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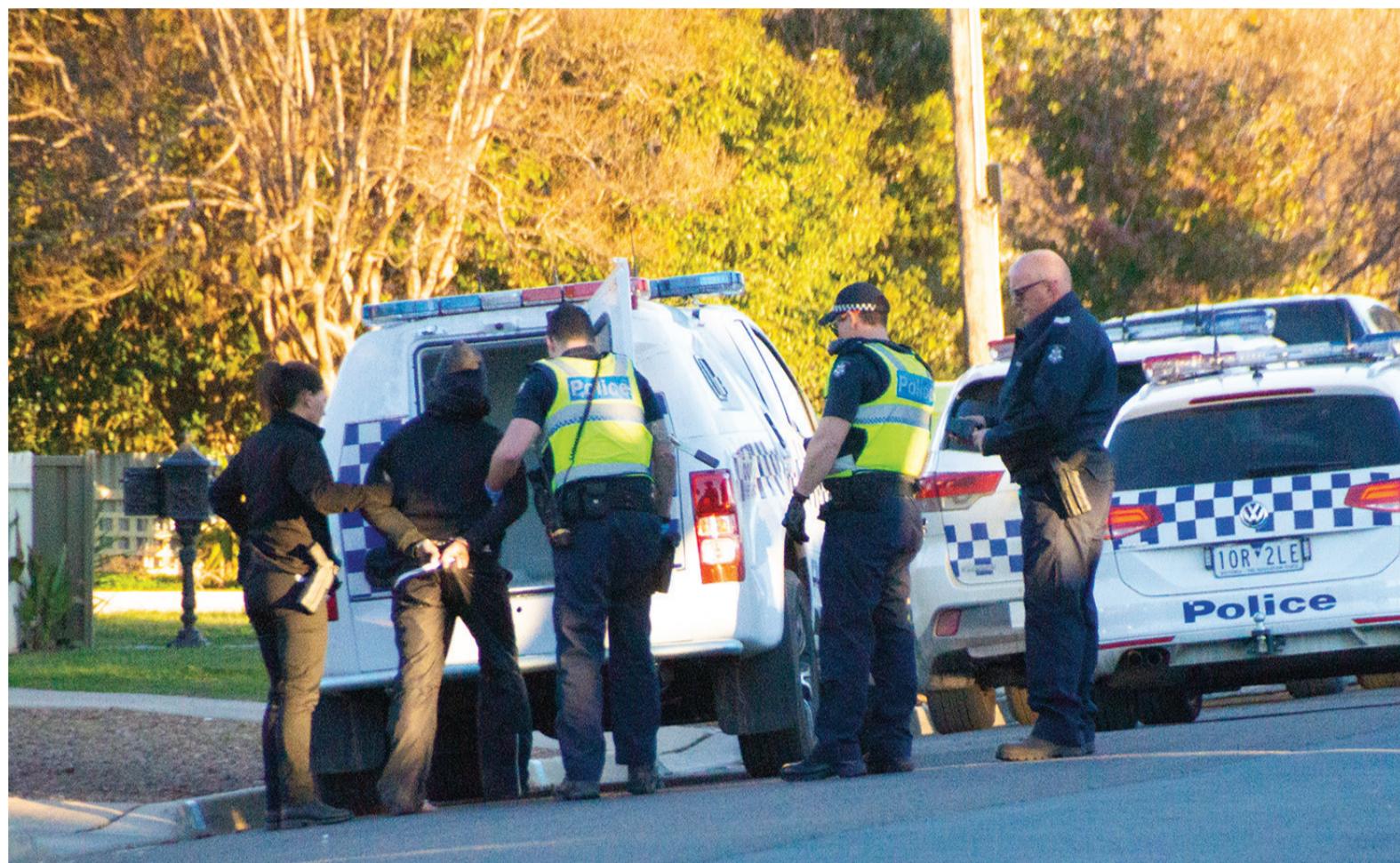
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CRIME SPREE

A man was arrested at a house in Thornton Street, Numurkah on Sunday afternoon, after a series of brazen burglaries across the district on the weekend. See story page 2

Mustica under EPA investigation

THE *Numurkah Leader* has learned that Moira Shire Mayor Libro Mustica is under investigation by the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) for alleged illegal dumping of rubble.

The rubble is alleged to have come from a property on Station St, Cobram which is owned by Oasis Mirage Pty Ltd, of which Cr Mustica is the sole director, and to have been dumped at a Richies Rd property that is also owned by him.

The *Leader* posed a number of questions to the EPA regarding the allegations, which they declined to answer on the basis that they do not comment on ongoing investigations.

The Station St site, which is just 150 metres from Moira Shire offices, previously contained three homes believed to date from the 1950s.

Employees of neighbouring businesses told the *Leader* that demolition work at the site took place over several days approximately six to eight weeks ago, before halting.

The property is now fenced off, and a large amount of rubble remains on site.

A source told the *Leader* that they had spoken to an EPA officer who confirmed that investigations were ongoing at the second site, and that exploratory boring was being conducted.

Cr Mustica told the *Leader* that his company received the required demolition permit so the site could be cleared for an apartment development, something he has been keen to see in Cobram for many years.

"It was very dry at the time, so rather than create a dust nuisance to neighbours some building debris was transported to my nearby rural property where the various materials could be sorted for recycling," he said.

"The EPA has confirmed what further work is needed to satisfy its requirements and that is now underway."



Off limits ... The property in Station Street, Cobram, owned by Cr Libro Mustica.

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You're nicked ... The offender was arrested by Cobram detectives and Numurkah uniformed officers on Sunday afternoon.

Brazen one man crime wave sweeps district

A MOOROOPNA man aged in his 40s has been remanded in custody following a series of brazen burglaries and thefts across the Numurkah district on the weekend.

He was arrested at an address on Thornton St Numurkah on Sunday afternoon by officers from Cobram CIU and Numurkah police, following daylight burglaries at addresses on Melville St and on Tunnock Rd, and two attempted burglaries on Tunnock Rd.

A resident at one of the Tunnock Rd addresses the offender attempted to enter told the *Leader* that she saw the offender holding an object

as he tried to gain access through her front door, and immediately called police.

The same offender is believed to be responsible for thefts at at least two residential properties in Nathalia on Sunday morning, one on Draper St and another on Scott Avenue.

The man is also facing charges of theft relating to a quantity of cash stolen from the office of the Telegraph Hotel during the day on Friday, as well as a burglary at a To-cumwal Rd address on Thursday, and theft of tools and a wallet from a tradesman's ute behind a Melville

St business on the same day.

At the time of these offences the offender was on bail for burglary offences committed at the Numurkah Post Office and Numurkah residences on the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

The offender's crimes are regarded as particularly brazen, as many of them occurred during daylight hours and/or when people were present in the addresses he targeted, although no confrontations appear to have taken place.

In the Draper St burglary, which occurred at around 3am on Sunday, the offender is believed to have fled the premises when a resident awoke.

Overall, the offender has stolen a large quantity of cash, mobile phones and other electrical goods, handbags, wallets and other items. Some goods have been recovered by police.

He has been charged with a range of offences including theft from motor vehicle, burglary, aggravated burglary and commit offences whilst on bail, and remanded to appear at Shepparton Magistrates Court in July..

Car burnt outside Numurkah home

POLICE BEAT

POLICE are treating a fire that consumed a ute parked outside a Katamatite-Nathalia Rd address last Wednesday as suspicious.

Neighbours noticed the XR6 ute was on fire at around 2am on Wednesday morning and tried to extinguish the blaze as they waited for the fire brigade.

A police spokesperson told the *Leader* that a CFA investigator and arson chemists were examining the scene, and early indications suggested no non-suspicious cause for the blaze.

Investigations are continuing.

Investigations are also continuing into a burglary in Katamatite that occurred some time between June 16 and June 23, when the owners were away on holiday.



Suspicious ... Police investigations into the blaze are ongoing.



Crime scene ... All that was left behind was some ruined asphalt and a pile of ash.

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Members honour Rex ... Back (left to right): Sue Aldridge, Ian Patrick, Julie Dennis and David Geddes. Front: Bev Patrick, Dot Harrison, Gwen Hendy, Rex Wellington, Jeff Stanyer, Kath Sutton and Dorothy Thorp.

Unexpected honour for Rex

REX Wellington was served up a surprise following lunch at Numurkah Pioneers Lodge last Wednesday, when current members of the Numurkah Agricultural and Pastoral Society took the floor to honour him for his long dedication to making show day special.

Rex, a long time farmer and shearer from Drumanure, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for Services to Fleeces and Shearing by current A&P Society president Bev Patrick, who described Rex's contribution to the Numurkah show as invaluable.

"Rex Volunteered as part of the Lions Club of Numurkah for at least 40 years as a steward in the wool section," she said.

"He collected fleeces from surrounding wool-growers and brought them in to the show grounds to be judged on show day, and most of those fleeces were then donated for sale for the benefit of the Lions Club, of which he was a charter member, which has been a great fundraiser for them."

Rex's greatest contribution, perhaps, was as instigator of demonstration shearing at the show, which was showcased together with the Cobram Spinners and Weavers Club who would spin and weave wool near the shearing to show children how it used to be done.

A humble bloke, Rex insisted to the *Leader* that he 'did bugger-all really', but did eventually concede that his contribution may have made a positive difference.

"A lot of the kids who watched the shearing demonstrations said they didn't realise that was where the wool from their jumpers and socks came from," he said.

"In a farming town like Numurkah, I always found that quite amazing, so I was glad to be able to help educate young people in that."

Rex, who went to school at Drumanure and Numurkah - riding his bike or horse up to 10 miles each way to get there and back - learned to shear at Tatura after leaving school at 16, and retired from farming aged 80.

Bev Patrick said that Rex was always willing to contribute in any way he could.

"Rex was a member of the committee of the A&P Society for more than five years and you could always rely on him to step up and help out, and he could turn his hand to almost anything," she said.

Rex was one of eight life members of the Numurkah A&P Society among the residents, visitors and staff at Pioneers Lodge last Wednesday, and the past and present committee members had plenty to chat about following the presentation.



Reluctant honouree ... Rex Wellington accepts the award as Numurkah Agricultural and Pastoral Society President Bev Patrick looks on.

Sheed calls for fulfilment of Shepp rail promise

INDEPENDENT Member for Shepparton District Suzanna Sheed has said that she will be watching the Andrews Government closely to make sure it delivers on its rail commitments to Shepparton in full.

Ms Sheed has called on the State Government to roll out stages two and three of the regional rail revival package, as it pertains to Shepparton, and ensure it is completed in 2022, saying that was essential in order for the government to maintain its credibility in the Shepparton region.

"I fought long and hard to put a better rail service for Shepparton at the forefront of my campaign last term, and to see the completion of the promised roll out is essential for the government to maintain its credibility in the Shepparton region," Ms Sheed said.

"Having witnessed the underfunding and a lack of attention under previous governments, I will be watching this government closely to make sure it delivers."

Stage one of the Shepparton corridor upgrade, which cost \$43 million, saw the introduction of 29 new coach services per week between Shepparton and Seymour, and the addition of 10 extra train services a week between Melbourne and Shepparton.

Stabling works to accommodate the new rail services in Shepparton were also completed.

Ms Sheed welcomed the completion of stage one.

"I note the fifth daily rail service has been well received and patronised by the community," she said.

Stage two of the project will include platform extensions at

Mooroopna, Murchison East and Nagambie stations, a crossing loop extension near Murchison east, upgrades to 59 level crossings between Donnybrook and Shepparton, and stabling to house VLocity trains.

The State Government allocated an additional \$313 million for stage two in last year's budget, the biggest investment in the corridor to date.

A business case to finalise nine return services a day between Shepparton and Melbourne is also funded as part of stage two which will provide costings for the rollout of stage three.

Stage three includes track upgrades to enable trains to travel at up to 130km/h.

Nathalia celebrates a century of secondary education

SOME may argue that not all changes in Australian society since 1919 - the year that secondary education came to Nathalia - have been for the better, but secondary education in the town has certainly gone from strength to strength.

Nathalia higher elementary school opened on May 2, 1919, in temporary premises on four acres of land on the corner of Pearce and Chapel Streets, which had been donated to the education department by H. Muntz and J.P. McNamara for that purpose.

Tenders were called for the erection of a brick building on the site, but as all tenders received were in excess of the approved expenditure of £2,520, it was decided to enlarge the old school building by adding two classrooms, a common room and a 'masters' room to the brick portion.

The higher elementary and primary schools shared this accommodation until 1959.

Picola's David McKenzie was a student of the school from 1954-1957 and remembers it being a big step up from Picola Primary School which then had 25 students.

"The high elementary, as we called it then, had 90 students but only 36 of them, from prep through to fourth form, were boys, so we struggled to even put together a football team," he said.

