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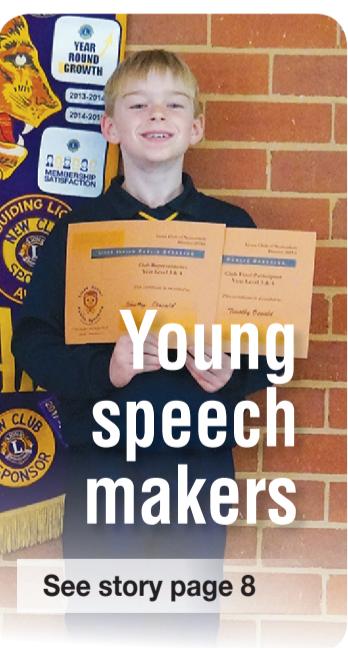
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TREVOR and Chris Thomas gave evidence at the Mental Health Royal Commission recently to help fix Victoria's broken mental health system.

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Huge Katunga biofuel plant a step closer

THE biofuel plant proposed for Katunga has been confirmed, with a public event held at Katunga Fresh last Friday to make the announcement.

The meeting was attended by around 50 Katunga residents, including business owners, farmers and orchardists.

As reported in the *Leader* on March 21, 2018, The AgBioEn project, which will be established on land behind Katunga Fresh, which is the local sponsor of the project, is a bioenergy production project designed to create energy from biomass, including agricultural by-products.

It will take waste products such as seeds, pips, leaf mulch, stalks and even manure, and turn them into liquid gas,

fertiliser and bio-jet.

Raw material from the project will be sourced locally wherever possible, and talks are ongoing with local farmers on buying oil producing crops including canola and sunflower.

Their are also plans to introduce cariata seed, which is a crop specifically developed as a rotation crop that produces a 20% higher yield than similar crops.

40 hectares of greenhouses are planned for the Numurkah Road site, and 75,000 hectares of cropping land should also be established by 2023 to supply fuel for the project.

The project, which will be the first bioenergy project of its size and scale in

Australia, was originally anticipated to create up to 300 long term jobs, however Charles Hunting who is sponsoring the project on behalf of Tsing Capital told the *Leader* on Friday that the estimate is now over 1,000.

"The scale of the project has grown quite a bit and we now anticipate the creation of 1,000 to 1,500 jobs in the long term," he said.

AgBioEn was originally hoping to have shovels in the ground by October 2018, and for the plant to be operational by the third quarter of 2019, and Mr Hunting said the delay was due to the project being the first of its kind in the world.

"We've had to undertake a lot of re-

search and development for this project because what we will be doing here hasn't been done before," he said.

"When you do R&D, some works and some doesn't, and we've gone down a few rabbit holes on this project that have led nowhere and had some critical elements that weren't up to spec when we scrutinised them through the R&D process.

"The technologies we will be using here have all been used before, but not together in an integrated system, so it has taken some time to perfect that system which is not something you can rush.

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KATUNGA FRESH "HYDROPONIC TOMATOES"



Big deal for Katunga ... Charles Hunting, Libro Mustica, Peter Van den Goor and Peter Holmgren celebrate AgBioEn getting one step closer.

Huge Katunga biofuel plant a step closer

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"But we've completed that process now and are ready to move forward as soon as we have all of the relevant approvals from Moira Shire and the EPA."

AgBioEn is now hoping to break ground in the next couple of months with a view to having its first fuel produced in mid 2020, and be operating at full capacity in two to three years.

AgBioEn Managing Director Peter Holmgren said that the project is designed to have a net carbon negative outcome, meaning it will absorb more CO₂ than it produces, and will make Australia the first country capable of producing liquefied food grade CO₂.

"In three to seven years time this

project has the potential to make Australia a net exporter of CO₂ instead of an importer," he said.

"AgBioEn at Katunga will set the high watermark for renewable energy projects globally."

The project team said that the project is not just about making Katunga a player in the global biofuel market, but is also about ensuring fuel supply nationally and locally.

In addition to being able to supply power for local businesses, including biodiesel for transport and agricultural companies, AgBioEn anticipates producing energy to feed into the power grid.

Former politician Lindsay Tanner, who is a special consultant to the project, told Friday's gathering

that AgBioEn could potentially prove critical to Australia's energy future.

"Australia has just 20 days worth of fuel reserves, so being able to produce our own fuel at sites like this offers us a lot of security in the future if our outside supplies get cut off."

Some at the meeting expressed concerns about the demands the plant would put on local water supplies, which Tsing Capital partner Lubey Lozevski sought to allay.

"We've created a closed system in which water will be captured and re-used and it has been designed for water usage to be minimal - less than 10ML per year," he said.

The site has also been re-designed to ensure minimal disruption is

caused by heavy traffic entering and leaving.

One local at the meeting, Fred Russo, expressed concern that due to Katunga township's limited capacity to accommodate new residents, and limited capacity for growth, the benefits to the town may be less significant than the plant's presence would suggest.

"It would be great if the town could grow by another 100 houses, but we don't have the zoning or the infrastructure. We don't even have sewage," he said.

"All of these workers will be living somewhere else when what we really need is to make room for them here so we can see the town grow. If you don't grow you go backwards so we really need to make this project work for us."

Police raids result in drug charges

POLICE executed search warrants on two local addresses yesterday, with charges being laid against two individuals.

Both warrants resulted from information provided by members of the public.

The first warrant was executed at an address at the corner of McKenzie and Tweddle Streets Numurkah by members, including plain clothes officers, from Numurkah, Wodonga and Wangaratta police stations with the assistance of the canine unit.

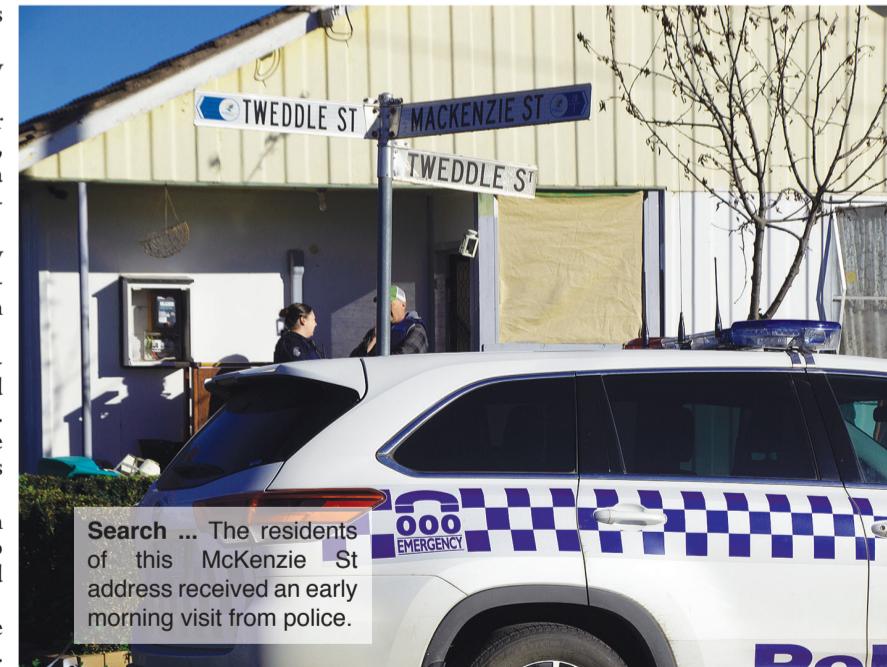
The address was the subject of an attack on Good Friday this year, when shots were fired into the residence in a dispute between one of the residents and a Strathmerton man who was later charged over the incident.

A quantity of methamphetamine was seized from the address, and a 38 year-old Numurkah man has been charged with possessing a drug of dependence in relation to the drug.

Enquiries into a quantity of prescription drugs found at the address are ongoing, with the possibility of further charges being laid.

The second search of the day occurred at an address in Wunghnu where a quantity of methamphetamine was also found, and resulted in a woman in her 20s being charged with possession of a drug of dependence.

The matters were unrelated, and both individuals have been bailed to appear in the magistrates court at a later date.



Search ... The residents of this McKenzie St address received an early morning visit from police.

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Fighting the system together ... Trevor and Chris Thomas both told their family's story at the mental health royal commission's regional hearing in Maryborough a fortnight ago.

Speaking out to fix a sick system

TREVOR and Chris Thomas knew that giving evidence to Victoria's Mental Health Royal Commission wouldn't be easy, but they were determined that the story of their experience with Victoria's mental health system should be told.

"I just want to help fix the system because it's completely broken," Trevor said.

"If telling our story can help one person in the future, then it's worth it," Chris agreed.

Trevor and Chris' story provides an almost perfect case study of how mental health issues do not discriminate based on age, gender, IQ, success, socioeconomic status or whether or not somebody has suffered a traumatic event.

There have been eight confirmed suicides, across three generations, on Trevor's side of the family alone.

"My father and two uncles committed suicide, which obviously hit me really hard," Trevor said.

"I've struggled with mental health issues since I was 18; that's almost 50 years, and it's only in the last five years that I've asked for help."

"I now know that my mental health issues have a genetic cause, but I think a big part of the problem in my early life, and the lives of the older generations, is that it was something you didn't talk about."

"I come from a long line of blokey blokes and I did what a lot of blokes do and drank beer to numb the pain. If things were too hard to deal with I walked away from them. In hindsight, I wouldn't have lost a lot of the things I have in my life if I'd dealt with my mental health issues a lot earlier."

When Trevor finally did seek help, the battle was just beginning.

In what emerged as a familiar tale at the commission hearings, which have been held over the past three weeks, reaching out for help was no guarantee of receiving it.

After confiding in his local GP in October 2013, Trevor was prescribed antidepressant medication and introduced to the reality of Australia's mental health system - he wouldn't be able to get in to see a psychologist locally for

three months.

He was finally able to access a psychologist through an employee program, but it was nowhere near enough.

In September 2014 in the midst of problems at work and an ongoing family crisis, Trevor came close to attempting suicide.

"I was driving home from work and I looked at two big trees by the side of the road and I thought if I just ran into them it would all be over. I just wanted to die," he said.

At home, Chris was watching him like a hawk. "I had seen him going down hill for the past 12 months and I was so scared and worried for him," she said.

"He'd just sit in his chair and stare at the television. I'd keep his car keys in my pocket because I was scared of what he would do if he got in the car, and I took all the rope out of the house."

"When he told me what he'd thought about the trees I knew I couldn't keep him safe anymore."

By agreement, Chris took Trevor to the emergency department at Goulburn Valley one night in October 2014 to seek help.

Trevor told hospital staff he was suicidal, and told them his family history, but they said there was no bed for him.

Fortunately, a family support worker who had been helping Chris through other issues had given her advice that proved, in all likelihood, life saving.

"She could see that Trevor was depressed and told me what I should do if I ever had to take him to hospital," Chris said.

Following the worker's advice, Chris refused to take Trevor home, stating that as the hospital had acknowledged he was suicidal, they had a duty of care to him.

"Then I left," she said.

"I didn't want to leave him but I hoped that if I wasn't there to take him home they would admit him."

Chris waited outside watching from the bushes to make sure the hospital didn't send Trevor home in a taxi, and received a phone call telling

her they had found Trevor a bed in the psychiatric ward.

"I hated it there. It was full of people with drug-induced psychosis and I didn't feel safe," he said.

Even in the psychiatric ward, Trevor was not seen by a psychiatrist until Chris made a fuss and insisted it happen.

Trevor was released after a few days, not feeling any better off for the experience.

Shortly after this, Trevor was admitted to the Prevention and Recovery Centre (PARC) in Shepparton.

"It was good there, the staff weren't clinical workers, just support workers, but I knew they were keeping an eye on me and I felt safe," he said.

"I had my own space and I was free to come and go as I pleased, I was seeing a psychiatrist and going to meditation classes and it gave me a chance to stabilise."

Whilst Chris was worried about the relative lack of supervision and on-site mental health staff at PARC, and the freedom for Trevor to leave and potentially access places he could suicide, she knew he needed to be there.

When they wanted to discharge Trevor after three weeks, Chris once again found herself having to take radical action.

"I'd learned they couldn't release him if he was homeless, so I did the hardest thing I've ever had to do and told them that he wasn't welcome at home and I was changing the locks," she said.

"It was absolutely heart breaking for both of us, but I had no other choice. Imagine having to do that just to get someone you love the help they need. Nobody should be put in a position where they have to inflict, and experience, that type of pain just to be able to access help."

Trevor stayed at PARC for six weeks, returning for another three weeks after Christmas when he suffered a setback.

The whole time Chris was made to fight on Trevor's behalf.

"They just don't seem to understand how val-

uable the knowledge of carers is because they know the patient so well and see how they are all the time at home," she said.

"I was constantly having to fight for him and ask to speak to doctors but nobody was ever available. They tried to shut me out of meetings, and just in general."

"It took threats of legal action and bringing in the media to get some action."

Chris firmly believes that if she had not been given the advice on how to handle things by her family support worker, Trevor would be dead.

"If I hadn't known the right things to say and do they would never have admitted him and he wouldn't be here now, I'm sure of that," she said.

"What happens to the people who don't have someone who knows those things, or don't have someone to fight and advocate for them? They're the people who don't make it, and there must be thousands of them."

After 15 months off work Trevor was eventually able to return to work, but shift work took its toll on his mental health and he has been off work again since January this year.

As he is unable to get medical clearance to return to shift work, he is facing the real possibility of being forced into early retirement.

Though he is still suffering from severe depression, he is somewhat stable and, after a three month wait, has been receiving help from a psychiatrist in Sydney via Telehealth.

"He is good and has been helping me, but I don't get to speak to him anywhere near often enough because you only get 10 free sessions on a mental health plan and he is trying to space them out so I can talk to him if I'm in crisis," Trevor said.

"It's just not enough, nothing about the current system is good enough."

"Some of the stories we heard at the royal commission were absolutely harrowing. It was hard giving evidence and I felt really flat for a week afterwards, but I want to help fix the system, so I had to do it."

"I hope it's worth it."

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Six Community Representatives are needed for the Upper Broken and Boosey Creek Flood Study Project Steering Committee.

This committee will provide input and advice on the methods and results for the hydraulic modelling, including the mapping of flood events and the outcomes of any public consultation during the flood study project.

Interested people are invited to make an application online or in writing, outlining the skills and value they would provide to the steering committee by **5pm Friday 9 August 2019**.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



Expressions of Interest are being sought for one Community Representative on the Moira Shire Council Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee is an Advisory Committee of Council whose primary role is to examine and review Council's financial accounts, audits, controls over revenue and expenditure, risk management including OH&S, information technology and other Council procedures and systems.

Interested people are invited to make a written submission by **5pm Friday 30 August 2019**.

