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## Shots fired on MacKenzie Street

A MAN was arrested in a dramatic raid at Stanhope last Wednesday night, after shots were fired into a MacKenzie St Numurkah home on Good Friday night.

The shooting incident occurred at around 10.30pm on April 19, after several cars pulled up to the MacKenzie St address.

A series of shots were fired into the home, and although it was occupied at the time, nobody was injured.

Police were called and attended the address but the offenders had already fled.

Neighbours told the *Leader* that they heard a large number of people outside the house, from which people are regularly coming and going, before the incident occurred, as well as quite a bit of noise.

They said that the incident occurred quickly and was all over and done with in a matter of minutes. They do not believe that any children were in the house at the time of the incident.

Detective Inspector Marcus Boyd from Cobram criminal investigation unit said they had been putting all of their resources into investigating the incident, with the investigation focussing on Kyabram.

Cobram detectives executed a search warrant at a Stanhope address last Wednesday night, with the assistance of the special operations group and the police canine unit.

A 33 year-old Kyabram man was arrested and transported to Goulburn Valley Health where he underwent surgery on dog bite injuries sustained during the arrest. He was still being held under protective custody at GV Health as of Monday.

The offender has been charged with conduct endangering life, conduct endangering persons and possessing firearms as a prohibited person.

He has been remanded in custody until July 30 when he will front Shepparton Magistrates court for a committal mention.

## Good Friday appeal total

NUMURKAH district locals have once again shown their generosity, with almost \$30,000 raised locally in this year's Good Friday Appeal.

The Numurkah appeal, run by the CFA brigade, netted \$14,571.10, whilst the Nathalia appeal run by the town's Uncle Bobs Club, raised \$12,494.60.

Numurkah's door knocking effort on the day raised \$12,582, with the additional \$2,000 coming from collection tins hosted by 15 local businesses in the weeks leading up to Easter.

Numurkah appeal coordinator Peter Bilstion said that it was a great effort for a small town.

"Obviously we want to raise as much as we can and we would like to see it going up every year, but you'd have to say that just shy of \$15,000 is a generous amount for a population of this size."

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**Brazen ...** Thieves parked on the Melville St footpath right outside the door, to ensure easy loading.

## Arrest over Numurkah Bearings theft

A COBRAM East man has been refused bail following his arrest for burglary and theft offences relating to a break-in at Numurkah Bearings and Hydraulics early on Anzac Day morning.

Security camera footage from the incident shows a white utility pull up on the footpath outside the business before two offenders gain access by smashing the front door.

The thieves escaped with thousands of dollars worth of

tools and equipment.

One of the offenders was arrested at a Centre Rd property by Numurkah police, and has been charged with two counts each of burglary and theft, and two counts of theft of a motor vehicle relating to a ute that had been stolen from Pyramid Hill, and was found in his possession.

The 23 year-old man was also charged with commit an indictable offence whilst on bail.

He appeared before Sheppar-

ton Magistrates court where he was remanded in custody to reappear on May 16.

Investigations are continuing into a break-in at TJ's IGA Nathalia which also occurred in the early hours of Anzac Day, in which thieves stole a quantity of cigarettes.

Police are also investigating an incident at Koonoomoo on Monday, when The Big Strawberry was broken into and tills containing cash were stolen.



**Caught on camera ...** One of the thieves loaded with goods in Numurkah Bearings and Hydraulics.

## Home razed in fire at Koonoomoo

SATURDAY night took a dramatic turn for one Koonoomoo family, when they woke to find their home ablaze in the middle of the night.

In a timely reminder of the importance of working smoke detectors, the mother and her five children, who were tenants in the home, were woken by the devices at around 12.25am.

CFA tankers from Yarroweyah, Strathmerton and Cobram were immediately turned out to the fire, and found the weather board house on Naughton Road fully involved

when they arrived.

More tankers from Muckatah, Naring, Katamatite, Boosey, Barooga, Tocumwal, Numurkah and Waaia were called for to supply water, along with Yarroweyah's big fill, which is used to fill the tankers.

Cobram pumper and forward control vehicle, Tocumwal pumper and Shepparton aerial pumper and hazardous materials van also attended, with Numurkah and Waaia tankers and Numurkah forward control vehicle the last to be called at 12.55 am.

Despite the strong response and the best efforts of firefighters, the house was gutted by the fire, with only the shell remaining.

Police were in attendance, and it is believed the fire started due to an electrical fault.

At 8.20pm on Sunday, Wunghnu fire brigade was called to assist Tallygaroopna and Katandra at an undefined fire in a back yard on Church Street, Tallygaroopna.

On Monday, at around 4.30pm, Numurkah fire brigade was turned out to support Nathalia at a house

fire on Ryans Road, Nathalia.

A newly installed heater was issuing smoke, filling the house with smoke. The Nathalia brigade checked the house and in the ceiling but found no fire. Numurkah was stopped enroute.

Brigades from Numurkah, Strathmerton and Cobram were turned out to a reported fire at the Bega Cheese factory at around 9.30am Tuesday. The call turned out to be a false alarm, and Numurkah and Cobram brigades were stopped enroute.

## Candidates announced for division of Nicholls

EIGHT candidates will contest the electoral Division of Nicholls at the upcoming federal election.

Listed below are the candidates for the seat of Nicholls in the order in which they will appear on the ballot paper.

1. Damian Drum, The Nationals
2. Jeremy Parker, Independent
3. Andrew Bock, Independent
4. Stewart Hine, United Australia Party

5. Bill Lodwick, Australian Labor Party  
6. Nickee Freeman, The Greens (VIC)  
7. Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, Pauline Hanson's One Nation

8. Nigel Hicks, Independent

A full list of House of Representatives and Senate candidates for the 2019 federal election is being progressively published on the AEC website at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au).

## Letter to the Editor

### No-one local

I'M disappointed to learn that Nationals candidate for Nicholls, Damian Drum, has chosen to give his second preference to the United Australia Party, even

though their candidate lives in south-east Melbourne.

With a field of eight candidates, surely he could've chosen a local to put at number two?

Andrew Bock  
Independent for Nicholls

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**Upright and proud ...** A crowd lined the street and applauded as the march made its way to the cenotaph

# Numurkah remembers their sacrifice

NUMURKAH demonstrated once again last Thursday how important ANZAC Day is to the town, as a huge crowd gathered at the war memorial for the ANZAC Day service.

Prior to the service, people lined Melville St to watch the march, which was led by David Geddes in Light Horse uniform, followed by Numurkah Town Band drummers and the official catafalque party.

Once again, the service, held at 10.30am, was organised by Numurkah Secondary College (NSC) in conjunction with the Numurkah RSL sub-branch and emceed by NSC captains.

The ANZAC address was given by Anna Sergi of Monichino Wines about the experiences of her father Carlo as a young teenager in Nazi occupied Italy during WWII, including a narrow escape from a firing squad.

The ceremony included moving musical performances by Numurkah Town Band and Numurkah Primary School students, as well as a poem presented by St Joseph's Primary School students.

The emotional heart of the ceremony, however, was David Geddes' moving recitation of the poem *Mates*.

Up to 50 local groups and families laid wreaths at the base of the memorial before Numurkah RSL president Stuart Hipwell read the Ode to the Fallen and a minute's silence was observed.

Cameron Lancaster then performed the New Zealand national anthem in Maori and English in acknowledgement of Australia's ANZAC comrades.

The ceremony officially ended with the singing of the Australian anthem and the dismounting of the catafalque party.

Lest we forget.



**ANZAC address ...** Anna Sergi speaks of her father's war experiences as a member of the catafalque party guards the shrine.



**Respect ...** Many local organisations laid wreaths to show their respect.



**Vantage point ...** These young attendees used the big guns as a vantage point during the solemn ceremony.

## VICTORIA'S MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS DESERVE THEIR FAIR SHARE OF FEDERAL FUNDING

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We just want our fair share.



Long march ... Wendy Lovell, Kevin Bourke and Damian Drum were among the marchers in Nathalia

## ANZAC Day commemorated in Nathalia

IT was a beautiful day to remember the fallen, and all others who have served in Australia's armed forces, as Nathalia's ANZAC Day parade made its way down Blake St last Thursday afternoon.

Veterans and their family members were joined by local politicians Wendy Lovell, Damian Drum and Kevin Bourke, as well as the Nathalia CFA, as they made the solemn trip to the town's cenotaph under a clear blue sky.

Nathalia-Picola RSL sub-branch president Mackenzie Craig conducted the well attended service, which included moving renditions of both the Australian and New Zealand anthems.

Mr Craig told the crowd that whilst it is important to pay tribute to those who served and fell in past conflicts, it was equally important to acknowledge and honour all those who are currently serving.

The cenotaph service was followed by a presentation at the Uniting Church hall by Nathalia Vietnam veteran Gerry Clifton on his experiences as an Australian army officer.



Proud ... Jaxon Walsh with the medals of his great great grandfather William Joyce.



In remembrance ... Margaret Cobblewick and Kerrie-Anne Rappell from Nathalia Night Watch CWA laying a wreath.

## OPEN DAY



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Thinking of you ... Katamatite Primary School students let local veteran Greg Monk know he is missed.

## Katamatite honours Anzacs with heartfelt tribute

KATAMATITE proved once again last Wednesday, that it may be a small community, but it has a big heart, as the town gathered to commemorate ANZAC Day.

Around 50 locals attended the service in the memorial park, following the march from the primary school which was led by Katamatite Primary School students.

Principal Jason Whiteley opened the ceremony with the ANZAC prayer, following which school captains Beth Brown and Mitchell McPherson gave the ANZAC address.

The address spoke of the end of WW1 and the process of the treaty of Versailles, and the return of soldiers to Australia and their struggles and triumphs in post war life.

A number of local soldiers were referenced, and their contributions to the district after their return from war acknowledged.

Both captains told the *Leader* that they felt honoured but nervous about

delivering the address, and they had learned a lot of interesting things in the process of researching it.

"I was really surprised by how many people fought in the war, it was really a lot and I hadn't realised that," Mitchell said.

Meanwhile, Beth was quite fascinated by the creation of the wax seal to be affixed to the treaty on Australia's behalf.

"Australia used a button off a soldier's uniform for our seal, which I thought was clever and really interesting," she said.

A number of local organisations then placed wreaths at the memorial, before Rob Brown from Cobram Barooga RSL delivered the ode to the fallen.

The old guard and the new then joined forces to play the *Last Post* and *Reveille*. Bugler Noel Steadman, who has been playing at ANZAC services for 64 years, was accompanied by Tom Dobson who was playing at an ANZAC service for the first time.

Local girls Annabeth and Charlotte Dickie then led students in singing *Lest We Forget*, followed by the entire assembly joining in for *Advance Australia Fair*.

With the ceremony over, one of the day's most touching moments was yet to come.

Katamatite primary students gathered in front of the war memorial, the flag behind it at half mast, so that principal Jason Whiteley could take a photo of them holding a sign declaring "Get well soon Greg."

The sign, and the photo, were for the benefit of Katamatite Vietnam veteran Greg Monk who attends the local ANZAC Day service every year, and was disappointed to have to miss it this year due to ill health.

Mr Whiteley said that Greg is a popular member of the community.

"Greg is a great guy and we wanted to let him know that we missed him here today and we are thinking of him."

Lest we forget.



The last post ... Noel Steadman and Tom Dobson joined forces to honour the fallen.

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# Many hands make light work of Strathy project

STRATHMERTON'S rail beautification project is now all but complete, after a community tree planting day on Sunday.

A group of 40 local adults and children - including members of the Strathmerton Community Steering Committee (SCSC), Lions Club, CFA, Junior Fire Runners, Primary School, and Girl Guides - gathered at the precinct between the railway line and Lions park to plant 300 native trees and shrubs.

This is the final stage in the project which aims to transform the barren strip of land into an overnight parking space for caravanners.

Much work has gone on at the site in recent weeks to get it ready for the planting.

The first step was the removal of four large peppercorn trees, which were felled by Moira Shire and mulched on site, with the shire also providing funding for the removal of the stumps before grading could begin.

The patch of ground, which is 150 metres long and eight metres wide and was once the railway shunting yard, revealed a disappointing secret once grading began after the tree removal.

Not far below the surface was a mess of concrete and steel.

It quickly became evident that trying to remove the debris wasn't going to be practical, so SCSC, which is behind the project, arranged for 24 loads of clean fill to be placed on site.

With the site finally ready, it was time for planting.

Planting itself went fairly smoothly as tree lines had been ripped when the grading was done, and

there were plenty of hands on deck to get the plants in the ground and their rabbit-proof guards in place.

Spreading the six truckloads of mulch donated by Moira Shire proved a bit more laborious at first, as they had to be shovelled by hand into wheel barrows - until Phillip Ross-Soden brought in his front-end loader to make much quicker and easier work of it.

Once all the dirty work was finally done, it was time for watering the plants in, a job once again made much quicker and easier with the right equipment - fire hoses provided and operated by Strathmerton CFA brigade.

With the hard work done it was time for a feed, with Strathmerton Lions Club, who provided \$2,000 funding for the project, cooking up a sausage sizzle to feed the hungry helpers.

SCSC Chairperson Bernard Murray told the *Leader* that the end result looks terrific.

"It's a great spot now and will make our town more attractive for locals as well as visitors," he said.

"With its location next to the Lions park, with its barbecues and toilet facilities, it's a perfect overnight spot for caravanners, which will hopefully encourage people to spend a little more time and money in town."

"It also creates a native corridor for birds and other wildlife, and forms a great starting point for the proposed rail trail, which is currently undergoing a feasibility study."

Twelve-year-old Adam Brown spoke for all the volunteers when he said, "I'll feel proud every time I pass this area, knowing that I helped plant it."