Fourth form was as high as the school went, and most students didn't go that far, leaving around the time they turned 14, which was legal school-leaving age.

Mr McKenzie left when he finished fourth form at 15, going to work full time on his parents' farm.

"Two students from my year went on to do fifth and sixth forms by correspondence, which was your only option then if you wanted to continue past fourth form locally."

Almost 60 years after it opened, Nathalia higher elementary school finally began to expand from its original site to its current Chapel St premises.

The expansion had become necessary, in large part, due to the influx of children whose families had moved to the area to take part in the soldier settlement scheme.

In his final year of school, Mr McKenzie was one of the first students to attend woodwork, needlework and cookery classes in newly erected buildings at the Chapel St site.

"Before that, we only really had reading, writing and maths," Mr McKenzie said.



Now and then ... Current Nathalia Secondary College student Teagan Peterson and former student David McKenzie are proud to celebrate the school's centenary.

The school began to deliver classes entirely from the Chapel St site in 1959, and formally became Nathalia High School.

In 1990 the name changed again, and what began as Nathalia higher elementary school has since been known as Nathalia Secondary College.

Over time, the curriculum has evolved as well, and current students have access to a range of subjects that are a far cry from the 'three Rs' that Mr McKenzie was familiar with.

In conjunction with St. Mary of the Angels, with whom the school works closely to maximise the opportunities of local students, VCE students are able to study subjects including

art, biology, business management, chemistry, drama, economics, food & technology, geography, health & human development, history, legal studies, literature, maths, media, music performance, outdoor & environment studies, physical education, physics, woodwork, psychology and visual communication & design.

In addition to these, senior students are able to study Victorian Education and Training courses (VET - equivalent to TAFE certificate) in building & construction, hospitality, automotive, electro-technology and engineering.

The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), which prepares students for apprenticeships, traineeships and employment, is also offered.

2019 school captain Teagan Peterson looks slightly baffled by David's recounting of his school days; having so few students, so few subjects and only being able to attend until year 10 are completely foreign concepts to her.

"I've always known the school to have around 140 students so 90 seems tiny," she said.

"The choice of subjects is really broad now too, so there is something for everyone, no matter what direction you want to take, and because we share resources with St Mary's, everybody in town gets access to more subjects and more facilities, so we're all really lucky."

It may be a whole different world to the one David McKenzie experienced at school, but he's 100% on board with it.

"For a small country town in northern Victoria we're really lucky to have such a great school," he said.

"I think education means more now than it did in my day because the world is much more competitive and young people are much more

driven.

"A lot of the things that are taught today just didn't exist in my day, but it's important that young people have access to them now so they can compete in the world."

John Sciacca, who has been principal of Nathalia Secondary College for the past nine years, said that, although the college has been on several sites over its time, it is the relationships it has forged and maintained in the district throughout its history that are being celebrated in its centenary year.

"There have been many changes over the years but Nathalia Secondary College has managed to retain its identity as a school that challenges ideas and embraces innovation in education," he said.

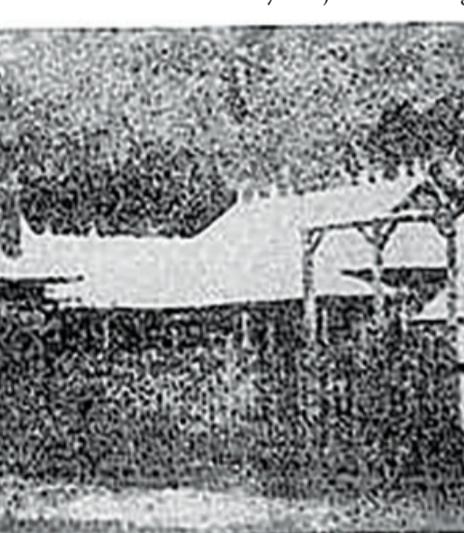
"I am so proud to be part of the 100 year celebration of state secondary education in Nathalia, and I encourage everyone to come along in October and celebrate with us."

The first weekend in October looks to be a big one throughout the town, with a reunion and catch up at the community centre from 7pm on Saturday, October 5, and photos and formal tours of the school, from 10am on Sunday 6.

"Organise your old school mates to celebrate the achievement over the last 100 years and reminisce on the old days at the college," Mr Sciacca said.

Past students, staff or interested persons are invited to check out the website <http://nathalia100th.edublogs.org>, or call the school on 5866 2331 to find out more.

The Saturday evening function is \$50 per person which includes a two course meal, and is BYO alcohol. Register at nathalia100th.edublogs.org or ring the school on 5866 2331.



Early days ... The school as it looked following its first extension, in its early years, on the original site.

General view of School Buildings at Official Opening by Mr Frank Tate.

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Tee Pee Kids conjures a whole new world

Review by Marie Martin

A MAGIC carpet ride where you're flying, soaring and free-wheeling, opening up a whole new world where you can let your heart decide - that's the experience Numurkah Singers' TeePee Kids' production of *Aladdin* provided to local audiences over the weekend.

The setting is the market place in Arabian Agraba - teeming with vendors, beggars, thieves, guards, fortune tellers, and locals, all jostling for a piece of the action, and setting the scene for the tale of *Aladdin Jr.*

The opening number 'Arabian Nights', with stunning costuming and choreography matching the sensuous sounds of the mystical east, and sets evoking a searing hot, dry and mysterious land, placed the audience straight into the heart of the age old, *Tales of 1001 Arabian Nights*.

Bradley Skidmore was a marvellous Aladdin, instantly impressive as the knockabout peniless local boy, friend to all, who meets the disguised free spirited, Princess Jasmine (Chloe Hicks) in the market place.

Princess Jasmine wants to choose who she marries, which is contrary to the dictates of current palace law.

Both feeling trapped by circumstance in their respective worlds, there is an instant meeting of minds, and an amazing bond is formed between Aladdin and Jasmine. Both actors gave commanding performances.

Sophie Guy (as Kassim), Addison Fiore (as Babkak) and Mia Conte (as Omar) all gave great supporting performances as Aladdin's friends.

Prince Abdullah (Charlotte Brown) is suitably annoyed with the rebuff of a marriage proposal to Princess Jasmine, while Sultan (Heidi Skinner) personifies the exasperated father having to come to terms with his daughter's wish to choose her own heart's desire. Indeed a whole new world!

Meanwhile, Jafar schemes to become the Sultan. Oscar Rout-

ley's strong stage presence in the role, along with a commanding voice and air of all-pervading malevolence, sent chills down the spine, as he and his accomplice, Iago (Tiernan Wylie) carry out their plotting.

They invoke a Genie (Luke Martin) to help them in their quest. Luke Martin had great stage presence, remaining in character throughout and engaging with his audience. A great performance.

Innovative set design allowed for seamless action throughout, while the colour palette was true to life. The Cave of Wonders, dripping with jewels as well as holding the all-important lamp, was a sight to behold.

Aladdin opens up a whole new world outside the palace walls for Princess Jasmine, while he himself eventually discovers that infinite strength and wealth come from within.

The moral to this tale is, 'that it is best to be yourself, because poor or rich you are a diamond in the rough.'

The entire cast was disciplined in their performances of this classic tale, presenting a delightful tightly knit show. Their love of performance and their engagement with their audience was palpable.

This is Kelsey Dealys first time as director. Kelsey lives and breathes theatre, and she is to be highly congratulated, along with assistant director Jane Willis and choreographer Breeanna Poar, and the entire crew, for bringing this lively, magical and entertaining production to our local stage.

This production has provided a wonderful theatrical experience and growth for all of the young people involved, which bodes well for our whole community.

Aladdin Jr is based on the 2014 Broadway production of *Aladdin*, produced by Disney Theatrical Productions and directed and choreographed by Casey Nicholaw.



Magical tale ... Addison Fiore as Babkak, Bradley Skidmore as Aladdin, Mia Conte as Omar and Sophie Guy as Kassim weave a captivating tale on stage.



Talented ensemble ... Luke Martin as the Genie leads the ensemble in a bit of song and dance.

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Nominate a champion volunteer

NOMINATIONS are now open for The Premier's Volunteer Champions Awards 2019, and there is no shortage of candidates that could be put forward from the Numurkah district.

Up to 60 awardees will be selected from the nominations, with awards being given in the categories of leadership, impact, service, and teamwork, as well as the Premier's Volunteer of the Year, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Award.

The awards were created to recognise and honour the significant contributions and outstanding commitment of volunteers across Victoria, and the incredible impact they have in building our communities, services, and connections.

All awardees will be honoured at a special presentation ceremony, and receive a certificate and badge.

This quick guide can help you decide which category is the best one in which to nominate your favourite local volunteer:

Service

Do you know someone who has given service to one or more organisations or causes for many years, or in many capacities?

Perhaps they're the person who always says "yes" whenever there's a call for help, or who has helped with everything from the canteen to the committee, or perhaps they're someone everyone relies on to keep things moving? Or do you know someone who just always shows up and does their best to help?

Impact

There are some people who see a problem or an issue and figure out a way to solve it, not just for themselves, but for everyone in the community.

Do you know someone who has fixed a problem, facilitated a solution, or simply figured out how to deliver change, whether small or large for their organisation, sector, or community?

Leadership

Leaders are the people that bring others together, that set the path, that can identify a way through to solve an issue, improve a service, or connect the dots. They're the ones that not only create change, but bring others on the journey with them.

Leaders occur at all levels of an organisation, not just those in formal leadership positions. Do you know someone who has established or improved or grown a service, engaged others and built a team, or helped build connections?

Teamwork

Sometimes we create the most effective results by working together. Do you know a small group of people (up to 10 individuals) who have become a team to set up a project, run a service, or build an organisation? Have they created something bigger than themselves and made it stronger through teamwork?

One look at the *Numurkah Leader* every week leaves little doubt that there are many people in our community that fit into the above categories, and that our local communities couldn't do without.

So, don't be shy, nominate your favourite local volunteer now.

Nominations close at 5pm this Friday, June 28.

To make a nomination, or for more information, visit: <https://volunteer.vic.gov.au/about-awards>.



Surprised and honoured ... Duncan McPherson (centre) and his mother Melva with Terry Brennan, who presented Duncan with the award named for his father.

Rotary celebrates another great year

THE Rotary Club of Numurkah has celebrated another big year of service to the community with its annual changeover dinner on Monday night.

President Stephen Mills was honoured for his year of service before the reigns were handed to president elect Lorraine Greenwood.

Other members were honoured for their service, with a particularly poignant moment being the awarding of the Col McPherson Community Service award to his son Duncan McPherson.

The award is named in honour of Col McPherson due to his outstanding service to the Numurkah community for many years, and

has been resented every year since 1988.

Presenting the award to Duncan, last year's awardee Terry Brennan said that Duncan had given outstanding service to the community, especially in promoting the town and tirelessly working to organise events to attract tourism.

Duncan told the *Leader* that it was an honour, and a complete surprise, to receive the award named for his father.

"I had no idea it was coming," he said.

"Dad instilled that sense in me that it's important to be involved in community events and make things happen for your community,

but compared to him I don't think I've done much at all."

The other awardee of the evening was Paul Arnel, who received the award for Vocational Service.

The event gave members a chance to reflect on the activities and successes of the past year, which included welcoming five new members, hosting 42 guest speakers, another successful art and craft exhibition which raised \$14,000, and a hugely successful business breakfast at which 200 people enjoyed the inspiring story of guest speaker Susan Alberti.

New president Lorraine Greenwood said that having been with Rotary for seven years, she is looking forward to serving it as president.

"I'm looking forward to a good year," she said.

Ms Greenwood said that the club's primary focus for the coming year is saving Numurkah's outdoor swimming pool.

"It's a wonderful community facility, which we think is so important for the town to maintain," she said.

The Rotary Club believe that we can assist with the aims of increasing attendance at the pool and we have already earmarked some funds towards improving the facility with that aim in mind."



Changeover ... New president Lorraine Greenwood takes the reigns from outgoing president Stephen Mills.



Vocational service ... Paul Arnel receives the vocational service award from past president Jacque Phillips.



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NSC students inspired by courageous exhibition

THE only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing. So said Edmund Burke, and on Monday, Numurkah Secondary College students were given the chance to examine the true meaning of that quote at a unique interactive exhibition at a Shepparton primary school.

The Courage to Care exhibition allows students to learn about the consequences of unchallenged racism, prejudice, bullying and bystander behaviour by a close examination of the circumstances of the holocaust.

Head of English Rae Wood, who accompanied students to the exhibition, said that it tied in with NSC's school-wide positive behaviour program.

"We encourage the students to be upstanders when they see injustice in their world and that's what Courage to Care is all about," she said.