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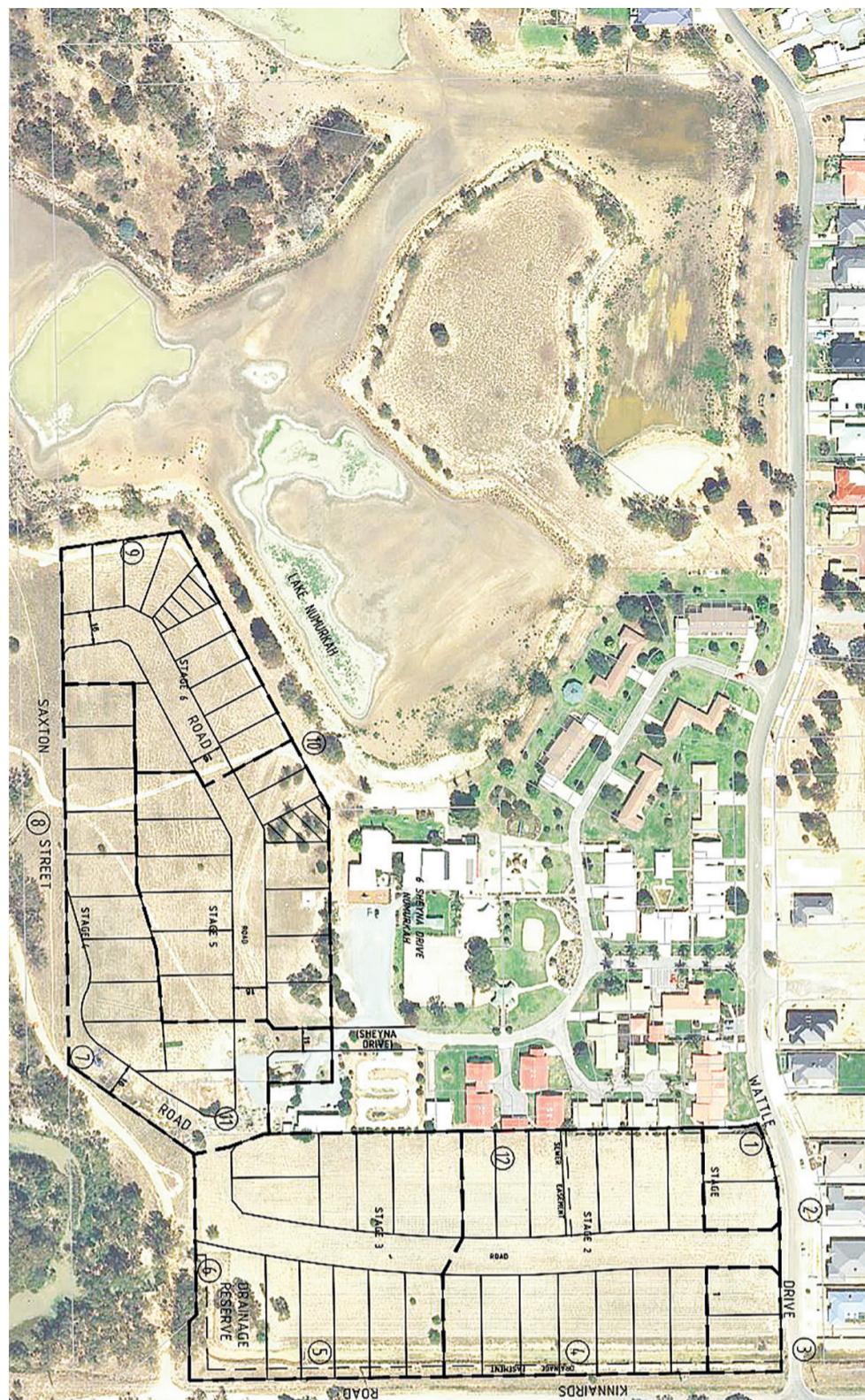
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Subdivision ... The 64 lot subdivision will be built in six stages.

New subdivision approved

A 64 LOT subdivision has been granted planning approval by Moira Shire Council for a property owned by Lakeside Country Club on Sheyna Drive Numurkah.

The land is a 6.45 hectare site on the south west corner of Wattle Drive and Kinnairds Road. It adjoins Broken Creek reserve and a closed road reserve to the south.

The land was inundated in the 2012 floods and is subject to a Rural Floodway Overlay and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay.

The six stage proposal, which was approved at last week's council meeting, has 55 conditions attached.

Council's report on the site said the subdivision, an application for which was first submitted in 2012, has been redesigned to address issues of

flood storage, flood conveyance and storm water management.

The plans have been reviewed by council's engineers who deemed it to be satisfactory.

The 64 lots approved vary in size from 460m² to 954m², with two small open space reserves, which form part of the 5% open space requirement, proposed to link the site to Lake Numurkah and the Numurkah Time Share Resort.

Six objections against the plans were received from members of the public, none of which were upheld by council.

All councillors voted in favour of the application, except for Cr Martin who expressed grave concerns about the site with regards to flooding, and Cr Mansfield who was absent.

Where to take your bread tags

OOPS! Looks like the final sentence of our Bread Tags for Wheelchairs story in last week's edition - the part that tells you where you can drop them off - accidentally got chopped off! Sorry about that. Here it is:

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Dedicated ... Susan Olley said though much has changed during her 40 years as a teacher, the fundamentals remain the same.

40 years have flown for Mrs Olley

WAAIA Yalca South Primary School principal Susan Olley always wanted to be a teacher, and after 40 years in the job she said it is everything she hoped it would be.

"I've always enjoyed my job, it's so rewarding," she said.

"Every day is different and I love working with kids."

Mrs Olley is one of 408 long serving school teachers and staff who were recognised for their dedication to public education by the Department of Education and Training at a ceremony

for employees who have reached 40, 45, 50 and 55 years of service in 2019, at the Grand Hyatt in Melbourne last week.

Between them the recipients have devoted more than 17,000 combined years to teaching.

Ms Olley said the time has flown, and though it is a much more complex world for kids to navigate now than it was 40 years ago, kids themselves haven't really changed.

"Kids still want to be valued and loved and acknowledged for who they are," she said.

"The world is more complex and demanding

now and so is the job of teaching. Your job as a modern teacher is really to teach the kids how to problem solve so they can meet the challenges ahead of them in this world."

Mrs Olley said that although many things have changed in the classroom and the world, such as technology, some things remain the same.

"Those old fashioned values of respect, courtesy and manners are still important for kids to learn to help them have successful relationships in all aspects of their lives, and everyone needs structure, so it is as important as ever that we provide those things."



Time flies ... Wayne Smith will always be glad he pursued a career in teaching.

Still having fun after 45 years

WAYNE Smith retired from teaching once, but it didn't stick.

"I missed the company and the interaction with the kids. Life was a bit boring without having their energy around so I got drawn back in," he said.

Wayne has now been enjoying that energy for 45 years, and was honoured for his long service to public education by the Department of Education and Training at an awards ceremony last week.

Wayne's long service is all the more extraordinary for the fact that he didn't go straight into teaching when he started his working life.

"I worked in a bank and then for the Department of Army but I didn't find it very fulfilling so I went back to school and trained as a teacher.

"I'm so glad I did because I've always loved teaching."

Wayne, who has been at Katunga South Primary School for many years and has taught at schools both large and small all over Victoria, said that while a lot has changed, the fundamentals of teaching have remained the same.

"Teachers still think and act the same, you still approach it the same way," he said.

"There is a lot more planning before and after teaching now though, and the whole process is more child focused so the kids are much more involved in how learning takes place."

Wayne said though paperwork remains a constant, the nature of it has changed.

"My first school was a single teacher school and I was responsible for doing the books," he said.

"They were a mess, and I thought the district inspector was going to go mad and sack me when he came to check out the school, but he turned out to be a lovely bloke and just fixed them up for me without a fuss."

One thing that hasn't really changed, Wayne said, is the kids.

"They may love playing on computers now but they still want you to have a kick of the footy with them."

"Kids have always been so honest and open-minded and what you see is what you get with them, which is why I enjoy their company so much. Time goes fast when you spend your time in that environment."

"It certainly doesn't feel like it's been 45 years."



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All smiles ... New NSC principal Claire Kelly is thrilled with the role.

NSC has proud new principal

THE weather may be a bit gloomy at the moment, but the smile on the face of Numurkah Secondary College's (NSC) new principal couldn't be brighter.

Claire Kelly, a long-time resident of Numurkah, is thrilled to take the role and told the *Leader* her first week in the job had been fabulous.

"It was a deliberate decision on my part to take this role and I'm really excited to be here," she said.

"I live in this community and I'm passionate about making sure it offers the best possible education and opportunities for our kids. It's a wonderful school with a beautiful community and kids."

Ms Kelly has a history as a speech pathologist and literacy consultant and has been a principal at St Joseph's in Windon WA, St Francis Primary School Nathalia and, most recently, McGuire College Shepparton.

Ms Kelly said her future vision for the school will be informed by the values, culture and community of the school, and her two main priorities are getting to know each student and family, and fostering partnerships between the wider com-

munity and the school.

"I'd like to make the school a hub for the community, and open it up to community groups that work so hard in the community.

"I'd like to build a real sense of pride in the community for the school," she said.

"There are so many people in the Numurkah community who have come from the school and become business people and leaders in the community and I'd like to form partnerships with them and work with them to create pathways for our students."

"I'd like education to be purposeful for our students and about how they are going to become leaders in the community, and I think working with people who have gone before them and done it is a great way to achieve that."

Ms Kelly said she is aware that many in the community want to see growth in the school, and she agrees, but is clear on what she sees as the best way of achieving that.

"We have 380 students here who we already have a commitment to and we need to look after the kids who are right here, right now."

"If we do that, more will come."

Numurkah young urged to have their say

MISSION Australia is urging 15-19-year-olds in Numurkah to speak up on personal concerns and broader issues that are important to them by participating in Youth Survey 2019 before it closes on August 9.

The survey is Australia's largest annual nationwide poll of young people, and Mission Australia uses the results to advocate on behalf of young people.

Each year, the Youth Survey provides a valuable snapshot of young Australians and offers many important insights that inform Mission Australia's work, that of other community groups, as well as government decision makers.

This year's Youth Survey includes some new focus questions to better understand young people's thoughts around bullying, disability and whether young people feel they have enough of a say about the issues that affect them.

Celebrating the annual survey's 18th birthday this year, the charity is seeking a record number of young people to come to the party and have a say.

With more than 28,000 young people participating in 2018, including 5,132 in Victoria, Mission Australia has a goal to reach well over 30,000 participants in celebration of the milestone.

Mission Australia hopes that with more participation this year, the charity will be able to provide a broader overview of the issues that are important to the health, mental health and well-being of young people across the country.

Mission Australia Victorian State Leader Michele Leonard encourages 15-19 year-olds in

Numurkah to undertake Australia's largest annual nationwide poll of young people.

"The views of Victorian young people are invaluable," Ms Leonard said.

"The Youth Survey is an annual temperature check to find out what young people across the country are thinking, feeling and experiencing."

"It gives organisations like Mission Australia current evidence so that we can advocate on behalf of young people for the policy changes and programs that they need, and that are proven to work."

"The more young people who have their say, the more inclusive, insightful and representative of the youth community the results will be."

In 2018, 43.1% of Victorian young people identified mental health as the top issue facing Australia today – moving from third to first place in the list of issues of national significance since 2017.

The top three issues identified by young people from Victoria in 2018 were mental health, alcohol and drugs, and equity and discrimination (43.1%, 30.5% and 27.1% respectively).

Mission Australia's Youth Survey 2019 is open to all young people aged 15 to 19 who are living in Australia.

To take part in the survey, visit www.missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey. Share the word using #YouthSurvey2019 #YouthSurvey18th-Birthday.

The survey results will be released in November.





New lease on life ... Numurkah CFA members Kevin Lucas and Paul Rees are happy to have a purpose built space for cleaning the breathing apparatus.

New lease on life for Numurkah CFA station

NUMURKAH CFA station has been given a new lease on life thanks to renovations funded by a State Government program.

The vital breathing apparatus, that is essential for allowing members to safely fight raging blazes, can now be cleaned in a new room that has been built especially for the purpose.

Numurkah CFA member Paul Rees, who is one of eight Numurkah fires trained to use the breathing

apparatus (BA), said members previously had to wash out their BA in the kitchen sink.

"It was better than nothing, but obviously it wasn't ideal, and having a new, designated clean room is a big improvement," he said.

"Now when we get back from a fire, the members who have been using the BA can come in here and easily wash it out while the other members unload the truck."

As well as the new BA cleaning

room, the renovations include new floor coverings throughout - either vinyl or carpet depending on the area - a new ceiling in the communications room, and new fittings in the bathrooms.

CFA member Kevin Lucas, who acted as project manager for the renovations said the upgrades had given the station a new lease on life.

"The whole place is much more user friendly now and feels more functional so it has made a big difference," he said.

"Everything that's been replaced was from the early 80s and was extremely worn, and approaching dangerous in some places, so an upgrade was pretty overdue."

The renovations cost around \$48,000, two thirds of which was covered by a grant from the State Government's Emergency Services Volunteer Sustainability Grants program.

Have your say on illegal dumping

LOCAL residents are being given the opportunity to have a say on litter and illegal dumping through a community survey open to residents of Moira, Murrindindi, Mitchell, Greater Shepparton, Campaspe and Strathbogie shires.

The online survey is being conducted by Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group (GVWRRG), which is seeking the community's views, concerns and priorities about litter and illegal dumping in the region.

Community members are invited to complete the online survey and share their experiences and ideas on areas such as litter hotspots, how illegal dumping may have impacted on them, the ease at which littering and illegal dumping can be reported and litter prevention.

The survey is open until Sunday, August 4, and is available online on the Engage Victoria website www.engage.vic.gov.au/regional-litter-and-illegal-dumping-plans/goulburn-valley.

GVWRRG Chair Seema Abdullah invited community members across the region to complete the survey and take the opportunity to share their perspectives and experiences on littering and illegal dumping.

"The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete, is confidential and anonymous and will assist in the development of a regional litter and illegal dumping plan which will include a number of actions and priorities," Ms Abdullah said.

"Unfortunately, the issue of littering and illegal dumping are persistent problems in the region, Victoria and around Australia.

"While attitudes and behaviours have improved, we need continued action to reduce littering and illegal dumping," she said.

As an incentive, participants can provide their email address or phone number (which is kept separate to the survey responses) to enter a draw to win a \$100 EFTPOS gift card.

For more information about the development of the Goulburn Valley regional litter and illegal dumping plan, visit www.gvwrrg.vic.gov.au.

Surveys must be completed by midnight on Sunday, August 4, 2019, and results will be reported back to the community in the following months.

Get the facts on drugs with new tool

THE Alcohol and Drug Foundation is encouraging people to get the facts on drugs with the launch of a free, online, interactive tool called the 'Drug Wheel'.

Chief Executive Officer, Dr Erin Lalor, said with lots of misinformation and sensationalism about drugs, it's important people have access to credible and correct information.

"Everyone should have access to factual, up to date information around alcohol and other drugs, so they can understand their effects and associated risks," Dr Lalor said.

Dr Lalor said that while the internet has made it easier for people to access information, it has also made it easier for misinformation to be promoted. She said this posed a challenge to credible, evidence-based organisations.

The Alcohol and Drug Foundation's new tool, is based on the drug wheel developed in 2011-12 by DrugWatch UK, in response to the increasing number of new psychoactive substances, which didn't fit previous drug classifications.

Traditionally, drugs have been grouped into four classifications, including stimulants, hallucinogens, depressants and analgesics. However, the drug wheel has seven classifications to adjust to the changing landscape of drugs, including empatho-

gens, dissociatives and cannabinoids.

"The Alcohol and Drug Foundation's interactive drug wheel can help people build a stronger understanding of the effects of different drugs by category, without needing in-depth knowledge of specific or new drugs," Dr Lalor said.

The drug wheel will be useful for healthcare professionals, students and people working within the alcohol and other drug sector, as well as anyone seeking evidence-based and up-to-date information on the effects of alcohol and other drugs.

"Good information can aid decision making but it is important to remember that there is no safe level of drug use. All drug use carries a risk of harm," Dr Lalor said.

