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ROAD MAYHEM

A LOCAL man was taken to Melbourne and a woman cut from her car after this accident that involved a truck, a tractor and a car on Friday evening. See story page 2.

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Man remains in hospital

A LOCAL man remains in the Alfred Hospital with serious injuries after his tractor was hit by a truck on Nathalia-Katamatite Rd at Waaia on Friday night.

The driver of the truck was still in GV Health as of Monday, whilst the female driver of a car which collided with the debris of the tractor following the initial collision was released from GV Health on Saturday.

Both the B-double truck and the tractor were travelling south, near the corner of Kempsters Bridge Rd, when the initial collision occurred.

The tractor, which was almost entirely destroyed on impact, was pushed around 70 me-

tres down the road, coming to rest in the middle of the road, whilst the truck ran off the road and into a paddock.

The truck driver, a 75 year-old male, suffered back injuries as a result of the collision.

A short time later, a female driver in her 40s, travelling north, collided with the remains of the tractor.

The driver, who suffered injuries to her chest and hip, was trapped in her car and had to be cut free by SES volunteers.

All three drivers were treated at the scene by paramedics who stabilised them before they were transported to GV Health.

It is believed that the tractor driver, aged 51, was transported to the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne later that night, suffering chest injuries.

Leading Senior Constable Damien Duggan told the *Leader* the investigation into the incident was ongoing.

"We would like to hear from anybody who may have seen the tractor or truck on the Nathalia-Katamatite Rd at approximately 8pm to 8.30pm on Friday night," he said.

"Anybody who saw either vehicle that evening is urged to contact Numurkah police to assist with our investigations."

Slow start to corella cull

THE plan to thin the numbers of Numurkah's flock of little corellas, and thereby encourage them to move on from the town, got off to a slow start on Monday, with the birds appearing to have got wind of the initiative.

Corellas are creatures of habit, and can usually be relied upon to take up position at Numurkah recreation reserve in their thousands by mid-morning.

However, come 11am Monday, only a couple of dozen of them were to be found on site.

The team of shooters hired by the rec reserve committee, in line with permits received from DELWP and Victoria Police, were on hand, and shot a small number of the birds present.

The aim of the limited cull is to move the birds on, with history show-

ing that once you shoot a number of them, the others realise the danger and the flock leaves town.

Although it appears that the flock may have pre-empted this action, it is also not unheard of for them to largely disappear for days at a time before returning, so it could just be a case of fortuitous timing on behalf of the birds.

The shooting schedule resumed at 4pm on Monday evening - another time when they are usually creating a blanket of white on the football oval.

Although it initially appeared that the birds may once again prove elusive, they did eventually return to the reserve at around 5.30 - though once again in smaller than usual numbers.

A small number of birds were once again shot, and the planned three day cull was scheduled to resume at around 4pm yesterday.



Can corellas read? ... Although not intended for the birds, the corellas seem to have taken the rec reserve signage as gospel.



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How our local candidates list their preferences



The Nationals ... Damian Drum



The Greens ... Nickee Freeman



Independent ... Nigel Hicks.



UAP ... Stewart Hine.



Independent ... Jeremy Parker.



PHON ... Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.



Labor ... Bill Lodwick.



Independent ... Andrew Bock.

AUSTRALIA is one of just a handful of countries that uses the preferential voting system - a system that not all voters fully understand.

Under preferential voting, voters must put a number next to each candidate's name on the ballot paper, indicating the order in which they want a vote to be allocated to them; that is, the candidate you choose to vote at number one and downwards from there.

Once votes are counted, if any candidate gets 50% of the primary vote (the number of boxes marked '1') plus one, he or she is elected.

If not, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and the other preferences on his or her ballot papers are redistributed to the other candidates. This continues until one candidate has 50% plus one, at which point he or she is elected for that seat.

Candidates routinely provide 'how to vote' cards, indicating the order in which they would like 'their' voters - voters who prefer them as their first choice - to number the other candidates.

A wide field of candidates, and a wide split of opinion among voters, means that preferences can very well decide an election.

Below is how the candidates in the division of Nicholls are allocating their preferences for this weekend's election.

DAMIAN DRUM, THE NATIONALS

Mr Drum, who appears at the top of the Nicholls ballot paper, was born and raised at Congupna, and educated in Shepparton and Kilmore. He is a qualified builder and is the incumbent member for this electorate.

Mr Drum lists his preferences as:

1. Damian Drum, The Nationals
2. Stewart Hine, United Australia Party
3. Andrew Bock, Independent
4. Nigel Hicks, Independent
5. Jeremy Parker, Independent
6. Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, Pauline Hanson's One Nation
7. Bill Lodwick, Australian Labor Party
8. Nickee Freeman, The Greens

BILL LODWICK, AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY

Mr Lodwick, who appears fifth on the ballot paper, was born in Melbourne and has lived in this region, in the Broadford area, for the past 30 years. He is a former councillor on Mitchell Shire Council, and has enjoyed a career in geosciences and management, including a position as the Director of the Army Simulation Office at Puckapunyal.

Mr Lodwick lists his preferences as:

1. Bill Lodwick, Australian Labor Party
2. Nickee Freeman, The Greens
3. Jeremy Parker, Independent
4. Andrew Bock, Independent
5. Nigel Hicks, Independent
6. Damian Drum, The Nationals
7. Stewart Hine, United Australia Party
8. Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, Pauline Hanson's One Nation

NIGEL HICKS, INDEPENDENT

Nigel Hicks, who appears at eighth place on the ballot paper, grew up in Gippsland and is a dairy

farmer at Wyuna. He has been working as a dairy farmer since he left school, having completed an apprenticeship in the industry. Mr Hicks has been involved with farm protest actions, and entered politics after deciding that problems relating to Australia's farming industry required political solutions.

Mr Hicks is running on an open ticket, asking only that voters select him as their first choice, and not making any suggestions as to how they select the other candidates.

STEWART HINE, UNITED AUSTRALIA PARTY

Mr Hine appears at number four on the ballot paper, and lives in south east Melbourne.

Mr Hine is a qualified accountant and worked for the state government in this capacity for 13 years. Mr Hine is a self-employed mortgage broker, and has also owned businesses in the retail and real estate sectors.

Mr Hine lists his preferences as:

1. Stewart Hine, United Australia Party
2. Damian Drum, The Nationals
3. Jeremy Parker, Independent
4. Andrew Bock, Independent
5. Nigel Hicks, Independent
6. Bill Lodwick, Australian Labor Party
7. Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, Pauline Hanson's One Nation
8. Nickee Freeman, The Greens

NICKEE FREEMAN, THE GREENS

Ms Freeman appears at sixth place on the ballot paper and lives in the Goulburn Valley.

Ms Freeman has a background in natural resource management, and has been involved in Landcare for 30 years.

Ms Freeman has run businesses in the horticulture and costume manufacturing sectors, and has also worked as a vocational trainer and sustainability educator. She currently works in disability support.

Ms Freeman lists her preferences as:

1. Nickee Freeman, The Greens
2. Bill Lodwick, Australian Labor Party
3. Andrew Bock, Independent
4. Damian Drum, The Nationals
5. Nigel Hicks, Independent
6. Stewart Hine, United Australia Party
7. Jeremy Parker, Independent
8. Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, Pauline Hanson's One Nation

RIKKIE-LEE TYRRELL, PAULINE HANSON'S ONE NATION

Ms Tyrrell, who appears at seventh place on the ballot paper, grew up in Wagga Wagga and has a history in property management. She is now a dairy farmer at Invergordon.

Ms Tyrrell lists her preferences as:

1. Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, Pauline Hanson's One Nation
2. Nigel Hicks, Independent
3. Jeremy Parker, Independent
4. Andrew Bock, Independent
5. Bill Lodwick, Australian Labor Party
6. Damian Drum, The Nationals
7. Stewart Hine, United Australia Party
8. Nickee Freeman, The Greens

JEREMY PARKER, INDEPENDENT

Mr Parker, who appears second on the ballot paper, grew up on dairy farms at Rochester and Nathalia and has worked for agricultural, mining and land development businesses across eastern Australia.

Mr Parker lists his preferences as:

1. Jeremy Parker, Independent
2. Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, Pauline Hanson's One Nation
3. Andrew Bock, Independent
4. Nigel Hicks, Independent
5. Stewart Hine, United Australia Party
6. Damian Drum, The Nationals
7. Bill Lodwick, Australian Labor Party
8. Nickee Freeman, The Greens

ANDREW BOCK, INDEPENDENT

Mr Bock, who appears third on the ballot paper, was raised on Melbourne's north-east rural fringe, and attended local public schools, before studying at RMIT, and via correspondence through Southern Cross University. He has been living in the Goulburn Valley for over seven years.

Mr Bock has worked in a range of industries including travel, telecommunications, finance, emergency services. He currently works as a control centre operator for GV Water, and also runs his own business part-time, as well as a number of community initiatives.

Mr Bock has produced three how to vote cards, advising voters that fall into three categories.

Whilst each card places the independent candidates in the first three spots, the following allocations depend on whether voters skew towards, Labor, or the coalition, or against the major parties all together.

The various preference options are listed as:

Against the major parties:

1. Andrew Bock, Independent
2. Nigel Hicks, Independent
3. Jeremy Parker, Independent
4. Stewart Hine, United Australia Party
5. Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, Pauline Hanson's One Nation
6. Nickee Freeman, The Greens
7. Bill Lodwick, Australian Labor Party
8. Damian Drum, The Nationals

Independent then Labor

1. Andrew Bock, Independent
2. Nigel Hicks, Independent
3. Jeremy Parker, Independent
4. Bill Lodwick, Australian Labor Party
5. Nickee Freeman, The Greens
6. Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, Pauline Hanson's One Nation
7. Stewart Hine, United Australia Party
8. Damian Drum, The Nationals

Independent then coalition

1. Andrew Bock, Independent
2. Jeremy Parker, Independent
3. Nigel Hicks, Independent
4. Damian Drum, The Nationals
5. Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, Pauline Hanson's One Nation
6. Stewart Hine, United Australia Party
7. Bill Lodwick, Australian Labor Party
8. Nickee Freeman, The Greens

Where to vote in Numurkah district

Barmah

Barmah Public Hall, 16 Schier St.

Invergordon

Invergordon Public Hall, Batey Drive.

Kamatatite

Kamatatite Primary School, 4-6 Currajong Ave.

Katunga

Katunga Primary School, 24 Carter St.

Nathalia

Nathalia Secondary College, 41 Chapel St.

Numurkah

Numurkah RSL, 40 Saxton St.

Picola

Picola Public Hall, 1 Picola-Barmah Rd.

Strathmerton

Strathmerton Primary School, 55 Findlay St.

Waaia

Waaia Yalca South Primary School, 1 Cowan St.

Wunghnu

Wunghnu Primary School, 12 Brunton St.

Yarroweyah

Yarroweyah Memorial Hall, 4426 Murray Valley Hwy.

All voting centres have assisted wheelchair access.

IF you're aged 18 or over and are registered to vote, you need to make sure you get the job done by 6pm this Saturday to avoid a fine.

If you don't want to wait until election day this Saturday, the nearest early voting centre are located at:

Cobram civic centre, 14-20 Punt Rd Cobram, and 159-165 High Shepparton (the red building opposite Cellar 47 restaurant) and are open 8.30am to 6pm today, 8.30am to 5.30pm tomorrow and 8.30am to 6pm Friday.

Local voting centres are open from 8am to 6pm on election day, and are located at:

Candidates answer the Leader's questions

WITH the federal election just days away, it's time to decide, if you haven't already, who will get your vote.

With electorates across the country showing a previously unseen level of discontent towards the major parties, and water the major issue across regional Australia, voters are being given a choice of candidates representing as broad a range of political positions as has ever been seen.

The division of Nicholls has eight candidates, including three independents, and representatives of two minor parties along with Labor, the Greens and the incumbent Nationals.

In the interests of identifying where the local candidates stand on issues of concern to Numurkah district voters, the *Leader* posed the following five questions to the candidates for Nicholls.

Though we did not receive answers from all of the candidates, the answers we received are published below.

1. Numurkah district's economy features a strong reliance on dairy farming which has been negatively impacted by the Murray Darling Basin Plan. How do you intend to make the plan fairer for farmers in this region, whilst keeping an eye on the long-term viability of the Murray Darling system?

2. Given water's status as a vital resource for human life, and its importance in food production, do you think it is appropriate for it to be treated as just another commodity that investors and speculators can manipulate access to in order to make money?

3. Numurkah district has a significant population of retirees. Given their years of contributing to the

nation's tax coffers, do you feel that they have an 'entitlement' to things such as franking credits to help them fund their retirement?

4. The world's leading scientists agree that man-made climate change is real. Numurkah district locals, like most Australians, have just endured a record hot, dry spell - the most recent of many. The climatic conditions we are living in speak for themselves.

Do you think it's reasonable that Australia is doing the bare minimum to tackle climate change? Given the likely catastrophic impact of inaction on future generations of Australians, is it fair that our politicians, our leaders, are focussing on short-term economic concerns instead of showing genuine leadership and having a red-hot go at tackling this vital issue for future generations?

5. A lot of money is spent on metropolitan Australia, creating, from the perspective of many regional and rural Australians, an unfair divide in access to services, even when population distribution is taken into account.

Many rural and regional businesses, and government services such as the health sector, rely on foreign workers to remain viable. Should the Federal Government be doing more to bridge the divide, in order to make rural and regional areas more attractive to metropolitan Australian workers?

DAMIAN DRUM, THE NATIONALS

1. The state is in charge of the majority of the policy that is creating

these very tough water conditions for Numurkah and the Goulburn Valley's dairy farming industry. This includes policy around including how irrigators are charged through delivery shares, around carryover, and around the practice of non-farmers investing in water. Whilst we in the Federal Government are looking to help our farmers in any way that we can, the State Government has to step up and address these many water issues that are their responsibility. Issues associated with the Murray Darling Basin Plan, such as too much water leaving agriculture for the environment, is something that I am advocating against every day.

With regards to the long-term viability of the Murray Darling system, I believe the river system has enough advocates out there already, and I'm working solely for the interests of our farmers in Nicholls. It is worth noting however, that in our region we see the Goulburn and Murray Rivers continually running at near capacity due to trade flows to higher paying commodities down south. Perversely, these consistent flows are causing environmental damage, including erosion to the river bank.

2. No, I don't believe it is appropriate for water to be invested in by speculators whose primary interest is in making money. That is why we have commissioned the ACCC to do an investigation into the operation of the water market. This will look at who owns water, who is trading water, how the market operates, and how it can operate better.

3. Absolutely. I do believe that retirees have an entitlement to things such as franking credits to help fund their

retirement. These people have worked all their lives. They have put money aside to provide for their own retirement to ensure that they are not a cost to the economy by drawing on the pension. Of those affected by Labor's retiree tax grab, around 84% are earning less than \$37k per annum, and the average take from these older Australians is projected as \$2,200. For Labor and Bill Shorten to go after these people, who they call rich tax avoiders, is un-Australian and a disgrace.

