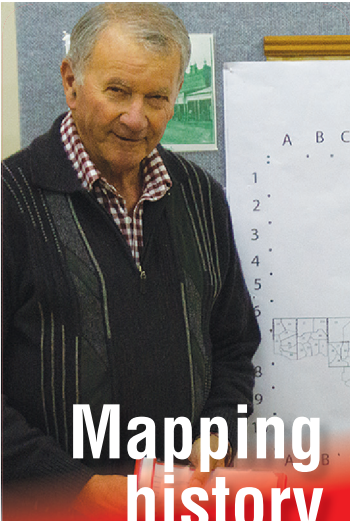


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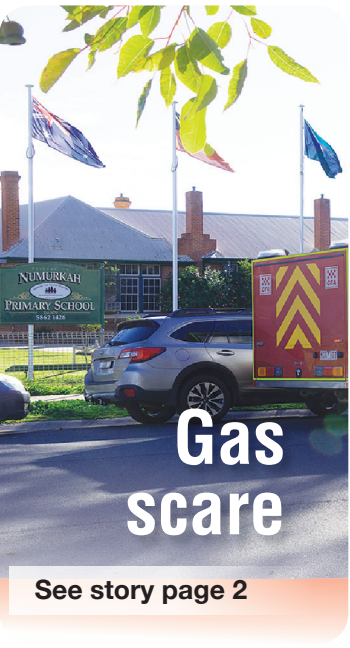
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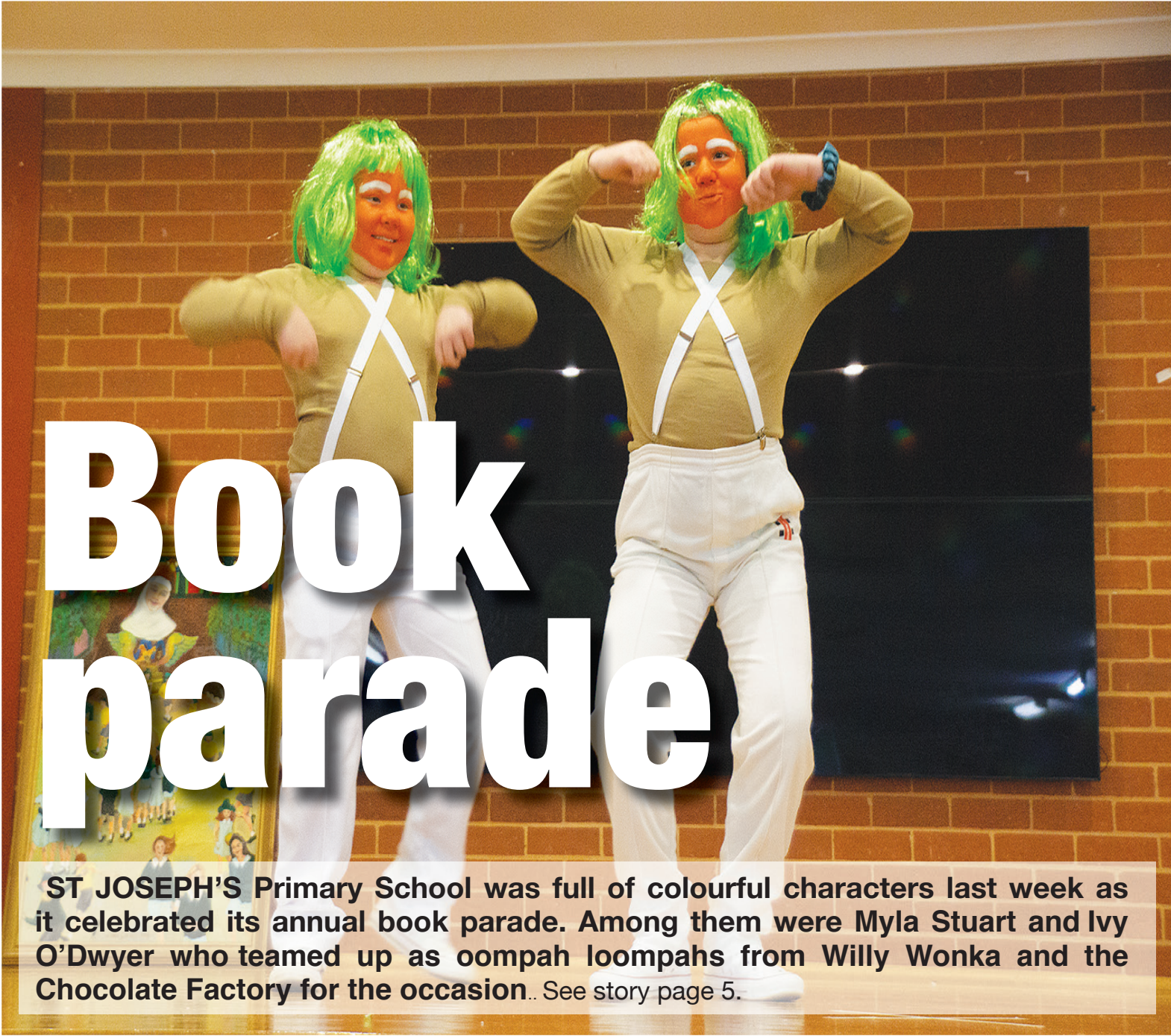
Exciting visit

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Gas scare

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Book parade

ST JOSEPH'S Primary School was full of colourful characters last week as it celebrated its annual book parade. Among them were Myla Stuart and Ivy O'Dwyer who teamed up as oompah loompahs from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory for the occasion.. See story page 5.

Busy week for thieves and vandals across district

A NUMBER of incidents involving thefts and damage have occurred across the district over the past week.

A Dolphin Street resident was only away from his property for an hour on Monday when they came home to find that the security and front door has been damaged.

A Skoda sedan which was parked in the driveway has had both passenger doors kicked in, causing an extensive damage bill.

Another Numurkah couple returned home from a weekend away to find that their Collis St home had been egged.

A Pine Road resident has found his Ford sedan door open and

the vehicle ransacked. A battery charger and an LED headlight with a total value of \$160 were stolen from the vehicle.

The electric cabling to the automated gates of a Betts Road residence has been cut, disabling the system, but nothing is believed to have been stolen.

The residents of a property at Spences Road Katunga weren't so lucky, as a number of items were stolen from the rear of their home.

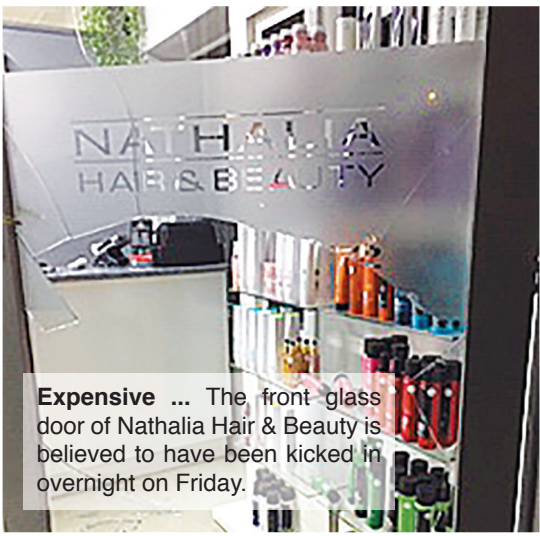
The items included a set of Stanley spanners wrapped in a black roll-out style folder with the Stanley brand in yellow on the front and a hydraulic trolley jack.

At least \$1,000 damage was done when the glass front door of Nathalia Hair & Beauty was smashed sometime between midnight and 2.30am last Saturday.

Owner Leanne Pell said that though no entry was gained to the shop, the glass pane will cost around \$1,000 to be replaced, including sign writing.

A window of another business nearby is believed to have been damaged at the same time.

A 25 year-old Numurkah resident was lucky to receive only minor injuries when the vehicle she was driving left the Murray Valley Hwy at Cobram and collided with a tree on Saturday.



Expensive ... The front glass door of Nathalia Hair & Beauty is believed to have been kicked in overnight on Friday.

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Immediate response ... Numurkah police and fire brigade reached the school within minutes in response to a strong gas smell.

Hazmat scare at primary school

WHAT had been an otherwise quiet week for local fire brigades took a turn yesterday with the report of a strong smell of gas at Numurkah Primary School (NPS).

The school's business manager Ann Shephard told the Leader that she called emergency services at around 9.15am after noticing a strong smell of gas outside the

school, at both the front and rear of the main building.

"The students were all inside, so the office staff closed all of the external doors and we let the teachers know to keep all of the students inside," she said.

"The fire brigade and police arrived quickly, but by the time they got here the smell had dissipated. It

was really strong and noticeable for around 15 minutes though."

The Numurkah fire brigade waited at the school for members from Shepparton to attend with gas detection equipment.

The area around the school tested negative for gas, with a fire brigade spokesperson saying that it was likely that gas had drifted into the

area overnight.

The only other local call-out for the week occurred at 4.30pm Monday, when Kaarimba brigade was called to a reported scrub fire in Kaarimba Rd.

The fire was actually in Moss Road and was a pile of sticks being burnt. No action was required by the fire brigade.

Week of weather ups and downs ahead

AFTER shivering through an especially cold weekend just gone, the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) is forecasting a much warmer outlook this weekend - but it has warned it won't last.

The cold westerly winds we've recently been treated to will give way to a much more civilised northerly over the next few days, bringing temperatures to match.

The mercury will gradually climb as high as the week progresses, with a top of 17° forecast for Thursday, but a slightly chillier Friday, with morning showers possible and a top of 15°.

However, the weekend looks set to make up for it with Saturday likely to reach 18° after a chilly start, and the potential for Sunday to see a high of 20°.

Unfortunately, the fun looks set to be well and truly over by Monday, when the westerlies return with a wintry blast, driving temperatures back down to the low teens.

Rain will come with the low temperatures early in the week, with north east and south west parts of Victoria set to get as much as 20mm.

Meanwhile Alpine areas won't be getting all that much of a reprieve, with icy winds of 70-80 kilometres per hour expected over the weekend and into the start of next week.

Councils seek deferral of local govt reforms

THE Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) has expressed concern about the State's process and lack of detail in new Local Government Bill reforms.

In a submission to the government regarding the reforms, the MAV said the State's process and lack of detail, has prevented meaningful consultation on significant reforms that could have negative consequences for communities.

The MAV has called on the Victorian Government to defer the proposed reforms for 12-18 months to enable full examination of the issues including costs, community impacts and other unintended consequences.

Two proposed reforms – mandated single member wards and community-initiated Commissions of Inquiry – are of greatest concern to MAV, as they could fundamentally shift the nature of council governance. The MAV said they are significant proposals that warrant further detailed examination.

The MAV is also concerned about a third reform, the voter franchise, as it means non-resident ratepayers would no longer be automatically enrolled to vote in council elections.

In the 2016 council elections, an estimated 620,000 people - 14% of all voters - were non-resident ratepayers. The State reform pro-

poses to require these ratepayers to apply to go on the electoral roll before each election.

The MAV has provided support or in-principle support for a number of proposed reforms including:

- a prohibition on foreign donations to local government candidates, a reduction in the gift disclosure threshold, and for councils to have a gift register and gift policy;
- mandatory candidate training;
- prescribed standards of conduct, a formal internal arbitration process, and disqualification of a councillor for repeated serious misconduct; and
- mayoral and councillor allowances to be set by the Independent Remuneration Tribunal.

MAV president Cr Coral Ross said further meaningful consultation was needed on proposed new reforms through release of a publicly available Local Government Bill 2019 Exposure Draft and draft regulations.

"When the State announced new reforms in June, there had been no public process to inform the government's proposals and no available modelling outlining their rationale or the community impacts," Ms Ross said.

"We want to see the new reform proposals deferred while proper consultation is undertaken."

Correction regarding Cr Cox

OOPS. Apparently Cr Ed Cox was surprised to read in last week's *Leader* that he was on leave, as he is actually very much present, and out and about in Moira Shire taking care of business as usual.

Our sincere apologies to Cr Cox and anybody else affected by our mistake.