The new, interactive Drug Wheel is accessible on the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's website at <https://adf.org.au/alcohol-drug-use/effects/drug-wheel>.

For drug information or support, people can visit www.adf.org.au or call the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's DrugInfo line on 1300 85 85 84.

The confidential service provides drug information and puts people in touch with relevant support and health services in their state and territory.



SUZANNA SHEED MP

INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR SHEPPARTON DISTRICT

New Citizens Welcomed

Recently I had the privilege of assisting Moira Shire Mayor Libro Mustica in presenting Citizenship Certificates to our newest Australian citizens.

A truly memorable day was had by all, young and old at the Cobram Civic Centre. Congratulations to Moira Shire for hosting this great event, and our newest citizens for taking the pledge.

We welcome you with open arms and look forward to your continued contribution to our great nation.

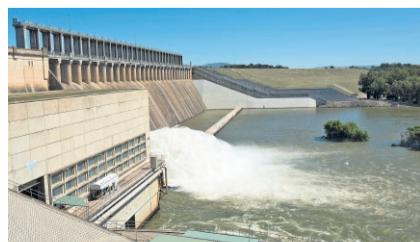


Water Advocacy Critical

I am always struck by the positive advocacy that comes out of our region on water policy.

It is an extraordinary privilege to be able to work with so many people across our region who have such a deep understanding of the agricultural industries which are the backbone of our community and who are willing to share their information with me and to assist me in taking issues of importance to Government.

Without these people and their passion for ensuring that all advocacy opportunities are taken advantage of we could be overlooked.



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This week in 1919 ...

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

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

HIGH HANDED PROCEEDING ROLL-STUFFING AT YARRAWONGA.

Our Yarrawonga correspondent writes:—For many years the ratepayers of the Burrumine riding of the shire of Yarrawonga have suspected their local roll of being stuffed in the interests of a certain clique. Monday last, being the duly appointed day for the Shire Revision Court they secured the services of solicitor Morrison, of Numurkah, to object to the retention on the roll of certain names. On the opening of the court Mr Morrison opened the ball by criticising the action of President Connell in refusing to issue subpoenas for certain witnesses which he required. As proceedings went on, it was soon seen that apart from the amusing spectacle he gave the public of jambing the President's tail, Mr Morrison had a strong case against his alleged dummies. A majority of the councillors, apparently in favor of roll stuffing, thereupon took the alarm, and, at the suggestion of the President, moved and carried a motion adjourning the court till next Tuesday, 29th inst, with the view of tiring out the objectors.

Mr Morrison strongly objected, and threatened to take the matter to the supreme Court; but the President was adamant, and a large crowd of disappointed sightseers slowly filed out into the street, to the strains of the National Anthem, as sung by the triumphant Councillors. As the privilege of the shire rolls will be strongly upheld by most of the councillors, the case against the Burrumine dummies may ultimately reach the Privy Council.

Can the old days of Kilmore produce anything to equal this? — "Benalla Ensign."

(We understand that an application by Mr O. Dixon (instructed by Messrs Morrison & Tare) to compel the chairman of the Revision Court to sign subpoenas was made to Mr Justice Hood in Chambers on Thursday last. An order nisi was granted, but on the chairman paying costs and giving an undertaking that he would sign the required subpoenas, further proceedings against him were discontinued.

The adjourned sitting of the Revision Court was to have taken place yesterday, but up to the time of going to press no report was to hand. Ed. L.)

Mother's Badge Found.—A mother of a soldier has lost her badge, and it has been found and handed to us. Knowing how greatly these badges are prized by the mothers of the boys who saw service overseas, it will be our delight to restore it to the owner on application.

Certificates Refused. — The Shepparton shire council has expended £100 in the purchase of ornamental certificates for district returned soldiers. The latter have refused to accept the certificates, however, unless the appointment by the council of a civilian as inspector of nuisances be rescinded, and the position given to a returned soldier.

We'll All Have One. — An English manufacturing company announces that it is preparing to put on the market an automobile that can be retailed for between £50 and £60. Scarcely any wood will be used in the construction of the car, the principal material being a new substance which is described as a kind of concrete, light, but strong and durable, produced from waste material, such as slag, clinkers and sawdust, and covered with a metal solution.

INFLUENZA. CONDITIONS IMPROVING.

The quantities of invalid food sent out from the "soup kitchen" constitute perhaps the best barometer as showing the state of affairs as regards the influenza epidemic, and that being so it is cheering to be able to report that the position is decidedly easier than it was at this hour last week. In most of the cases served by the kitchen reports have been received indicating convalescence, and it is hoped that by the end of the week the position will have been still further eased.

KATUNGA. — The hare shoot held, on July 17, in aid of the Mooroopna Hospital, was most successful. Some 25 guns were out and a good day's sport resulted in 219 hares being accounted for.



Competitive bunch ... The judges said all competitors performed to a very high standard.

Confident kids speak at Lions comp

THE Numurkah Lions Club held its annual junior public speaking competition last weekend, and the audience was treated to a fine display of articulate, animated and imaginative speech as you'll find anywhere.

Two age groups competed - grades 3/4 and grades 5/6 - and from the confident performances on display, it was clear that many local lounge rooms and class rooms had been seeing plenty of practice performances in recent weeks.

Competing in the 3/4 section were Brian Hansen, Andrew Barnden, Emily Watters and Timothy Oswald for St Joseph's, and Jacinta Holmes, Nate Warrin and Bella Wayman for Numurkah Pri-

mary School.

Each 3/4 student presented a three minute speech of their own composition on the topic 'I went into outer space and met an alien.'

Lions Club organiser Jenny McKeown said that Timothy Oswald's performance was a real stand-out in that category.

"He was so animated and confident," she said.

Timothy told the *Leader* he wrote his speech purely from his imagination, and that although he was nervous, he had practised quite a bit, and that helped.

"I didn't find it super-hard but it was a bit challenging," he said.

"I competed last year when I was in grade three so I knew what to ex-

pect and that really helped."

Runner up in the 3/4 section was Brian Hansen.

Reflecting their years and experience, the grade 5/6 competitors had a harder task.

Each student had to compose and present a four minute speech on being a character in their favourite book, as well as present a one minute speech on the impromptu topic 'What is your favourite activity and why do you like doing it?', with just 10 minutes preparation time.

Jenny McKeown said that each of the students - Rebecca Retallick, Ashlee Dyson and Addison Oswald from St Joseph's, and Tessa Warrin and Erin Norman from Numurkah Primary School - acquitted them-

selves well.

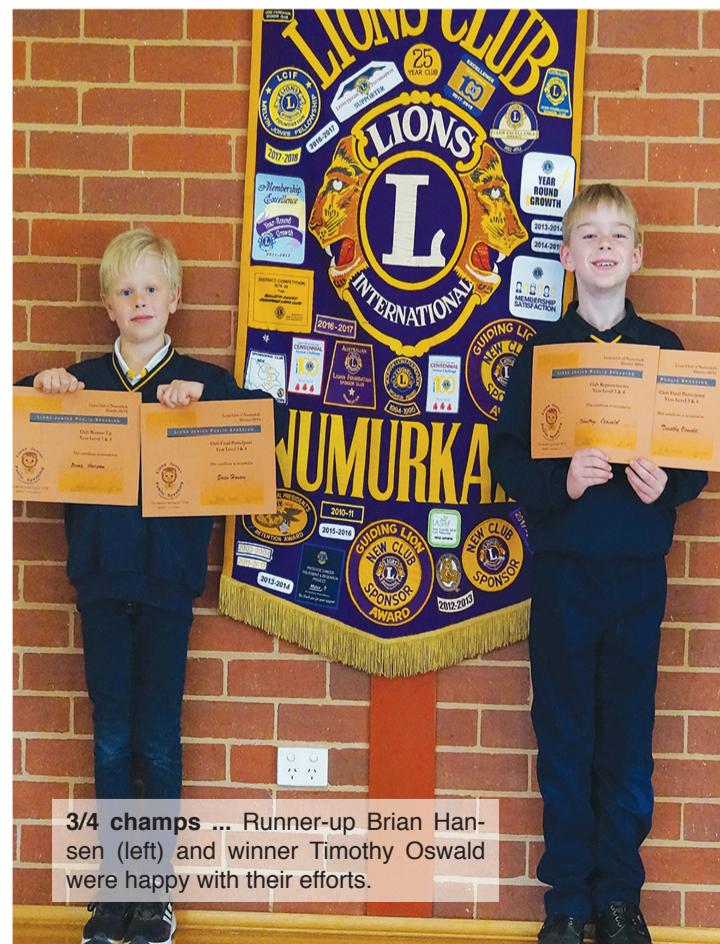
"The judges, Tricia Newman, Barb Dealy and Merren Carr, said the standard was excellent in both categories, and it was difficult to choose a winner," she said.

While the judges deliberated, an afternoon tea provided by the Lions Ladies helped distract all assembled as they waited for the outcome.

Ashlee Dyson was ultimately crowned winner of the 5/6 section, with Tessa Warrin a worthy runner-up.

Having won the next level of competition, the regional final, last year, Ashlee will surely be hoping for a repeat when she and Timothy compete at Girgarre this Sunday.

Good luck kids!



3/4 champs ... Runner-up Brian Hansen (left) and winner Timothy Oswald were happy with their efforts.



Senior winners ... Runner-up Tessa Warrin (left) and winner Ashlee Dyson both spoke with great confidence.

Discovery Weekend a stand-out success

Moira Shire's first Sun Country Discovery Weekend has been hailed a huge success, with thousands of locals getting out and about to sample the best food, drink and attractions the region has to offer.

Over the course of the weekend, residents enjoyed scrumptious local produce, paddle boat rides, coffee, historic tours and more – all for just \$1.

Anna Sergi from Monichino Wines told the *Leader* the winery welcomed hundreds of visitors over the course of the weekend.

"We were really pleased with how it went, it was excellent," she said.

"We had visitors from right across Moira Shire, most of whom had never been here before, so the promotion obviously succeeded in bringing new people to local attractions and that was really great."

"I can see this as being something that grows every year, and I really look forward to that."

Mayor Libro Mustica said he was amazed at the amount of locals getting out and about, taking advantage of this great initiative.

"The Sun Country Discovery Weekend was a great opportunity to explore our own backyard, so we can spread the word to our friends and relatives when

they visit," Cr Mustica said. "Our farm gate trail, with more than 20 operators on board, as well as the silo art trail are becoming more popular than ever."

"With the Discovery Weekend, from Bundalong to Barmah, tourism operators welcomed locals to re-visit attractions they may not have been to for a while, or to take a tour they haven't experienced before."

It's also not too late to enter into the Discovery Weekend competition with prizes on offer for residents who collected four stickers on their ticket at participating venues.

The prizes, valued at \$1,500, comprise two nights' accommodation at RACV Resort Cobram plus a three hour sunset dinner cruise for four people aboard the MV Paradise and a Locheilan Cheese Triple Cream Brie Ring; a two night accommodation voucher from 'The Sinatra' Waterfront Holiday Homes, Mulwala; and a two night cabin stay at the Numurkah Caravan Park.

"Simply return your completed ticket with its four stickers to your local Visitor Information Centre before Saturday 10 August 2019 to be in the running for this great prize," Cr Mustica said.



A taste of local treats ... Mary from Locheilan Cheese at Wunghnu welcomed visitors from across the shire during the Discovery Weekend.

Child injury death rates higher in regional Vic

NEW statistics released in time for National Farm Safety Week last week, show that injury related death rates for children aged up to 14 in outer regional areas of Victoria are four times that of rates for children in major cities.

The latest edition of the Victorian Injury Surveillance Unit's (VISU) Hazard report reveals the figures, citing 5.2 deaths per 100,000 population for children in regional Victoria, compared to 1.3 per 100,000 in major cities.

The report also highlights that Ambulance attendance rates, emergency department presentations and hospital admissions were all higher for children in inner and outer regional

areas compared to major cities in Victoria.

Kidsafe Victoria has said the figures emphasise the importance of safety on farms.

Jason Chambers, General Manager of Kidsafe Victoria, highlighted the unique environments and hazards that were present for children on farms and in regional areas.

"Farms typically combine the family home and an industrial workplace, which means children are exposed to a wide range of hazards that aren't present in urban home environments," Mr Chambers said.

"Common injury hazards for children on farms include machinery, vehicles, such as tractors, mo-

torbikes and quad bikes, animals, water hazards such as dams, rivers, creeks and animal drinking troughs, and poisons such as pesticides."

Mr Chambers said that farm safety was an important issue for everyone to be aware of, regardless of where they reside.

"It's important to remember that this is not just an issue for people who live in rural Victoria. Quite often families from metropolitan Victoria will travel to and spend time in regional areas, particularly during holiday periods, which is why they need to be aware of injury hazards on farms too."

Kidsafe Victoria's Farm Safety Tips:

• Active adult supervision is essential to avoid childhood injuries on farms. It's a good idea to have set supervisors so there is no confusion about who is watching the children.

• Create safe play areas away from hazards like dams, animals and machinery.

• Educate children from a young age about potential hazards and teach them clear rules and guidelines on a farm.

• Have age appropriate jobs for children and restrict involvement in dangerous tasks.

• All families and farm workers should know correct first aid procedures to ensure no time is wasted in the event of an emergency.

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The vet that comes to you

AS a mother of young children, Jodie Ciavarella knows how hard it can sometimes be to get out of the house and get things done - such as a doctor's visit for a family member.

Combined with her 13 years experience as a veterinarian, Jodie said it was this awareness which provided the genesis for her business 4 Paws Mobile Vet, which provides veterinary services to your door.

"It's something that's very popular in metropolitan areas and I couldn't see why it wouldn't work well here too because everybody loves convenience," she said.

"Having the vet come to you is nowhere near as stressful for the humans or the animals, especially if you have mobility issues or you have an animal that doesn't like the car, or hates being wrangled into a cat-box."

Jodie provides basic vet services such as vaccination,

micro-chipping, ultrasounds, annual check-ups and examination of issues such as lumps and skin conditions for small domestic animals.

"I stock meds for mild conditions and I can run bloods as well if the animal is cooperative," she said.

If an animal needs hospitalisation or surgery Jodie will refer you to your local vet clinic.

As convenient as Jodie's service is for her clients, she also gets a lot out of being a vet on wheels.

"It gives me a lot of flexibility and provides a good work/life balance and I also get a chance to get to know my clients, both human and animal, better," she said.

"When you go to a clinic you could see a different vet every time, but for my clients they always get to see me, so it's a more personal service."

Jodie's services are available from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday and can be booked on 0400 503 548.



I'll come to you ... Jodie Ciavarella enjoys being a vet on wheels.

Boiled lollies, hot chips and new shoes

Paul Richardson

EVERY now and again we have flashbacks, *déjà vu* experiences or simply reflections on events from our dim, dark or bright past. Reminiscing is a wonderful pastime as it constantly brings a smile to one's face and even a stymied chortle from our lips.

Small local supermarkets were a treasure as a young person being raised in the 1970s, and if my intuition is correct, this age group and older are the demographic likely to read this article, rather than being on the phone.

Let's start with the boiled lollies we would purchase from a counter at the back of the shop. An elderly, stern, yet friendly man would scoop up, with a silver aluminium receptacle, your selection from the glass jars, slide them onto an antique weighing scale and then pour them into a brown paper bag, after writing the price on it.

With wide eyes and a broad smile you would deliver your little 'pot of gold' to the manual cash register at the very front of the store. Bliss.