4. Australia's Paris commitments are not bare minimum - they are real, they are fair, and we are on track to meet them. At present Australia represents around 1.2% of global emissions, and by 2030 we are projected to have dropped down to around 0.7%. By comparison, in 2018 China's emissions were around 27% of global emissions and projected to grow by around 4.7% by the end of that year. India's emissions were around 7%, projected to grow by around 6.3%.

5. This question goes to the core of why The National Party exists. If we leave government spending up to Labor, and even to the Liberals, there will be an incredible imbalance between spending in major capital cities versus spending in regional Australia. It is only The Nationals that demand that regional phone towers be built, for regional highway projects to proceed, for decentralisation projects, and for better train services.

This is evidenced by the \$750 million I've secured for the Murray electorate since 2016. Every time we lose a seat to an independent, we have that bargaining power weakened. In the House of Representatives in early April, it was the independents who voted together to support the Labor

Party and the Greens to open up the cap on buybacks - a betrayal of regional Australia by the independents. The stronger The National Party can become, the more power we have to push for regional Australia.

ANDREW BOCK, INDEPENDENT

1. We need to stop the Plan, fix the issues with carryover and inter-valley transfer and then have a Royal Commission to punish any wrongdoing and find an equitable way forward. Everything we were told about the MDBP has turned out to be a lie - water is unaffordable, communities are dying and we're yet to see any sustained improvement to the environment.

2. Water should never have been unbundled from land. That action alone proves that the MDBP was never about the environment and always about money. I'd like to simply kick the speculators out of the market, but that's probably not politically possible. Instead, curbing carryover and capping the amount of water that can be sent through the Barmah Choke per day should make the water market less attractive to investors, allowing further reform.

3. Labor's policy is essentially to stop people who don't pay tax getting a tax refund - in principle, I support it. However, as with any changes to superannuation and retirement planning, it needs to be grandfathered. If Labor is truly 'about fairness' as they say, they wouldn't be pulling the rug out from under those who are already retired or nearing retirement.

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THE CORMY COLLINS CREW... Pictured (back from left) Year 7 student James Robnett, Year 7 Students Molly Jackson-Hulm and Kian Brereton (Cormy Collins), Year 10 students Madi Rosemeier and Charlette Nielsen (Tracy Turnblad), Year 7 students Ava Morris, Ciaran O'Sullivan and Charlotte Hurlston. Pictured in front, Year 10 student Zoe Germon.

THE St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Performing Arts students are at it again with their upcoming production of 'Hairspray' sure to be a crowd favourite. As a Broadway Musical, come box office success and record breaking movie, come secondary school Production, Hairspray's storyline certainly appeals to audiences, in all its forms.

Hairspray focuses on the story of Tracy Turnblad played by Charlette Nielsen. Tracy has always dreamed of being a dancer on the Cormy Collins Show, a dance television show on local cable.

As a plus-sized teen, Tracy faces ridicule and hardship, though her likeable nature wins out as she attracts the attention of Cormy Collins played by Kian Brereton and lands a spot on his show, becoming a celebrity overnight.

Tracy's naivety leads her through various adventures as she attempts to understand, and overcome, race and other social prejudices.

St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Performing Arts Leader, Shannon Orlandi said, "Students have been busily rehearsing the Production

since the beginning of the year and an enormous amount of time and effort been contributed to date. We are extraordinarily proud of our cast and crew and all of the effort that has gone on behind the scenes to prepare the best possible show our talented cast can deliver.

"Some of the highlights of this year's show will definitely be Charlette Nielsen's extraordinary vocals in the lead as Tracy Turnblad as well as the comedic stylings of Digby Bunnett as Edna Turnblad!"

"As a musical, Hairspray alone is very popular, however the themes of 'Hairspray' – racial equality and versions of beauty – are just as important now as they were back when "Hairspray" was first produced.

"By keeping such an important storyline alive we are ensuring the ethos of acceptance and inclusion are reinforced and continued for our young people, it's a timeless message."

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Candidates answer the Leader's questions

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4. 4% of Australians want 'real action' on climate change and I'm certainly one of them. The environmental and moral arguments are well known. My focus during this campaign is to highlight the economic imperative of moving to cleaner sources of energy. For example, why should we pollute the air we breathe more than necessary?

If we want to get power prices down to support households and industry, the quickest and cheapest way to do that is through renewables with battery storage – be that battery of the Tesla variety, pumped hydro or solar thermal.

If Australia wants to maintain our 'clean, green' image, thus securing food export markets, we need to get on board with reducing emissions and embrace the next industrial revolution.

5. We deserve our share of services and we haven't been getting it, appropriate funding needs to be secured. But to keep staff - doctors, speech therapists, etc., in town is a tricky problem. The town of Kerang couldn't keep a GP - they tried all sorts of financial incentives, but in the end it came down to making sure that the doctors felt at home and part of the community. After many invites to dinner parties, a renewed theatre movement and the establishment of many strong friendships, the town now has four GPs.

If elected, I will fight for our fair share of funding, but I'll also invest in helping our community to make our service providers feel at home.

RIKKIE-LEE TYRELL, PAULINE HANSON'S ONE NATION (PHON)

1. As a dairy farmer myself living only 20 minutes from Numurkah, I am definitely feeling the severe impacts that the MDBP is having on our business and within our rural community. I am seeing the impact from the mass loss of dairying families affecting our seat of Nicholls. Within my own locality of Invergordon, I have even witnessed the shutting down of a fan-

tastic little school that was once filled with students. Shopfronts are up for sale or lease, farms are abandoned and run-down and businesses overall are suffering.

2. The Pauline Hanson's One Nation party have recently updated and installed a new water policy after hearing many farmers, within our region and others, being severely impacted by the MDBP.

The policy aims at restricting future ownership of water, and water allocations to Australians and our governments only. The 10% of surface water and 20% of groundwater that is now in foreign ownership will be on-sold back to Australia.

Treating water as a commodity fails to recognize the impact on rural communities, such as our very own seat.

PHON and myself support the operation of desalination plants that will reduce the amount of water being taken from the MDB. We also support the establishment of a federal authority to determine the best way to drought-proof Australia, through a scheme known as The Hybrid Bradfield Scheme.

The purpose of The Hybrid Bradfield Scheme would be to add water to the MDB and to create new irrigation areas on the western side of the Great Dividing Range, further north than the Snowy Mountains Scheme. This will greatly reduce the pressure of our water supply here in the seat of Nicholls.

3. As Numurkah has an abundant population of retirees the PHON's pensioners policy makes a lot of sense for our community. Pauline Hanson's One Nation values our pensioner population as they worked very hard to establish the communities we now live in and enjoy. Pensioners still play a integral role within our society volunteering and running many community based organisations such as The Lions Club, CWA and local show societies just to name a few. Our pensioners policy wants to increase the maximum basic couple pension payment by \$150 per fortnight, with a flow through to the single aged pension and the disability support pension, the carer payment and service pensions. The \$10 billion of funding for

this would be sought through reform of gas tax law and by moving multinational companies progressively out of the corporate tax system and placing them in a new transaction based system.

The newly proposed franking credit changes from the Labor Party are yet to be discussed among the Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party.

4. In regards to "Climate Change", Australia has in fact committed to the deepest and most savage carbon emission cuts in the world. PHON believes Australia should withdraw from the Paris Agreement signed in 2016. The longest running weather collection station in Australia, known as the Nobby's Weather Station at Newcastle, has shown no pattern of warming since temperature records were collected in 1862. The hottest mean average temperatures at Nobby's were before 1900 and the highest maximums before 1890.

It is clear to PHON that climate research needs to continue, but after 30 years of work by the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) there is insufficient evidence of global warming of the kind claimed by the IPCC and there is insufficient evidence of the climate catastrophes predicted.

Chief scientist of Australia, Dr Finkel, told the senate in June 2017 that if Australia reduced its carbon emissions to zero it would make virtually no difference to global warming because Australia only omits 1.3% of the world's carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses.

5. Should Australian Federal Government be doing more to bridge the divide, in order to make rural and regional Australia areas more attractive to metropolitan workers?

No. We should be investing into our industries within our rural areas to create more jobs and growth for our own unemployed residents. We have just as much ambition, drive and determination to achieve what we want within our careers as any city dweller. Our children have an amazing community in which to learn and grow into responsible, well grounded adults. We just need to reboot our once thriving industry so we can en-

sure a much more prosperous future for the next generation of Aussie kids. Our kids want to be doctors, nurses, pilots, police officers, scientists and better farmers than us, and they can. But they need to have the demand and opportunities for those positions here in rural Australia. With a thriving industry supporting the communities' economy, the doors will open up for our own expansion on training and higher education for the future generation.

STEWART HINE UNITED AUSTRALIA PARTY (UAP)

1. The United Australia Party's policy is to abolish the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

2. No, that is clearly inequitable; which is one of the reasons why the United Australia Party's policy is to abolish the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

3. The United Australia Party does not have a published policy on this issue.

4. The United Australia Party does not have a published policy on this issue.

5. The United Australia Party has several policies which are intended to address these issues, the most pertinent of which is zonal taxation for regional areas. I quote "The United Australia Party will introduce zonal taxation where people and companies living 200 kilometres from a state capital will pay 20% less tax."

BILL LODWICK, LABOR

1. Labor will be starting an enquiry as soon as it takes office. We need to uncover what has been done, or done badly, while the Nationals have been managing it. They have been very secretive and it will take a while to uncover the truth. Accusations have been made against the politicians, the public servants, the irrigators and the science. Labor will get to the bottom of it and with the State Labor Government, work to putting things right.

2. The removal of the water from the land and the ability for speculators to own it without any responsibility for

its use and management seems wrong to me. It is legal, so to undo this will take some time and political will. The Nationals have already said "Nothing we can do." I have heard Mr Drum say this at every meet-the-candidates meeting we have been to. I will push hard for change to protect our towns and farms. Labor is open to a full royal commission.

3. All retirees are not the same. Some have no super or savings at all and it isn't their fault. Some have huge savings and do very well. The ones doing well get free handouts under the franking credit scheme. No visits to Centrelink. No need to fill in forms or wait in line for hours. They just get their accountants to keep their taxable income below the threshold. Then, like magic, the government sends them tens of thousands of dollars. They can add that money to twice as much they already get in share dividends. Then they can add both of those to the possibly millions of dollars their shares are worth. Then they add that to their superannuation.

This tricky bit of accounting is not sustainable. Already it is costing Australia over \$5 billion which could go to people who actually need it. It can give relief to retirees on fixed incomes who don't have a million dollars in shares. Those who have benefited from this "only in Australia" tax break should be happy they got away with it for so long.

4. There is no need to panic. The world is not going to end in the next 10 years because of climate change. It is important to think about climate change in concert with all our environmental concerns. Putting up more solar panels will not stop feral cats killing over 300 million native animals and birds every year. Erecting wind generators will not stop the crown of thorns starfish from devastating the Great Barrier Reef. If you plant trees they will absorb CO₂ from the atmosphere. We do what we can and Labor has a comprehensive Climate Change and Energy plan. Don't let the fear tactics get to you. Be positive. Look to the future with optimism and enjoy life. Do what you can with conviction and without fear.

Letter to the Editor

No response from PM

THE owners of Red Gum Retreat offered our committee their property to prepare a brochure for the Garden of Hope Pathways to Mental Health Recovery.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison stated on TV and in the major papers that "if you have a go his government will give you a go", he also pledged \$837 million to mental health projects.

We sent the Prime Minister a copy of *One Man's Dream* as proof

that we are capable of making things happen and described how we intended to build the Garden of Hope.

We obtained the required approvals and opened a bank account at Bendigo Bank in the name of "Garden of Hope Inc".

We sent all the information on this project to the Prime Minister, including an invitation for him or his representative to attend a sausage sizzle event on site during the weekend of May 3-6, 2019 inviting him to choose the day to suit his busy schedule.

Unfortunately, we have not received a reply to our invitation so the bank account has been closed and the committee dissolved.

As chairman, I intend to promote this project in series two of *One Man's Dream* with the hope that all the victims of the Kenneth Haynes Royal Commission will read this book and join together as one with all the other people in Australia who would like to make this happen, and eventually become the owners of the Garden of Hope in support of mental health recovery under a board of management selected from their many members.

Kelvin Sidebottom
Wunghnu

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Exhibition 16-30 May

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Numurkah's community kiosk gets a facelift

THE Melville St building known to one and all as 'the kiosk' has been given a facelift.

The little building, which is located next to the post office, is something of an anomaly - a small shed like structure that is available to community groups for fundraising and information purposes - and is not like anything anyone can remember seeing in any other town.

Nobody seems to know quite who owns the property on which it stands either, but whoever does, they are clearly quite happy for the space to be used for the benefit of the community.

The site is administered by the Rotary Club of Numurkah, which applied for a grant from the Bendigo Bank's Community Investment Program to perform a necessary renovation of the space.

The \$4,500 grant received from Bendigo Bank paid for new roller doors, new furniture and a complete new paint job for the kiosk.

There are also plans to erect signage in the coming months.

Rotary club president Stephen Mills said the club was thrilled with the result.

"It looks terrific," he said.

"It had gotten pretty shabby, but now it's fresh and clean and solid and we couldn't be happier."

Bendigo Bank's Julia Arho said the kiosk was a great community resource.

"It's something that has a benefit to the whole community and we were happy to provide the funding for the improvements," she said.

With the space now so welcoming, the Rotary club will be opening it on the first Saturday morning of each month to collect everyday items for the benefit of Rotary projects, as well as those of other groups.

Items being collected include, used stamps, eyeglasses, toiletries (especially those 'pinched' from hotels), bottle caps, wool and blankets, sheets and towels.

Rotary member Lorraine Greenwood said that



For the community ... Bendigo Bank's Julia Arho (centre) celebrates the re-opening of the refurbished kiosk with (from left) Rotary Club of Numurkah's Lorraine Greenwood, Kay Moodie, Stephen Mills and Rex Shields.

donated items would make a real difference to the groups and programs they were collected on behalf of.

"These are projects that have identified a mean-

ingful use for these items that can really help people. If local people have these things at home and don't need them it's just a matter of them dropping them off to us, and we can pass them

on," she said.

The kiosk is available for the free use of any local community group, as long as they have public liability insurance.

FIRE WATCH

Smoke alarms save another family

SMOKE alarms saved another local family yesterday morning, when a chimney fire occurred at Waaia at around 1.30am.

The chimney from the wood heater in the lounge room had caught fire and spread into the corrugated iron roof which had a metal tile put over the top of the iron.

Old birds' nests and leaves in the gap between the corrugated iron and the metal tiles ignited, and the fire spread into the ceiling and lounge room of the Fuzzards Rd property.

Children asleep in the lounge were woken by the smoke alarm, and the eldest, aged eight, woke their mother who evacuated the family and called 000.

Numurkah, Waaia, Katunga, Kaarimba and Strathmerton brigades attended, along with Shepparton's aerial pumper. Fire fighters had to remove the metal tiles on the roof to access the fire.

A Numurkah CFA spokesperson said that it was a good save, thanks to the smoke alarms, and

another reminder of the importance of making sure your home has working smoke alarms.

"Without a smoke alarm this fire could have been a lot worse," the spokesperson said.

