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DESPITE the best efforts of firefighters, a unit on Newby Street was gutted last Wednesday night. See story page 3.



60KPH AT LAST

CALM may not be a word you'd usually associate with a busy stretch of highway that hosts almost 5,000 vehicles per day - many of them trucks - but that was the word that came to mind watching the traffic pass through Strathmerton last Wednesday morning.

The new 60kph speed limit signs had been installed the previous day, and the change was dramatic.

Carolyn Ryan, who had been a vocal advocate for the reduction in the speed limit for years, described

the change in atmosphere as amazing.

"The difference is so noticeable, it just feels calm and so much safer," she said.

Mrs Ryan was particularly pleased that the change had been made in time for the Easter long weekend.

"Traffic through town increases by around 50% at Easter - it's the busiest weekend of the year and there are a lot of caravans," she said.

The new speed limit applies to a 1.5 kilometre stretch through the centre of Strathmerton, from

the service road on the town's east, to just west of Fourth Street. A 40kph limit will still apply to that stretch of road during designated school zone times.

The existing 80-kilometre speed zone will remain from the service road to just before Mywee Road.

There are still plans to install a pedestrian crossing with a central refuge in the centre of town.

In addition to the signs designating where the 60 zone applies, a 'gateway treatment' has been applied at either end of town.

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Shire seeks feedback on draft budget and resource plan

MOIRA Shire Council is seeking community, business and stakeholder feedback following the release of its draft 2019/20 budget and four-year Strategic Resource Plan (SRP).

Mayor Libro Mustica said Moira Shire had almost 30,000 residents spread across a large land area and this was a key consideration in developing council's annual budget and four year SRP.

"Our draft 2019/20 budget and SRP aim to balance the many, and often competing, needs of the Moira community. Now we are asking the community to tell us whether we have got the balance right," he said.

"We provide the same or similar services in multiple locations so we have a large number of assets to maintain."

"For example, council maintains 28 recreation reserves, showgrounds and swimming pools, more than 150 parks, gardens, playgrounds and public toilets, four libraries, a mobile library service and nine waste transfer stations."

"Our businesses and communities are connected by one of the largest per capita road networks of any Victorian council."

"To fund the maintenance, renewal and upgrade of these assets our capital works are delivered across a multi-year cycle."

"This may see increased spend in one location or for a particular asset type in a single year but this balances out over the life of the program in response to changing needs, population growth and to ensure we continue to achieve our council plan priorities."

Cr Mustica said, from this year, the Victorian Government will do annual revaluations of properties and this is a key factor determining the rate increase for individual properties.

"The Victorian Government's rate cap for 2019/20 has been set at 2.5%."

"Rates will generate around 50% of council's revenue - state

and federal government grants make up the majority of the balance with many linked to specific services and projects."

"Council set fees and charges have increased by around 2.5%, however some charges have increased by more to recover the increase in the cost of delivering the service."

"In response to community feedback we have also reviewed the fees for hiring council managed halls including the Yarrawonga Town Hall, Cobram Civic Centre, Numurkah President's Room and the Barmah Heritage and Education Centre."

"The budget proposes a commercial hire fee and a reduced fee for not-for-profit and community uses."

"Charities can also apply to council for the fees to be waived completely in some circumstances. We hope this will boost community and commercial use of these facilities."

In 2019/20 council proposes delivery of new assets and the expansion, upgrade and renewal of existing assets including:

- \$6.6 million for the construction of the Yarrawonga multisports stadium
- \$900,000 for the redevelopment of the Tungamah recreation reserve change rooms
- \$400,000 for the redevelopment of the Wunghnu recreation reserve community building
- \$100,000 for works at the Nathalia sports and community building
- \$1.1 million for land improvements including irrigation systems, levee banks, signage and bollard renewals
- \$8.4 million for roads, drainage and kerb and channel works across the shire including Gilmore St Yarrawonga, Station St Numurkah and accessible car parking in Yarrawonga and Numurkah
- More than \$400,000 to deliver the Barmah boat ramp master plan, netball court works in Katunga, Katamatite and Numurkah, and improvements to Tweddle Park Nu-

murkah.

"Some of the proposed projects can only proceed if our grant applications are successful, or following further community consultation," Cr Mustica said.

Community members are invited to discuss their ideas and feedback on the budget and SRP with councillors at four information sessions.

If you have some questions or you would like to discuss aspects of the budget in more detail you can call council's customer service team to book an appointment time for any of the four sessions.

Session will be held on Tuesday, May 14 from 10am -11.30am in Cobram, and from 1.30pm-3pm in Nathalia, and on Thursday, May 16 from 10am -11.30am in Numurkah, and from 1.30pm-3pm in Yarrawonga. Venue details will be confirmed with appointment booking.

"The sessions are not formal meetings, they are your chance to discuss the draft budget and SRP with councillors before the closing date for written submissions," Cr Mustica said.

The deadline for written submissions is 5pm on Thursday, May 23.

All submissions received by the deadline will be considered by council before it considers a recommendation to adopt the draft 2019/20 budget, with or without amendment, at a special council meeting to be held on Wednesday June 12.

A special council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 29, to hear any person who indicated in their written submission that they would like to speak in support of their submission on the draft 2019/20 budget.

Copies of the budget are on display at shire service centres, and available online at www.moira.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/News-and-information/Community-feedback-consultation-and-opportunities/Opportunities.

60kph a reality at last for Strathy

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The gateway safety treatments are part of the Victorian Government's \$1.4 billion Towards Zero Action Plan, which aims to ensure no one is seriously injured or killed on Victorian roads.

The program is being delivered in partnership between the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and VicRoads.

Carolyn Ryan said that she always believed that common sense would prevail and the speed limit would be lowered, she just didn't expect it to take this long.

"We've been fighting for this for years, and I had really begun to believe that it was going to take a fatality here in town to make them see sense and do the right thing," she said.

"I'm so relieved that didn't happen."



Sign of victory ... Carolyn Ryan is thrilled that the speed limit has been lowered without a fatality occurring.

POLICE BEAT

Rural burglaries and vehicle thefts

ALTHOUGH police are generally happy with everyone's behaviour on local roads and at licensed premises across the Easter period, they have been kept busy with a number of burglaries and vehicle thefts across the district.

Good Friday night was an especially busy one, with two vehicles stolen, and then abandoned, in the Katunga-Picola Rd area.

A quad bike was stolen from a farm on Katunga-Picola Rd and ridden a short distance before ending up in a shallow channel. A short

distance from the channel, a white Nissan ute was stolen from a GV Hwy property, again being abandoned a short distance away from where it was taken.

On the same night a Ralston St house was ransacked and several items taken, including iPads and a Samsung tablet.

A vehicle was stolen from Barrahm caravan park at around 3am on Monday, after the keys were taken from inside a caravan. The vehicle is a white Ford Ranger XLT dual cab ute, Vic registration 1GG8YS.

The Nathalia area has also seen a number of rural burglaries in the past week, with items including copper, paint, fuel, motorbikes and a small outboard motor being taken.

Police are urging residents to ensure that all buildings are secured, and valuable items are not left at unoccupied premises.

The drink drive message appears to have escaped one local man's attention, with alcohol believed to have been the cause of a 49 year-old male driver colliding with a guard

rail at the intersection of Saxton and Melville Streets.

The driver was taken to hospital, and investigations are continuing.

Police are urging tradesmen to ensure their vehicles and trailers are locked and secured when left unattended, following a number of targeted overnight tool thefts from vehicles in recent months.

Tradesmen are also being encouraged to have all of their power tools engraved with their licence numbers to ensure a quick return in the event that stolen tools are located.



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Police disappointed with Victorians' Easter road behaviour

POLICE were kept busy over the Easter long weekend, with 11,674 offences detected across the state through Operation Nexus.

Speeding topped the list of detected offences with 4,221 drivers caught over the limit. Alarmingly, 3,130 drivers were found to be exceeding the speed limit by 10-25kph.

Police conducted 152,375 preliminary breath tests and 5,234 drug tests during the operation and detected 619 affected drivers.

On average, one in every 16 drivers drug tested was found to be under the influence of illicit substances with 310 returning positive results, while 309 motorists were caught drink driving.

Other offences detected over the long weekend include:

- 471 mobile phone offences;
- 386 unlicensed drivers;
- 219 disqualified drivers;
- 344 seat belt offences;
- 1,150 unregistered vehicles.

Road Police Command Assistant Commissioner Stephen Leane reminded drivers that anyone who breaks the law on Victorian roads has the potential to cause devastation.

"Every driving offence, be it speeding, drink or drug driving, or failure to wear seatbelts, can take a life in a split second," he said.

The deaths of three people on Victorian roads over the Easter long weekend period have police again pleading with drivers to change their behaviour.

All of the fatalities occurred on Good Friday and include:

A 19-year-old man died in the early hours of Friday morning after he fell from the rear of a utility in Frankston shortly after 2.30am.

A 55-year-old man from Crafers West in South Australia who died on Friday morning when the vehicle he was travelling in left the road and struck a tree at Armstrong. A passer-by reported the incident to police at around 6.30am.

A 29-year-old man died in hospital on Saturday after police officers stopped the man's vehicle in Deer Park as part of a routine intercept on Friday evening. While police were conducting a licence check, the man fled his vehicle on foot and ran across Ballarat Road where he was struck by a car.

The incidents have taken the state's lives lost total to 101, a devastating 40 above the tally at the same time last year.

AC Leane said all of the weekend's fatalities should not have happened.

"These collisions are still subject to complex investigations, however we are of the opinion that every death that occurs on our roads is avoidable," AC Leane said.

"Three people's families have had their lives irreversibly damaged this weekend."