Next the hot chips adventure. Twenty cents would be taken to the pristine, clean take away food shop. The owner, resplendent in a white apron covering his multi coloured shirt, would ever so politely ask for your order.

Twenty cents worth of chips would be the reply. After eagerly waiting, the chips would be shaken free of most of the fat, in order for the refuse to drip back into the fryer, next the crispy, crunchy chips would be rolled onto the newspaper which had a small sheet of white baking paper astutely positioned in the centre. Salt would be layered

on and then vinegar aplenty splashed across the entire bundle.

Even though you knew fingers would get burnt, you still poked a hole in the end and dived in grabbing a small handful. Quickly, they were literally shoved into your gaping mouth, regularly burning your innocent palate, but hell they tasted delicious.

Finally, the experience of purchasing a new pair of school shoes, more than likely at the commencement of the school year, was a unique experience.

Firstly you made sure your socks didn't smell, as that would have been embarrassing to the entire family. You slipped off the aforementioned foot apparel and were then told to place your bare heel at the back of the gleaming aluminium measurer.

The retailer would carefully read which number your big toe reached before rushing off to the rear of the shop. There in the recesses were the stashed shoe boxes, one on top of the other, often to the roof. Sometimes there was a portable rolling ladder in place, utilised to flick down the store under the prying eyes of all and sundry.

Your foot would be ensconced in the shiny new shoes by another silver, aluminium implement. The shop worker then firmly pressed their thumb at the end of your toe to make sure there was room for growth. Before leaving you had to try both shoes on and saunter up and down the store under the prying eyes of all and sundry.

Ah memories, that's ultimately what makes life fun.

Science unravels thought control

WHATEVER you do, don't think about a red apple.

Chances are, when you read the sentence above, that's exactly what you did do. But not to worry, recent research has shown that's quite a normal reaction.

It turns out that even those people who are good at suppressing certain thoughts still harbour traces of the thought in their unconscious, according to the latest research to come out of University of New South Wales (UNSW) School of Psychology.

Researchers at UNSW's Future Minds Lab conducted experiments with participants who were instructed to either imagine or avoid imagining red or green vegetable or fruit objects for seven seconds.

Ten participants were randomly shown one of six written cues: red apple, red chili, red tomato, green broccoli, green cucumber, or green lime.

After being instructed to avoid thinking about the written cue objects, participants were then asked to indicate if the thought popped into their heads by pushing a button.

Following this, they were shown a red-green image in binocular rivalry (where an image is shown to each eye separately) and then asked to indicate which colour was dominant.

The researchers found that there was an above average chance that a participant picked the colour associated with the original written cue words.

Specifically, when participants attempted to not think about a red apple, chili or tomato, they were significantly more likely to report red in the subsequent rivalry illusion presentation. This suggests, say the researchers, that thought suppression was ineffective at preventing the sensory trace of visual thoughts from forming.

UNSW Future Minds Lab director Professor Joel Pearson said this was a surprising result, particularly for the participants who had not pushed the button, indicating they had succeeded - or thought they had succeeded - in

thought suppression.

"Even though they had not thought about the objects, we could still measure the sensory trace of a thought," Professor Pearson said.

"In other words, despite not being aware of the thought there was still a representation of it there, most probably in the visual cortex, that was systematically biasing the binocular rivalry illusion."

"Through various control experiments we show this is the most likely explanation of the data."

Interestingly, Professor Pearson says that in another task where participants were told to use a distraction strategy to avoid thinking about the object - for example, thinking about a white cloud - the bias effect went away.

"This shows that thought-substitution is a better strategy than direct thought control, while other data shows that mindfulness might aid in general thought control at a sensory brain level," he said.

The research could also inform new ways of thinking about strategies to deal with the cognitions involved with addiction.

"This is an exciting discovery as it tells us for the first time that even when we feel like a thought is not there, because we have successfully suppressed it from our minds - it is actually still there," Professor Pearson says.

"Which suggests using brute force to not think about something - that cigarette or that drink - simply won't work because the thought is actually there in our brains."

"This discovery changes the way we think about thoughts of desire and suggests unconscious thoughts can emerge and drive our decisions and behaviour."

Moving ahead, Professor Pearson says he and his fellow researchers are now looking at the neural representations of these unconscious suppressed thoughts using function brain imaging (fMRI) to show exactly where they are in the brain.

Driving mentors needed

REGIONAL Roads Victoria (RRV) is calling out for volunteers to help get young drivers on the road.

RRV North Eastern Regional Director Steve Bowmaker said there's currently high demand for the TAC L2P program which matches mentors with young learner drivers who don't have access to a supervising driver or vehicle.

"Volunteer mentors are the driving force behind this dynamic program," Mr Bowmaker said.

"It's through their efforts that learners are able to reach the 120 hours required to attain their Ps."

"By achieving their licence goals, learners are then able to connect with educational, vocational and social opportunities that may not otherwise have been available to them."

Offered statewide, TAC L2P has helped over 5,000 learners obtain their probationary licence and mentors have supervised over 458,000 hours of driving.

Funded by the TAC and managed by the Department of Transport Community Programs team,

L2P is free for eligible young people.

For Wangaratta-based volunteer mentor David James, the many hours spent on the road with his mentee Nick Richards resulted not only in a successful licence test but a firm friendship too.

"Nick is the second learner I've worked with and I've really enjoyed being part of the program," Mr James said.

"I'd encourage anyone with some time on their hands to volunteer as a supervising driver, it's really rewarding and a great way to help out young people."

Across RRV's North Eastern Region, TAC L2P can be accessed in Moira Shire, Greater Shepparton, Alpine Shire, Benalla Rural City, Indigo Shire, Mansfield Shire, Mitchell Shire, Murrindindi Shire, Strathbogie Shire, Wangaratta Rural City and City of Wodonga.

More information about the program can be found by visiting the VicRoads website at vicroads.vic.gov.au and searching for L2P.



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20th Anniversary

The above celebrations will be held on Monday 19th August 2019 commencing at 10.00am in the

Numurkah Senior Citizens Clubrooms

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We, Prattenville Properties Pty Ltd of 814 Spences Road, Katunga, Vic 3640 Refer to Vic Roads Map 22 J9 (ed. 8) intend to make application to Goulburn-Murray Water for a Licence to Construct Works (Bore), and if successful:

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The water will be used for the purpose of Irrigation.

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To make a submission, please read the information available to download from www.g-mwater.com.au/customer-services/forms/groundwaterforms refer to No. 4 (or contact GMW to arrange for a copy to be posted to you). Submissions must be lodged in writing using the template available by either mail or email to Customer Support Coordinator, Licensing Administration, PO Box 165, Tatura VIC 3616 or email licensingadmin@g-mwater.com.au.

From Peter and Jenny Cox, Michelle Hender and all Staff at Peter Cox and Sons Funeral Directors.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NUMURKAH FC BLUES

Numurkah Football Netball Club is holding a reunion for 1979 Senior and 1999 Senior and Reserve premierships on Saturday August 10th at home. We extend a warm invitation to all past players, club members and the community to join our celebrations from midday at the club rooms.

MEETINGS

NARING HALL AGM 8:00pm

Monday 12th of August 2019

At Naring Hall
All Naring community welcome
Any queries call: 58651279

THANKS

Dysons - From one local business to another, may we take this opportunity thank Colin, Maria, Wayne and Sharon at Dyson's IGA Numurkah for their long time service and support to our community (eg The Fire Brigade). Best wishes for your future endeavors.

From Peter and Jenny Cox, Michelle Hender and all Staff at Peter Cox and Sons Funeral Directors.



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DEATHS

Deepest Condolences to Danny, Robin and families. So sad to hear of the passing of Joy. We have many happy memories of a beautiful lady and friend.

Anna, Pat, Tony and Frances Sergi

Sincere condolences to Danny, Robin and families on the sad loss of Joy. She was a lovely lady and a good friend to the Monichino Family.

In our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered everyday

HENDER — Joy. To Danny, Michelle and the Hender Family, Our condolences on the passing of your Mum.

From Scott and staff at Shepparton Radiators and Windscreens

YATES (nee GRAY) — Margraet Joan. Died peacefully at Karana Community Kew, on 25 July 2019, aged 92 years. Youngest daughter of Adam and Amy Gray of Drumanure, sister of Joyce, John, George, and Betty (all dec.), loving and loved wife of Jim (dec.) and Mother to Allison

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FUNERAL NOTICES

LAKIN — A graveside service to celebrate the life of Mr Robert (Bob) Lakin will be held at the Numurkah Lawn Cemetery, Corke Street, Numurkah, on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, Commencing at 11am.



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SENIORS

Nathalia	5.5, 16.7, 24.15, 31.16 (202)
Moama	2.2, 2.2, 4.2, 5.3 (33)
GOALS, Nathalia: A. Jorgensen 10, A. Hicks 6, L. Evans 5, B. Ross 3, B. Bell 2, H. Cobblewick 1, T. Favaro 1, D. Barnes 1, A. Quinn 1, S. Morris 1. Moama: F. Buchanan 3, J. Harland 1, D. Pinney 1.	
BEST, Nathalia: A. Jorgensen, B. Bell, A. Hicks, A. Hickey, R. Butler, R. Barnes. Moama: J. Harland, C. McGregor, J. Russell, K. Baker, L. Dunham, D. McKinday.	
Cobram	6.2, 9.4, 11.8, 16.11 (107)
Deniliquin Rams	1.2, 3.4, 8.7, 11.8 (74)
GOALS, Not supplied.	
BEST, Not supplied.	
Echuca United	3.2, 7.4, 14.6, 19.6 (120)
Finley	1.3, 4.6, 8.9, 10.12 (72)
GOALS, Echuca United: J. Mellington 11, D. Moon 2, B. Fulford 2, R. Priest 1, P. Quanchi 1, A. Welsh 1, C. McLay 1. Finley: D. Clarke 2, M. Wilson 2, Z. Cuppens 2, L. Middleton 1, B. Ashley-Cooper 1, L. Bramley 1, L. Moore 1.	
BEST, Echuca United: J. Mellington, C. McLay, J. Curnow, D. Moon, J. Florance, R. Priest, Finley: Z. Cuppens, T. Robertson, L. Moore, B. Ashley-Cooper, L. Bramley, M. Jackson.	
Mulwala	6.5, 10.9, 14.15, 19.17 (131)
Katandra	0.2, 2.4, 4.4, 5.7 (37)
GOALS, Mulwala: not supplied. Katandra: R. Shannon 2, M. McGrath 1, R. Williams 1, T. Jeffery 1.	
BEST, Mulwala: Not supplied. Katandra: M. McGrath, C. Hickford, P. Frappell, X. Chalkley, L. Quibell, T. Jeffery.	
Tungamah	4.3, 10.6, 14.6, 23.10 (148)
Numurkah	2.5, 5.8, 8.11, 12.12 (84)
GOALS, Tungamah: N. Lawless 6, B. Beaton 5, T. Cooper 4, D. Haebich 3, J. O'Brien 2, B. Beaton 1, T. Jones 1, C. Powell 1. Numurkah: L. McKeown 4, T. Arnel 2, D. Ebborn 2, M. Herlihy 2, B. McKeown 1, N. Hicks 1.	
BEST, Tungamah: J. Jones, T. Jones, B. Butts, B. Beaton, J. Irvine, T. Cooper. Numurkah: L. McKeown, M. Herlihy, B. Roberts, J. Holmes, B. McKeown, G. Gallus. Congupna	4.1, 5.7, 10.10, 15.12 (102)
Rumbalara	4.3, 8.3, 10.5, 14.6 (90)
GOALS, Congupna: D. Schaper 4, A. Brophy 3, J. Trewin 2, M. Beck 2, B. Squire 1, D. Campbell 1, M. Cornwall 1, J. Winnell 1. Rumbalara: C. McCartney 5, L. Power 2, M. Johnstone 2, J. Wanganeen 1, K. Wise 1, A. Hexter 1, N. Terlich 1, C. Egan 1.	
BEST, Congupna: D. Schaper, T. Mifka, C. Allen, B. Squire, A. Brophy, N. Cole. Rumbalara: J. Terlich, A. Miller, C. McCartney, T. Lloyd, R. Taylor, K. Wise.	
Tongala	3.4, 9.4, 13.4, 21.11 (137)
Barooga	1.5, 5.6, 8.7, 9.8 (62)
GOALS, Tongala: A. Dennis 4, M. Ryan 3, S. Souter 3, S. Cipriani 3, K. Fitzgerald 2, J. Hammond 2, R. Cowley 1, D. Joyce 1, C. McCarthy 1, C. Ilett 1. Barooga: L. Morey 3, L. Baxter 2, P. Francis 1, L. Olson 1, E. Leighton-Daly 1, N. Sim 1.	
BEST, Tongala: C. Ilett, C. McCarthy, J. Hammond, H. Cohen, A. Lovison, A. Dennis. Barooga: L. Morey, R. Brooks, R. Thomson, R. Gatum, S. Macheda, Z. Brain.	
RESERVES	
Moama	1.2, 2.4, 5.8, 7.10 (52)
Nathalia	0.3, 0.7, 0.8, 1.9 (15)
GOALS, Moama: J. Galpin 2, K. Phillips 1, M. Veitch 1, J. Smith 1, L. McCann 1, Z. McGregor 1. Nathalia: J. Hardy 1.	
BEST, Moama: J. Smith, M. Palmer, L. McCann, A. McKinday, K. Wilson, R. Murphy. Nathalia: B. Valler, B. Armstrong, S. Zammitt, T. Atkins, C. Hickey, D. Robinson.	
Deniliquin Rams	4.6, 5.9, 8.10, 9.10 (64)
Cobram	0.0, 3.2, 7.4, 7.6 (48)
GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: S. Werner 2, A. Free 2, J. Campbell 1, L. Ives 1, B. Nisbet 1, R. Barnes 1, M. Wade 1. Cobram: P. Bourke 4, B. Raco 1, J. Grant 1, L. Hartley 1.	
BEST, Deniliquin Rams: E. Draffin, R. Leetham, J. Allitt, B. Nisbet, A. Free, C. Crockett. Cobram: G. Kelly, B. Raco, R. Loizou, J. Grant, D. Ashcroft, L. Hartley.	
Echuca United	5.3, 12.3, 15.5, 19.7 (121)
Finley	0.0, 2.0, 2.0, 2.0 (12)
GOALS, Echuca United: A. McMahon 5, Z. Molluso 3, L. Gundry 2, B. Allsop 2, J. Chapman 2, D. Haydon 1, T. Callander 1, A. Carmody 1, J. Deighton 1, M. Nettlefold 1, Finley: B. Shannon 1, S. Kable 1.	
BEST, Echuca United: J. Chapman, D. Haydon, A. Pryde, L. Schwencke, Z. Molluso, A. McMahon. Finley: D. Philpot, T. Vance, M. Anderson, S. Jewell, S. Kable, S. Price.	
Mulwala	2.3, 5.8, 9.13, 11.18 (84)
Katandra	1.1, 3.3, 5.3, 6.4 (40)
GOALS, Mulwala: A. Rouel 3, C. O'Neill 2, Z. Scott 2, C. Nye 2, L. Howroyd 1, E. Boyer 1. Katandra: J. Thomson 1, G. McCarley 1, O. Shannon 1, M. Cook 1, D. Giles 1, T. Cheer 1.	
BEST, Mulwala: J. Walker, A. Rouel, J. Bland, N. Beasley, E. Boyer, L. Howroyd. Katandra: Q. Shannon, D. Giles, R. Sanders, M. Shannon, J. Cormican, F. Opie.	
Tungamah	7.4, 12.7, 19.12, 26.15 (171)
Numurkah	0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (1)
GOALS, Tungamah: M. Bourke 5, L. Buerckner 4, A. Richardson 4, J. Besley 3, C. Johnstone 3, D. Whykes 2, M. Powell 2, S. Thomson 1, J. Sampson 1, D. Ellis 1. Numurkah: K. Newby 1.	
BEST, Tungamah: J. Besley, N. Doyle, A. Richardson, M. Bourke, C. Johnstone, D. Whykes. Numurkah: G. Gallus 1, J. Pruden, B. Miller, B. Waites, R. Lacunin, B. Shanahan.	
Rumbalara	4.1, 7.4, 12.7, 16.12 (108)
Congupna	1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.2 (8)
GOALS, Rumbalara: G. Weston 5, R. Morgan 2, B. Armstrong 2, M. Clarke 2, B. Larkins 1, K. Hardie 1. Congupna: C. Lambert 1.	
BEST, Rumbalara: B. Larkins, S. Hunter, B. Briggs, R. Morgan, M. Clarke, B. Armstrong. Congupna: B. White, J. Hicks, J. Zausa, L. Stuart, N. Jacobson, G. Flahive.	
Tongala	8.5, 11.12, 18.16, 29.17 (191)
Barooga	0.0, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2 (2)
GOALS, Tongala: J. Moran 7, B. Power 4, T. Cipriani 4, T. Vick 4, T. Nevill 3, B. Joyce 2, B. Canney 2, M. Ohlson 1, D. Cox 1, D. Watson 1.	
BEST, Tongala: T. Vick, J. Moran, T. Cipriani, B. Joyce, M. Ohlson, D. Cox. Barooga: Z. Goodwin, H. Brown, Z. Woodhead, C. Doyle, D. Trenerry, M. Macheda.	
UNDER 17	
Moama	2.4, 6.8, 12.12, 15.15 (105)
Nathalia	1.1, 2.2, 4.2, 6.5 (41)
GOALS, Moama: L. Edwards 3, T. Donchi 3, R. Webb 3, C. Vredenburg 2, N. Milner 1, B. Warde 1, L. Simpson 1, C. Ramsay 1. Nathalia: S. Young 2, C. Blood-	