"I ask everyone to please check that your smoke alarms are working. More than one is a good idea, and they need to be where people are sleeping."

"If they are 10 or more years old they should be replaced, and you can now buy them with batteries that will last for 10 years."

At around 5.15pm last Friday, Naring fire brigade was turned out to investigate a burn off at the corner of Lukies Road and Kokoda Road, Naring, but could not find any sign of a fire.

Later that evening, at 8.35pm, Waaia and Nathalia brigades were called to do a wash-away, following a three vehicle collision on Nathalia-Kamatatite Rd, Waaia.

Police, SES and Ambulance were also in attendance.

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Golf.—A committee meeting of the golf club was held on Friday night. Mr J. F. Bedwell (President) occupied the chair.

It was decided to hold matches every alternate Saturday, and trophies were promised by the President, Messrs Pearson, O'Donnell and Lee. It was left in the hands of Messrs Treacy, Trengrove and O'Donnell (the match committee) to arrange details in connection with same.

It was decided that a ladies' and men's singles handicap take place next Saturday, the men playing 18 holes and the ladies 11 holes (stroke play). The idea of having the matches every alternate Saturday is to give new players a chance of having some practice before competing in competitions. Local rules are to be drawn up, and the fairways defined; also to place bunkers in some of the fairways. The course after the recent rain is getting in good order, and the committee look forward to having a successful season.

The golf house has been removed to a site chosen near the first "tee." This will add to the comfort of members during the coming season.

War Savings.—Now that the war is over the Government has decided to continue the War Savings movement as a means of raising money for repatriation purposes. The same plan of campaign will be adopted, but the experiences of the past will enable the authorities at head quarters to devise more effective methods of propaganda, and to establish a more complete organisation.

The formation of war savings groups has been found the most effective means of promoting the sale of War Savings certificates; but the organisation has been confined to the metropolitan area, such large centres as Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong, and a few of the leading country towns. One of the features of the new campaign will be the more effective organisation of the country districts by means of district committees.

Nice Rain.—Very acceptable showers fell last week, some 23 points being recorded at the P.O. gauge. The fall was opportune, as farmers and graziers were contemplating the outlook very anxiously. The visitation will not remove this anxiety altogether, but in the meantime gives a little relief. A good "flush" of grass should result, as, generally speaking, the roots had not been burnt out, and the crops above ground have been greatly refreshed.

A Chance for the Girls.—We clip the following from the "Bulletin":—With the arrival of the influenza in a dangerous form a chance offers to young women who specialised in white feathers during the war. The front line trenches have been transferred from Flanders to their own doors. All they have to do is to grab their packs and move up. Many of the men whom they shamed into enlisting performed this unpleasant ceremony every other week for years. Some of them went "over the top" in the cold grey of the morning and never came back.

Every girl who volunteers to work in a hospital or to nurse in a poverty-stricken home that has been invaded by 'flu', goes "over the top" in a very real fashion. But how many of the white feather distributors are likely to do anything of the sort?

It is a melancholy fact that this class is amongst the last, usually, to face danger or discomfort. The poor will help each other in the wonderfully generous and unselfish way that is characteristic of them: and the girls who have been toiling unobtrusively for the general good all through the war will step into the line. But failing a series of Influenza Day and Pneumonia Bazaars, some of the most vehement patriots we have are unlikely to take an active part in the proceedings.

Sale Yard Improvements.—Campbell & Co. are at present engaged in effecting important additions and improvements to the Numurkah sale yards, which, when complete, will enable them to handle larger yardlings of both sheep and cattle than hitherto.

Students make mums' day

MUMS - and Nanas and stepmums and aunties and special friends - were the stars at Numurkah Primary School last Thursday morning, as the school community gathered to celebrate their vital role in students' lives.

The sounds of laughter filled the school as the special ladies sat back and enjoyed being served a morning tea of scones with jam and cream that the teachers and students prepared for the occasion.

Principal Deb Oliver said that it was a way for the children, and the school, to say a small thank you to the women who play such an important role in the students' lives.

"It's a chance for the children to show the significant women in their lives how special they are to them, and the children are really proud to be able to do that," she said.

Judging by the smiles on the faces of the roughly 200 people gathered in the school last Thursday, the scones, and the love, went down a treat.



Happy together ... Bayden, Ella and Angus Parkinson were happy to share morning tea with mum Carolyn Parkinson



Serving the mums ... Tessa Warrin and Skye Young make sure all of the special ladies get morning tea.



Thanks Mum ... Noah and Grace Johnson give mum Jodie Johnson a hug.

Special ladies gather at St Joe's

SUNDAY may have officially been Mother's Day, but Friday morning saw mums of all types gather at St Joseph's Primary School to enjoy a special breakfast in their honour.

Principal Paul Arnel said that the school recognised that families came in all forms, and wanted to recognise and honour the important contribution those fulfilling a motherly role played in children's lives.

"Some families have mums that are at home, some have mums who are away, and others have mums that have passed away, but Mother's Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate them all," he said.

"We all are who we are partly because of the role that those special women play in our lives, and our Mother's Day breakfast is a great way to celebrate that as a school."

This year's breakfast was a little different to previous years, with the traditional bacon and eggs making way for healthier options.

Up to 200 mums, grandmothers, aunties, carers and even a few great-grandmothers gathered before school to tuck in to waffles, fruit, yoghurt and muesli.

Mr Arnel said that, although the school wasn't quite sure how the new healthy menu would be received, it went down a treat.

"Everybody said they really enjoyed it, and the turnout was huge so we couldn't be happier."



Happy families ... Mums Bree Patullo and Sheree Lawless with kids Sienna, Rhani with Eddie, Bridie and Jemma.



Mums give the best hugs ... Georgia Robertson gets a hug from mum Rachael.



A treat for mum ... Lil Ruscoe was glad for the chance to attend breakfast at school with daughter Tilly.



Past and present ... Millie Bourke and Rhonda Hicks cut the cake together.



Commitment to the children ... Original committee member Val Hill spoke about the community's commitment to establishing the preschool.



Remembered fondly ... Bill and Narelle Oakes standing beside the mural dedicated to Bill's mother Mrs Beryl Oakes.



Educators ... From left: Past and current teachers Emma Bourke, Corina McLeod, Robyn Trickey, Maureen Power, Elwyn Rendell, Andrea Sutton and Elvie Barnes gathered for the celebrations.

Nathalia celebrates 50 years of pre-school

NATHALIA and District Preschool celebrated 50 years of early childhood education recently, with past students, former committee members, teachers, educators and families gathering at the school for the occasion.

Parent committee president Diana Baxter welcomed everyone to the celebrations, and original committee members Val Hill, Margaret Cobble-

dick and Ray Butler spoke of their memories of working together to establish the preschool.

Mr Butler spoke about Mrs Beryl Oakes and her passion and drive on the importance of establishing a preschool for the children in the district.

Mrs Oakes later went on to become the director and teacher of the preschool.

Mary Barry, the first preschool teacher, shared

her sentiments and her delight at the success of the preschool since its beginnings. Mrs Barry, along with Mr Butler, was then invited to unveil the new commemorative pavers.

Rhonda Hicks (nee Gemmill), one of the first students from 1969, and current student Millie Bourke then cut the cake together to conclude the ceremony.

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Youanmite takes a worldly walk

YOUANMITE hall might not be the first place you'd think of as being a home of international culture, but that's exactly what it proved to be last Wednesday.

Youanmite CWA held a 'walk around the world' event, showcasing a huge range of souvenirs collected by members June and Alison Field on their international travels over the past 50 years.

Many of the items, which came from countries as diverse as Barbados, Peru, South Africa, Singapore and the US to name just a few, were collected on trips to Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) international conferences.

ACWW is one of the largest development organisations for rural women, working with 420 member societies and affiliates to represent more than nine million women in 75 countries worldwide. It engages with, and advocates for, women at local, national and international levels.

Asked which countries she has visited, June said it's far easier to name those she hasn't.

"I haven't been to Norway, Greenland or the Antarctic," she said.

As for favourite items, June is especially fond of the silk dresses and gold-plated orchids from Singapore, but feels that her doll from an early trip to Eastern Europe in 1969 has the best story.

"I wanted to get a doll from every country, but we were behind the iron curtain in Czechoslovakia and it had just been taken over by Russia and there was still some shooting going on," she said.

A nervous tour bus driver was keen to get out of the country, but the tour guide made him stop at a butcher shop, and took June in with her.

"I had no idea what we were doing there, but she spoke to the butcher and he took us out the back into a room filled with dolls. I bought my Czech doll there, and I still have it in the box after all these years," she said.

That doll was one of many on display at Youanmite last Wednesday.

Around 70 people attended the event, which ran from 11am to 7pm. "We had a lot of people come quite late in the day and say that they were grateful for us being open late, as they wouldn't have been able to come otherwise."

The event raised almost \$500 for ACWW's Pennies for Friendship initiative.

Pennies for Friendship maintains the hub of ACWW's work, and contributes to projects assisting disadvantaged rural women across the globe.

"When we went to the conference in India years ago we visited a poor area where the women showed us a water tank with a tap they could get clean water from," June said.

"The women were just thrilled with it, and that had been paid for by Pennies for Friendship so we are always excited to be able to contribute to the program."



Great display ... Around 70 visitors enjoyed the display of items from around the world.



Well travelled ... Alison and June Field among the many items they have collected on their travels.

Exhibition to open eyes to art

A UNIQUE collaboration will be unveiled at the community gallery of Nathalia's Grainstore tomorrow - an exhibition about vision care and eye health.

Making the Invisible Visible is proudly co-presented and financially supported by the Vision Initiative, which aims to prevent avoidable blindness and reduce the impact of vision loss for communities across Victoria.

This exhibition explores the idea of looking, seeing and discovering what may not be immediately obvious. Artists have been invited to interpret this theme in any way they wish, and the work will include a range of mediums in 2D, 3D and digital formats.

The exhibition also includes a number of vision aides used by vision impaired people, as well as those that simulate a vision impairment.

These have provided inspiration for some of the artists, and are available for exhibition attendees to experiment with.

Visual artist Kerry Handwerk, who has a family member with vision impairment, said it was an instructive experience for her to see how they view the world.

"It was good to look through the demonstration glasses and see what a visually impaired person would see," she said.

Vision Initiative has been working in the Moira Shire through 2018 and 2019, seeking to raise awareness of early intervention and eye sight loss prevention. Making the Invisible Visible is the first time the organisation has partnered with an arts organisation to explore artistic approaches to the eye health story.

Grainstore visual artist and gallery manager Kristen Retallick said that working and collaborating with health professionals is something she was already familiar with in her work as an artist, but it continues to inspire her to think and develop her ideas differently.

"Creating my work for this exhibition has been such an exciting opportunity to investigate how art can communicate the message about how precious our ability to see is," she said.

The partnership with Vision Initiative has been running alongside Grainstore's recent artist in residence program, Marking the Nature of Things, with artists Liz Walker and Avis Gardner.

The residency incorporated community workshops with participants aged two to 92 years, and the collaborative "3D map" that was created through the workshops is currently on display in the front gallery.

In addition to the artists in residence, a weaving workshop has also been part of this project, expanding the opportunities for locals to learn new skills - or hone old ones - and be inspired to create.

The workshop was run by Dr. Treahna Hamm, a Yorta Yorta woman and internationally renowned artist who has a deep knowledge of locally available grasses and fibres for weaving and dyeing.

Treahna worked with participants on their own projects, as well as guiding complete beginners on how to weave using found wire

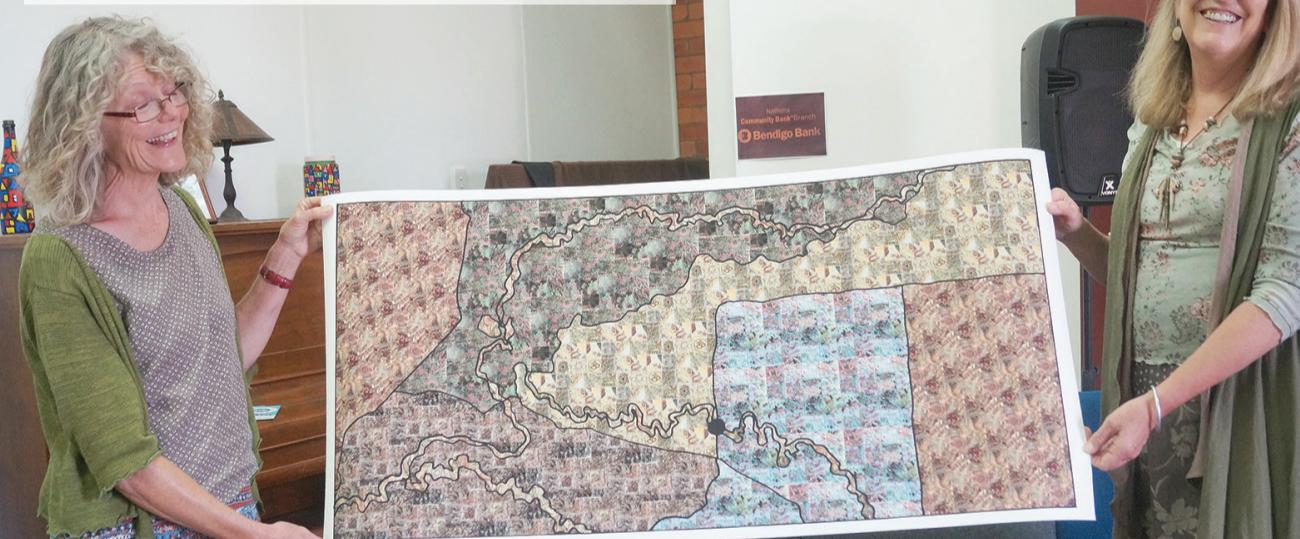
and incorporating other materials into the work. Some of the pieces created will be included in the exhibition.

Opening events for Making the Invisible Visible will take place on Thursday, May 16 and will include an informative, interactive and fun presentation on eye health, and the importance of looking after your vision, with Nicolette from the Vision Initiative from 10.30 -11.30am.

The official exhibition opening at 2pm will feature some of the artists talking about their pieces.

For catering purposes, bookings are encouraged and can be made online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BCMQH>, or by calling Kristen on 0410 952 647.

Community collaboration ... Artists Liz Walker and Avis Gardner holding the printed 3D map made up of images from the workshops throughout the artist residency program.



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Congupna 9.3, 14.9, 16.12, 19.16 (130)

Tungamah 2.5, 5.7, 10.11, 13.13 (91)

GOALS, Congupna: D. Schaper 5, J. Trewin 4, D.

Campbell 4, M. Cornwall 2, J. Gee 1, D. Hammer 1, T.

Mifka 1, P. Jacobson 1, Tungamah: A. Saunders 4, M.

Bourke 2, A. Ford 1, W. Thomson 1, J. O'Brien 1, N.

Lawless 1, D. Scott 1, D. Haebich 1, B. Butts 1.

BEST, Congupna: P. Jacobson, T. Mifka, H. Durston, B.

Squire, J. Dwyer, D. Schaper, Tungamah: J. Jones, N.

Doyle, M. Bourke, N. Lawless, K. Rowe, A. Saunders.

