solid ruck work, while Nathan McKenna and Josh Gemmill showed that the future is bright at Nathalia, with their talents developing nicely.

In the end, the comfortable 13.8.86 to 1.4.10 win will be a huge boost to young side looking to find its groove and some consistency to follow through with for the rest of the sea-

son.

The next challenge for Nathalia comes away against Finley this Saturday.

Awards: Ryan Meat Co.: Harley Cobblewick, Mick Hogan Excavations: Brayden Summerville, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Al Corry, Blake St Butchery: Josh Gemmill, Numurkah Nu-Genes: Scott Morris, Brereton's Bakery: Nathan McKenna.

UNDER 17s

Nathalia's only sour note of the day came in the under 17s clash, where the Purples were easily accounted for by 74 points against Mulwala.

Unable to hit the scoreboard with a goal for the first half, Nathalia found itself in a tough spot against a side that had all the run in the early stages of the game.

Mulwala booted away to an eight goal half time lead and really didn't look back, despite Harvey White slotting the side's first goal in the third term.

Mulwala's nine goal lead poked into the fourth quarter and was extended amidst Sam Boyd booting Nathalia's second and last goal of the day.

The 2.4.16 to 13.12.90 loss see Nathalia sit at the bottom of the under 17s ladder, yet to

register a win, but it will hope to turn things around this week against seventh placed Finley.

Awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Toby Hansford, AV Hughes: Will Sheehan, Rex James Stockfeed: Archie Congues, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Ryan Bell, Marketplace Subway: Harvey White.

UNDER 14s

The club's biggest win came in the under 14s, as the youngest Purples stormed to a huge 20.10.130 to 0.0.0 win early Saturday morning.

Brandon Orton booted seven goals, with Nathalia never facing any danger of being overtaken.

Gus Bramwell was brilliant in the ruck for his side and Connor Peachey, Jerry Amery and Ewan Congues all played great for the day. The win sees Nathalia sit second on the ladder behind Echuca United, but has the chance to take top spot with a big win this week.

Awards: Past Players: Ewan Congues, Bendigo Bank Nathalia; Jeremiah Amery, Al's Café: Kai Lundberg, Frostick Contracting: Brodie Armstrong, Nathalia Printers: Benjamin Nave.

Taken to the sword

FACED with a tough task, Numurkah's reserves came out second best in their clash against Echuca United, failing to score while allowing the Eagles 203 points.

The big loss paints a worrying picture, but the team's ability to keep fighting throughout the very tough contest is definitely a big positive to take from the lopsided tie.

Echuca looked menacingly efficient in the opening term, booting 9.1 to open the game and stamp its authority on the tie from the very early stages.

Numurkah, through James Pruden, Paul Collins and Shaun Vidler, tried to tighten up the midfield, but it didn't stop Echuca from extending its lead out to 98 points by the end of the half. Another seven goals were scored in the third term, all Echuca's, with players like Anthony McMahon, 10 goals, and Andrew Pryde, five, fighting amongst themselves to slot yet another major.

By the end of the third quarter, Echuca held a 149 point advantage, but didn't take its foot off the accelerator with the game all but decided.

Yet another eight goals were kicked to close out Numurkah's disappointing 0.0 to 31.17.2103 demise.

This week, the Blues travel to Mulwala to take on the 10th placed Lions in what should hopefully be Numurkah's jump start.

Awards: Al Millen Concreting: James Pruden, Middle Hotel: Brad Millen, Telegraph Hotel: Greg Gallus, Shamrock: Paul Collins, Mierlo: Jayden Rees, Social Mug: Shaun Vidler.

UNDER 17s

Numurkah's under 17s took on an undefeated Echuca United on Saturday and the Blues found out exactly why the Eagles are flying as high as they are, going down by 69 points.

The Blues managed to stay within arm's reach in the first half, but by the third quarter, Echuca's superiority on the day began to shine through.

Echuca was two goals up by the end of the first quarter, and three goals up by the end of the half, but five unanswered goals saw the margin swell to 58 points heading into the final term.

Flynn Penberthy and Matt Mansfield gave it their all in the middle for the Blues, while Kane Newby put in a solid shift as well, but the Blues were inundated with Echuca swarms and were unable to deal with the tidal wave of attacking presses.