**It takes a village ...** Strathmerton Community Steering Committee members Kerry Murray, Bernard Murray, Phillip Ross-Soden, Allison Easden, Casey Graham, Lynda Dickson and Malcolm Dickson take a well-earned break.



**Watering them in ...** Strathmerton CFA member Bill Logie gives the new plants a drink.

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## ARCHIE'S OPINION

Written and authorised by Archibald R. Browning,  
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Letter No. 34 - May 1, 2019

Please read, circulate & debate all my letters.



I cannot stand greedy and blatant liars, especially when they are politicians, councillors and powerful, unelected bureaucrats who unfortunately now rule the nation's incompetent bad governments.

The Australian nation is certainly governed by incompetent people.

I believe all Australian shire councils should be governed by an elected politician, and constantly changing electoral boundaries is a political form of corruption.

I believe only ratepayers should vote in council elections as they are the rightful owners of a united Australian nation. I believe voting in all government elections should not be compulsory.

I believe public troublemakers who trespass on private property and private functions should, by law, be refused the democratic honour of voting in government elections. I believe troublemakers who know what they are doing should pay a huge fine in order to get their voting rights restored. A \$10,000 fine would suffice, as smaller fines allow the sinister to pay the penalty for them.

I believe non-ratepayers, if they wish to vote in elections, should pay about \$250 to the government as a loan, and if they fail to vote, the loan will be confiscated as a penalty. \$250 will give voters a share in the Austral-

ian nation.

All Australian courts once placed the individual as the most important citizen in the community and protected their legal rights. The senior courts were removed by sly governments and the remaining courts now represent a variety of large groups of people.

The individual citizen of Australia is now a nobody. The removal of senior courts and the death penalty allowed governments to stifle free speech and foster crime, as it creates millions of unnecessary jobs and derides innocent victims of crime.

The difference between the Labor, Liberal and National parties is hard to discern.

If a government cannot rule over their unelected bureaucracy they are incapable of governing a democratic country.

The description of left and right wing in politics is a misnomer. I describe the left wing as wanton parasites and the right wing as silent, patriotic achievers. I describe the Greens political party as alien invaders striving to introduce dangerous, foreign doctrines into Australian law.

The Greens have already damaged Australian culture and prosperity and, with the help of self-serving politicians, will continue to thwart a good government. The Greens and their stooges are taking control of city councils with suspect policies

and they rely on refugees and subsequent immigration to give themselves unlimited power.

I believe the National party is a puppet of the Liberal party and is incapable of governing, and I can prove it.

If they could govern, the problems with the Murray Darling Basin Authority would have been solved and the severe flooding of the Moira Shire would have been curtailed.

Australia needs more dams built, especially on a site on the Murray River in South Australia. Some dams need to be enlarged and others, like Lake Makoan, need to be reopened.

The Liberal Party today is a spent party which does not represent the poor and middle class. The wealthy Liberal Party members have placed One Nation last in the coming federal elections because they fear losing their tax perquisites in foreign countries and having their shelf companies used for tax evasion outlawed.

One Nation has always represented the worker and the middle class and given credit to wealthy, honest, patriotic Australians. Honest people pay their taxes.

Governments and the media, together with wealthy and dishonest people, thrive by using the privacy act for their financial advantage.

I believe the privacy act is a corrupt law and it needs revising.



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# Know your risks this heart week

IT'S Heart Week - 28 April to 4 May 2019 - and Victorians are being encouraged to visit their doctor for a Medicare-funded heart health check to reveal their risk of two of the state's biggest killers - heart attack and stroke.

After years of campaigning, the Heart Foundation spearheaded the introduction of a heart health check covered by Medicare, which became available on April 1, 2019.

Heart Foundation Victoria CEO Kellie-Ann Jolly said Australians aged 45 years and over, and indigenous Australians from 30 years, can now see their GP for a Medicare-funded heart health check to understand their risk of heart attack and stroke in the next five years.

Nationally, it is estimated Australia's new heart health check could prevent 76,500 heart attacks, strokes and deaths from heart disease over the next five years, avoiding 42 heart events every day.

"Heart disease is the single biggest killer in Victoria, yet we know that many heart attacks and strokes can be prevented by managing key risk factors like high blood pressure, cholesterol and other lifestyle choices," Ms Jolly said.

In 2017, more than one in every nine deaths in Victoria was as a result of heart disease (4,642 deaths from a total of 39,791 deaths). On average, 13 people die every day from heart disease in this state.

While heart disease deaths in Victoria have fallen by more than a quarter since 2008, the prevalence of high blood pressure and obesity – both risk factors for heart disease - has increased.

Two thirds (68.3%) of Victorian adults are overweight or obese, while almost one in four (24.0%) have high blood pressure, exceeding national averages.

Ms Jolly said it was alarming that risks like high blood pressure and obesity were on the rise in this state.

"The jump in obesity rates in the last decade means an additional 350,000 Victorian adults are now obese. Even worse, for the very first time in 10 years, the number of obese adults outrank those in a healthy weight range. To put that in perspective, this means 3.5 capacity-filled MCG crowds are now obese," Ms Jolly said.

"Now, under a third - 30.6% - of Victorian adults are a healthy weight. Shockingly, this means in the last decade, there are 340,000 fewer healthy weight adults. For the first time, the number of overweight and obese Victorians exceed those in a healthy weight range.

"Additionally, only one in 20 Victorians eat enough fruit and vegies, while only one in six are active enough, with one in four living with unmanaged or uncontrolled blood pressure.

"What that picture tells us is Victorians are not as healthy as they think. Yet there are clear health benefits if we add some extra veggies to each meal or take a few more brisk steps each day as we go about our business.

"For those aged 45 years and over, any delay in visiting their doctor could also be putting their health at risk.

"Heart disease is not always obvious – having a heart attack could be your first sign. Don't wait for chest pain, it could be too late – get the vital tests you need by visiting your doctor for a heart health check."

As part of a heart health check, your doctor will look at the risk factors that increase your likelihood of heart attack and stroke by reviewing your blood pressure, cholesterol, diet and lifestyle, and other factors such as family history.

Depending on your level of risk, your doctor may prescribe medication and recommend lifestyle changes such as quitting smoking, being more active and improving your diet.

Heart Week is an opportunity for the Australian public and healthcare professionals to start a conversation about heart health and the steps we can take to reduce our risk of heart disease.

Visit [heartfoundation.org.au/heartweek](http://heartfoundation.org.au/heartweek) or call the Heart Foundation Helpline on 13 11 12.

# Let there be light at last

THE pedestrian crossing at the southern end of Melville St is well lit once again, as the lamp post on the western side has been repaired, and a new lamp post has been installed on the eastern side.

Although it was hard to find somebody who could say exactly how long the area had been in the dark, or why, there seemed to be universal agreement that it had been too long, and that the area was now much safer.



How many men? ... Repairing the broken light.



Let there be light ... The eastern side of the Melville St pedestrian crossing is well lit at last.

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If you know you can't vote on Saturday 18 May, you can vote early.

It's amazing how powerful a piece of paper can be on election day.

If you are an Australian citizen aged 18 years or over, you are required by law to vote. So, if you're unable to make it to a polling place on election day, you can vote early at an early voting centre or apply for a postal vote.

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# The Numurkah Leader.

GOULBURN VALLEY FARMERS' AND FRUIT GROWERS' GAZETTE

# 100 years ago

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To view these editions online go to [trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/title/S91](http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/title/S91).

#### MEETING OF NUMURKAH LEAGUE.

There was a good attendance at the Numurkah Shire Hall on Friday afternoon, when a meeting of the Irrigation League was held.

Cr F. G. Moss (President) presided, and explained the present position. The petition was ready for presentation to the authorities. The site for the weir had been chosen and it was thought the present was the proper time to approach the Government and press their claim. There were unlimited possibilities before the scheme. It was necessary to appoint delegates to a conference to be held at Cobram on Monday, May 12. The conference will include representatives from both sides of the Murray. The secretary Mr J. F. Bedwell, said it was time the local bodies moved, in view of the agitation taking place lower down to have water diverted to them. Unless they moved at once they might lose their opportunity. Cr. Thornton agreed it was time to apply for the making of the weir and the allotment of water. He presumed all the details had been worked out for the carrying out of the work.

He moved that three delegates be appointed.— Seconded by Mr. Christie and carried.

The President said the Premier had visited the district three years ago, and it was then thought that it was clever to work the irrigation in squares. He had asked Mr. Mead what was the advantage of three channels 10 miles wide over one channel 30 miles long. Mr Mead had replied there was no advantage. Their district should, therefore, go for a channel from the Murray to Barmah in a line, instead of in squares.

Cr Thornton did not think there would be any objection the committee to the President's suggestion. But he thought they should first present their claims to the scheme.

#### THE LOSS THE RABBIT REPRESENTS TO LIVE STOCK TRADE

#### BATHURST P.P. BOARD DISCUSS.

At a meeting of the Bathurst (N.S.W.) Pastures Protection Board last week the rabbit problem was discussed. Some interesting figures were supplied by a well-known grazier, showing the loss that the rabbit represented in the live stock trade. For the past three years the return from rabbit carcasses and skins has totalled just under £2,250,000. New South Wales is now carrying 24,000,000 few sheep than it did twenty years ago, whereas the figures should be 30,000,000 in the other direction in view of the all round improvements the last quarter of a century. The wool from an additional 25,000,000 sheep would equal an additional £10,000,000 per year, and the sale of surplus sheep from this total would represent £3,750,000, putting the surplus flocks at 5,000,000, averaging 12/6 per head.

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#### DOES SUPER BURN THE CROP?

Since the publication of articles in this paper recommending the use of heavier dressings of superphosphate when sowing wheat, the opinion has been advanced that more than the allowance now given would "burn" the crop in a dry spring. Many farmers in particular have said that it would be dangerous to apply more than 50 lbs. an acre. This is the survival of an extreme theory which arose when Australian farmers were in the habit of carting out manure and spreading it all over thickly in the wheat paddock, which was also encouraged by the use of heavy dressings of pure nitrogenous manure.



Ready to celebrate ... Past Waaia club secretary Lew Humphreys, club treasurer Megan Elliott and club president Richard Trimby ensure that Waaia FNC is still going strong

## Waaia gets ready to celebrate

WAAIA may be a small town with a small football and netball club, but it is one with a long and proud history.

June 8 this year will be a big day at the Waaia recreation reserve - not only will Waaia face off against traditional rival Picola, but it will do so the day before the 125th anniversary of its first ever game as a club, on June 9, 1894.

That first match proved fairly inauspicious for Waaia, with the team failing to score a single point against Katunga, but the club has proved nothing if not determined.

In its early years, the club was forced to go into recess five times due to lack of numbers, but it always came back and, barring a four year recess due to world war two, has been going strong ever since it joined the Picola and District Football Association in 1935.

Since winning its first seniors

premiership in 1953, it has clinched eight more - dominating the game locally in the early 1990s - as well as 16 seconds premierships and three in the thirds.

Its netball teams have also bagged an impressive swag of premierships across all grades since the town started fielding teams in 1935.

A lot may have changed at the club over the years, including the guernsey which has changed four times, but the spirit of determination and comradeship has remained the same - since 1935 the club has not forfeited a single game.

That comradeship will be commemorated and celebrated on June 8, with a tea following the day's games and a host of prominent faces from the club's history on hand to be toasted and roasted.

Special guests on the day will include Waaia's longest life member Gavin Jorgensen, who has been with the club since 1935 and whose 334 appearances for the club held

the record for many years, along with Greg Hixon, who beat Gavin's record and is the current record holder with 351 games.

Bobby Maskell, the last remaining member of the 1953 inaugural premiership winning team, will also be there.

Sue Cleeland, who coached the A-grade netball team to 10 consecutive grand final appearances between 1981-1991, of which they won six, will also be a guest, along with Julie Tyndall who holds the A-grade games record and is a multiple club and league best and fairest winner, and Di Thorne who holds the overall games record.

Past club secretary Lew Humphreys said that they are hoping as many people as possible can be present for the anniversary.

"We'd love anybody who has been associated with the club in any way over the years to come along and be part of it," he said.

"There won't be a whole lot of official stuff, just an informal get together where we can celebrate the spirit and history of the club and the people that have made it so great over the years."

A special guernsey has been designed which incorporates the colours and designs of the four guernseys the club has played in over its history, 22 of which will be auctioned off on the day to raise money for the club.

Before the party, however, there is the small matter of a grudge match to be played.

Club president Richard Trimby said there is one thing you can guarantee of a Waaia versus Picola match - it will be hard-fought.

"When we won our first premiership in 1953 we stopped them winning five on the trot, and I'm sure they'd love to stop us getting a win on our 125th anniversary," he said.

"One thing I know for sure is that neither team will give an inch."

## Netball still number one sport for Aussie girls and women

NETBALL has retained its position as the leading team sport for Australian women and girls, according to the latest AusPlay data released by Sport Australia yesterday.

The nationwide AusPlay survey, which has been running since October 2015, is Australia's largest and most comprehensive sport and physical activity survey conducted by Sport Australia.

The report shows strong participation in netball with more than one million people actively participating in the sport and naming netball as the sport they most strongly identify with.

Netball Australia CEO Marne Fechner said it's been an exciting time for women's sport in recent years and that she is delighted that netball has maintained its position as number one. "To be recognised as the top team sport for Australian women and girls again in 2018, demonstrates the continuing, widespread connection that our country has to netball," she said.

The data reflects netball's strong national footprint, with high levels of participation in metropolitan, regional and very remote regions

of Australia."

Ms Fechner also referenced the wide variety of ways people can participate in netball in Australia.

"The sport continues to create opportunities for people of all ages to get involved in netball, from the Suncorp NetSetGO for children aged five to 10 years, through to 'walking netball' for older or less mobile demographics," she said.