Matt Davies	Nathalia	0	29	Fox 1, Matthew Heazlewood 1, Tom Beams 1, David Riddle 1, Hamish Cameron 1. Tocumwal: Timothy Arkay 2, Mitchell Bell 1.
Adam Dodd	Tungamah	0	27	BEST, Deniliquin Rams: Cobram: L. Hayes 1, J. Opray 1, C. Baxa 1, A. Al Jassim 1, O. Mackay 1, R. Mele 1, D. Langshaw 1, L. McShane 1. Deniliquin Rams: R. Milward 3, K. Hall 2.
Matthew Veitch	Moama	1	26	BEST, Cobram: L. Kennedy, M. Curtin, M. Allen, N. Iddles, R. Loizou, T. Neville. Deniliquin Rams: D. McManus, K. Hillier, L. Learmonth, A. Ziekie, C. Learmonth, R. Milward.
Beau Jackson	Rumbalara	0	25	BEST, Cobram: Cobram: L. Kennedy, M. Curtin, M. Allen, N. Iddles, R. Loizou, T. Neville. Deniliquin Rams: D. McManus, K. Hillier, L. Learmonth, A. Ziekie, C. Learmonth, R. Milward.
Samuel Tyler	Tongala	0	23	BEST, Cobram: Cobram: L. Kennedy, M. Curtin, M. Allen, N. Iddles, R. Loizou, T. Neville. Deniliquin Rams: D. McManus, K. Hillier, L. Learmonth, A. Ziekie, C. Learmonth, R. Milward.

Kodi Hicks	Nathalia	0	22	BEST, Cobram: Cobram: L. Kennedy, M. Curtin, M. Allen, N. Iddles, R. Loizou, T. Neville. Deniliquin Rams: D. McManus, K. Hillier, L. Learmonth, A. Ziekie, C. Learmonth, R. Milward.
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Djaidha Miller	Rumbalara	7	63	BEST, Cobram: Cobram: L. Kennedy, M. Curtin, M. Allen, N. Iddles, R. Loizou, T. Neville. Deniliquin Rams: D. McManus, K. Hillier, L. Learmonth, A. Ziekie, C. Learmonth, R. Milward.
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Dustan Eboran	Tungamah	2	42	BEST, Cobram: Cobram: L. Kennedy, M. Curtin, M. Allen, N. Iddles, R. Loizou, T. Neville. Deniliquin Rams: D. McManus, K. Hillier, L. Learmonth, A. Ziekie, C. Learmonth, R. Milward.
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Jesse Garner	Echuca United	3	41	BEST, Cobram: Cobram: L. Kennedy, M. Curtin, M. Allen, N. Iddles, R. Loizou, T. Neville. Deniliquin Rams: D. McManus, K. Hillier, L. Learmonth, A. Ziekie, C. Learmonth, R. Milward.
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Lewis McShane	Cobram	1	41	BEST, Cobram: Cobram: L. Kennedy, M. Curtin, M. Allen, N. Iddles, R. Loizou, T. Neville. Deniliquin Rams: D. McManus, K. Hillier, L. Learmonth, A. Ziekie, C. Learmonth, R. Milward.
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Ned Osborne	Echuca United	4	39	BEST, Cobram: Cobram: L. Kennedy, M. Curtin, M. Allen, N. Iddles, R. Loizou, T. Neville. Deniliquin Rams: D. McManus, K. Hillier, L. Learmonth, A. Ziekie, C. Learmonth, R. Milward.
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Shadeau Brain	Finley	0	38	BEST, Cobram: Cobram: L. Kennedy, M. Curtin, M. Allen, N. Iddles, R. Loizou, T. Neville. Deniliquin Rams: D. McManus, K. Hillier, L. Learmonth, A. Ziekie, C. Learmonth, R. Milward.
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Addison Psaltiras	Mulwala	5	34	BEST, Cobram: Cobram: L. Kennedy, M. Curtin, M. Allen, N. Iddles, R. Loizou, T. Neville. Deniliquin Rams: D. McManus, K. Hillier, L. Learmonth, A. Ziekie, C. Learmonth, R. Milward.
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Proud Knights despite losses

NUMURKAH Knights under 8s played Tatura Junior Soccer Club at the weekend.

The Knights got off to a slow start, allowing Tatura to score first, before the morning air woke the Knights up and they came back hard with an equaliser.

Both teams played exceptionally well, showing great team play, passing quickly and finding the gaps to press the goal keepers at both ends of the field.

The action continued in the second half with many shots at goal, some rebounding from a post or crossbar and some finding net, leaving spectators on edge as to who would be the winners.

In the end, Tatura found the angles they needed to take home the win.

All the Knights deserved coaches' awards for their team work, while a special mention goes to Dakota Schultz for her first goal of the season.

UNDER 10

Numurkah Knights under 10 Black played Toolamba United, down on numbers and with little-ones making up the team.

Numurkah was out classed by Toolamba, but never gave up continuing to attack the ball. Toolamba positioned well in attack, which the Knights learnt from and managed to neutralise in the second half, limiting Toolamba's success.

Riley Crisp in goals for Numurkah stood unflinching as a veritable missile took him straight in the bread-basket for a save that had everyone, Toolamba included, on their feet cheering the effort.

Although beaten by Toolamba, the Knights were proud of their efforts against the stronger team.



Fighting Knight ... Numurkah Knights under 8 player, Tyler Burkitt (right), contends for the ball with his Tatura SC opponent.

No surprises

THERE were no surprises in Numurkah indoor bowls round 13 matches last Thursday, with the top four sides all winning on both mats against the bottom four.

Naturally, this meant no changes in ladder positions.

RESULTS

Strathmerton 10/57 d Shamrock 0/40. R. Clarke 23 d T. Bullock 20; J. Jasper 34 d K. Moffatt 20.

Nathalia 10/67 d Senior Citizens 0/30. F. Hutchins 29 d L. Addison 16; Bev Hutchins 38 d B. Seymour 14.

Waaia 10/63 d Barooga 0/36. L. Clarke 37 d E. Gordon 15; S. Cleeland 26 d I. Swain 21.

Katamatite 10/50 d Wungnunu 0/34. C. Owen 20 d D. Staggard 17; M. Nordby 30 d N. Barnes 17.

LADDER

Waaia 115 +280; Strathmerton 98 +76; Nathalia 81 +130; Katamatite 76 -8; Barooga 59 -25; Senior Citizens 47 -47; Shamrock 32 -123; Wungnunu 12 -283.

NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

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A GRADE

Congupna 26 def by Rumbalara 56
Deniliquin 47 def Cobram 39
Echuca United 73 def Finley 21
Moama 54 def Nathalia 22
Tongala 41 def Barooga 33
Katandra 37 def by Mulwala 40

Tungamah 34 def by Numurkah 50

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Rumbalara	15	14	1	0	954	450	56	212
Moama	15	13	1	1	903	455	54	198.46
Echuca United	15	13	1	1	896	479	54	187.06
Deniliquin	15	11	4	0	782	520	44	150.38
Cobram	15	9	6	0	672	670	36	100.3
Mulwala	15	8	7	0	543	613	32	88.58
Finley	15	8	7	0	611	714	32	85.57
Tongala	15	7	8	0	509	651	28	78.19
Congupna	15	6	8	1	590	648	26	91.05
Nathalia	15	5	9	1	526	600	22	87.67
Barooga	15	4	11	0	514	717	16	71.69
Tungamah	15	2	13	0	463	676	8	60.37
Numurkah	15	2	13	0	448	844	8	53.08
Katandra	15	1	14	0	480	763	4	62.91

B GRADE

Congupna 26 def Rumbalara 29
Deniliquin 50 def Cobram 26
Echuca United 53 def Finley 30
Moama 55 def Nathalia 42
Tongala 49 def Barooga 24

Katandra 27 def by Mulwala 69

Tungamah 35 def by Numurkah 60

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Mulwala	15	14	0	1	696	403	58	172.7
Echuca United	15	13	1	1	803	424	54	189.39
Deniliquin	15	12	3	0	710	449	48	158.13
Moama	15	12	3	0	752	509	48	147.74
Congupna	15	9	6	0	578	534	36	108.24
Cobram	15	9	6	0	606	589	36	102.89
Tongala	15	8	7	0	564	520	32	108.46
Numurkah	15	6	9	0	565	662	24	85.35
Finley	15	6	9	0	479	581	24	82.44
Nathalia	15	5	10	0	505	565	20	89.38
Barooga	15	4	11	0	431	585	16	73.68
Rumbalara	15	4	11	0	508	697	16	72.88
Katandra	15	1	14	0	497	783	4	63.47
Tungamah	15	1	14	0	380	773	4	49.16

C GRADE

Congupna 57 def Rumbalara 29
Deniliquin 50 def Cobram 26
Echuca United 53 def Finley 30
Moama 55 def Nathalia 42
Tongala 49 def Barooga 24

Katandra 27 def by Mulwala 69

Tungamah 35 def by Numurkah 60

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Echuca United	15	15	0	0	882	349	60	252.72
Mulwala	15	13	2	0	765	415	52	184.34
Deniliquin	15	13	2	0	884	529	52	167.11
Cobram	15	11	4	0	705	417	44	169.06
Tongala	15	10	5	0	655	480	40	136.46
Nathalia	15	9	6	0	697	557	36	125.13
Moama	15	9	6	0	650	606	36	107.26
Congupna	15	7	8	0	552	598	28	92.31
Katandra	15	6	9	0	585	667	24	87.71
Rumbalara	15	4	11	0	515	700	16	73.57
Numurkah	15	3	12	0	427	647	12	66
Finley	15	3	12	0	362	768	12	47.14
Tungamah	15	2	13	0	316	750	8	42.13
Barooga	15	0	15	0	384	896	0	42.86

C RESERVE

Congupna 44 def Rumbalara 20
Deniliquin 57 def Cobram 36
Moama 36 def Nathalia 32
Tongala 15 def by Barooga 54
Katandra 40 def by Mulwala 54

Tungamah 23 def by Numurkah 47

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Echuca United	14	14	0	0	751	341	56	220.23
Deniliquin	13	11	2	0	665	374	44	177.81

NEXT WEEK

Round 16 (Split) - August 3: Mulwala v Tungamah; Finley v Tongala; Na-

thalia v Congupna; Echuca United v Katandra.

PNL

A GRADE

Berrigan 32 def by Tocumwal 56
Blyth 33 def by Waaia 48

Jerilderie 27 def by Strathmerton 74

Katunga 37 def Deni Rovers 34

Mathoura 23 def by Picola United 56

LADDER	P	B	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%
Tocumwal	14	1	13	0	2	695	526	52	132.13
Katunga	14	2	11	1	2	678	502	46	135.06
Deni Rovers	14	2	10	0	4	599	440	40	136.14
Strathmerton	14	2	10	0	4	665	501	40	132.73
Picola United	14	2	9	1	4	706	548	38	128.83
Waaia	14	2	8	1	5	631	562	34	112.28
Rennie	14	2	5	0	9	537	572	20	94.12
Berrigan	14	2	5	0	9	450	595	20	93.88

Close – but no pennant

NUMURKAH's golf club's division one pennant golfers went agonizingly close to a fourth pennant win in five years on Sunday, but were pipped by Shepparton in a thrilling finish. Playing on their own 'dunghill' and coming off a win over the same rivals a week earlier, Numurkah was favoured to win. Mitch Grandell was first on the course, taking on Lincoln "two cars" Ferrari. It was a nip and tuck affair all day.

Mitch was down early, but showed his typical pluck in eking out a 2/1 victory to give his team first blood.

Nick Ludington had a rough start, being three down after just five holes, but made some inroads to turn two down against Jeremy Rath. Unfortunately, he could not bridge the gap and went down 3/2.

Third out was Dylan Grandell, who played superb golf, always in control over Luke Dixon. Dylan finished the match off after just 14 holes, finishing under par in his 5/4 victory. Playing at number one and last man out on the course, Matt Sellars could not reproduce his winning effort from the previous week against Leighton Lyle.

Matt found himself four down early on and came back to be just one behind at the turn. He could not sustain the effort, however, and succumbed 4/2.

This left Numurkah captain Andrew Storer and Shepparton's Daniel Adem to decide the outcome.

Andrew had won three holes in a row from 13 through 15 to get to one up. The pair halved the 16th, before Andrew hooked his tee shot out of bounds on the 17th, leaving the match all square with one to play.

When Adem missed his attempt to make par, it appeared Numurkah was home, but Andrew uncharacteristically saw his par putt from two feet slide past the hole, taking the match to sudden death.

Playing the first hole for the second time, both players found the trees to the right, then both chipped short of the green. Both left their approach puts short, with Adem's six foot par attempt catching the bottom lip and falling in, while Andrew rammed his four footer solidly home.

On to the 20th hole, where both players missed the green to the right. Anyone familiar with this hole knows how treacherous an approach from this direction can be, especially with the pin situated on the left side of the green.

Sadly, Andrew's chip dribbled past the hole and off the green, while Daniel managed to keep his ball on, but with a lengthy putt. Andrew failed to get up and down, meaning Daniel's two putts were good enough to claim the win.

Numurkah's five young guns have now played off in four of the past five Shepparton District Golf Association pennant finals, a magnificent effort from one the smaller clubs in the association.