"It highlighted how those who were prepared to stand up against the injustice of the holocaust, often at great risk to themselves, were able to make a powerful difference to the individuals they helped, and are now recognised as the Righteous Among the Nations."

Year 11 student Daniel Dobson said he found the exhibition inspiring.

"It was a great experience and there was a lot of learning and information. It was really interesting to hear more about how the holocaust started and the smaller acts of discrimination that led up to it," he said.

"I found it really interesting on a personal level to learn how to recognise bullying and discrimination and stand up against it effectively."

One of the highlights for Daniel was hearing from Henry Eckert AM, who managed to survive the holocaust in Poland by hiding in a cupboard, and came to Australia as a refugee.

"To hear about how he went on to become a doctor and head of the cancer department at the Royal Childrens Hospital was amazing."



Inspiring ... NSC students were inspired by the survival story of Henry Eckert AM.

Have your say on new local government act

THE Victorian Government is seeking community feedback on its plan to improve democracy, accountability and service delivery in Victoria's 79 local councils.

On Monday, Minister for Local Government Adem Somyurek announced the State Government's intention to introduce the Local Government Bill 2019 into parliament later this year, with six new proposed reforms.

The 2019 bill builds on the Local Government Bill 2018, which was the result of a three-year consultation with councils, communities and sector bodies.

The new reforms in the bill, include:

- Simplifying and clarify enrolments for voters in council elections;
- Introducing mandatory training for council election candidates and councillors;
- Capping electoral campaign donations and gifts;

- Allowing for the dismissal of a councillor after a community-initiated Commission of Inquiry;
- Defining standards of conduct to guide councillor behaviour and make dealing with councillor conduct issues faster and easier; and
- Introducing a preference for single member wards to make councils more accountable.

The new bill retains the reforms under the 2018 bill that were designed to empower councils to improve service delivery, by focusing on deliberative engagement and long-term financial management.

Minister Somyurek said the new laws will help councils be more accountable, democratic and responsive.

"These changes boost consultation and engagement between councils, residents, ratepayers and businesses – as well as providing for ongoing accountability," he said.

These reforms will:

- Require councils to involve their community in developing policy and long-term planning;
- Align CEO employment and renumeration to public sector entities;
- Enable joint meetings of councils and greater council collaboration and innovation; and
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Local tradie creating dreams of all shapes



No job too unusual ... Darryl and Sienna Newell show off the almost complete house boat, with the help of Maudie and Bullet.

THEY often say the true value of having a trade is that you always have something to fall back on, but qualified cabinet maker Darryl Newell is falling forward - into all sorts of things he never expected.

Darryl owns and operates Murray Valley Motor Homes, which, as it turns out, builds and sells a lot more than just caravans and motor homes.

When the *Leader* visited Darryl last week he was busy working on a mobile dog wash being built into a transit van, which was a first for him.

"The couple I'm making it for had trouble finding someone to do it around Shepparton, but I was more than happy to have a go. It's something a bit different and it's been interesting," he said.

Dominating Darryl's workshop at the moment is another project that represents a first for him - a houseboat.

Darryl has built the body of the houseboat from cool room panels, and installed a shower and toilet.

Far from finding unusual projects daunting, Darryl enjoys the challenge.

"You've got to try your hand at different things, and stuff like this is pretty straightforward really.

"You just need to use your brain and ask questions so everyone is on the same page and understands the expectations, and then you just commit to doing a quality job."

Almost three decades as a cabinet maker have given Darryl an important set of profes-

sional skills, but he's also the kind of bloke who'd accumulated plenty of practical skills at a fairly high level before he could even vote.

"I was always working on cars and other projects with my dad, and I can do most stuff. I've built plenty of things for my own family, including a camper trailer we use all of the time, so I know what works and what doesn't," he said.

"It's good because I know how things work beyond just what my own trade is."

Another valuable string to Darryl's bow as a local tradie is a network of other tradies.

"I've been working with Bill Logie on the houseboat, because he has some expertise there that I don't."

"Being able to bring other people in, whose work you trust, is important. It's also an important safeguard for customers when they're using local tradies and business, because we're right here and we can help them out if anything goes wrong - we're not going to tell them we're too busy to help them."

As well as dabbling in more unusual projects, Darryl routinely builds, repairs and services caravans and motor homes, including performing insurance work.

As for the most unusual project he's ever worked on, Darryl doesn't have to reach far.

"I trimmed a bloke's wooden leg once, so that one was pretty memorable."

"It was a small job, but a pretty important one."

Epilepsy support line opens today

AN Australian-first telephone and email service to support people living with epilepsy and their families has been launched today by Epilepsy Action Australia.

The Epilepsy Nurse Line, which is available from 9am to 5pm seven days a week in all Australian states and territories, has been funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, addressing a condition that the World Health Organisation (WHO) refers to as 'neglected'.

WHO also declared that addressing the quality of life of people affected by epilepsy is a public health priority.

It is anticipated that the Epilepsy Nurse Line, which includes both a telephone and email service, will be especially life changing for people living in rural and remote regions of Australia, who may have limited access to medical professionals trained in epilepsy management.

Calls to the Epilepsy Nurse Line will be answered immediately by a registered nurse trained in epilepsy management, and emails will be answered within 24 hours.

The epilepsy nurses on the helpline are qualified to answer questions about medications, lifestyle implications of epilepsy such as drinking alcohol, driving, playing sport or pregnancy, planning for the NDIS, employment, first aid,

seizure management and more.

The nurses can also refer callers on to external services or more specialist epilepsy nurses and consultants, if the nature of the call warrants further assistance.

Carol Ireland, CEO of Epilepsy Action Australia, said there are around 250,000 people diagnosed with epilepsy in Australia, many of whom only see their epilepsy specialist once or twice a year.

"The Epilepsy Nurse Line has been developed specifically to improve health outcomes for people affected by epilepsy," Ms Ireland said.

"It will mean that a person who has a question about their medication can get an almost instant response, or a person concerned about a family member who has had a seizure can get immediate advice as to what to do next."

Associate Professor Armin Nikpour, Head of Neurology at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, said epilepsy is an incredibly complex condition and can also be very unpredictable.

"I know that many of my patients with epilepsy and their families will find this new Epilepsy Nurse Line extremely helpful in terms of accessing reliable, safe and qualified information about their condition, at a time when they need it most," he said.

Bushfire centre views sought

NORTHERN Victorian residents are being invited to have their say on a new bushfire museum and education centre.

The centre is intended to raise awareness of the history, stories and lessons of the 2009 Victorian bushfires, as well as other significant fires.

The State Government is calling on communities across the region to participate in the online public consultation process, which seeks input from bushfire-affected communities, First Peoples community members and those involved in bushfire recovery and emergency management.

The Bushfire Anniversary Advisory Group

has recommended creating a bushfire museum with a reflective space to commemorate our past and educate generations into the future.

The consultation will seek community views on how a centre or program would function, possible locations if a permanent site was to be established, and what visitors would expect to see and learn during a visit.

Feedback gathered during the consultation process will help shape the next steps for the project which is being led by Creative Victoria in consultation with groups including the CFA.

The Victorian Bushfire Centre public consultation is open until August 15.

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What starts out small doesn't always stay that way. Elder abuse is hard to picture, but it happens every day.

Ponderosa Park quiet achievers at sale

NATHALIA'S Ponderosa Park has shown the big horse studs how it's done, coming home from the Inglis Great Southern Sale as the top Victorian vendor by aggregate.

With 20 thoroughbred weanlings for sale, Ponderosa, which is operated by Sue Miller and Paul Kelly, ended the sale as the top Victorian vendor, achieving an average price of \$45,615 and a top price of \$110,000 for a single horse.

Ponderosa's Paul Kelly said it was a pretty good

effort for a small stud.

"The great southern sale is our main target we aim for every year, so to enjoy this level of success there is extremely satisfying," he said.

"Nationally, we were only beaten by two big and well established studs from New South Wales."

"We're minute - just a little corner shop operation - compared to these guys."

Ponderosa achieved an overall clearance rate of 75%, including horses sold at home post-sale.

The sale results are just the latest success the Ponderosa team has enjoyed since the stud moved from Ballarat to Nathalia in 2013.

In 2014, Ponderosa bred Kiwi Ida which has so far won 10 races in New Zealand, including two listed races - the Canterbury Bell and the NZ Group Three breeders race.

Paul puts Ponderosa's success down to hard work and good conditions.

"The conditions and climate around Nathalia

really suit breeding and growing good horses," he said.

"And you have to work hard. If you've got a good climate and you put in the work, you'll see the results."

"Good staff make a big difference as well. It's a whole team effort, and we rely on good staff at the sales, as well as the farm, to create the success we've had so far."

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Winners are grinners ... Benalla Shorts MC Kevin Perry congratulates Jack Braddy for winning Best Performance for *Grave Expectations*, with judges John Orcsik and Tony Bonner AM.

Quality shorts coming to town

IT'S a uniquely tricky challenge to tell a story with depth in just a few minutes, but entrants in the 2019 Benalla Short Film Festival have done just that - and Numurkah residents are getting the chance to marvel at their skill right here in town.

The 10 films, ranging in length from three to 10 minutes, were screened to a capacity crowd at the Benalla festival in April, and cover everything from action to comedy and science fiction to documentaries.

Now in its fifth year, Benalla Shorts has an impressive track record of choosing films that go on to enjoy great recognition.

Solitude by Michael Raso, which had its first ever screening at Benalla in 2017 and was crowned winner that year, has gone on to win 16 awards and be shown at the renowned Cannes Film Festival.

The young Perth filmmaker responsible for last year's winner, animated short *iRony*, went on to win a 10 week scholarship with Pixar studios in Los Angeles.

For the first time, two films tied for first place this year.

Judge Tony Bonner AM, who is well known to Australian audiences having appeared in iconic Australian productions including *Skippy the Bush Kangaroo*, *Anzacs*, *Cop Shop*, *The Man From Snowy River* and *Pizza*, told the *Leader* that he and fellow judge John Orczik simply couldn't separate the two films.

"Robbie and Rose and *The Shadow* are very different films but are both excellent and very deserving of first place," he said.

Speaking to Mr Bonner about what makes a good short film, one word came up again and again - interesting.

"I was looking for something that had an interesting concept that was well executed, given the budget, facilities and time available to the film makers. You look at that initial thought they had and how they constructed it and put it on screen and told the story in the time they had."

"But, first and foremost, it has to be interesting."

It was Mr Bonner's first time judging at the festival as his filming schedule has always prevented him in the past, but he said it won't be his last time.

"It was a marvellous weekend and I really applaud them for celebrating and encouraging young budding filmmakers and providing them with a platform. I'm so glad I finally got down there to experience it," he said.

"And I'm very glad the films are being shown in other regional venues like Numurkah and that many more people will get a chance to enjoy them."

Benalla Shorts will be screening at Numurkah Town Hall at 3pm on Sunday, July 7.

Tickets are available from <https://www.trybooking.com/BDMDL>.



Famous judges ... Tony Bonner and John Orczik were impressed with the quality on offer at Benalla Shorts.

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Messages received yesterday stated that Germany has agreed to the peace terms dictated by the Allies.

The Town Band.—It has been suggested to us on several occasions that the fine work being done by the Town Band does not receive merited recognition, and in that opinion most people will concur. For over five years the band has been at the beck and call of the townspeople, at patriotic gatherings, and when soldiers were farewelled or welcomed home. The boys give up their time and comfort ungrudgingly, this being the only way they could "do their bit", but they feel, and rightly, too, that now and again mention might be made of the services they have, and still are, rendering.

Early and late, the boys are in their places when wanted, and besides earning the greater portion of the funds required for the band's maintenance they each pay tuition fees. It is felt that this latter tax should not be imposed on them, and if the townspeople will volunteer to contribute but a small sum monthly the committee would be in a position to relieve them. But some folk seem to grudge the 1/- a month they have promised to contribute, and in some quarters the collector is not met too cordially. 'Tis an unthankful world we're living in."

The Diggers' "Raid."—Chaplain-Major Kennedy, formerly of Yarrawonga, has written a book, and it makes somewhat sensational revelations regarding the struggle at Fromelles on 19th July, 1916, in which the Australians fought bravely outnumbered.

He says: "Everywhere there was the same fierce resentment against the divisions who failed to assist us in the affair, and so allowed us to attempt the impossible and be wiped out in the gallant endeavour... The casualties to our division alone numbered roughly 7000, and weren't we flattered when it was called a few days later in the English papers as a raid by Australian troops!"

The Popular "Digger."—Further evidence of the esteem in which the Australian soldier is held in France and England was furnished by Rev. J. W. Maunders at the annual breakfast on Tuesday last of the Church of England Men's Society. Mr Maunders, who is vicar of the parish of Wimbledon, England, said that, coming as he did, "red hot" from the seat of Empire, he had a peculiar pleasure in addressing an Australian audience.