"We're always looking to create meaningful opportunities for more Australians to play netball and it's great to see the impact of this commitment reflected in the 2018 AusPlay data."

The survey showed that the top three motivations for people to participate in netball were social reasons (52%), fun and enjoyment (50%) and physical health or fitness (45%) and the majority of participants who play do so with their local netball club (just under 70%).

The AusPlay data also demonstrated that netball retains players for longer than other sports, with strong female participation into adulthood (18-24 years of age), in fact netball is the activity with the second largest adult female participation rates (89%), behind pilates (90%).

## New sports club grants open now

SPORT and recreation clubs throughout north east Victoria are being encouraged to apply for grants through the Together More Active program, to encourage more people to get active and participate in local sport.

The Together More Active program is designed to create opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to realise their sporting dreams through local sporting and recreation clubs.

The Together More Active program will boost participation in local sport and recreation clubs for women and girls, people with disability, LGBTI people, indigenous Victorians and new arrivals.

Clubs successful in obtaining funding will demonstrate a desire to provide an environment built on inclusiveness that will assist people of all abilities to participate.

For more information, sporting and recreation clubs throughout Northern Victoria are encouraged to visit [www.sport.vic.gov.au](http://www.sport.vic.gov.au)

# Fire danger period extended in district 22

THE fire danger period (FDP), originally scheduled to end at 1am today, has been extended in Moira, Greater Shepparton and Strathbogie Shires, and will now finish at 1am on Monday, May 13.

District 22 Operations Manager Tony Owen emphasised that although the FDP is coming to an end in some areas, it is important to remain vigilant.

Mr Owen reminded residents that burning off is prohibited without a written permit while the FDP is in place, and stated that a zero tolerance policy will continue to be enforced for people responsible for illegal fires.

"Once we move out of the Fire Danger Period in a few weeks' time, residents that wish to conduct burn-offs on their private properties need to follow some basic rules; register your burn-offs first and foremost, check weather conditions and monitor the wind, and follow local council laws and regulations."

Mr Owen also highlighted the need for landowners to communicate with authorities and neighbours.

"As well as registering your burn-offs with ESTA, you need to alert your neighbours to the fact that they may see smoke on the set dates."

"It's extremely annoying when CFA crews are forced to waste resources responding to false alarms because people are not registering their burn-offs."

"By registering your burn-off, if someone reports that they've spotted smoke, the incident will be cross-checked with the burn-off register and prevent an angry CFA crew showing up on your door."

"False alarms take crews away from family, friends, work and other potential emergencies."

Landowners can register their burn-off with the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) by calling 1800 668 511 or emailing [burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au](mailto:burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au).

Whether registering a burn-off by phone or email, people should be prepared to give some basic information including location, date, expected start and finish times, estimated size, and what they intend to burn.

"The burn-off line is very easy to use – the operators are friendly, and prompt you by asking the key questions," Mr Owen said.

"When conducting burn-offs, remain alert and always have resources on hand to extinguish the fire."

Keep your burn off safe and legal:

- Check fire restrictions in your area and always register your burn;
- Check and monitor weather conditions – particularly wind;
- Warn your neighbours beforehand that there will be smoke in the air;
- Stay in attendance the whole time your burn is going; and
- Have sufficient equipment and water to stop the fire spreading.

For more information about burning off, go to [cfa.vic.gov.au/burn-off](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/burn-off).



**Q and A ...** The kids had plenty of questions for the players

## Bombers stars fly into town

THEY say you shouldn't meet your heroes, but local school kids couldn't have disagreed with that more on Monday, as they got to spend some time learning football skills from five members of the Essendon Bombers seniors team.

Bombers players Matt Guelfi, Shaun McKernan, Tom Bellchambers, Darcy Parish and Cale Hooker visited Numurkah recreation reserve to pass on some ticks of the trade, and the smiles on the faces of the kids - and adults - said it all.

Around 500 children from Numurkah, St Joseph's, Katunga

South, Katunga, Strathmerton and Katandra West primary schools gathered on the oval to cycle through 16 stations where they could learn and practise skills such as hand-balling, goal-kicking and tackling, to name just a few.

AFL Goulburn Murray football development manager Trevor Mellington told the *Leader* that the visit was part of the AFL and VFL's commitment to inspiring kids to play football.

"It's a great way for kids to be exposed to different elements of the game and for the players to encourage

age kids to get out there and stay active and healthy."

Hunter Howells from Katandra West Primary School proudly wore his Bombers jumper, and told the *Leader* that it was exciting to get a chance to see some of his idols up close.

"It was amazing and really fun," he said.

After the skills sessions it was time for a Q and A, with the players telling the kids a little bit about themselves, and posing some questions with prizes up for grabs for correct answers.

After lunch, the players headed to Numurkah Secondary College where they spent some time with senior physical education students talking about things like diet, training and nutrition.

Essendon player Shaun McKernan told the *Leader* that it was the type of experience he would have loved when he was a kid.

"It was great to get out here and see the kids and see their energy and enthusiasm for the game," he said.



**Long and the short of it ...** Tom Bellchambers helped the kids practise their tackling.

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

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

- We intend to apply to transfer 800ML of licensed entitlement from an existing licensee/s on a temporary or permanent basis.

The application is for one bore to be constructed to a proposed depth of 150-200 metres.

The water will be used for the purpose of Irrigation.

To be constructed and used on lands described as: Volume 2149 Folio 680 Crown Allotment 13 Parish Yielima.

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

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# Save the Ulupna koalas

A DEDICATED local group is in a race against time to save the local Murray River koala population.

The population is being decimated by the insidious disease sarcoptic mange, commonly known as scabies, which has no known cure, and is only treatable in its very early stages.

Almost 300 local koalas are known to have died of the disease in the past five years, with many more suspected to have succumbed without anybody ever knowing.

Fortunately, the Save Our Koalas group, supported by Koonawonga Wildlife Rescue Inc, has made an agreement with a team of top Australian veterinarians and scientists who are willing to help research the condition in the hope of finding a cure - if Save Our Koalas can raise enough money to fund the initial research.

The group has so far raised almost \$10,000 of the \$30,000 needed to conduct the research, an amount that recently received a boost from an event held at Sieg and Betty Seiter's home.

The event held on April 13, with music performed by Kim Ritchie, and catering and serving done by the Seiter family, raised a total of \$2,250.

Save Our Koalas member, and wildlife foster-carer, Louise Greenwood said the funds raised were a great boost to the project.

"It's a pretty desperate situation the Murray River koalas are in and it's absolutely vital we get this research under way, so every dollar counts," she said.

Louise took part in this year's Murray Marathon to raise funds, which is one of many initiatives that project members have undertaken.

Louise said that whilst the research is vital to finding a treatment and cure for koalas affected by scabies, there are broader implications for the spread of the disease.

"It's a highly contagious disease which can also be found in wombats, foxes, dogs and cats," she said.

One of the reasons the involvement of a research team is so vital, is that wildlife rescue organisations are limited as to their scope of operations.

"We can only perform rescues, we can't capture and test animals, and treat those who are in the early stages of the disease. Unfortunately, the scabies affected koalas we are finding are in the late stages, so the only thing we can do is euthanase them.

"We can't even really ascertain how widespread the disease is in the population, or even how big the population is," Louise said.

"That's why it's vital that we get these top vets and researchers involved so that we can learn the true scope of the problem, and their findings can be presented to government and hopefully get funding for further research."

Kylee Donkers from Koonawonga Wildlife Rescue and Dutch Thunder Wildlife Shelter said they have seen an increase in scabies affected koalas in recent years.

"It's definitely spreading in this area, and we know it's present in populations in other parts of Victoria as well," she said.

"It's vital that we get this research under way so that we don't lose all of our koalas to this horrible disease."

Whilst Save Our Koalas successfully applied for funding through the State Government's Pick My Project initiative, they are not allowed to use that money to fund research.

"We are using that money to build a quarantine facility which will allow us to bring scabies affected animals to the shelter," Ms Donkers said.

"We will also be using it for community education events about the koalas, to increase awareness about them, and that can only be a good thing."

Anybody wishing to donate to the Save Our Koalas research fund should visit Dutch Thunder Wildlife Shelter's facebook page or the Murray River Koala Sightings facebook page.



**Highlight ...** Musical entertainment by Kim Ritchie was one of the highlights of the night.



**Fundraising event ...** Back: Kylee Donkers and James Leonard from Dutch Thunder Wildlife Shelter with Betty and Sieg Seiter.



**All donations gratefully accepted ...** Sieg and Betty Seiter hand a cheque for \$2,250 to Louise Greenwood, pictured with her mother Lorraine Greenwood and children Jack and Emma Corrin.



**Great ...** Sieg and Betty Seiter's hospitality, and their family's generosity, made the night a huge success.

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GMW Reference BG@0152-19

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This is our notice to amend our existing Licence to Take and Use Groundwater to include the new bore and extract an additional licensed volume of 270ML/Year from an existing licensee/s on a temporary or permanent basis.

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The water will be used for the purpose of Irrigation.

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## MFL

EAGLE I-T-L IRRIGATION MURRAY FL SENIORS 2019

**Mulwala** ..... 3.2, 10.8, 16.11, 21.15 (141)  
**Barooga** ..... 6.0, 6.3, 8.5, 9.8 (62)  
**GOALS**, Mulwala: D. McNamara 6, J. Gash 5, S. Johns 3, A. Rouel 2, J. Ednie 1, H. Crossley 1, J. Hammond 1, L. Howroyd 1, D. Flanagan 1. Barooga: Z. Brain 2, R. Gatum 2, B. Oats 1, S. Macheda 1, C. Brooks 1, R. Gow 1, L. Wright 1.  
**BEST**, Mulwala: H. Hosking, T. Dow, D. Flanagan, H. Crossley, B. Clarke, J. Gash. Barooga: B. Oats, L. Olson, R. Brooks, T. McNeill, B. Goesch, R. Gatum.  
**Echuca United** ..... 5.2, 7.4, 13.7, 16.9 (105)  
**Tongala** ..... 2.1, 5.5, 5.6, 6.8 (44)  
**GOALS**, Echuca United: J. Mellington 4, B. Fulford 3, L. Carmody 2, P. Quanch 2, D. Moon 1, C. McLay 1, N. Denahy 1, A. Pryde 1, P. Hubbard 1. Tongala: M. Watson 2, J. Robilliard 2, J. Hammond 1, C. McCarthy 1.  
**BEST**, Echuca United: F. Priest, L. Carmody, N. Kellow, J. Hartigan, K. Coates, C. Zanella. Tongala: A. Lovison, J. Hammond, M. Watson, L. Hipwell, C. Nephish, D. Joyce.

**Cobram** ..... 1.3, 3.5, 5.8, 13.11 (89)  
**Rumbalara** ..... 5.4, 6.9, 11.14, 12.16 (88)

**GOALS**, Cobram: C. Williams 3, S. Stallion 3, J. Lucas 2, C. George 1, M. DeMaio 1, N. Wines 1, M. Clydesdale 1, D. Brunsell 1. Rumbalara: K. Wise 3, C. McCartney 3, k. atkinson 2, C. Egan 2, M. Johnstone 1.  
**BEST**, Cobram: C. George, S. Stallion, T. Scott, C. Williams, M. DeMaio, L. Allen. Rumbalara: K. Wise, T. Kelly, J. Papouli, L. Power, J. Sorgel, C. McCartney.  
**Deniliquin Rams** ..... 4.3, 6.7, 6.8, 9.11 (65)  
**Katandra** ..... 0.3, 1.3, 2.5, 5.5 (35)

**GOALS**, Deniliquin Rams: L. Pitts 2, A. Pappin 1, J. Pitts 1, B. Irwin 1, A. Morris 1, K. Elphick 1, T. Galagher 1, B. Nisbet 1. Katandra: B. Black 2, T. Jeffery 2, T. Griner 1.

**BEST**, Deniliquin Rams: R. Gittens, R. MacDonald 2, B. Hall, J. Anstee, M. Barnett, C. O'Connor. Katandra: T. Herbert, A. Muntz, X. Chalkley, L. Minogue, M. McGrath, R. Wardle.

**Congupna** ..... 3.4, 8.8, 11.10, 15.15 (105)  
**Moama** ..... 1.2, 2.6, 3.8, 4.11 (35)

**GOALS**, Congupna: D. Campbell 4, D. Schaper 3, J. Chapman 3, M. Cornwall 1, P. Jacobson 1, D. Hammer 1, J. Trewin 1, T. Mifka 1. Moama: F. Buchanan 2, C. Farrell 1, R. Williams 1.

**BEST**, Congupna: T. Mifka, B. Squire, C. Boyer, B. Poole, D. Schaper, S. Ferguson. Moama: J. Ives, L. Dunham, J. Russell, F. Buchanan, D. Lowry.

**Finley** ..... 3.2, 8.5, 13.7, 15.9 (99)  
**Tungamah** ..... 1.3, 2.4, 5.4, 6.8 (44)

**GOALS**, Finley: L. Moore 3, L. Middleton 3, M. Jackson 2, M. Wilson 2, S. Kable 2, Z. Cuppen 2, L. Hawkins 1.

**Tungamah**: A. Saunders 3, N. Lawless 2, D. Haebich 1.

**BEST**, Finley: L. Middleton, L. Moore, T. Robertson, S. Kable, L. Bramley, J. MacOnaehie. Tungamah: B. Butts, W. Thomson, N. Lawless, D. Scott, J. Irvine, K. Rowe.