While they will undoubtedly be feeling down after this result, they must all be congratulated for another outstanding season. There is nothing to suggest they will be anything but hard to beat in future seasons.



Runners up ... Numurkah Golf Club division one pennant side (L to R) Mitch Grandell, Nick Ludington, Andrew Storer, Dylan Grandell and Matt Sellars just failed to win their fourth flag in five years.

Small but quality fields



No knitting ... Jenny Ludington put her knitting down for long enough to win Saturday's monthly medal.

by *The Dragon*

THE fields for Numurkah women's golf events have fallen in numbers of late. The propensity for some players to head North in search of warmer climes has taken its toll. In fact, some have gone so far as to head for the Northern Hemisphere, which does seem a tad over-compensating. Nevertheless, like a good stock, the condensed numbers are steadily improving.

Last Wednesday, after a foggy start (it is great to be able to hit the ball out of sight) the reduced number of players welcomed the sunshine and less icy fingers.

The ultimate scores were not impressive, but there was a good deal of humorous banter and plenty of laughs. Julie Hannaford was responsible for holding the field on her shoulders, but she pleaded jet-lag - a fair excuse.

Robyn Hodgkin was stunned to learn she had taken out the winner's voucher on a count-back from Jeanette Adams, with their matching 79s. Merren Carr and Bev Peacock took the remaining balls and Jeanette Adams was compensated with a nearest the pin on the 18th hole.

Singles knockout rounds have continued to be played. Lorraine Milner and Jeanette Adams will meet in the Wednesday event, Lorraine having defeated Robyn Hodgkin.

Bev Mackintosh will be up against Norma Cullum in the Thelma McBride Me-

morial event, Norma having had a win over Helen Schmedje, 2/1.

The grand final of the Saturday singles event will be a tussle between Sue Platfuss and Helen Schmedje. Smedge's experience had overcome Karen Harper's exuberance in the previous round.

Saturday was yet another monthly medal round. No wonder Christmas is rushing up on us - we are having an amazing number of "months" in a very short time.

Jenny Ludington was the lucky winner of this medal. Her 73 was certainly an improvement on the Wednesday scores. Fortunately, Jenny was able to share a cart ride with Jan Stevens, because she needed somewhere to put her knitting down when she had her hits. (No, I'm bewildered by that too, but there must be a great need for Beanies somewhere.) Runner-up was Robyn Hodgkin, who had 75 and just pipped Bev McIntosh in a count-back. Bev had the best scratch score.

Rosemary Rutledge took the nearest the pin on the 18th.

Wednesday will be a stableford round, assembling by 9.15 am for a 9.30 hit-off, with a draw for partners. Robyn and Smedge will be looking after the cards. Next Saturday is a charity day, "Doing it for Jarrod", in support of the Challenge Foundation. It will be a fun, stableford round, with plenty of opportunities to add to the total donation amount. Bring the contents of your money box.

Blues break through

NUMURKAH A grade netballers broke a drought of ten winless games with a 16 goal win over fellow cellar dweller Tungamah on Saturday.

At last the scores did reflect the game, with the young Blues' girls putting in a determined effort from the first whistle and coming home with an excellent win.

Numurkah was rapt to have Rachelle Moon fill in for it and her direction and strength in defence just got better as the game went on.

The Blues came out firing, with Jess Tymensen and Fiona Elliott very strong and accurate in goals and the defence working hard to build a five goal lead at the first break, and 15 goals at the half.

Sarah Trease and Ella Sprunt drove hard and made confident and strong decisions into their goalers, as well as applying pressure all over the court all day.

With an injury occurring to Eilish Judd in the second quarter, Numurkah never faltered and their belief in themselves never wavered.

Sophie Morris stepped up in Eilish's absence and combined excellently with Rachelle, taking some great intercepts and rebounds.

Charli Dorrity, from the 17 and unders, worked herself into the game, putting pressure over the ball and taking some good intercepts.

Jess Tymensen played one of her best games for the season and with Fiona Elliott coming off in the third quarter, she stepped up another notch.

This was a determined win and the girls deserve praise for making an extra effort when two of the more experienced players went down. No-one panicked and all just worked harder.

Awards: Numurkah Hotel & Brereton's Bakery: Sarah Trease, Jess Tymensen and Ella Sprunt.

B GRADE

Numurkah came with the full intention to get a win on the board.

A quick warmup and a mindset to never give up proved to be in its favour.

The B grade team played four quarters with only a couple of small lapses in play, showing they do have the ability to win. Tracey Commadeur showed her skills in the ring, earning her best on court honours in a 25 goal win, which moved the Blues into the top eight.

Awards: Shamrock Hotel Award: Tracey Commadeur

C GRADE

A great team effort by the C Grade girls gave them another win on the board, which saw them move up a spot on the ladder to 11th.

The Blues came out strongly in the first quarter and kept their focus for the full four quarters, which gave them a comfortable margin all game, ending in a win by 14 goals.

Shanae McPherson gave a strong performance in GS, holding and rebounding with confidence. This gave her team second and third opportunities with the ball and meant they converted each time they went forward.

It was pleasing to see reward for the efforts of the defence, including Jane Borg, who moved well and got her hands to the ball to create turnovers. Several positional changes were made throughout the game, but everyone adjusted well and all players put in a really solid performance to take a much needed team win.

Awards: Numurkah Café Bar & Restaurant: Shanae

McPherson; Telegraph Hotel: Jane Borg.

C RESERVE

With coach Kim Smyth away for the game and strict instructions to win and win well, the team did not let her down. This was a fabulous team game, with everyone contributing to a really good win.

Emily Pruden was in top form at WD, putting on heaps of pressure and combining really well with Zoe Martin at GD to create plenty of turnovers.

They then created great space through the mid court, bringing the ball to the attackers who capitalised on their opportunities and goaled well.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Emily Pruden; Hair Society: Zoe Martin.

17 & UNDER

Numurkah remains anchored to the bottom rung of the ladder after losing by a big margin to fourth placed Tungamah.

15 & UNDER

The young Blues found the going tough in a big loss to the Bears.

13 & UNDER

The 13 & under girls did not play particularly well, but managed the win regardless, by 12 goals, to cling to eighth place on the ladder.

Awards: Club: Katelin Watters.

11 & UNDER

The 11 & unders came away with a terrific win against Tungamah, getting up 25-4. Best on court went to Bethany Pellegrino for her consistent defence and assistance back down the court.

Milla Dobson also played well in defence, with a few nice intercepts and taps, helping her team to a big win.

Awards: Rush Food: Bethany Pellegrino; Club: Milla Dobson.

Another winless day

NATHALIA netballers suffered another frustrating day on Saturday, with all teams going down to their Moama side in a nine goal loss.

With the teams now sixth and seventh on the ladder, a finals confrontation is a real possibility.

Awards: Barmah Hotel: Ash Baker; Casual Step: Anna Tinkler; Three Belles Creations: Alysha Cornell.

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Bill's good ... Bill Padgett brought his good golf for Saturday's monthly medal

Miracles do happen for Bill

BILL Padgett, as those who have played with him can attest, is equally capable of having a really bad game or a really good game of golf.

On Saturday in the Compulsat monthly medal at Numurkah, Bill had a good game, winning the sponsor's shirt with a score of 70 nett.

Bill's playing partners were amazed at how well he drove and chipped the ball and putted on the greens.

Runner up with a score of 71 nett, winning on a countback, was Dean Toy. It was good to see Dean back playing golf and the break obviously treated him well.

Balls down the line went to

Hughie Gunn and Davin Scott, with 71 nett, Alan Newby, Bob I'Anson and Nick Ludington, each 72 nett, Pierre Klaassen shot a 73 nett, Sam Robertson had 74 nett and, taking the last of the balls, with a 75 nett, was Ronnie Smith

Nearest the pins on both the fourth and seventh holes went to Dylan Grandell, nobody managed to get on the 15th and Matt Sellars had the best shot to the 18th.

The best scratch score for the day was a three way tie between Andrew Storer, Nick Ludington and Matt Sellars, who all shot 74 off the beater.

The Mickey Mouse ears this week were won by Dave Scan-

lon, who had 5 shanks on the first nine holes.

Male golfers are urged to find a female partner for the Jim Retallick memorial fourball next Sunday and put names down on the sheet in the clubhouse. Next Saturday is a "Doing it for Jarrod" event, which is a fun, non-handicapped day, on which you can purchase such extras as Mulligans (replayed shots) and Gimmes (putts conceded).

All proceeds will go to the late Shepparton-raised golfer Jarrod Lyle's Challenge Foundation.

There will also be an auction for Jarrod's book My Story, so please support this great day.

"Darky" is back

MONDAY proved to be a terrific day for veterans' golf at Nagambie Golf Club, despite the threat of rain keeping the field to only 63 players.

There were some heavy rain showers overnight and drizzling rain for the trip to Nagambie, but the skies cleared by 9.00 am, making for a very pleasant assembly and practice putt.

Joel Watson (Rich River) proved to be the outstanding performer on the day, clinching A grade with 40 stableford points, from Keith Seeber (Euroa) on 37pts.

B grade winner was Shane Pollock (Kialla) 35 points, from Rolf Weber (Mooroopna) 34 points.

C grade winner was Howard Teasdale (Parkland) 33 points, and runner-up was Robert Frame (Mooroopna) 31 points.

Nearest the pin was contested on the 13th hole at about 135 metres and winners in A, B and C-grade respectively were John Keller (Hill Top),

Ian Hannaford (Numurkah) and Robert Frame.

The ball run down included Wayne Ferguson, John McHale, Mark Hegarty, John Boruch, William Wright, Allan Newby, John Bray, Gary Bow, Laurie Stewart, Richard Farmer, David Fullager, Bill Padgett, Jack Peacock, Gavin Armstrong, Des Ramsey, Ian Clarke (Kialla), Geoff Squires, Phil Cooper, Mel Lusher and Bruce Whebell.

The next veterans' event is at Mooroopna Golf Club, on Monday, 19 August with a 9.30am assembly for 10am hit off, sponsored by the Deni Travellers.

The VVGA teams' event will be held at Beaumont Golf Club on 16-17 September 2019.

Goulburn Valley vets are entitled to send two teams of three players and currently have one team nomination. The team entry fee (\$195) is covered by GVVGA with participants responsible for dinner and accommodation if required.

The deadline for en-

"Darky" is back

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

ENIGMATIC Master of Zen golf, Ramon 'Darky' Falla has put serious health issues behind him and returned to the top of the winners' list in last Thursday's mid-week competition at Numurkah golf club.

Scoring 38 Stableford points Ramon caused Jack Dell, runner up on 37, to audibly curse more vehemently than after the 1966 VFL grand final. Third place, also on 37 points, was John Trimble. For their endeavours Ramon won a club polo, Jack some spikes for his spike-less golf shoes and John a cooler bag.

Other players whose scores won them a club ball were: Alan Newby, Kerry Collins and Sid Roughsedge 36, Matt Geisler (Cobram / Barooga) and Peter Blackmore (Valley View) 34, Hugh Gunn, Les Summerville and Mark Hegarty 33, Peter Cowan, Alan Haddrell (Cobram / Barooga) and Ron Smith 32 and Matt Ebborn 31.

Darryl Sheridan created club history by not only winning the tin of lollies for coming in with the

lowest score of the day (22 points) but also the Mickey Mouse ears for a litany of silly transgressions that included: a windy, running over his own ball, loudly talking on his phone and annoying his partners and generally playing crap golf all day.

Mike Duffett won the GMCU ball for being nearest to the pin on the 169 metre fourth hole. Hugh Gunn was very happy to put the players' sweep money into his sporran after being adjudged closest on the seventh.

Bill Green picked up Roy and Dennis' ball on the two shot 14th and visitor Matt Geisler took 'Doggy' Sprunt's sponsored ball on the 15th hole.

Hugh Gunn won the Pruden Carpentry ball, but not the birdie, on the short 18th hole.

The Cootamundra wattle is blooming and the magpies will soon be swooping. Why not join in this Thursday? Assemble at 9.30 am for a 10 o'clock hit off. Visitors and guests are most welcome.

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Lindsay Braybon on top

LINDSAY Braybon was top scorer at Numurkah small bore last Thursday night. Shooting 20 metres prone, he managed a 100.6, 98.6 for a combined total of 198.12. Those who attended had a choice of shooting 20 or 50 metres prone or 20 and 50 metres benchrest. On the 20 metres bench, Colin Saxton shot the highest score 98.1, 98.3 for a combined total of

196.4.

Complete scores were:

20 metres prone: Adam Lee 96.4, 91.1 187.5; Shayne Rosemeier 90.1, 96.3 186.4; David Cook 93.2, 93.3 186.6; Lindsay Braybon 100.6 98.6 198.12; Tim Braybon 97.3, 98.6 195.9; Glenn Braybon 96.4, 96.3 192.7; Melissa Brown 86.1, 93.2 179.3; Glen Miles 94.4, 90.0 184.4.

50 metres prone: Melissa Brown 77.0, 85.1 162.1; Hanna O'Brien 80.1, 85.2 165.3. 50 metres bench: Jeff Mattys 190.3, 240.4. 20 metres bench: Colin Saxton 98.1, 98.3 196.4; Jeff Mattys 95.1, 99.3 194.4; Lou Cook 97.3, 97.3 194.6; Emma Ryan 93.0, 92.0 195.0; Glen Miles 95.0, 93.2 188.2; Bev Braybon 97.3, 95.0 192.3. The club has recently had several members over-

seas. Members are especially looking forward to the return of Angela Gibbon, the club's official media liaison.

Shooting takes place every Thursday from 7.30pm at the Numurkah small bore rifle club. Access is through the Numurkah golf course grounds. All ages are welcome and tea/coffee is provided.

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Last week 6 Total 104

ROUND TWENTY

North Melbourne vs. Hawthorn (MRVL) (N)
Essendon vs. Port Adelaide (MRVL)
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Fremantle vs. Geelong Cats (OS) (T)

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

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

Last week 5 Total 77



Dave Jenkins

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

Last week 7 Total 101



Danni Woolley

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

Last week 4 Total 79



Kevin Morland

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

Last week 7 Total 101



John Schaaf

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

Last week 7 Total 97



David Ludington

- 1 North Melb
- 2 Essendon
- 3 GWS
- 4 Geelong
- 5 Richmond
- 6 St Kilda
- 7 Collingwood
- 8 Carlton
- 9 Brisbane

Last week 8 Total 102



Nathan Morris

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

Last week 7 Total 103



Troy Knox

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

Last week 6 Total 82



Denis Brooks

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

Last week 7 Total 101



Liam Gledhill

- 1 Hawthorn
- 2 Essendon
- 3 GWS
- 4 Fremantle
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Peter Newby
Last week 4 Total 88

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Big win for Bulldogs A grade

STRATHMERTON A grade netballers produced an awesome display of netball on Saturday against the lowly Jerilderie at Jerilderie.

The Bulldogs are fighting hard to finish on a high at the end of the season leading into finals, as Saturday's performance showed. The big win, by 47 goals, saw Strathy move to fifth place, just behind fourth placed Deni Rovers, separated only by percentage.

Despite fielding a different starting line-up, Strathy's game style was not upset.

Their team defence all the way down the court, starting from attack was second to none and the pressure was relentless, which created plenty of turnovers.

Hope Lindhe shone in defence with many of those turnovers, which were quickly converted in attack.

Awards: Arbonne: Hope Lindhe; Strathy Pub: Amy Carter.

B GRADE

The Bulldogs knew they would have a tough game against Jerilderie and it proved to be so, with the home side registering a 14 goal win.