James Kam and Pat Masters tried their hearts out in the backline and managed to keep the visitors to just two goals in the final quarter, but the ship had sailed by that point and the game ended with Numurkah falling short 3.4.22 to 13.13.91.

UNDER 14s

Numurkah's search for its first under 14s win of the season continues after the young Blues went down to Echuca United by 169 points on Saturday.

Despite much effort and some improvement in general play, Numurkah failed to score for the entirety of the game, with a grim opening term deficit painting a clear picture of the game ahead. Echuca kicked out to a lead worth more than nine goals, despite Reeve Verhoeven, Nathan Page and Toby Griffiths working hard in the centre.

Echuca's dominance continued to translate to scoreboard pressure, and the eight goal second quarter was indicative of the control the Eagles had on the contest as a whole.

Trailing by 106 points at half time, Numurkah tried its best to lock the contest down and minimise the damage inflicted for the rest of the tie and managed to keep Echuca to just five goals in the third quarter.

Echuca slotted another four goals in the final term, closing out the uneven battle as comfortable winners.

UNDER 12s

Numurkah's under 12s side locked horns with Southern Stars, in the sides first round clash and the Blues kicked the season off in style with a comfortable 43 point win.

Southern Stars managed to get off to a quicker start, booting the first goal, but the Blues held firm and responded in kind via Harry Ryan, drawing a close to a tight opening term.

The Blues were aided by the wind in the second term and took full advantage, as Jorjah Moody rucked well to give the midfield first use, leading to goals from Toby Griffiths, Baz McDonald and Tristan Hopkins, giving Numurkah all the momentum.

Whenever the Blues were challenged in their backline, Bayden Parkinson and Arthur Smith did well to get the ball moving forward again.

The half ended with Numurkah in control, but as the second half commenced, the Stars tried their best to charge back into contention.

The Stars managed to close the margin to less than two goals, and with the prospect of a tight final term on the card, the Blues needed to regroup if they were to come away with the win.

Blue nerves were calmed after Toby Griffiths slotted his second of the day, before Ollie Ruscoe put more distance between his side and the Stars with a smart finish of his own.

Numurkah had complete control of the contest at this point, and the ball had seldom travelled out of the Blues' forward half.

Goals to Baz McDonald and Harry Moon closed out the contest and allowed Numurkah to enjoy the 10.13.73 to 4.6.30 win.

UNDER 10s

The under 10 Blues played their first round match up against Northern Eagles and came away with a gutsy 5.3.33 to 2.5.17 win. Led by captain Nash Siermans, the Blues got off to a strong start via goals from Nate Warrin and good midfield work by Theodore Smith and Jaxson Stonehouse.

Smith's form followed him into the second quarter, where some good ruck work from Joseph Griffiths and clean use in the middle by Daniel Schreenan, saw the young Blue kick the lone goal of the term, closing out the half with Numurkah in front.

The final goals for Numurkah came in third quarter, with Nash Siermans slotting one from 30m out and finally with Nate Warrin once again splitting the uprights. Numurkah had a strong lead, and despite a couple of consolation goals to the Stars in the final quarter, left the field with a comfortable 16 point win.

Awards: Pizza Hut: Nate Warrin, Red Cherry: Nash Siermans, FNFC meal voucher: Daniel Schreenan.



Solid showing ... Mitch Price put in yet another good ruck performance during Numurkah's important win over ladder leader Echuca United.

Blues rebound, knock Eagles off perch

HAVING suffered its first loss of the year against Nathalia, Numurkah bounced back brilliantly to deliver Echuca United its first loss of the year after the Blues outrun and overpowered the Eagles by 20 points at the Numurkah Showgrounds on Saturday.

In a hotly anticipated clash, the Blues welcomed Tim Arnel back to the team to kick two goals, but it was an ever present forward that provided the goods once again for the Blues.

Michael Herlihy's four goals were a big boost to a side in search of redemption after last week's loss, and the manner in which Numurkah went about the tie was typical of what the side is known to be able to produce.

The game itself, though, was evenly contested for the first half and only three points separated the two sides at the major break, with Echuca closing the gap after trailing by seven after the first term.

The Blues had their hands full with Josh Mellington, who would go onto finish with six goals, including a couple of special efforts from the boundary, but the defensive group did well to ensure that no other Echuca goal kickers made a huge impact.