"These deaths will not only forever mar Easter for the affected loved ones, they will impact other occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas, along with normal day-to-day life, for the foreseeable future."

"Every person that gets behind the wheel of a car needs to realise this and accept the responsibility they have to ensure that they themselves and the motorists they share the road with get home safely."

"With Operation Kinetic still ongoing, police will continue to have a strong presence on the roads through the Anzac Day public holiday period and we will be working hard to ensure the tragedies we have seen during Easter are not repeated."

Operation Nexus ran from 12.01am on Thursday, April 18 until 11.59pm Monday, April 22, 2019.



Unit destroyed in electrical fire on Newby St

A HOME has been destroyed in a fire that took hold in the roof space of a unit on Newby St last Wednesday night.

The fire started at around 8.20pm, shortly after the residence's sole occupant returned home and switched on an appliance.

The *Leader* understands that a small explosion immediately followed, with sparks emanating from the roof space.

Neighbour Geoff Lugg told the *Leader* that the occupant, a local

ambulance paramedic who was renting the unit, knocked on his door at around 8.20pm saying she had heard an explosion.

"You could see sparks coming out from the gable, and it was starting to glow so there was obviously a fire. We rang 000 and the fire brigade was there not long after," he said.

Numurkah CFA brigade attended with its pumper, tanker and forward control vehicle, along with Katunga and Tallygaroopna tankers, and Shepparton aerial pumper

and hazardous materials, which refilled firefighters' breathing apparatus cylinders.

In addition to targeting the fire from outside to prevent it from spreading to neighbouring buildings, firefighters had to enter the building to extinguish the ceiling.

The ceiling of the family room and kitchen area had caved in, but the bedrooms were largely unaffected. The interior of the building also sustained significant water damage.

A spokesperson for the Numurkah

brigade said the fire was coming out of the roof when the brigade arrived, but considering the stage the fire was at when they arrived, it could be considered a good save.

Police and ambulance were in attendance when the fire brigade arrived, and Powercor also attended to disconnect power to the property.

A fire investigator attended the property on Thursday, and at this stage it is suspected to have been caused by an electrical fault.



Record numbers are enrolled to vote

A RECORD 16,424,248 Australians are enrolled to vote in the 2019 federal election, with both overall, and youth enrolment rates at record highs.

This follows almost 100,000 additions to the roll in the week preceding the close of rolls on April 18, which has pushed the national enrolment rate to an extraordinary 96.8%.

There are around 750,000 more people enrolled for the 2019 federal election than were on the roll for the 2016 federal election.

Electoral Commissioner, Tom Rogers said this

represented by far the most complete electoral roll in Australian history and a phenomenally high base to election participation, unlikely to be matched anywhere in the world.

"A national enrolment rate of 96.8% was, for a long time, thought to be unattainable," Mr Rogers said.

"Such a complete roll is a credit to Australian citizens and to the hard work and careful processes put in place by AEC staff. It is something all Australians can be proud of."

The youth enrolment rate is also at the highest

level ever, with an estimated 88.8% of eligible 18-24 year olds enrolled to vote.

This is the first federal election at which Australians born in the year 2000 are able to vote, and over 400,000 18-19 year olds are enrolled to vote for the 2019 federal election.

"There were around 70,000 18-24 year olds among the additions to the roll during the close of rolls week," Mr Rogers said.

"Enrolment for this youth cohort at 88.8% is now even higher than it was for the marriage equality postal survey when it was 88.6%."

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Communities throughout the shire will be commemorating Anzac Day on Thursday 25 April.

We are asking everyone to be aware of increased or diverted traffic during the various ceremonies.

The following towns will have temporary road closures – Barmah, Cobram, Nathalia, Numurkah and Yarrawonga – please follow the detour signs and normal road rules still apply.

Lest We Forget.

CHAPEL ROAD, KATAMATITE CLOSE TO THROUGH TRAFFIC – HAVE YOUR SAY



We are seeking your feedback on a proposal to close the unsealed section of Chapel Road, Katamatite to through traffic by installing bollards at a central point along the unsealed section.

The proposal will only close the road to traffic seeking to travel the entire length of the road.

Vehicle traffic will still be able to access the road from either end and pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders will be able to travel the full length of the road.

To see the full details on this proposal and provide you feedback please visit our website or call council.

All feedback must be received by Tuesday 30 April 2019.

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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 22 MAY



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WWII shipwreck found

AFTER being lost for 77 years, Australian freighter SS Iron Crown, sunk by a Japanese submarine during World War II, has been found.

The SS Iron Crown, a 100m long ore freighter, sank within 60 seconds of being hit by a torpedo from the Japanese submarine on June 4, 1942, while travelling through Bass Strait with a cargo of manganese ore.

Peter Harvey, a maritime archaeologist with Heritage Victoria, said it is one of Victoria's worst shipwrecks, in terms of loss of life.

"The Iron Crown is historically significant as one of only four World War II shipwrecks in Victorian waters and is the only ship to have been torpedoed by a submarine in Victorian waters," Mr Harvey said.

"There were 43 crew from the Australian Merchant Navy on board the ship, and 38 lost their lives in the attack.

"Locating the wreck after 77 years of not knowing its final resting place will bring closure for relatives and family of those that were lost at sea, as well as for Australia's maritime community."

Iron Crown was located by maritime archaeologists using multibeam sonar equipment and a special drop camera on CSIRO research vessel Investigator.

Voyage chief scientist, Emily Jateff from the Australian National Maritime Museum, led the search and said the wreck was located about 100km off the Victorian coastline south of the border with New South Wales.

"The wreck of Iron Crown appears to be relatively intact and the ship is sitting upright on the seafloor in about 700m of water," Ms Jateff said.

"We have mapped the site and surrounding seafloor using sonar but have also taken a lot of close up vision of the ship structure using a drop camera. This will allow us to create a composite image of the whole site to assist in follow up surveys for its conservation and management."

Imagery from the camera survey clearly shows the intact bow of the ship, with railings, anchor chains and both anchors still in position, as well as other structures on the deck.

Ms Jateff said it was an exciting but solemn moment for all on board when they realised that the wreck had been located.

"This is an important discovery for Australia and all on board feel honoured to have been involved in this successful search," she said.

"The fact that so many lives were lost in the sinking of Iron Crown was something that hit home with all scientists, staff and ship crew working on board Investigator."

Identifying the location of the wreck has also involved many hours of prior survey work from volunteers of the Maritime Archaeology Association of Victoria.

The discovery of Iron Crown is an event of national significance and has been reported to the Victorian and Australian governments. A memorial service will be planned for the site.

CSIRO research vessel Investigator has discovered a number of historic shipwrecks in recent years, including solving a 74-year mystery in 2017 when it located the wreck of SS Macumba, an Australian merchant ship sunk in World War II during a Japanese air attack in Northern Territory waters.

The latest discovery comes as part of a whole-of-government approach to seafloor mapping and surveying involving various national and state maritime agencies, as well as the Australian Hydrographic Office. This program aims to assist in improving maritime charts for safe navigation in Australian waters and improve knowledge of Australia's maritime history.

All historic (greater than 75 years old) shipwrecks in Australian waters and any relics or artefacts from those wrecks are protected under the Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976.



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/S91.

The issue of April 23, 1919 is missing from the Trove website, so I have included here an article taken from the previous week's issue, April 16.

"THE GENTLEMAN THAT PAYS THE RENT."
MR GEO. BEDWELL'S SWINE HERD VISITED.

On Wednesday afternoon our representative was afforded an opportunity of visiting the styes of Mr Geo. Bedwell, of "Brentwood" Baulkannah North, and a very interesting trip it was. We were accompanied by Mr Jas. Davis, who took a number of photographs of representative types of swine, and these will be used later for advertising the progeny of several of the sow which are due to farrow next month. Incidentally the visit exemplified the value of agricultural shows to breeders of stock. Mr Bedwell had prepared some 14 pigs for exhibition at the Sydney show, but its abandonment on account of the influenza outbreak brought his work to nought—a bitter disappointment to him. For some years he has looked to the larger shows to provide a medium for the disposal of surplus pedigree stock, but with the Sydney show closed to him he has been forced to adopt other methods of bringing his stock under the notice of likely purchasers, for with the litters that are expected to arrive he will be hard put to it to find housing for all his stock. Had he been able to show at Sydney there is no doubt that he would have disposed of a considerable portion of the expected progeny. And what is true of Sydney is true, though perhaps in lesser degree, of shows held in the country districts—a further strong reason if such were needed for whole-hearted support of the Numurkah society, which intends providing facilities as perfect as may be for the bringing together of purchaser and vendor.

We were met at the Katunga railway station by Mr Bedwell in his motor-car. Our host is another of the rapidly increasing number of progressive farmers who finds that it pays to adopt the quickest methods of transport—the saving of time is important to the man who believes in personal oversight in his business concerns. Time was somewhat limited, but during our short stay at the farm we saw sufficient to convince us of the "up-to-dateness" of Mr Bedwell's farming methods. "A place for everything, and everything in its place" appears to be the "Brentwood" motto. Sheds and yards everywhere, substantial, solid, roomy structures in orderly array, and everything is kept under cover. One huge building houses all the implements and machinery, a woolshed with two shearing machines, serves no purpose but that connected with sheep, and right throughout it appears as though the activities of the farm have been "departmentalised," each having its own location and set of conveniences and appliances.

But the one object of our visit was the inspection of the Berkshire stud pigs, and we made our way to the well-appointed styes. The term "sty" may be used for convenience of expression, but our readers must not visualise the everyday sty as most of us know it. At "Brentwood" the pigs are housed in a large thatched shed, airy and well-lighted, and roomy pens are provided for the comfort of the inmates. A more contented group of grunters it would be difficult to imagine; they bore on their countenances, if we may be pardoned the expression, the impress of contentment with their lot.