Strathy came out firing in the first quarter, but unfortunately the Demons started slipping away and Strathy couldn't keep up for the rest of the game.

The Dogs still kept their heads up, working hard for possession, with a lot of great turn overs in defence by Rachael Olson, Talia Jacobs and Amy Martin.

Awards: Rachael Olson, Talia Jacobs, Amy Martin.

C GRADE

It was another tough game for the winless Strathy girls but, as always, they kept their heads up.

A change in the defence, with Elle Rose Walkington working with Caitlin Bailey in the first half, applied some great pressure. Jerilderie's goalers, however, were a well-oiled machine with a keen accuracy which allowed for no rest.

Strathy's attack worked hard as well, continually trying to come forward and work the ball around, at times using the defensive girls as backup.

Mid court tried some new tactics and a couple of changes saw Emerson Van Der Berg working well in WA.

In the end Jerilderie was able to win with a comfortable 30 goal margin.

Awards: Subway: Elle Rose Walkington; Strathy Pizza: Aimee Fletcher; KAFS fruit: Maddi Beasy.

C RESERVE

On a very slippery court and against a strong opposition, Strathmerton's teamwork was consistent and the girls continued to back each other with every move they made.

Every girl pushed themselves and fought hard for every possession. The last quarter was a stellar performance, ending the game doubling Jerilderie's score and cementing a place in the top eight.

Awards: Wingates: Sienna Bate; Strathy Pub: Amy Duhring; Strathy Café: Steph Berndt.

UNDER 15s

The Bulldogs came out firing in the first quarter, going to the first break up by a single goal. Jerilderie then hit back in the second and made the Strathy girls work hard across the court.

The Bulldog girls have been

working hard to get the ball moving quickly and easily in attack and some excellent passages of play from centre passes showed that the hard work is paying off, however the Demons proved too strong on the day.

Bridie Chester worked tirelessly all game in the unfamiliar position of GK and took on board all instructions.

Awards: Club: Hannah Logie; Strathy Café: Mackenzie Stephens; ITunes: Sarah Brooks.

UNDER 13s

The young Bullpups had a great win over a fellow finals' aspirant by 12 goals.

The girls started off a little slowly but by the break had settled and were well on the way to victory.

Some excellent defensive efforts resulted in Strathy winning balls all over the court.

Continued hard work at training should help the Bulldogs finish off the final two home away games in fine style, as they have shown much improvement over the season.

Awards: Wingates: Indy; Strathy Café: Akina; Subway: Sienna.

UNDER 11s

Strathmerton had a great game against Jerilderie, despite the wet surface making it a bit hard to gain momentum.

The girls worked well as a team, using the skills they've been working on.

They still need to keep focusing on strong leading and getting in front, but overall this was a top effort from the youngest doggies.

Awards: Strathy Café: Eva Laidlaw.



Clearing kick ... Jai Morrison drives Picola forward during Saturday's match against Mathoura.

Picola Blues cut down

PICOLA failed to hold off the Mathoura Timbers in a desperate final quarter on Saturday, to go down by five points.

Picola meant business from the outset, making a number of clean forward 50 entries, resulting in a solid 19 point lead at quarter time.

Mathoura mounted an attack in the second quarter and its defensive pressure made scoring difficult for the Blues. Picola's big men played well around the ground and, as always, a strong performance from their captain, Marcus Walsh, enabled Picola to hold the lead at half time.

Both teams kicked into top gear in the third quarter, with strong passages of play. Benjamin Gill yet again showed his value up forward, with a bag of five goals for the game. Only five points in Picola's favour at three quarter time set up the final term for a terrific showdown.

Mathoura applied immense pressure and, with a few injuries, Picola was unable to

hold the Timbers off and went down by five points at the final siren, Mathoura kicking the only goal for the quarter.

Next week will be another challenging contest for the Blues, as they meet Blighty at home, as the home and away season draws to a close.

Awards: DMH / Barmah Hotel: Marcus Walsh; Blake Street Butchery: Corey Cogan; Brereton's Bakery: Matthew Crooks; Limo's Hardware: Mark Ryan.

RESERVES

Mathoura came out hard early, catching Picola by surprise.

Mathoura players were clean in their run and played possession footy in the opening quarter, beating Picola to the contests.

Picola clawed back into the game in the second term, with a lift in its defence and attack at the ball bringing it back to within four points at the half time break.

Unfortunately, the break stopped the Blues' momentum and they were unable to make their scoring shots

count, as Mathoura again dug deep and gained a handy 20 point lead going into the final term.

The final quarter was a more even contest, but it was too late for the Blue boys and Mathoura finished with a 29 point win.

Awards: Nathalia Fertiliser and Grain: Shane Cooper; Brereton's Bakery: Daniel Thorn; Minchin Mechanics: Angus Hawks; Numans: David Daniel.

UNDER 14s

With a wet footy in the first quarter, Picola's boys started off slowly.

As the game went on, they picked up their game with good clean skills and started running the ball well.

With every player contributing around the ground, the Blues scored a big win to retain second spot on the ladder.

Awards: PowerLive Stock / Barnett Family: Logan Daniel; Better-Bite Barmah: Jason Beckett; Barmah Social Club: Will Dargan; Als Café: Kayden Atkinson.

Great comeback win for Swans

KATUNGA A grade netballers put in an outstanding effort on Saturday to claw their way back from five goals down going into the last quarter, to score a three goal win.

The Swans' defence rose to the occasion with their unrelenting pressure and turnovers paying off.

The now third placed Swans, who swapped ladder positions with Deni Rovers, now fourth, showed their strength is playing a team game

If the Swans continue to do that, the rewards will come their way as finals approach.

Awards: AgBioEn: Grace Kennedy; ND Services: Mel Malloy; Clydesdale: Sarah Weidemann.

B GRADE

No-one really expected a 33 goal win for the Swans' B graders against the sixth placed Rovers, despite the Katunga girls being undefeated ladder leaders.

Parts of the Swans' game were good, while some parts were great.

When they steadied and played their short game they came out on top.

Deni is one of the strongest defensive teams and Katunga was made to work hard.

The Swans are now facing the final two games with positivity and enthusiasm.

Awards: KGS Fuel: Kate Towe Morris; Numurkah Pharmacy: Jordyn Sutton; Clydesdale: Stacey Weeks.

C GRADE

With a fine team effort, Katunga showed they have come a long way as a team since last playing Deni in round three.

perhaps showing Deni wanted it more than the Swans.

A few silly errors let the Swans down, however they did play well for three quarters to get in a winning position.

Awards: Cobram Farm Equipment: Jorja Eddy; Reapers: Sammy Simpson; Club: Demi Hendy.

UNDER 15s

The young Swans endured a very tough game against a very strong side, although they did give it their all and never gave up.

There were a few great passages of play by Katunga, however, they will need to piece it together more often to stick with the strong sides.

Awards: Canteen: Elly Tweed; Laino's: Eloise Kelly; Cold Rock - Abbie Smith.

UNDER 13s

While the Swans are showing noticeable improvement, this was a tough ask with the 11th placed Katunga girls playing second placed Deni Rovers.

Awards: Cold Rock: Jasmin Thompson; KNFC: Angelina Crisara; Canteen: Hannah O'Brien.

UNDER 11s

The youngest Swans played another strong team game with great defensive pressure, forcing turnovers all the way down the court.

Unfortunately, their passing to advantage let them down at times, but the girls showed massive improvements from the last time they played Deni in round three.

Awards: KFNC: Marli Salter; Laino's: Jorja Sprunt; Cold Rock: Bridie Kelly

PICOLA United A grade netball team had a good win on Saturday over Mathoura, with its defenders having plenty of tips and rebounds.

The midcourt fought hard all game and provided great drives in attack, while the shooters worked on new combinations and shot really well. The win keeps the Blues within reach of a top four finish.

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

B GRADE

While the Blues made a great start to a competitive game, little mistakes caught up with them and Mathoura was able to power on to a 19 goal win.

Awards: Scrumdiddlyumious Catering: Lauren Williams; Brereton's Bakery: Gypsy Saunders.

C GRADE

Mathoura defeated Picola United 37 to 30.

The C graders lowered their colours to the third placed

A grade shines for Blues

Timbercutters by seven goals. Although there were some good passages of play, the girls couldn't get over the line in the end.

Hard work at training will hopefully produce improvement going into next week.

Awards: Foott Waste Solutions: Jodie Daniel; Club: Sophie Moylan.

C RESERVE

Although doing the best they could, Picola was unable to match a tough Mathoura side.

Awards: Casual Step: Shanelle Thompson; Club: Emilee Azzopardi.

B GRADE

Coming off a month filled with byes, the Blues' girls worked well together on the way to a big win.

The defence applied lots of pressure and turnovers, while the attack worked it nicely into their goalers'.

Awards: Power Livestock: Jakarta Wise; Barmah Social Club: Jess Legge.

15 & UNDER After a solid first half, the Blues ran out of legs for the rest of the game, going down by 13 goals.

Tash Morgan had a great game playing in an unfamiliar position.

Awards: Birch Earthmoving: Tash Morgan; Barmah Social Club: Gypsy Saunders.

13 & UNDER

With good movement down the court and the defence working hard all game, with plenty of intercepts, the Blues came out with a well-deserved nine goal win.

Awards: Baxter Family: Ally Francis; Barmah Social Club: Amber Watson.

11 & UNDER

Picola minis had an excellent game this weekend with a slow start but an amazing last two quarters.

Congratulations to Olivia on shooting her very first goal.

Awards: Intersports Bennett's: Tahlia Bell; PUFNC: Baylee Ward.



Flying Bomber ... Waaia's Charlie Burrows easily outpoints his Blighty opponent for a strong mark.

Big win for Bombers

WAAIA celebrated a win by 81 points over Blighty at Blighty on Saturday.

Jesse Trower was a force to be reckoned with, chasing the ball all over the ground and using it well, to earn himself best on ground honours.

Miles Rowland's ruck work was a highlight of the day, as he won almost every tap out he contested.

Jordan Cleeland's pressure and tackling was outstanding all day, while Sean Carey used his skills to perfection to set up the forwards, which led to Matt Brown kicking six majors and Charlie Burrows chipping in an easy five goals. Greg Meyland also played well.

Awards: Onley Consulting: Jesse Trower; Gagliardi Scott Real Estate / Telegraph Hotel: Jordan Cleeland; Ahoy Water / Terminus Hotel: Miles Rowland; Mick Hogan Excavations: Greg Meyland; SportFirst Numurkah: Sean Carey

RESERVES

Coming off a loss last week, the reserves were eager to secure the win, which they managed by seven points, helped by Blighty's inaccuracy in front of goal.

Seb Moore worked hard all game to be named his team's best player.

Nathan Cornick used the ball well all day, along with Glen Payne, who finished among the best.

Damien Hommes was a force to be reckoned with, while Drew Mackey had an outstanding game.

Awards: Onley Consulting / Telegraph Hotel: Seb Moore; Onley Consulting / Terminus Hotel: Damien Hommes; Mick Hogan Excavations: Glen Payne; Mur-

ray Valley Rural and Plumbing: Drew Mackey; Ahoy Water Cartage: Nathan Cornick.

UNDER 17s

It was a great day on the field for the thirds boys, as they came out winners by a massive 117 points.

Harvey Walker was outstanding in the forward line, securing five easy goals in a best on ground display.

Ryan Cook gained many possessions throughout the game, while Sam Trower and Jackson Collins continued their good form and Aaron Harding also played well.

Awards: Sprunt Livestock / Terminus Hotel: Harvey Walker; Pendlebury Sand & Gravel: Jackson Collins; Doug Larkin Refrigeration: Sam Trower; D & M Plattfuss: Ryan Cook; Waaia Canteen: Aaron Harding.

UNDER 14s

It was an early game for the fourths this week as they travelled to Blighty.

The boys put in a strong effort, but were unable to take down a strong Blighty side.

Jirra Letcher read the ball perfectly all day and was named his team's best player.

Lachie Williams was consistent right to the end, Will Trower played another impressive game, while Aiden Bryant worked hard all day. Tom Daniel was also impressive.

Awards:

C&C Wilson / Terminus Hotel: Jirra Letcher; Numurkah Electrical & Pump Services: Will Trower; Rex James StockFeed: Lachie Williams; D & M Plattfuss: Tom Daniel; Waaia Canteen: Aiden Bryant.

Ladder leaders too strong

FACING a very well disciplined and undefeated Echuca outfit, Nathalia women's football team knew they were in for a challenging match.

With some key players unavailable, the girls were keen to prove that they had the depth of talent to take it to the ladder leaders.

As expected, Echuca was tough at the ball and came out strongly and, while the Purples worked hard to match Echuca's physicality, they were mostly unable to convert on the scoreboard.

Grace Kirk stood up to the challenge and took her opportunities to attack and win the ball across the half forward line and wing.

Sharnah Stevens was strong with some breathtaking tackles and pushing the ball forward with penetrating kicks.

Kym John slotted a beautiful long range goal and was tireless in her midfield work, as was Elly Pinnuck.

The backline remained positive and continued to put on the pressure despite trying conditions, with Allison Trethowan and Alysha Cornell's hard work acknowledged in the best player listing.

With lots of positives to take from the game despite the loss, the Purple girls will now prepare to finish the home and away season against Kerang in Kerang next week, before heading to their first finals appearance at home in Nathalia the following week.

Final scores: Echuca 10.18.78 defeated Nathalia 2.1.13.

Goals: S. Stevens, K. John

Awards: BOG: Sharnah Stevens; Brereton's Bakery: Kym John;

Cheeky Grog: Grace Kirk; Bridge Hotel: Elly Pinnuck; Casual Step: Allison Trethowan; NWR Communications: Alysha Cornell.

YOUTH GIRLS

Northern Angels 0.5.5 def by Moama 14.9.93

It wasn't the local girls' day, as they couldn't get into the game at all.

However, the girls kept trying hard all game and hopefully can play a lot better next week when they meet Moama again in the finals.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Charli Dorrity; Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Andriana Oliver; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Kaiya Cornell; Marketplace Subway: Charlees Sudholz; Nathalia Fertilizer & Grain: Teagan Peterson; Shepparton Pizza: Shae Dorrity.

Swans leave best till last

KATUNGA seniors started poorly against Deniliquin Rovers on Saturday, waiting until the final quarter to show some reward for effort.

The Swans found themselves four goals behind at the first break, with the big Deni forwards causing most of the problems.

The second and third quarters were just as disappointing for the home team.

At the end of the third quarter Katunga was 79 points down. As in past weeks, the Swans found when they lose man on man contact, they can be made to look ineffective.

The final quarter saw a glimpse of Katunga's best footy. The Swans finished strongly, outscoring Deni and kicking seven straight goals to narrow the losing margin to 64 points.

Awards:

Katunga Fresh: Joshua Smith; Clydesdale Hotel: Will Newman; Lenny's AG: Kevin Vandengoor; GrainCorp Oilseed: Josh Bale; Telegraph Hotel: Bailey Smith; Les Walkington award: Steve Few.

RESERVES

The Swans' reserves were handed a football lesson by a top four opposition.

Deni Rovers showed that when you actually train, you can run out games and have a team game plan.

The Swans' backline was under siege for most of the game. When the Swans got the ball to the forward 50, it was run out by a Rover fairly easily. It was great to see Kody Jackson filling in from the thirds, having his hands on the ball all day and enjoying his football.