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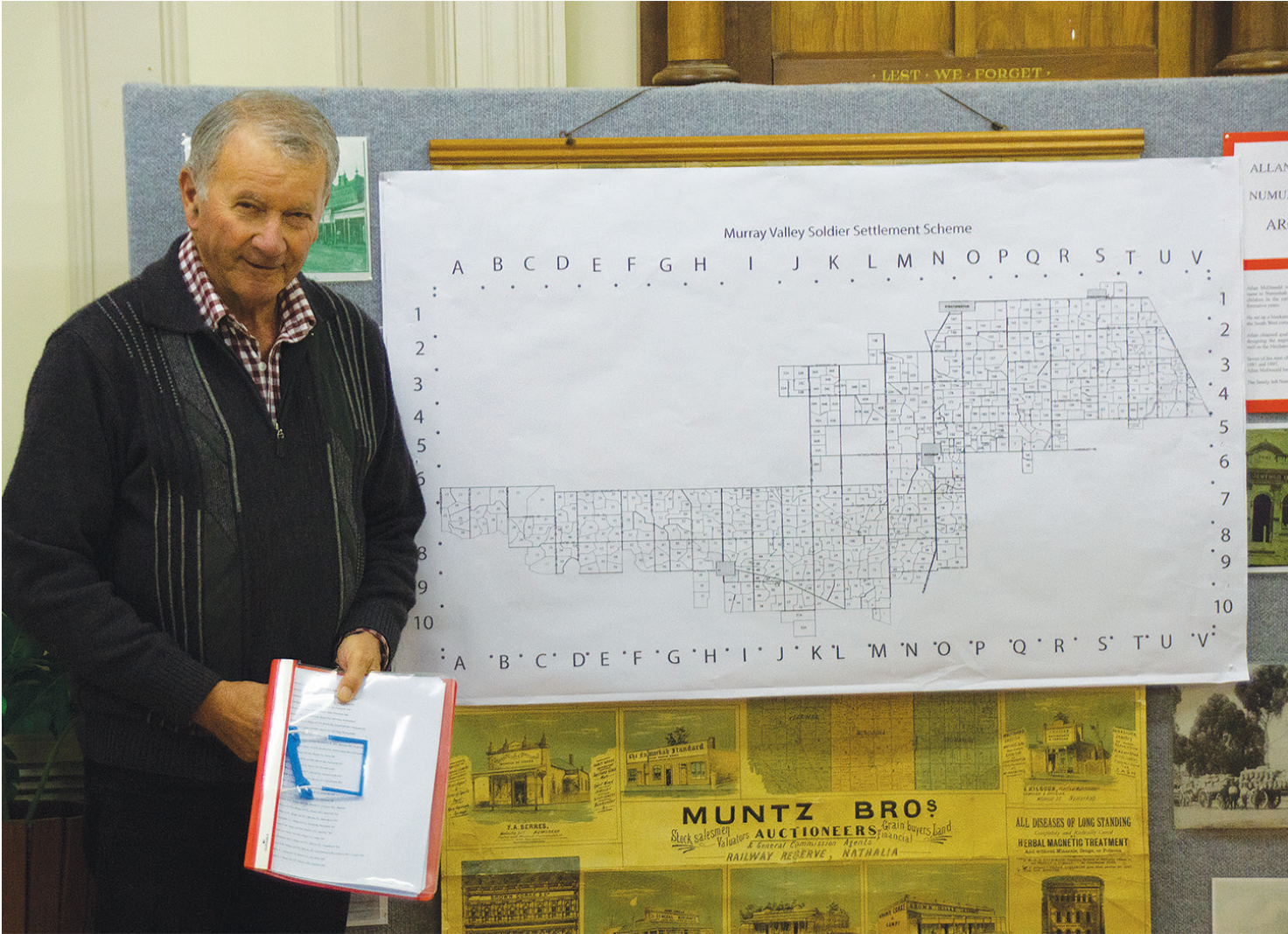
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Mapping history ... Stephen Mills with the painstakingly created map of local soldier settlement blocks and list of corresponding names.

Mapping Numurkah’s soldier settlement history

THREE local community groups have been working hard on a project that goes to the very heart of Numurkah’s history - mapping our town’s soldier settlement program. The soldier settlement memorial project is a joint initiative of the Rotary Club of Numurkah, Numurkah and District Historical Society and Numurkah RSL sub-branch. The project aims to provide an accurate map of the soldier settlement scheme blocks around Numurkah, and after many months of work a map and list of families who occupied the blocks has been created. The scheme in the local area was initiated in 1947, and in just a few years took the township of Numurkah’s population from the 1,600 residents it had at the end of the war in 1945 to 2,200 residents in 1951. Although a figure is unavailable, the population of Numurkah Shire, including, as it did, many new farms, would have experienced even greater growth. The rapid population growth created a corresponding growth in infrastructure. Numurkah primary school temporarily expanded to become a P-12 college, until Numurkah gained its first official high school in 1957 on part of the site occupied by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission on Tumwal Road. With 395 dairy farm blocks of around 100 acres each, and 113 orchard blocks of around 50 acres each created by the scheme, the rapid population growth is not surprising. Though many of the farms and orchards created by the scheme are no longer operating, at the time, the scheme was hugely successful

- unlike similar schemes attempted after World War 1, when many soldier settlers ended up walking off the land. Though the concept of both schemes were largely the same, there was one major difference between them - water. In 1947, alongside the soldier settlement scheme, work on the Murray Valley Irrigation District (MVID) began in earnest. Whilst the MVID had been proclaimed in 1938 and the Yarrawonga weir and main irrigation channels developed, work on the MVID largely ground to a halt once Australia entered the war in 1939. With Numurkah the administrative base of the scheme, a large number of army huts were transported to the town to house workers on the irrigation scheme, single men who had been granted a soldier settlement lease, and married men whose families would join them once accommodation was available on their new properties. Having grown up on a soldier settlement block, the project has special significance to Stephen Mills, who is a member of both Rotary and the historical society and has been working on the mapping project. Mr Mills told the *Leader* that the government was determined that the scheme be successful. “They really wanted to make sure that the soldier settlers stayed on their farms, so they paid them each a wage of four pounds per week until their farm became productive,” he said. The soldier settlers were also offered loans with very generous terms to purchase their farm blocks.

“It cost about £8,000 for a 100 acre dairy block and they paid 2.5% interest with 55 years to pay, which was basically their lifetime, but to get a loan they weren’t allowed to have any other assets” Mr Mills said. Though the terms may have been generous, other conditions were far from ideal. The 100 acres came in the form of one block with no infrastructure. Though a few of the blocks had houses on them, most didn’t even have fences, let alone dairies. The first building on most of the blocks was a two-room galvanised iron garage which settlers were expected to live in until a house was built. Due to post-war shortages of materials such as cement and iron, the garages were sometimes old transportable army sheds. Men worked in teams laying out the farms one at a time, establishing pastures and planting trees while pre-fabricated houses were specially created by Clements-Langford in their Numurkah factory. “That all took time, so some families couldn’t live in their own houses for quite a while,” Mr Mills said. Still, all of that building activity and sudden population growth was good for the local economy. Lou Cook from the historical society is one of many locals who believe that the scheme is what prevented Numurkah becoming a skeleton village like so many other small Victorian towns. “Numurkah was a frontier town at the time. There was no recession in Numurkah in the 1950s,” he said. “Between the irrigation works and the soldier settlement blocks and the people coming to town to

work in the service industries created by the scheme, Numurkah was thriving.” Though not all of the soldier settlement farms lasted, those families and properties became part of the fabric of the town, and those working on the mapping project feel that it is time they were recognised for their contribution to the district. After months of work on the mapping project, Stephen Mills feels confident that an accurate map and corresponding list of family names has been created, and is asking locals who were part of the scheme to help validate it. “If anybody was part of the scheme we’d really like them to come down to the historical society and have a look at the map and the list and let us know if it’s right,” he said. “If anybody has any photos, from any stage of the scheme across the decades, we’d really love to have access to them too.” There is another vital element of the project that is yet to start, and volunteers are being sought to take part. “We are looking at doing interviews of people who were part of the scheme, or remember those times in the district, to create a recorded oral history that people will be able to access,” Mr Mills said. “It would be great if people could get in touch to take part, or be prepared to have their story recorded if we approach them. “It’s a really vital part of our town and district’s history and we want to preserve it for future generations.”

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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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Helping hands ... Jenny Curtis and Nance Taylor from Numurkah garden club are looking forward to sharing their skills.

Garden club plants blooming good tips

NUMURKAH garden club members are among those happy souls who gain great satisfaction from a perfectly arranged bouquet, or a single perfect stem - and they want to share their secrets.

With the Numurkah Agricultural and Pastoral Society show just 10 weeks away, garden club members, who act as stewards in the flowers, floral art and garden produce sections of the show, will be holding lessons at their next two meetings to pass on the skills needed to excel in the show.

Nance Taylor, who will be conducting a session at the club's September meeting, said that whilst many people were nervous about attempting flower arranging, they shouldn't be.

"People have the idea that it's hard, but it's not at all," she said.

"This year's show theme is shoes and boots, so I'll be showing people how to create arrangements using those."

"I'll just be showing them the basics and encouraging them to use their imagination to come up with something unique."

At the club's October meeting, Jenny Curtis will be passing on the finer points of presenting flowers and garden produce for judging.

Garden club members will also be available to any entrant looking for help with staging their exhibit on show day.

The Numurkah garden club meets at the Numurkah Senior Citizens club on Knox St at 1.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month.



Nuts and bolts of education ... Geoff Buzza from Home Timber and Hardware reads to a group of captivated kids on Community Reading Day last year.

Get ready for fun with community reading day

THE streets of Numurkah will once again ring to the sights and sounds that only a shared love of reading can bring, as the community comes together to celebrate community reading day next Thursday August 22.

The fun of Numurkah's celebration of community reading day will start at 10am at Newman Square, where carers and kids dressed as their favourite book characters will meet before heading off to reading locations around town.

Children will be guided along the street in small groups, having stories read to them by local business owners, staff and volunteers.

Last year, on the event's 10th anniversary, around 200 children from primary and pre-schools in Numurkah, Katunga and Strathmerton were welcomed at 25 local businesses to hear stories which left them delighted.

An extra 23 volunteers, including Numurkah Secondary College students, Pioneers Lodge residents, NDHS nursing students and Numurkah Network members, were also on hand to help out with reading duties.

NDHS health promotion officer Jenny Burrows said that community reading day helps in-

stil a love of books, and create a foundation for early literacy, reading and education success.

"It gives children a chance to visit businesses they may not see otherwise, get to know the people there, and practise road safety, all while seeing adults of all ages enjoying books and reading," she said.

"It's a great community event which has grown every year, and everyone really enjoys the experience."

"The teachers, children and parents make a huge effort with the costumes and the businesses and organisations, some of whom have been taking part since the event began, are very generous with their time and effort."

All picture books for the event are supplied by the Numurkah library, who know better than anyone which ones are guaranteed to captivate young and old readers alike.

There is no cost, and no need to register, and all families are invited to come along and join a group for this fun morning.

If you would like more information, please contact Jenny Burrows on 5862 0560, or at jenny.burrows@ndhs.org.au.



Numurkah's other bat colony ... Batman/woman/girl/boy proved a popular character with young and old.

Books come alive at St Joe's

ST JOSEPH'S Primary School transformed into the home of unicorns and wizards, knights and superheroes last Friday as the school put on its annual book week parade.

Students and teachers alike brought their favourite characters to life in the annual celebration of the joy of literature, sparing no effort in paying homage to the tales that bring smiles to the faces of young and old alike.

Organiser of the event, librarian Mary Laidlaw, said that it was a huge success.

"We've had 100% participation which is wonderful," she said.

"Some people have really gone to a lot of effort, and everybody has had so much fun."

Costumed students and teachers filed onto the stage in class groups to show off outfits representing their favourite book characters.

After each class had strutted its stuff, groups across all grade levels, and a few teachers who were dressed in the same category, took to the stage.

Whilst some groups were just individual students and teachers who happened to have the same idea - Harry Potters of all ages could be seen - others were groups of friends who had teamed up to form ensembles.

St Joe's principal Paul Arnel, who had assumed

the persona of a dragon-slaying knight for the event, said that the occasion was aimed at instilling a love of reading in students.

"It gives students a chance to think about what they enjoy about books and live that out a bit, and they are very happy to be involved," he said.

"This year's book week theme across the school was 'reading is my superpower', showing how much can be gained by engaging with books and stories."



Colourful characters ... Youngsters Everly Smyth and Tess McCracken brought some colour to the occasion.



Power couple ... Millie Hooker as Ron Weasley backed up Rebecca Retallick as Hermione Granger.



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A Busy Day.—Friday next will be a busy day in R.C. circles.

At 2 o'clock a sale of gifts will be opened by the Bishop of Sandhurst in the Convent. school; and at 3 o'clock His Lordship will lay the foundation stones of the Convent and school now in course of erection, and at night a social and forty-fives tournament will be held in the Mechanics. By special advertisement in this issue Arch-Priest McCarthy invites the general public to witness the laying of the foundation stones at 3 o'clock.

The Peace Grant.—At yesterday's meeting of the shire council, it was agreed to accede to the Numurkah peace celebrations committee to spend up to £100 on any demonstration that may be decided upon.

Teachers' Union.—A meeting of district teachers was held in the Numurkah State-school on Saturday last for the purpose of forming a branch of the Teachers' Union. Mr Calder was elected President, and Mr McBurney secretary. The President and secretary were chosen to represent the branch at the Conference to be held in Melbourne during show week. The following motion was agreed to unanimously:—"That this meeting unanimously protests against any further delay in increasing the salaries of Victorian State-school teachers, and it respectfully begs that they be brought into line with the New South Wales scale, so that teachers may devote their efforts to the education of their pupils instead of watching for any opportunity to leave the department for more lucrative positions."

NATHALIA.

The local branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association has been presented with a very fine Australian flag by Messrs Muntz Bros., and Mr V. Gray has provided the necessary pole. Both gifts are very much appreciated.

It may be of advantage to some folk to know that a post office has been re-opened at Barwo, Mr A C Palmer, M.H.R., having interested himself in the matter.

The office is at the residence of Mr M T. Fairman, and Miss Mary Fairman is the post-mistress

Some time ago it was proposed even if not carried into effect—to make some miles of the Broken Creek a sanctuary for wild fowl. But sanctuary or not, I know of several residents on the creek frontage who faithfully reject the game laws, and as far as they are able encourage wild duck and other water fowl to find haven. I also know of other residents who make it a practice to tour the creek periodically during the close season and shoot all wild fowl that comes under their ken. It takes all sorts to make up a world of men—law makers, law inspectors, and lawbreakers.

NUMURKAH WATER TRUST
TUESDAY, 12th AUGUST

Present—Coms. Gordon (chairman). Geo. Tuckett, Ball, Campbell, Thornton, Meiklejohn Cope, Dudley.

Correspondence.

From P. R. Trewin, Nathalia, asking permission to erect a windmill on the creek for domestic purposes.—Granted.

From Thos. Welton and W. E. Blackman, asking permission to remove dead timber on water reserve at rear of Numurkah show grounds.—To be informed that trust has no power.