**Nathalia** ..... 4.1, 8.3, 12.6, 13.9 (87)  
**Numurkah** ..... 1.1, 1.4, 5.7, 7.10 (52)

**GOALS**, Nathalia: A. Hicks 3, L. Evans 2, A. Jorgenson 2, J. Limbrick 2, D. Barnes 1, B. Bell 1, R. Shannon 1, H. Congues 1. Numurkah: M. Herlihy 3, J. Hoffmann 1, J. Fulton 1, N. Hicks 1, R. Cason 1.

**BEST**, Nathalia: D. Barnes, T. Nihill, A. Hicks, C. Congues, H. Hawks, R. Shannon. Numurkah: J. Warren, S. Miller, B. Crowther, D. Taylor, R. Cason, Z. McKeown.

### RESERVES

**Mulwala** ..... 1.2, 4.5, 6.8, 11.11 (77)  
**Barooga** ..... 0.3, 0.3, 1.9, 3.9 (27)

**GOALS**, Mulwala: K. Fisher 2, C. Nye 2, C. O'Neill 1, A. Miller 1, A. Magher 1, J. Bland 1, C. Magher 1, C. Sanderson 1, S. Scott 1. Barooga: B. McNeill 1, J. O'Dwyer 1, Z. Goodwin 1.

**BEST**, Mulwala: L. Wood, A. Maskell-dunsta, Z. Scott, C. Chung, C. Carling, W. Dennis. Barooga: W. Robinson, J. Mynard, A. Wright, X. Hunt, W. Laverty, B. McNeill.

**Echuca United** ..... 1.0, 3.2, 4.3, 9.3 (57)  
**Tongala** ..... 3.2, 3.4, 3.8, 4.8 (32)

**GOALS**, Echuca United: A. McMahon 5, Z. Moluso 2, L. Sanderson 1, M. Lourey 1. Tongala: J. Moran 2, Z. Johnstone 1, D. Watt 1.

**Deniliquin Rams** ..... 1.1, 3.3, 4.7, 6.8 (44)  
**Katandra** ..... 0.0, 0.0, 1.1, 1.1 (7)

**GOALS**, Deniliquin Rams: C. Hillier 4, B. Elphick 3, M. Fitzpatrick 2, L. Holloway 2, N. Bradley 2, C. Paton 2, M. Moore 1, H. Dudley 1, H. Hicks 1, T. Willis 1. Katandra: T. Wilson 1.

**BEST**, Deniliquin Rams: C. Hillier, M. Fitzpatrick, T. Willis, W. McCartney, N. Bradley, L. Todd. Katandra: Z. Mizzi, T. Wilson, H. Harrington, F. Everard, R. Ash, W. Morrissey.

**Moama** ..... 5.1, 10.9, 18.9, 21.15 (141)  
**Congupna** ..... 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

**GOALS**, Moama: L. Hogan 9, J. Shanahan 4, Z. McKenzie 3, D. Jenkins 2, M. Bell 2, N. Langbome 1.

**BEST**, Moama: J. Meager, L. Hogan, N. Walker, D. Jenkins, K. Huddle, B. Miller. Congupna: J. Ring, I. Guthrie, T. Jacobson, M. Marsh, K. Parsons, N. Giustino.

**Finley** ..... 7.2, 12.8, 16.14, 21.20 (146)  
**Tungamah** ..... 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

**GOALS**, Finley: L. Rafferty 4, L. Dattoli 4, T. Ogilvie 3, P. Waugh 2, B. Brain 2, J. Brain 1, K. Joseph 1, A. Hay 1, J. Hay 1, H. King 1, H. Sneddon 1.

**BEST**, Finley: L. Rafferty, L. Dattoli, J. Armer, T. Ogilvie, H. Sheldon, J. McNamara. Tungamah: J. Purtell, J. Raven, P. Eales, T. True, H. Thomson.

**GOALS**, Moama: M. Veitch 5, J. Galpin 3, C. McGregor 2, B. Steenbuck 1, J. Duggan 1. Congupna: S. Marshall 2, M. Beck 1, J. Rodaughan 1.

**BEST**, Moama: C. McGregor, K. Phipps, M. Fogarty, J. Smith, M. Heves, M. Veitch. Congupna: N. Jacobson, M. Beck, S. Marshall, J. Rodaughan, A. Shannon, J. O'Donoghue.

**Tungamah** ..... 4.1, 7.3, 10.5, 12.10 (82)  
**Finley** ..... 0.0, 0.1, 2.4, 2.5 (17)

**GOALS**, Tungamah: A. Dodd 4, C. Johnstone 1. Finley: D. Sibra 1, T. Isedale 1.

**BEST**, Tungamah: A. Dodd, S. Hawking, A. Connell, A. Richardson, R. Butts, J. Saunders. Finley: J. McDonald, S. Price, J. Bramley, N. Campbell, W. Gray, D. Sibra.

**Nathalia** ..... 4.3, 9.8, 14.13, 19.16 (130)  
**Numurkah** ..... 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

**GOALS**, Nathalia: S. Bennie 6, K. Hicks 5, J. Bell 4, J. Gemmill 1, J. Walpole 1, A. Corry 1, B. Summerville 1.

**BEST**, Nathalia: C. Brown, C. Nave, A. Corry, S. Bennie, K. Hicks, B. Summerville. Numurkah: M. Mansfield, P. Collins, K. Rees, S. Neale, C. Goodrum, M. Powlesland.

### UNDER 17

**Mulwala** ..... 6.3, 12.8, 14.9, 18.14 (122)  
**Barooga** ..... 0.1, 0.2, 2.2, 3.15 (15)

**GOALS**, Mulwala: L. Martin 5, J. Ednie 4, T. Adkins 3, Z. Scott 2, K. Abikhair 1, A. Psaltiras 1, E. Warner 1, R. Norman 1. Barooga: J. Andrew 1, J. Poole 1.

**RESERVES** ..... This Wk Ttl

Graham Weston Rumbalara ..... 4 ..... 18  
 Beau Jackson Rumbalara ..... 4 ..... 15  
 Anthony McMahon Echuca United ..... 5 ..... 13

**BEST**, Mulwala: F. Fletcher, Z. Scott, J. Ednie, K. Abikhair, R. Norman, I. Pitches. Barooga: J. Ballerini, W. Brooks, R. Sampson, C. Nolan, J. Poole, L. Crestani. Echuca United ..... 4.2, 6.4, 8.5, 10.9 (69)  
**Tongala** ..... 0.0, 2.2, 3.2, 4.2 (26)

**GOALS**, Echuca United: J. Jansen 3, J. Garner 3, J. Priestley 2, N. Osborne 1, K. Sharpe-Long 1. Tongala: T. Varcoe 1, H. Reid 1, S. Cipriani 1, R. Souter 1.

**BEST**, Echuca United: C. Garner, M. Coote, D. Tomkins, M. Briscoe, J. Beveridge, G. San Diego. Tongala: J. Matthes, B. Ohara, N. Densley, T. Morphett, B. Murray, R. Souter.

**Rumbalara** ..... 2.3, 5.9, 7.10, 14.10 (94)  
**Cobram** ..... 1.0, 1.1, 2.4, 3.7 (25)

**GOALS**, Rumbalara: D. Miller 7, J. Sorgel 1, M. Mason 1, J. Sorgel 1, B. Wilson 1, A. Briggs 1, A. Miller 1, B. Melioury 1. Cobram: M. Allen 2, L. Kennedy 1.

**BEST**, Rumbalara: A. Miller, J. Armstrong, A. Atkinson, M. Atkinson, D. Miller, L. Weston. Cobram: W. Slatterie, J. Cassidy, C. Baxa, L. Kennedy, L. Hayes, R. Mele.

**Deniliquin Rams** ..... 0.4, 2.9, 2.12, 8.14 (62)  
**Katandra** ..... 2.2, 3.2, 6.2, 7.3 (45)

**GOALS**, Deniliquin Rams: D. McManus 2, C. Wiloughby 2, D. Hughes 2, B. Poka 1, K. Wilson 1. Katandra: P. Cormican 4, L. Turcato, B. Poka, H. Hillier, C. Willoughby, C. Fitzpatrick, L. Rodda. Katandra: P. Cormican 1, M. Moroney, L. Turcato, F. Lesire, A. Harrington, L. Hicks.

**Moama** ..... 0.3, 2.10, 6.12, 7.16 (58)  
**Congupna** ..... 1.1, 1.1, 2.1, 3.3 (21)

**GOALS**, Moama: K. Stovell 4, L. Boys 1, N. Milner 1, C. Vredenburg 1. Congupna: M. Bell 1, H. Hallahan 1, K. Sturt 1.

**BEST**, Moama: L. McCorquodale, T. Ritchie, N. Miller, A. Mackenzie. Congupna: H. Hallahan, L. Bartels, C. Allen, M. Woods, B. Austin, W. Batey.

**Finley** ..... 5.2, 7.6, 9.8, 13.8 (86)  
**Tungamah** ..... 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 3.2 (20)

**GOALS**, Finley: E. Haynes 5, S. Brain 4, B. Coombs 2, A. Mason 1, Z. Treadway 1. Tungamah: A. Mills 1, B. Bate 1, J. Costigan 1.

**BEST**, Finley: B. Coombs, E. Haynes, S. Brain, J. Boyd, H. Jamieson, M. Peacock. Tungamah: B. Griffin, W. Sharp, O. Willis, N. Connell, R. Kruse, D. Sidebottom.

**Numurkah** ..... 5.4, 9.9, 14.10, 19.14 (128)  
**Nathalia** ..... 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

**GOALS**, Numurkah: M. Hodgson 7, J. Hollands 5, M. Mansfield 2, D. Ebborn 2, S. Kelly 1, T. Hughes 1, H. Verhoeven 1.

**BEST**, Numurkah: M. Hodgson, J. Millen, F. Jones, M. Mansfield, T. Hughes, H. Verhoeven. Nathalia: B. Armstrong, K. Kopsidas, W. Sheehan, S. Young, S. Boyd, C. Bloodworth.

**UNDER 14**

**Barooga** ..... 0.3, 2.10, 6.12, 7.16 (58)  
**Mulwala** ..... 0.2, 1.2, 1.2, 2.2 (14)

**GOALS**, Barooga: J. Bowden 7, C. Jezewski 2, K. Andrew 2, J. Geisler 2, J. Nolan 1, K. Withers 1, J. Hooper 1, C. Leighton-Daly 1, J. Mathers 1. Mulwala: J. Wheeler 1, R. Mitchell 1.

**BEST**, Barooga: K. Andrew, J. Bowden, C. Bowden, C. Jezewski, C. Leighton-Daly, J. Hooper. Mulwala: D. Kirchen, J. Eder, A. Williams, V. Kreck, R. Mitchell, B. Sissens.

**Echuca United** ..... 4.3, 6.5, 8.6, 9.7 (61)  
**Tongala** ..... 1.0, 2.0, 4.4, 9.6 (60)

**GOALS**, Echuca United: B. Barnstable 5, J. Gronov 1, F. Belmont-Wickliffe 1, R. Godfrey 1, D. Purbrick 1.

**Tongala**: H. Reid 5, L. Carroll 2, K. Northausen 1, Z. Kreymborg 1.

**BEST**, Echuca United: K. Blachford, W. Graham, H. Dixon, B. Barnstable, M. Thornton, J. Johnson. Tongala: T. Watson, J. Murray, B. Marsh, H. Reid, M. Carroll, M. Di Petta.

**Cobram** ..... 1.2, 3.4, 3.5, 4.12 (36)  
**Rumbalara** ..... 0.2, 0.3, 1.5, 1.5 (11)

**GOALS**, Cobram: P. Degei 2, M. Lebner 1, K. Griffin 1. Rumbalara: B. McGowan 1.

**BEST**, Cobram: K. Rattray-Robert, C. Hulley, L. Tejones, N. Motton, P. Degei, N. Elliott. Rumbalara: B. McGowan, T. Armstrong, J. Morgan, B. Armstrong, S. Stewart, H. Hudson.

**Deniliquin Rams** ..... 4.2, 9.8, 13.9, 19.13 (127)  
**Katandra** ..... 0.0, 0.0, 1.1, 1.1 (7)

**GOALS**, Deniliquin Rams: C. Hillier 4, B. Elphick 3, M. Fitzpatrick 2, L. Holloway 2, N. Bradley 2, C. Paton 2, M. Moore 1, H. Dudley 1, H. Hicks 1, T. Willis 1. Katandra: T. Wilson 1.

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**Moama** ..... 5.1, 10.9, 18.9, 21.15 (141)  
**Congupna** ..... 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

**GOALS**, Moama: L. Hogan 9, J. Shan

# Speed leads the pack

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

IAN 'Speed' Hannaford headed a slew of competitors on 36 stableford points to win last Thursday's mid week competition at Numurkah Golf Club.

In countback order, Ian beat Steve Piggott, Mark Hegarty, Bob I'Anson and Chris Hicks to the winnings.

Other players whose score won them a club ball were Caley Thomas, Les Summerville, Bill Padgett, Neil Hutchins, Mitch Grandell, Darryl Sheridan and Dick Maloney, all 35 points, Martin Harper 34, Ron

Smith and Hugh Gunn 33.

Geoff Stone came in with the lowest score of 25 points to collect the 'lollies of shame' although he did have a more pleasant win at presentations that offset this.

Barry Pruden won the Mickey Mouse ears for falling backwards through a clubhouse window, even though he had been previously warned by the club pro Anthony Sanders to stop swinging on his chair's rear back legs!

Straight hitter Mitch Grandell scored the GMCU nearest the pin ball on the fourth

green, as well as Graeme Sprunt's sponsored ball on the 15th hole. Geoff Stone won the players' sweep money of \$35 for closest to the pin on the seventh. Bob I'Anson strung two accurate shots together to win Dennis and Roy's ball on the 14th, while, once again, Steve Piggott took the Pruden Carpentry ball on the 18th hole.