Mulwala 2.5, 4.5, 10.8, 10.9 (69)

Numurkah 1.3, 5.6, 5.7, 8.10 (58)

GOALS, Mulwala: D. McNamara 3, A. Rouel 2, D.

Cook 1, B. Wilson 1, S. John 1, J. Gash 1, Z. Scott 1.

Numurkah: D. Taylor 2, R. Cason 2, J. Hoffmann 2, M.

Herlihy 1, Z. McKeown 1.

BEST, Mulwala: B. Clarke, D. Cook, L. Rouel, T. Dow,

B. Wilson, G. Dominic, Numurkah: S. Miller, B.

Crowther, C. Lester, J. Fulton, M. Herlihy, G. Gallus.

Deniliquin Rams 3.3, 4.8, 7.8, 8.10 (58)

Rumbalaria 2.4, 2.5, 6.8, 7.10 (52)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: A. Pappin 2, J. Pitts 2, T.

Gallagher 2, A. Morris 1, C. O'Connor 1, Rumbalaria:

K. Wise 2, N. Terlich 1, R. Morgan 1, T. Lloyd 1, T.

Kelly 1, C. Egan 1.

BEST, Deniliquin Rams: A. Bull, N. Howe, J. Anstee, R.

Gittens, R. Brunner, B. Hall, Rumbalaria: J. Papoulis, C.

Mahoney, J. Terlich, K. Atkinson, K. Wise, N. Terlich.

Echuca United 3.3, 8.7, 10.10, 13.10 (88)

Cobram 0.1, 3.3, 5.10, 7.11 (53)

GOALS, Echuca United: J. Mellington 3, F. Priest 2, R.

Priest 2, L. Carmody 1, P. Quanchi 1, J. Florance 1,

C. McLay 1, B. Fulford 1, N. Denahy 1, Cobram: M.

DeMaio 3, C. Williams 2, N. Wines 1, S. Smith 1.

BEST, Echuca United: C. McLay, J. Cantwell, C. Zanella,

P. Hubbard, N. Denahy, J. Florance, Cobram: N.

Hartley, S. Beasley, C. Williams, N. Hoban, A. De Cicco,

M. DeMaio.

Nathalia 2.0, 6.3, 9.5, 15.8 (98)

Finley 7.4, 10.5, 11.5, 14.5 (89)

GOALS, Nathalia: L. Evans 5, D. Barnes 3, A. Quinn 2,

A. Jorgenson 2, J. Limbrick 1, T. Nihill 1, A. Hicks 1,

Finley: M. Jackson 4, M. Wilson 3, L. Moore 2, S. Kable

2, P. Massingham 1, L. Middleton 1, L. Bramley 1.

BEST, Nathalia: R. Butler, A. Hicks, L. Evans, B. Bell, H.

Hawks, C. Congues, Finley: K. Murphy, T. McCarney,

L. Hawkins, P. Massingham, M. Jackson, D. O'Bryan.

Barooga 2.3, 8.7, 11.9, 11.13 (79)

Moama 1.2, 2.4, 5.4, 7.7 (49)

GOALS, Barooga: B. Oats 3, K. Bextream 2, C. Patten

2, L. Olson 2, D. Wilson 1, R. Gatum 1, Moama: F.

Buchanan 3, J. Whitehead 2, D. Lowry 1, J. Harland 1.

BEST, Barooga: R. Thomson, R. Gatum, W. Robinson,

T. McNeill, C. Patten, K. Bextream, Moama: K. Baker,

F. Buchanan, J. Kneebone, J. Harland, J. Simpson, D.

Pinney.

Tongala 5.3, 8.6, 13.8, 16.17 (113)

Katandra 2.3, 3.4, 4.5, 5.8 (38)

GOALS, Tongala: M. Watson 5, M. Ryan 4, J. Robilliard

3, C. McCarthy 1, J. Souter 1, J. Hammond 1, M. Wild

1, Katandra: R. Shannon 2, N. White 1, T. Jeffery 1,

Z. Thorne 1.

BEST, Tongala: M. Watson, R. Bacon, C. McCarthy, J.

Souter, J. Hammond, A. Lovison, Katandra: T. Jeffery,

X. Chalkley, A. Muntz, R. Yze, P. Frappell, L. Minogue.

RESERVES

Congupna 3.3, 5.6, 8.8, 8.12 (60)

Tungamah 1.2, 2.7, 4.10, 6.12 (48)

GOALS, Congupna: J. Costa 3, J. Rodoughan 2, C.

Lambert 1, B. McCrimmon 1, J. Winnell 1, Tungamah:

J. Ash 3, S. Thomson 1, M. Powell 1, A. Heslin 1.

BEST, Congupna: J. Winnell, J. Shannon, J. Costa,

L. Thorne, M. Barclay, B. McCrimmon, Tungamah: A.

Ross, A. Richardson, J. Ash, S. Thomson, B. Beaton,

J. Bartlett.

Mulwala 3.3, 8.10, 14.12, 23.15 (153)

Numurkah 2.1, 2.1, 3.2, 3.3 (21)

GOALS, Numurkah: D. Miller 4, J. Stewart 3, J. Mc-

neil 3, D. Patten 2, T. Miller 1, B. Jackson 1, T. Walker

1, J. Clark 1, Deniliquin Rams: A. Hogan 1, S. Callanan

1, J. Campbell 1.

BEST, Rumbalaria: D. Patten, D. Miller, B. Payne, L.

Elsey, T. Walker, J. Michael, Deniliquin Rams: J. Allitt,

M. Farley, C. Howe, J. Allitt, A. Hogan, L. Ives.

Echuca United 3.4, 6.7, 11.11, 14.12 (96)

Cobram 0.1, 0.2, 1.2, 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Echuca United: A. McMahon 5, S. Simpson 3,

R. Morgan 2, Z. Molluso 1, M. Lourey 1, B. Marris 1,

M. Nettlefold 1, Cobram: J. MacKenzie 1.

BEST, Echuca United: B. Allsop, S. Simpson, A.

McMahon, D. Cavallaro, M. Nettlefold, D. Haydon,

Cobram: K. Zito, B. Govan, L. Hartley, M. Clydesdale,

J. Raco, A. Ryan.

Nathalia 0.2, 2.7, 5.8, 8.13 (61)

Finley 3.2, 3.2, 5.4, 5.4 (34)

GOALS, Finley: L. Rafferty 1, J. Orro 1, H. King 1, W.

Brain 1, K. Joseph 1, Nathalia: C. Sheehan 1, M.

Frostick 1, B. Orton 1, E. Farrall-Stone 1.

BEST, Finley: H. King, J. Hay, J. Sykes, Z. Everingham,

J. Orro, J. Armer, Nathalia: J. Amery, E. Congues, C.

Dietrich, C. Sheehan, M. Frostick, M. Cobblewick.

Moama 2.2, 5.7, 6.10, 10.13 (73)

Barooga 0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 1.0 (6)

GOALS, Moama: L. Hogan 5, J. Shahan 1, N. Lang-

bome 1, K. Huddle 1, J. Bringans 1, Z. McKenzie 1.

Barooga: K. Withers 1.

Echuca United 3.4, 6.7, 11.11, 14.12 (96)

Cobram 0.1, 0.2, 1.2, 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Echuca United: A. McMahon 5, S. Simpson 3,

R. Morgan 2, Z. Molluso 1, M. Lourey 1, B. Marris 1,

M. Nettlefold 1, Cobram: J. MacKenzie 1.

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Frostick 1, B. Orton 1, E. Farrall-Stone 1.

BEST, Finley: H. King, J. Hay, J. Sykes, Z. Everingham,

J. Orro, J. Armer, Nathalia: J. Amery, E. Congues, C.

Dietrich, C. Sheehan, M. Frostick, M. Cobblewick.

Moama 6.1, 8.4, 15.5, 18.7 (115)

Barooga 0.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.4 (10)

GOALS, Moama: M. Veitch 6, J. Galpin 4, D. Wright

3, S. Youngman 2, M. Fogarty 1, B. Steenbuck 1, M.

Hewes 1, Barooga: J. O'Dwyer 1.

BEST, Moama: S. Youngman, D. Wright, M. Veitch,

J. Smith, D. Dugan, B. Steenbuck, Barooga: N. Sim, B.

J. O'Dwyer, M. Fry, J. McCluskey, X. Hunt.

Tongala 3.5, 7.7, 10.1, 11.14, 16.10 (100)

Katandra 1.1, 2.1, 5.2, 6.4 (40)

GOALS, Tongala: H. Reid 7, K. Northausen 3, Z. Krym-

berg 2, D. Scoble 2, L. Carroll 1, R. Cronin 1, J. Murray 1.

BEST, Tongala: H. Reid, T. Watson, K. Northausen, D.

Moore, J. Murray, D. Scoble, Katandra: R. Dawson, T.

Wilson, F. Everard, J. Tucker, W. Morrissey, A. McCully.

GOALKICKING

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Seniors

Joshua Saunders Tungamah 4 3

Panthers Cheet grand final forfeit

THE Panthers took out the Numurkah Squash Club's summer competition with a thrilling victory over the Cheetahs on Monday night.

Both teams won two matches and a total of eight games. The Panthers won on a count-back of points, scoring 9-10 to 100.

In the top level, Panther Sam McPherson got his team away to a strong start with a win in four games against Damien Hipwell.

Damien had beaten Sam two weeks ago but Sam peaked at the right time, beating Andrew Storer last week in the semi final and backing it up with a win over Damien.

Sam's reflexes came into play more than once, throwing the racquet out in the general direction of the ball and winning the points.

Damien won the third game of the match but Sam looked in control throughout, winning 9-5, 9-2, 5-9, 9-4.

In the line two match, Cheetah Nick Pettigrove was outplayed by Panther Trent Lowrie, who deserves to be con-

sidered for a promotion to line one.

Trent was in control of the centre of the court and dictated the play in his laconic style.

Nick won one game and kept the Cheetahs in the hunt for the premiership. Trent won 9-2, 7-9, 9-3, 9-2.

Newcomer Michelle Beecher and Sarah Brooks played a very exciting line four match with Sarah lunging across the line with a 10-9 win in the fifth game.

Cheetah Sarah and Panther Michelle were two games all and Sarah served for the match at 8-6 in the last.

Michelle won the serve back, and the next three points, and had her own match point at 9-8, which would have given her team an unbeatable lead.

Sarah wasn't done, though, and won the point, regained the serve and won the final game with a serve that Michelle was unable to dig out of the back corner.

Line three Panther Kobi Hipwell was out of action with a knee injury from football and Michelle put her hand

up to fill in on line three rather than forfeit the match.

Her Cheetah opponent was Eamon Storer who has played consistently well throughout the competition.

Michelle had put everything into her five game battle with Sarah but any points she won against Eamon would be important toward her team's result.

Eamon played well and won 9-2, 9-0, 9-1, but Michelle's three points won the Panthers the grand final.

Trophies to grand finalists and line winners were then presented at the Shamrock Hotel by club president David Kelly.

Andrew Storer was the best player throughout the competition on line one. Trent Lowrie won line two, Geoff Eddy line three and Sarah Brooks line four.

This Monday there will be a social hit at the Numurkah Aquatic and Fitness Centre at 6.15pm, with the next competition starting on Monday, May 27. New players are very welcome and encouraged to come along on Monday night.

Only two hoops the difference

COMPETITION was much closer at the Numurkah Croquet Club's social day last Tuesday, with only two hoops separating the top two pairs.

David Geddes continued his winning form of the previous week, this partnered by his wife Rhonda, to win the day with three wins 24 hoops.

Runners-up Marg Brown and Ian Londey were close behind on hoops, with 22, but only managed two wins.

Jump shots were not easy to make, Kevin Hansen the only player successful with one. Hoops-in-one were scored by Laurus Hinchcliffe, Lyn Stokes and Kevin Hansen.

The club conducted the first of three sessions for new golf croquet players last Thursday morning. Anyone interested in learning to play is most welcome to attend the next two sessions, beginning at 10am, where they will receive personal coaching from some of the club's most experienced players.

With only two weeks of the regular season left, the club's presentation day will be held at the Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club on Wednesday, May 29. Those members intending to attend should let Maria Kempston know their meal preference by next Tuesday.



Long term member ... Fay Shannon continues to play great croquet

Waaia takes lead

WAAIA moved into the top spot on the Numurkah Indoor Biased Bowls Association ladder after a big win over, Strathmerton, in a round two grand final replay last Thursday.

Waaia took sweet revenge on the reigning premier, winning on both mats.

Kamatatite moved into second place with a 10-0 win over last week's leader Shamrock, while Nathalia made amends for a first round loss

with a 10-0 win over Wungnchu.

Barooga won on one mat over a winless Senior Citizens.

RESULTS

Waaia 10/56 d Strathmerton 0/32. L. Clarke 28 d R. Clarke 17; S. Cleeland 28 d T. Haynes 15.

Nathalia 10/85 d Wungnchu 0/34. B. Hutchins 47 d N. Barnes 15; F. Hutchins 38 d D. O'Connor 19.

Kamatatite 10/50 d Shamrock

0/36. M. Nordbye 28 d T. Bullock 21; C. Owen 22 d M. Young 15.

Senior Citizens 2/39 lt Barooga 8/58. L. Addison 25 d H. Quinn 14; B. Seymour 14 lt I. Swain 44.

LADDER

Waaia 20 +48; Katamatite 20 +31; Nathalia 10/27; Shamrock 10 +18; Barooga 8 +2; Strathmerton 8 -18; Senior Citizens 4 -25; Wungnchu 0 -83.

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A GRADE

Kamatatite 0 def Blighty 0. Mathoura 26 def by Katunga 51.

Picola United 53 def Berrigan 34.

Rennie 41 def by Strathmerton 57.

Tocumwal 51 def Waaia 36.

Yarroweyah 29 def by Deni Rovers 42.

17 & UNDER

Echuca United 14 def Cobram 1.

Finley 10 def Nathalia 7.

Mulwala 12 def by Numurkah 23.

Rumbalara 12 def Deniliquin 8.

Katandra 1 def by Tongala 6.

LADDER

Echuca United 6 6 0 0 299 126 24 237.3.

Tungamah 6 6 0 0 238 136 24 175.

Deniliquin 6 5 1 0 318 122 20 260.66.

Tongala 6 5 1 0 246 114 20 215.79.

Moama 6 4 2 0 175 147 16 119.05.

Nathalia 6 4 2 0 194 163 16 119.02.

Mulwala 6 3 3 0 201 178 12 112.92.

Barooga 6 3 3 0 194 177 12 109.6.

Rumbalara 7 3 4 0 256 246 12 104.07.

Cobram 6 3 3 0 162 202 12 80.2.

Numurkah 6 1 5 0 108 31 4 35.88.

Finley 7 0 7 0 154 295 0 52.2.

Katandra 6 0 6 0 112 256 0 43.75.

Congupna 6 0 6 0 92 286 0 32.17.

LADDER

Tocumwal 4 1 4 0 0 195 127 16 153.54.

Picola United 5 0 4 0 1 196 140 16 147.73.

Deni Rovers 5 0 4 0 1 191 137 16 139.42.

