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Lucky escape

Nasty ... The drivers of both vehicles were lucky not to have been much more seriously injured.



LOCAL WOMAN AIRLIFTED AFTER ACCIDENT

TWO drivers were lucky to escape with fairly minor injuries after a serious accident at the intersection of Numurkah Rd and Naring Rd last Thursday afternoon.

The collision occurred when the driver of a Mazda BT50 ute towing a trailer and travelling east on Naring Rd failed to give way. The trailer the ute was towing was hit by a Volkswagen Tiguan SUV, driven by a 64 year-old Numurkah woman, travelling south on Numurkah Rd at around 3.05pm.

The drivers were the only occupants of the vehicles.

The Mazda, driven by a 52 year-old Melbourne man, ended up on its roof off the road at the inter-

section's south west corner, and the Volkswagen, which sustained extensive damage to its front, came to rest alongside it.

The driver of the Volkswagen was treated by ambulance crews before being airlifted to the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

She sustained chest injuries including a broken collar bone and broken ribs, as well as minor head injuries. She is currently in a stable condition and expected to make a full recovery.

The Mazda driver was taken by ambulance to GV Health Shepparton with minor injuries and was released later that day.

Highway patrol Senior Sergeant Darren Witting-

slough from Wangaratta local area command told the *Leader* that the majority of road trauma in the Moira Shire results from drivers failing to stop at intersections.

"The road layout in this area is very gridded and drivers can easily become complacent and fail to slow down, stop and give way at intersections," he said.

"Drivers from outside of the area who aren't familiar with the roads can also fail to appreciate the layout and stop, so we are reminding people to always exercise caution and never assume anything when they are driving."

Foodbowl wins award

THE Numurkah Foodbowl Festival has been crowned Event of the Year at the 2019 Moira Shire Australia Day Awards.

The honour was presented at the annual awards ceremony attended by more than 200 people at the Cobram Civic Centre last Thursday night.

Opening the ceremony, Moira Shire Mayor Libro Mustica said that councillors had been overwhelmed by the calibre of volunteers and community groups who had been active in the shire throughout 2018 and were nominated in the annual awards.

The foodbowl festival beat eight other events which had been nominated for the honour, includ-

ing the Richo's Runners Big Freeze fundraising event which was also held in Numurkah last year.

It is the second time the foodbowl festival has taken out the honour, having previously won the 2016 event.

Foodbowl festival committee member Phyllis Hall, who attended the awards ceremony, said that it was very exciting to win.

"We were surprised because there were so many good nominees and we didn't expect to win again, and it was an honour just to be nominated," she said.

Mrs Hall said that it was a vindication of the hard work and dedication of the committee's eight mem-

bers, who work hard to keep the festival affordable for visitors.

"Last year being the festival's 10th anniversary, we really wanted to celebrate so we had the fireworks which were really brilliant."

"The come and try fishing day that was hosted by Numurkah Fishing Club was also a first last year and that was very popular too, and both of those events were free."

Mrs Hall said that the committee would be holding its first meeting of the year at the end of January and all were welcome to attend.

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Deliberately lit ... Over a dozen fire fighters in breathing apparatus were required to fight the blaze.

Arson charges laid for Thornton St fire

A 42 YEAR-OLD Numurkah man was last week charged with one count of criminal damage by fire in relation to a fire which destroyed the garage of a Thornton St home on July 4 last year.

The man, who is believed to be subject to a mental health treatment order, was placed in psychiatric care immediately following

the incident, and was released in October.

Police said that the delay in charges being laid was due to the fact that they had not been informed of his release from the psychiatric facility.

The fire is estimated to have caused up to \$200,000 worth of damage, completely destroying the

garage and its contents.

Over a dozen fire fighters in breathing apparatus were required to fight the blaze, which burned for well over an hour.

Seven local CFA brigades attended the incident, along with Shepparton's aerial pumper and hazardous materials van.

CFA trucks and police were also stationed in Harbison Ave, with firefighters dousing structures that adjoined the rear of the Thornton St property, due to concerns that the fire might spread.

The man has been bailed to appear before Shepparton magistrates court on April 12.

Community urged to work with police to reduce and solve crime

LOCAL police want to assure the community that they are committed to tackling a recent spike in crime in the Numurkah district, and encourage local residents to pass on information that may help them do so.

Detective Sergeant Marcus Boyd from Cobram Criminal Investigation Unit said that although there was sometimes a delay in charges being laid, that was not an indication that police were not investigating.