He recalled the "red letter day" when, in Amiens Cathedral, there was a thanksgiving service for the saving of Amiens from the hordes of Germany. The words with which the Archbishop of Amiens commenced his sermon on that occasion had an echo in the heart of every Britisher—"By the grace of God and the valor of the Australian army Amiens is saved." He, in England, had enjoyed throwing open the doors of his vicarage to all the Australians he could get to know, and his vicarage had acquired the nickname in the parish of "The Australian Headquarters." He was very proud of that title.

WUNGNU v. NUMURKAH

The Wungnu ground was somewhat moist and slippery when the Wungnu boys faced the Numurkah team on Saturday, but notwithstanding, a good game resulted. Wungnu won the toss and decided to kick with the wind. Early in the game it was seen that the local lads were not making much use of their initial advantage, as they only succeeded in kicking one goal and two behinds. Numurkah having the advantage in height and weight, was able to hold them in check, with the result that the first quarter ended with the scores level. In the second quarter Numurkah secured the lead, and from that time they steadily increased it, until they had put a substantial gap between themselves and their opponents. The game was played in a friendly spirit, and on the day's play the best team won. The only incident of a regrettable nature was the spiteful action of one of the visiting players in attempting to kick a Wungnu footballer who happened to bring him down. More ought to be heard of this incident, as it might have had serious consequences. The final scores were:—Numurkah, 12 goals 12 behinds: Wungnu, 2 goals 9 behinds. Numurkah's best were Kewish, Coxon, Jordan (who kicked five goals), Bignell and Dudley, whilst the more prominent for Wungnu were Bourke, J. Linehan, Carlisle, Dudley and Pinchbeck.

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Waiting to be reunited with Fran and Rhonda

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Nathalia 4.2, 7.7, 12.9, 15.13 (103)

Katandra 1.1, 7.5, 8.6, 10.8 (68)

GOALS, Nathalia: J. Limbrick 4, L. Evans 2, J. Brown 2, A. Hicks 2, B. Bell 2, A. Jorgenson 1, C. Congues 1, H. Cobblewick 1. Katandra: T. Herbert 3, R. Shannon 2, T. Griner 2, R. Yze 2, L. Minogue 1.

BEST, Nathalia: H. Cobblewick, L. Evans, T. Nihill, B. Ross, R. Shannon, C. Congues. Katandra: C. Hickford, M. McGrath, L. Quibell, T. Herbert, L. Minogue, R. Wardle.

RESERVES

Moama 5.0, 8.6, 10.9, 14.11 (95)

Cobram 4.0, 4.0, 6.1, 7.3 (45)

GOALS, Moama: Z. McGregor 4, B. Walker 2, J. Galpin 2, M. Veitch 1, T. Christie 1, J. Smith 1, B. Steenbuck 1, R. Murphy 1, M. Hewes 1. Cobram: J. MacKenzie 5, R. Hayes 1, A. Ventre 1.

BEST, Moama: D. Wright, Z. McGregor, A. Dewinne, K. Phipps, J. Smith, J. Galpin. Cobram: J. MacKenzie, J. Tejones, A. Ventre, H. King, J. Grant, J. Raco.

Deniliquin Rams 3.4, 8.7, 14.9, 16.13 (109)

Numurkah 1.0, 1.2, 1.2, 3.3 (21)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: H. Ross 4, B. Nisbet 3, S. Werner 3, J. Tubb 1, A. Buckley 1, J. McManus 1, J. Allitt 1, M. Panton 1, R. Barnes 1. Numurkah: H. Lambert 1, J. Millen 1, L. Mansfield 1.

BEST, Deniliquin Rams: J. Tubb, J. McManus, H. Ross, S. Werner, L. Ives, A. Buckley. Numurkah: T. Maltman, H. Lambert, P. Collins, K. Rees, B. Millen, L. Mansfield.

Echuca United 4.3, 11.4, 16.6, 24.8 (152)

Congupna 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 3.0 (18)

GOALS, Echuca United: A. McMahon 13, Z. Moluso 4, S. Simpson 3, B. Allsop 1, A. Carmody 1, T. McMinn 1, C. Brown 1. Congupna: not supplied.

BEST, Echuca United: A. McMahon, R. Morgan, Z. Moluso, S. Simpson, L. Gundry, J. Steel. Congupna: not supplied.

Rumbalara 3.2, 5.5, 12.9, 17.14 (116)

Barooga 1.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.9 (21)

GOALS, Rumbalara: G. Weston 5, B. Larkins 2, M. Clarke 2, B. Armstrong 2, D. Patten 2, B. Fowler 1, K. Atkinson 1, M. Johnstone 1, T. Baksh 1. Barooga: L. Baxter 1, D. Trener 1.

BEST, Rumbalara: B. Armstrong, D. Patten, B. Larkins, K. Atkinson, M. Johnstone, J. Clark. Barooga: S. Macheda, X. Hunt, Z. Goodwin, K. Hore, P. Francis, D. Trener.

Tongala 3.3, 11.4, 12.12, 14.14 (98)

Tungamah 1.0, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 (16)

GOALS, Tongala: J. Moran 5, T. Strapp 3, S. Tyler 2, T. Vick 1, B. Denham 1, T. Pyke 1, J. Regan 1. Tungamah: J. Ash 2.

BEST, Tongala: T. Vick, B. Joyce, B. Denham, T. Strapp, J. Tyler, C. Lowe. Tungamah: A. Richardson, J. Whinray, S. Kellogg, H. Kelly, D. Whykes, J. Saunders.

Finley 2.6, 4.8, 6.11, 9.13 (67)

Mulwala 1.3, 3.5, 5.7, 8.9 (57)

GOALS, Finley: S. Jewell 3, C. Robertson 2, F. Taig 2, R. Donkin 1, J. McDonald 1. Mulwala: J. Bozzola 4, B. Nixon 2, F. Fletcher 1, C. Nye 1.

BEST, Finley: C. Robertson, W. Robertson, D. Conrick, S. Price, J. Robertson, J. Allan. Mulwala: C. O'Neill, L. Howroyd, F. Fletcher, J. Bozzola, D. Leadingham, B. Nixon.

Nathalia 3.1, 4.2, 6.5, 7.10 (52)

Katandra 1.1, 2.4, 3.5, 6.5 (41)

GOALS, Nathalia: J. Bell 2, D. Robinson 1, K. Hicks 1, S. Bennie 1, M. Davies 1, J. Hardy 1. Katandra: R. Williams 1, A. Jeffery 1, L. Dunham 1, J. Cormican 1, L. Dempsey 1, T. Cheer 1.

BEST, Nathalia: C. Kellow, D. Robinson, M. Davies, T. Atkins, J. Walpole, T. Richards. Katandra: L. Dunkley, J. Woods, R. Williams, F. Opie, L. Dempsey, F. Russell.

UNDER 17

Cobram 2.6, 5.8, 8.11, 9.13 (67)

Moama 0.0, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5 (5)

GOALS, Cobram: L. McShane 3, J. Cassidy 2, L. Allen

1, J. Opray 1, D. Langshaw 1, W. Slatterie 1. BEST, Cobram: L. Kennedy, D. Langshaw, N. Iddles, L. Hayes, L. McShane, C. Baxa. Moama: C. Vredenburg, N. Milner, M. Sicily, A. Mackenzie, D. Baldwin, L. Simpson.

Numurkah 3.3, 6.7, 6.8, 10.11 (71)

Deniliquin Rams 0.0, 4.0, 6.4, 8.4 (52)

GOALS, Numurkah: Z. McKeown 2, J. Hollands 2, M. Mansfield 2, B. Millen 1, B. Roberts 1, D. Ebborn 1, K. O'Dwyer 1. Deniliquin Rams: T. McCallum 3, L. Marshall 2, R. Milward 1, C. Dudley 1, D. McManus 1.

BEST, Numurkah: B. Millen, M. Mansfield, J. Hollands, K. O'Dwyer, Z. McKeown. Deniliquin Rams: H. Hillier, D. McManus, R. Milward, T. McCallum, L. Learmonth, C. Dudley.

Echuca United 2.1, 7.1, 9.1, 14.7 (91)

Congupna 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.3 (9)

GOALS, Echuca United: J. Jansen 3, J. Garner 3, M. Coote 2, N. Osborne 2, J. Priestley 2, J. Russell 1, M. Briscoe 1. Congupna: W. Batley 1.

BEST, Echuca United: M. Coote, J. Priestley, J. Garner, M. Briscoe, Z. Hard, C. Sidebottom. Congupna: J. Zausa, B. Gee, L. Bartels, M. Bell, N. Matthews, B. Watters.

Rumbalara 4.2, 4.3, 7.5, 10.8 (68)

Barooga 0.1, 1.3, 1.3, 2.3 (15)

GOALS, Rumbalara: B. Meloury 2, J. Stewart 2, M. Atkinson 1, J. Armstrong 1, B. Wilson 1, J. Sorgel 1, A. Atkinson 1, D. Turner 1. Barooga: J. Andrew 1, K. Trease 1.

BEST, Rumbalara: J. Sorgel, G. Handay, A. Atkinson, M. Atkinson, J. Armstrong, B. Meloury. Barooga: J. Andrew, R. Sampson, N. Doyle, C. Doyle, J. Brown, K. Trease.

Tongala 2.2, 6.4, 9.11, 13.18 (96)

Tungamah 0.1, 0.1, 0.2, 0.2 (2)

GOALS, Tongala: M. Cowley 5, R. Hatch 2, R. Souter 2, R. Locke 1, S. Cipriani 1, L. Cronin 1, J. Nevill 1.

BEST, Tongala: M. Cowley, T. Varcoe, B. Ohara, R. Souter, R. Locke, J. Stephens. Tungamah: B. Griffin, H. Sampson, D. Sidebottom, N. Connell, S. Haebich, O. Willis.

Finley 0.1, 2.3, 4.3, 7.3 (45)

Mulwala 2.3, 2.3, 5.4, 6.5 (41)

GOALS, Finley: S. Brain 4, E. Haynes 2, N. Lunn 1. Mulwala: L. Martin 2, J. Ednie 1, T. Adkins 1, B. Young-Mail 1, C. Phibbs 1.

BEST, Finley: L. Osborne, N. Lunn, H. Jamieson, H. John, E. Haynes, B. Coombs. Mulwala: R. Norman, Z. Scott, J. Ednie, J. Spain, K. Abikhair, B. Young-Mail.

Katandra 1.1, 5.4, 9.6, 13.7 (85)

Nathalia 0.2, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6 (12)

GOALS, Katandra: L. Turcato 4, A. Harrington 3, C. MacGibbon 3, M. Quinlan 1, T. Teasdale 1, A. Kittley 1. Nathalia: S. Young 1.

BEST, Tongala: A. Lovison, C. Ilett, A. Williams, A. Dennis, B. Cox, J. Souter. Tungamah: C. Powell, K. Rowe, T. Irvine, A. Saunders, C. Whinray, D. Haebich.

Finley 1.2, 4.5, 7.5, 12.8 (80)

Mulwala 3.3, 7.3, 11.7, 12.8 (80)

GOALS



One win ... Blues' Tim Oswald under attack from the Blacks' Annabelle Boschetti.

A win for Numurkah

THE Numurkah Knights under 10s were guaranteed a win this week, with the two Numurkah sides playing each other, but it was the Blues who scored the win, 4-2.

A great sense of excitement and friendly challenge filled both players and parents before the game and translated to a match that was exciting to watch.

Neither team let up and the ball was in constant motion, passing cleanly between the players.

Going into half time the Blues were two goals to the Blacks' single, but the Blacks were quick to score early in the second to draw even.

The Blues pulled ahead again with a third and, late in the half, a fourth and final goal to take the win over the Blacks.

UNDER EIGHTS

The under eights played Bourchier Eagles in what proved to be a tough game.

Down players due to illness, the Knights were always going to be in for a difficult match and the Eagles did not disappoint, pressing Numurkah's goalkeeper Georgie Hall hard in the net.

The Knights still managed to strike at goal with Declan Stockwin and Zavier Archer leading the attack, but unable to convert the shots.

The Knights all deserved awards for their tenacity.

NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

MNL

A GRADE

Cobram 43 def by Moama 53
Deniliquin 75 def Numurkah 18
Echuca United 57 def Congupna 30
Finley 42 def by Mulwala 48
Rumbalara 82 def Barooga 26
Katandra 33 def by Nathalia 53
Tungamah 29 def by Tongala 34

LADDER

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Rumbalara	11	10	1	0	697	347	40	200.86
Echuca United	11	9	1	1	648	369	38	175.61
Moama	11	9	1	1	618	365	38	169.32
Deniliquin	11	8	3	0	598	372	32	160.75
Cobram	11	7	4	0	491	514	28	95.53
Finley	11	7	4	0	469	509	28	92.14
Mulwala	11	6	5	0	409	439	24	93.17
Nathalia	11	5	5	1	413	403	22	102.48
Congupna	11	4	6	1	436	472	18	92.37
Tongala	11	4	7	0	371	495	16	74.95
Barooga	11	3	8	0	380	526	12	72.24
Tungamah	11	2	9	0	337	531	8	63.47
Numurkah	11	1	10	0	305	622	4	49.04
Katandra	11	0	11	0	346	554	0	62.45

B GRADE

Cobram 36 def by Moama 64
Deniliquin 48 def Numurkah 35
Echuca United 67 def Congupna 21
Finley 20 def by Mulwala 38
Rumbalara 42 def Barooga 38
Katandra 33 def by Nathalia 61
Tungamah 22 def by Tongala 51

LADDER

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Mulwala	11	10	0	1	509	299	42	170.23
Echuca United	11	9	1	1	606	335	38	180.9
Deniliquin	11	9	2	0	541	320	36	169.06
Moama	11	8	3	0	526	401	32	131.17
Tongala	11	7	4	0	444	379	28	117.15
Congupna	11	7	4	0	405	393	28	103.05
Cobram	11	6	5	0	440	450	24	97.78
Numurkah	11	4	7	0	399	489	16	81.6
Finley	11	4	7	0	347	429	16	80.89
Barooga	11	4	7	0	346	428	16	80.84
Nathalia	11	3	8	0	379	394	12	96.19
Rumbalara	11	3	8	0	364	519	12	70.13
Katandra	11	1	10	0	375	575	4	65.22
Tungamah	11	1	10	0	284	554	4	51.26

C GRADE

Cobram 37 def by Moama 44
Deniliquin 37 def Numurkah 30
Echuca United 59 def Congupna 14
Finley 21 def by Mulwala 64
Rumbalara 48 def Barooga 29
Katandra 41 def by Nathalia 48
Tungamah 14 def by Tongala 53

LADDER

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Echuca United	11	11	0	0	598	255	44	234.51
Deniliquin	11	10	1	0	661	365	40	181.1
Mulwala	11	9	2	0	549	313	36	175.4
Cobram	11	8	3	0	507	305	32	166.23
Nathalia	11	7	4	0	510	389	28	131.11
Tongala	11	7	4	0	454	375	28	121.07
Moama	11	6	5	0	457	475	24	96.21
Congupna	11	5	6	0	393	455	20	86.37
Katandra	11	4	7	0	430	481	16	89.4
Rumbalara	11	4	7	0	385	497	16	77.46
Finley	11	3	8	0	279	535	12	52.15
Numurkah	11	2	9	0	295	464	8	63.58
Tungamah	11	1	10	0	230	575	4	40
Barooga	11	0	11	0	317	581	0	54.56

C RESERVE

Cobram 27 def by Moama 50
Deniliquin 56 def Numurkah 28
Echuca United 63 def Congupna 21
Rumbalara 30 def by Barooga 57
Katandra 50 def Nathalia 43
Tungamah 26 drew Tongala 26

LADDER

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	
Echuca United	11	11	0	0	596	258	44	231.01	4
Deniliquin	10	9	1	0	528	262	36	201.53	3.6

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Echuca United	11	11	0	0	568	201	44	282.59
Deniliquin	11	10	1	0	554	257	40	215.56
Tongala	11	9	2	0	442	228	36	193.86
Tungamah	11	8	3	0	391	320	32	122.19
Nathalia	11	7	4	0	402	286	28	140.56
Barooga	11	7	4	0	387	312	28	124.04
Moama	11	7	4	0	326	299	28	109.03
Mulwala	11	5	6	0	328	377	20	87
Rumbalara	11	4	7	0	392	411	16	95.38
Cobram	11	4	7	0	282	374	16	75.4
Katandra	11	1	9	1	238	441	6	53.97
Congupna	11	1	9	1	199	478	6	41.63
Finley	11	1	10	0	246	434	4	56.68
Numurkah	11	1	10	0	204	541	4	37.71

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Echuca United	11	11	0	0	619	177	44	349.72
Tongala	11	10	1	0	562	214	40	262.62
Echuca United	11	9	2	0	420	234	36	179.49
Nathalia	11	9	2	0	392	256	36	153.13
Barooga	11	8	3	0	336	233	32	144.21
Moama	11	7	4	0	325	266	28	122.18
Mulwala	11	6	5	0	250	221	24	113.12
Rumbalara	11	5	6	0	295	232	20	91.33
Tungamah	11	4	7	0	279	371	16	75.2
Katandra	11	4	7	0	224	401	16	55.86
Numurkah	11	2	9	0	223	409	8	54.52
Finley	11	1	10	0	179	375	4	47.73
Cobram	11	1	10	0	123	370	4	33.24
Congupna	11	0	11	0	91	468	0	19.44

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Cobram	10	40	0	Moama	33	37	Deniliquin	68 def Numurkah 13
Deniliquin	10	40	0	Numurkah	10	13	Echuca United	64 def Congupna 6
Echuca United	10	37	3	def	Finley	24 def by Mulwala 32		
Tongala	10	37	3	def	Rumbalara	32 def by Barooga 32		
Katandra	10	31	6	def	Congupna	11 def by Nathalia 43		
Nathalia	10	31	6	def	Tungamah	2 def by Tongala 59		

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Berrigan	10	1	10	0	655	278	40	235.61
Waala	10	1	9	0	543	296	36	183.45
Mathoura	10	1	8	0	398	287	32	138.68
Katunga	10	1	7	0	413	305	28	135.41
Deni Rovers	10							



Always on track ... Bev McIntosh putted this well all day on Saturday.

Fourball done and dusted

by "The Shankster"

ROBYN Hodgkin and Loraine Craig have joined forces to win one of the most coveted handicap events on the Numurkah women's golfing calendar, winning the Saturday fourball event on Tuesday.

It has been a bit of a whirlwind for the pair, who played their semi final on the Sunday, when they defeated Jenny Ludington and Liz Dell, and then backed up on Tuesday to defeat Felicity Booth and Lauris Ashton in the final, four and three.

It is the first time the pair have teamed up for this event, but they are sure to be lining up again next year to defend their title.

The women hit off for last Wednesday's Royal Women's Hospital fourball qualifier with the morning's temperature somewhere around 5°C, but happy that the sun was shining, and sure that the day would warm up nicely - and it did.

While the women were in the clubhouse waiting for everything to finish, the best

two scores came in with the last group.

Mavis Birrell and Bev Peacock combined beautifully to come in with the best score of the day, 43 points, finishing ahead of their playing partners, Bev Hutchins and Sue Plattfuss, with 40 points.

Both pairs have qualified for the Royal Women's Hospital fourball regional final, which will be played at Cobram-Ba-rooga on July 15.

Marie Ryan won nearest the pin on the seventh hole, and Mavis Birrell won the Numurkah Bakery voucher on the cake hole 18th.

Bev McIntosh had a day out on Saturday, winning the day's Numurkah Milk stableford trophy round by three points.

With scores having been a tad ordinary lately, Bev's 40 points was a terrific result, although conditions were nearly perfect, if just a bit chilly.

Bev hit the ball well, but it was her putting that really earned her the sponsor's shirt, making those ones that you hope you might get, but never bank on.

The birthday girl Robyn Hodgkin finished in second place with 37 points, ahead of Kath Hepworth, Helen Schmedje and Bev Hutchins, all on 36 points, and Pauline Davies rounded out the ball winners with 35 points, winning a countback.

Sue Plattfuss and Lauris Ashton both suggested that they had few more than one good shot for the day, but both went home with a ball, more than most of the field, for being closest to the pin, Sue on the fourth, and Lauris on the 15th. These are both long par threes, and difficult holes for the women to get onto.

Bev McIntosh won the ball on the seventh, and Nola Dalton won the 18th.

Today's golf will be the rescheduled monthly medal round from two weeks ago, along with a putting round and a silver spoon round.

Saturday will be a Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal, and next Wednesday will be the Meat on Melville foursomes, that will double as the Doris Chambers qualifier.

Nifty and Bugs fight it out

ALTHOUGH not having the best scores of the day, Numurkah golfers dominated the A grade event at the GV veterans' competition at Hill Top Golf Club on Monday.

A field of 104 golfers braved the crisp morning frost, and were rewarded with a beautiful sunny day.

Neville Smith and Neil Hutchins both finished with 35 stableford points to lead A grade and take home the Rushworth Community Bank sponsored trophies, but it was Nifty who defeated Bugs in the countback.

B grade winner was Clive

Merrigum, coming in with 40 points on his home course, while Mooroopna's Laurie Stewart was runner-up with 35 points.

Ian Clarke from Kialla had the best score of the day, to win C grade with 41 points, well clear of runner-up Kevin Taylor from Shepparton, with 37 points.

Nearest the pin was contested on the ninth hole set at about 128 metres. Ruth Isse, a visiting guest from Axedale, was successful in A grade; Phil Steers, Euroa, in B grade; and Barry Webber, Merrigum in C grade.

The ball run down included John Keller, John Boruch, Bill Green, Bernard O'Hare, Neville Winch, Dennis Koik, Philip Jarvis, William Wright, Ray Coleman, David Fullager, John Welsh, David Shiells, Geoff Hamill, Shane Pollock, Jeff Carnie, Allan Newby, Paul Burns, Peter Lahiff, John Neale, Bill Chilcott, Bill Murphy, Graeme Frostick, Syd Roughsedge, Ray Winnell, Tom Martin, Bill Waite.

The association's next event is a fourball event at Shepparton Golf Club, on Monday, July 8, 9.30am assembly, 10am tee.

Katty jumps three places

KATAMATITE made a big move on the Numurkah indoor bowls ladder last week, with a 10-0, 30 shot win over fourth-placed Barooga on Thursday evening.

The winners jumped from sixth to third place, leapfrogging Nathalia, which won on one mat against Waiaia, but went down overall.

Strathmerton defeated Senior Citizens, with one mat win,

and Shamrock had a good win over Wunghnu in the battle of the cellar dwellers.

RESULTS

Strathmerton 8/56 d Senior Citizens 2/40. T. Haynes 19 lt B. Seymour 23; R. Clarke 37 d L. Addison 17.

Waiaia 8/57 d Nathalia 2/34. S. Cleeland 21 lt B. Hutchins 23; L. Clarke 36 d F. Hutchins 11.

Wunghnu 0/31 lt Shamrock 10/74. D. O'Connor 16 lt T.

Bullock 29; N. Barnes 15 lt K. Moffatt 45.

Katamatite 10/66 d Barooga 0/36. M. Nordbye 36 d E. Gordon 22; C. Owen 30 d I. Swain 14.

LADDER

Waiaia 75 +181; Strathmerton 62 +71; Katamatite 44 -9; Nathalia 43 +57; Barooga 37 -3; Senior Citizens 35 +5; Shamrock 24 -35; Wunghnu 0 -267.

Short Blues fall short

BEING short on numbers is starting to become a regular occurrence for the Numurkah A grade netballers, which is rarely conducive to a good game of netball.

Some of the B graders stepped up and rotated through the A grade game, but Deniliquin proved too strong, taking victory 75-18.

It took the girls a while to settle into positions, but again Danielle Beekman and Eilish Judd stepped up and worked hard to adapt to the court press that Deni played.

The girls are learning to adjust quicker, but need to work on quicker release and not turning their backs to the ball.

It wasn't a good day on the netball courts for the Blues,

with a draw for the under 11s the highlight of the day. Deniliquin is a strong club, with teams hovering around the top of the ladder in all grades.

Awards: Numurkah Hotel: Danielle Beekman; Brereton's Bakery: Eilish Judd.

B GRADE

After a three game winning streak, the Numurkah B graders fell to third placed Deniliquin by 40 goals on Saturday.

While it was a difficult game for the Blues, they did not give up without a fight.

The Deni girls are a well drilled group and the Blues pushed them to the limit.

Awards: Shamrock Hotel: Mary Down, Andrea

Dobson; Numurkah Café Bar & Restaurant: Rebecca Morris.

C GRADE

Despite going down by 43 goals, the C graders played a fantastic game.

Also low on numbers again, the juniors and reserves stepped up to play integral roles in the team.

Tea Brattle showed strength in goals and Daisy Lester ran the middle, attacking and defending tirelessly. Both girls were awarded for their impact on the game and consistent effort.

Ella Brattle and Zoe Martin were also effective in defence, but the whole team played their part and put in for the full four quarters.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Tea Brattle; Numurkah Café Bar & Restaurant: Daisy Lester.

C RESERVE

Deniliquin doubled Numurkah's score in the C reserve game, the second placed team taking victory 56-28.