Awards: John King Grain: Kody Jackson; Dan Hendy Landforming: Trent Corby; Telegraph Hotel: Daniel Connally; Clydesdale Hotel: Matt John; KFNC: Josh Tetley.

UNDER 17s

With all players contributing, Katunga was able to build on a four point half time margin for a convincing win over a fellow finalist.

The whole team played the game in the manner asked by Coach Wayne "Blood" Jackson. The Swans' disciplined game style was rewarded by running over the opposition in the last quarter, keeping them scoreless on the way to a 38 point win.

Awards: Booths Transport: Cal Howden; Kris Lee Earthworks: Lachie Daniel; Cobram Photographic & Trophy Centre: Sam Arho; SportsFirst Numurkah: Mitch Doyle; Canteen: Luke Bosse.

UNDER 14s

The young Swans had a great win against the Rovers, who were third on the ladder before Saturday's game.

In a real team effort, the fifth placed Swans were well served by all players standing up when needed, guaranteeing a place in the finals.

Unfortunately, the win was slightly soured when Zac Bosse suffered a broken arm during the game. All at the club wish him a speedy recovery.

Awards: Shepparton Carpet Court: Jackson Harris; K&J Bosse: Viv Russo; Supporters award: Lochie O'Brien; Red Cherry: Zav Morris; Canteen award: Aiden Harris; Morris award: Darby Salter.

FIFTHS

The smallest Swans put in a great team effort against a determined Rovers team.

Jarred Bethell did some great work stopping the ball across the middle and pushing it forward, while Cooper Tetley tackled hard in the backline and made heaps of centre clearances. Toby Newbery ran hard to help his teammates.

Awards: Canteen award - Cooper Tetley, Jarred Bethell, Toby Newbery.

Tough trip for Purples

NATHALIA's reserves team headed for Moama on Saturday a game clear of their upcoming rival in fourth place.

The trip to Moama is always a tough one, and the 2019 trip proved to be just that, with the home side the better side from the get-go.

Moama's good ball movement and ability to win the contested ball was consistently telling.

The boys in Purple tried hard all day and never gave in, but had trouble getting the ball through the big sticks. Brett Valender was a welcome returnee and he took some good pack marks and used the ball effectively.

On a day where it was difficult to find many winners, Ben Armstrong stepped up and showed he is going to be a real player of the future. His effort at every contest was a good example for others to follow.

Sean Zammit continued his solid form, Tyler Atkins played his best game at senior level and used his running ability to find space and Cam Hickey and Daniel Robinson, as usual, never stopped trying and could hold their heads high.

In a disappointing game, the polish was simply not there to seriously challenge a good side in Moama, resulting in a 37 point loss and a shaky hold on a double chance.

Awards: Limbrick Accounting: Brett Valender; Mick Hogan Excavations: Ben Armstrong; Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Sean Zammit; Blake St Butcher: Tyler Atkins; Numurkah Nugenies: Cam Hickey; Brereton's Bakery: Daniel Robinson.

UNDER 17s

The young Purples travelled to Moama on a foggy morning to face a good side. The boys started well, with multiple tackles that led to an Adam Zammit goal.

They continued to fight hard as Moama took control of the game, doing well to

kick six goals and challenge the finals-bound Moama for the four quarters.

With three games to go this season Nathalia is eager to add a few more wins to the three they have enjoyed so far, while playing good footy.

Awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Shannon Young; AV Hughes: Mak Hindmarsh; Rex James Stockfeed: Jason McKenna; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Taylor Moroney; Marketplace Subway: Will Sheehan.

UNDER 14s

Like the under 17s, a foggy morning greeted the Nathalia boys for the clash at Moama.

In what was a fairly even game of junior football with the lead seesawing, the Magpies just sneaked in by the narrowest of margins.

Darcy Conroy, Brandon Orton and Charlie Sheehan were solid all day for the Purples, while Mason Cobbley, Kai Lundberg and Jerry Amery had a crack, with Mason especially showing great improvement, being fairly new to the game.

Ewan Congues, Oliver Sheehan and Ned Bramwell had good games showing great leadership in the back half.

Brodie Armstrong was clever up forward and Billy Liddell and Ryan Dealy gave a fair bit of run through the middle. It is hoped greater availability of players in the next few weeks will mean a lot stronger starting eighteen.

Considering all the unfortunate injuries during the year the lads have done well with limited numbers, holding on to third place on the ladder.

Awards: Past Players: Charlie Sheehan; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Billy Liddell; Al's Café: Brandon Orton; Frostick Contracting: Ewan Congues; Nathalia Printers: Tom Dohnt (for doing the boundary each week whilst not being able to play due to injury).

First half sets up Bulldogs

PICOLA league ladder leader Strathmerton overcame a dogged Jerilderie for a solid 43 point win on Saturday.

The trip to Jerilderie has always seen a hard-fought game and for Strathy, with a few players missing with niggling injuries, coupled with Jerilderie still being in finals' contention, this was never going to be any different.

From the first bounce the Bulldogs' energy around the contest was back to their expected level and they seemed to be playing their brand of footy pretty well, against a very determined side.

A handy lead of 36 points at half time and then a slog in the second half was enough for the Dogs to get the job done.

Several players were tried in different positions and played well, with Shankus Ryan leading from the front in the midfield with a bruising game highlighted by an enormous amount of tackles.

He had great support from Brandon Duckworth and Simon Russell.

Shannon Emmett was everywhere, while Mark Luci, Lewis O'Sullivan and Matty Shannon were other solid contributors throughout the day.

Zeke 'The Bung' Bunge led well out of the goal square, kicking three goals, and was well supported by Travis Down, who played a great small forward's game.

The Bulldogs will be hoping a few injured players might be back this week to take on

Berrigan, which was the last side to defeat them.

UNDER 14s

The Bulldogs enjoyed perfect weather and a ground in superb condition for their clash with Jerilderie.

Josh Payne set the standard for the rest of the day with an early goal, one of his seven for the match.

Tyler Stephens was also great, using his silky skills to set up his forwards with goal scoring opportunities.

A lot of positional changes were made during the second quarter, with players playing in some new positions with the finals bearing closer.

With the scoreboard not ticking over as it had been, the side was put back to almost its original shape in the third quarter and normal team work started to pay off again.

Will Almond dominated the ruck and young Jackson Webb was getting a feel for the midfield, well supported by big Ryan Wyatt.

The final term saw the side come right back together and kick away to a big win.

Cody Harris-Cunningham presented well, providing a marking target, with Josh Payne everywhere, picking up plenty of possessions.

Awards: Strathy Pizza: Ryan Wyatt; Subway: Jackson Webb; Terminus Hotel: Sid McNeil; Ladies' committee: Cody Harris-Cunningham; Coaches' award: Tyler Stephens.



Lookaway pass ... Drew Barnes releases a lookaway handball to Bailey Bell, as Malcolm Barnes and Jason Limbrick lend support.



One percenter ... Alex Hicks attempts a smother to prevent Moama clearing the ball.

Comfortable for Purples

NATHALIA Purples travelled to Moama for their round 15 clash and finished the day comfortable winners.

From the outset the Purples were in control, winning clearances and setting up scoring opportunities.

Bailey Bell was in scintillating form, regularly clearing congestion with precision and making the most of Brodie Ross' dominance in the ruck.

The floodgates opened in the second quarter, accompanied by an "AJ magic show".

Adam Jorgensen marked, dodged and snapped his way to five second quarter goals. He continued on with the job after half time to finish with double figures for the day.

Nathalia dominated the contest for the remainder of the game. Alex Hicks presented strongly in the forward half, taking multiple marks, while his creative co-forward Liam Evans lurked dangerously to finish with five goals.

Tom Favaro kicked a goal with his first kick in senior football and joined his fellow thirds team mate, Taylor Moroney, in the illustrious club.

Adam Hickey and Ricky Barnes spent long stints in the midfield and were constant ball winners for the

Purples throughout the day, while Ryan Butler led a miserly defence, keeping the Mowers to five goals. Coach Mal Barnes said it was pleasing to play four quarters of good footy, which they hadn't done for a while.

Addressing the leadup to the finals, Barnes said "We know we just need to stick to team footy for four quarters every week."

"Any team is a threat if we don't. We won't be changing anything even though we have secured a top two spot."

Nathalia faces Congupna (seventh), Deni Rams (ninth) and Tongala (fourth) in the final three games, all of which will be desperate to hold or gain finals spots or the double chance in Tongala's case. Barnes said "They will be desperate and setting themselves to play their best against us."

"We have to make sure we prepare ourselves to do the same," he said.

Awards: Ryan Meat Co: Adam Jorgensen; Bourke Group: Bailey Bell; Liddell Group – Dellcorp: Alex Hicks; Numurkah Tyre Power: Adam Hickey; TJ's IGA: Ryan Butler; Brereton's Bakery: Ricky Barnes.

Another heavy loss for Blues twos

NUMURKAH reserves suffered another heavy loss at the hands of a stronger, fitter, faster and well drilled Tungamah side on Saturday.

The Blues showed glimpses of promise with good passages of play, linking up to get the ball out of defence and moving forward. While the Blues played with improved intensity, effort and competitiveness from recent weeks, a lack of training showed, through skill errors and costly turnovers.

Greg Gallus continued a very consistent season in the ruck and deep in defence.

Brad Millen and James Pruden did their best to set the example for the side, working tirelessly through the midfield all game, receiving great support from Reydan Lacuin and Brodie Waites on the wings, getting in and under at the contests. Young defenders Kaleb Rees, Ben Shanahan and Jayden Rees did their best to withstand the constant pressure of Tungamah's slick ball movement and quick forward entries.

In the end, Tungamah proved far too good across the board for the Blues, handing Numurkah a 171 point loss.

Awards: DJ & B Concreting: Greg Gallus; Shamrock Hotel: Brad Millen; Middle Pub: James Pruden; Telegraph Hotel: Brodie Waites; Brereton's: Reydan Lacuin: Mierlo's: Ben Shanahan; Social: Kaleb Rees. UNDER 17s

The Numurkah boys put on a showcase on Saturday, as they dominated the game from the outset against Tungamah.

In their best performance of the year, the young Blues worked hard all over the ground, as they ran out winners 195-1.

Rhys Cason led the way, kicking eight goals in a dominant display.

Having 13 individual goal kickers for the day was a highlight for the team, along with Jack Millen, Jayden Lawrence and Flynn Penberthy's games and Daniel Dobson and Sam Kelly's forward line work.

UNDER 14s

Numurkah was away to the Tungamah Bears, who are relative newcomers to the Murray league - the Blues' first foray to the ground.

Both teams were looking to extend their slim tally of victories for 2019, with both licking their wounds following pastings from finals' contenders in the previous round.

With Kobie Rahilly rucking and Lucas Roberts toughing it out over the slippery ball, the Blues quickly went on the offensive.

Fine linking play between Judah Moody and Riley Dobson and strong forward pressure from Billy Smith and Nick Hughes allowed Roberts to charge in, registering the team's first goal for a fair while.

Roberts doubled his tally shortly after, with the team lighting up. Zac Cason was brave and relentless over the ball, locking it in the offensive 50, with Hughes and Reeve Verhoeven pairing exquisitely to give the latter every chance to boot one, which he did.

It was then Zac Newby's turn to shine, with an excellent pick up, running and bouncing down the left wing, and Moody dodging through traffic to supply Roberts, who made no mistake, to record his third for the quarter.

The first break siren sounded with the Blues enjoying a healthy 26 point advantage.

The Blues took the offensive again in the second quarter, locking the ball in, bombarding the sticks, as Lucas Roberts continued to impose himself, kicking his fourth.

Georgia Sessions and Mitch O'Dwyer battled to keep the opposition scoresheet clean, with some beautiful transitions up the wing and out of danger. Nathan Page, Ayden Siermans and Oliver Masters were nimble, while Baidyn Dicker and Matt Millen applied themselves well.

The Blues took a lead of 36 points into the long break.

The third quarter began evenly, with the Bears upping their tempo.

Jesse Powlesland, Jack Tremellen and Taryn Taylor-Wilton were always there when push came to shove. Page was marking and kicking cleanly, Conner Waites also building, kicking one on the run to take a handy 50 point lead into the final term. Following a major, courtesy of Cason, Conner Waites saw the big picture, laying the sweetest of kicks to Page who split the sticks.

Victory belonged to the visitors, though the Bears fought hard to kick a well-deserved major, before a dominant midfield unit saw utility guns Oliver Masters and Mitch O'Dwyer get themselves on the score sheet.

Rahilly and Waites added icing to the cake to register a famous 84 point victory.

Better players for the Blues included Kobie Rahilly, Oliver Masters, Lucas Roberts, Baidyn Dicker, Nathan Page and Judah Moody.

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Under pressure ... Adam Hickey drives Nathalia forward under pressure from two Moama defenders.



COMFORTABLE FOR PURPLES

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Hard to Bear for Numurkah Blues

NUMURKAH travelled to Tungamah on Saturday looking to get back on track after a loss to Katandra and a narrow win over Moama in recent weeks.

On the smaller confines of the Tungamah oval, it was tightly contested football from the outset.

Mikey Herlihy and Beau McKeown worked to give the Blues the advantage around the stoppages and received great support from Jarrod Holmes on the wing.

Kye Roberts applied pressure on the Tungamah backline to create opportunities for the Blues forwards.

Tungamah made better use of their opportuni-

ties than the Blues, however, kicking four goals to two, and took a ten point lead into the quarter time break.

Luke McKeown provided the Blues with a strong lead-up target and an avenue forward, eventually finishing with 4 goals.

Young Dustin Ebborn continues to play a terrific role deep forward, kicking 2 goals for the day, slotting set shots calmly after marking well against bigger opponents.

Tungamah took its chances to get on top of the Blues, capitalising on its midfield depth, and opened up a lead in the second quarter through accurate goal kicking from all angles.

The Blues swung the changes throughout the sec-

ond half to try and close the gap, but each move that paid off was swiftly answered by the Bears. Bailey Roberts took on a job in defence and played with smarts and poise.

Jarrod Holmes put in his best performance for the year, attacking the contest at ground level and using the ball well out in space.

Beau McKeown and Mikey Herlihy fought tirelessly in the midfield across four quarters, with Herlihy and Tim Arnel pushing forward to kick two goals each.

Luke McKeown was the clear stand out on the field for the Blues, but all their combined efforts proved to no avail in the end.

As the Blues continued to roll the dice chasing

the win in the last quarter, Tungamah was able to come away with a 64 point win.

Blues' coach, Jye Warren, said "Tungamah is actually quite a good side, especially with the addition of Nick Lawless from Yarrawonga, who is a genuine gun."

Despite the Blues recent poor record, Warren remained upbeat.

"There are still three rounds to go and we are still in third spot," he said.

"We haven't been playing our best footy, but we are missing about eight players."

"We have the bye this weekend, which comes at a good time, as we hope to get some players back in the run up to the finals," Warren said.

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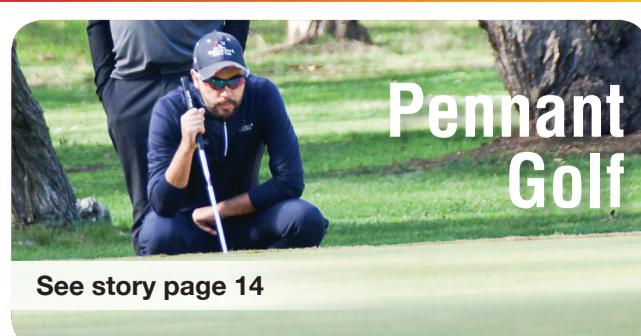
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