This allowed Numurkah to play on its own terms, and the rebounding run and spread set the Blues up for a solid third quarter showing that led to Numurkah holding an important 21 point

lead by the time of the final break.

The advantage saw Numurkah consolidate and progress to a great 12.8.80 to 9.6.60 win, keeping the side in the top four, leapfrogging Echuca in the process, and making it clear that the Blues can take the fight to any club on its best day.

Following a tough week, Jye Warren was exceptionally pleased with his sides performance.

"I'm over the moon, it was great to bounce back after the loss to Nathalia," said Warren. "We played some exceptional football."

"Our pressure and whatnot, especially in the third quarter, was great.

"We took advantage of the turnovers and, whenever we could, we made it hard for them. Our pressure in the forward line was also really good."

Numurkah played a great deal of the game on its own terms and managed to control the game with tactical changes that made a big difference in the end.

"We stopped the flow inside their forward 50. Mitch Price was swapping ruck duties with Dylan Taylor and either one of them could run into the hole and make sure they had no one to kick to."

"Our midfield work was clean, and we stuck with the structures that really helped us get over the line."

In a scoring sense, Numurkah's Mr Reliable stood up once again and proved why he could be pushing for

final selection in the MFL interleague clash against Wimmera this month, as Michael Herlihy kicked another four goals to take his season tally to 15 from five games.

"Michael has gone up another level, before the season we had spoken about a few things he needed to work on. He went away over the preseason and worked really hard to get those things right, and he's just been exceptional."

"His pressure and leadership are a great reason why he was voted into the leadership group as vice captain."

With the win in tow, Numurkah's attention turns to Mulwala, a side that came up agonisingly short against Nathalia this past week and poses as an interesting challenge as it looks to propel itself into the top four.

"It's bizarre," said Warren. "You never really hear too much about Mulwala. It really goes under the radar considering how far away the club is, so we need to do as much research as we can."

"That being said, the thing that'll get us over the line will be our pressure on Mulwala's big ground and it's a ground we've done well on in the past, but as a club, Mulwala has always had a good list with some solid young players with guys Dylan McNamara who have kicked a few goals this season."

With a top four spot on the line, the two sides will surely go hammer and tong this week at Lonsdale Reserve.'

Bomber blast moves Waaia to top spot

THERE is a new owner of the top spot on the Picola & District Football League ladder following Strathmerton's loss to Berrigan and Waaia's huge 101 point win over Yarroweyah on Saturday. The Bombers burned Yarroweyah to a crisp in a first quarter blitz that saw the home side hammer home nine unanswered goals, taking a 58 point lead into the first break. Jesse Trower was busy in the middle of the ground on his way to best on ground honours, while Mark Meyland was posing as a dangerous figure in Waaia's forward area. Yarroweyah though, managed to find some fight and bounce back with a four goal second quarter that gave the side a bit of life in the face of a massive deficit, bringing the margin down to 47 points.

The third quarter saw Waaia take back complete control of the contest, with Sam Richardson repeatedly forcing himself into the contest on his way to a three goal return for the game. Waaia booted five goals to one and extended the margin back out to more than 70 points. By the end of the game, Waaia had 11 different goal kickers, five of which had scored multiple goals, and it was clear to see how much of a dominant force the Bombers had been during the game against a side that struggled to match such a standard.

Four more Waaia goals found their way onto the scoreboard, while Yarroweyah ran out of steam and notched just a single major for the final stage of the game. The Bombers left the field with a 20.22.142 to 6.5.41 triumph in tow, the top position in its grasp and looks ahead to an away trip to a winless bottom placed Tocumwal side this Saturday.

Awards: Onley Consulting: Jesse Trower, Mick Hogan Excavations: Sam Richardson, Telegraph Hotel: Mason Sprunt, Sprunt Livestock: Mitchell Cleland, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate: Connor Brown.

RESERVES While the Waaia seniors' 101 point win was big, it was outdone by the reserves' 117 point shellacking of Yarroweyah as the Bombers stormed to a big 17.15.117 unanswered score line.