We were first shown Brentwood Beauty, a fine typically formed Berkshire, and a sow that the owner regards with pride. He looked forward to doing great things at the Sydney with this fine matron. In the same pen were two of her progeny, Brentwood Bessie and Brentwood Betsy—nicely grown sows, by Mr J. Crane's fine boar, Conargo George. Brentwood Beauty is by Korumburra Harbor Master, and her dam Brentwood Pearl, which was bred at the farm, and may be regarded as the foundation sow of the stud.

Red Cross Society.—At the last meeting of the Numurkah branch of the above, Sister Dorothy Newton informed the members of the need that existed for supplies of pyjamas. Sister Newton's statement is supported by a letter from the head office, in which it is stated that 12,000 suits per month are being sent overseas, in addition to other comforts, whilst large numbers of pyjamas are needed for local use. Clothing is also needed to furnish kit bags distributed to soldiers on arrival in Australia and on discharge from hospital.

A very Good Friday

NUMURKAH'S annual Good Friday Appeal door-knock has been hailed a success, with around 35 volunteers collecting almost \$13,000.

Peter Bilston, who coordinates the local effort on behalf of the CFA, said that it was a good day, with a healthy number of volunteers allowing the appeal to cover the whole town within a reasonable amount of time.

"The Lions and SES were particularly good, with a good number of volunteers from each, and that made the job easier," Mr Bilston said.

The door knock effort raised \$12,582, and once all of the collection tins are received back from local businesses and tallied up, Mr Bilston is confident that 2019 can at least equal 2018's total of \$13,639.70.

"The important thing is we don't go backwards, because I'd hate to see that," Mr Bilston said.

"The Royal Children's Hospital relies on the money raised on Good Friday, so we need to keep that up."

Thirteen thousand is a pretty impressive number, but so too is 21.

That's how many years Peter

Bilston has been coordinating the local Good Friday Appeal efforts, and he has been rattling a tin as a volunteer for the whole 45 years he has been with the CFA.

This was Peter's final year as the coordinator for Numurkah, and under his stewardship, the town would have raised around a quarter of a million dollars.

Yet, characteristically humble, that's not something Peter wishes to dwell on.

"I'm sure the next person will do an even better job. The important thing is that the RCH gets the money."



Off to rattle their cans ... Rotarians Chris Sutton, Greg Moralee and Jane Wilson get a send off from Kevin Lucas.



Generous town ... Difredo was happy to make a donation to collector Bradley Skidmore.



Mutual affection ... Tammy Stone and red Holstein calf Rose make time for a kiss as they wait for their turn in the show ring.



Doing things right ... Best senior handler winner Sarah Lloyd with Lara Shottle Lyrical.

Breeds combine for a ripper calf show

THERE was a wealth of budding human and animal talent on show last week, as the Goulburn Murray Jersey Breeders Club (GMJBC) and the Victorian Holstein northern sub-branch put on their first combined calf show.

Though for the last 15 years or so, the event has been jerseys only, this year represented a move back towards its roots, to when it started as an all-breeds event many years ago.

Entry numbers were healthy - with around 50 entries - as were the animals that had been groomed to perfection.

The young handlers were also looking their best in their white show clothes, and if they were nervous they managed not to show it.

GMJBC president Andrew Younger said the annual event was a great opportunity for young people to learn what's involved in showing, and pick up some valuable skills.

"It's about promoting interest in it for young people, but also giving them a chance to show

off the skills they develop and practise on-farm, and to develop a few more here in the process," he said.

Erin Ferguson from Luxury Holsteins, whose young employee Sarah Lloyd took out this year's Best Senior Handler ribbon, agreed that it was a great opportunity for young handlers to show what they've got.

"Young people in the industry work so hard, and Sarah is a very talented young cow-handler, so it's wonderful to see her do so well," she said.

As for Sarah, although it's not her first win for her handling skills, she said the feeling of recognition that comes with victory never gets old.

"It's always exciting, and it's good to know that you're doing well and doing things right," she said.

Reserve Champion Senior Handler was won by Dylan Morris, with Rahni Lawless taking out Champion Junior Handler and Olivia Akers taking out Reserve Champion Junior Handler.

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Financial boost for Men's Shed

NUMURKAH Men's Shed is going strong, with a couple of financial wins making its future look even brighter.

The first boost came in the form of a land rates waiver from Moira Shire Council, which will save the organisation around \$1,000 per year. The Numurkah shed was previously the only men's shed in the shire that wasn't subject to a rates waiver.

Shed president Norm McLauchlan said that the windfall was especially welcome, as they are trying to raise money for an expansion of the building.

"We are applying for a community capacity funding grant of \$12,500 and we would need to come up with the same amount ourselves, so a saving of \$1,000 a year is a big help," he said.

An expansion is necessary as more men become shed members and get busy working on projects.

As well as a wide range of wooden products the men create for sale at local markets or in exchange for donations - including their very popular adirondack style chairs - there is also a blooming vegetable garden on the premises.

John Wait is the green-fingered shed member in charge of the garden, which is proof in itself of the shed fulfilling one of the main functions that men's sheds were designed for.

Men's sheds were created as an outlet for retired men who no longer had access to the space, equipment and companionship they enjoyed during their working lives, and John's garden is a great example of that theory in action.

John, a retired farmer who has moved into town, said that although he has a veggie garden at home, it is much smaller than the one at the shed.

"The garden here is really thriving now, and it's great to have the space to plant a range of things," he said.

The other bonus for the shed, although somewhat delayed, is also hoped to have a big impact.

As of July 1, 2020, men's sheds will have Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status, meaning that all donations made to them will be tax deductible.

Vice president Alan Anderson said that given that the shed's commission work is done in exchange for donations, DGR status could have a big impact.

"If a person or a group comes to us for a job, we don't charge them as such, but we ask them for a donation in exchange for the work," he said.

"Hopefully DGR status will encourage more people to commission us, because that's how we raise a lot of the funds that cover the running costs and keep the shed going."



Productive blokes ... Showing off the shed's wares. (From left): Dennis Paydon, Rob Clouston, Con Goulding, Keith Morris, Ken Muir, John Wait, Alan Anderson, Les Walkington, John Scanlon. Seated: Shed president Norman McLauchlan.

Open Day

Numurkah District Health Service

Numurkah District Health Service invites the community to attend an Open Day to explore the modern hospital facilities, find out about a range of health services, enjoy a free barbecue and activities for the kids, and meet staff.

Find Out About Health Services

There will be displays and information on a range of services - come and talk to staff.

Participate In A Hospital Tour

Hospital tours will be held from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Visit Theatre, Urgent Care, Ambulance, Residential Aged Care, Primary Health, Support Services and more.

See Emergency Services

Ambulance, Police, Fire and SES will be there on the day.

Find Out About Volunteer Roles and Employment Opportunities

Get a Health Check



www.ndhs.org.au

WHEN: Wednesday 1 May
TIME: 3.30pm–6.30pm
WHERE: Numurkah District Health Service
 2 Katamatite Rd, Numurkah



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Better than the beach ... Matthew and Izaac Koeleman dominated the sandpit.



Big smiles ... Myla and Addi Stuart had some fun with oral health.



A good yarn ... Library manager Louise Bourchier entertains Taj and Harlii Phillips with an engrossing tale.



Tunnel of fun ... Addyson Lee was unstoppable.



Jenga! ... Emma Cole and Samuel Altoft got creative with the wooden blocks.

More fun and games 4 Moira

NEWMAN Square was the scene of a lot of fun - and all sorts of games - last Wednesday evening as families gathered in active April to celebrate two years of the More4Moira project.

When it first started, More4Moira, delivered by NDHS, asked the community about the health and wellbeing of children and families in the Numurkah area, and what could be done to improve them.

Since then, there have been over 100 initiatives across Numurkah and surrounding areas that help support

healthy choices.

Some of these initiatives include supporting community events to offer healthy choices, changes at school canteens, water only children's centre's, yoga for children and walking groups including older adults walking with secondary college students.

NDHS health promotion officer Jenny Burrows, who facilitates More4Moira, said that her team wanted to celebrate the efforts the community has made towards health and wellbe-

ing through the project, and that Active April was the ideal time to do it.

"The More4Moira project is all about communities supporting healthy choices, making small changes that make the healthy choice the easy choice to make," Ms Burrows said.

"People have really embraced the program, and it was great to see so many families come out and enjoy the activities together."

Wednesday night's celebration had a little bit of something for everybody,

with a range of children's activities, music and group exercise including a walk and exercise class presented by Fitness 3636.

After working up an appetite, it was time to tuck into a healthy barbecue of lamb koftas in wraps with salsa and tzatziki.

While the kids were playing up a storm, mums and dads stood by with a smile, happy to have access to a healthy - and free - school holiday activity.

Tania Altoft said it was great to be

able to get out and take part in such a friendly and inclusive activity.

"All the kids are engaged, and they're having a ball," she said.

"This has been the best activity these holidays, and I think they'll all sleep well tonight."

More4Moira is an ongoing project, and anyone who is part of an organisation, group or workplace is encouraged to get in touch with the health promotion team at NDHS and see how they can be supported to make healthy changes.

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Have your say on Moira Shire Council's 2019/20 Budget and Strategic Resource Plan

We are now seeking your feedback on the draft 2019/20 annual budget and 2019-2023 Strategic Resource Plan.