Engineer's Report.

Mr Hay Ower reported:—

Following a telephone conversation with an officer of the State Rivers Commission, an increased flow in the creek has been noticeable, but conditions are such that the position requires careful watching, and it may even be desirable to close down in all the principal works, especially at the lower end of the creek.—Gates to be closed.

Ordinary Business.

Com. Campbell said continual dripping at the Mywee well had scoured a gutter across the road, and he had had it filled in. The question had arisen as to whether the trust or the council was responsible, and he would like it decided. It was a small job, but a bigger one might arise.—The question was held over until the account for the work was received.



Emergency fleet ... Students got a chance to see the full range of emergency vehicles and learn how they work individually and together.

Emergency vehicles bring excitement

NUMURKAH Primary School was the scene of the kind of excitement usually reserved for the Christmas holidays on Monday when it received a visit from a fleet of emergency services vehicles.

The occasion was part of this term's theme of transport, which is being studied by students across all grade levels.

Grade prep/one teacher Shantelle Hives, who organised the visit, told the *Leader* it was an ideal opportunity for students to learn about the vehicles that emergency services workers use in their everyday work.

"We had vehicles from the police, ambulance, fire brigade and SES and members from each service to explain the various aspects of their vehicles," Ms Hives said.

"Each of the vehicles was really interesting, and having them all together gave the students the opportunity to learn about each of the vehicles and services individually, and also how they interlink and work together.

"It was very impressive."

Students Angus Newham from



Keen to learn ... Students were all ears as Numurkah fire brigade member Paul Newton explained the role of the forward control vehicle.

grade two and Levi McKenzie from grade one went a step further, describing the opportunity to get up close to the vehicles as 'really cool'.

"I really liked the firefighters hoses, they're really big," Angus said.

"I thought it was great how the firefighters can use them to put out fires."

Meanwhile, Levi was more taken by the SES's equipment.

"They have a really big light to use

at night time and I really liked that."

Ms Hives said it was a very positive experience for the students.

"They were really excited and engaged and asked good questions to do with the vehicles," she said.

Kerbside organic waste service - roll out of service expansion



In coming months our kerbside organic waste collection service will be expanding. This expansion will take place in two key stages:

First stage

The un-serviced areas of Cobram, Numurkah and Yarrawonga plus the township of Tungamah will receive the service in September.

Second stage

The townships of Barmah, Bundalong, Katamatite, Katunga, Picola, St James, Strathmerton, Waaia, Wilby, Wunghnu and Yarraweyah will receive the service in October.

The 240 litre wheelie bin, a small kitchen caddy and a roll of compostable bags will be delivered mid August for stage one of the rollout and mid September for stage two of the rollout.

For more information on the roll out schedule or the kerbside organic waste service visit our website www.moira.vic.gov.au



Letter to the Editor

Benefit report for Italy junket please

Thank you to the *Numurkah Leader* for the article 'Moira Shire councillors' Italy trip underway' - *Leader*, Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

It is a 'junket'!

As it is a trip to Cobram's 'twin city' of Varapodio then shouldn't it be paid for by the people of Cobram only and not Moira Shire ratepayers as a whole?

Council recommended funding totalling \$10,800 for two councillors. It is noted one participant has taken up the option.

Can ratepayers expect a comprehensive report on the benefits accruing to Moira Shire residents as a result of the visit?

Some justification is required!

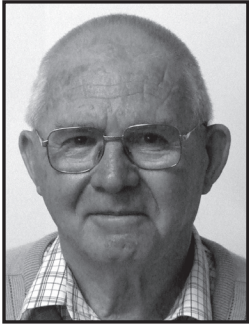
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ARCHIE'S OPINION

Written and authorised by Archibald R. Browning,
PO Box 400, Barooga NSW 3644
Letter No. 35 - August 14, 2019
Please read, circulate & debate all my letters.



I believe the world is being governed by fools and the Australian nation's governance is an insult to an intelligent mind. Australians should be teaching the world how to govern a democratic country. Australia will never be a truly democratic nation when the blindfolded silent majority of its citizens allow powerful minority groups to corrupt government.

Free speech and correspondence is essential in maintaining a democracy providing that the subject is the truth.

Australia today is governed by self-serving shire councillors and senate minorities together with a biased media and big multinational corporations.

World organisations like the United Nations are a disgrace. They do more damage to the welfare of world population than good.

Religions should have zero influence in any nation's politics. Rich and powerful nations rely on war and crime to increase their economy.

I believe the death penalty and corporal punishment will never be introduced into Australian law because crime has directly and indirectly created millions of jobs for the financial benefit of incompetent

government.

Australian governments do not care about the nation's citizens in regards to the overall welfare and mental health of their constituents.

The secret of a democratic and contented nation is the freehold ownership of your family home, farm or small business. A family home should be a safe refuge for a heterosexual husband and wife to live and rear their beloved children.

Trustworthy, but now hopelessly outdated religions in our modern times still believe in the natural creation of a family.

Evolution today is causing havoc in the human race.

I believe all democratic nations should have the private ownership of homes enshrined in their constitution. All property in democratic nations should be 100% owned by its citizens.

I believe communism, socialism and dictatorships would never have been achieved in a country where their children are well educated and its citizens own and govern the nation's property. Global organisations like the United Nations should never be trusted.

Health and welfare is a serious concern to every Australian.

Australians should not rely on incompetent government to solve the problem.

I believe a compulsory health levy should be collected through shire councils on every home and property. Responsible home owners would then be free to disband private health cover because they know it is a fraud.

Home help and nursing home costs should never be more than the aged pension.

A home belongs to the family and it should never have to be sold to cover health expenses. Low and middle class families wanting to own their own home pay too much income tax.

The Muckatah Creek drain has not been finalised after about twenty years.

I believe it was designed to flood farmland and not to drain it.

My next letter will be about the Members of Parliament who are meant to represent ratepayers and the Moira Shire Council itself.

It will also include Goulburn Murray Water and other authorities.

Bureaucrats should never be legally allowed to tell blatant lies to force farmers to sign contracts which defy common sense.

St Joe's celebrates founder's feast

LAST Thursday St Joseph's school community celebrated its founder's feast day in honour of the school's founder St Mary MacKillop, Australia's first canonised saint.

In 1866 Mary MacKillop and the Reverend Julian Tenison Woods founded Australia's first order of nuns, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, known as the Josephite's.

As head of the Josephite order of nuns in Australia, Mary MacKillop founded many schools, including St Joseph's Numurkah.

St Joseph's was the first school Mary founded in Victoria, and she officially opened it in 1890.

Each year the school holds a day-long celebration during the week of her feast day on August 8.

The day included Mass, classroom activities focussed on St Mary MacKillop and a barbecue lunch.

At the end of Mass each year on the feast day celebration two students from each class are pre-

sented with a St Mary MacKillop Award.

The award is given to students who signify the qualities lived and promoted by Mary MacKillop, and encapsulated in the quotes 'Never see a need without doing something about it', and 'Always helping and supporting the needs of others.'

Families and friends gathered in the school's MacKillop Centre to see the awards presented, and it was hard to tell who had the biggest smiles - the award recipients, or their proud parents.

This year the awards were presented by Mrs Virginia Woodgate and Fr Michael Grace.

Virginia has a close connection with St Joseph's. She has been a parent and is now a grandmother of children who attend the school as well as being a past staff member and active Parish member.

St Joseph's principal Paul Arnell said it was a really special celebration.

"It's a lovely way to recognise those students who show care and concern towards others," he said.

Proud recipients ... (photo at top) Back (from left): Virginia Woodgate, Jensen James, Lucas Stedman, Matilda Bannon, Konnar Stell, Bridie Kelly, Claire Bergamin, Stephanie Hollands, Renae Russo, Alexander Hangan, Keira Neyland, Oliver Ruscoe, Tobie Griffiths, Zac Gawne, Nash Siermans, Fr Michael Grace. Front row (from left): Eve Boase, Phoebe Miller, Poppy Dobson, Cobie Patching, Tess McCracken, Everly Smyth, Darcy Oswald, Jasmine Farrant, Mason Alexander, Izabella Razga, Rahni O'Callaghan, Sebastian Garner.



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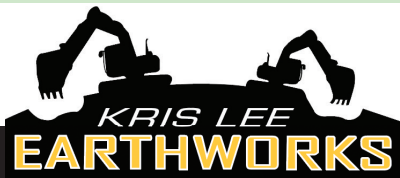
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Details about the application.
The land affected by the application is located at:
1249 NUMURKAH ROAD KATUNGA

Land Title Particulars:
LOT: 1 TP: 825115

The application is for a permit to:
USE AND DEVELOPMENT - INDUSTRY (BIOMASS PLANT)

The applicant for the permit is:
AGBIOEN PTY LTD

The application reference:
5/2019/154

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at the office of the Responsible Authority or your local service centre.
MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL
Moira Shire Cobram Office
44 Station Street
COBRAM 3644
Or view the application online at
<https://www.moira.vic.gov.au/Residents/Building-and-planning/Planning/Current-applications-on-advertising>
Contact: Town Planning on 03 5871 9222

This can be done during office hours and is free of charge.

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the Responsible Authority.

An objection must:
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- State how the objector will be affected.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before: **28 August 2019**

If you object the Responsible Authority will inform you of its decision.

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Specification documents can be obtained by visiting www.moira.vic.gov.au/our-council/tenders

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DEATHS

DUNN — Maureen
Dear sister of Bill and Marj Grandell. Aunty of Gwen Campbell and Barb Thomson and families. Cherished memories of happy times spent together.

DEATHS

Kerrins — Jennifer Jean (Jenny) nee Cunningham
28.10.1953 – 4.8.2019

Passed away peacefully at GCUG Queensland. Loved daughter of Jack and Jean (both dec.). Beautiful sister and sister-in-law of Wendy and David (dec.)
You had a smile for everyone.

Loved and much admired by her family, John, Teneille, Nathan, Nigel and her eight grandchildren.

Love always Wendy x

DEATHS

MORGAN — Arthur David “Butch”
Late of Nathalia (formerly of Hoppers Crossing). Passed away suddenly on August 5, 2019, in his 68th year. Our loving husband, Dad and Pop, dearly loved by his wife Margaret; his children and their partners Dianne (Germon); David and Trudy; Darren and Sue. Pop to his 17 Grandchildren and Great Pop to 4 Great Grandchildren.

FUNERAL NOTICES

MORGAN — A
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Too cold for golf

by The Dragon

NOT only is the cold driving Numurkah golf club's lady golfers north to warmer environs, there is a danger it will encourage them to stay in front of the heater instead of getting their "Golf Fix."

Of course, the rain is needed, but surely the climate can be organised to avoid rain on golf days!

Last Wednesday nine golfers ventured out, but on Saturday there were no girls out at all!

Last Wednesday's round began in very chilly conditions, but despite a few sprinkles of rain the weather did improve.

Robyn Hodgkin was the winner of this month's medal, with a tidy 73. She managed to keep Pauly Davies out on 74.

Liz Dell and Felicity Booth took the balls down the line, but neither golfer is boasting about their scores. Pauline landed a good shot on the seventh green to win a trip to the Telegraph Hotel for morning tea.

The weather got progressively worse over the rest of the week, as it did for the entire south east of the country.

Unfortunately for the semi-finalists in the singles knockout, Friday was the last possible opportunity to play. Norma Cullum, Bev McIntosh, Jeanette Adams and Lorraine Milner had to front up to very challenging, windy and cold conditions.

Norma conceded defeat to Bev half way round and they retreated to the clubhouse for a warm drink. It took Lorraine until the 15th hole to defeat Jeanette. The finalists will be looking forward to much improved conditions when they meet to decide the winner.

Bev McIntosh, Felicity Booth and Helen Schmedje represented the club at the Cobram-Barooga Bowl on Monday, with some success.

Bev won A grade with a very good 40 stableford points, while Felicity picked up a nearest the pin prize on the eighth hole.

This Wednesday is a stableford round. Let's hope the sun shines and all can look forward to gentler conditions in the longer term, which may encourage the "chickens to come home to roost!"

Weather beats golfers

by Arfadunga

THE weather was the big winner at Numurkah golf club on Saturday, with a small but quality field braving the Arctic conditions.

As the mercury struggled to reach double figures and with the apparent temperature in the negatives, a large section of the field withdrew their names from the timesheet as the morning progressed.

In the end 19 brave souls ventured out to

contest a stableford event, with the match committee deciding the planned captain's v president's event deserved a larger field.

Countbacks decided the placings as Jack Thomas, Roy Peterson and the in-form Sid Roughsedge all returned 34 points, finishing in that order.

Darryl Sheridan scored 33 points to win a ball, while Mark Hegarty and Hugh Gunn also took home an agate for 32 points.

Only two of the nearest the pin prizes were

taken out, with Davin Scott closest on the seventh hole and Hugh Gunn zeroing in on the 18th.

The Tallygaroopna open tournament which was scheduled to be played on Sunday has been postponed until September 1 due to the inclement weather.

Next Saturday's event will be the final round of the Stableford Trophy, with the weather hopefully warming up a tad.

Sid delivers by a point

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

NEITHER Rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail could stop smooth-swinging octogenarian Sid Roughsedge from delivering an event-winning score in last Thursday's mid-week competition at Numurkah golf club.

Scoring 37 Stableford points, Sid scraped home from Nathalia visitor, Steve Thornton, who posted a creditable 36.

Overall scoring reflected the recent rainfall and chilly conditions, as did the size of the field.

Players whose scores won them a club ball were Bill Padgett 34, Chris Hicks 33, Hugh Gunn and John McHale 32, Neil Hutchins, Barry Schmedje, Allan Newby and Darryl Sheridan all 31.