Strathmerton 5 0 4 0 1 250 184 16 135.87.

Waaia 5 0 3 0 2 226 176 12 128.41.

Katunga 5 0 3 0 2 218 196 12 111.22.

Berrigan 5 0 1 0 4 169 200 4 84.5.

Rennie 5 0 1 0 4 187 226 4 82.74.

Mathoura 4 1 1 0 3 134 179 4 74.86.

Yarroweyah 4 1 1 0 3 115 193 4 59.59.

Jerilderie 4 1 0 0 4 149 214 0 69.63.

Blighty 5 0 0 0 5 115 257 0 44.75.

B GRADE

Kamatatite 0 def Blighty 0.

Mathoura 28 def by Katunga 59.

Picola United 22 def by Berrigan 38.

Rennie 28 def Strathmerton 26.

Tocumwal 36 def by Waaia 43.

Yarroweyah 39 drew Deni Rovers 39.

LADDER

Katunga 5 0 5 0 0 290 117 20 247.86.

Waaia 5 0 5 0 0 217 154 20 140.91.

Blighty 5 0 4 0 1 204 126 16 161.9.

Rennie 5 0 4 0 1 205 155 16 132.26.

Berrigan 5 0 4 0 1 196 149 16 131.54.

Mathoura 4 1 3 0 1 180 131 12 137.4.

Jerilderie 4 1 2 0 2 149 151 8 98.68.

Tocumwal 4 1 1 0 3 139 159 4 87.42.

Picola United 5 0 1 0 4 113 213 4 53.05.

Yarroweyah 4 1 0 1 3 126 179 2 70.39.

Deni Rovers 5 0 0 0 1 4 142 221 2 64.25.

Strathmerton 5 0 0 0 5 134 207 0 64.73.

Kamatatite 4 1 0 0 4 90 223 0 40.36.

C GRADE

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Mathoura 39 def Katunga 34.

Picola United 29 def by Berrigan 69.

Rennie 33 def Strathmerton 22.

Tocumwal 21 def by Waaia 31.

Yarroweyah 4 def by Deni Rovers 58.

LADDER

Rennie 5 0 5 0 0 205 62 20 330.65.

Blighty 5 0 5 0 0 0 145 65 16 223.08.

Mathoura 4 1 4 0 0 146 100 16 146.

Deni Rovers 5 0 3 0 1 157 81 12 193.83.

Waaia 5 0 3 0 2 158 105 12 150.48.

Tocumwal 4 1 2 0 2 130 101 8 128.71.

Jerilderie 4 1 2 0 2 114 112 8 101.79.

Picola United 5 0 2 0 3 123 142 8 86.62.

Berrigan 5 0 1 1 3 115 135 6 85.19.

Strathmerton 5 0 1 1 3 100 148 6 67.57.

Kamatatite 4 1 1 0 3 108 133 4 81.2.

Katunga 5 0 0 0 5 67 156 0 42.95.

Yarroweyah 4 1 0 0 4 18 251 0 7.17.

13 & UNDER

Kamatatite 0 def by Blighty 0.

Mathoura 7 def by Katunga 19.

Picola United 8 def by Berrigan 19.

Rennie 19 def Strathmerton 9.

Tocumwal 21 def by Waaia 3.

Yarroweyah 1 def by Deni Rovers 35.

LADDER

Blighty 5 0 5 0 0 0 145 38 20 381.58.

Tocumwal 4 1 4 0 0 120 19 16 631.58.

Deni Rovers 5 0 4 0 1 125 31 16 403.23.

Jerilderie 4 1 3 0 1 81 54 12 150.

Rennie 5 0 3 0 2 91 67 12 135.82.

Strathmerton 5 0 3 0 2 76 73 12



More time on the course ... Karen Harper has played some terrific golf in the past week to have a couple of big wins.

Karen's star shines bright

by "The Shankster"

WHILE Tracey Clouston has taken the early lead in the Numurkah Golf Club women's championship, it was Karen Harper who starred on the day, with a terrific 68 nett to win the day's handicap event.

Karen's win followed up her terrific performance in a teams event at Kialla on Friday, when she steered Nola Dalton and Helen Schmedje to a win with a massive 40 points, six shots clear of the next best score on the day.

Saturday's win was also a bit of overkill, her 68 again six shots better than anyone else could manage on the day.

Having recently taken an extended period of long service leave and moved to Numurkah, Karen's golf is obviously benefiting from getting in a few extra rounds of golf than normal.

Norma Cullum won a countback on Saturday to finish runner-up with 74 nett, relegating Nola Dalton to third place.

Liz Dell kept up her recent good form with 75 nett, followed by Tracey Clouston, Lorraine Craig and Jenny Ludington, all on 76 nett, who rounded out the ball winners.

Only two nearest the pins were won, going to Felicity Booth on the seventh and Pauline Davies on the 18th.

In the first of three championship rounds, Tracey Clouston's 81 shots sees her with a four shot lead over the reigning champion Nola Dalton, who squandered a few shots to come in with 85.

Tracey is by far the lowest handicapper in the club and would be the odds-on favourite

to take her ninth championship this year.

Bev Peacock won her second consecutive Wednesday monthly medal last week, apologising to her previous Saturday's fourball partner for a welcome return to form.

Bev finished with 71 nett, to take out division two and the medal, finishing one shot ahead of Lorraine Milner on 72 nett.

Nola Dalton's 73 was the best score in division one, and Pauline Davies was runner-up with 74.

Tracey Clouston had the best scratch score of 83 shots, while Robyn Hodgkin had the best scratch score in division two, with 96 shots.

Liz Dell headed the list of ball winners, with 74 nett, ahead of Robyn Hodgkin on 75.

Four players all finished with 78 netts to round out the ball winners. Helen Schmedje, helped along with two chip-ins, won the countback from Tracey Clouston, Bev Hutchins and Karen Harper.

Lorraine Milner won nearest the pin on the two-shot fourth hole, and Karen Harper had a *Ripley's Believe It Or Not* moment, winning nearest the pin on the seventh. Julie Hannaford won the Brereton's Bakery cake hole voucher on the 18th.

Jan Stevens and Sandy Trimble took out the Wednesday fourball knockout with a 3/2 win over Lauris Ashton and Kath Hepworth last Tuesday.

Jan and Sandy got off to a good start and led by two on the turn, but Lauris and Kath weren't about to give up, and got back to one down after 12 holes, but the winners upped

the ante, sinking a couple of long putts, to take victory on the 16th.

Julie Daniel had some success at the Golf Victoria senior amateur event at Cobram Barooga last week. Julie won division one in the third day of this event on Thursday, and came runner-up overall.

The division one pennant team has just one more hurdle to overcome in a bid for another scratch title, with a 4-1 win over Mooroopna at Tocumwal on Monday.

The four wins were all big ones, and it was only Tracey Clouston in the number one position who went down, succumbing to Sandy Millett.

Pauline Davies and Julie Daniel both won 6/5, Felicity Booth won 5/4, while Nola Dalton had to go to the 15th before taking her victory four up.

The division two girls got a second win on the board, defeating Cobram-Barooga at Tocumwal, 3.5 to 1.5.

Robyn Hodgkin had a 4/2 win, Jeanette Adams finished two up, and Helen Schmedje was one up on the last hole. Bev McIntosh halved her match, while Julie Hannaford took her opponent to the 17th, before going down 2/1.

This puts Numurkah one win behind Shepparton on the ladder.

Today's golf will be a two person ambrose event. The club championships will continue on Saturday, and conclude next Wednesday with the third and final round. Saturday will also be the second round of the Numurkah Pharmacy captain's putter event.



Mr nice guy ... Alf Patman was a popular winner of last week's midweek golf competition.

Good guy finishes first

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

WELL liked and respected veteran golfer Alf Patman managed to win last Thursday's mid week golf event at Numurkah Golf Club.

Scoring 36 stableford points, Alf won on a countback from local dairy farmer Martin Daniel. Both players received prize packages of Titleist golf balls.

Overall scoring was rather low and reflected the lightning fast greens and fairway grooming of head greenskeeper Matt Campbell, who set up the course in preparation for four weeks of club championships.

Players who received club balls for their scores were: Barry Pruden 36, Chris Hicks and Neville Smith 35, Bruce

Collins 34, Hugh Gunn and Roden Brady 33, Sid Roughsedge, Steve Piggott, Les Summerville and Jack Dell, all 32.

Col Stone won the daily double by earning the tin of boiled lollies for the lowest score of 23 points and the Mickey Mouse ears for various silly actions during the course of his round.

Hugh Gunn skilfully used his driver to win the GMCU ball for being nearest the pin on the fourth hole, while Ron Smith took the players' sweep money for being closest on the seventh. Neville Smith strung two careful shots together to take Dennis and Roy's offering on the 14th, and Graeme

'Doggy' Sprunt saved himself some money when no-one could land on the 15th green. Martin Daniel won the Pruden Carpentry sponsored ball for being closest to the pin on the 18th hole.

Much speculation has occurred about who will be the last player to switch from shorts to long pants now that colder weather has arrived. My money is on Mark Hegarty, 'though Ray 'Darkie' Falla has been known to display the occasional streak of craziness.

If you would like to join us, in either long or short pants, assemble on Thursday at 9.30am for a 10 o'clock hit off. Visitors and guests are most welcome.



Clubhouse leader ... Andrew Nicholls led from start to finish in Saturday's handicap event at Numurkah Golf Club on Saturday.

First round hotly contested

by "Archie Bunker"

SCORES were close at Numurkah Golf Club on Saturday, with at least the top 17 players finishing within three shots of each other in the first of the four round club championship event.

Teeing off early, in the first group out, Andrew Nicholls held on all day to win the A grade handicap event with a nice score of 70 nett.

Andrew hasn't played much golf lately, but always manages to put in consistently good rounds.

Just a shot behind was Robbie Sutton, who drove and putted the ball well, with 71 nett.

The winning B grade scores were exactly the same. Ian Clark won the grade with 70 nett, ahead of Dean Toy on 71.

Charlie Walsh, David Dell, Dylan Grandell, David Booth, Brandan Hosie and Kerri Collins all finished with 72 nett, Hugh Gunn, Mitch Grandell, Andrew Storer and John Smith had 73s, and Chris

Hicks, Garry Hosie and Alf Patman rounded out the ball winners with 72s.

Visitor Dave Ralston outdid all the locals for nearest the pin on the fourth hole, defending champion Andrew Storer put one very close to the hole on the seventh, Matt Sellars won the ball on the 15th, and Hugh Gunn had the best shot to the 18th green.

The reigning champion has taken the early lead in the championship event, with a terrific sub par round of 71 shots. He leads by three shots from Matt Sellars, and four from Mitch Grandell, Dylan Grandell and David Booth.

Robbie Sutton leads B grade with 82, three ahead of John Smith on 85. A further shot behind are Steve Wilson and Dean Toy.

Ian Clark's good day sees him lead C grade with 90 shots, one ahead of Charlie Walsh, and two ahead of Peter Cowan and Hugh Gunn.

Despite his good score,

Hughie ended up wearing the Mickey Mouse ears at presentations, after leaving his playing partners somewhat puzzled as to why he hit a ball, that he had already said was not his.

He was a tad unlucky, though, that Leigh Robertson was not still in the club when the stories came out.

Robbo is the only player anyone can remember who has played his ball all the way to putting it in the hole, unknowingly hitting someone else's ball along the way. If his playing partners had not noticed someone on the adjoining fairway looking for his ball, his misdemeanour may never have been discovered. After hitting his ball out from behind a tree, he walked up and hit his next shot, but the ball he hit wasn't the same one he had just hit.

The club championships will continue this Saturday, along with the second round of the captain's putter.

Ron's best not enough

GOULBURN Valley finished second to North East when the region's veteran golfers contested the Ralph Sneyd Trophy in the north east zone's intra-zone challenge on Monday.

Numurkah captain Ron Smith did his best to get Goulburn Valley over the line, finishing with the equal best score for his team of 38 points, along with Mooroopna's Rob Frame.

The match was played at Benalla and North East used

its home course advantage to score an aggregate of 1002 points, ahead of GV on 960 and Dalhousie on 951.

The trophy was named to remember the work done by Ralph Sneyd to promote the sport for veteran golfers, including the role of president of the Victorian Veteran Golfers Association in 1993 and 1994. Ralph's son, Dr Simon Sneyd, who practices and resides in Shepparton, attended to present

the trophy to the winning team.

Down the line balls went to players with 32 points or more.

Ron also won nearest the pin on the 135 metre 13th hole. Other nearest the pins went to Roden Brady (GV) on the eighth, and Andy Scott (NE) on the third.

The association's next regular event will be at Rich River Golf Club, Moama, next Monday, May 20, 9.30am assembly, for a 10am tee off.

Knights keep their heads up

Numurkah tried its hardest but Kyabram's skill is just slightly ahead of Numurkah's at this point of the season, and it showed on the pitch.

Ella Carlisle, Asha Perry and Jade Hester stood out for Numurkah, while Anna Newham was also a recipient of a coach's award on the day.

Third win for Katunga



Look of determination ... Jordyn Sutton gets a couple of passes away during Saturday's game against Mathoura.

KATUNGA put in a solid team effort to take a 25 goal win over Mathoura in their Picola league A grade clash on Saturday.

The Swans maintained their seventh placing on the ladder with their third win of the season, taking victory 51-26.

Awards: AgBioEn: Sarah Weideman, ND Services: Kristy Eddy, Clydesdale Hotel: Bree Armitage.

B GRADE

A slow start to the game proved no barrier to victory for Katunga's B grade side, romping home to a 59-28 win on Saturday.

The first half wasn't the best the top side has put in this season, while third placed Mathoura played smart, attacking play and good defence.

But the Swans clicked into gear in the second half, playing the game the way they wanted, with speed and precision at the forefront of their game.

Awards: KSG Fuel: Carly Bell, Numurkah Pharmacy: Stacey Weeks.

C GRADE

The game between the third placed Katunga and Mathoura, which sat just percentage ahead of it on the ladder, was a terrific fight, but Mathoura converted better and took a five goal win.

The Swans slipped to fifth place on the ladder, after the 34-39 goal loss, with three wins from five games.

Awards: Fitness 3636: Tori Tetley, Telegraph: Kate Mansfield.

C RESERVE

The third placed Swans' C reserve side inflicted second placed Mathoura's first loss of the season with a 12 goal victory on Saturday.

Katunga was prepared for a tough contest, but having consistently worked on their fitness, the Swans were able to run out the four quarters to come away with a convincing win, 30-18.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Mellicent Nye, Fitness 3636: Maddi Donohue.

17 UNDER

After a hard fought game, Katunga's under 17 girls snuck away with a four goal win over Mathoura.

The Swans' return and release to the first option game plan came to the fore in the last quarter, securing the 35-31 victory for the visiting side.

Awards: Cobram Farm Equipment: Paige Gilmour, Reapers Hair & Beauty: Sammy Simpson, Cold Rock: Vanessa Mangles.

15 UNDER

Despite a pretty even game against the third top side, Katunga suffered a bit defeat in the under 15 game, going down 8-44.

The Swans made a lot of little mistakes, and Mathoura's goalers were very consistent, to take the victory.