17 UNDER

The under 11s provided the big highlight of the day for the Blue girls, ending their game in an 8-8 draw.

Two goals down at the final break, the Blues held Deni goalless for the quarter, while making up the difference with two goals of their own.

Brigid Brown goaled well, but all the girls played well.

Awards: Rush Food: Bridget Brown; Club: Milla Dobson.

Matt scoops the comp

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

MATT Ebborn blitzed his opposition in last Thursday's mid-week competition at Numurkah golf club.

Matt's score of 40 stableford points was a clear four points better than the runner-up, veteran golfing identity Ray Falla from Nathalia.

Other players whose score earned them club balls were: Roy Peterson 36, Steve Piggott and Bill Padgett 35, Jack Dell and Sid Roughsedge 34, Neville Smith and Barry

Pruden 33, Bill Green, Neil Hutchins, Mark Hegarty, Rob Collins, Hugh Gunn and John McHale all 32.

For the first time ever, local octogenarian Dick Maloney came in at the tail of the field to win the tin of boiled lollies. What a legend!

The nearest the pin awards were a continuation of the Matt Ebborn show, with Matt dominating by winning the GMCU ball on the fourth hole, the players' raffle money on the seventh

and the Pruden Carpentry ball on the 18th.

Gary Blackburn chimed in to make Graeme Sprunt pay for a ball on the 15th, but nobody could string two good shots together to take Dennis and Roy's offering on the 14th.

With the winter solstice behind us why not join us this Thursday? Players should assemble in the clubhouse at 9.30am for a 10 o'clock hit off. Visitors and guests are most welcome.

Bills lead the way

by "Archie Bunker"

BILL Padgett and Bill Green shared the points at Numurkah Golf Club in the fourth round of the Numurkah Milk stableford trophy with 39 points each on Saturday.

But it was Bill Padgett who took home the sponsor's shirt, winning on a countback. Bill has notably done some silly things on and off the course, but not on Saturday. He did everything that he needed to win the top prize.

Bill Green tried his best to win the shirt but just came up short, despite playing a flawless round.

Steve Piggott finished in third place with 38 points, finishing ahead of Rob Sutton on 37, Alan Dalton, Barry Pruden, Hugh Gunn and Geoff Partington, all on 36, Kerry Collins on 35 and Mitch Grandell on 34.

Alan Dalton won two nearest the pin balls, with good shots to the seventh and 18th greens, Peter Stonehouse won the ball on the fourth, and Davin Scott took out the 15th.

There was a half-hearted nomination for the Mickey Mouse ears, that wasn't really worthy of the humiliation, so the ears remained on the table

during presentations. The division three pennant team had the tough job of taking on Shepparton at Shepparton on Sunday, and failed to win a match.

Bob I'Anson went down 6/5, Chris Hicks 4/2, Peter Stonehouse and Mark Hegarty went down 2/1, and Steve Piggott finished two down on the 18th.

Golf this Saturday will be a Pierre Klaassen monthly medal round, with dinner in the club bistro afterwards. Everyone is welcome to stay and join with the regulars.

Bombers' fighting win

WAAIA'S A grade netballers worked hard at training last week, and it paid dividends for them on Saturday, when they took a fighting win over Mathoura.

Amy Williams was switched on right from the start, but the Bombers trailed by a small margin going into the second quarter.

From there, the girls tidied up their game and got in front. Great pressure all over the court and patience in attack allowed Waaia to win the game by eight goals, 48-40.

It was a great day on the netball courts for the Bombers, with all teams recording wins.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Amy Williams; Sportfirst Numurkah: Laura Cahoon.

B GRADE

Waaia's B grade side confirmed itself as a real premiership contender with a 16 goal win over third placed Mathoura on Saturday.

The Bombers got off to a slow start and trailed by nine goals at the end of the first quarter, but knuckled down, came together as a team, and took a good victory, 54-38.

Waaia's strong defensive pressure created the turnovers that gave its goalers plenty of the ball.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Marni Hicks; Telegraph Hotel: Andrea Walker; Casual Step: Hayley Thorne.

C GRADE

In another battle between second and third, it was again the home side that was victorious, Waaia winning by 14 goals, 52-38.

The first quarter went goal for goal, until the Bombers got a bit of a run on, scoring some consecutive goals.

Waaia's defence was tight, with Jess Doyle and Vanessa Scadden getting plenty of turnovers, and Liv Hillas was goaling well.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Jessamy Doyle; Casual Step: Olivia Hillas; Sportfirst Numurkah: Vanessa Scadden.

C RESERVE

The Bomber's C grade side won another tough and fast paced game against Mathoura, taking a six goal victory.

Although not getting off to a strong start, the girls put in every effort they could to fight back and get in front in the second quarter. They managed to keep this advantage, finishing with a great 33-27 win.

The girls really got around each other and backed their team-

mates right to the end.

Awards: WFNC Cash: Makenzie Sprunt; Sportfirst: Zena Walpole.

17 UNDER

The under 17 girls played a great team and were rewarded for their efforts with a big 43 goal win.

The girls need to make sure they are looking down the court as their first option, but still recorded a nice win, 57-14.

Awards: Sportfirst Numurkah: Emily Seiter; NBKC Socks: Bec Williams.

15 UNDER

After a slow start, the under 15s were staring down the barrel of being the only Waaia netball not to win on Saturday, but fought it out to the end to win a nail-biter by one goal.

Pressure on the court was high, creating many turnovers, and the Bombers chipped away at the early deficit, building up quarter by quarter.

Ella Bryant was a standout, goaling accurately, and a few girls were played in some new positions and all adapted well to the changes made each quarter.

The girls fought out the game, with the supporters all on the edges of their seats, in front at the final whistle to win 34-33.

Awards: D. & M. Plattfuss: Ella Bryant; WFNC Canteen: Porsha Stuart; Terminus Hotel: Nat Hobbs.

13 UNDER

The under 13s played a strong game in defence to come away with a terrific win, 37-3.

The mid court was unstoppable, getting every ball to the goalers with ease, while the defenders took lots of intercepts and rebounds.

The girls showed their versatility, playing a few different combinations, which all worked well.

Awards: WFNC Scrunchie: Claudia Plattfuss; WFNC CanTeen: Bindi Stuart.

11 UNDER

The under 11s showed great sportsmanship, teamwork, encouraged each other and put into practice all they have been learning at training.

The girls worked hard on their space, moving around the court and trying out new positions.

Awards: WFNC Scrunchie: Claire Bergamin; Northstar: Lily Walker; Terminus: Katelyn Halden.



Jump in front ... Laura Cahoon got in front of her opponent to take this great grab on Saturday.

Purples' two in a row

AFTER a good win over Numurkah last week, Nathalia's A grade netballers made it two in a row, with a 20 goal win over bottom side Katandra on Saturday.

Strong defensive games from Blaise Mortimer and Lisa Kellow created many turnovers, while Steph Limbrick and Breanne Walpole were strong in goals.

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

B GRADE

It took Nathalia's B grade side five minutes to settle, but once they calmed down, they took control of the game and went on to defeat Katandra 61-33.

Awards: Barmah Hotel BOC: Georgia Saunders, Laino's Pizza: Jessi Hicks, Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Olivia Hanlon.

C GRADE

Without any players on the bench, Nathalia's C graders ran out of legs in the last quarter, but held a big enough lead to hold on for a seven goal win, 48-41.

The girls all played well, right across the court.

Jen Butler and Steph Hayes turned the ball over in defence, and Kate Wilcock provided plenty of drive down the court.

Alysha Cornell stepped into goals and teamed well with Christie Schram, to hold a very handy lead in the first half.

Without changes, we ran out of legs in the last quarter, but still held on for the win.

Awards: Barmah Hotel BOC: Jen Butler, 3 Belles Creations: Kate Wilcock, Sportfirst Numurkah: Steph Hayes.

C RESERVE

The C reserve game was very tightly contested, with Katandra taking victory by seven goals.

The Purples made far too many errors and weren't able to close the gap they had allowed.

The defenders worked tirelessly, but Katandra's goalers were tough to shut down.

Amy Rohan provided plenty of drive in the

centre and provided good options.

Awards: Limo's Home Hardware BOC: Amy Rohan, Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Brooke Parker, 3 Belles Creations: Cath Dealy.

17 UNDER

After a slow start in the first three quarters, the under 17 girls came out to play the last term and played their own brand of netball to take a 10 goal win, 41-31.

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

15 UNDER

At times, the under 15 game was terrific to watch for the Nathalia spectators, and there were enough good moments to see the visiting side take victory, 43-30.

There were some great passages of play, but then inconsistent decision making and passing would let the girls down.

Awards: Kylie Richards BOC: Ebony James, Bendigo Bank: Hannah Summerville, Marketplace Subway: Jenna Mason, TJ's IGA: Mia Bell.

13 UNDER

The under 13s won just their second game of the season, taking victory over Katandra 34-11.

Both goalers shot very well, rewarding the defenders' hard work, but all team members played well.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Ella Dealy, Nathalia Dairy: Dakota Smith, TJ's IGA: Jasmine Johns.

11 UNDER

The under 11s played an awesome game, with great passages of play and good, direct leads onto the ball, winning 12-3.

Tayah Lundberg made some fantastic leads onto the ball, and shot well, Jayda Liddell's speed and direction on court were amazing, and Bella Nave applied great defensive pressure.

Awards: Past Players: Tayah Lundberg, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Jayda Liddell, TJ's IGA: Bella Nave.

Swans fly into top spot

KATUNGA won a very physical game of netball against Yarroweyah on Saturday, taking a 13 goal win with a terrific team effort.

Brianna Armitage fought hard, her determination paying off with 37 of the team's 49 goals.

The win sees the Swans jump from third spot to the top of the ladder, after the two teams above them, Katamatite and Strathmerton, both suffered unexpected losses. The Swans they will have a tough game on their hands this weekend when they take on third placed Tocumwal.

Awards: AgBioEn: Brianna Armitage; ND Services: Rach Howden; Clydesdale Hotel: Emma Fothergill.

B GRADE

Coming off a great team game against Rennie, the top of the table B graders wanted to emulate that against the Hoppers, and pulled off a 44 goal victory.

The Swans had set up a 10 goal lead by quarter time, and built on that right through the rest of the game.

Yarroweyah played some very nice, attacking netball, which made the Swans step up their defensive pressure.

The Swans pride themselves on their team performances, and this saw them take victory, 61-17.

Awards: KSG Fuel: Sophie McCracken, Numurkah Pharmacy: Stacey Weeks.

C GRADE

C Grade won 42-23

The Swan C graders got off to a slow start to their game but managed a 19 goal win.

Everyone put in and did their bit to get the 42-23 win.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Gabby John, Fitness 3636: Gabby Cunningham

C RESERVE

The Katunga C graders weren't complaining about their game not being very pretty, as they came home from Yarroweyah with a nine goal victory.

Some beautiful intercepts in the mid court saw a large number of turnovers, and the Swans won 30-21.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Ash Lee, Arbonne: Bree Patullo, Fitness 3636: Carol Storer.

17 UNDER

Great defensive pressure and use of the whole court saw Katunga's under 17 girls get another win on the board.

While they get a little stuck at times, they managed to work it through and take victory, 31-16.

Awards: Cobram Farm Equipment: Demi Hendy, Reapers: Sammy Simpson.

15 UNDER

There were big celebrations from the under 15s when they notched up their first win for the season, defeating Yarroweyah 30-14.

The girls worked hard and communicated well and will now be hungry for another win.

Awards: Arbonne: Amity Hollands, Cold Rock: Montana Hill.

13 UNDER

Even after a shaky start, the Swannie under 13s had a terrific win over Yarroweyah, 20-4.

The Swans' passing wasn't the best to begin with, but once they got on top of it and slowed down, they managed to get some scores on the board and take the win.

Awards: Cold Rock: Raene Russo, Canteen: Rahni Garner, Laino's: Jasmine Thompson.

11 UNDER

The under 11 girls played an impressive game, with all girls excited and enthusiastic to play.

The girls had worked on some set plays for defensive throw-ins and took them onto the court on Saturday, with everyone carrying out their roles in a game situation.

The Swans proved that teamwork and determination are the key, scoring a massive 36 goals.

Awards: Laino's: Rahni Hendy; Cold Rock: Rahni Lawless.