Roden Brady featured at the

tail of the field with a measly 22 points to once again take home the tin of boiled lollies.

No players were able to land their tee shots on the greens at the 4th and 14th holes and win a nearest the pin award.

Neil Hutchins succeeded on the 7th green, thereby taking the players' sweep money, small as the pot may have been.

Matt Ebborn doubled up by taking sponsored balls from Graeme Sprunt on the 15th, and Barry Pruden on the 18th hole.

Why not join us this Thursday? The frivolity of pro Anthony Sander's presentations alone is enough to thaw any frozen limbs. Assemble in the club-house at 9.30 am for a 10 o'clock hit off. Visitors and guests are most welcome.



Straight down... Sid Roughsedge delivering an event-winning score in last Thursday's mid-week competition.

NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019



A GRADE									
Barooga 24 def by Cobram 57					Numurkah 38 def by Deniliquin 51				
Rumbalara 32 def Moama 30									
LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	
Rumbalara	16	15	1	0	986	480	60	205.42	
Echuca United	16	14	1	1	975	499	58	195.39	
Moama	16	13	2	1	933	487	54	191.58	
Deniliquin	16	12	4	0	833	558	48	149.28	
Cobram	16	10	6	0	729	694	40	105.04	
Mulwala	16	9	7	0	593	644	36	92.08	
Finley	16	9	7	0	666	757	36	87.98	
Tongala	16	7	9	0	552	706	28	78.19	
Congupna	16	6	9	1	626	686	26	91.25	
Nathalia	16	6	9	1	564	636	26	88.68	
Barooga	16	4	12	0	538	774	16	69.51	
Tungamah	16	2	14	0	494	817	8	60.47	
Numurkah	16	2	14	0	486	895	8	54.3	
Katandra	16	1	15	0	500	842	4	59.38	
B GRADE									
Barooga 39 def Cobram 33					Numurkah 27 def by Deniliquin 51				
Rumbalara 34 def by Moama 46									
LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	
Mulwala	16	15	0	1	762	416	62	183.17	
Echuca United	16	14	1	1	887	437	58	202.97	
Deniliquin	16	13	3	0	761	476	52	159.87	
Moama	16	13	3	0	798	543	52	146.96	
Tongala	16	9	7	0	612	558	36	109.68	
Congupna	16	9	7	0	610	567	36	107.58	
Cobram	16	9	7	0	639	628	36	101.75	
Nathalia	16	6	10	0	538	597	24	90.12	
Numurkah	16	6	10	0	592	713	24	83.03	
Finley	16	6	10	0	517	629	24	82.19	
Barooga	16	5	11	0	470	618	20	76.05	
Rumbalara	16	4	12	0	542	743	16	72.95	
Katandra	16	1	15	0	510	867	4	58.82	
Tungamah	16	1	15	0	393	839	4	46.84	
C GRADE									
Barooga 18 def by Cobram 59					Numurkah 27 def by Deniliquin 72				
Rumbalara 20 def by Moama 62									
LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	
Echuca United	16	16	0	0	941	371	64	253.64	
Mulwala	16	14	2	0	842	431	56	195.36	
Deniliquin	16	14	2	0	956	556	56	171.94	
Cobram	16	12	4	0	764	435	48	175.63	
Tongala	16	11	5	0	721	508	44	141.93	
Nathalia	16	10	6	0	739	595	40	124.2	
Moama	16	10	6	0	712	626	40	113.74	
Congupna	16	7	9	0	590	640	28	92.19	
Katandra	16	6	10	0	607	726	24	83.61	
Rumbalara	16	4	12	0	535	762	16	70.21	
Numurkah	16	3	13	0	454	719	12	63.14	
Finley	16	3	13	0	390	834	12	46.76	
Tungamah	16	2	14	0	332	827	8	40.15	
Barooga	16	0	16	0	402	955	0	42.09	
C RESERVE									
Barooga 40 def Cobram 34					Numurkah 30 def by Deniliquin 49				
Rumbalara 12 def by Moama 48									
LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	PR
Echuca United	15	15	0	0	811	362	60	224.03	4
Deniliquin	14	12	2	0	714	404	48	176.73	3.4
Mulwala	15	12	3	0	700	367	48	190.74	3.2
Moama	15	11	4	0	589	451	44	130.6	2.9
Katandra	15	8	7	0	629	598	32	105.18	2.1
Nathalia	15	8	7	0	538	531	32	101.32	2.1
Congupna	15	7	7	1	528	561	30	94.12	2
Barooga	15	7	8	0	496	545	28	91.01	1.9

Nobram	15	6	9	0	620	621	24	99.84	1.6
Numurkah	15	6	9	0	516	518	24	99.61	1.6
Tongala	14	1	12	1	291	632	6	46.04	0.4
Tungamah	14	0	12	2	280	686	4	40.82	0.3
Rumbalara	15	1	14	0	325	761	4	42.71	0.3
17 & UNDER									
Barooga 40 def Cobram 20					Numurkah 10 def by Deniliquin 77				
Rumbalara 28 def by Moama 34									
LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	
Echuca United	16	15	1	0	813	306	60	265.69	
Deniliquin	16	15	1	0	818	355	60	230.42	
Tongala	16	13	2	1	637	310	54	205.48	
Tungamah	16	12	4	0	568	449	48	126.5	
Moama	16	11	4	1	478	381	46	125.46	
Nathalia	16	9	7	0	561	424	36	132.31	
Barooga	16	9	7	0	530	496	36	106.85	
Rumbalara	16	8	8	0	593	548	32	108.21	
Cobram	16	6	10	0	430	551	24	78.04	
Mulwala	16	5	11	0	457	568	20	80.46	
Katandra	16	3	12	1	359	628	14	57.17	
Congupna	16	2	13	1	291	706	10	41.22	
Finley	16	1	15	0	354	641	4	55.23	
Numurkah	16	1	15	0	264	790	4	33.42	
15 & UNDER									
Barooga 17 drew Cobram 17					Numurkah 19 def by Deniliquin 57				
Rumbalara 27 def Moama 24									
LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	
Deniliquin	16	16	0	0	879	263	64	334.22	
Tongala	16	15	1	0	846	283	60	298.94	
Echuca United	16	13	3	0	601	347	52	173.2	
Nathalia	16	10	6	0	534	408	40	130.88	
Moama	16	10	6	0	466	404	40	115.35	
Rumbalara	16	10	6	0	470	436	40	107.8	
Barooga	16	9	6	1	452	399	38	113.28	
Mulwala	16	9	7	0	383	351	36	109.12	
Tungamah	16	6	10	0	403	503	24	80.12	
Katandra	16	5	11	0	327	588	20	55.61	
Finley	16	3	13	0	288	525	12	54.86	
Numurkah	16	3	13	0	321	595	12	53.95	
Cobram	16	2	13	1	214	513	10	41.72	
Congupna	16	0	16	0	132	701	0	18.83	
13 & UNDER									
Barooga 23 def by Cobram 25					Numurkah 18 def by Deniliquin 43				
Rumbalara 33 def Moama 32									
LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	
Tongala	16	15	1	0	617	272	60	226.84	
Finley	16	14	2	0	559	283	56	197.53	
Echuca United	16	12	4	0	453	244	48	185.66	
Deniliquin	16	12	4	0	540	316	48	170.89	
Cobram	16	12	4	0	478	383	48	124.8	
Rumbalara	16	11	4	1	504	351	46	143.59	
Barooga	16	10	5	1	482	325	42	148.31	
Numurkah	16	6	10	0	351	388	24	90.46	
Moama	16	6	10	0	373	440	24	84.77	
Mulwala	16	5	11	0	292	415	20	70.36	
Congupna	16	4	12	0	291	473	16	61.52	
Tungamah	16	2	14	0	176	441	8	39.91	
Nathalia	16	2	14	0	195	512	8	38.09	
Katandra	16	0	16	0	55	523	0	10.52	
NEXT WEEK									
Round 17 - August 17: Congupna v Katandra; Deniliquin v Nathalia; Cobram v Finley; Numurkah v Mulwala; Tongala v Echuca United; Moama v Barooga; Rumbalara v Tungamah.									
<div><div>PNL</div><div>A GRADE</div><div>Berrigan 23 def by Picola United 68 Blighty 33 def by Katamatitah 56 Deni Rovers 37 def Yarroweayah 23</div></div>									

Confidence boost for Strathy

STRATHMERTON's A grade netballers will feel confident going into next week's knockout elimination final, having scored a comfortable win over the same opponent, Rennie, on Saturday.

The momentum wasn't always going the Bulldogs way, but for majority of the game they kept control. They had to work very hard to push out the lead from a close quarter time margin.

A few defensive turnovers in the second and third terms gave Strathy the opportunity to score and put the momentum back in its favour.

The home side played patient netball, keeping possession of the ball and putting it to the advantage of its attackers.

The hard hit out and strong finish demonstrated what will be needed heading into next week's final.

Awards: Everyone (Kelley Laidlaw, Amy Carter, Grace Thomson, Vanessa Ward, Kasey Baker, Hope Lindhe and Caitlyn Price)

B GRADE

The Bulldogs knew the game against Rennie would be a tough one and even though the score wasn't going their way the girls didn't give up and kept working hard for the ball.

Strathy's defence applied a lot of pressure, which resulted in some great turn overs, but third-placed Rennie proved too good, ending the Bulldogs season with a 19 goal loss.

Awards went to everyone.

C GRADE

C Grade completed a winless season with a 19 goal loss to the Hoppers. Although they didn't come away with the win, the girls came together as a team.

As they have week in and week out during the season, the defenders worked tirelessly to force turnovers and bring the ball to the attacking end. Small errors through the mid court saw Rennie grab loose balls, resulting in extra goals, however the girls continued to work hard to get a few back. Awards: Cobram Photograph BOC: Caitlin Bailey; Everyone (Imelda Padman, Chloe Wells, Emmerson Van Der Berg, Maddi Beasy, Ebony Coburn, Elle-Rose Walkington, Aimee Fletcher and Jodi Brooks)

C RESERVE

In a tight start, the first half of this game was goal for goal.

Undefeated Rennie was quite shaken up with how close Strathy kept the scores, but after the break, Rennie turned it on and consistently pushed

the scores further apart.

The end result of a 13 point deficit was not necessarily indicative of the efforts of all the Strathy girls.

Finals begin next week with an elimination matchup against Mathoura.

Awards: Cobram Photographics BOC: Steph Berndt; Wingates: Tomasina Ventre; Strathy Pizza: Sienna Bate.

UNDER 17s

Not having played for the last three weeks meant the Bulldogs were a bit rusty for the first couple of quarters.

The girls then found their feet to come home with a comfortable win to finish off the home and away season.

They now head into finals after an undefeated season knowing they are a different ball game, requiring hard work at training and even more improvement.

Awards: everyone got awards for such a great season.

UNDER 15s

In what was always going to be a tough game against the undefeated top side, the young Bulldogs stood up to the challenge early.

They fell away a bit in the second and third quarter but took the court for their final quarter of the 2019 fired up to finish their season strongly, ending up 29 goals adrift.

Awards: Strathy Café: Bridie Chester; Club: Ammy Brown; Strathy Café: Emily Orsida; Strathy Café: Jaella Coghill-Lynam.

UNDER 13s

The youngest Bulldogs lost against a strong, well drilled Rennie side, despite everyone giving 100%.

Although falling seven goals short, the girls teamed together extremely well, with their defensive pressure superb. For most of the team a first finals campaign looms, starting with the elimination final against Berrigan next week.

Awards: Canteen: Sienna; Strathy café: Akina.

MINIS

The first game of the day was the last game of the season for these girls, who turned up to play in numbingly cold conditions with no one really wanting to take the court.

A quite advanced Rennie side stole the show, but the Strathy girls didn't give up and made multiple turnovers throughout the game.

With so much talent coming up from these pups, the future looks bright for Strathy netball.

Awards: Maddy and Alyssa

Waaia tries to topple top team Toc

WAAIA's netball games on Saturday were highlighted by the 300th appearance for Andrea Walker in Bomber colours and all Waaia teams qualifying for finals action.

A grade almost pulled off a great victory in the final home and away game against top team Tocumwal.

Coming into the game with new combinations and nothing to lose, the Bombers gave it all they had.

They started the game strongly and kept with Toc the entire game, working the ball well through a very strong defence and feeding well into the ring.

Only managing to shoot six goals in the third quarter meant the final quarter was going to be tough. Winning the last quarter was a significant achievement for the Waaia girls, who now prepare for a knockout qualifying final against Picola.

Awards: WFN: Milly Foster; Telegraph Hotel: Aimee Wilson; Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Amy Williams.

B GRADE

The Bombers will be looking to regroup, recover and get ready for finals after dropping the final game of the season to Tocumwal by a single goal. Sitting in second spot on the ladder, Waaia would have expected to defeat ninth-placed Tocumwal, however the Bloods had other ideas and were determined to secure the last finals spot, which they did.

After a week off, the Bombers will play Rennie in a qualifying final.

Awards: WFNC: Hayley Thorne; Terminus Hotel: Jemma Bell.

C GRADE

Although starting a little slowly, Waaia managed to step it up a gear during the second quarter.

Jess Doyle had an excellent game, switching from defence to goals in the second half, and with the help Naomi Hopkins more than doubled the Bombers' score.

Waaia's defence worked tirelessly once again, while the midcourt had their hands over the ball and were able to get plenty of turnovers.

The C graders will also have a week off before facing Mathoura the following week.

Awards: WFNC: Jessamy Doyle; Terminus Hotel: Naomi Hopkins.

C RESERVE

C Reserve finished the regular season with a pleasing 20 goal win, with the Bombers' girls backing each other up on the court.