Awards: Cold Rock: Abbie Smith, Canteen: Bella Sefton, Arbonne: Jasmin Thompson.

13 UNDER

The Swans' under 13s got their second win of the season, with a 12 goal victory over Mathoura.

The Katunga girls have been practising their shooting, which paid big dividends in their 19-7 win.

Awards: Cold Rock: Charlotte Andrew, Arbonne: Emilea Weeks, Nutrimetics: Jasmin Thompson.

11 UNDER

The young Swanettes worked hard as a team to force turnovers and create space on the court.

The cold and win had their spirits down, but the girls supported each other for the entire game.

Awards: Laino's: Hannah Kelly, Cold Rock: Bonnie Russo, Canteen: Ada Kennedy.

10 UNDER

along and come away with a 10 goal win, 31-21, in the battle between fourth and fifth.

The defenders gained multiple turnovers, the mid court players took the ball down and fed it beautifully into the goalers, who finished it off with great accuracy.

Waaia will face another tough game when it meets fourth placed Deni Rovers after this weekend's bye.

Awards: D&M Plattfuss: Ella Bryant, WFNC Canteen: Eloise Walker.

13 UNDER

The under 13s came up against the second placed Tocumwal side, which started the game well, and made it hard for the Bombers.

The defenders played a great game, getting the rebounds and taking numerous intercepts.

The mid court players started slowly, but by the third quarter, were able to successfully and smoothly feed the ball into the goalers.

But, in the end, Tocumwal took an easy victory, 21-3.

Awards: WFNC scrunchie: Shaylee Dietrich, WFNC Canteen: Claudia Plattfuss, Terminus Hotel: Ciara Ramadge.

11 UNDER

The under 11s put in a great game on Saturday, with all girls trying their hardest.

They were using names, making space and smiling, trying out new positions and putting into practise what they have been learning at training.

Awards: WFNC scrunchie: Katelyn, Northstar: Laura.

Better showing from Blues

THE young Numurkah A grade netball team is showing improvement every week and, despite going down, put in a terrific effort against third placed Mulwala on Saturday.

The younger girls are stepping up and adjusting to game conditions more quickly, and are starting to play some fantastic netball.

There are still lapses of rushing and forcing the ball, but they showed a lot more patience and consistency down the court on Saturday, before Mulwala took victory 45-24.

Fiona Elliott and Sophie Morris again worked hard in defence, putting enormous pressure on the very quick and accurate Mulwala goalers, boxing them out and taking every defensive rebound when they came.

Rachel Robertson played a fantastic game, giving the younger girls heaps of direction and drive down the court.

Eilish Judd was again a great target in goals, and her accuracy is improving every week.

Awards: Numurkah Hotel: Rachel Robertson, Brereton's Bakery: Eilish Judd.

B GRADE

The B graders faced the top team and put in a terrific effort to only go down by 22 goals, 23-55.

C GRADE

The C graders got off to a slow start against the top team, and accurate goaling form Mulwala saw it out to a handy lead, which it maintained to an eventual victory, 26-48.

The Blues settled into their game and put in some sharp, clean passages of play, with everyone playing their role.

The team is starting to show some great signs, managing to break many of the undefeated Mulwala's centres and then hold their own, however the early deficit couldn't be made up.

Serren Verhey was determined in centre, running out a full game and contributing in both attack and defence. Laura Holmes had a really strong game in defence, getting her hands on the ball and restricting the goalers.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Serren Verhey, Numurkah Café Bar & Restaurant: Laura Holmes.

C RESERVE

It was a tough day at the office for the C reserve team, taking on second placed Mulwala, and again short on numbers.

New recruit Jillian Masters proved herself to be very handy in defence, while Emily Pruden had a great game in wing attack, providing good direction and feeding the ball well into the circle.

The Blues' goalers were under pressure right throughout the game, but Mary Morrison and Makayla Millen rose to the challenge and shot some very good goals.

But Mulwala proved just too good on the day, taking victory 41-23.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Emily Pruden, Hair Society: Mary Morrison.

17 UNDER

The under 17s put in a great game, with consistent defensive pressure throughout the whole game, but couldn't keep up with a strong Mulwala side.

Molly Arho stepped up and played an exceptional game in goals, while Charli Dorrity proved she can play anywhere on the court. Her determination and fun personality rubs off on the whole team, making games enjoyable for all.

In the end, Mulwala took victory 43-22.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Charli Dorrity, SportFirst: Molly Arho.

15 UNDER

After a bit of a slow start, the girls came out and had a great game. They used set plays and created a lot of defensive pressure all over the court, which allowed them to turn the ball over.

But the damage was done, and the Blues couldn't catch their opponents on the scoreboard, going down 10-31.

Awards: Reapers Hair & Beauty: Charlotte Brown, Club Hat: Savannah Shanahan.

13 UNDER

The under 13 girls jumped a couple of spots on the ladder, into ninth place, with a great win over Mulwala, 27-5.

The team were all working together and supporting each other well.

The win was a just reward for all their hard work at training.

Awards: Ainsley Trease and Breanna Inglis Goodliffe.

11 UNDER

The under 11s are on a roll, notching up another great win, against Mulwala.

The girls played so well as a team that it was hard to pick the awards, but Ellie Carkeek was consistent in defence to win the best on court.

Awards: Rush Food: Ellie Carkeek, Club: Milla Dobson.

Bombers unprepared for top side

TOCUMWAL got the jump on Waaia and had the visiting side on the back foot all day in the two sides' A grade netball game on Saturday.

Last minute unavailability saw the Bombers go into the top of the table clash not as planned, and they went down to the undefeated Tocumwal side by 15 goals, 36-51 in Laura Cahoon's 100th A grade game for the club.

The loss saw Waaia slip back from second spot to sixth on the ladder, but still only one game behind the leader, Tocumwal, which has played one less game than most of the other sides in the top eight. The ladder is looking very lopsided, with five teams having four wins.

Waaia will have the bye this weekend, before another tough encounter against third placed Deni Rovers in its next game.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Milly Foster, Telegraph Hotel: Chloe Thorne.

B GRADE

Waaia stayed in second spot on the B grade ladder, with a seven goal win over Tocumwal on Saturday, 43-36.

A strong first half set the Bombers up for the win, and there were a lot of positives to come out of the game.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Hayley Thorne, Telegraph Hotel: Aimee Wilson, Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Andrea Bergamin.

C GRADE

Waaia jumped two places into second spot on the C grade ladder with an easy win over Tocumwal.

With some last minute changes on game day, the Bombers were determined to get a solid start to the match.

Their defence was strong, as they slowed down the play and created many turnovers. The Waaia girls pushed themselves hard and a strong last quarter saw them take a comprehensive win, 64-22.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Tiffany Morris, Telegraph Hotel: Naomi Hopkins.

C RESERVE

Waaia's C reserve side now sits with three wins, a draw and a loss, after scoring a good win over Tocumwal on Saturday, 36-14.

All players gave it 100% effort in a very fast paced game, that tested the Bombers' set plays.

Waaia got the advantage early with a strong first quarter, and the girls kept in front every quarter.

The goalers received accurate passes into the goal ring, and the defenders read the play well and took some great intercepts.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Makenzie Sprunt, Terminus Hotel: Tamara Richards.

17 UNDER

Waaia's under 17s lost their first game for the season on Saturday, and slipped from the top spot on the ladder to fourth.

It was a disappointing 22-40 loss, but hopefully the Bombers will come back refreshed after the bye and ready to play great netball.

Awards: Numurkah Sportfirst: Jami Moore, Socks: Emily Seiter, Terminus Hotel: Teashia Dietrich.

15 UNDER

Despite a slower start on the weekend, the Bomber under 15s continued to plot

along and come away with a 10 goal win, 31-21, in the battle between fourth and fifth.

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Bowlers keen to get back on greens

by "Nipper"

BOWLERS looking for a chance to keep their hand in over the winter months, or beginners wanting a chance to get started before the summer season now have an opportunity to get in some practice, with the Nu-

murkah Golf and Bowls Club running Sunday social bowls mornings.

The casual sessions proved very popular when they were held in recent years, and will begin this Sunday, May 19, weather permitting.

Anyone interested needs to be at

the club no later than 10.30am to put names in and, once teams have been selected, play will commence at 11am sharp.

The cost per player is \$5, which includes prizes awarded to the winners and light snacks.

As has always been the case, if it's raining, obviously there will be no bowls but it doesn't matter how cold it gets, as those hearty bowlers will be on the greens.

No bowls uniforms are required, just flat soled shoes.

This is a perfect opportunity for current bowlers to bring along anyone they know who may be interested in having a go at lawn bowls and all visitors will be made very welcome.

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Last week 5 Total 36



Dave Jenkins

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

Last week 5 Total 43



Danni Woolley

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

Last week 4 Total 34



Kevin Morland

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

Last week 6 Total 42



John Schaaf

- 1 Melbourne
- 2 Collingwood
- 3 Brisbane
- 4 Geelong
- 5 Fremantle
- 6 North Melb
- 7 Port Adelaide
- 8 Hawthorn
- 9 GWS

Last week 4 Total 37



David Ludington

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

Last week 6 Total 40



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Nathan Morris

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- 2 Collingwood
- 3 Brisbane
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- 5 Essendon
- 6 North Melb
- 7 Port Adelaide
- 8 Richmond
- 9 GWS

Last week 5 Total 42



Troy Knox

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

Last week 5 Total 33



Denis Brooks

- 1 West Coast
- 2 Collingwood
- 3 Brisbane
- 4 Geelong
- 5 Fremantle
- 6 North Melb
- 7 Port Adelaide
- 8 Hawthorn
- 9 GWS

Last week 8 Total 42



Liam Gledhill

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

Last week 7 Total 41



Peter Newby

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

Last week 6 Total 40



John Beitzel

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

Last week 6 Total 38



Brad Kerry

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

Last week 4 Total 35



Katunga Fresh

- 1 West Coast
- 2 Collingwood
- 3 Brisbane
- 4 Geelong
- 5 Fremantle
- 6 North Melb
- 7 Gold Coast
- 8 Richmond
- 9 GWS

Last week 2 Total 33



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Purples do it tough

NATHALIA was made to work especially hard in its 27 point win over Finley on Saturday, after a goalless opening term put the Purples' reserves behind the eight ball early.

Finley booted three unanswered goals to give it an 18 point lead at the first break, but that quickly evaporated as Nathalia began to work its way into the contest during the second term.

From seven scoring shots, Nathalia got within a point by the end of the half, keeping Finley scoreless and nervous as the main break came and went.

Nathalia's misfiring in front of goal finally ceased in the second half, where it booted three goals to two, taking the lead and the momentum into the final term.

With just three goal scorers during the game, Brett Vallender led the line with four for the day, while Kodi Hicks kicked three of his own.

Nathalia closed out the contest with three goals and a strong defensive effort that gave the Purples a solid 8.13.61 to 5.4.34 win.

Awards: Ryan Meat Company: Jarrod Maskell; Mick Hogan Excavations: Brett

Vallender; Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Ricky Barnes; Blake Street Butchery: Daniel Robinson; Numurkah Nu-Genes: Josh Gemmill; Brereton's Bakery: Nathan McKenna.

UNDER 17s

Nathalia's under 17s' season continued to flounder on Saturday after the side went down to sixth placed Finley by 46 points. Nathalia managed just one goal for the game, and one quarter of scoring, kicking 1.1.7 in the first term for its final score.

Finley on the other hand, had just one goalless term, the fourth quarter, where the game was all but over.

Ryan Bell and Aiden Lindsay played well under pressure in the back line for the Purples, but the game was always out of reach following Ben Armstrong's first quarter goal.

Nathalia sees itself at the bottom of the ladder but will hope to improve and launch into a group of four teams on one win when play resumes after the bye this week.

Awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Ryan Bell; AV Hughes: Cooper Bloodworth;

Rex James Stockfeed: Tom Favaro; Ben-

digo Bank Nathalia: Kaleb Kopsidas; Marketplace Subway: Aiden Lindsay.

UNDER 14s

Nathalia's youngest Purples had their hearts broken on Saturday following a devastating two point loss to Finley.

In a back and forth tussle, Nathalia, fueled by great defensive efforts from Ned Bramwell and Oliver Sheehan, fought back from a half time deficit after scores were tied at quarter time.

Finley led by eight points at the main break, but the Purples used Brandon Orton and Max Frostick well up forward to claw their way back into a three point lead by the end of the third term.

The slim lead set the game up for a grandstand finish, and while Nathalia played well, it managed just one behind for the quarter, thus leaving the door open for Finley to snag a late goal to snatch the lead and the 5.4.34 to 4.8.32 win.

Awards: Past Players: Mason Cobblewick;

Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Ned Bramwell;

Al's Cafe: Jerry Amery; Frostick Contracting: Oliver Sheehan; Nathalia Printers:

Charlie Dietrich.

Bulldogs put the bite on Rennie

THE first cold and windy day of the season didn't appear to bother the Strathmerton A grade netballers, who took a 16 goal win over Rennie.

Their instructions were simple: keep the ball low and make strong drives to the ball if they wanted to keep possession in those weather conditions.

The Bulldogs put on an awesome display of netball for four quarters. Their defensive pressure and talk across the court was their biggest winner. They created many turnovers, and the goalers were able to convert to take the 57-41 win.

The girls are building as a team, week to week, and even with a few girls out, the juniors have been able to step up with ease and fill the gaps.

Awards: Keep Active Osteopathy: Kelley Laidlaw, Strathy Pub: Grace Thomson.

B GRADE

The Strathy B grade side is getting closer to a win each week, this weekend only going down by two goals to fourth placed Rennie.

The Bulldogs came out firing and wanting the ball, and they remained close right throughout the game, levelling the score with just five minutes of play to go.

Rennie managed to score the final two goals of the game to take the 28-26 victory.

The Strathmerton girls worked hard in a very tough game, and kept their heads up over a consistent four quarters.

Awards: Joy Maher, Jess Bailey and Amy Martin.

C GRADE

It was an 11 goal loss for the Strathmerton C graders, who put up a terrific battle, but fell short of taking their first win for the season.

The girls really pulled together as a team, their passage of play and working the ball down the court showing a massive improvement.

They are continuing to work hard at training and put their skills into the game.

Awards: Strathy Pub: Steph Osicka, Strathy Cafe: Emmerson Van Der Berg, Supreme Meats: Georgia McKay.

C RESERVE

Up against the top side on the C grade ladder, the Picola girls all worked hard against very tough competition, but went down by 40 goals to the undefeated Saints.

Emma Bourke shot many goals from a good distance, while Leanne Guthrie provided extra drive in the mid court.

Awards: Foott Waste Solutions: Emma Bourke, Club dinner: Leanne Guthrie.

C RESERVE

Although beaten by 17 goals, Saturday's game was a step in the right direction for Picola's C reserves.

In a terrific effort, the work they are putting in at training is showing that it is starting to pay off.

Shanelle Thompson won an award for her first effort in her first game for the team.

Awards: Casual Step: Maizie Hawks, Club dinner: Shanelle Thompson.