Back to normal time frames this week with a 9.30am assembly for a 10 o'clock hit off. Why not join us? Visitors and guests are most welcome.



One from five ... Ian Hannaford won a countback from four other competitors to win last Thursday's golf competition.



One half of the pair ... Geoff Stone was in good form on Saturday to help steer his partnership with Bruce Collins to a first round lead.

## Stoney and Bruce take early lead

by "Archie Bunker"

GEOFF Stone and Bruce Collins have taken an early lead in this year's prestigious Jack Roche fourball event, winning the first qualifying round on Saturday.

Stoney and Bruce combined well together, covering each other when the other wasn't doing well on a hole, to come in with a fantastic score of +10.

The pair's form was in stark contrast to the way they played in the club's midweek competition last Thursday, when they managed just 53 stableford points between them, some 13 shots below their combined handicaps.

It must also be said that the pair also carded a +10 last year, and then failed to make the cut.

Two shots behind were Charlie Walsh and Pierre Klaessen, who won a three-way countback from Bob I'Anson and Garry Hosie and Paul Collins and Jye Warren.

The father/son combination of Leigh and Sam Robertson finished next with +6, as did Dean Toy and David Booth, while Ron Smith/Neil Hutchins and Ian Clark/Chris Hicks rounded out the ball winners on +5.

David Booth won nearest the pin on the fourth hole, Mitch Grandell won the ball

on the 15th and captain Ronnie Smith had the best shot to the 18th.

Matt Ebborn won nearest the pin and the eagle's nest on the seventh, with a great shot that finished just 92 cm from the hole.

David Ludington won the first nomination for the Mickey Mouse ears, after losing two of his brand new iron covers on their first outing in his bag, but the ears went to Rod Campbell, who didn't make the ladies' tee on the 16th.

The Jack Roche qualifying will continue this Saturday, the final chance for pairs to make the top eight to move onto the knockout rounds.

## NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

### MNL

#### A GRADE

Barooga 27 def by Mulwala 40  
Congupna 36 def by Moama 56  
Echuca United 56 def Tongala 30  
Finley 49 def Tungamah 38  
Nathalia 33 def by Numurkah 34  
Rumbalara 77 def Cobram 33  
Katandra 25 def by Deniliquin 64

#### LADDER

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

#### B GRADE

Barooga 20 def by Mulwala 50  
Congupna 33 def by Moama 45  
Echuca United 51 def Tongala 24  
Finley 46 def Tungamah 34  
Nathalia 33 def by Numurkah 35  
Rumbalara 33 def by Cobram 38  
Katandra 37 def by Deniliquin 76

#### LADDER

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

#### C GRADE

Barooga 20 def by Mulwala 69  
Congupna 39 def by Moama 52  
Echuca United 52 def Tongala 18  
Finley 32 def Tungamah 28  
Nathalia 39 def Numurkah 28  
Rumbalara 28 def by Cobram 57  
Katandra 34 def by Deniliquin 75

#### LADDER

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

#### C RESERVE

Barooga 19 def by Mulwala 40  
Congupna 38 def by Moama 43  
Echuca United 63 def Tongala 14  
Nathalia 30 def Numurkah 27  
Rumbalara 36 def by Cobram 60  
Katandra 44 def by Deniliquin 46

#### LADDER

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Moama	4	4	0	0	196	80	16	245
Mulwala	4	3	1	0	184	95	12	193.68
Katandra	4	3	1	0	189	133	12	142.11
Moama	4	3	1	0	172	130	12	132.31

#### 13 & UNDER

	Barooga	Congupna	Echuca United	Finley	Tongala
Barooga	22 def Mulwala 15	7 def by Moama 47	15 def by Tongala 47	19 def by Tungamah 33	7 def by Katunga 22
Congupna	7 def by Moama 47	44 def by Katunga 22	32 def by Numurkah 22	32 def Cobram 7	28 def by Deniliquin 75
Echuca United	15 def by Tongala 47	33 def by Finley 19	28 def by Nathalia 32	28 def by Rumbalara 28	28 def by Katandra 12
Finley	19 def by Tungamah 33	33 def by Congupna 7	32 def by Echuca United	32 def by Deniliquin 4	32 def by Katandra 12
Tongala	7 def by Barooga 22	44 def by Finley 19	44 def by Congupna 7	44 def by Echuca United	44 def by Deniliquin 4

#### 11 & UNDER

	Barooga	Congupna	Echuca
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# Jenny and Liz lead from the front

by "The Shankster"

JENNY Ludington and Liz Dell have taken the early lead to qualify for the Jack Roche fourball with one round still to play.

The duo backed up each other well, sharing the entries on the scorecard, and winning a countback from Lauris Ashton and Felicity Booth, with a great score of +7.

Lorraine Craig and Robyn Hodgkin finished in third place, winning a countback from Bev McIntosh and Bev Peacock, on +5.

It was good to see the women get onto three of the nearest the pin holes this week, after making none the previous week.

Pauline Davies won the seventh, Helen Schmedje got on the 15th, and Tracey Clouston won another nearest the pin, on the 18th.

The women must have decided last Wednesday that golf is golf, even if it was an unpopular par round, and so a very good field of 20 players turned up on an unexpectedly warm morning.

Julie Hannaford was the only player to beat the course on the day, finishing with +2 to win the division one voucher.

Julie finished two shots ahead of Tracey Clouston, who finished all square.

Minus one was the best score in division two, Merren Carr winning a countback from last week's winner Bev Peacock.

Bev McIntosh topped the ball winners, losing a countback to Tracey on square, followed by Pauline Davies -1, and Robyn Hodgkin, Nola Dalton and Helen Schmedje, all -2.

Norma Crowe had the best nine out of +2, and Kath Hepworth had -1 around the back nine to win the back nine ball.

Tracey Clouston won both nearest the pin prizes, taking home the Numurkah Bakery Cafe voucher for her shot to the seventh, and a ball for her shot to the 18th green.

The Wednesday singles knockout event is now down to the final two, with both of the second round matches completed last week.

Jan Stevens and Sandy Trimble won their way into the final, taking a two and one victory over Bev McIntosh and Jeanette Adams.

Lauris Ashton and Kath Hepworth played a close match against Helen Schmedje and Norma Cullum, but the former booked their place in the final. Helen and Norma were one up on the turn, but the eventual winners settled down and played a few possibly lucky shots around the back nine to hit the front and take the win 3/2.

The Numurkah women got their winter pennant season off to a great start on Monday, with both the division one and division two teams having good wins.

Both of the top two divisions are played off scratch, showing once again just how strong the Numurkah club is.

The division one side took a 5-0 victory over Tocumwal, playing at Cobram-Barooga.

Felicity Booth followed up from Sunday's Goulburn Murray mixed win with her husband David, taking care of her opponent in just 13 holes.

Nola Dalton won 5/4, Julie Daniel won 4/3, Pauline Davies took victory 3/2, and Tracey Clouston, in the number one spot, won on the 17th hole.

The division two players were also at Barooga, and defeated Ky Parkland/Merrigum 4-1.

Robyn Hodgkin proved way too strong for her opponent, finishing eight up with seven holes to play. Helen Schmedje won 6/5, Jeanette Adams 3/2, and Julie Hannaford won 2/1.

Bev McIntosh played in the number one spot, and went down 4/3.

Next Monday, division one will meet Ky Valley View at Mooroopna, while the division two side will travel to Kyabram Parkland to take on Shepparton.

Today's golf will be a stableford round, followed by another monthly medal round next Wednesday. Saturday will be the second qualifying round for the Jack Roche fourball event.

The club will also host its annual teams event, the Glynmawr Salver, this Friday, so it will be a big week at the club for the women.

# Bulldogs cruise to win

ALTHOUGH playing a tight, hard-fought game of netball on Saturday, Strathmerton came away with a comfortable win over Jerilderie, 55-40.

The Bulldogs' depth has come to the fore, with some good junior talent lining up in the team for the opening rounds of the season.

There were some smooth passages of play from defence to attack, from which Strathmerton was able to score quickly. When everyone played their role, they work very well as a team.

Awards: Pub: Elle-Rose Walkington, Strathy Cafe: Caitlin Bailey, Supreme Meats: Ebony Coburn.

## B GRADE

A second half fightback saw Strathmerton's B grade side go down by six goals to Jerilderie on Saturday, 33-39.

Down by 11 at half time, the Bulldogs kept fighting, working as a team to slowly claw their way back into the game, and win the second half.

The girls all kept their heads up and kept working hard for the ball in an attempt to get their first win on the board.

Sam Usher and Joy Maher worked hard in defence, resulting in some fantastic turnovers, while great midcourt work by Karen Duckworth and Amy Martin had the ball moving down the court smoothly.

Awards: Karen Duckworth, Sam Usher, Amy Martin, Joy Maher.

## C GRADE

The C graders lost another tough match, but again showed improvement on their last game.

The goalers moved fantastically around the ring and kept following up, while the defenders kept their holds and stood strong.

The final score saw Strathmerton go down 20-42.

Awards: Pub: Elle-Rose Walkington, Strathy Cafe: Caitlin Bailey, Supreme Meats: Ebony Coburn.

## C RESERVE

The Strathy C reserves played their first home game of the season, and played a terrific game to win 32-17.

The girls really pulled together as a team, working like a well-oiled machine.

Kiara Deverill played her first senior game and scored a whopping goal.

Awards: Cobram Photographic: Kerry Edgar, Ambience: Olivia Van Every, Subway: Shelly Shannon.

## 15 UNDER

The under 15 girls suffered an 11 goal loss, going down 23-24.

After a slow start, the Bulldogs held their own in the first half, and only trailed by four goals at half time.

Jerilderie came out strong after the break and stretched its lead by three-quarter time.

The girls quickly adapted to some positional changes for the last quarter, and put together some beautiful



On a high ... Alyssa Crestani couldn't be tied down in Stathmerton's win over Jerilderie on Saturday.

the goal circle.

Awards: Subway: Indy Ashcroft, Canteen: Dakota Kelly, Strathy Cafe: Caitlyn Brookes.

## MINIS

The under 11s played another great game, and some really great passages of play resulted in some impressive goals.

The minis will be encouraged to keep focussing on getting in front, and continue their fantastic support for each other.

Awards: Canteen: Amy Payne, Amy Wyatt, \$5: Jess Laidlaw.

# Easter tournament

HOLDING a tournament on the Tuesday after Easter gave the Numurkah Croquet Club members and visitors a good excuse to dress up, with a fantastic range of amazing Easter bonnets on show.

The judges were hard pressed to choose just one winner but, after much deliberation, the prize went to Hope Attril from Yarrawonga/Mulwala Croquet Club, for her delightful display of a hat completely covered with fresh flowers picked from her garden that morning.

Croquet was played in two blocks, based on handicaps, which made for some very even matches. A whopping 19 matches were decided on a 7-6 margin.

The winner of block A was Ken Fowler from Yarrawonga/Mulwala, the only player to win all four matches in his block. Ken scored 33 hoops.

Runner-up in block A, with 3/30, was John Young from Shepparton.

Numurkah member Heather Brown won block B, with 4/32, just ahead of Sue Agosta from Kyabram with 4/29. Three won three of her matches 7-6.

Jim Brown was given an honourable mention for equalling his wife's hoops, but not quite making the cut with only three wins.

Six players scored a hoop-in-one, but it was John Young from Shepparton whose name was drawn from the hat to win the prize.

A novel introduction to the day was the jump shots board. Jump shots were decided from a set of four balls at the board and not from jumps made on the courts. A very enthusiastic Trevor Peters from Echuca Moama tried more than 40 sets of four but was unable to score more than three singles. Joan Hansen was the winner, with three from four.



Hoppity hop ... Kirsten Strike, Sue Edis and Glenys Londey got into the Easter spirit at the Numurkah Croquet Club's tournament last week.



Easter bonnets ... A large group of players turned up with beautiful bonnets.



Not giving up ... Echuca Moama's Trevor Peters tries his skill at the jump shots board.

# Successful carnival done and dusted

by "Nipper"

THE Numurkah Golf & Bowls Club held another successful autumn bowls carnival over the weekend.

There were only three five game winners over the course of the two day tournament and the winners at the end of the second day were a team from Footscray/Yarraville led by James Banks, with a final score of 10 points and 30 shots up.

The runners-up were a team lead by Roger McKenzie from Yarrawonga, with 10 points and 28 shots up. There was a bit of a local flavour in this rink with Brian "Groover" Gentle and his brother Chris making up the trio.

In third place was the team from Wunghnu led by Douglas Larkin, finishing 10/23.

The event was run using the two

greens at Golf and one at the Town bowls club and there were many positive comments regarding the state of the greens prepared.

Organisers announced at presentations that the event will next year be run in early May.

Although entries were down a little on previous years, the event ran smoothly thanks largely to the tireless work of Jack Dell and his posse of

helpers that included Yvonne Clark, Jenny Sutcliffe and Jan Niven.

It is only about five short months until the 2019-20 pennant season gets under way. Anyone thinking of taking up the game of bowls, or perhaps resuming after some time out of the game, could contact any bowls members, and keep an eye on the Leader for updates on the new season.

## Another win for Picola

PICOLA set up its second A grade netball win for the season with a good start against Mathoura on Saturday.

The Blues' defenders worked extremely hard to create multiple turnovers, while the attackers took a little time to find their rhythm. Once they did, they moved the ball smoothly into the goal circle and cruised to a 23 goal win, 56-33.

Awards: Nathalia Post Office: Alannah Fry-Smith Brereton's Bakery: Demi Morrison.

### B GRADE

Mathoura turned the tables on Picola in the B grade clash, going home with a big 57-15 win.

The Blues put together some great passages of play, but too often lacked intensity, and struggled to remain positive.

Awards: Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering: Laura Byrnes-Smith, Brereton's Bakery: Ashleigh Brewis.