The goalers all played their best and were consistent, while there were



300th... Andrea Walker runs onto court for her 300th for Waaia

plenty of intercepts mid court and in defence.

Heading into a qualifying final against top team Rennie after a week's layoff, the Bombers will need to concentrate on chasing up loose balls and making strong leads.

Saturday's win was made easier by keeping lob passes to a minimum on a windy day.

Awards: WFNC: Tamara Richards; Casual Step: Michelle Caccianiga; Telegraph: Kiara Brown.

UNDER 17s lost 41-42

Despite a strong last quarter, Waaia fell one goal shy of Tocumwal on Saturday.

The result meant the two swapped positions on the ladder, with the Bombers dropping from second to third.

Regardless of the result, the qualifying final in a fortnight's time will pit the same two sides against each other.

Four quarters of the kind of netball the Bombers produced in Saturday's final stanza will stand them in good stead.

Awards: SportsFirst Numurkah: Rachel Williams; NBKC: Emily Seiter.

UNDER 15s

The Bombers were prepared for a tough game against a fellow finalist and went out and gave it everything they had.

Unfortunately, some things didn't pan out their way, but the girls played out four strong quarters, eventually going down by just two goals.

The loss means the Bombers missed out on a double chance in the finals, slipping to fifth on the ladder and facing a knockout final against Berrigan next week.

Awards: WFNC Canteen: Ella Bryant; D & M Plattfuss: Ella Bryant.

UNDER 13s lost 12-28

It was a tough game for the under 13s, who faced off against a strong Tocumwal side which was equal top of the ladder.

The girls worked hard in the mid court to get the ball to the goalers, while the defence also worked hard all day.

Despite their best efforts, the Bombers went down by 16 goals and now face a knockout final against Jerilderie next week.

Awards: WFNC: Ciara Ramadge; WFNC Canteen: Jemima Moore.

UNDER 11s

The littlest Bombers played a fabulous final game, showcasing how far they have come from the start of the season.

Awards: WFNC: Tayla Ramadge; Northstar: Lucy Daniel; Terminus Hotel: Kasey Caldwell.

Swans tune up for finals

KATUNGA's A grade netballers had a big win over Mathoura on Saturday, although without a solid four quarters of effort.

The girls, who finished third on the ladder, now have a week off to regroup and prepare for what is looking like a tough final series, starting with Katamatite in the qualifying final.

Awards: AgBioEn: Emma Fothergill; ND Services: Rach Howden; Clydesdale: Sarah Weidemann.

B GRADE

The Swans' B graders completed an undefeated home and away series, defeating Mathoura by 24 goals and pushing the Timbercutters from fourth to fifth on the ladder. Like A grade, the Swans have a week off to prepare to face Berrigan in the qualifying final.

Awards: KGS Fuels: Stacey Weeks; Numurkah Pharmacy: Kristy Hodgkin.

C GRADE

In a very physical game between fourth placed Katunga and Mathoura, third, the Swans couldn't come home with the win. They did fight hard, however, coming back

from 12 goals down at one stage to eventually lose by just two goals.

The Swans' second half was exceptionally good, compared to their first.

Four strong quarters will be required in the finals, especially in the qualifying final against undefeated Berrigan after a week off.

Awards: Telegraph: Shanel Few.

C RESERVE

C Reserve's big win over Mathoura was highlighted by an excellent performance from Lisa Browning in her 250th club game.

The Swans completed the season in second position and will enjoy a week's rest before taking on Deni Rovers in the qualifying final.

Awards: Telegraph: Bree Patullo; Arbonne: Lisa Browning.

UNDER 17

Katunga produced another solid game, after a week off, to score a huge 32 goal win.

The team has shown marked improvement as the year has progressed and the girls deserve to feel very proud of their efforts.

Having finished in seventh position, a big effort will be required for the finals, start-

ing with Picola in the elimination final next week.

Awards: Cobram Farm Equipment: Demi Hendy; Arbonne: Sammy Simpson; Reapers: Emily Bright.

UNDER 15

The season ended for the Swans with a loss, languishing in 12th spot but looking forward to improvement in the off season.

Awards: Laino's: Abbie Smith; Arbonne: Ada Hickey; KFNC: Montana Hill.

UNDER 13

The youngest Swans produced a great game for their final game for the season, with lots of excellent passes followed with some fine goals.

The girls are to be congratulated on finishing a tough season off with a win.

Awards: Arbonne: Aleece Bethell; Canteen: Jasmin Thompson; KNFC: Angelina Crisara.

Players and supporters are reminded of upcoming events: ferret racing on Sunday September 15, senior vote count on Friday September 20 and junior vote count on Saturday September 21.



Super Swan ... Katunga C Reserve's Lisa Browning celebrates her 250th club game.

FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD 2019



SENIORS	
Barooga	1.1, 4.2, 4.4, 7.7 (49)
Cobram	2.3, 2.5, 4.7, 6.8 (44)
GOALS, Barooga: Wade Demasi 3, Riley Gow 2, Lachlan Wright 1, Zachery Brain 1. Cobram: Nicholas Wines 2, Adam De Cicco 2, Matthew DeMaio 1, John Lucas 1. BEST, Barooga: Zachery Brain, Logan Morey, Ricky Thomson, Wade Demasi, Richard Gatcum, Riley Brooks. Cobram: Tom Scott, Adam De Cicco, Luca Allen, Christopher George, Harry Beasley, Nicholas Dore.	
Numurkah	4.5, 6.10, 10.14, 12.17 (89)
Deniliquin Rams	1.1, 2.1, 2.1, 2.1 (13)
GOALS, Numurkah: Nathan Hicks 6, Beau McKeown 1, Jarrod Holmes 1, Kye Roberts 1, Ben Gunning 1, Joshua O'Dwyer 1, Michael Herlihy 1. Deniliquin Rams: Jackson Campbell 1, Nicholas Howe 1.	
BEST, Numurkah: Grant Gallus, Shane Miller, Michael Herlihy, Joshua O'Dwyer, Kye Roberts, Jye Warren. Deniliquin Rams: Nicholas Howe, Josh Whelan, John Bowie, Anthony Bull, Jake McManus, Ricky Gittens.	
Moama	2.0, 4.3, 7.5, 10.7 (67)
Rumbalara	1.1, 5.3, 9.5, 10.5 (65)
GOALS, Moama: Fraser Buchanan 3, Jack Harland 2, Jack Russell 2, Jordan Ives 1, Paul Van Der Sluys 1, Samuel Youngman 1. Rumbalara: Josh Wanganeen 2, Joshua Patmore 2, Tim Lloyd 2, David Smith 1, Kyal Atkinson 1, Christopher Egan 1, Kian Wise 1.	
BEST, Moama: Dougal McKindlay, Jack Russell, Jack Harland, Paul Van Der Sluys, Lachlan Thorp, Samuel Youngman. Rumbalara: Nathan Terlich, Justin Terlich, Jayk Papoulis, Ashleigh Miller, Kyal Atkinson, Rex Taylor.	
RESERVES	
Cobram	2.2, 4.4, 6.7, 8.9 (57)
Barooga	0.1, 0.1, 1.3, 2.3 (15)
GOALS, Cobram: Ben Ryan 3, Benjamin Raco 3, Jonathan Grant 1, Tomasi Robanakadavi 1. Barooga: Christopher Cheong 1, Jamerson McCluskey 1.	
BEST, Cobram: Benjamin Raco, Joel MacKenzie, Andrew Ryan, Ryan Hayes, Jonathan Grant, Glenn Kelly. Barooga: Kyle Hore, Christopher Cheong, Harrison Foster, David Trenerry, Mitchell Macheda, Tom Poole.	
Deniliquin Rams	4.3, 10.9, 11.10, 16.11 (107)
Numurkah	1.2, 1.3, 2.5, 4.6 (30)
GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: Clayton Howe 5, Shane Werner 4, Robert Barnes 3, Aiden Free 2, Ben Nisbet 1, Brodie McQuie 1. Numurkah: Dustan Ebborn 2, Kaleb Rees 1, Luke Mansfield 1.	
BEST, Deniliquin Rams: Jason Allitt, Robert Barnes, Clayton Howe, Brenton Hussey, Ben Nisbet, Hugh Landale. Numurkah: Kaleb Rees, Gregory Gallus, Luke Morrison, Adam Mansfield, Jack Millen, Benjamin Millen.	
Moama	1.2, 5.4, 7.4, 8.6 (54)
Rumbalara	3.3, 3.5, 4.7, 4.7 (31)
GOALS, Moama: Matthew Veitch 4, Layton McCann 1, Tanner Christie 1, Bailey Steenbuck 1, Jacob Galpin 1. Rumbalara: not supplied.	
BEST, Moama: Kaleb Wilson, Mitchell Hewes, Dylan Wright, Justin Smith, Hugh Macaulay, Zak McGregor. Rumbalara: not supplied.	
UNDER 17	
Cobram	2.1, 6.6, 9.9, 16.11 (107)
Barooga	0.3, 0.3, 1.3, 1.3 (9)
GOALS, Cobram: Matteo Allen 3, Lewis McShane 3, Will Slatterie 3, Noah Sneddon 2, Luca Allen 1, Dylan Langshaw 1, Tarrynt Neville 1, Miles Curtin 1, Lewis Kennedy 1. Barooga: Regan Bale 1.	
BEST, Cobram: Lewis Kennedy, Matteo Allen, Liam Hayes, Will Slatterie, Lewis McShane, Jack Beasley. Barooga: Regan Bale, Joel Brown, William Brooks, Riley Sampson, Jake Poole.	
Numurkah	3.1, 7.1, 8.1, 12.3 (75)
Deniliquin Rams	2.2, 2.4, 4.5, 5.5 (35)
GOALS, Numurkah: Matthew Mansfield 2, Dustan Ebborn 2, Bailey Roberts 2, Dakota Pellegrino 1, Thomas Hughes 1, Jayden Hollands 1, Jayden Holmes 1, Benjamin Millen 1, Rhys Cason 1. Deniliquin Rams: Cooper Willoughby 2, Rushton Milward 1, Kane Hall 1, Kaileb Wilson 1.	
BEST, Numurkah: Bailey Roberts, Kade O'Dwyer, Rhys Cason, Jayden Holmes, Flynn Penberthy, Dakota Pellegrino. Deniliquin Rams: Cooper Willoughby, Bradley Poka, Matthew Moore, Cody Learmonth, Anthony Zielke, Luke Learmonth.	
Moama	2.3, 2.4, 3.5, 4.5 (29)
Rumbalara	0.0, 1.0, 2.3, 4.3 (27)
GOALS, Moama: Riley Webb 1, Noah Milner 1, Luka Simpson 1, Benjamin Keogh 1. Rumbalara: Djaidha Miller 2, Jayden Armstrong 1, Andre Briggs 1.	
BEST, Moama: Colbie Vredenburg, Luke Edwards, Luka Simpson, Noah Milner, Aiden Mackenzie, Angus Baldwin. Rumbalara: Bailey Wilson, Ashtyn Atkinson, Gavin Handy, Andre Briggs, Jayden Armstrong, Anthony Miller.	
UNDER 14	
Cobram	3.3, 5.3, 7.6, 10.7 (67)
Barooga	1.0, 2.0, 3.1, 3.1 (19)
GOALS, Cobram: Kevin Griffin 4, Callum Hulley 3, Kane Rattray-Robert 2, Mikael Artavilla-Bennett 1. Barooga: Jett Mathers 1, Koby Withers 1, Keeten Andrew 1.	
BEST, Cobram: Callum Hulley, Kane Rattray-Robert, Ned Higgins, Nash Motton, Kevin Griffin, Thomas Corso. Barooga: Koby Withers, James Hooper, Cooper Adkins, Jayden Geisler, Jai Nolan, Codi Bowden.	
Deniliquin Rams	3.5, 8.9, 12.6, 16.13 (109)
Numurkah	0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0 (6)
GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: Charlie Hillier 8, Lachlan Holloway 2, Francis White 1, Angus Wright 1, William McCartney 1, Noah Bradley 1, Charlie Paton 1, Ben Dunmore 1. Numurkah: Nicholas Hughes 1.	
BEST, Deniliquin Rams: Charlie Hillier, Noah Bradley, William McCartney, Harry Dudley, Riley Ives, Lachlan Holloway. Numurkah: Kobie Rahilly, Braidy Dicker,	