"Investigations can take time, and if there is a delay, there is always a reason for it," DS Boyd said.

"We want to be sure when we do lay charges that the evidence is there to support those charges in court."

Detective Senior Constable Paul Campbell, who is leading the investigation into recent burglaries at a number of Numurkah businesses, said that although the rise in burglaries in recent months shouldn't be considered 'the new normal', it is a sign of the times.

"We are seeing a common theme of break-ins committed after hours, and that is happening right across country Victoria," he said.

"Whereas once you could be reasonably sure that it was a local criminal from a small pool of usual suspects, now you find that criminals are more than happy to travel in order to commit crime. It is nothing for criminals to steal a car and drive for several hours, committing offences along the way."

"Obviously, that can make investigations more complex, but it is one of the realities of regional policing now."

Both detectives agree that the help of the community is vital in solving crime.

"People would be amazed at how often information from the public leads to charges and convictions," DS Boyd said.

"Often one piece of information leads to another and things snowball and lead to an arrest."

Even if information leads to someone being eliminated as a suspect, it is valuable to police, as it narrows down the pool of suspects.

"If people see someone acting suspiciously, or where they shouldn't be, they should dial 000," DSC Campbell said.

"People are sometimes reluctant to dial 000, but that is the right number to call if police attendance is required."

"If you leave a message at your local police station, it could be hours before they get it, as they could be out on a job already. If you dial 000 there is always somebody to take the call, and they will notify the appropriate members straight away."

Police also want to assure the community that although local stations may not be manned 24 hours a day, there are always officers on call to respond to incidents.

Inspector Kerrie Hicks, Local Area Commander from Wangaratta said that there is a 24 hour police presence in Moira, and that dialling 000

was the quickest way for police to get support to people when they needed it.

"There could be a unit in your area already, so by dialling 000 we may actually be able to get police there quite quickly," she said.

"If something is happening then and there, such as you've seen someone walking along the street testing the doors of shops and looking in the windows, then we want to get there as quick as we can."

Inspector Hicks also reiterated the message that local knowledge was vital in the aftermath of crimes.

"If anyone in the community knows something, we need them to let police know. There is some fantastic local knowledge that can help prevent and solve crime, so if you know something, call Crimestoppers and they will pass the information on to us."

Inspector Hicks said that contact from the public was also important from a statistical point of view.

"All of that information is logged and will be analysed to help allocate police resources in future so we can put police in the right place at the right time."

"There is some fantastic work being done regarding investigation and enforcement in the Numurkah district, and with the community's help we can get even better results."



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Foodbowl wins event of the year

"We'd love some new blood and new ideas on the committee, so if you think this is something you might like to be a part of, come along and see," she said.

Other winners at the awards were Debbie Van Corler from Yarrawonga in the Citizen of the Year category, the Leo Club of Tungamah and District in the Community Organisation of the Year category, and Baneen Alrubayi from Cobram and Adam Morley from Yarrawonga who shared the honour in the Young Citizen of the Year category.

A special mention award was also presented to Nathalia and District Welfare in the Community Organisation category, in recognition of 70 years service to the Nathalia community.

Yarrawonga's Christine Grinter also received a posthumous special mention award in the Citizen of the Year category for many years of volunteer work with community groups throughout the shire.

Australia Day

by Andrew Guild

Australia Day is here once more — Yes, it's January twenty-six; It's a great day for young Australians — For going out, to mingle and mix

The First Fleet sailed from Great Britain, Arrived here in seventeen eighty-eight; And they created a brand new colony, On this day which we celebrate

From small and hazardous beginnings The young settlement grew up fast; Other colonies were founded too, And then they created a nation vast

We salute our explorers and pioneers Who laid our country's foundation, It was because of the work of people like them That Australia became a wonderful nation.

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Winners are grinners ... Robert Hall, Phyllis Hall, Kristy Coulton and Heather Stammers accept the Event of the Year Award on behalf of the Numurkah Foodbowl festival committee.



All winners here ... All of the winners of the Moira Shire 2019 Australia Day Awards.

Seven solutions for smelly summer bins

THE current run of extremely hot weather has resulted in a large number of calls to council from Moira Shire residents concerned about smelly organic waste bins.

Moira Shire Acting General Manager Community Georgia Hills said that council is keen to get on top of any issues that could discourage people from using the organic waste kerbside collection service, which is achieving fantastic results in keeping organic waste out of landfill.