Waaia came out of the starting blocks roaring, booting six goals in a first quarter an indication of how the rest of the game was going to transpire. Waaia's second quarter output managed to fall short of what it tallied in the first, but the home side's midfield made sure Yarroweyah found it difficult to move the ball forward, and it wasn't long before Waaia was out of the visiting side's sight.

Sean Carey earned best on ground honours in the rout, while Ryan Bergamin's four goals led the line in a truly commanding display of football.

Awards: Onley Consulting and Telegraph Hotel: Sean Carey, Onley Consulting and Terminus Hotel: Glenn Caccianiga, Mick Hogan Excavations: Trent Bell, Murray Valley Rural and Plumbing:

Ryan Bergamin, Ahoy Water Cartage: Ryan Trimby.

UNDER 17s

Waaia's under 17s managed to pull away from a tight tussle with Yarroweyah to finish the game with a comfortable 25 point margin, despite the majority of the game being anything but.

In a forward shootout, Waaia's Darcy Wilson booted four goals as Yarroweyah's Tyson Griffin kicked five, and while Griffin may have got more goals, his team couldn't produce on a wider scale like Waaia could.

The game started with both teams going blow for blow, booting three goals apiece and heading into the first break with scores tied.

The visiting side managed to pull away ever so slightly in the second, outscoring Waaia three goals to two, but Waaia refused to see the game slip out of its grasp as the contest entered the second half.

Waaia kept in arm's reach of Yarroweyah, scoring two goals in reply to the visitor's double in the third term.

With just four points separating the two sides, Waaia turned on the afterburners in the last to completely take control of the contest.

Waaia kicked four unanswered goals, keeping Yarroweyah scoreless and cementing an impressive come from behind victory, 11.9.75 to 8.2.50.

Awards: Sprunt Livestock and Terminus Hotel: Darcy Wilson, Pendlebury Sand and Gravel: Harvey Walker, Doug Larkin Refrigeration: Sam Trower, D&M. Plattfuss: Cameron Harding, Waaia Canteen: Josh Plattfuss

UNDER 14s

Waaia's under 14s got past a wasteful second quarter to ensure it kicked the Bombers' weekend off with a win, beating Yarroweyah 1.9.15 to 2.2.14.

The Bombers' inability to make the most of the opportunities given to it almost came back to bite them, as after the first quarter saw Waaia hold a one point lead, the Bombers booted five straight behinds for no goals. Yarroweyah managed just a single behind for the term, meaning that Waaia went into the long break up by five points.

Jirra Letcher was strong for the red and black, earning best on ground honours, and while Lachie Williams and Aiden Bryant battled hard, it wasn't enough to stop the visiting side from garnering a two point three quarter time lead, having kicked its second goal of the match.

Though in the end Waaia kicked one less goal than Yarroweyah, the Bombers' defensive worked meant that the visitors remained scoreless in the final term.

Waaia booted three behinds, taking the lead and the points in a gritty one point win.

Awards: C. & C. Wilson and Terminus Hotel: Jirra Letcher, Numurkah Electrical & Pump Services: Lachie Williams, Rex James Stock Feed: Bailey Plattfuss, D. & M. Plattfuss: Aiden Bryant, Waaia Canteen: Tom Daniel.

First blemish

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Mick Keane was once again at the fore for the Bulldogs, and his leadership helped keep Berrigan to just eight points for the third term, and while the defensive work was solid, there was just no attacking prowess for Strathmerton.

The Bulldogs managed just a single point in the third term and the 43 point differential was still a massive mountain for the Bulldogs to climb.

In the end, the writing was on the wall as it had been for most of the contest. Berrigan had really taken the most of its chances to win 9.5.59 to 1.3.9.

UNDER 14s

Strathmerton's youngest pups did their

club proud with a convincing 47 point win on Saturday.

The Bulldogs enjoyed the lead for the entire game and the coaching team's decision to move Mitch Easden to the forward line paid dividends.

Easden booted a game-high four goals and completely outperformed his opponents. Berrigan simply struggled to handle Strathmerton early on and the Bulldogs held an 11 point lead by the end of the first quarter before the Saints got some reward in the second term.

A goal apiece closed out the half with Strathmerton holding a 3.3.21 to 1.2.8 lead.

That trended into the second half where the two sides once again kicked a goal

each, but Strathmerton's inability to finish in front of goal saw the Bulldogs boot 1.7 for the quarter.