Zachary Cason, Jaxon Mckellar, Nicholas Hughes, Ayden Siernans.	
Moama	2.0, 2.0, 3.1, 5.6 (36)
Rumbalara	2.1, 3.2, 3.6, 4.6 (30)
GOALS, Moama: Dylan Jenkins 3, Jobe Shanahan 1, Jye Jarrett 1. Rumbalara: Benjamin McGowan 2, Jarell Morgan 1, Nate Trainidis 1.	
BEST, Moama: Noah Langborne, Grant Hope, Jobe Shanahan, Hudson Connelly, Dylan Jenkins, Kobe Hunter. Rumbalara: Leon Johnson Walker, Jarell Morgan, Bailey Armstrong, Jaylen Saunders, Benjamin McGowan, Tanner Armstrong.	
GOALKICKING	
SENIORS	This Wk TH
Joshua Mellington Echuca United	8 112
Liam Evans Nathalia	3 47
Alex Hicks Nathalia	1 47
Daniel Schaper Congupna	1 45
Ashley Saunders Tungamah	0 45
Daniel Campbell Congupna	3 44
Nathan Hicks Numurkah	6 43
Adam Jorgensen Nathalia	0 41
Fraser Buchanan Moama	3 39
Michael Herlihy Numurkah	1 37
Nick Lawless Tungamah	3 37
RESERVES	This Wk TH
Anthony McMahon Echuca United	10 101
Jesse Moran Tongala	0 58
Graham Weston Rumbalara	0 58
Jacob Galpin Moama	1 48
Matthew Veitch Moama	4 30
Matt Davies Nathalia	0 29
Adam Dodd Tungamah	1 28
Beau Jackson Rumbalara	0 25
Zayden Molluso Echuca United	5 24
Shane Werner Deniliquin	4 23
Samuel Tyler Tongala	0 23
UNDER 17	
Djaidha Miller Rumbalara	2 65
Jesse Garner Echuca United	4 45
Dustan Ebborn Numurkah	2 44
Lewis McShane Cobram	3 44
Ned Osborne Echuca United	2 41
Addison Psaltiris Mulwala	4 38
Shadeau Brain Finley	0 38
Liam Martin Mulwala	4 36
Jack Jansen Echuca United	1 30
Jayden Hollands Numurkah	1 28
Sam Cipriani Tongala	1 28
UNDER 14	
Harley Reid Tongala	5 120
Charlie Hillier Deniliquin	8 68
Kevin Griffin Cobram	4 54
Brandon Orton Nathalia	6 49
Bryce Barnstable Echuca United	1 46
Darcy Conroy Nathalia	5 37
Tyler Hoogaad Rumbalara	0 36
Lachlan Hogan Moama	0 32
Oliver Poole Echuca United	0 27
Callum Hulley Cobram	3 26
Samuel Fisher Echuca United	2 26
LADDERS	
SENIORS	P W L D FF F A % PTS
Nathalia	16 15 1 0 0 1754 1007 174.18 60
Echuca United	16 14 2 0 0 1761 885 198.98 56
Numurkah	16 11 5 0 0 1295 1019 127.09 44
Mulwala	16 10 5 1 0 1471 1126 130.64 42
Tongala	16 10 6 0 0 1360 1229 110.66 40
Cobram	16 10 6 0 0 1280 1200 106.67 40
Congupna	16 8 8 0 0 1361 1317 103.34 32
Tungamah	16 7 9 0 0 1339 1557 86 28
Finley	16 6 9 1 0 1245 1436 86.7 26
Deniliquin Rams	16 6 10 0 0 930 1254 74.16 24
Barooga	16 5 11 0 0 1233 1406 87.7 20
Rumbalara	16 4 12 0 0 1149 1420 80.92 16
Katandra	16 3 13 0 0 902 1584 56.94 12
Moama	16 2 14 0 0 852 1499 56.84 8
RESERVES	P W L D FF F A % PTS
Echuca United	16 16 0 0 0 1725 279 618.28 64
Tongala	16 15 1 0 0 1495 491 304.48 60
Rumbalara	16 12 4 0 0 1297 529 245.18 48
Nathalia	16 11 5 0 0 1202 445 270.11 44
Moama	16 11 5 0 0 1127 655 172.06 44
Tungamah	16 9 7 0 0 999 885 112.88 36
Deniliquin Rams	16 8 8 0 0 871 977 89.15 32
Finley	16 6 9 1 0 732 975 75.08 26
Mulwala	16 6 10 0 0 962 854 112.65 24
Katandra	16 6 10 0 0 716 1090 65.69 24
Cobram	16 6 10 0 0 653 1194 54.69 24
Congupna	16 3 12 1 0 581 1231 47.2 14
Barooga	16 2 14 0 0 499 1420 35.14 8
Numurkah	16 0 16 0 0 262 2096 12.5 0
UNDER 17	
P W L D FF F A % PTS	
Echuca United	15 15 0 0 1 1280 250 512 64
Cobram	16 12 4 0 0 1252 504 248.41 48
Numurkah	16 12 4 0 0 1265 781 161.97 48
Mulwala	16 11 5 0 0 1249 574 217.6 44
Rumbalara	16 11 5 0 0 1130 578 195.5 44
Tongala	16 11 5 0 0 879 668 131.59 44
Moama	16 10 6 0 0 907 656 138.26 40
Finley	16 10 6 0 0 831 626 132.75 40
Deniliquin Rams	16 6 10 0 0 655 748 87.57 24
Katandra	16 4 12 0 0 596 1098 54.28 16
Congupna	16 4 12 0 0 507 1072 47.29 16
Nathalia	16 3 13 0 0 431 1237 34.84 12
Tungamah	15 1 14 0 0 317 1439 22.03 4
Barooga	16 1 15 0 0 300 1368 21.93 4
UNDER 14	
P W L D FF F A % PTS	
Echuca United	16 15 1 0 0 1632 189 863.49 60
Deniliquin Rams	16 14 2 0 0 1441 216 667.13 56
Nathalia	16 13 3 0 0 1484 319 465.2 52
Tongala	16 12 4 0 0 1372 355 414.93 48
Cobram	16 12 4 0 0 1312 370 354.59 48
Finley	16 11 5 0 0 997 501 199 44
Moama	16 9 7 0 0 794 540 147.04 36
Rumbalara	16 8 8 0 0 836 675 123.85 32
Katandra	16 6 10 0 0 558 1004 55.58 24
Barooga	16 5 11 0 0 441 843 52.31 20

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Amor-Beale, Tristan Wilson, Matt Barker, Daniel Kirchen. Katamatite: Jordan Dickie, William McNamara, Jonathan Andrew, Simon Daniel, Nathan Hickey, Jack Kelly.

Rennie 3.2, 8.4, 13.6, 19.9 (123)

Strathmerton 0.3, 0.3, 0.5, 0.5 (5)

GOALS, Rennie: Duane Rhodes 9, Ben Welsh 2, Aaron Phibbs 2, Samuel Ferguson 2, Adrian Smith 2, Dan Boulton 1, Ryan Trinder James 1.

BEST, Rennie: Beau Hornidge, Duane Rhodes, Ben Welsh, Ryan Trinder James, Aaron Phibbs, Cooper Jones. Strathmerton: Jacob Gillie, Jacob Atkin, Trent Craven, Christian Duhring, Timothy Mannion, Connor Griffiths.

Berrigan 4.1, 7.6, 10.8, 13.10 (88)

Picola United 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2 (2)

GOALS, Berrigan: Damon Ferguson 3, Andrew Pyle 3, Adam Fox 2, Gerald Towler 2, Cameron Hall 1, Matthew Eales 1, Noel Baxter 1.

BEST, Berrigan: Noel Baxter, Adam Fox, Steven Morgan, Cameron Hall, Damon Ferguson, Thomas Burns. Picola United: Ben Daniel, Jordan Glanville, Lachlan Newman, Shane Cooper, Angus Hawks, Aiden Daniel.

UNDER 17

Tocumwal 3.1, 7.3, 11.6, 16.8 (104)

Waaia 1.2, 2.5, 3.6, 4.8 (32)

GOALS, Tocumwal: Brock Thomson 6, Bailey Mason 5, Hunter Hardwidge 3, Ethan Jeffress 1, Blair Eddy 1. Waaia: Harvey Walker 2, Will Trower 1, Sam Trower 1.

BEST, Tocumwal: Chase Hardwidge, Zander Griffin, Harvey White, Tom Barker, Brock Thomson, Bailey Mason. Waaia: Sam Trower, Harvey Walker, Bailey Plattfuss, Alex Sheppard, Ryan Cook, Jackson Collins.

Deniliquin Rovers... 8.2, 14.6, 19.14, 24.16 (160)

Yarroweyah 0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1 (1)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rovers: Brock Redden 3, Jack Woodcock 3, Bailey Caruso 3, Hayden Gardiner 2, Haydn Mowat 2, Timothy McDonnell 2, Alvin Cooper 2, Jai Eazard 2, Tom Blake 2, Jaidyn Druitt 1, Tomas Banks 1, Kaiden Joss 1.

BEST, Deniliquin Rovers: Braith Wade, Lugaith Jennings-Gallagher, Timothy McDonnell, Kaiden Joss, Tom Blake, Haydn Mowat. Yarroweyah: Tom Oliver, Drew Humphries, Will Simpson, Jye Ellis, Blake Humphries, Robert Squires.

Blighty 7.2, 7.8, 9.10, 10.13 (73)

Katamatite 0.0, 0.0, 0.2, 0.2 (2)

GOALS, Blighty: Jack Sides 6, Myles Amor 2, Dean Macdonald 1, Billy Michael 1.

BEST, Blighty: Jack Sides, Billy Michael, Myles Amor, Hugh Burton, Jack Charlton, Charlie Waters. Katamatite: Caleb Bye, Harry Macheda, Will Macheda, Martin Keir, Joshua Rexhep, Alistair Bear.

Strathmerton 8.1, 10.1, 12.3, 14.4 (88)

Rennie 0.1, 3.1, 6.2, 6.4 (40)

GOALS, Strathmerton: Desi O'Kane 4, Riley O'Kane 3, Joshua Payne 2, Haydn Wyatt 2, Dylan Craven 1, Bailey Ebborn 1, Chad Littlejohn 1. Rennie: Thomas Elliott 4, Tom Kennedy 1, Cooper Lonergan 1.

BEST, Strathmerton: Matthew Price, Dylan Craven, Mitchell Payne, Zack Cunningham, Haydn Wyatt, Aaron Macfadyen. Rennie: Joshua McInnes, Thomas Elliott, Thomas Hicks, Adam Slattery, William Bott, Ethan Stephens.

UNDER 14

Tocumwal 6.5, 10.8, 17.10, 22.17 (149)

Waaia 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Tocumwal: Liam Sutton 4, Hunter Hardwidge 3, Maksym Eddy 3, Nate Grieves 3, Blair Eddy 3, Jett Parker 2, Kane Wardlaw 1, Logan White 1, Nicholas Noonan 1, Charles Locke 1.

BEST, Tocumwal: Maksym Eddy, Hunter Hardwidge, Blair Eddy, Hamish Smithers, Will O'Connell, Kane Wardlaw. Waaia: Jirra Letcher, Lachlan Williams, Will Trower, Harrison Halden, Thomas Graham , Thomas Daniel.

Katunga 5.4, 12.6, 19.10, 24.11 (155)

Mathoura 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Katunga: Harry McDonald 5, Zavier Morris 4, Benjamin Arho 4, Lochie O'Brien 4, Viv Russo 2, Blake Newbery 2, Nathan Simpson 1, Aiden Harris 1, Darby Salter 1. Mathoura: Nicholas Pell 1.

BEST, Katunga: Ryan Russo, Nathan Simpson, Blake Newbery, Ty Milne, Benjamin Arho, Seth Cormick. Mathoura: Thomas Jacchim, Robert Fleischer, Tristan Gruber, Jake Hullah, Nicholas Pell, Kyle Magro.

Deniliquin Rovers... 6.7, 11.10, 13.16, 17.21 (123)

Yarroweyah 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rovers: Deagen Purcell 5, Alvin Cooper 4, Jackson Muldoon-Leatham 2, Jerrah Caruso 2, Curtis Foran 1, Jyah Lavars 1, Nicholas Stubbings 1, Liam East 1.

BEST, Deniliquin Rovers: Alvin Cooper, Jackson Muldoon-Leatham, Nicholas Stubbings, Liam East, Connor Didcock, Deagen Purcell. Yarroweyah: Blake Humphries, Kepler Lukies, Giordan Lukies, Ethan Brooks, Jack Opray, Will Simpson.

Katamatite 2.0, 2.2, 4.4, 5.5 (35)

Blighty 1.1, 1.2, 1.2, 1.2, 1.5 (10)

GOALS, Katamatite: Mitchell Ward 1, Connor Langshaw 1, Riley McPherson 1, Jacob Tyniec 1, Brock Bear 1. Blighty: Henry William Knox 1.

BEST, Katamatite: Benjamin Macchada, Mitchell Ward, Brock Bear, Liam McPherson, Billy O 'Donoghue, Oliver Mynard. Blighty: Henry Michael, Jack Gavel, Charlie Bull, Max Caruso, Jack Murray, Angus Bain.

Rennie 2.4, 4.6, 5.6, 10.7 (67)

Strathmerton 0.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0 (6)

GOALS, Rennie: Axel Doherty 4, Callum Deoleveira 2, Fraser Bennett 1, Lochie Forge 1, Joe Lee-Conway 1, Cooper Lonergan 1. Strathmerton: Joshua Payne 1.

BEST, Rennie: Dominic McInnes, Samuel Bigger, Benjamin Howell, Luke Slattery , Callum Deoleveira, Harry Hogan. Strathmerton: Ryan Wyatt, Brodie Wren, Benjamin Lee-Madgwick , Joshua Payne, Tyler Stephens, William Almond.

Picola United 3.1, 4.2, 5.2, 6.4 (40)

Berrigan 0.0, 3.0, 5.0, 6.0 (36)

Nathalia Purple girls bow out

NATHALIA women's football team ended its season with a loss in Sunday's knockout semi-final against Mooroopna at Nathalia. Excited for the team's history-making first finals' appearance, the Purple girls came out hard from the first

bounce. In a low scoring game, spirits were high at the first break with the Purps ahead by two goals. Mooroopna continued to contest strongly and edged closer through the second quarter. With scores

nearly even, the game remained a nail biter until the last few minutes when Mooroopna pulled away with a late goal. Nathalia put in a solid team effort and the girls have every right to be proud of their efforts on the day and

throughout the year. As a team they exceeded the goals set at the start of the year and have much to celebrate. Nathalia also celebrated Allison Trethowan's 200th senior women's career game.