"We're working with waste experts and residents to find other solutions that can immediately address their concerns," Ms Hills said.

"Very few flies and vermin are attracted to garden waste - they like the smell of food waste so the following tips can help avoid, minimise and

remove food waste smells."

1. Make sure your food waste is in the purple bags and covered by other garden waste such as lawn clippings or dry leaves in your organics bin - alternate layers of food waste with garden waste.

2. Wrap up food waste such as prawn shells, seafood and uncooked meat scraps and store them in the freezer until the next collection day. Just remember to put them in your organic bin when you put it out for collection.

3. If you are worried about contact with other food in your freezer, you can wrap your food waste in newspaper or paper towel and put this inside a purple bag in the freezer or directly into

your bin.

4. Store your bins in a shady, flat and well-ventilated area.

5. Rinse or hose out your bins from time to time - you can wash your kitchen basket and organic bin with hot water and bio-degradable detergent or in the dishwasher.

6. Some bi-carb soda in the bottom of your bin can help remove the smell.

7. Keep your organic bin and kitchen basket lid tightly closed.

"Please don't use other bags, even if they are marked bio-degradable. These bags do not degrade in the same way or timeframe and will contaminate the organic waste. If you need extra purple bags please call our customer service

team," Ms Hills said.

Ms Hills also confirmed council was working with its contractors DS Kendall Waste Services to explore options for a weekly organics collection service when those contracts come up for renewal.

"We want to look at options for seasonal collection schedules for our holiday hot spots," she said.

"In the meantime, we have identified ways to reduce and even avoid odours and attracting flies and other pests."

For waste collection times and information on your nearest Transfer Station go to Moira Shire's website www.moira.vic.gov.au.

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Devoted mum ... Flik Shadbolt with her daughters Macie and Harper.

Former local woman mourned after death in Pilbara

NUMURKAH district locals are mourning the death of former Katunga and Numurkah woman Felicity Shadbolt.

Ms Shadbolt's body was found on the outskirts of the town of Tom Price, a community with a population of around 3,000 in the Pilbara region of West Australia, last Wednesday, after she failed to return from a run on Sunday, January 13.

Thirty-six year-old Ms Shadbolt, nee Dick, who was known as Flik, attended Katunga South Primary School and Cobram High School. She is being remembered as a devoted mother, loving wife and daughter, and fun-loving friend.

A statement released by Ms Shadbolt's family described her as a fit and active woman who was tenacious, stubborn and focused with a real sense of drive.

"She has a love for life, love for the outdoors and she died doing something she loved. She ran until the very end," the statement said.

The statement said that she lived her life for her seven-year-old twin daughters Macie and Harper, who were born prematurely following a difficult pregnancy during which Ms Shadbolt was advised to abort one twin to save the other, but refused.

"She was determined she would walk out of hospital with two babies, not one. And her fight paid off."

Numurkah's Leah Laidlaw, who became friends with Ms Shadbolt when they met through mutual friends as teenagers, said she and other friends had this week been sharing fond memories of the person they knew.

"She was lots of fun, and always laughing," Mrs Laidlaw said.

"Although we hadn't seen her for years, we were close once and it was such a shock to hear that she was missing, and then that she was gone."

Mrs Laidlaw said that with the once close group of teenagers all being mothers now, it sad-

dens them to think of Ms Shadbolt's daughters growing up without her.

"She obviously fought hard to have them, and she would have been a great mum to them. It's so sad to think of them growing up without her."

Ms Shadbolt was last seen alive at around 11.30am on Sunday, January 13, when she told friends and family she was going to go for a run at Mount Nameless, some 10km from Tom Price.

The alarm was raised when she failed to return home at a specified time, and a huge search was initiated covering more than 70,000 hectares and involving police and volunteers on foot, locals on horseback, drones and two aircraft using infra-red technology.

The search was hampered at times by extreme weather and difficult terrain, with the on-foot search temporarily suspended on Monday afternoon due to temperatures in excess of 40°C. The air search was also hindered by afternoon storms.

Police had also unsuccessfully attempted to pinpoint Ms Shadbolt's location through her mobile phone, which was ringing out until Monday, when all calls went straight to voicemail.

Family members of Ms Shadbolt travelled from across Australia, including Numurkah, to join the search, and said in their statement that they were blown away by the assistance of the Tom Price community.

"The family would like to thank Tom Price community for their support, they have found the help overwhelming and couldn't have asked for any more."

"No one gave up searching for Flik, the searchers remained positive every day in their hope for finding Flik," the statement said.