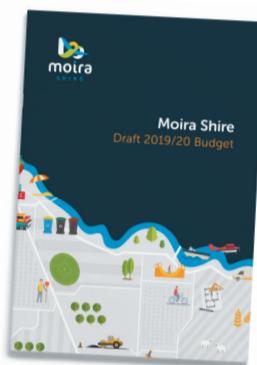
What's in the budget?

The rates, fees and charges for the coming year including:

- The rate in the dollar that is used to calculate rates for individual properties.
- A new fee structure for council managed buildings to encourage community use.
- No change to kerbside collection charges except for recycling in response to the increased costs of providing this service.

A detailed explanation of the funding we have allocated to enable delivery of:

- More than 100 council services including rubbish collection, immunisations, sports and recreation facilities, town planning and tourism development.
- Almost 100 capital projects and programs to maintain and renew roads, bridges and footpath, sporting facilities and playgrounds, irrigation and drainage.



How much will my rates increase?

Your rates are calculated by multiplying the rate in the dollar (set by council and detailed in the budget) by the value of your property (that is now determined by the Victorian Government's valuation process). So at this stage we cannot confirm the increase for an individual property but our budget will comply with the Victorian Government's rate cap of 2.5%.

What projects will council deliver?

Please see the budget document for a detailed listing of all the projects and programs we propose to deliver in 2019/20 – the following map gives an indication of some of the projects.

What's in the Strategic Resource Plan?

The Strategic Resource Plan proposes \$78.7 million of works over the four-year period to 2023 and identifies priority investment areas including almost \$20 million of new and upgraded infrastructure and investment in drainage and flood mitigation works.



How to have your say

Our draft Budget and Strategic Resource Plan are available online and are on display at council service centres. If you would like a copy emailed or mailed to you please call our customer service team.

Book a time to discuss

Book your appointment time today to discuss your ideas and feedback on the budget and Strategic Resource Plan with your council. Please book early to avoid missing out. Call 03 5871 9222 (NRS 133 677).

Tuesday 14 May

Cobram, 10am -11.30am
Nathalia, 1.30pm-3pm

Thursday 16 May

Numurkah, 10am -11.30am
Yarrawonga, 1.30pm-3pm

Make a submission

You can provide your feedback in a written submission:

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- Drop you feedback into**
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at our customer service
centres in Cobram and
Yarrawonga.



1. Barmah

- Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre improvements
- Barmah Boat Ramp Master Plan

2. Boomanoomoonah

- Crest upgrade

3. Bundalong

- Bundalong drainage

4. Burramine

- Drainage – Burramine Anabranch

5. Cobram

- Apex Reserve Soccer Pavilion
- Cobram Sports Stadium – air conditioning design
- Cobram Visitor Information Centre (VIC) repair works
- Road widening program – Cottons Rd, Healy Rd to McIntire Rd
- Cobram Revitalisation and Liveability Project (Piazza)
- Commercial Waste Sorting Facility – stage one
- Kerb and Channel Program – Wadeson Street
- Gemmell St basin outfall – Stage 1

6. Katamatite

- Katamatite Recreation Reserve –
- Netball Courts Surface Renewal

7. Lower moira

- Wrights Bridge – renewal works, design

8. Nathalia

- Nathalia main street lighting upgrade – Stage 2
- Humberstone Street – road and drainage design
- Power Street upgrade
- Nathalia Sports and Community Building renewal
- Walshes Bridge Road – Pavement Renewal Program*

9. Numurkah

- Rowe Street - Drainage Basin Extension
- Tweddle Street Park Numurkah
- Station Street Numurkah Upgrade*
- Water Station installation
- Showgrounds – netball court
- Patterson Street – drainage site renewal and upgrade
- Drainage Pit Renewal Program

10. Picola

- Picola Hall all abilities toilet and storage

11. Strathmerton

- Drainage Pit Renewal Program

12. Tungamah

- Tungamah Recreation Reserve change rooms*
- Lions Park beautification
- Tungamah Lions Park – install shade sail

13. Wilby

- Wilby Hall

14. Wunghnu

- Wunghnu Recreation reserve improvements
- Wunghnu Bowls Club all abilities toilets

15. Yarrawonga

- Multisports Stadium*
- Yarrawonga Library*
- Reilly's Road Drainage Outfall Design – Yarrawonga
- Continuation of Drainage Works at Anchorage Way Yarrawonga
- Gilmore Street upgrade*
- Fencing for Hunt St Playgrounds
- Acacia and Melaleuca Streets Yarrawonga – Full reconstruction (Special Charge Scheme)
- Channel Rd – Yarrawonga Transfer Station entrance upgrade

16. Yarroweyah

- Yarroweyah Hall – concertina door renewal

* Subject to grant funding. Several proposed projects will only proceed if grant applications are successful or following further community consultation.

What happens to your submission?

- When you lodge your submission please indicate if you would like to speak to your submission at the Special Council meeting that will commence at 5pm on Wednesday 29 May 2019.
- Written feedback received by council by 5pm Thursday 23 May will be considered by council before adopting the draft 2019/20 Budget and Strategic Resource Plan.
- Council is required to provide a written response to your submission – once the Budget and SRP have been adopted.
- All submissions, including the submitters name and address, will be available at the meetings and on public display for the 12 months following.



Passionate about regional Victorian stories ... Fiona Lowe is looking forward to visiting Numurkah.

Author with love of Vic to visit library

AUTHOR Fiona Lowe has a great love of the Victorian landscape, which is why it inhabits her novels as vividly as any of the human characters she creates.

Ms Lowe will be visiting Numurkah library next Monday to talk about her new novel, *Home Fires*, which is set in the Otway ranges.

Home Fires tells the story of a small community 18 months after a bushfire decimated the town.

"It opens with a politician unveiling the sixth new public building and basically telling the community that everything is fixed now, and they're good to go," Ms Lowe told the *Leader*.

"But the people are so not good to go."

The novel goes on to tell the tale of efforts to rebuild the economic health of the community thrown together by the unique task.

"It shows the huge economic and emotional impacts an event like that has on individuals and a community."

"It's really a story about community and community groups and how they operate, and people learning how to navigate each other and their own trauma," Ms Lowe said.

"And it's also about the secrets people keep and the impact those can have. It goes to some

dark places, but ends in hope."

Ms Lowe said that fire seems to speak to people as a quintessential Australian experience, and she has been getting a lot of feedback from readers about the novel.

"It's something that everybody has some type of experience with living in this country, so it's something that means something to everybody."

Friends of Numurkah Library president Sue Aldridge said that the group is very excited to be hosting Ms Lowe.

"It's wonderful to have a popular Australian author coming to the library, especially one who writes about regional Victoria, and she has certainly generated a lot of interest," Ms Aldridge said.

"We're expecting around twice as many people as we usually get, so it's great to be able to attract people to the library who might not come otherwise."

Bookings for the event are not essential, but are preferred for catering purposes, as supper will be provided.

Fiona Lowe will be appearing at Numurkah library at 7pm on Monday, April 29.

Bookings can be made on 1300 374 765, or at Numurkah@gvrl.vic.gov.au.



Then and now ... Norm Peace recalls his days as a fresh-faced soldier.

Norm remembers comradeship

by NSC Captains Trinity Jose and Adam Mansfield

THREE days before Christmas in 1941, at the tender age of 19 years and four months, Norm Peace left the family farm to serve in the second world war.

Although he did not have to go, because he was a farmer, and this was deemed an essential service, he and his father decided that he would serve his country.

Norm's father had served in France during WWI and Norm followed his example serving his country.

Initially, Norm was sent off to Western Australia, and after a period of four months, he decided to join the AIF as a soldier.

During his service, he had two sea voyages, but they never knew where they were going to be shipped – it was always kept secret from them.

Norm's first trip was on the Queen Elizabeth passenger liner, which left Sydney in April 1942. He still has vivid memories of that journey and leaving Sydney Heads.

After a journey fraught with seasickness, he arrived at a brand new army camp at Fremantle.

He spent time in Western Australia driving for the army and his most prized possession was the brand new Bedford truck he used to transport goods.

Twelve months later Norm boarded the US Seafar, once again not knowing where he would end up. Ten days later he arrived at Morati, a small island in the Dutch East Indies where he spent the rest of his service as a driver transporting officers around the island.

Norm recounted his experiences of when the island was bombed by the Japanese in an air raid, as well as the strong friendships forged during this time.

Up until recently, Norm has always marched in the Anzac Day parade and told of the feeling of comradeship amongst his fellow marchers.

At the age of 83 years, Norm is still a capable driver and enjoys using the skills he learned on the farm as a 12-year-old boy, and is very proud of his parking abilities.

Despite eye operations requiring multiple injections in his eyes, Norm can still read without glasses and puts his good health and eyesight down to living a healthy life and not drinking or smoking.

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Wednesday 1st
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Numurkah library,
Quinn St.

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Steven Fairweather,
Ph.D.
Farming in the
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Supper will follow
New members
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Membership \$5
Marjorie Porter
secretary

DEATHS

HICKS (Horne) — Margaret 12.2.1928 ~ 18.4.2019 Aged 91 years. Late of Nathalia. Passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side at G.V. Health, Shepparton. Dearly loved wife of Adrian, treasured mother and mother-in-law of Bernard and Jenni; Mary (Nash); Gerard and Linda (dec.); Maureen and Allan (dec.) (Bemrose); James and Karen; Laurence and Debbie; Michael; Raymond and Rhonda; Catherine and Pat (Kielty); Mark; Aileen and Glenn (Rikys). Friend of Allan, Hayley and Sharron. Treasured Nana of 28 and Great Nana of 15.