Final score: Nathalia 3.7.25 def by Mooroopna 4.11.35
Nathalia best: Kym John, Tegan Sutton, Vanessa Ward, Juleesa Smith, Marni Hicks, Millie Casey.
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Big win for Picola A grade

PICOLA United A grade netballers produced a much better game this week as they were switched on right from the start. The Blues' pressure was effective and they moved the ball cleanly into attack on the way to a comprehensive 45 goal win, ending Berrigan's finals hopes. The sixth placed Blues will meet Waaia in next week's elimination final. Awards: Nathalia Post Office: Demi Morrison; Brereton's Bakery: Alannah Fry-Smith. B GRADE B grade suffered a big loss to finals-bound Berrigan in the last game for the season. While not having much success during the year, the girls had a lot of fun, supporting each other with a positive vibe all season. Awards: Scrumdiddlym-cious Catering: Allie Rainbow;

Brereton's Bakery: Pennie Langley. C GRADE Picola faced a tough game against a very good Berrigan side, which sat undefeated on top of the ladder. The result was a 24 goal loss, with the Blues now facing lots of hard work going into finals, starting with the elimination final against Rennie next week. Awards: Foott Waste Solutions: Leanne Guthrie; Club: Tennessee Dove. C RESERVE C Reserve wrapped up the season on the end of a comprehensive defeat. Despite limited success the girls showed improvement each week as individuals and as a team. Awards: Casual Step: Emillee Azzopardi; Club: Shanelle Thompson. UNDER 15

Wet conditions made it difficult for all concerned but all the players kept a positive attitude for most of the game, despite a big loss. Awards: Birch Earthmoving: Gypsy Saunders; Barmah Social Club: Kate Francis. UNDER 13: 11th v 7th Berrigan defeated Picola 29 to 10. The Blues girls put in a great effort today in freezing conditions, but could not keep up with the Saints, who were looking forward to finals. Awards: Baxter Family: Amber Watson; Barmah Social Club: Abbey Sheahan. MINIS The littlest Blues put in a great effort, despite the Antarctic winds and torrential rain to complete a successful season. Awards: Intersports Bennett's: Tanessha Atkinson; PUFNC: Abbey Sheahan.

Blues netballers show improvement

NUMURKAH's young A grade netballers had another great game on the weekend, only going down by 13 to fourth placed Deniliquin. This was a marked improvement on the 75-18 hiding the girls received at Deni in round 11. Sixteen goals down at half time, the Blues were able to win the second half of the game and peg the deficit back to 13, something that wouldn't have seemed possible six weeks ago. The Numurkah girls applied great defensive pressure all over the court and played with great confidence once again. Their decision making and sense of awareness in defence was excellent. They worked as a team all day, with great talk and direction given by all. Rachelle Moon, Rachel Robertson, Charli Dorrity and Serren Verhey filled in and gave the team a bit extra on the court. Charli played a great three quarters in centre, combining excellently with Sarah Trease, both being patient when feeding into the goal circle. The defenders were excellent with Rachelle and Sophie Morris combining as if they had played together all year, while Jess Tymensen was great again, shooting with confidence and working brilliantly with Fiona Elliott in goals. The next two weeks against top eight teams Mulwala and Echuca United may not be as daunting as first thought if the team can reproduce this form. Awards: Numurkah Hotel: Rachelle Moon;

Brereton's Bakery: Charli Dorrity. B GRADE The Blues fought out the game against a tougher opposition, going down by 24 goals. Their defensive pressure through the mid court and ring was solid, but too many unforced errors allowed Deniliquin to gather momentum. Awards: Shamrock Hotel: Serren Verhey; Numurkah Café Bar & Restaurant: Andrea Dobson and Teagan Bau. C GRADE Although playing against a much stronger side, the Blues put in a good effort. Unforced errors let the team down against a consistent side, with the girls adapting well to a few changes across the board. Best on court went to Elizabeth Ruscoe, who played a very consistent game and was always an option coming down the court. Award: Telegraph Hotel: Elizabeth Ruscoe. 17 & UNDER It was another tough game for the bottom placed Blues against the equal top Deniliquin girls, but they kept their heads up and still tried their best. Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Daisy Lester; SportsFirst Numurkah: Jenny Smith. 11 & UNDER The youngest Blues girls had a rare loss on the weekend, in what wasn't one of their best games. Awards: Rush Food: Demii McKellar; Club: Bridget Brown.

Waaia gets another crack at Bulldogs

WAAIA has made its way to the Numurkah indoor bowls grand final against Strathmerton, after defeating Nathalia in last Thursday's preliminary final. The Bombers will be out for revenge after losing to the Bulldogs in the second semi-final, despite having finished the season clear ladder leaders. Waaia's Sue Cleeland skipped her side to a big win over Nathalia's Fay Hutchins' rink, while Les Clarke and Bev Hutchins played a draw on their mat.

Strathmerton will be looking to go back-to-back and take out their eighth premiership since saluting in 2001. They also won in 2008, '09, '12, '15 and '16 before downing Waaia in last season's decider, 40-35. The grand final will be played at Numurkah town bowling club at 7:30 pm this Thursday, August 15. RESULTS Waaia 9/60 d Nathalia 1/38. S. Cleeland 37 d F Hutchins 15; L Clarke 23 drew Bev Hutchins 23.

Kyabram takes Crawford shield

NUMURKAH Smallbore Rifle Club hosted Kyabram for the Crawford shield on Wednesday night, in what proved to be a very close competition, with only one point the margin. Kyabram prevailed in the end, taking home the shield, with the total scores Kyabram 1,144.37 to Numurkah 1,143.38. Lindsay Braybon (Numurkah) and Angus Hill (Kyabram) deserve special mentions for being top scorers, as well as scoring 99's on both cards. Glenn Braybon (Numurkah) and Simon Noonan (Kyabram) each scored a card of 99. Thursday night was a quiet night with only ten shooters. The top score for the 30m benchrest was Glen Miles with 198.2, including a card of 100.1.

Angus Hill was top for the 20m prone with 198.11, including a card of 100.6, and Hannah O'Brien topped the 50m Prone with 168. Scores: 20m Benchrest: G Miles 100.1, 98.1, 198.2; C Saxton 98.0, 97.2, 195.2; E Ryan 96.1, 95.2, 191.3; B Braybon 94.1, 95.0, 189.1. 20m Prone: A Hill 98.5, 100.6, 198.11; L Braybon 99.6, 99.4, 198.10; S Rosemeier 96.2, 99.4, 195.6; R Hill 98.3, 95.2, 193.5; G Miles 94.2, 94.2, 188.4; A Lee 93.9, 91.1, 184.4; G Braybon 94.1, 90.1, 184.2; D Cook 92.2, 91.1, 183.3; A Gibbon 89.0, 88.1, 177.1. 50m Prone: H O'Brien 82.0, 86.0, 168.0. There will be shooting as usual on Thursday night at Numurkah.



Getting started ... Troy Knox expertly running the hoop at Numurkah Croquet Club opening day.

Carnival games a hit at croquet opening

TROY Knox from GrainCorp "ran the first hoop" with ease at Numurkah Croquet Club's season opening last week. Very pleasant weather made for an enjoyable afternoon with five different carnival games organised, creating plenty of friendly rivalry, a little confusion and some controversy regarding the rules. Winners of the challenges were: Bobs - Barb McKeown and David Geddes, both with a perfect score of 24; 5-in-and-out - Lyn Stokes and Kirsten Strike; Stop shot - Dot Storer; Round-the boundary - Lea Grant; and 5 hoops - Laurus Hinchcliffe, with a great score

of 4. Tuesday's Golf Croquet will now return to its normal 9 am start. There is a whisper there may be a few interesting changes to the format of play. Association Croquet practice on Friday mornings will continue, starting at 9.30 until the weather improves. Last week's play was called off due to the extreme cold, windy and wet conditions. Club members were happy the weather change happened later in the week and not on opening day. Mr Knox's talk prior to the opening was very informative. Everyone was aware that large scale construction has been

happening at the GrainCorp site, but most had no idea of the costs involved and the changes to its production capacity and capabilities. Numurkah's plant is now the largest of its kind in Australasia with \$100 million being spent in the last six years. It produces crude canola oil and is now producing food grade canola oil used in a large range of consumer goods. It is one of only a few plants accredited to supply special oil blends to baby food manufacturers. Members appreciated knowing more about the plant and its importance to Numurkah's economy.

Knights win before the storm

AN early start for the Numurkah Knights under 8s enabled them to take the field against Guthrie Reds on Saturday before the weather turned into something more suitable for ducks. The Knights' midfielders and defence held position, forming a defence that held the Reds to nil-all at half time. After the break, the Knights showed how far they have come this season, playing sensationally as a team to score several great goals. The Reds fought back and pressed Numurkah in goals, but the Knights found the stamina to keep Guthrie goalless and take home a well-deserved win. UNDER 10 Numurkah Knights' under 10 Black played Murchison.

The Black's defence was pressed hard from the start, with Murchison's players showing impressive soccer skills. All of the Knights tried hard but were unable to stop the opposition from finding the net, with Murchison leading going into the break. Numurkah attacked in the second half, getting the ball into the danger zone on several occasions, but was unable to convert shots at goal. Murchison was more consistent in response, finding the angles needed to score. The Knights never gave up against the stronger team and fought to the end. Coaches' awards went to Jade Hester, Ella Carlisle, Will Robin and Caleb Lewis for their inspiration and leading their team throughout the game.

Final loss for Swans

KATUNGA hosted Mathoura in the final home and away game of the season and were defeated by 26 points.

The Swans started reasonably well to be nine points down at the first break, kicking into a stiff breeze.

With the wind at their backs in a spiteful second quarter, the Swans' took a one point advantage going into the big break.

Despite their best efforts, the young Swans were unable to match the stronger Mathoura team in the second half, being outscored seven goals to three.

Awards: Katunga Fresh: Xavier Thorp; Clydesdale Hotel: Trent Baker; Lenny's AG: Kevin VandenGoor; GrainCorp Oilseed: Lachie Daniel; Telegraph Hotel: Jared Hicks; Les Walkington Award: Max Hendy.

RESERVES
Katung reserves needed to win on Saturday to ensure finals berth.

In a game of two halves, the Swans were determined to continue their season and came away with a 15 point win.

Katunga came out firing booting three majors in the first quarter, fol-

lowed by two more in the second and held Mathoura goalless in the first half to take a five goal lead at half time.

The third quarter saw the Swans drop their attack on the ball, remaining goalless and allowing the Timbercutters to kick three goals.

A two goal final quarter by the Swans guaranteed the continuation of its season.

Awards: John King Grain: Daniel Connally; Dan Hendy Landforming: Clint Phillips; Telegraph Hotel: Josh Tetley; Clydesdale Hotel: Steve Few; KNFC: Rhys Wallace.

UNDER 14s
The Swans finished off the home and away season with a magnificent win over the Timbercutters by 148 points. Katunga delivered excellent team-work around the ground, with great leadership shown from captain Jackson Harris, sharing the ball, ensuring he brought all his team mates into a great game.

Awards: D&N Smith: Ryan Russo; K&J Bosse: Nathan Simpson; Supporters Award: Blake Newbery; Red Cherry: Ty Milne; Canteen: Ben Arho; Morris Award: Seth Cormick.

Blues twos no match for Rams

IN a much-anticipated rematch against Deniliquin, Numurkah twos came out all guns firing, kicking the first goal of the game.

The Blues showed real intensity to be right in the game at quarter time.

They were unable to maintain that same effort in the second quarter, remaining goalless, as the Rams took control of the game and ran out victorious by 77 points.

The boys, once again, battled hard, however were unable to put together a four quarter effort in order to stay in the contest.

Awards: Al Millen Concreting: Kaleb Rees; Shamrock Hotel: Greg Gallus; Middle Hotel: Kyle Morrison; Telegraph Hotel: Adam Mansfield; Brereton's Bakery: Jack Millen; Mierlo: Ben Millen.

UNDER 17s
On a windy day, the under 17 boys remained one game ahead of fourth placed Mulwala with a good four quarter effort over the ninth placed Rams, running out victors by 40 points.

Kicking into the wind, the Blues were up by five points at quarter time and took a 27 point lead into the main break after using the wind to their advantage.

Although outscored in the third quarter, the Blues extended their half time margin to run out winners with Bailey Roberts, Kade O'Dwyer and Rhys Cason having stand out games,

ably supported by Jayden Holmes, Flynn Penberthy and Dakota Pellegrino

UNDER 14s
At home on a bone chillingly cold day, the youngest Blues were looking to improve on their last effort against the second placed Rams.

The Rams were able to take a 23 point lead into the first break, despite the defensive efforts of Lucas Roberts, Braidyn Dicker and Georgia Sessions.

Judah Moody, Zac Cason and Nick Hughes crumbed the ball, fed by the efforts of Kobie Rahilly.

The second quarter began as the first had ended with the visitors on the offensive.

Deni's defensive wall seemed impossible to breach, with the Blues' odd foray into dangerous territory quickly smothered.

Deni kicked five unanswered goals to give them a clear 56 point lead at half time.

One-way traffic continued in the second half despite defenders Jaxon McKellar, Ayden Siermans and Conner Waites showing their 'never say die' attitude.

Scoreless at halftime, the boys were able to kick a consolation goal in the final quarter through Nick Hughes, going down by 103 points.

Better Players: Kobie Rahilly, Braidyn Dicker, Zac Cason, Jaxon McKellar, Nick Hughes and Ayden Siermans



Caught... Craig Looms tackling Berrigan player, and Mark Ryan on ground and Clinton Barnes ready to get the ball away from Berrigan



Spotted... Picola's Rory Knight kicks long -Dan Atkinson in background

Photos by cheryl thorn

Saints slay Blues

PICOLA travelled to Berrigan to take on the third placed Saints and were defeated by 63 points.

Picola hit the scoreboard with an early major and played with good intensity in the first term.