A post-mortem examination to determine the cause of Mrs Shadbolt's death was conducted in Perth on Monday, and police are preparing a report for the coroner.

Come and celebrate in Numurkah

ALL are invited to the annual Numurkah Australia Day Ceremony to be held in Newman Square this Saturday, January 26.

Festivities commence at 8am with a free breakfast prepared by the Numurkah Lions Club and Numurkah Rotary Club.

The award presentation will commence at 9am, with the raising of the Australian flag and the singing of Advance Australia Fair led by the Numurkah Town Band.

Cr. Marie Martin will give the Australia Day

address before presenting awards to Community Event of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

Five nominations were received for the three categories.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Numurkah Town Band and Hans Bruizman.

Everyone is invited to attend to not only celebrate Australia Day but to congratulate the award recipients.

Unpalatable ... Picola's Jai-Dee Riseley isn't keen on this sample of the town's water taken last Friday.



Drinking water far from clear at Picola

PICOLA residents say they are being forced to purchase bottled water and filtration systems due to the water from the town's taps regularly running brown, and appearing to be undrinkable.

The *Leader* contacted Picola residents following a post on the Nathalia Noticeboard Facebook page by Picola resident Gaye Hildebrand, which received a strong reaction from other locals who confirmed that they experienced the same thing.

A number of locals said that they had complained to Goulburn Valley Water (GVW) many times over a number of years but had been assured that the water was safe to drink.

Despite these assurances, many locals refuse to use the water for drinking or cooking, even on days when it runs clear.

Ms Hildebrand told the *Leader* that, although the water isn't always discoloured, turning on the tap to be greeted by a flow of brown water is a regular occurrence.

"It's at least a few days every couple of weeks and I just don't trust the water so I won't drink it or cook with it," she said.

"I've provided numerous samples to GVW over the past couple of years but nothing has really changed. They have been very understanding, and I know they are trying to fix it, but nothing has changed."

"It's very frustrating."

Fellow Picola resident Debbie Minchin said she is even reluctant to give the water to her dogs.

"We've been buying bottled water for years because, no matter what they say, I just don't trust it. It's bad enough to bathe in it and wash our clothes in it," she said.

"We don't want to seem like whingers, and GV Water have been trying, but they still haven't fixed it."

GVW Manager Operations Steven Nash acknowledged that Picola residents are, at times, experiencing brown-coloured water.

"We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused, and thank people for their patience while we continue to investigate the issue," Mr Nash said.

Goulburn Valley Water is working to identify and fix the cause behind periods of discolouration in the water supplied to Picola residents."

According to Mr Nash, more than \$330,000 has been spent on improving the water treatment process at the Picola water treatment plant in the past year.

This has included installing carbon dosing to improve taste and odour and assist with algal cell removal, two new buffer tanks to allow the plant to run for longer to improve and stabilise water quality, as well as improved reaction times for disin-

fection.

Mr Nash said that GVW is also working to improve the reticulation system, with flushing works carried out on January 11, which has shown improvements in the water quality.

"We'll continue flushing on a regular basis and further works will be undertaken next week to continue improving the network, including air scouring," he said.

"The recent heatwave has meant we need to delay some works where we need to turn the water supply off temporarily. The Picola water storage will also be emptied, stabilised and desludged over winter months."

One of the many reasons GVW has cited for the discolouration of Picola's water is the presence of manganese and iron.

"These metals react with the chlorine used in the treatment process, causing turbidity – or colour – in the water," Mr Nash said.

"Pre-treatment has also been carried out in the past couple of weeks to help with removing iron and manganese in the raw water."

Both manganese and iron are known to be harmful to humans above certain levels.

GVW said that its water is independently tested by a National Association of Testing Authorities Australia-accredited laboratory as per the Safe Water Drinking Act.

"We report to the Department of Health and Human Services on anything that is outside the health limits in the Safe Drinking Water Act or the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. The aesthetic limit is 0.1 concentration mg/L, and the health limit is 0.5 concentration mg/L."

"In the past 12 months, we have recorded two instances where levels of manganese were above the aesthetic limit – in February 2018 at the water treatment plant outlet, and May 2018 in the reticulation system. Respectively, these recorded about 0.14 and 0.16 mg/L concentration."

"In these incidents, we responded immediately to the levels and made treatment alterations at the water treatment plant. There have been no iron reports above the health or aesthetic limits in the past two years."