With 20 points separating the two sides and the fourth quarter just about to start, the game was in Strathmerton's hands, and its best performance was just around the corner. The Bulldogs booted four unanswered goals and buried the Saints in the process. The 8.13.61 to 2.2.14 win will give the young side a big boost ahead of this week's clash against Rennie.

Awards: Strathy Café: Josh Payne, Subway: Will Almond, Terminus Hotel: Mitch Easden. Ladies Committee: Sid McNeil, McDonalds: Caleb Wilson, Coaches Award: Mitch O'Brien.

Nathalia fends off fierce Lions

NATHALIA seemed to be coasting to a hard fought win, but a series of late goals from Mulwala sent shockwaves through the Purples' hearts before the game was finally decided by two points in the home side's favour at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve.

With a close game always on the card, it was Mulwala that took the early lead with a three goal to two opening quarter.

Nathalia managed to bounce back with vigor, though, with a four goal second term giving the Purples a 19 point lead heading into the major break.

Nathalia's midfield and defensive efforts were strong, keeping Mulwala to just one goal in the third quarter, but goals the other way were also quite hard to come by. Resolute defensive showings from Mulwala allowed just one goal for Nathalia, keeping the Lions in the contest as the final quarter commenced.

Nathalia booted a goal in the last quarter, and with three goals separating the two sides, it seemed as if the Purples would be able to consolidate and notch up another win.

Mulwala, though, booted a couple of late goals to really cut it close and set up a grandstand finish.

With just two points separating the sides, Nathalia held on and claimed the fourth

win of its season, crushing Mulwala hearts in the process.

After the game, Nathalia coach Phil Carroll pinpointed some periods of play that he believed help get his side over the line.

"Our second quarter was really good, we just didn't hit the scoreboard the way we wanted to," Carroll said.

"If we were more accurate in front of goal, we probably would have won the game there. We seemed to be coasting until that final three minutes of the game where Mulwala booted three goals quickly and all of the sudden, we needed to really bounce back."

One player that was solid in front of goal was Bailey Bell. The new recruit has been in great form since joining Nathalia and kicked another three goals for his side in a tough game.

"Bailey played very well on ball but his moves forward helped him kick those goals.

"Mulwala had some real good speed in their side, so we needed to bring it in real close and turned it into a scrap."

Leading by 14 points, and up until the 22 minute mark of the final quarter, Nathalia was in charge, it had a comfortable lead and, the way the game had been played up until that point, it seemed as if that would be too big a margin to overcome.

Mulwala though, forced a shot towards

goal and with a controversial umpiring decision, kicked a goal that may have been touched, to turn the game on its head.

"That goal changed the complexion of the match. If it had been a point, we still would have been three goals up late in the fourth, and when Mulwala kicked another shortly after that, it got us on the back foot."

"That's the thing about the league this season, even if you're a little bit off, you're at risk of getting beaten. There have been some massive final quarters from a few sides this year. It's difficult to stay up and about every week, but it's something we'll look at and try to combat."

With the tight win behind it, Nathalia take on Finley which won a shootout with Moama, and Carroll is hoping his side doesn't leave anything to chance ahead of the match up.

"Finley are a bit up and down so far; they've had some good performances and we'll need to be on top of them from the start."

"We normally play pretty well against them. You just don't know with the league this season, if you're a bit off you're a chance of getting beat, so we'll look to start well and see where it goes from there."

Nathalia travels to Finley this week ahead of the sides' clash at 2pm on Saturday afternoon.

Nathalia getting it done

NATHALIA has nestled into second spot on the MBCM Northern Country Women's League ladder following a huge 77 point win against Kerang.

Nathalia kicked things off right at home, keeping the visiting Blues scoreless to open proceedings.

Reni Hicks and the ever so consistent

Abby Favaro made life exceedingly difficult for the visiting Kerang side.

With a 27 point quarter time lead morphing into 44 points by the end of the half, Nathalia enjoyed a more than comfortable lead.

While Hicks and Favaro both ran rampant, Marni Bell too added to the clash with

three goals of her own by the end of the contest.

The trio accounted for nine of the side's 12 goals, with three goals each to close out the 12.12.84 to 1.1.7 win.

A top of the table clash awaits Nathalia when it will host top placed Echuca this Sunday.