The second quarter saw Berrigan extend their lead kicking seven goals to two for a halftime lead of 41 points.

The Blues lifted in the third quarter applying much needed defensive pressure all over the ground holding the Saints to one point for the quarter.

Unfortunately, Berrigan rebounded strongly and closed out the game with a six goal to one final quarter.

The Blues now need to concentrate on the final series.

Awards: DMH and Barmah Hotel: Blake Jorgensen.

RESERVES

The undefeated Berrigan took on the Blues and meant business from the first bounce, running out winners by 86 points.

Berrigan made the most of their scoring opportunities and their defensive pressure shut out the Blues.

Berrigan were too strong on the day, with Picola not troubling the scoreboard after quarter time despite their efforts.

Picola need to refocus as the final series begins.

Awards: Nathalia Fertiliser and Grain: Ben Daniel; Brereton's Bakery: Jordan Glanville; Minchin Mechanics: Lachy Newman; Numan's: Shane Cooper.

UNDER 14s

On a wet and windy morning, Picola held on to win in a nail biting finish by four points.

Picola started strongly in the first term, keeping Berrigan to no score and leading by 19 points.

The second quarter saw Berrigan push Picola hard to trail by eight points at the main break.

The last half was in complete contrast to the first with both sides playing resilient footy in a great game by both teams.

Awards: PowerLive Stock and Barnett Family: Kayden Atkinson; Better-Bite Barmah: Will Dargan; Barmah Social Club: Jason Beckett; Al's Café: Logan Daniel.

UNDER 11s

The under 11s have had a fantastic season and had a fun last game in icy conditions.

The kids have improved their skills over the year and had plenty of fun.

Bombers trounce Bloods

WAAIA enjoyed the home ground advantage on Saturday as it took on Tocumwal, before finals begin next week.

It was the Bombers game from the outset, as they started and finished with a bang, defeating Toc by 220 points.

Mark Meyland had a very successful day in the forward line as he walked away with ten majors under his belt in a clear best on ground performance.

Jesse Trower was everywhere and made it tough for his Tocumwal opponents, while Bill Brown produced another strong game to be amongst his team's best.

Jordan Cleeland and Sam Richardson also played well in the last home and away game of the season.

Waaia now has a week off to hone its skills before meeting Katamatite in a qualifying final.

Awards: Onley Consulting: Mark Meyland;

Gagliardi Scott Real Estate / Telegraph Hotel: Sam Richardson; Ahoy Water / Terminus Hotel: Jordan Cleeland; Mick Hogan Excavations: Jesse Trower; SportsFirst Numurkah: Bill Brown.

RESERVES

As in the seniors, it was all Bombers from the start in the reserves as they registered a 126 point victory over Tocumwal, Ryan Trimby was hard at the ball all game, rewarded with best on ground honours.

Nathan Cornick was outstanding and showed off his blistering pace and foot skills, while Ethan McDonald got on the end of a few in the forward line.

Aden McCredie played an impressive game and Mark Bergamin was dominant in the ruck all day continuing to play his role for the side each week.

The win consolidated the Bombers in third

spot and they will also enjoy a week off before fronting up to Rennie in a qualifying final.

Awards: Onley Consulting & Telegraph Hotel: Ryan Trimby; Onley Consulting & Terminus Hotel: Ethan McDonald; Mick Hogan Excavations: Mark Bergamin; Murray Valley Rural and Plumbing: Nathan Cornick; Ahoy Water Cartage: Aden McCredie.

UNDER 17

It was a tough day for the thirds, as Tocumwal came out victorious by 12 goals.

Sam Trower worked hard all day, to be his team's best player.

Bailey Plattfuss was sensational as he read the play off half back to take multiple marks, while Ryan Cook and AJ Sheppard made it hard for their Bloods' opponents and Harvey Walker played another stellar game of football.

Finishing the season in seventh place, the young Bombers face Jerilderie in a knockout

final next week.

Awards: Sprunt Livestock & Terminus Hotel: Sam Trower; Pendlebury Sand & Gravel: Harvey Walker; Doug Larkin Refrigeration: Bailey Plattfuss; D & M Plattfuss: AJ Sheppard; Waaia Canteen: Ryan Cook.

UNDER 14

The fourths had a disappointing last game of the season as they went down to Tocumwal by 149 points, failing to trouble the scoreboard.

Jirra Letcher played hard all day to be best on ground for his team, with Will Trower not far behind.

Lachie Williams was always at the bottom of the pack getting the ball, while Harry Halden and Tom Graham also played well.

Awards: C & C Wilson & Terminus Hotel: Jirra Letcher; Numurkah Electrical & Pump Services: Lachie Williams; Rex James Stock Feed: Will Trower; D & M Plattfuss: Harry Halden; Waaia Canteen: Tom Graham.

Blues celebrate four decades

PREMIERSHIP players from 1979 and 1999 swelled the home crowd for Numurkah's game against Deni Rams on Saturday. Tall tales and true were swapped as 14 players from the Blues' 1979 senior triumph joined more than 30 senior and reserves players from the successful 1999 teams. Coach of the 1979 side, Shane Sexton, was interviewed by John Byrnes, who played in the side, during the official proceedings and lunch. Sexton spoke about how he came to the club from Shepparton United and the total support he received from the committee on his plans for recruitment and

playing personnel. One of the more interesting stories he told concerned winger, Ken Norton, who was on holidays at the time of the first semi-final. In what would have been quite a sensation at the time, the club flew Ken back so he could take his part in the game. The grand final victory came against a strong Berrigan side which went on to win the flag the following year. Rob "Chips" Macartney, the coach in 1999, spoke about his time at the club, recalling the development of young local players as crucial to the success. He also mentioned the unlucky players who missed out. While Macartney also spoke

about his involvement at Hawthorn in player development, he kept coming back to his love of the Numurkah club and country football's closeness and sense of community. The 1999 triumph came against Saturday's opponent, Deniliquin Rams, as did the 2000 flag, the Blues most recent. The Rams hit back to win the next four. As part of the festivities, current player Shane Miller was presented with a jumper celebrating his 200th senior games for the club. Following the senior game, a very successful auction was held for jumpers bearing the names of the three premierships teams.



Premiership greats ... Garry Riordan, 1979 best and fairest, Rob Macartney, 1999 coach, Chris O'Dwyer, 1999 best and fairest and 1979 coach, Shane Sexton, compare notes at Numurkah's premiership reunion.



What next? ... Jarrod Holmes assesses his options after gaining possession.

Numurkah gives Rams the Blues

WITH plenty to play for after a loss to Tungamah, the Numurkah seniors came to play against Deniliquin. They defeated the Rams by 76 points on a day that not only saw the club honouring past premierships, but also club stalwart Shane "Wiggy" Miller's 200th Senior game. Miller set the tone early with his attack on the ball and along with several key inclusions had the boys firing from the first bounce. Coach Jye Warren praised Miller's game, describing his efforts as exceptional. Beau McKeown and Mikey Herlihy were dominant early, thanks to the ruck work of the returning Mitch Price. Inaccuracy in tricky conditions limited the Blues lead to 22 points at the first break. Warren said McKeown doesn't always get the credit he deserves. "He is strong over the ball and never gets beaten in a marking contest. He has moved into the midfield this season and has developed into an extremely

influential player," Warren said. The second quarter continued on the Blues' terms. Nathan Hicks provided a strong target for forward booting five goals for the match, following some extra kicking coaching during the week from Brad Dobson. Warren commented "Nathan has struggled with his kicking for the last couple of weeks, but kicked well both into and with the wind, with only a few misses." Jarrod Holmes, Kye Roberts and Josh O'Dwyer worked tirelessly at ground level, applying tremendous pressure to keep the ball in the Blues' forward half, setting the standard in tackling across the board. "Kye needed a good game and as a first year senior player stood up when called upon," his coach said. The Blues continued to be relentless throughout the second half, with the midfield dictating play, as Mitch Price and Paul Collins continually gave the runners first use of the football.

The younger brigade running through the wings provided crucial support when the chance arose. The Blues' backline once again displayed a united effort keeping the Rams to two goals for the match and scoreless after the main break. Grant Gallus nullified any Rams' attempt to go forward and set up the rebound of the back six. His ball use was excellent in a return to his early season form. The Blues, sitting in third place, host Mulwala, fourth, on Saturday and Warren is expecting a tough game. "They kicked five goals to our none in the final quarter last time we played, to get over the top of us," he said. "However, that was on their smaller ground, so we will be looking to utilise the extra space at home. "We will also get a few more players back, in fact we are hoping to have everyone available in the next week or two," Warren said.

Bulldogs missed the mark

The reserves side faced another tough match, coming up against second placed Rennie. The Bulldogs started well in the first quarter and had plenty of the football but couldn't quite hit the scoreboard and were down by 20 points at quarter time. From then on Rennie proved why they were in second spot, keeping Strathy goalless for the game while piling on 19 goals of their own for a 118 point final margin. The cold and windy conditions didn't help the Dogs, with a few players pulling out pre-game. Coach Dan Walker said there were plenty of positives to take from the game and some tough choices will be made as finals begin with a knockout final against neighbouring Katunga next week. Better players for the day were Jacob Gillie, Jacob Atkin, Trent Craven, Christian Durig, Tim "The Man" Mannion and Connor Griffiths. UNDER 17s Coming into finals, the young 'Dogs looked like they had their act together. They came out firing and hit the Hoppers hard, going to quarter time with an eight goal lead. Dylan Craven led the way with the first goal in his 200th

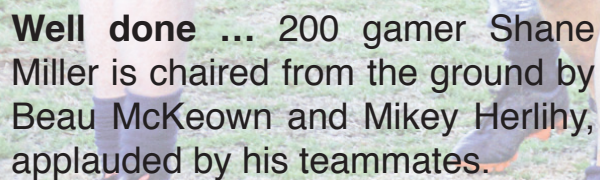
game. The Rennie boys came back after the first break with renewed endeavour and made a real game of it, making the Doggies work to keep their lead. Desi and Riley O'Kane made their presence felt and Mitch Payne did his regular work in and under. The whole team worked together as a solid entity, showing why they finished on top of the ladder, earning a double chance and a week's break before facing Tocumwal in a qualifying final. Awards: M. Price, D. Craven, M. Payne, Z. Cunningham, H. Wyatt and A. Macfadyen. UNDER 14s Third-placed Strathy took to the field for its last home and away game to take on the undefeated Rennie. The boys started the game off really well with lots of pressure and intensity at each contest, taking the game up to their opponent. At the first change the Bulldogs felt they had a chance to maybe beat Rennie or at least give them a great contest, trailing by just 16 points. Strathy continued to play some good football during the second term, with Josh Payne, Ben Lee-Madgwick and Brodie Wren

playing well in the mid field. Will Almond laid a perfect tackle and earned himself a free kick which set a up great passage of play, ending with a much needed team goal. At the long break the 24 point margin seemed manageable. The Bulldog boys were still in the game during the third quarter and doing an excellent job keeping the opposition under lots off pressure. Ryan Wyatt was playing another great game at full back, keeping his stronger opponent at bay and providing lots off drive from the back line. At the final change Strathy seemed to be up for the challenge of playing a good four quarter game but a lack in concentration and effort saw Rennie quickly take the game right away. Some loose manning up created space and opportunities for Rennie to have its best quarter in the game and proceed to a victory by 61 points. Despite the loss the Bulldogs retained third spot and the double chance, taking on Picola in a fortnight's time. Awards: Strathy Pizza: Ryan Wyatt; Subway: Brodie Wren; Terminus Hotel: Ben Lee-Madgwick; Ladies: Josh Payne; Macca's: Tyler Stephens; Coaches' Award: Will Almond.

Wiggy's double century

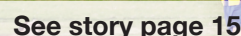
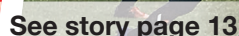
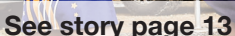
SHANE "Wiggy" Miller has achieved many things in a long career in football, but hasn't yet tasted the ultimate glory. The 33 year old Numurkah veteran played his 200th senior game for the Blues on Saturday, being arguably his team's best player in a resounding win. Having started his career as a back pocket, Miller has returned to defence this season, following a number of years as a midfielder and winger. His run off half back has been a crucial ingredient in Numurkah's rise up the ladder. Shane played all his junior football with Lara in the Geelong Football League, highlighted by making the under 16 representative team for the league. He appeared in two grand finals for Lara juniors, for two losses. Moving to Numurkah in 2003 at age 17, while still attending secondary school, Miller immediately won selection in the Numurkah senior team and has the rare distinction of never having played a reserves game. Since then he has played under a number of coaches, but rates Chris O'Dwyer as the biggest influence on his career. "I played with him when I first started and then spent a number of years under his coaching, so yeah, he has definitely had the

most influence on my footy," Shane said. Miller returned to the Geelong area for a couple of years, playing in another losing grand final with Bellarine Football League club, Torquay, in 2012 and picking up a club best and fairest with Belmont in the Geelong & District Football League in 2013. He also had a couple of years out of the game. On his return to Numurkah, he was part of the losing 2017 team against Nathalia. "Obviously, premierships aren't that easy to win (unless you're from Nathalia)," Shane quipped. Miller has previously captained the Blues, coached the fourths and is currently co-coaching the struggling reserves. "We won't spend too much time on the last one," he said. Commenting on the Blues 2019 season, Shane said "The team is playing really well and looking forward to finals, with a few players coming back. "Personally, I have had a good season so far, with no major injuries." Summing up his time at Numurkah, Shane said "It's a great club and I've played with some ripping blokes. "It would be nice to finally win a flag." Who could argue?



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son, losing only two games for the year. The business end of the season begins with a clash against Berrigan in a qualifying final in two weeks' time.

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