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Kylie Jackson

1 GWS	6 Port Adelaide
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3 West Coast	8 Brisbane
4 Sydney	9 Fremantle
5 Collingwood	



Last week 3 Total 74

Chris O'Dwyer

1 GWS	6 Port Adelaide
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3 West Coast	8 Brisbane
4 Sydney	9 Fremantle
5 Collingwood	



Last week 5 Total 72

Roger Seiter

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



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- 7 Richmond
- 8 Brisbane
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Last week 4 Total 74



Danni Woolley

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

Last week 3 Total 57



Kevin Morland

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

Last week 5 Total 72



John Schaaf

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

Last week 3 Total 65



David Ludington

- 1 GWS
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- 5 Collingwood
- 6 Port Adelaide
- 7 Richmond
- 8 Brisbane
- 9 Fremantle

Last week 3 Total 76



Troy Knox

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

Last week 5 Total 54



Denis Brooks

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

Last week 5 Total 74



Liam Gledhill

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

Last week 5 Total 73



John Beitzel

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



Last week 4 Total 67

Brad Kerry

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



Last week 3 Total 65

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Big wins across the board

WAAIA took advantage of a game on its home ground on Saturday, playing a strong four quarters of football to come out an 87 point winner.

Mathoura played determined football, but could only manage five goals, to Waaia's 19, although outscoring the Bombers in the final term.

Mark Meyland was on fire in the forward line, booting seven goals.

Captain Jesse Trower found plenty of the football, and was named Waaia's best.

Todd Davies proved to be a valuable team member, earning himself a spot in the best, while Connor Brown and Jordan Cleeland both played another great game in the red and black.

Awards: Onley Consulting; Jesse Trower; Gagliardi Scott Real Estate / Telegraph Hotel: Todd Davies; Ahoy Water/Terminus Hotel: Mark Meyland; Mick Hogan Ex-

cavations: Connor Brown; Sportfirst Numurkah: Jordan Cleeland.

RESERVES

The Waaia reserves had an even bigger win, taking a 132 point victory.

The Bombers were a force to be reckoned with, starting with a six goals to one first quarter, and increasing their lead at every change.

Brayden Carey was unstoppable in the forward line, kicking 11 majors and finishing the game with BOG honours.

Luke Bradbury and Ethan McDonald were consistent all day, while Robbie Bradbury and Anthony Bergamin were able to contribute to the side's massive 21 goal win by kicking three and two, respectively.

Awards: Onley Consulting & Telegraph Hotel: Brayden Carey; Onley Consulting & Terminus Hotel: Anthony Bergamin; Mick Hogan Ex-cavations: Robbie Bradbury;

Murray Valley Rural and Plumbing: Ethan McDonald; Ahoy Water Cartage: Luke Bradbury.

UNDER 14s

The youngest Bombers recorded their second win of the season, defeating Mathoura by a massive 68 points.

It was a huge team effort, and the whole team should be proud of their game.

Aiden Bryant was unstoppable from the get go, earning himself best on honours.

Aiden Ballard and Lachie Williams gave it all they could, Oscar Binks was an impressive force, and Cohen Shelton was another stand out player.

Awards: C. & C. Wilson & Terminus Hotel: Aiden Bryant; Numurkah Electrical & Pump Services: Aiden Ballard; Rex James Stockfeed: Lachie Williams; D. & M. Plattfuss: Oscar Binks; Waaia canteen: Cohen Shelton.



Bombers' ball ... Aden McCredie knocks his opponent off the ball, while Mark Bergamin waits to swoop on the footy.

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Stretch ... Sophie Moylan reaches high to intercept a Strathy pass to Ebony Coburn.
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Picola's win but Strathy moves up

STRATHMERTON moved up from third spot on the Picola netball league ladder, to second, even after a four goal loss to Picola on Saturday, such is the closeness of the A grade competition.

The top four sides, Katunga, Strathmerton, Tocumwal and Katamatite, all sit with eight wins and two losses, while Deni and Picola have seven wins each.

The A grade Strathy Picola game was a real battle all game, with the scores level at every interval.

Strathmerton missed some crucial opportunities in the last quarter, both in attack and defence, which allowed Picola to score a few quick, easy goals to take a four goal victory, 43-39.

Strathmerton will travel to Katamatite this weekend, for what should be a great contest, while Picola will enjoy the week off with the bye.

Strathmerton awards: Strathy Pub: Molly Coburn.

Picola awards: Nathalia Post Office: Emily Atkinson; Brereton's Bakery: Alannah Fry-Smith.

B GRADE

The B grade turned into a very close affair, but it was Strathmerton that took the win, finishing up by three goals.

The Blues put in a terrific effort, to make the Bulldogs fight for the ball all game.

Scores were even with five minutes left in the game, but some good defence and play down the court allowed Strathmerton to take the victory, 42-39.

Strathmerton awards: Jess Bailey, Rach Olsen, Alyssa Crestani.

Picola awards: Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering: Lauren Williams; Brereton's Bakery: Pennie Langley.

C GRADE

The Strathy C graders are continuing to show improvement each week, but it was Picola that took victory on Saturday, winning by 17 goals.

The defensive pressure from both teams was terrific, working overtime to send the ball back into attack, but Picola got the upper hand to win 40-23.

Strathmerton awards: Keep Active Osteo: Caitlin Bailey; Wingates: Elle Walkington; Strathy Cafe: Maddi Beasy.

Picola awards: Foott Waste Solutions: Ten Dove; Club dinner: Jodie Daniel.

C RESERVE

Strathmerton's C reserve girls showed that encouragement can be very powerful, taking a 14 goal win over Picola on Saturday.

The Bulldogs backed their team mates, and were all hungry for the ball. After a couple of footwork slips, they pulled through as a team to produce a great 25-11 win.

Strathmerton awards: Cobram Photographics BOC: Olivia Van Every; Subway: Elly Burley; Strathy Cafe: Shelley Shannon.

Picola awards: Casual Step: Shanelle Thompson; Club Dinner: Cheryl Thorn.

17 UNDER Strathy Won 63-27 still undefeated

The undefeated Strathmerton under 17s put in a solid training last week, that flowed onto the court on Saturday, ending with a 63-27 victory over Picola.

The depleted Picola side did a great job, playing a constant game and keeping up with their opponents. A few byes coming up should give time for injuries to heal and the Blues will be ready for a strong finish to the season.

Strathmerton awards: \$10: Everyone.

Picola awards: Power Livestock: Chantel Leggett; Barmah Social Club: Jess Legge.

15 UNDER

Sitting beside each on the ladder, the under 15s' game always looked like it could be a close one, and close it was, with only one goal separating the two teams when the final whistle blew.

It was Strathmerton that finished in front, after the Bulldogs put a few girls out of their comfort zone to try new positions.

The last quarter was quite intense and a few missed scoring opportunities gave Picola a chance to score a few quick goals and close the gap, but they ran out of time, to finish 25-26.

Strathmerton awards: \$5: Sarah Brooks; Strathy Cafe Pizza: Kiera Henderson; Subway: Bridie Chester.

Picola awards: Birch Earthmoving: Georgia Barnett; Barmah Social Club: Mikaela Daniel.

13 UNDER

Picola got off to a great start in its under 13s game, while the Bulldogs appeared slow and flat-footed to trail by six goals at half time.

The second half was a completely different affair, though. The Bulldogs all worked hard, chased every loose ball and applied some great pressure, to be rewarded with some sharp shooting.

After an 11 goal turnaround, Strathmerton took victory 17-12.

Strathmerton awards: Laidlaw Electrical: Akina; Strathy Cafe: Caitlyn; Committee: Dakota.

Picola awards: Baxter Family Medallion: Ally Francis; Barmah Social Club: Yalarnnah Bux.

MINIS

The minis' game was a terrific one from both teams.

Both sides were well matched in height and ability, which made for a fantastic contest.

The Strathy girls implemented the things they've been working on, and Olivia shot her very first goal for Picola.

Strathmerton awards: Subway: Sophie Hughes, Eva Laidlaw and Kayla Orsida.

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

Swans fail to impress

KATUNGA remains in second last place on the Picola football league ladder after suffering a 35 point loss to Yarroweyah on Saturday.

The Swans got off to a poor start, with poor disposals into the forward 50 creating multiple turnovers, on which the home side capitalised well, but there was still only two points the

difference at the first break.

An eight goal second quarter set up victory, Yarroweyah completely out-playing Katunga all over the ground.

Katunga fought back in the third quarter, but inaccuracy in front of goals saw it still trail by 21 points at three-quarter time. Eleven scoring

shots saw the Swans only add four majors for the term, and it seemed the better the Swans played, the more pressure Yarroweyah applied.

The Hoppers increased their lead in the final term to take victory 12.14 (86) to 19.7 (121).

It was to be Katunga's only football loss for the day, with the other three

Tackle swoop ... Ethan Hodgkin swoops on the ball as Austin Jones brings an opponent to ground.



teams all having good wins. and the home side led by five points at the first break, but the Swans got their act together for the rest of the game. Will Sefton and Kody Jackson dominated on the wings, getting the ball to Sam Arho who kicked a haul of six goals.

Awards: Katunga Fresh: Ethan Hodgkin, Clydesdale Hotel: Trent Baker, Lenny's Ag: Dylan Sidebottom, GrainCorp Oilseed: Bailey Smith, Telegraph Hotel: Oliver Small.

RESERVES

The Katunga reserves dominated their game against Yarroweyah, heading home with a 50 point win.

The first quarter set the theme for the day, with Katunga keeping the Hoppers scoreless for the first half.

Peter Ingamells has returned home for a few games. He gave 100% and was definitely the Swans' best with a strong performance.

The Swans slowed a little in the last half, allowing the Hoppers to kick a couple of goals, but a Swan victory was never in doubt.

Mick John had another ripper of a game, kicking three of Katunga's 10 goals for the day.

Awards: John King Grain: Peter Ingamells, Dan Hendy Landforming: Trent Corby, Telegraph Hotel: Brett Kimberley, Clydesdale Hotel: Toby Miles, KFNC Meal Deal: Josh MacFadyen.

THIRDS

The Katunga thirds got off to a slow start and trailed by five points at the first break, but the Swans picked up their game after quarter time and went on to take a 35 point victory.

Yarroweyah came out wanting the ball so much more than the Swans,

Awards: Murray Valley Rural and Plumbing: Sam Arho, Numurkah Foodworks: Max Hendy, Mick Hogan Excavation: Cody Gow, Numurkah SportFirst: Kody Jackson, Canteen: Luke Bosse.

FOURTHS

The under 14s turned the tables after their 99 point demolition by Rennie last week, to take a 182 point win over the winless Yarroweyah side.

Lochie O'Brien led the scoring, with a bag of eight goals, just one of 12 individual goal kickers, while keeping Yarroweyah scoreless.

The ball was shared well between the whole team, with all players displaying great teamwork and getting plenty of the ball.

Awards: Stanyer Engineering: Nathan Simpson, Rural Bank: Blake Newbery, Supporters: Darby Salter, Red Cherry: Ben Arho, Canteen: Seth McCormick, Morris Award: Rocco Johns.

FIFTHS

The fifths started while it was still foggy and chilly, but showed some good skills in the slippery conditions.

Awards: Eli Johns, Koby Gilmour and Cooper Newbery.

Purples win tough clash with Kats

NATHALIA expected a close game when the reserves lined up against Katandra on Saturday, and got just that, coming home with an 11 point victory.

Nathalia hit the scoreboard early, but Katandra was never out of the game.

The ball was played a lot between the arcs, with overuse of the footy and poor skills forcing continual turnovers.

Daniel Robinson was in everything and worked extremely hard to continually get his side going.

Scotty Morris returned to the side and showed a lot of courage at times, to back into contests and ran hard.

Sean Zammit rucked well and was good at ground level, while Matty Davies was lively around the contest to also play an important role.

Katandra drew within 10 points late in the last quarter to still be in the hunt, but the Purple boys were able to hold on to run out winners in a good, spirited contest.

Awards: Limbrick Accounting: Craig Kellow, Mick Hogan Excavations: Dan Robinson, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Matt Davies, Blake St Butcher: Tyler Atkins, Numurkah Nu-Genes: Jackson Walpole, Brereton's Bakery: Tyson Richards.

UNDER 17s

The under 17s didn't take their A game to Katandra on Saturday, and were outclassed by a stronger team.

Shannon Young scored Nathalia's only goal, going down by 73 points, as Katandra piled on 13 majors.

Awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Aaron Petric, AV Hughes: Taylor Moroney, Rex James Stockfeed: Tristan Myers, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Wade Tuddenham, Marketplace Subway: Ryan Bell.

UNDER 14s

Not all Nathalia's way

NATHALIA travelled to Katandra on a beautiful winter's day to take on the Kats in a clash that was expected to be an easy victory for the Purples.

However, it turned out to be a tight affair, with the Purples eventually running out 35 point victors.

The game started with four goals to one in the first quarter, including three majors to Jason Limbrick, but the Kats finished the quarter with some purpose and continued their good form into the second to trail by three points at half time.

Brodie Ross was winning plenty of the ball around the ground and Harley Cobblewick and Rhys Shannon were running freely from defence.