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**FUNERAL
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HICKS (Horne) — Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the Late Mrs. Margaret Hicks will be offered at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Robertson St., Nathalia THIS MORNING, WEDNESDAY April 24, 2019 commencing at 11 a.m. after which the cortège will leave for the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Re: Lynton Robert Lawson Kelly, deceased

Creditors, next-of-kin and others having claims in respect of the estate of the deceased, who died on 23 May 2018, are required by the trustee, Susanne Janet Kiernan, care of 16 – 18 Bank Street, Cobram Victoria to send particulars of their claims to the trustee by 17 June 2019 after which date the trustee may convey or distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims of which the trustee has notice.

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Heather in top form

HEATHER Brown continued her winning form with a great score of 27 hoops and three wins to win the Numurkah Croquet Club's social day last Tuesday.

Golf croquet captain Glenys Londey finished runner-up, with 3/23.

Jump shots were well down on last week's total of eight, with Kevin Hansen and Glenys Londey the only ones to score one each. Hoops-in-one were made by Heather Brown, Marg Brown and Joan T. Hansen.

A review of the GVCA golf croquet pennant is under way, with

some big changes being proposed. If the proposal goes ahead the season will run from September to November and is likely to have more teams competing.

Not too many players will be disappointed not to start in the depths of winter (July) as has happened for the last two seasons.

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TOP 10 LEADERBOARD

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5. Num Furniture
6. Nu-Genes
7. Shepp City Fencing
8. Laidlaw Electrical
9. NGBC
10. Shamrock

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Essendon vs. Collingwood (MCG)
Port Adelaide vs. North Melbourne (AO) (N)
Gold Coast SUNS vs. Brisbane Lions (MS)

St Kilda vs. Adelaide Crows (MRVL) (T)
Sydney Swans vs. GWS GIANTS (SCG) (N)
Fremantle vs. Western Bulldogs (OS) (N)
Hawthorn vs. Carlton (UTAS)
Geelong Cats vs. West Coast Eagles (GMHBA)

BEV'S FAVOURITES

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Essendon
- 3 North Melb
- 4 Gold Coast
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 Sydney
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- 8 Hawthorn
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- 9 West Coast

Last week 5 Total 23



Chris O'Dwyer

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Collingwood
- 3 Port Adelaide
- 4 Brisbane
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 GWS
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- 8 Hawthorn
- 9 Geelong

Last week 5 Total 20



Roger Seiter

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Collingwood
- 3 Port Adelaide
- 4 Brisbane
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 GWS
- 7 Fremantle
- 8 Hawthorn
- 9 Geelong

Last week 5 Total 23



Tom Buzzo

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Essendon
- 3 Port Adelaide
- 4 Brisbane
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 GWS
- 7 Fremantle
- 8 Hawthorn
- 9 West coast

Last week 4 Total 21



Peter Newby

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

Last week 3 Total 19



John Beitzel

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Collingwood
- 3 Port Adelaide
- 4 Gold Coast
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 GWS
- 7 Fremantle
- 8 Hawthorn
- 9 Geelong

Last week 4 Total 20



Brad Kerry

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Collingwood
- 3 Port Adelaide
- 4 Gold Coast
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 Sydney
- 7 Fremantle
- 8 Carlton
- 9 Geelong

Last week 3 Total 20



Katunga Fresh

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Collingwood
- 3 Port Adelaide
- 4 Brisbane
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 Sydney
- 7 Fremantle
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Last week 5 Total 24

Danni Woolley

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

Last week 3 Total 18

Kevin Morland

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

Last week 5 Total 20

John Schaaf

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

Last week 4 Total 24

David Ludington

- 1 Melbourne
- 2 Collingwood
- 3 Port Adelaide
- 4 Brisbane
- 5 St Kilda
- 6 GWS
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Hawthorn
- 9 Geelong

Last week 5 Total 21

Nathan Morris

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Essendon
- 3 Port Adelaide
- 4 St Kilda
- 5 GWS
- 6 Brisbane
- 7 Fremantle
- 8 Hawthorn
- 9 Geelong

Last week 5 Total 24

Troy Knox

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

Last week 2 Total 19

Denis Brooks

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

Last week 5 Total 22

Liam Gledhill

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

Last week 5 Total 19

Mitch wins in style

by "Archie Bunker"

MITCH Grandell shot a fantastic score of 67 nett, off a handicap of just three shots, to win the Brad Tweed Painting monthly medal at Numurkah Golf Club on Saturday.

In perfect conditions, Mitch played flawless golf, impressing his playing partners, along with everyone else in the field. Mitch's 70 off the stick, was also the best scratch score returned for the day.

With a big field out for the Easter weekend and on a day when the best of the scores were very good, Jack Thomas finished runner-up, winning a countback on 69 nett.

Chris O'Dwyer also shot a 67 nett, taking out the B grade voucher by two shots. Chris has really got into his golf over the summer and is improving with every game.

Paul Fry finished runner-up in B grade, with 69 nett.

Ronnie Smith was the unlucky one on 69 nett, losing the A grade countback, but headed the list of ball winners.

Anthony Sanders put in a good round to be next best on 70 nett, along with Neil Hutchins and Ian Roughsedge. On 71s were Neville Smith, Matt Sellars and Rod Campbell, and 72s rounded out the ball winners, going to Scott Hutchins, Dylan Grandell and Nick Ludington.

Nick Ludington played the best hole of the day, scoring an eagle three on the par five third hole, testament to both the weather and course conditions.

FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

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Echuca United 6.1, 14.3, 16.7, 20.13 (133)

Moama 5.3, 5.6, 10.7, 10.10 (70)

GOALS, Echuca United: J. Mellington 7, F. Priest 3, B.

Fulford 2, N. Denahy 2, J. Cantwell 2, L. Carmody 1,

P. Quanchi 1, J. Florance 1, R. Priest 1, Moama: F.

Buchanan 3, D. Pinney 2, L. Thorp 2, J. Harland 1, R.

Williams 1, J. Simpson 1.

BEST, Echuca United: N. Denahy, J. Mellington, F.

Priest, P. Hubbard, J. Cantwell, D. Moon, Moama: J.

Whitehead, J. Harland, J. Simpson, P. Van Der Siuys,

J. Ives, R. Williams.

Deniliquin Rams 0.4, 0.5, 4.9, 7.13 (55)

Finley 1.2, 3.5, 5.9, 7.10 (52)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: T. Gallagher 3, S. Shaw 1,

B. Irwin 1, B. Hall 1, R. Gittens 1, Finley: M. Jackson 2,

M. Wilson 2, L. Bramley 1, R. Jewell 1, Z. Cuppen 1.

BEST, Deniliquin Rams: T. Gallagher, C. O'Connor,

B. Hall, J. Pitts, H. Johnstone, M. Barnett, Finley: L.

Middleton, R. Jewell, C. Robertson, L. Hawkins, A.

Clarke, J. Macanachie.

Mulwala 3.8, 11.10, 15.11, 19.14 (128)

Congupna 2.2, 7.4, 8.7, 11.8 (74)

GOALS, Mulwala: D. McNamara 6, S. Robinson 5, J.

Hammond 2, J. Gash 2, L. Davis 1, H. Crossley 1, B.

Wilson 1, H. Hosking 1, Congupna: D. Schaper 2, D.

Hammer 2, D. Campbell 2, D. Gleeson 2, J. Dwyer 2,

B. Squire 1.

BEST, Mulwala: D. McNamara, H. Crossley, B. Wilson,

J. Walker, D. Cook, J. Hammond, Congupna: B. Squire,

T. Mifka, B. Poole, S. Ferguson, L. Baldwin, D. Schaper.

Numurkah 4.2, 8.4, 12.4, 12.6 (78)

Rumbalara 2.2, 3.4, 4.9, 4.13 (37)

GOALS, Numurkah: N. Hicks 6, M. Herlihy 2, J. O'Dwyer 1, J. Hoffmann 1, J. Holmes 1, J. Fulton 1, Rumbalara: D. Smith 2, C. Egan 1, C. McCartney 1,

BEST, Numurkah: J. Fulton, L. McKeown, S. Miller, B.

McKeown, N. Hicks, C. Lester, Rumbalara: R. Taylor,

K. Wise, A. Miller, K. Atkinson, J. Sorgel, R. Morgan.

Nathalia 4.1, 10.2, 14.3, 21.6 (132)

Tongala 3.1, 6.5, 10.5, 12.6 (78)

GOALS, Nathalia: L. Evans 6, A. Hicks 3, B. Bell 3, A.

Jorgenson 3, D. Barnes 2, C. Congues 1, J. Limbrick 1,

1, S. Morris 1, N. Nihill 1, Tongala: Z. Johnstone 2, M.

Prude 2, C. McCarthy 2, J. Souter 1, M. Cowley 1, K.

Fitzgerald 1, J. Pearson 1, C. Ilett 1, D. Joyce 1.

BEST, Nathalia: P. Carroll, A. Hicks, J. Limbrick, N.

Nihill, C. Congues, Tongala: B. Neveit, R.

Cowley, C. Ilett, M. Pryde, J. Souter, S. Cipriani.

Tungamah 2.3, 7.8, 10.9, 15.13 (103)

Katandra 4.3, 7.3, 10.6, 13.9 (87)

GOALS, Tungamah: A. Saunders 8, N. Lawless 3,

D. Haebich 2, B. Butts 1, M. Bourke 1, Katandra: C.

Hickford 4, J. Woods 2, T. Jefferly 2, L. Minogue 2, R.

Sarkady 1, J. Harcano 1, P. Cormican 1.

BEST, Tungamah: A. Saunders, B. Butts, A. Ford, J.

Irvine, C. Bourke, M. Bourke, Katandra: X. Chalkley, T.