Picola resident Sean Riseley, who uses a water filter, said that he contacted GVW around a year ago requesting a discount on his water bill due to the discolouration, but received little sympathy from the organisation.

"They sent a group of PR guys out to see me and they insisted the water was fine," he said.

"When I told them I wasn't happy about paying top dollar for brown water they said they couldn't give me a discount because

then they'd have to give everybody in Picola a discount."

"A year on, the water's still brown, and we're still paying top dollar for it. It's a joke."

As to the cost of water for Picola residents, GVW said that it has reviewed pricing for non-potable water supplied to a number of towns, but Picola is not among them.

"As the water supplied to Picola is potable and meets Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, pricing for potable water remains the same," Mr Nash said.

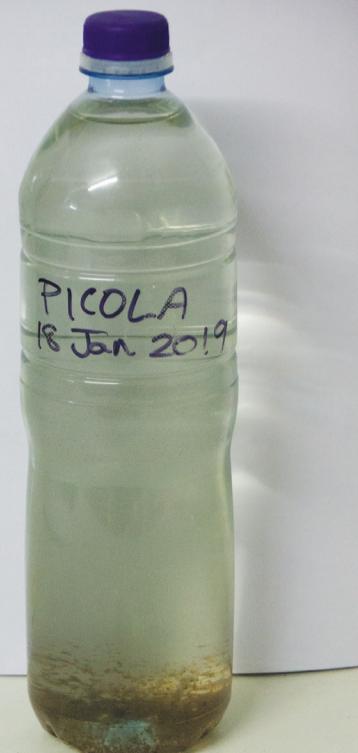
"We expect Picola water to continue to substantially improve in quality over coming months. In addition, average water bills will be reducing by about \$90 for an average residential customer during the next five years under GVW's 2018-23 Price Plan, the largest reduction in the state."

That's cold comfort to Picola residents.

"They keep insisting it's fine for drinking, but would you drink a glass of brown water?" Gaye Hildebrand said.

"I've shown water samples from my taps to a few different people from GVW and asked them if they'd be happy to drink it or give it to their kids to drink, and they've all said no."

"But they expect us to drink it."



Would you settle for this? ... Given a couple of days to settle, the sediment in the Picola water sample is obvious, but what is it?

FIRE WATCH

Unexpected but welcome respite for firies

DESPITE concerns that recent high temperatures would equate to catastrophic fire conditions in the Numurkah district, local CFA brigades have had a fairly quiet week, with just three callouts.

At 1.10pm last Thursday, Waaia, Kaarimba and Nathalia fire brigades responded to a reported smoke sighting in the vicinity of Walshs Bridge Road and Walshs Bridge South Road, Waaia, and discovered a fire at Caldwell Road, in an area known locally as 'Footrot Flats'.

A stolen vehicle, which was partially in the creek, had been set on fire; about 10 square metres of grass was also burnt.

The vehicle, a white ute, had been stolen from a Strathmerton property earlier that day.

Police were also in attendance.

Later that afternoon, at 3.05 pm, Numurkah and Naring CFA brigades, SES and Police were called to a motor vehicle accident at the corner of Numurkah Road and Naring Road, where a car and a four wheel drive ute with a trailer attached collided.

The female driver of the car was flown by helicopter to Melbourne and the male driver of the ute was taken by ambulance to Shepparton.

At 8.15pm on Monday, Numurkah and Naring brigades were turned out to support Katamatite brigade at a straw fire that was started by farm machinery in Lukies Rd, Katamatite.

The farmer had the fire under control when the Katamatite brigade arrived; Numurkah and Naring were not required.

POLICE BEAT



Cars stolen from Strathmerton and torched

TWO cars have been stolen from Strathmerton and set alight in the past fortnight.

The first incident occurred on Friday, January 11, when a vehicle which had been stolen from a Strathmerton property was dumped and set alight at the corner of Beari East Rd and Rockliffs Rd, Strathmerton, sparking a small bushfire.

The second incident occurred last Thursday, January 17, when a white ute was a stolen from Strathmerton property before being run into the Broken creek at Waaia and set alight.

Anybody with any information is urged to contact Cobram Police.



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Heritage lights shining in Nathalia

ALMOST one year after a phone call alerted Powercor to broken street lights on Nathalia's main street and started a David and Goliath battle between the community and council, Blake Street is once again well-lit, and aesthetically pleasing.

Over the past fortnight, six of the eight non-functioning public street lights on Nathalia's main street have been replaced - with heritage style lights consistent with those that had failed, according to the Nathalia community's wishes.