### C GRADE

It was a tough game for the Picola C graders and the Blues went down 23-39.

Picola started slowly, but fought back hard in the second half, managing to reign in the score difference a bit.

Jodie Daniel worked hard in defence, pulling in many loose balls and getting plenty of intercepts, while Amber worked overtime through the mid court.

Awards: Foott Waste Solutions: Jodie Daniel, Club dinner: Amber Watson.

### C RESERVE

It certainly wasn't through a lack of trying that Picola lost its C reserve game to a much higher placed

Mathoura side.

The players all showed their versatility, giving it a good go out of their normal positions but, in the end it was their fitness that let them down and they lost the game 11-31.

Awards: Casual Step: Taylah Lee, Club dinner: Me Szakal.

### 17 UNDER

Holly Chalker lined up for her 100th game of netball with Picola, and her team made it a truly great day with a 10 goal win, 49-39.

The Blues' attackers moved the ball around the ring nicely, and the defenders constantly applied pressure throughout the game.

Awards: Power Livestock: Cody Power, Barmah Social Club: Holly Chalker.

### 15 UNDER

A scrappy start to their game proved costly for the under 15s, who went down by a solitary goal, 30-31.

Getting off to a slow start, the girls were chasing their tails for the rest of the game, but won the last quarter to take away some positives.

Birch Earthmoving: Cody Power, Barmah Social Club: Tash Morgan.

### 13 UNDER

The under 13s had a terrific win, 19-3, with all players listening hard and playing well.

Awards: Baxter Family medallion: Ally Francis, Barmah Social Club: Ruby McIver.

### MINIS

The under 11s had their stepping under control on Saturday, and made some fantastic leads toward the ball, making for a terrific game.

Awards: Intersport Bennetts: Olivia Barker, PUFNC: Amy Caldwell.

## Second quarter lapse proves costly

Telegraph Hotel: Chloe Smith.

### C RESERVE

Two goals was also the margin in the C reserve game, Katunga going down 21-23.

The Swans defenders were again outstanding.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Andrea Kelly; Fitness 3636: Kirsten Rogers.

### 17 UNDER

Katunga's under 17s went down by six goals, 21-27, but are confident that they can improve by that much, if they keep moving forward and make the most of their opportunities.

Awards: Cobram Farm Equipment: Jorja Eddy, Reapers Hair & Beauty: Demi Hendy.

### 15 UNDER

The under 15 defenders worked hard and picked off some amazing intercepts, but Deni was far too strong, and the Swans went down 5-31.

The team worked hard together, and when they lost the ball, everyone worked together to earn it back.

Awards: Cold Rock: Eloise Kelly, Ten Pin Bowling: Sara Whitford.

### 13 UNDER

A very tall side, Deni proved too strong for the young Katunga side, taking a 30-8 victory.

The coaches were very happy with the way the girls adjusted to the game, putting in some strong plays.

Awards: Cold Rock: Ruby Sprunt, Ten Pin Bowling: Ivy Doyle.

### 11 UNDER

The Swans' minis worked well together as a team, to play another fantastic game against a strong Deni side.

The Swans' stepping was minimal and their second efforts were next level.

Awards: Laino's Pizza: Rhani Hendy, Cold Rock: Sienna Lawless.



**Stand off ...** Reni Hicks tries desperately to chase down the ball, while Numurkah's Mel O'Dwyer stands her ground.

## Close call but Blues nail a win

THE young Numurkah A grade netball side pulled off its first win of the Murray league season with a nail-biting, one-goal victory over Nathalia on Sunday.

Both teams were winless going into Sunday's encounter, and the Blues have now moved into 11th place on the ladder with their 34-33 win.

Nathalia got off to a slow start, allowing Numurkah to take a handy lead in the first half, that proved too much to peg back in a terrific, last ditch effort.

For Numurkah, Jess Tymensen and Eilish Judd worked the goal circle with clever movement, and rarely missed a goal. In defence, Sophie Morris and Fiona Elliott were a dynamic duo, creating many turnovers. Monica Arnel, Melissa O'Dwyer and Sarah Trease combined beautifully through the mid court with plenty of drive and strong, thoughtful passes into the goalers.

Nathalia awards: Coprice BOC: Blaise Mortimer, Brereton's Bakery: Jessi Hicks, Casual Step: Reni Hicks.

Numurkah awards: Numurkah Hotel: Sarah Trease, Brereton's Bakery: Eilish Judd.

### B GRADE

In a battle between two of the B grade cellar dwellers, Numurkah finally got its first win for the season on the board, in a very even contest, 35-33.

Nathalia got off to a good start and took the early lead. Numurkah lacked intensity through the first half, and Nathalia thrived on the Blues' missed opportunities.

Krystal Sheridan was consistent through the mid court for Numurkah, and as the game wore on, the Blues' increased defensive pressure forced Nathalia to make errors.

The Nathalia girls all worked hard for the entire game, but rushing and some wayward passes probably cost them the points.

Nathalia awards: Coprice BOC: Sara Kolundzija, Hinchcliffe & Greed Real Estate: Lily Smith, Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Millie Maskell.

Numurkah awards: Shamrock Hotel: Krystal Sheridan, Numurkah Cafe Bar & Restaurant: Andrea Dobson.

### C GRADE

Nathalia started off its C grade game slowly, but kicked into gear in the second quarter, taking victory 50-19.

The Blues were short a couple of regular players, so Teea and Ella Brattle stepped up from under 15s and

ing on to take an 11 goal victory.

The Purples made some positional changes for the last half and were a bit unsettled.

The Blues are starting to settle in with changing players and combinations. They fought back hard in the last quarter, pegging back the score difference, but the run was too late and Nathalia took the win 39-28.

Shanae McPherson held strong in goals for the Blues, with Kate Reghennzani feeding into the circle well. At the other end of the court, Laura Holmes got her hands to the ball all day, creating many opportunities.

Nathalia awards: Barmah Hotel BOC: Steph Hayes, 3 Belles Creations: Christie Schram, Sportfirst Numurkah: Chloe Armstrong.

Numurkah awards: Telegraph Hotel: Laura Holmes, Kate Reghennzani, Numurkah Cafe Bar & Restaurant: Shanae McPherson.

### C RESERVE

The Blues' C reserve side suffered its first loss for the season, going down to Nathalia by just three goals.

After an even first quarter, the game looked like it was going to be a tight tussle.

Injuries to a couple of Blues players in the second term forced some positional changes, which unsettled the team, while Shelly Patone, Cath Dealy and Emma Butler heaped on the pressure in defence for the Purples.

Down by seven goals going into the last half, Numurkah steadied to play a more even quarter, but Nathalia still led by eight at the last break.

The Numurkah girls came out determined to claw back the margin, but ran out of time, Nathalia taking victory 30-27.

Tammy Stone filled in from the under 17s and played a great game in wing defence and centre, providing great leads and good options for the Blues.

Nathalia awards: Limo's Home Hardware BOC: Shelly Patone, Laino's Pizza: Cath Dealy, Sportfirst Numurkah: Nicola Oliver.

Numurkah awards: Brereton's Bakery: Kim Smyth, Hair Societe: Tammy Stone.

### 17 UNDER

Nathalia proved too strong in the under 17 game, taking victory 50-19.

The Blues were short a couple of regular players, so Teea and Ella Brattle stepped up from under 15s and

held their own on the court. Daisy Lester played a fantastic game, but the Nathalia girls played a great team game to take a comfortable win.

Nathalia awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Maddy Lindsay, Marketplace Subway: Anna Brown

Bell's Water Cartage: Tammy Woods.

Numurkah awards: Telegraph Hotel: Daisy Lester, SportFirst: Teea Brattle.

### 15 UNDER

Nathalia's impressive decision making and timing across the court resulted in a 10 goal win for the Purples.

Nathalia capitalised on turnovers, with excellent play down the court, and the goalers finished it off well.

Nathalia awards: Kylie Richards BOC: Hayley Wigmore, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Emily Woods, Marketplace Subway: Ella Johns, TJ's IGA: Emily Bell.

### 13 UNDER

The Numurkah under 13s recorded their first win for the season, taking an easy victory over Nathalia, 31-1.

Nathalia got off to a slow start, but everyone lifted and their court work became smooth as the game wore on.

The Blues worked hard, with some great passages of play. Jemma Carkeek took some great intercepts.

Nathalia awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia BOC: Jasmin Johns, Nathalia Dairy: Sophie Creer-Pope, TJ's IGA: Eliza Kopsidas.

Numurkah award: Jemma Carkeek.

### 11 UNDER

The Numurkah under 11s bounced back from their first loss of the season, with a comfortable win over Nathalia, 31-11.

Numurkah got off to a flyer, but the young Purple girls were strong in the second half to get back in the game.

Charlotte Whyte's loud calls and directions were an asset to her Nathalia team mates, while the strong goaling partnership of Tayah Lundberg and Sarah Stone were backed up well by the mid court players.

Demi McKellar won the Numurkah award for her terrific defence throughout the game.

Nathalia awards: Past Players: Jayda Liddell, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Charlotte Whyte, TJ's IGA: Sarah Stone.

Numurkah awards: Rush Food: Demi McKellar.

### 11 UNDER

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Awards: Cold Rock: Ruby Sprunt, Ten Pin Bowling: Ivy Doyle.

### 13 UNDER

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The Swans' stepping was minimal and their second efforts were next level.

Awards: Laino's Pizza: Rhani Hendy, Cold Rock: Sienna Lawless.

# Bouncing back with a bang

TRAVELLING to Tatura looking to rebound from the side's loss to Shepparton last week, Nathalia Women's Football Club trounced the Bulldogs by 100 points at the Tatura Showgrounds on Sunday.

Registering its second win of the season, Nathalia was led by six goals from Abby Favaro and five goals from Marni Bell, putting the side in the driver's seat from the get-go.

A four goal to one opening term set the Purples on their way, and led to six unanswered goals in the second to really push Nathalia into a commanding position.

Tatura was kept scoreless in the

second quarter, and the feat was replicated in the third as Nathalia stamped its authority on the tie to lead by 91 points heading into the final stand.

Another two goals seeped through

for Nathalia, doubling Tatura's output for the quarter and cementing an impressive 17.12.114 to 2.2.14 win. This week, Nathalia takes on Kerang at home on Sunday afternoon at 2pm.

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- 1 Port Adelaide
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 St Kilda
- 4 Brisbane
- 5 Richmond
- 6 Gold Coast
- 7 Carlton
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Adelaide

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

Last week 3 Total 28



### Dave Jenkins

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

Last week 8 Total 32



### Danni Woolley

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

Last week 7 Total 25



### Kevin Morland

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

Last week 8 Total 28



### John Schaaf

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

Last week 4 Total 28



### David Ludington

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

Last week 6 Total 27



### Nathan Morris

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

Last week 7 Total 31



### Troy Knox

- 1 Collingwood
- 2 Hawthorn
- 3 GWS
- 4 Sydney
- 5 Richmond
- 6 West Coast
- 7 Carlton
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Fremantle

Last week 5 Total 24



### Denis Brooks

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

Last week 7 Total 29



### Liam Gledhill

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

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



Last week 7 Total 30

### Chris O'Dwyer

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



Last week 8 Total 28

### Roger Seiter

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



Last week 8 Total 31

### Tom Buzzo

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



Last week 6 Total 27

### Peter Newby

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



Last week 8 Total 27

### John Beitzel

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



Last week 7 Total 27

### Brad Kerry

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



Last week 5 Total 25

### Katunga Fresh

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



Last week 7 Total 25

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- 6 West Coast
- 7 North Melb
- 8 Geelong
- 9 Adelaide

Last week 7 Total 26



# Perfect day for Picola

PICOLA easily accounted for Picola District Football League rival Mathoura to the tune of 59 points on Saturday, notching up its second win of the season and hanging onto fourth spot.

Mathoura struggled to keep any sort of scoreboard pressure on the home side, booting just three goals for the day as Picola ran rampant after a slow start to the game.

Picola kicked just one goal to open proceedings, but with Lachlan Harvey-Hawkins and Blake Jorgensen finding their rhythm on the wings in the second term, Mathoura found difficulty in curtailing the pair's quick wing play.

A six goal to one second term put Picola firmly in control, and Matthew Crook and Corey Cogan's influence at the half forward line gave Picola several inside 50 entries.

The frequent forward line visits gave Dylan Cunningham plenty of opportunities to make his mark, finishing with three goals for the day.

Meanwhile, Mathoura was unable to bounce back and was kept to just five points for the entirety of the second half as the margin's growth was only stopped with the full time siren, putting an end to the 13.7.85 to 3.8.26 Picola win.

Picola's next challenge comes in the form of a road trip to Blighty where it will take on a struggling Redeyes side that is yet to register a win so far this season.

Awards: DMH and Barmah Hotel: Blake Jorgensen, Blake Street Butchery: Dean Moore, Brereton's Bakery: Dan Atkinson, Limo's Hardware: Kyle Saunders.

## RESERVES

Picola's reserves put a lacklustre opening quarter behind them on their way to a comfortable home win, beating Mathoura by 38 points on Saturday.

The home side went goalless in the first quarter before roaring back, kicking 12 goals to four for the remainder of the game and notching up the side's second win of the season in the process.

Bolstered by an influx of available numbers due to no under 17s game being held

this week, Picola stopped its wheels from spinning in place and finally began to build some momentum.

Four unanswered second quarter goals were indicative of Picola's ability to create scoring chances through the likes of Troy Trickey, Shane Cooper and Jarrod Norman, the latter two providing brilliant support to Trickey, who was eventually named best afield for his efficiently potent exploits with ball in hand, guiding his side to a 14 point half time lead.