Herbert, P. Frappell, L. Minogue, T. Jefferly, C. Hickford.

Cobram 4.2, 6.6, 10.8, 13.12 (90)

Barooga 3.5, 5.9, 8.12, 11.14 (80)

GOALS, Cobram: C. Williams 4, J. Lucas 4, M. Demaio

2, N. Dore 1, T. Scott 1, A. Decicco 1, Barooga: T. McNeill 2, L. Vourgas 2, S. Macheda 2, B. Oats 1, L.

Morey 1, Z. Brain 1, L. Olson 1, L. Brown 1.

BEST, Cobram: C. Williams, A. Decicco, C. George, N.

Dore, J. Lucas, T. Scott Barooga: L. Olson, Z. Brain, T.

McNeill, B. Oats, L. Morey, R. Brooks.

RESERVES

Echuca United 3.3, 5.5, 9.7, 11.12 (78)

Moama 1.0, 2.0, 4.1, 5.1 (31)

GOALS, Echuca United: A. McMahon 3, R. Morgan 2,

T. Callander 2, R. Blake 1, M. Lourey 1, S. Simpson

1, A. Pryde 1, Moarna: J. Galpin 2, M. Lynch 1, C.

McGregor 1, H. Macaulay 1.

BEST, Echuca United: M. Nettlefold, R. Morgan, J. Mlusko, D. Barwick, D. Cavallaro, Moama: K. Phillips, C.

McGregor, J. Smith, J. Galpin, Z. Stovell, Z. McGregor.

Deniliquin Rams 2.1, 5.4, 8.6, 13.7 (85)

Finley 2.2, 3.3, 4.8, 4.9 (33)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: H. Ross 4, B. Nisbet 3, R.

Barnes 2, J. Allitt 1, S. Werner 1, A. Free 1, S. Atley

Matt Ebborn won nearest the pin on the fourth hole, and Geoff Stone put one oh so close on the seventh.

Neville Smith and Neil Hutchins won the balls on the 15th and 18th, respectively, but neither was close enough to sink their birdie putt.

With such a good field out, there were a few nominations for the Mickey Mouse ears this week.

Andrew Storer, playing off a plus handicap, scored a nine on the 11th hole, putting two balls out of bounds.

Both Charlie Walsh and Dave Scanlan had bad days out, carding more than 100 shots each.

Robbie Sutton was found to have too many clubs in his bag, and had to add four penalty shots to his 69 nett, missing out on even a ball.

But the winner was Geoff Partington, who got his round off to a terrible start with a couple of misdemeanours on the front nine.

Parto firstly forgot that he wasn't playing a stableford round, and picked up his ball on the fifth hole. Then, on the ninth, his ball hit the 150 metre marker post, and ricocheted back and hit him in the shin, bringing out quite a lump and bruise. Parto battled on to score an eight on that hole.

This Saturday's golf will be the first of two qualifying rounds for the Jack Roche fourball knockout event.

First but not first

by "The Shankster"

NEW member Bev Peacock won her first monthly medal at Numurkah Golf Club last Wednesday, although it's not the first time she has won a monthly medal round.

The last time Bev won the medal round was before she had joined the club, finishing off her year's membership at Cobram Barooga.

This time, however, she actually got a medal to take home with her, coming in with the day's best score of 72 nett.

Felicity Booth won division one with 74 nett, ahead of Helen Schmedje, who won a countback on 75.

Runner-up to Bev in division two was Lorraine Craig, also with 75.

Balls went to Pauline Davies with 75, Bev Hutchins 76, Merren Carr 77, and Kath Hepworth 78.

Tracey Clouston won nearest the pin on the seventh hole, Julie Daniel had a terrific shot to the cake hole 18th to win the Numurkah Cafe, Bar and Restaurant voucher, and Kath Hepworth won the ball for the closest second shot to the second hole.

Tracey had the best division one scratch score of 83, and Robyn Hodgkin had the best in division two.

Helen Schmedje has been out of the limelight a bit for most of this year, but bounced back on Saturday

to win the Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal shirt with a bit of overkill and a fine score of 70 nett.

Next best was Rosemary Rutledge's 74 nett. Lorraine Craig won a countback from Karen Harper on 76 nett, and Pauline Davies beat Tracey Clouston on a countback on 77s, to round out the ball winners.

Tracey, however, had the best scratch score of 82, but that's where the ball handout stopped, with not one of the 14 women in the field managing to get onto even just one of the four nearest the pin par three holes.

For this, those women hanging around for presentations, were all sharing the Minnie Mouse ears, wearing them for a few minutes before passing them around the table.

There were many lamenting shots that were on the green for a few short seconds as they sailed over the back of the green, or pulling up just short of the green. It might be time to introduce the 'nearest the green' prize.

Today's golf will be a par round, and next Wednesday is stableford.

The Jack Roche fourball event commences on Saturday, with the first of two qualifying rounds, preceding the knockout rounds to decide the eventual winner.

Robbo wins again

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

LEIGH Robertson posted another shirt winning score in last Thursday's mid week 'Bear Challenge' stableford competition at Numurkah Golf Club.

Scoring 41 points, Leigh just pipped runner-up Hugh Gunn who finished with a total of 40.

In a bumper field of 40 players, on an idyllic autumn day, scoring was surprisingly light on, with only six competitors playing to, or better than, their handicap.

Perhaps the looming prestigious Jack Roche fourball played in the unconscious minds of some in the field!

Players who won a club ball for their score were: Roy Peterson 39, Neil Hutchins 37, Troy Prosser and Peter Cowan 36, Andrew Storer (off +2) 35, Nick Ludington 34, Paul Arnel, Alan Rogers and Neville Smith 33, Steve Piggott, Matt Ebborn, Barry Schmedje and Dick Malone, all 32.

Dennis Prosser was,

once again, the 'silly billy' who returned with the lowest score of 20 stableford points and thus took home the tin of boiled lollies.

In the nearest the pin competitions, Steve Piggott 'top and tailed' the field taking the GMCU ball on the 169 metre fourth hole and the Pruden Carpentry ball on the 114 metre 18th.

Paul Arnel snatched the players' sweep money by being closest on the seventh hole and, unsurprisingly, Andrew Storer struck two accurate shots together to earn Dennis and Roy's sponsored ball on the 14th.

Hugh Gunn used his driver to good effect on the 161 metre 15th and won the ball sponsored by Graeme Sprunt.

There will be a mid week 'Bear Challenge' competition this Anzac Day, Thursday. Players will assemble at 12 midday for a 12.30pm shot gun start. Members and guests are most welcome.

	GOALKICKING					
	SENIORS					

Tonny downs Purples

TONGALA got the jump on Nathalia early and went on to win their Murray league A grade netball clash by 16 goals.

The Nathalia defence worked tirelessly all game, giving the visitors plenty of opportunity to take the game, but the Purples' inability to convert let them down and they went down 24-40.

Both of Nathalia's top two netball sides suffered defeats to Tongala, while the C and C reserve sides had good wins.

Mia Bell stepped up to the challenge in her first A grade game for Nathalia, providing plenty of drive in attack.

Awards: Coprice: Lisa Kellogg, Brereton's Bakery: Reni Hicks, Casual Step: Blaise Mortimer.

B GRADE

The Nathalia B graders started off well, but dropped off and let Tongala take control of their game.

Tonny took the eventual win 40-29.

Awards: Coprice: Steph Limbrick, Hinchcliffe & Greed Real Estate: Laura Harvey-Hawkins, Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Reni Hicks.

C GRADE

A great team effort got Nathalia's C grade side over the line by seven goals 40-29. The Purples worked well together, playing a very composed game.

Awards: Barmah Hotel: Ashlea Baker, Three Belles Creations: Chloe Armstrong, Sportfirst Numurkah: Steph Hayes.

C RESERVE

Nathalia got off to a great start in the C reserve clash, taking a good lead into the first break.

With tight pressure down the court causing many turnovers, the Purples continued to build on their lead throughout the game, eventually taking victory 46-22.

Awards: Limo's Home Hardware: Brooke Parker, Laino's Pizza: Amy Rohan, Sportfirst Numurkah: Emma Butler.

17 UNDER

Despite going down by a big margin, the Purple under 17s

never gave up, continuing to apply pressure to their opponents for the whole four quarters.

The game started with both sides going goal-for-goal against the very strong Tongala team.

There were some very strong passages of play, but the heat took its toll on the Purples as the game progressed.

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

15 UNDER

Nathalia under 15s played some great passages of netball over the four quarters, but went down to Tongala by 15 goals, 32-47.

The Purples need to get more consistency into their game, to eliminate the unforced errors.

Hannah Summerville and Hayley Wigmore worked the goal ring well, while Jenna Mason turned over many balls and drove well through the mid court.

Awards: Kylie Richards B.O.C: Hannah Summerville, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Jenna Mason, Marketplace Subway: Hayley Wigmore, TJ's IGA: Ebony James.

13 UNDER

The under 13s faced a real challenge against a strong Tongala side, going down 2-32.

Despite the score, the girls did an awesome job and ran out the game to the end.

The young team is showing improvements every week.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Natasha Hassell, Nathalia Dairy: Ella Dealy, TJ's IGA: Ally Bloodworth.

11 UNDER

The littlest Purples did an awesome job against Tongala, only going down by six goals, 17-23.

Sarah Stone and Tayah Lundberg worked well together in attack, and the Purples' defensive pressure over the whole court was terrific.

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



Strong defence ... Under 11 players Milla Dobson and Ellie Carkeek apply pressure in the goal circle.



Eyes for the ball ... Ellie Carkeek sends the ball down the court via Demi McKellar.