Coach Jason Limbrick had plenty of praise for the home side.

"Katandra played well, they were very organised and played a good brand of footy."

"We were a fair bit off our best, in the second quarter especially, but I'm happy that we were able to get going after

half time and play a bit better footy and get the win."

The third quarter saw the Purples regain some control, with five goals to one, to assume control of the game.

Liam Evans and Alex Hicks presented from the forward line with purpose, and the Purples' on-ballers got on top, with Tom Nihill working hard to link up through the midfield and Clancy Congues winning the ball on his wing.

In an even last quarter the Purples scored three goals to two to run out comfortable winners.

The win didn't come without its problems, though, with the Purples adding to their injury list.

"We did pick up a couple of minor injuries, which is a bit of a concern for us. We have a few injuries at the minute, so we will have to see who's available this week," Limbrick said.

"We have got two important games before the bye, and hopefully we will get a few players back after that."

"Ricky Barnes aggravated some ongoing calf issues, and Henry Congues has some groin issues. Both soft tissue, so hopefully they will be okay, but I can't see either of them playing this week."

"There are a couple coming back, but a few out. It looks like Alistair Corry will play his first game for the year, but, like everyone, we've got injuries. It's that time of the year."

Nathalia will host 12th placed Rumbalara this Saturday, but Nathalia won't be sitting back expecting a win to come easily.

"Rumbalara is always tricky," Limbrick said.

"The last time we played them was the preliminary final last year, which was a fantastic game of footy. We expect them at their best, and we will have to prepare well."

"We are working on a lot of things in our game at the moment, but we expect to turn up and play well."



One in the pack ... Drew Barnes looks for an option as he comes under pressure from Katandra.

Bulldogs bite hard



Quick pass ... Connor Hargreaves gets a handball away before Reagan Hamilton takes him to ground.

DESPITE fighting their game out right to the end, Picola was completely overrun by a dominant Strathmerton side in their Picola football league clash at Strathmerton on Saturday.

Strathmerton played a strong, running game and moved the ball quickly all day, leaving Picola players following in their wake.

With a host of players playing important roles for Strathmerton, the Bulldogs denied Picola many forward entries and hit the scoreboard regularly with some good ball movement.

Picola had too few quality passages of play. Every possession was contested by Strathy, and the Picola players were made to work hard to earn them.

Picola's defence was constantly under pressure and Strathy made the most of its opportunities to take a convincing 80 point win.

Strathmerton's usual midfield suspects, Lance Oswald, Simon Russell, Sam Lewis and Matty Shannon, were again pivotal, while the back six, led by Adrian Crestani, Lewis O'Sullivan and Matty O'Kane, were rock solid all day.

Other notable performances for the Bulldogs included excellent contributions from Mark Luci and Shankus Ryan, given a bit more game time.

The top of the ladder Bulldogs will meet Katamatite this weekend, while Picola will have the bye.

Picola awards: DMH Mug/Barmah Hotel: Luke Jackson; Blake Street Butchery \$30 Voucher: Kyle Saunders; Breretons Bakery \$20 Voucher: Matthew Crook; Limo's Hardware \$25 Voucher: Dean Moore.

RESERVES

An evenly matched first half of reserves footy turned into a blowout in the Bulldogs' favour after half time when Strathmerton cruised to a 50 point victory.

In a tight first half, strong marking and hitting targets from Picola's players saw the Blues go in at half time with a one goal lead, but Strathy came out after the break with a point to prove and held Picola scoreless in the third term, while booting five majors of its own.

Picola fought hard in the final term, but Strathmerton defended hard, adding another four goals, and keeping Picola to a solitary point.

Strathmerton skipper Josh Beer was again a standout for his side. Jacob Gillie and Jake Cooney let nothing go past them after half time, and John Russo looked good. Jordan Crestani showed his class with his passing and disposal, while the experience of Jason Millington and Andrew Wilson saw them again in Strathmerton's best.

Tristan Lee-Madgwick kicked a bag of six goals, half of the Bulldog's total, while Shane Cooper kicked two of Picola's four.

Picola awards: Nathalia Fertiliser and Grain Mug: Shane Cooper; Breretons Bakery: Jordan Glanville; Minchin Mechanics: Angus Hawks; Numans: Austin Morgan.

UNDER 17s

Coming off the bye, the top of the ladder Strathy thirds boys were all keen and ready for a run, and run they did, dominating their game against Picola to take a 147 point victory.

Strathmerton got many forward entries and capitalised on their opportunities to score 22 goals 15, while keeping the visitors scoreless for the game.

The Blues were undemanned but kept up their fight for the whole game.

Strathmerton awards: D. Patmore, R. Franklin, Z. Cunningham, D. Craven, C. Littlejohn.

Picola awards: Dove Motors Mug/Lubke Engineering: Fraser Hutchins; Peter Limbrick Accounting: Taj Elliott; Barmah Social Club: Connor Langley; TJ's IGA: Clay Stevens.

UNDER 14s

Picola was right in the fourths game until the last quarter, when the boys switched off and allowed Strathmerton to take a seven point win.

With a very foggy start to the day, the slippery conditions made for a fumbly first quarter, but the Bulldogs handled the ball a bit more cleanly than Picola and led by eight points at the first change.

Cody Harris-Cunningham was great in defence for the Bulldogs, Josh Payne was everywhere and doing everything he could to keep the young Bulldogs ahead, but injuries and a couple of rotations in the second quarter saw Picola sneak away to a one goal lead at half time.

Picola stretched its lead out to 27 points in the third quarter, when the Bulldogs let their enthusiasm drop off, but some inspiration from coach Trent Payne at the last break saw a different group of boys play out the last term.

Ben Lee-Madgwick was superb in the last quarter, putting his body on the line and creating two goals. Josh, Brodie, Caleb and Will in the middle worked overtime to get the ball into their forward line, while rotations on the field created some much needed goals.

A very good mark and a steady kick from Cody Harris-Cunningham put the Bulldogs back in the lead where they stayed for the remainder off the game.

Strathmerton awards: Strathy Pizza: Ben Lee-Madgwick, Subway: Josh Payne, Terminus Hotel: Caleb Wilson, Ladies Committee: Will Almond, Maccas: Cody Harris-Cunningham, Coach's award: Jayden Edgar.

Picola awards: Power Livestock Trophy and Barnett Family: Jason Beckett; Better-Bite Barmah: Jakob Underwood; Barmah Social Club: Will Dargan; Al's Café Encouragement Medallion: Matthew Jorgensen.

Long road trip home

THE Blues twos scratched together just enough players for the annual road trip to Deniliquin and those who did play, had to suffer a long trip home after an 88 point loss.

Despite a few crucial withdrawals, Numurkah started well, moving the ball cleanly throughout the first quarter, leading to tall forward Hamish Lambert putting a goal on the scoreboard early.

Deni settled in the second quarter and took the contest away from the Blues. The Rams continually peppered the goals and pretty soon put the result out of Numurkah's reach.

The Blues dug deep in the last quarter and played out the game with a bit of pride, being rewarded for their effort with last quarter goals to Jack Millen and Luke Mansfield to break even with the Rams for the final term.

Awards: Tyson Maltman, Hamish Lambert, Paul Collins, Kaleb Rees, Brad Millen, Luke Mansfield.

UNDER 17s

The longest road trip for the season can often throw up a few challenges, but the Numurkah thirds came home with a terrific 19 point win, against a tough Deniliquin outfit.

The Blues came out firing and kicked three goals to none in the opening term, but couldn't repeat this effort in the second quarter, as Deni fired back with four straight to bridge the gap.

With Numurkah only four points ahead at three-quarter time, it was set for a big last quarter, and Numurkah ran away with the game, winning by 19 points.

Ben Millen continued his good form with a BOG performance, and was supported by Matt Mansfield's

class and Jayden Holland's explosive run.

Jack Millen defended excellently all day, and Kade O Dwyer and Zach McKeown also had good games and helped lift their side in the last quarter.

UNDER 14s

A final quarter goal was the only reward for the Numurkah fourths, who suffered another big defeat, this time at the hands of Deniliquin.

The long road trip through heavy fog was rewarded upon arrival in Deniliquin, with blue skies greeting the under 14 boys and faithful spectators.

The boys were keen to take on the Rams, but with no illusions, the home team second on the ladder, and challenged only once this season by undefeated leader Echuca.

The pressure was on immediately, the Blues conceding three goals in

quick succession to a team seemingly devoid of an Achilles heel, and despite fine individual efforts, the Blues found themselves unable to link cohesively, lucky to go into the first break just 33 points down.

The second quarter began with Ollie Masters rucking, Reeve Verhoeven keen to kick away from a talented midfield, Kobi Rahilly providing muscle in the centre square, Jaxon McKellar, Judah Moody and Riley Dobson battling on valiantly, Harry Moon and Lucas Roberts trying to breach the left wing, Braidyn Dicker super tanked and Ayden Siermans mobile, and they worked well to minimise the impact, keeping the Rams to only 13 more points before half time.

The second half continued in a similar vein. Conner Waites was in hard as usual, Aadyn Hicks and Nathan Page were crumbing the ball,

and Georgia Sessions was determined to have her say, but the Rams continued their dance, to lead by 79 points at the last break.

Nick Hughes led a determined assault in the final term, aiming to penetrate into the Blues' offensive 50. Matt Millen and Jack Tremellen were solid and hard as nails in the centre, and Zac Newby and Jesse Powlesland grew in confidence. Numurkah pushed and pushed, and finally smashed through, the dangerous Harry Moon splitting the big sticks to give Numurkah something to grin about.

The Deni boys played well to see a final score of 15.10 (100) to 1.0 (6), but the young Blues played well too.

Best players: Reeve Verhoeven, Braidyn Dicker, Jaxon McKellar, Riley Dobson, Conner Waites and Jack Tremellen.

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Streeeetch ... Jarrod Byrne attempts to stop Theo Thomas from taking possession of the footy in their Strathmerton v Picola game on Saturday.

BULLDOGS BITE HARD

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Blues back on winners' list

NUMURKAH'S senior footballers picked up their game in the second half to fly home with a good win, taking victory over Deniliquin, 110 points to 62.

It was a crucial match up against another finals candidate on its home turf.

Wanting to get off to a good start, Josh Hoffmann was lively through the midfield and Nathan Hicks was dangerous up forward, kicking the opening goal and having a strong presence early, setting the standard for the Blues.

Despite the Blues keeping the play in their forward half most of the opening term, the Rams were able to counter and kick three goals for the quarter from limited supply to be within six points of the Blues at the

first change.

This pattern of play continued throughout the second quarter in an even contest. Mitch Price once again had the dominant hand in the ruck, but the Rams were able to shark enough of the clearances to keep pace with the Blues at half time, Numurkah holding a 10 point lead.

At the half time break the Blues were implored to take control of the contest in the second half and, with several minor changes to the line-up and improved ball movement, asserted their dominance through quick ball movement and superior fitness.

Jamie Fulton utilised his strength to work the ball out of the congestion, and Tim Arnel hit the stoppages at pace and had five effective clearances for the quarter and propelled

the ball forward at each opportunity.

Grant Gallus and Jarrod Holmes continually worked through the corridor to provide strong leads for the midfield and rebounding defenders Shane Miller and Jye Warren.

Substitute Dustin Ebborn came into the game up forward, marked strongly on the lead and excited the crowd with two goals in the half. Nathan Hicks flew for contested marks and finished well in front of goal to slot through six for the game.

The momentum stayed with the Blues throughout the second half. The heat on the Rams was immense as a result of the Blues' physicality and tackling pressure through the midfield when the ball was there to be won.

As has been the key throughout the season the defence was reliable

once again, winning the majority of one on one contests.

Zach McKeown smartly created play for the runners, Miller and Warren, to clear the defence and move the ball forward, with the midfielders delivering the footy to Hicks, Herlihy and Ebborn up forward.

A five goal to two last quarter saw the Blues open up the margin once again to finish with an eight goal win.

Coach Jye Warren said Saturday's win was a very positive result for his team.

"It was a bit of an arm wrestle in the first half, but we ran over them in the third quarter, pretty convincingly, which was positive for the group," Warren said.

"We rested up Ben Gunning and Luke McKeown, but they will come back in this week and hopefully give

us a bit more maturity.

"Josh O'Dwyer got knocked out the week before against Nathalia, so he also didn't play, but hopefully he will come back in this week, depending on what the doctor says."

This weekend Numurkah will travel to Cobram which sits on the ladder on equal points with Blues, both with eight from 10 wins.

"This will be a massive game, third versus fourth," Warren said.

"We've had some good tussles with them over the last couple of years and we are expecting another pretty solid game."

"I believe that the cricket club is having a little bit of a reunion at the footy on Saturday, so it should be a pretty big crowd, which will make for a great atmosphere."

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