17 UNDER

The under 17s had a great win, 20-0

15 UNDER

Picola under 15s put in three great quarters, but turned off in the final term, to go down by 13 goals.

The Blues, who need more talk and encouragement for each other on the court, went down 24-37.

Awards: Birch Earthmoving: Maizie Hawks, Barmah Social Club: Gypsy Saunders.

13 UNDER

The under 13 girls went down 8-19 against a well trained Berrigan side.

The girls played much better than last week, but it just wasn't enough against the home side.

Awards: Baxter Family medallion: Kiana Guligo, Barmah Social Club: Sienna Varcoe.

MINIS

The Picola under 11s played a great game against a very tall side.

The Blues' team skills are showing improvement each week.

Awards: Intersport Bennetts: Desi Morgan, PUFNC: Tahlia Guligo

17 UNDER

The under 17 girls took a little while to settle in the cold and windy conditions on Saturday morning, but settled into their stride to take a 31 goal win.

The Bulldog girls showed their versatility, adapting well to a lot of position changes and moved into top spot on the ladder with the 51-20 win.

Tea Slatterie played an amazing game, putting in four solid quarters, while Macey Congram was thrown into goals and starred.

Awards: Weekly money: Tea Slatterie, Strathy Cafe: Macey Congram.

15 UNDER

The under 15s came up against a very strong Rennie side that sits on top of the ladder.

A sluggish start in the cold, windy conditions saw Strathmerton behind at the first break, setting it up for the 12-34 loss.

Basic errors let the Bulldogs down, but they stuck it out for the full four quarters, never dropping their heads.

The defenders worked tirelessly in the last quarter to create turnovers and send the ball back into attack, and Jaella was able to get a few deflections early in the last quarter.

Awards: Subway: Tahlia Woodland.

13 UNDER

Although getting off to a fantastic start, the under 13s went down by nine goals to Rennie on Saturday.

The Bulldogs led by a goal at the first break, but Rennie turned it up a notch in the second quarter, scoring seven goals to one, which Strathy was unable to peg back.

The Strathy girls all kept working hard but went down 9-18.

Awards: Laidlaw Electrical: Tahlia Muller, Subway: Sienna Ross, Strathy Cafe: Dakota Kelly.

MINIS

The under 11s did really well on Saturday. While they will continue to work on passing and getting in front, there were some great passages of play, impressive intercepts, and lots of smiles.

Awards: Strathy Cafe: Ella Wood, Hands on Nutrition: Lily Graham, Subway: Tamika Muller.

Home win for Picola girls

A GREAT start to their game set up the Picola A graders for a 19 goal win over Berrigan in a home game for the Blues on Saturday.

Picola's defensive pressure was brilliant, and the Blues showed more patience working the ball down the court to the attackers.

In a great team effort, Picola took its fourth consecutive win of the season, 53-34.

Awards: Nathalia Post Office: Kim McPherson, Brereton's Bakery: Demi Morrison.

B GRADE

The B graders remain with just one to their name, after they went down to Berrigan by 16 goals.

The Blues put up a great fight but couldn't convert all their opportunities. The Picola players applied terrific defensive pressure, and back up each other, but went down 22-38 to the sixth placed side.

Awards: Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering, Lauren Williams, Brereton's Bakery: Kelsey Trickey.

C GRADE

A SLOW start had Nathalia on the back foot, and may have proved costly, in its attempt to win its first A grade netball game of the season, against Finley.

Again, Nathalia's defence was solid, and there were some fantastic passages of play in attack, right throughout the game.

The Purples held their own through to the end, but went down to sixth placed Finley by six goals, 35-41.

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

B GRADE

It was a similar situation in the B grade game, with Nathalia getting off to a slow start, and going down by a solitary goal in the end.

The Purples showed great fight in the last quarter to peg back the deficit, but ran out of time, going down to Finley 32-33.

Awards: Coprice BOC: Alyssia Oakes, Hinchcliffe & Greed Real Estate: Laura Harvey-Hawkins, Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Lily Smith.

C GRADE

Despite a slow start, the C grade side worked its way to a terrific victory, 62-25.

Christie Schram and Ashlea Baker were impressive in goals, and Chloe Armstrong was awesome in the centre. Great pressure

by Steph Hayes, Kate Willcock, Alysha Cornell and Kristy Hudson produced many turnovers, and Amy Rohan played a great game, filling-in.

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

17 UNDER

After a strong win last week, the Nathalia under 17s were confident that, if they back each other up, they could get another win on the board, coming up against a lower placed Finley side.

The team went from strength to strength each quarter, with solid teamwork across the court and came home with a strong 44-19 win.

The Purple girls continued to improve their set plays, so much so that it was hard to pick the awards, with everyone contributing all game.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Indyia Parker, Marketplace Subway: Ella Brereton, Bell's Water Cartage: Tammy Woods.

15 UNDER

Nathalia took a terrific win over Finley in the under 15 game, winning by 14 goals.

The Purples took many turnovers in the first quarter, but couldn't consolidate in attack.

Once they balanced the court, they were able to work the ball well down the court to

take the victory 37-23.

Jenna Mason was the stand out, intercepting and driving the ball into attack. Holly Boyd was strong under the goal ring against tall defenders, and finished off with some strong goals.

Emily Bell displayed some excellent passing to the goalers, and Mia Bell was again strong in the air, also turnover over many balls.

Awards: Kylie Richards: Holly Boyd, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Jenna Mason, Marketplace Subway: Emily Bell, TJ's IGA: Ella Johns.

13 UNDER

The under 13s faced a tough game against the undefeated top of the ladder side, going down 0-30.

Despite the results, the girls all lifted when asked. No matter what position the girls were put in, they gave it a red hot go.

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

11 UNDER

The under 11s are improving each week, and played another fantastic game on Saturday, to defeat Finley 10-7.

Awards: Past Players: Tayah Lundberg, Bendigo Bank: Taylah Hutchins, TJ's IGA: Esther Amery.

Mother's Day thrashing

NATHALIA women's football team came crashing back to earth after a strong start to the 2019 season, falling victim to the ladder topping Echuca side by 80 points on Sunday.

Nathalia was unable to find a score, a problem that Echuca simply did not have.

Three goals from eight scoring opportunities set the visiting Echuca side up for a big win, and while it managed just one goal in the second quarter, the tone was still set for a comfortable outing for the side.

Echuca had a side that produced six goal kickers, half of which were worth multiple goals, and that meant that the second half was more than fruitful for the undefeated Echuca.

Nathalia was simply unable to mount any forward pressure, and Echuca capitalised well to close out the game 10.20.80 to 0.0.0 winners, but the result could have been much worse for Nathalia had Echuca managed to make the most of its scoring shots.

Awards: Club: Kym John, Brereton's Bakery: Sharna Stevens, Cheeky Cidery: Alysha Cornell, Bridge Hotel: Michelle Cobbledick, Casual Step: Cara Briggs, NWR Communications: Camille Montgomery. NORTHERN ANGELS

Wayward goal kicking proved to be Northern Angels' downfall in the side's 18 point loss to Echuca on Sunday.

The young Angels kicked off proceedings with a 0.5 opening quarter, failing to take the opportunities they worked so hard to open up.

Echuca on the other hand, held a seven point lead with two straight goals, meaning that the Angels had to play catch up for the remainder of the tie.

Another three goals to Echuca in the second term gave the side even more momentum, but the Angels managed to boot a goal of their own, but with the half time deficit at 20, it was always going to be hard to overturn the difference.

The Angels tried their best, though, kicking three goals in the third quarter, outscoring Echuca by one goal and closing the gap to just two.

Echuca bounced back in the fourth, restricting the home side to just one major while kicking two if its own to close out the 9.4.58 to 5.10.40 win.

The Angels currently sit eighth on the ladder and will take on the seventh placed Benalla Saints on Sunday.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Andriana Oliver, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Cody Power, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Charli Dorrity, Marketplace Subway: Eleisha Lee, Nathalia Fertilizer & Grain: Brooke Monk, Shepparton Pizza: Katie Miller.

Katunga Swans fall just short

KATUNGA was on the cusp of a mighty comeback win over Mathoura on Saturday, but when the final siren sounded, the Swans were one point adrift from the home side, losing 10.9.69 to 11.4.70.

Still yet to taste victory in 2019, Katunga gave Mathoura too much space in the first half and, while it trailed by just seven points at quarter time, the half time 20 point deficit meant the Swans needed to respond or risk another considerable loss.

Katunga kept itself in the match with a third quarter that garnered three goals, but with Mathoura not only matching that output but bettering it by one major, it still seemed like Mathoura would cruise to victory in front of its home crowd.

The home side, though, was given an almighty scare.

Katunga booted three goals for the final term, completely outscoring and out playing the Timberscutters, but the one score Mathoura managed for the quarter made all the difference.

Mathoura registered just one behind to close out the game, and with it, captured a tight, heart pounding win.

Katunga's search for its maiden win of the year continues this week when it hosts Jerilderie.

Awards: Katunga Fresh: Dylan Sidebottom, Clydesdale Hotel: Xavier Thorp, Lenny's Ag: Scott Sutton, GrainCorp Oilseed: Jared Hicks, Telegraph: Rhys Wallace. RESERVES

While Katunga's reserves may have held a slender two point lead at quarter time, it was Mathoura that

had the last laugh after blowing the game apart to finish 10.6.66 to 2.2.14 winners.

The Swans' scoring was kept to just the opening term, while Mathoura's defensive work made sure Katunga would have limited scoring opportunities.

While Pete Nolan and Trent Corby played well for the entirety of the day, there were few other stand outs in the loss.

Mathoura booted five goals in the second term, and while neither side managed a goal in the third, the Cutters booted another three in the last quarter to cap off a dominant 52 point win.

Awards: John King Grain: Peter Nolan, Dan Hendy Landforming: Trent Corby, Telegraph: Tom Van der Burg, Clydesdale: Jordy Sim-

mons, KFNC: Josh Bales.

UNDER 14s

Katunga's biggest win of the day came from the smallest of Swans, with the under 14s coming away from their round five clash as 141 point winners over Mathoura.

Mathoura was under the pump early and that pressure never relented as Katunga booted away to a 26 point quarter time lead.

Katunga's scoring prowess was led by Xavier Morris, who booted seven goals for the day, the most of Katunga's 12 different goal kickers. Mathoura on the other hand, found scoring difficult and wasn't able to add to its total following the first quarter.

Katunga kept charging ahead though and ran away with a cruisy 22.16.148 to 1.1.7 win.

Bulldogs lay waste to reigning premier

HAVING suffered its first loss of 2019 last week, Strathmerton bounced back in the best possible way by beating the defending premier Rennie by 55 points.

Travelling to Rennie and hungry to force its way back onto the winners' list, Strathmerton got off to an unusual opening half before finally cashing in during the third term. The Bulldogs kept Rennie scoreless in the opening quarter, but despite having seven scoring shots of their own, went into the first break up by just 12 points.

Rennie responded in the second, booting four unanswered goals as Strathmerton's wayward kicking for goal accounted for four behinds and the risk of being overrun. With nine points separating the two sides, the game was waiting for one side to take the ascendancy and when play recommenced, it was clear what side was on the up.

Strathmerton's six goal run completely blew Rennie out of the water, changed the complexion of the match and put the Bulldogs in a strong position to take the points on enemy soil.

The Bulldogs never looked back, fueled by the leadership captain Adriana Crestani has become known for, alongside Shannon Emmett and Matt Shannon, who all produced four quarter performances that led their side towards the big win.

The Bulldogs closed the game out

with a four goal last term, kept Rennie scoreless for the second time in the game and travelled back to Strathmerton on a wave of momentum.

Strathmerton will hope its form continues this week against ninth placed Yarroweyah.

RESERVES

Strathmerton's reserves got off to a slow start they were never able to fully recover from, eventually going down to Rennie by 29 points on Saturday.

Rennie was the much better side early, kicking five unanswered opening quarter goals and taking a 31 point quarter time lead with it into the second term.

Strathmerton bounced back in the second, keeping Rennie scoreless and Trent Collyer, Brock Palmer and Zac Wagner all began to make their presence known around the contest.

Rennie was kept scoreless in the second term, while Strathmerton kicked two goals and closed out the half with a reduced margin of 18 points.

As the long break came and went, it was clear that one team was primed for the win a bit more than its opposition, and it proved to be vital. Rennie kicked three goals to one in the third before the game was completely locked down in the final quarter, with neither team able to slot a goal.

Rennie was scoreless once more,

but with Strathmerton only managing two behinds, the Hoppers' inability to score counted for naught. Rennie came away with the 8.4.52 to 3.5.23 win, leaving Strathmerton questioning what went wrong on the day.

UNDER 17s

In a top of the table clash, Strathmerton benefitted from Rennie's wayward goal kicking in the sides' under 17s clash on Saturday, getting the win 4.4.28 to 1.1.17.

Rennie simply couldn't make the most of the opportunities presented to it during the game, and Strathmerton did just enough to ensure that it would take the premiership points on offer.

The top the ladder Bulldogs got off to a decent start, kicking two unanswered goals in the opening quarter and taking a 13 point lead into the first break.

The second quarter produced much less scoring overall, with the only changes to the scoreboard coming with three Rennie behinds to close the margin to 10 at the half time interval.

Rennie, goalless for the half, had its scoring woes continue into the third, kicking two more behinds, while Strathmerton doubled its score to open the gap to 22 points by the time the fourth quarter came along.

The Bulldogs were kept scoreless for a quarter once more in the

fourth, but Rennie kicked 1.5 for the term, managing to close the gap to 11 points, but leaving a prime opportunity on the table and suffering its first loss of the season.

UNDER 14s

Strathmerton's under 14s pups suffered a big 116 point defeat to a rampant Rennie side on the weekend.

Managing just one point for the game's entirety, Strathmerton's backline was under immense pressure from the get go, conceding four first quarter goals despite good defensive work from the likes of Ryan Wyatt.

Rennie though, was simply too much for the Bulldogs to handle, doubling its opening term output with another four goals in the second.

With 57 points separating the sides at half time, Strathmerton managed to restrict Rennie to just two goals in the third quarter, but with eight scoring shots in total, it was clear that the Hoppers were still in full control of the contest.

Rounding out the game with a further six majors, Rennie closed out the contest as 16.21.117 to 0.1.1 winners.

Awards: Strathy Pizza: Caleb Wilson, Subway: Cody Harris-Cunningham, Ladies Committee: Harry Spicer, McDonalds: Adam Brown, Coaches award: Ryan Wyatt.

Bombers keep the run going

WAAIA has kept its undefeated start to the season going with a mammoth win over Tocumwal on Saturday, with the Bombers booting away to a 20.19.139 to 3.1.19 scoreline.

Charlie Burrows and Mitch Cleeland stood tall for the Bombers, booting five goals each in the big rout.

Tocumwal was kept scoreless in the opening term as Waaia kicked away to a six goal lead.

Waaia conceded a goal for the first time in the second term, but Tocumwal's maiden major was drowned out by another six goals from the Bombers.

Taking a 68 point lead into the half time interval, Waaia was well on top, as Aiden McCredie and Jesse Trower ensured that Waaia's backline made it hard for the struggling hosts.