Fill-ins take the court for Blues

WITH a couple of regular players unavailable, the Numurkah A grade netballers managed to round up some great fill-ins for their game against Rumbalara on Saturday.

Renee Judd, Monica Arnel and Sarah Carr all stepped in to help out and, although the Blues were well beaten on the scoreboard, going down 32-66, they were very competitive against the second placed team on the ladder.

The Blues played a solid first quarter, with everyone combining well, even though half the team hadn't played together before.

Eilish Judd created great space in attack, giving great direction to her team mates.

Wing attack Monica Arnel made some awesome bullet passes into Jessica Tymensen in the goal circle, who moved real well, considering the tough defence.

Sarah Trease played well in the centre for the first half, swapping with Sarah Carr at half time, and Sophie Morris had a great game up against some really talented goalers.

Renee Judd was her ever reliable self in defence, against a much taller goaller, in what

turned out to be a great game of netball.

Awards: Numurkah Hotel: Monica Arnel, Brereton's Bakery: Jessica Tymensen.

B GRADE

The Blues' B graders were anxious for a win against Rumbalara, after just going down in the first two games of the season. Unfortunately, they finished three goals in arrears at the end of the game.

The Blues started strongly, with some great passages of play through the mid court, with Andrea Dobson and Danielle Beekman leading the way in attack.

They increased their defensive pressure in the second and third quarters, taking a 10 goal lead into the final break. But the Blues allowed Rumbalara back into the game in the final term and went down by three goals, 42-45.

Awards: Shamrock Hotel: Andrea Dobson, Numurkah Cafe Bar & Restaurant: Danielle Beekman.

C GRADE

With a different team taking the court each week, the C graders have struggled to find their stride, and Saturday was no different, as they went down to Rumbalara 28-47.

The Blues showed good signs in the first quarter with some clean end to end passages.

Ella Sprunt came into the side, bringing some much needed enthusiasm with her energetic play and positive talk. The girls improved on their defensive pressure with strong hands over the ball, but Rumbalara's accuracy in the goal circle saw it run away with the game.

Award: Telegraph Hotel: Ella Sprunt.

C RESERVE

The C reserve team continued its good form from the previous week, with a terrific win over Rumbalara, 61-22.

Taking the court a few players short allowed under 15 Teea Brattle to play up in the senior ranks. Teea goaled very well and partnered well with both Makayla Millen and Mary Morrison in the goal circle.

Mon Isip played a terrific game in centre, providing some great passes into the goalers.

Under 17 Charli Dorrity played her second game for C reserve and has fitted in well, looking like she has been a part of the team for years.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery

Award: Mon Isip, Hair Society: Charli Dorrity.

17 UNDER

The under 17s faced another tough game, going down to Rumbalara 12-58.

The girls tried their best to stay with their opposition in the first quarter, but the visitors were unstoppable.

Tammy Stone and Lara Chapman continued their great start to the season, with award winning games.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Tammy Stone, SportFirst Numurkah: Lara Chapman.

15 UNDER

The under 15 Blues also struggled against a tough opposition, going down 25-35.

13 UNDER

The under 13s played a very competitive game against Rumbalara, going down by just three goals, 22-25.

The Blues started a little slowly, but kept with their opposition throughout the last half, working better together as a team.

Awards: Club: Demi Hendy, Jemma Carkeek.

11 UNDER

The littlest Blues went down 7-17, despite trying their hardest all game.

NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

MNL

A GRADE

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Moama	3	3	0	0	179	86	12	208.14
Rumbalara	4	3	1	0	221	127	12	174.02
Mulwala	3	3	0	0	125	85	12	147.06
Deniliquin	3	2	1	0	170	118	8	144.07
Cobram	3	2	1	0	144	125	8	115.2
Tungamah	3	2	1	0	105	109	8	96.33
Nathalia	3	0	3	0	90	142	0	63.38
Barooga	3	2	1	0	100	118	8	84.75
Finley	4	2	2	0	149	210	8	70.95
Deniliquin	3	1	2	0	100	123	4	81.3
Katandra	3	0	3	0	90	113	0	79.65
Congupna	3	0	3	0	94	143	0	65.73
Numurkah	3	0	3	0	90	142	0	56.03
Nathalia	3	0	3	0	79	141	0	56.03

B GRADE

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Mulwala	3	3	0	0	147	69	12	213.04
Deniliquin	3	3	0	0	131	80	12	163.75
Cobram	3	3	0	0	116	96	12	120.83
Barooga	3	2	1	0	120	98	8	122.45
Moama	3	2	1	0	128	112	8	114.29
Tongala	3	2	1	0	121	112	8	108.04
Finley	4	2	2	0	126	150	8	84
Congupna	3	1	2	0	94	104	4	90.38
Tungamah	3	1	2	0	91	136	4	66.91
Rumbalara	4	1	3	0	121	186	4	65.05
Numurkah	3	0	3	0	116	124	0	93.55
Nathalia	3	0	3	0	91	125	0	72.8
Katandra	3	0	3	0	98	141	0	69.5

C GRADE

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Cobram	3	3	0	0	155	49	12	322.45
Deniliquin	3	3	0	0	158	49	12	268.52
Moama	3	3	0	0	145	54	12	208.14
Tongala	3	2	1	0	119	88	12	174.02
Mulwala	3	2	1	0	112	81	8	144.07
Deniliquin	3	2	1	0	161	119	8	135.29
Tongala	3	2	1	0	119	95	8	125.26
Nathalia	3	1	2	0	106	123	4	86.18
Barooga	4	1	3	0	131	179	4	73.18
Numurkah	3	1	2	0	95	139		

Still Blue at the top

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While Hicks may take the spotlight and the headlines for this goal kicking exploits during the season thus far, there are other players that are making the Blues' forward line one of the most potent in the league.

"We've got that youth in the forward line, so their run and pace. Guys like Jarrod Holmes and Kye Roberts, just consistently keep the pressure up. "I've told the group, it's perceived pressure. If the side never gives up and chases like they're never out of it, the opposition will begin to make mistakes, even if one of our players aren't near them.

"Defenders will have a five metre break and think the forwards won't chase them, but they just keep going and we've been able to score a few goals from that."

Also, Numurkah really dominated in the middle, and with changes to the line up having to be made due to a suspension, the Blues responded in emphatic fashion, led by the likes of

Dylan Taylor and Beau McKeown, while Luke McKeown has done well since being shifted to the defensive area of the ground.

"With Matt Smyth suspended, we've had to play Dylan Taylor in the ruck. Luke McKeown is very versatile and is able to go down back and has proven to be difficult to match up on in the defensive 50, and I don't think he got beaten for the day, despite a bit of a slow start with his ball use."

"Playing Beau in the midfield has been really good for us, to add a bit more toughness and physicality in the centre of the ground. He got six stitches in his forehead last week but was just as hard into the contest this week as he usually is."

Three rounds in with three wins takes Numurkah into a blockbuster clash against the four time reigning premier, Nathalia. The clash and the hype surrounding it is nothing new for Warren, who is very well aware of the threat Nathalia poses, especially at its home ground. "Nathalia has played consistent footy

for years and years, it's going to be our biggest test."

"It's going to be the toughest game of the year so far, we need to be clean with the footy because Nathalia thrives on capitalising on mistakes and turnovers. They're great ball users, it's going to be huge."

Nathalia will be coming off a big 54 point win over Tongala, and with nine different goal scorers, Numurkah's backline and midfield will have its hands full, especially with Liam Evans, Adam Jorgensen and the new addition of Bailey Bell providing a lot of polish to an already slick side. "Bailey is a great player, he went out to have a crack at Kyabram but he's back now and he and Jorgensen are going to be a couple of small forwards that swap through the midfield to keep an eye on. I think they dominate with their height in the forward line, so that's another thing we'll need to look at during the week."

The old rivals will clash this Sunday at Nathalia Recreation Reserve at 2pm.



Strong at Holmes ... Jarrod Holmes prepares to break away during the Blues' home win over Rumbalara on Friday.

Struggling for form

NATHALIA'S reserves side suffered a 10 goal drubbing at the hands of Tongala on Friday, managing no multiple goal kickers in the 4.9.33 to 12.9.93 trouncing.

Tongala dominated all around the ground and its transition play put Nathalia on the back foot from the get-go, kicking out to a three goal lead by the end of the first quarter.

The trends continued for Nathalia, and it managed just one goal in each of the first two terms.

Tongala on the other hand was in scintillating control of the contest, doubling its quarter time score by the end of the half to go into the rooms with a convincing six goal break.

As the second half resumed, so did Tongala's dominance.

The home side booted yet another four goals for the term, with Nathalia unable to mount any sort of substantial reply.

In fact, Nathalia kept the one goal per quarter average going and headed into the final quarter down by 56 points.

The final term saw Nathalia keep its head up and try to reduce the margin as much as possible to add more respectability to the differential.

The Purples kept Tongala to its lowest quarterly score for the day in the final quarter, but the game was over and Nathalia still finished 60 points behind its opponent.

Nathalia will hope it can bounce back quickly this week as it takes on the winless Numurkah Blues at home on Sunday afternoon.

Awards: Ryan Meat Co: Matt Smith, Mick Hogan Excavations: Tyson Richards, Nathalia Fuel & Gas, Ricky Barnes, Blake St Butchery: Chris Brown, Numurkah Nu-Genes: Connor Nave, Brereton's Bakery: Cam Hickey.

UNDER 14s

Nathalia's under 17s struggled to come back from a 28 point quarter time deficit against Tongala, eventually going down 5.5.35 to 10.11.71 at Tongala Recreation Reserve on Friday.