Northern Angels get it right

NORTHERN Angels cruised to victory against Cobram in round four of the MBCM Youth Girls football competition on Sunday, kicking away to a 69 point win. Charli Dorrity led the line in terms of scoring for the young side, booting six goals for the game, all the while being supported with three goal contributions from both Kiana Gordan and Georgia

Hansford.

A five goal to one opening term set the pace for the Angels, but the side's defensive ability also shined through to keep the Tigers to just one goal for the opening half. Northern Angels added two goals to close out the half and booted four goals in the third quarter to really stamp its authority on the clash.

Cobram managed to sneak in two goals of its own by the end of the quarter but managed just one more in the fourth as the Angels cemented the 14.18.102 to 4.9.33 win with three goals of their own.

Northern Angels currently sit eighth on the ladder and will hope to rise up the table with a win over fifth placed Echuca this week.

Knights back into battle

NUMURKAH soccer is into its second round of the season, but the Knights found it difficult against Toolamba United at the weekend.

Toolamba controlled play early on in the contest and Numurkah was made to work hard in the defensive area of the pitch.

The Knights waited and consolidated until Ca-

leb Lewis was released into an attacking run but wasn't able to find a clear shot on goal.

That was the extent of Numurkah's forward presses for the half, and after the break, goalkeeper Riley Crisp was called into action.

Crisp made a number of solid saves for his side, but it wasn't enough to keep Nu-

murkah from going down in the end.

UNDER 7s Numurkah's under 7s Knights took to the field, with a number of young players standing up and putting their best foot forward.

The young Knights exercised their new skills and will continue to hone those talents across the season.

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Sports

BOMBERS ON TOP



Bomber launching ... Mason Sprunt shows off his vertical leap in search of the ball during Waaia's big win.

THERE is a new owner of the top spot on the Picola & District Football League ladder following Strathmerton's loss to Berrigan and Waaia's huge 101 point win over Yarroweyah on Saturday... Story on page 19

Bulldogs first blemish

STRATHMERTON'S undefeated start to the Picola & District Football League has come to an end after Berrigan pipped the Bulldogs at the line with an eight point Saints win on Saturday.

In a match up that was always going to be a tough and ruthlessly competitive clash, the contest was close throughout, but it was Strathmerton that found the lead early, kicking three goals to two in the opening term.

Berrigan managed to fight back in the second quarter, closing the margin to just two points by the end of the half, setting up the possibility of

a grandstand finish in front of the Saints' faithful.

Zeke Bunge and Zach Connell continued to battle hard for Strathmerton, and while Mick Laidlaw was putting in a best on ground performance for the Bulldogs, it was Berrigan that began to edge away from the contest ever so slightly.

Berrigan kept Strathmerton to just one goal in the third term, allowing it to snatch the lead with a two goal performance, landing the Saints a five point advantage at the final change.

With less than a goal separating the sides, a tumultuous final quarter saw

the teams slug it out in search of a vital victory in the early stages of the season.

For Strathmerton, its unblemished record was at stake, and so was its top spot on the ladder, which is always a good place to be, regardless of what round it is.

For Berrigan, a chance to creep towards or into the top four was on offer for a home win, and the momentum it could build upon for being the first side to knock Strathmerton off could be huge in the context of the year.

Six goals were kicked in the final quarter, with both sides sharing the

scoring output with three majors apiece, but in the end it was Berrigan's ability to find itself in scoring positions on a regular basis that got it over the line.

The 10.13.73 to 10.5.65 Berrigan win means that it sits fifth on the PDFL ladder at the close of round four, while Strathmerton has fallen to second behind the last remaining side with a perfect record, Waaia. The Bulldogs will not have much time to lament on the close loss, it travels across the border to take on defending premier Rennie on Saturday.

RESERVES

Not unlike the seniors result, Strath-

merton's reserves suffered the first loss of their season, coming up short against a Berrigan side that simply outplayed the Bulldogs on the day. The 50 point loss will hurt the Strathmerton group, but it would be the blunt forward performance that will raise the most questions.

Strathmerton had to wait until the final quarter before its first goal was recorded, managing just three behinds before that point.

Berrigan took the opportunity with both hands, and imposed itself on the contest to kick out to a six goal half time lead.

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