While Waaia's third term produced just three goals, the Bombers made up for that with a final quarter blitz that garnered a six goal to two term, capping off the controlling display and storming to a huge 120 point

victory.

Waaia sits atop the PDFL ladder with five wins, 20 points and a substantial percentage of 283.66 and will hope to keep the momentum going as it lines up for a clash against Deniliquin Rovers in two weeks' time after a bye this weekend.

Awards: Onley Consulting: Mitchell Cleeland, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate and Telegraph Hotel: Jesse Trower, Ahoy Water and Terminus Hotel: Todd Davies, Mick Hogan Excavations: Aden McCredie, SportFirst Numurkah: Brendan Harris.

RESERVES

A strong second quarter provided Waaia the launch pad to a big win over Tocumwal's reserves on Saturday, with the Bombers securing a solid 73 point away win.

While the first term saw both teams slot just one goal apiece, Waaia's goal kicking prowess came to the fore with a five goal to one quarter that set the tone for the rest of the match. Leading by 28 points at the main

break, Waaia kept that momentum rolling into the second half, keeping Tocumwal scoreless and booting another five goals to create some real distance between it and the home side.

Sean Carey and Ryan Bergamin were brilliant all day for the Bombers, providing a plethora of opportunities for Matt Brown who went onto finish with four goals.

Waaia closed the game out with a two goals final term, all the while keeping Tocumwal scoreless for the entirety of the second half.

Waaia's 13.7.85 to 2.0.12 win helps keep its third spot on the ladder secure, ahead of the bye this week.

Awards: Onley Consulting and Telegraph Hotel: Ethan McDonald, Onley Consulting and Terminus Hotel: Steve Hixon, Mick Hogan Excavations: Ryan Bergamin, Murray Valley Rural and Plumbing: Sean Carey, Ahoy Water Cartage: Ryan Bergamin.

UNDER 17s

Waaia's under 17s suffered a big loss to Tocumwal on Saturday, going down by 75 points in a tough contest.

Tocumwal was relentless in its scoring during the clash, kicking at least three goals each quarter, all the while keeping Waaia to just four for the game's entirety.

Joel Clarke worked hard and was named best Bomber, and Cameron Harding showed off his skillset, but the game was always out of reach for their side.

Managing just one goal for the first three quarters, Waaia's deficit went from 14 points at quarter time, to 33 points at the main break and 67 by the end of the third.

The 4.4.28 to 15.13.103 scoreline detailed just how one sided the game was, but with Waaia having the bye this week to regroup, it will hope the side can bounce back against Deniliquin Rovers in two weeks time.

Awards: Sprout Livestock and Terminus Hotel: Joel Clarke, Pendle-

bury Sand and Gravel: Darcy Wilson, Doug Larkin Refrigeration: Ryan Cook, D. & M. Plattfuss: Cameron Harding, Waaia Canteen: Josh Plattfuss.

UNDER 14s

Waaia's toughest loss for the day came when its under 14s side was left scoreless and beaten by 80 points.

While Regan Collins and Al Brooks played well for Waaia, Tocumwal was simply on another level throughout the game.

Having won just one game for the season thus far, Waaia's youngest Bombers continued to struggle, but with individuals showing improvement each week, it's hopeful that the side, as a whole, will be able to turn things around after this bye this week.

Awards: C. & C. Wilson and Terminus Hotel: Regan Collins, Numurkah Electrical and Pump Services: AJ Brooks, Rex James Stock Feed: Aiden Bryant, D. & M. Plattfuss: Bailey Plattfuss, Waaia Canteen: Will Trower.

Finding a way

FOR the second consecutive week, Nathalia has pulled out a tough nail-biting win, this time against Finley away.

The nine point win came after Nathalia trailed for the first three quarters, but with five goals to Liam Evans, Nathalia got up despite being well and truly behind the eight ball after a dominant display from Finley to open play. Finley booted seven goals as it used the helpful breeze beautifully, while Nathalia managed a handy two goals to take into the second term. The Cats' spread and ball use was far better than Nathalia's in the first half though, and another three goals from Finley made sure it held onto the lead at half time, despite Nathalia kicking four of its own to close out the first half.

Kicking into the wind, Nathalia's third quarter managed to produce three goals, keeping the Purples in touch with Finley as the final quarter drew near.

Finley's lone goal for the quarter gave it a two goal lead by the end of the third term, but the game would see a number of lead changes litter the final quarter.

Nathalia kicked itself

ahead within 10 minutes of the fourth term, but Finley hit back and reclaimed the advantage, despite kicking into the wind.

With three minutes remaining, Jason Limbrick took a contested mark deep in Nathalia's forward line, slotted the goal and gave his side the lead once more.

Finley charged ahead, looking for the final go ahead goal, but Bailey Bell won a free kick, transitioned well up the ground allowing Liam Evans to slot his fifth of the day just as the siren sounded, giving Nathalia a deserved 15.8.98 to 14.5.89 win.

Following the win, Nathalia coach Phil Carroll was happy his side could once again find a way to get it done under duress.

"They got off to an absolute flyer," Carroll said.

"They played as good as they could be and used the wind to their advantage.

"We had to move things at half time and made a few changes that I felt got us back into the contest. We felt that if we were within striking distance at three quarter time, we were in with a shot."

A player that stood out and provided a forward

spark was Liam Evans, and he wasn't far away from praise from his coach.

"He's been playing a few different roles for us this year, he got most of his goals up forward this week, and he's really putting together a really good season, regardless of where we play him."

Another Purple worthy of praise, Ryan Butler's efforts helped him be judged best afield for Nathalia.

"Ryan was by far the best player on the ground, playing across half back, his third quarter especially was outstanding.

"His marking, he backed himself to take a few crucial grabs."

Looking ahead to after the bye this week, Nathalia takes on a Barooga side that has struggled for momentum this season thus far.

"Supposedly, they might have a few players coming in that could make them stronger, and regardless of where the side is on the ladder, we won't be taking them lightly."

"You've got to be on all the time, there's no easy games and if you're five percent off, you'll lose."

Nathalia will host Barooga on Saturday, May 25 at 2pm.

Blues feel Lions roar

NUMURKAH'S reserves suffered a big loss at the hands of Mulwala on Saturday, going down to the hometown Lions by 132 points. Despite an even opening term seeing the Lions lead by just eight points, the second quarter proved to be a stark contrast in terms of competitiveness.

Mulwala booted five unanswered goals, all the while keeping Numurkah scoreless for the quarter.

Mulwala's goal scoring attack garnered two players worth five goals each, Cam Nye and Andrew Miller, and the pair, alongside the other 11 goal kickers, began to torment the Blues as the game went on.

Despite solid showings from newcomers Tim McKellar and Troy Metzner, the pair couldn't overturn the deficit, a challenge made all the more difficult following a number of injuries that hindered the Blues just before the half time break.

Trailing by 45 point at the half, the Blues finally kicked their third goal in the third term, but that would be the last cause for celebration for the remainder of the day.

Mulwala followed on from booting six goals in the third, to slotting nine in the final quarter while keeping Numurkah to just one behind.

The fourth quarter onslaught was a sour way to end the game for the Blues, who went down 3.3.21 to 23.15.153.

Numurkah will hope the competition-wide bye will give it some time to rest and regroup ahead of its clash against Congupna the following week.

Awards: DJB Concreting: Brad Millen, Middle Hotel: Hamish

Lambert, Shamrock Hotel: Adam Mansfield, Telegraph Hotel: Shaun Vidler, Brereton's Bakery: Luke Mansfield, Mierlo: Greg Gallus.

UNDER 17s

Numurkah's lacklustre second half cost the under 17s side dearly against Mulwala on Saturday, with the Blues going down to the Lions by 32 points at Lonsdale Reserve.

The Lions booted away to a 25 point quarter time lead, but saw that evaporate in a short amount of time as Numurkah booted four goals of its own in the second term to trail by just eight points at the half.

Corey Spokes' run from half back was exemplary, earning the young defender best on ground honours for the Blues, but he was powerless to stop Mulwala in the second half.

Numurkah continued its strong goal kicking in the second half, keeping its behinds tally at zero and kicking two goals to stretch the lead out to 18 points.

Smith once again popped up to slot his second of the day, before Zac Cason, enjoying his time up forward, kicked one of his own, closing out the quarter with the Blues on top.

Capping off the day was a two goal performance that kept the Blues' perfect goal kicking intact, and rounding off a strong 9.0.54 to 4.8.32 win.

Lucas Roberts booted both final quarter goals for the Blues, feeding off the good work from the likes of Jack Tremellen and Jesse Powlesland.

Numurkah hopes the momentum from the win can carry over through the bye this week ahead of its clash against Congupna the following week.

strong tackles at full forward, while Adyn Hicks booted two of his own.

Riley Dobson and Lucas Roberts were strong around the contest for Numurkah and led their side well into the second quarter.

Numurkah's goal kicking efficiency was on display as it kicked itself to five goals straight by the end of the half, holding a nine point lead at the major break.

Smith scored his first goal for the day, while Reeve Verhoeven helped himself to a goal of his own.

Hicks, though, kicked his third and gave his side a huge boost heading into the second half.

Numurkah continued its strong goal kicking in the second half, keeping its behinds tally at zero and kicking two goals to stretch the lead out to 18 points.

The home side booted five goals to one in the third term to snatch the momentum, and a 34 point lead. Both sides managed just two goals in the final quarter, but that was enough for Mulwala to take the win, and the premiership points, 13.5.83 to 8.3.51.

UNDER 14s

After drawing a difficult fixture to open 2019, Numurkah's under 14s dug deep to pull away to their first win of the season, defeating Mulwala by 22 points.

The game was a tight tussle in the opening stages, with both teams slotting two majors before the quarter time siren, Mulwala just one point ahead of the Blues.

The Blues' forward pressure throughout the game was strong, with William Smith applying

Picola fails to march ahead of Saints

PICOLA is barely hanging onto a top eight spot on the Picola and District Football League ladder following its 35 point loss to Berrigan at home on Saturday.

Despite leading at quarter time by five points, Picola booted just one goal to five in the second quarter, finding itself at a deficit it was never able to recover from.

Leading by 22 points, Berrigan proceeded to keep the Blues at arm's reach for the remainder of the game, allowing Picola just one more goal for the second half.

The Saints managed to kick just three majors of their own, but with a handy lead already in tow, the visiting side did enough to hold onto the points.

With just five goals kicked for the game, Picola's goal kicking ranks failed to produce a multiple goal kicker for the first time this season and the 5.11.41 to 10.16.76 result leaves Picola sitting seventh on eight points, equal with eighth placed Mathoura and a game behind Rennie and Deniliquin Rovers, situated in fifth and sixth place respectively.

This week the Blues are faced with road trip towards a 2018 grand final rematch against the defending premier Rennie.

Awards: DMH and Barmah Hotel: Luke Jackson, Blake Street Butchery: Reagan Hamilton, Brereton's Bakery: Matt Crooks, Limo's Hardware: Cory Cogan. RESERVES

In a game in which both teams found it difficult to score goals, Picola's reserves went down 3.3.21 to 5.10.40 against Berrigan. The first half produced an even tussle, but with Picola's goal kicking woes seeing it slot just three goals for the entire game, two of which came in the first term, Ber-

rigan's ability to get into scoring positions proved the difference in the end.

While the Saints managed just a goal and two behinds in the first quarter, it booted itself to 2.7.19 while keeping Picola scoreless.

The six point half time lead turned into 17 points by the end of the third, as its resolute work in the middle of the ground meant that Picola was afforded just a single behind in the penultimate term. Picola booted its third and final goal in the final term, but it was outdone for the whole day and Berrigan held on to come away with a 19 point win.

Awards: Nathalia Fertiliser and Grain: Lachlan Newman, Brereton's Bakery: Matt James, Minchin Mechanics: Jackson Charles, Numans Voucher: Jarrod Norman. UNDER 14s

Picola's under 14s side came out on top in a low scoring affair against Berrigan, winning 3.6.24 to 1.2.8 at Picola on Saturday morning.

While it conceded the only goal for the opening term, Picola answered by kicking the lone major of the second quarter and taking a slender four point lead into the half time break.

Berrigan's first quarter goal remained the only substantial scoreboard impact it would make, unable to add another major to its tally as Picola booted a goal in each of the final two terms to lock away a 16 point win.

Awards: Power LiveStock and Barnett Family: Stephen Atkinson, Better-Bite Barmah: Jason Beckett, Barmah Social Club: Kayden Atkinson, Al's Café: Lachlan Caldwell, Home Game "Have a go" sponsored by Nathalia Hair and Beauty: Mattheus Jorgensen.



Down but not out ... Mathew Crooks gets down to ground to pick up a loose ball.

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PICOLA FAILS TO MARCH

Under pressure ... Leigh Solar feels the heat during Picola's loss to Berrigan on Saturday.

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Chances wasted cost Blues

LOSING Tim Arnel in the opening minutes of Numurkah's clash against Mulwala on Saturday gave a perfect insight to how the rest of the day would be for the Blues.

Numurkah lost to the Lions at Lonsdale Reserve 8.10.58 to 10.9.69 and will have a nervous wait with Arnel and a few others under an injury cloud. Arnel went down with a hamstring injury followed on from the side losing Nathan Hicks due to his partner having a baby, but on the field, Numurkah didn't take the scoring opportunities presented to it.

While Mulwala was also wayward in front of goal early, kicking 2.5 in

the opening quarter, the Lions led the Blues by eight points at the first break.

Numurkah came roaring back with a four goal to two second term, but the Lions showed their teeth when play resumed in the third to take full control of the contest.

Six unanswered third quarter goals saw Mulwala take an important 31 point lead into the final term.

Numurkah's injury woes continued at the worst possible time, while already a player down, Jamie Fulton and Luke McKeown both suffered shoulder injuries to leave Numurkah's bench bare.

While Mulwala was kept goalless for the term, it managed to restrict Numurkah to just three goals, holding out to win by 11 points.

Numurkah coach Jye Warren was quick to praise Mulwala, and its ability to take the reins in the third quarter. "Though injuries didn't help, that third quarter was the difference maker," Warren said. "Mulwala's clearance work was unbelievable in that term, they would have dominated those numbers and it being such a small ground, one kick out of the middle had our backline under pressure. They were really good." Looking at his own side, Numurkah's

inability to replicate its opponent's ability in front of goal was another nail in the coffin on Saturday.

"We had opportunities to win the game throughout the day, and even with being down a few players by the end of the day, we just couldn't capitalise."

Looking ahead for the side, Numurkah is fortunate with the bye this week giving the side a bit of time to recover, though a number of players coming in can still put their hand up for senior selection.

"Matt Smyth and Michael Griffiths are coming back into selection consideration after the bye, so it's good

to have those big guys back so we still have some depth waiting to play, but there's a couple of reserves players still able to play."

The Blues will take on Congupna after the bye, a side that is coming off a strong win over Tungamah and Warren is well aware of what that side can offer on the day.

"They've recruited local guys from Shepparton and Tatura and are definitely on the up. They've got some real quality players coming through there and we'll need to make sure our match ups are right."

Numurkah hosts Congupna in two weeks' time at 2pm on Saturday, May 25.

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