The Purples were kept scoreless in the first quarter as Tongala booted away with four goals to heap the pressure

on the visiting side. New recruit Liam Scopelliti booted Nathalia's only goal for the opening half, but with Tongala firmly in the driver's seat, the Purples couldn't avoid heading into half time down by 42 points.

The visitors, though, showed a great deal of fight to open the second half, and a three goal to one third quarter gave a bit of life to the contest, with 30 points separating the two teams heading into the final changeover.

Tongala responded well, locking Nathalia down and ensuring that the Purples' momentum never got out of hand.

The home side booted two goals to one, making sure of the 28 point win. Awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Ben Armstrong, A.V. Hughes: Jake Brown, James Stockfeed: Kaleb Kopsidas, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Toby Hansford, Marketplace Subway: Adam Pulsoni.

UNDER 14s

The only side other than the seniors to snatch a win, Nathalia's under 14s held onto a 14 point away win on Friday. Brandon Orton kicked three goals during the match, the most of any Purple, as Jack Hutchins' two majors were invaluable in the context of the contest.

Initially Nathalia looked to be in complete control of the clash, keeping Tongala scoreless in the first quarter to head into the second term with a 17 point lead. The tide seemed like it could be changing in the second quarter, though, with Tongala kicking itself to within eight points by the end of the opening half. Nathalia responded strongly in the third quarter, kicking three goals to one and taking back the momentum of the contest.

With Ewen Congues, Jeremiah Amery and Max Frostick all playing brilliantly, Nathalia held on to finish 7.10.52 to 5.8.38 win.

Awards: Past Players: Max Frostick, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Tom Dohnt, Al's Café: Gus Bramwell, Frostick Contracting: Jack Hutchins, Nathalia Printers: Charlie Sheehan.

Blues do it rough

NUMURKAH'S winless start to the 2019 reserves season has continued with a dismal 121 point loss to Rumbalara on Friday.

A goalless first half put Numurkah well and truly behind the eight ball, but it was Rumbalara's use in the forward 50 that really put a dampener on Numurkah's Good Friday. The visitors booted six goals in the first term and then eight in the second to open up a 93 point half time lead.

While the scoreline was intimidating and daunting, it didn't stop Will Seabrook and Tyson Maltman putting in huge efforts around the ground, but the skill and crafty nature of the Rumbalara outfit had proved too much.

Numurkah's conviction to try its best to stay in the contest saw the home side finally hit the scoreboard through a Luke Mansfield goal that was set up by the midfield finally managing to supply the forward line with a number of effective inside 50s.

Though seeing the efforts not drop off from the Blues was admirable and a positive to take away from the contest, it was all but academic, especially with Rumbalara booting another four goals to take the mar-

gin out to 112 points.

Numurkah managed to boot another two goals, with Mansfield slotting his second and Brodie Waites snagging one of his own, but it wasn't enough to add all that much to the 3.4.22 to 21.17.143 loss.

Numurkah will take on another side that has struggled to build momentum to start the season, with the 1-3 Nathalia side awaiting the Blues this Sunday at Nathalia Recreation Reserve.

Awards: Millen Concreting: Will Seabrook, Middle Pub: Hamish Lambert, Telegraph: Reydan Lacuin, Shamrock Hotel: Tyson Maltman, Brereton's Bakery: Brad Millen, Mierlo: Greg Gallus.

UNDER 17s

Rumbalara kicked nine goals to none in the final quarter to come away with a roaring come from behind 56 point win over Numurkah on Friday, despite the tie being neck and neck for the majority of game time.

While Rumbalara held a slim advantage at the first two breaks, strong showings from Kade O'Dwyer and Matt Mansfield fed Dusty Ebborn, whose four goals saw the Blues find their way to a two point lead at three quarter time, before being

blown out of the water in the final quarter.

Led by Djaidha Miller, who booted seven goals for the day, Rumbalara kept Numurkah scoreless in the final term while it piled on 9.4 to race away from Numurkah in scintillating fashion.

The 7.6.48 to 15.14.104 final score doesn't tell the whole story, and time will tell if Numurkah can bounce back in convincing fashion against Nathalia this week.

UNDER 14s

Numurkah's youngest blues never recovered from a scoreless opening half, going down to Rumbalara by 90 points on Good Friday morning. The Blues had to wait until the third term before a goal finally seeped through for the home side, while Rumbalara seemingly had little difficulty in padding its score.

Rumbalara's lead could have been far greater if it was able to take the majority of the chances offered in the second quarter, but kicked just two goals from eight scoring opportunities.

The 1.1.7 to 14.13.97 win gives Rumbalara its second win of the year, while Numurkah has yet to taste success from the three rounds already played.



Catch this ... Kane Newby easily gets a tap out to his team on Friday.

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Still Blue at the top

NUMURKAH held onto the top spot of the Murray Football League ladder with a convincing 41 point win at home to Rumbalara, damning the visitors to their fourth consecutive loss for the season.

Nathan Hicks once again starred for the Blues' senior side, booting six goals in the Good Friday fixture at the Numurkah Showgrounds, while Michael Herlihy continued a solid start to the year with two of his own. Hicks' haul takes his tally to 15 from three games. He shown brilliant form throughout the season thus far.

Having seen Kyle Morrison be made unavailable during the week, Josh O'Dwyer came into the side, and while Brad Crowther pulled out on the morning of the game with the arrival of his baby boy, the Blues didn't miss a beat and took control of the game.

Numurkah's win came about with a strict reliance on immense pressure around the ground, and the Blues' ability to keep the ball locked in their half of the ground saw the home side take a two goal lead into the first break. The lead only grew in the second term as Numurkah booted four goals to one, stretching the lead out to 30 points at the half time interval.

The Blues' rebounding efforts took Numurkah to another level on the day. Having managed the tall forwards of Rumbalara brilliantly, Numurkah punished the winless visitors and ran the side off their legs to yet another four goal to one result in the third quarter. With the quick pace and incessant running on display, both sides ran out of gas as the game drew to a close on a hot day under the Numurkah sun. The game ended with a goalless quarter only worth six behinds between the sides.

The Blues weren't worried about that, having come off a shorter than usual turnaround, and marched to a big 12.6.78 to 4.13.37 win.

With a close to seven goal triumph under its belt, Numurkah spearhead Nathan Hicks was one of the first Blues coach Jye Warren praised after the match, but it wasn't just his goal kicking exploits that garnered praise for the forward.

"Nathan is getting plenty of the footy," Warren said. "As a bigger guy, defenders don't think he's going to chase them, but he was chasing a lot on the weekend and he just couldn't drop a mark.

"He's really stepped it up this year, he's used his body well and is really benefitting from a big preseason."

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Up and at 'em ... Dylan Taylor was strong in the ruck for Numurkah during his side's Good Friday win over Rumbalara.

Purples primed ahead of Numurkah clash

THOSE who travelled to Tongala in support of Nathalia's senior football side on Friday saw the typical exciting nature of Purples football be littered with periods of stagnant play during the side's 54 point away win. While Liam Evans eventually finished with six goals for the day, it was a gritty game that made Nathalia work for every inch.

Two early goals saw Nathalia take the ascendancy in the opening term, with a number of scoring opportunities coming its way, thanks to brilliant ball movement, but the Purples' momentum stalled to let Tongala back in with a couple of goals of its own, meaning Nathalia could only take a four goal to three lead at the first break.

The Purples managed some excel-

lent play in the second quarter and were cutting the game open with superior outside ball use and spread, but once again lapsed and conceded three late goals after kicking the first six of the quarter.

With ample opportunity to put the game away in the third quarter, Nathalia was unable to fully take the game by the scruff of the neck, leaving the door, if just slightly, ajar for Tongala.

It was in the last quarter that the Purples broke free, kicking seven goals to two, Liam Evans booted three of his six goals in the closing stages of the match to cap off the win.

Nathalia coach Phil Carroll wound back the clock with a trademark game in defence to be best afield.

Carroll was unstoppable in his one

on one contests, while his ball use by foot was top notch and his ability to read the play got his teammates out of prickly predicaments on a number of occasions.

While Evans booted six, Alex Hicks was another force to be reckoned with going forward for Nathalia, with the centre half forward imposing himself on the match with a number of contested marks that led to him snagging three majors on the day.

In the middle of the ground, Nathalia managed to beat both of Tongala's ruckmen, with Jason Limbrick putting in an outstanding performance as the lone ruckman for Nathalia.

Ned Nihill's ability and inclination to surge from defence saw him outplay his direct opponent, while also

gaining a considerable amount of ground for his side heading forward, hitting targets with precise accuracy and taking the play to dangerous positions in the Purples' forward half. Nihill also managed to sneak into the goal scorers' list alongside nine of his teammates, showing how deadly Nathalia can be from so many different sources.

Captain Tom Nihill worked tirelessly in the midfield and set the tone for his teammates, including Clancy Congues who tormented the Tongala wingmen all day.

Dan Robertson showed poise and creativity in the best game of his much hyped return to senior football. The soon-to-be father has become the talk of the town after an extraordinary fitness overhaul that

has seen him return to the Purples' senior side following a decade long hiatus.

With the 21.6.132 to 12.6.78 win in the books, Nathalia looks to have found some deadly form ahead of its headline setting collision course against traditional rival, and current ladder leader, Numurkah this Sunday.

A win to Nathalia could see it jump into the top four on the MFL ladder, while Numurkah's unbeaten start to the season is on the line in a immensely interesting battle this week. Awards: Nathalia IGA: Alex Hicks, Club award: Jason Limbrick, Bourke Group: Tom Nihill, Liddell Group: Dellcorp: Ned Nihill, Numurkah Tyre Power; Clancy Congues, Brereton's Bakery: Dan Robinson.

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