Picola stretched the lead out to 38 points by the time of the final break, as spearhead Lee Solar capped off a brilliant day with six majors as his side roared to a 12.7.79 to 6.5.41 round three win.

Picola will need to defeat seventh placed Blighty away this week if it is to hold onto fourth spot on the ladder.

Awards: Nathalia Fertiliser and Grain: Troy Trickey, Brereton's Bakery: Shane Cooper, Minchin Mechanics: Lee Solar, Numans: Jarrod Norman.

## UNDER 14s

With just seven points tallied against Picola, the under 14s charged to a massive 103 point win over Mathoura on Saturday morning.

Following a five goal to none opening term, the visitors' only cause for celebration came in the second quarter, but Mathoura's lone goal for the day was drowned out by a six goal performance from Picola's Jason Beckett and an unanswered eight goal rout in the second half.

Elwyn Bush and Corey Leggo were Picola's other multiple goal scorers, kicking three and two respectively, as the trio led a brigade of eight different goal kickers for the day.

The 16.14.110 to 1.1.7 score line gives Picola its third win of the season and keeps its undefeated start to 2019 alive.

Awards: Power LiveStock and Barnett Family: Jason Beckett, Better-Bite Barmah: Kayden Atkinson, Barmah Social Club: Jakob Underwood, Al's Café: Elwyn Bush, Nathalia Hair and Beauty: Mileak Butterworth.

# Tough day for the Swans

DESPITE leading at the first break, Katunga's fortunes took a swift nosedive, giving up 51 points in the third term alone, on its way to a disappointing 55 point loss to Deniliquin Rovers on Saturday.

The Swans travelled to Deniliquin looking for the senior side's first win of the season and showed a competitive edge that kept it neck and neck alongside last season's third placed finishers, until the Rovers found their groove in the second term to head into the main break up by 17 points.

Kevin Van den Goor tried his best to push the Swans back into the contest, but Deniliquin's third term ensured that Katunga would be heading back home empty handed.

Deniliquin's seven unanswered goals in the penultimate quarter all but put the result to bed, giving the home side a substantial enough lead in which it could play out the remainder of the tie with relative comfort.

The Swans managed to outscore their opponent in the final term, four goals to two, but with the damage inflicted already terminal, Katunga couldn't avoid the 9.7.61 to 17.14.116 defeat.

With three consecutive losses to open its campaign, Katunga will need to improve if it's to turn things around this week at home against Katamatite, a side currently fourth on the PDFL ladder.

Awards: Katunga Fresh: Kevin Van den Goor, Clydesdale: Josh Howden, Lenny's Ag: Ethan Hodgkin, GrainCorp Oilseed: Jared Hicks, Telegraph: Clint Phillips.

## RESERVES

Katunga found itself planted firmly behind the eight ball, following an opening quarter that saw Deniliquin Rovers boot five goals un-

answered, on its way to a 46 point trouncing of the Swans.

Deniliquin opened proceedings

with authority, refusing to give Katunga an inch in the contest

early on.

Trailing by 31 points at quarter time, Katunga seemed to be on the mend in the second, with a goal each from Tim Few, Nathaniel Hendy and Ash Howden in reply to Deniliquin's two which closed the gap ever so slightly to 26 points, but those were the last causes for celebration the visiting side would have for the remainder of the clash.

Katunga managed just four behinds for the second half, but strong defensive efforts from the likes of Toby Miles, Ryan Charters and Will Sefton ensured that the margin didn't get completely out of hand, keeping the home side to just three goals of its own before the siren sounded on the 3.6.24 to 10.10.70 Deniliquin win.

Awards: John King Grain: Josh Tetley, Dan Hendy Landforming: Ryan Charters, Telegraph Hotel: Toby Miles, Clydesdale: Kyle Said, KNFC: Will Sefton.

## UNDER 17s

Katunga's only win of the day came after the under 17s pulled away from Deniliquin early, opening up a comfortable 42 point margin by the time of the final siren.

The Swans were seemingly always a step ahead of the home side, and it translated to the scoreboard as Katunga's two goal quarter time lead stretched out to four goals by the end of the half.

The momentum continued to grow for Katunga in the second half, with a five goal to one third term putting the four points way out of reach for the Rovers.

Bailey Smith's four goals led the

line for the Swans, while Luke Bosse and Sam Arho both booted three majors, giving their side a razor sharp edge in front of goal. In the end, the 15.7.97 to 8.7.55 score line was just desserts for a side looking to keep a firm hold on a top four spot early in the season. Awards: Booths Transport: Cody Gow, Numurkah Milk Supply: Kyle Said, Poolside Cobram: Mitch Doyle, SportFirst: Luke Bosse, KNFC Canteen: Cal Howden.

## UNDER 14s

In what turned out to be a tight tussle, Deniliquin Rovers opened the day's proceedings with a six point win over Katunga's under 14s.

Deniliquin was forced onto its back foot early after Katunga began the game with a four goal to one opening term performance, giving the Swans a 17 point lead, of which was extinguished in the second term.

The Rovers came roaring back into contention, keeping Katunga scoreless as they booted themselves to a three point advantage by the end of the half.

In need of a big bounce back, Katunga showcased its resiliency to kick two goals unanswered, while keeping Deniliquin from making any changes to its side of the scoreboard.

With the Swans holding a two goal lead heading into the final term, it was Deniliquin that finished the stronger of the two to close out the arm wrestle of a match, booting three unanswered goals, cementing a 7.4.46 to 6.4.40 win.

Awards: Shepparton Carpet Court: Jackson Harris, D. & D. Henderson: Viv Russo, Supporter Award: Aiden Harris, Red Cherry: Lochie O'Brien, Canteen Award: Ryan Moulder.

# Waaia Bombers back winning

WAAIA got back on the winners' list on Saturday, with a crushing 30 goal win over Blighty.

The Bomber A graders played a solid game with great defensive pressure.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Chelsey Thorne, Telegraph Hotel: Angela Thorne, Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Milly Foster.

## B GRADE

The Waaia B graders remain undefeated, and in second place on the Picola league ladder, only behind Katunga on percentage.

A strong game with many intercepts all over the court saw the Bombers take a 27 goal victory, 47-20.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Bree Jorgensen, Terminus Hotel: Kendall Guilmartin.

## C GRADE

The C graders also got back on the winners' list, with a 55-28 win over Blighty.

After a loss in round two, and having the Easter weekend off, the C graders were determined to start the game well. With accurate shooting, the Bombers led by 11 goals at the first break, but Blighty fought well in the second term, matching up well all over the court.

Waaia managed to dig deep in the third quarter, with the defence working hard, turning over the ball and the shooters converting their opportunities.

It was a well fought out match, with all players stepping up.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Olivia Hillas, Telegraph Hotel: Tiffany Morris, Casual Step: Vanessa Scadden.

## C RESERVE

The C reserve team recorded its first win for the season, winning by a single goal in an exciting finish.

It was Blighty's first game of the year, so the Waaia girls were unsure what to expect from them. They were tall, fit and a great competition for the Bombers.

It was goal for goal for most of the game, but when the final whistle sounded, Waaia was in front, winning 22-21.

## 17 UNDER

The under 17s also played a very close game, winning 32-29.

The Bomber girls played a great third quarter, with a lot of encouragement, backing up each other and wanting the ball.

Awards: Numurkah Sportfirst: Rachel Williams, Socks: Hollie Dietrich, Terminus Hotel: Aimee Wilson.

## 15 UNDER

After a great first half of netball, Waaia's under 15s suffered a lapse in the third quarter and ended up going down 22-31.

The first half saw some great passages of play from the young Bombers, and a

number of intercepts all over the court, but a big third quarter from the Blighty girls gave them a big margin to chase.

The Waaia girls gave it their all in the fourth quarter, and were happy with their strong finish, winning two of the four quarters.

Awards: D&M Plattfuss: Eloise Walker, WFNC Canteen: Kloe O'Keefe.

## 13 UNDER

In a well fought out game, the under 13s kept with Blighty for most of the game, but went down by four goals in the end, 13-17.

Claudia Plattfuss was a stand out, never complaining as she was thrown into positions at both ends of the court, and played each well.

Both the goalers and defenders played good games against the undefeated Blighty side.

Awards: WFNC Scrunchie: Jorja Kelly, WFNC Canteen: Mary Caldown, Terminus Hotel: Claudia Plattfuss.

## 11 UNDER

The under 11s played a fabulous game on Saturday. The girls are gaining confidence on the court, and learning to play together as a team.

They were using names, moving forward, creating space and, most importantly, having fun.

Awards: WFNC Scrunchie: Skyla, Northstar: Jamieon Shelton.



Coming up ... Breeanna Jorgensen gets a pass out of defence to a waiting Marni Hicks.



**Looking to deliver ...** Adrian Crestani put in yet another influential shift in Strathmerton's big win over Jerilderie on Saturday.

## Biggest win yet

STRATHMERTON'S start to the 2019 Picola & District Football League season keeps getting better and better as, on Saturday, the Bulldogs registered a mammoth 22 goal win over Jerilderie at Strathmerton.

Zach-Harie Betson and Travis Down booted five goals apiece for a savage Strathmerton side on its way to a big 25.15.165 to 5.3.33 triumph.

A blistering opening quarter saw Strathmerton enjoy a 44 point lead at the first break after it banged through seven unanswered goals to open proceedings.

With 10 different goal scorers for the game, it was clear that the Bulldogs could make good use of the ball in front of goal from a plethora of its fierce talent.

While the visiting Demons managed to snag a major in the second term, it was drowned out by Strathmerton's six, which could have been a bit more had it been able to make better use of a total of 13 scoring shots to close out the half. With an 81 point lead at the main break, Strathmerton could have been forgiven for taking the foot off the pedal, experimenting with positional changes or even ensuring that no players suffered any injuries.

Though, before the game, the side was asked for one thing: a four quarter performance, and with that in the back of the side's mind, the Bulldogs persisted in going for the jugular. Strathmerton smashed another seven goals through in the third term, and with the lead out to 108 points heading into the final term, wanted to heap even more misery on Jerilderie in a statement making performance.

The Bulldogs topped a great day off with another five goals,

ensuring it went into the rooms celebrating a 132 point rout of their opposition. Strathmerton put in a performance to be proud of but will need to be on its toes ahead of a difficult two weeks.

This Saturday, Strathmerton travels to Berrigan in hopes of derailing a Saints side coming off a strong second win of the season over Tocumwal, with a clash against reigning premier Rennie on the horizon in the proceeding round.

### RESERVES

While the seniors may have stolen the show, Strathmerton's reserves put in a stellar showing of their own, conceding just one goal for the game on its way to a 76 point win over Jerilderie.

After some late outs to the side saw a few under 17s players come into the side, the side was fuelled by quick running and youthful enthusiasm, helping the Bulldogs boot three goals to kick the game off in style. While Jerilderie managed to hit back with a major of its own, it would be the last goal of the day for the Demons.

Strathmerton charged ahead at full steam, booting five goals in the first half to hold a 49 point lead at the main break.

The lead continued to grow as the second half began as the Bulldogs' ability to seize opportunities afforded the side a 69 point lead after three terms. Things slowed down in the fourth quarter, detailed by Strathmerton's lone goal for the term, but with such a big margin separating the two sides, it really counted for naught.

The 12.11.83 to 1.1.7 win was characterised by performances from John Russo, who booted three goals, while Trent Craven, Tristan Lee-Madgwick and John Lucci all hit the scoreboard twice.

Mick Keane led the midfield expertly on his way to best on ground honours, and the side showed a great deal of momentum heading into this week's clash with Berrigan.

### UNDER 17s

Ten goals to Haydn Wyatt helped propel Strathmerton's under 17s to a gigantic 169 point demolition of Jerilderie on Saturday.

The attacking prowess shown by the Bulldogs was matched by the defensive showcase put on by the young home side, keeping Jerilderie scoreless as it amassed 26.13.169 for the game.

While Wyatt's double digit return was brilliant, his willingness to share it around as he controlled the forward line was another telling trait of the day.

Further up the ground, Matt Price covered every blade of grass to guide his team with efficient ball use and strong willed run, helped by the O'Kane boys, Desi and Riley, who played beautifully as the latter snagged four goals of his own to round out a great day for the side.

### UNDER 14s

Kicking off a perfect day for the Bulldogs was a brilliant scoring display from the under 14s side, which heeded the call of the coaching staff to kick more goals by booting its way to a 13.17.95 to 1.0.6 win over Jerilderie on Saturday morning.

Jaxon Webb opened his goal kicking account for the year before adding a further three to finish with four for the day, with Tyler Stephens and Jayden Edgar both kicking two. Jerilderie's only goal came in the final term, but with the ship sailing long before that, it was of little consequence in regards to the contest as a whole.

# No place like home

PLAYING its first home game of the season on Saturday, Waaia dominated Blighty, blowing the visitors away to the tune of 103 points, all the while keeping its undefeated start to 2019 intact.

Mark Meyland was the key man up forward for the Bombers with a game high seven goals, while Aaron Shelton found plenty of the ball and kicked a goal of his own on his way to best afield honours.

The ominous signs of a Bomber blowout shone early for Blighty after a goalless opening term saw Waaia take a three goal lead into the quarter time break, before really stretching the margin out over the middle two terms.

A 35 point lead at the half ballooned into a 79 point advantage at the final break, with Waaia keeping the Redeyes to just two goals for the entire game.

In fact, Blighty went scoreless in the third term, managing just two behinds in the fourth to close out the game with but a whimper.

Waaia was ruthless in front of goal for the entire game, with the 19.9.123 to 2.8.20 detailing just exactly how efficient the home side was at both ends of the ground.

Meyland's seven goals affords him much of the spotlight, but with brilliant work from Charlie Burrows with three goals, and two each to Daniel Clarke and Matt O'Dwyer, the scoring threats were varied for the Bombers, and just too much for Blighty to handle.

The Cleeland brothers, Mitch and Jordan, both put in strong displays, while Aden McCredie was also listed among the best on the day.

Up next for Waaia is Yarroweyah, a side coming off a 44 point defeat at the hands of reigning premier Rennie at the

weekend.

### RESERVES

In what turned out to be a low scoring and gritty game, Waaia kept Blighty at arm's reach for the majority of the tie, coming out as eventual three goal victors on the day.

Corey Walpole's two goals saw the Bomber the only player from either side to be listed a multiple goal kicker, showing how difficult it was for either team to construct a solid flow of momentum.

With scores locked at seven points by the end of the first quarter, Waaia managed to kick the lone major of the second term to slightly pull away from the visitors, but it was in the third quarter that Waaia made the biggest impact of the day.

Considering the manner in which the scoring played out, Waaia's ability to push its advantage out to 15 points proved vital.

Blighty managed just one goal in the fourth quarter, with Waaia matching that scoring output to seal a tough 6.10.46 to 4.4.28 triumph.

Awards: Onley Consulting and Telegraph Hotel: Jarrod Brooks, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate and Terminus Hotel: Steve Hixon, Mick Hogan Excavations: Glenn Caccianiga, Murray Valley Rural and Plumbing: Ethan McDonald, Ahoy Water Cartage: Corey Walpole.

### UNDER 17s

Waaia's win over Blighty in the under 17s battle was never really in doubt, with the home side racing out to a comfy 32 point win on Saturday morning.

Sam Trower was judged best afield during the clash, leading his side from start to finish, with his typical hard working manner of play helping to push his side out to a two goal lead at the first break.

The lead only grew from there, even after Blighty finally managed to slot its first goal of the game, with Waaia doubling that, to close out the half 22 point leaders.

The real telling blow came in the third quarter where, off the back of great work from Harvey Walker and Josh Plattfuss, Waaia booted three goals and increased the margin to 35 points at the final changeover. Waaia stood firm despite Blighty having its best scoring quarter of the game, and ensured it held onto the points with a 9.10.64 to 4.8.32 win.

Awards: Sprunt Livestock and Terminus Hotel: Sam Trower, Pendlebury Sand and Gravel: Jackson Collins, Doug Larkin Refrigeration: Josh Plattfuss, D. & M. Plattfuss: Aiden Ballard, Waaia Canteen: Harvey Walker.

### UNDER 14s

Waaia's youngest Bombers suffered a more than difficult Saturday and, despite their best efforts, went down to a strong Blighty side 1.1.7 to 15.8.98. The Bombers weren't able to muster a single score for the first three quarters, while Blighty enjoyed a 10 goal lead at the half.

While Blighty held a big lead, it didn't stop Bailey Plattfuss from putting in the hard yards, and the Bomber was awarded with a last quarter goal, the only major Waaia would manage for the day.

While Plattfuss walked away with best on ground honours, while Oscar Binks, Tom Daniel and Regan Collins all put in top shifts for their side.

Awards: C. & C. Wilson and Terminus Hotel: Bailey Plattfuss, Numurkah Electrical and Pump Services: Oscar Binks, Rex James Stock Feed: Tom Daniel, D. & M. Plattfuss: Regan Collins, Waaia Canteen: Lachlan Williams.



**Best about ...** Aaron Shelton looks to kick his side further ahead during Waaia's big win over Blighty.

# Numurkah thwarted by old rival

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“Bailey Bell got out of the contests really quickly and was able to spread the ball to the outside and circulated into the forward line really well.”

“The spread of the contest really killed us in the first half, Nathalia is a quality outfit with Bell and Tom Nihill, they’re smaller guys that did some real damage.”

Nathalia coach Phil Carroll ensured his side was aware of exactly what he wanted to kick off the Anzac round clash, and the fast start his side got off to aligned with that perfectly.

“We started really well, we’ve been really working on our starts, our forwards got real good delivery and made the most of it,” Carroll said.

“Our forward running was great, but so was our defensive running and we tried to make it real hard for them throughout the game.”

Two things both coaches agreed on was the influence the best on ground medal winner, Tom Nihill, had on the contest throughout the game.

“Tom is really influential out of the contest,” Warren said. “He sometimes goes under the radar, but whenever someone marks it, he’ll be running behind waiting for the quick handball, to give it off and receive it back pretty quickly.”

Carroll was also quick to praise his ever-present captain.

“Tom has put in a real good start to the year, he’s really fit and does all the team things, and the medal suited him perfectly.” With the result in the books, the shield in Nathalia’s possession and the medal around Nihill’s neck, the event as a whole brought welcomed attention to both sides, and their respective towns and RSLs and it looks like this will be a constant fixture that’s circled by many MFL enthusiasts.

“We’ve been trying to figure out when exactly both teams began to play on the Anzac day round,” Carroll said. “We think it may have been three years ago or so, it’s a big occasion, and to be able to represent ourselves well on the day was also very important to us.”

While unable to get the result he wanted on the day, Warren’s appreciation for the day transcends football.

“I think it’s a great thing to have this game in this round,” said Warren.

“I’ve been going to the dawn service since I was young, and it’s something pretty important to my family.”

“Nathalia put on a really good show on Sunday, we had a good crowd and had people from Numurkah, Nathalia and Picola RSLs, we did the last post, had the shield and best on ground medal.”

“I think it’s great to showcase what goes on in our community. Numurkah and Nathalia aren’t big towns, and when we do something like this and get people talking, we have people from the Picola league, Shepparton coming through, and if we can keep making it bigger and bigger each year, it’s going to be a great thing whether it’s played at Numurkah or Nathalia.”

“It’s going to be really incredible in the future.”

Nathalia this week takes on Mulwala, a side that took Barooga apart this week and is looking to rocket into the top four.

Numurkah on the other hand aims to avenge its loss with a tough assignment against league leader Echuca United this Saturday.

Nathalia awards: Mug & Numurkah Tyre Power: Drew Barnes, Club: Tom Nihill, Bourke Group: Clancy Congues, Liddell Group-Dellcorp: Harrison Hawks, TJ’s IGA: Alex Hicks, Brereton’s Bakery: Rhys Shannon.



Looking for an out ... Numurkah’s Luke McKeown aims to release the ball out of the stoppages in a tough midfield battle.

## Nothing like you have ever seen



Duking it out ... The battle between Nathalia’s Jarrod Maskell and Numurkah’s Morgan Powlesland’s was one of the more intriguing clashes throughout Nathalia’s big seconds win.

WHILE blowouts occur in local football quite regularly, the clashes between Numurkah and Nathalia in Sunday’s ANZAC round resulted in quite peculiar results, with all losers failing to register a score.

In the reserves game, Nathalia, off the boots of six goal hauler Shaun Bennie and Kodi Hicks’ five majors, thrashed Numurkah by 130 points, keeping the Blues scoreless for the game’s entirety.

Looking to bounce back from a 10 goal thrashing the previous week, Nathalia took control of the game early and refused to let go, or let up, as it smashed Numurkah around the park.

The Purples’ kicked away early to a four goal lead at the first break, with Chris Brown finding the ball frequently and using it efficiently.

Another five goals were registered in Nathalia’s favour in the second term, with the likes of Jarrod Maskell, who rucked brilliantly all day, and Brayden Summerville who ensured his mark was made on the contest, listed among the best with a goal to his name.

Nathalia’s advantage continued to balloon into the second half, boosting the margin to 97 points by the end of the penultimate term with a five goal quarterly return.

Numurkah’s side was mostly filled by teenage players, with Tyson Maltman and Will Seabrook notable absences, and the likes of Matt Mansfield fronting up for his second game of the day to snatch best afield honours for the Blues.

All that good work and huge effort, though, didn’t translate to the scoreboard and Nathalia capped the game off with another five goals to run out to a big score of 19.16.130.

Nathalia now looks ahead to this Saturday as its collision course with

Mulwala draws near and with the Lions coming off a big win over Barooga, it could turn out to be a competitive fixture.

Numurkah on the other hand, will look to kickstart its season against second placed Echuca United. The Blues are just one of two sides to see a goose egg sit in the wins column after four rounds.

Nathalia awards: Ryan Meat Co: Chris Brown, Mick Hogan Excavations: Connor Nave, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Al Corry, Blake St Butchery: Shaun Bennie, Numurkah Nu-Genes: Kodi Hicks, Brereton’s Bakery: Brayden Summerville.

Numurkah awards: Millen Concreting: Matty Mansfield, Middle Pub: Paul Collins, Shamrock Hotel: Kaleb Rees, Brereton’s Bakery: Spike Neale, Mierlo: Caleb Goodrum, Telegraph: Morgan Powlesland, NFNC: Greg Gallus.

### UNDER 17s

The shutouts didn’t start and stop with the reserves game, though, and Numurkah managed to taste a big victory via the under 17s 128 point win over the Purples.

Matt Hodgson was the main man for Numurkah, finding plenty of the ball on the way to a seven goal return.

The Blues notched their second win of the season thanks to the side’s ability to bounce back off the half back line, with Hunter Verhoeven and Jack Millen deploying out of the defensive 50, helping the likes of Matt Mansfield take control of the middle, and let Fraser Jones and Tom Hughes run rampant down the wings.

Numurkah kicked away early, booting itself to a 63 point lead by the end of the first half. Despite big efforts from Purples captain Ben Armstrong, while being supported by Shannon Young and Will Sheehan, the Blues kept piling on the scoring

shots, realising a 94 point lead heading into the final term.

Another five goals saw Numurkah’s goal kickers list expand out to seven players, with Jayden Hollands finishing with five goals, capping off a tremendous performance.

Nathalia awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Wade Tuddenham, AV Hughes: Sam Boyd, Rex James Stockfeed: Cooper Bloodworth, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Ben Armstrong, Marketplace Subway: Tom Favaro.

### UNDER 14s

Opening the day’s proceedings was the first shutout of the day, which saw Nathalia’s under 14s dominate Numurkah on their way to a truly huge 183 point win over the scoreless Blues.

Brandon Orton’s nine goal return was the attention grabbing individual highlight of the game, and he led a list of 12 different goal scorers.

An eight goal opening term was a great indication of what was about to transpire for the Blues, with another six majors closing out the half and giving Nathalia a 90 point lead at the long break.

Nathalia persisted with raining goals down upon the struggling Blues, and with seven different Purples kicking more than one for the game, the 136 point three quarter time lead was almost unavoidable.

The game came to a close, but not before Nathalia managed to snag another seven, heaping the misery on a hard working Numurkah side and the Purples eventually finished 28.15.183.

Nathalia awards: Past Players: Brandon Orton, Bendigo Bank Nathalia; Kian Brereton, Al’s Café: Charlie Dietrich, Frostick Contracting: Ryan Dealy, Nathalia Printers: Billy Lidell.

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**Toughing it out ...**  
Numurkah's Mitch Price battles hard with Nathalia's Harrison Hawks in the pair's interesting battle on Sunday.

## THWARTED BY OLD RIVAL

CAPPING off a round dedicated to honouring the nation's service men and women, Nathalia raised the Anzac Day shield, commissioned by both towns' respective RSLs, after claiming an important 35 point win at the Nathalia Showgrounds on Sunday.

With the 2018 premiership flag unfurling, the last post being heard and a moment of silence for all those that have fallen serving Australia and New Zealand, the game got under way.

Nathalia's Tom Nihill was awarded the best on ground medal for his brilliant display in the middle for the Purples, as the side's captain led Nathalia to a fast start against the previously undefeated Blues.

Both Numurkah and Nathalia scored goals early, but Nathalia took the up-

per hand, with its midfield beginning to take control, spreading the play wide and delivering into the forward 50 with efficient potency, seeing the Purples kick out to a three goal lead at the first break.

Nathalia kept on pressing in the second term, with Bailey Bell causing all sorts of headaches for Numurkah, and the Purples found themselves further in the lead after keeping Numurkah goalless for the second term's entirety.

Harrison Hawks was fantastic in defence for Nathalia, while Clancy Congues and Rhys Shannon were deployed expertly on the wings.

The 8.3.51 to 1.4.10 halftime scoreline lent itself to the preamble of a complete blowout, but Numurkah

bounced back in the second half to add some respectability to the clash. The Blues' delivery into their forward 50 had, up until that point, been fairly unremarkable, and while Michael Herlihy eventually finished with three goals, Nathan Hicks was left with just one goal following a blistering start to the season that had him enter the tie with 15 inked next to his name for the year.

Numurkah began to take advantage from hit outs, leveling the midfield battle and giving its forward line a number of opportunities to turn the game around, kicking three of the first four goals of the term and threatening to flip the game on its head.

While Numurkah had further op-

portunities to close the gap go by the wayside, with some kicks towards goal not making the distance and being punched through by Nathalia defenders, the Purples roared back to boot three more goals and equal the quarterly output in the process.

With 41 points separating the sides, Numurkah tried to claw its way back into the clash, but the game turned into a stalemate with neither side able to take complete control.

Nathalia enjoyed the benefits of its strong start, closing the game out 13.9.87 to 7.10.52.

Having suffered the first loss of the season, Numurkah coach Jye Warren lamented on his side's inefficiency with ball in hand, knowing that the chances of being punished by Na-

thalia was pretty big.

"We turned the footy over too much, Nathalia loves turnovers and our defenders were under a lot of pressure because of that."

"The side also missed a lot of tackles, which really didn't help things. That first half was really disappointing, missing tackles just kills you against a side like Nathalia that's always willing to capitalise on that."

The midfield battle was going to be a major mitigating factor in terms of the result, and with Tom Nihill winning the best on ground medal, and Bailey Bell getting amongst it for most of the game, it was clear that the early midfield control shown by Nathalia paved the road to the win.

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