Nathalia resident Steve Campbell, whose initial call to Powercor on February 8, last year started the saga, said that he was pleased to see the lights functioning again.

"All I ever wanted was to see the lights on the main street working again, from a safety and security point of view," he said.

"I didn't really care what they looked like, but other people did, so I'm glad we have all been able to get what we wanted. It has still taken far too long though."

The battle for the lights played out over several months in mid 2018 when council elected to have Powercor replace the broken heritage style street lights, which were around 30 years old, with standard lights.

Whilst this would occur at no cost to the shire, replacement of the lights with non-standard heritage style ones would be at council's expense, costing around \$80,000.

Members of the Nathalia community resisted this move, and fought to retain their heritage style lights, which they said were an important part of the town's aesthetic.

After a community consultation process, council eventually acquiesced, changing its lighting policy to state that all street lights should be replaced with like-for-like versions.

Local businesswoman, and firebrand of the Save Our Lights Nathalia group, Leanne Pell said that she was thrilled to see the new lights go up.

"They look great and they are consistent with the heritage streetscape, which is what we fought for," she said.

"They have even replaced the ugly standard

one they put up before we won our battle for the heritage ones, which is great."

The two remaining broken lights will be replaced in coming weeks, and then the others, which are, for now, still functioning will be replaced with an energy saving LED version - in a heritage style of course - at the rate of eight lights per year.

Ms Pell said that for herself and other group members it was never just about the lights in Nathalia, but across the whole of Moira Shire.

"There are other places in Moira that have similar style lights and we wanted them to be able to keep that when the time comes for them to be replaced."

"Having the council change the lights policy to state that there must be like-with-like replacement means that those other areas will be looked after in the future too."

The shire's lighting policy is once again listed for review on the agenda of the upcoming ordinary council meeting on February 27.



Letter to the Editor

100 alternatives to gambling

WHILE applauding the concept of a new year's resolution, the reality is, that by the second, third or fourth week of January, many people will struggle to keep the commitments they have made to themselves to improve their own health and wellbeing and, by extension, that of their loved ones.

Fortunately, this doesn't have to be the case for those in our community wanting to change their relationship with gambling.

The 100 Day Challenge has been designed with the assistance of experts in therapeutic services to provide practical, effective support to people seeking to take a break from gambling, reduce the amount of time and/or money they spend, or quit permanently.

The program offers participants 100 recreational activities as alternatives to gambling, over 100 days, and encourages them to set and track progress against their own goals. It includes a range of tools, tips and advice, and features a highly engaged online community where participants share their experiences.

The 100 Day Challenge is available in app and web-based formats, ideal for people who cannot easily access mainstream services and those who want to make a change without seeking formal help or to maintain anonymity.

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Janet Dore
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Not usual behaviour, but an amazing sight ... A bat trying to cool down in the Broken Creek last week. Photo: Dennis Rickard

Heat hitting Numurkah bat colony hard

NUMURKAH'S bat colony is feeling the heat, with an estimated 50 bats, mostly juveniles, having been found dead in recent weeks.

Numurkah is home to two species of flying foxes, the grey-headed flying fox and the little red flying fox, which are both species of mega-bats and are the only mammals capable of sustained flight.

Numurkah's colony roosts in trees on the western side of Broken Creek - opposite the train park, and can be clearly seen roosting in trees during the day.

Bohollow Wildlife Shelter operator, and animal rescuer and carer, Deb Fowler said that being able to hang over the water was particularly important for the bats in the summer months, as it was cooling for them.

"Since the really hot weather started we have seen them roosting lower in the trees which is a sign that the heat is really affecting them," she said.

Deb has been visiting the bat colony on an almost daily basis in recent weeks to check on their welfare, and do what she can to relieve the heat stress they are experiencing.

Deb said another sign that Numurkah's bats are feeling the heat is that they can be seen skimming the surface of the creek in the evenings, looking for relief.

"That's not something they normally do, so they are really trying to cool themselves down by doing that."

One instinctive method that bats use to deal with the stress of the heat, can actually cause more harm than good, and could be responsible for many of the recent deaths.

Clustering together for comfort, in an act known as clumping, bats can inadvertently suffocate each other.

Whilst Deb said that people should not approach the bats on their side of the creek because it will cause them more stress, she encourages locals to come and watch from the other side in the evenings and at dusk, as they skim the water and take off en masse for a night of feeding.

"It's an amazing sight and it really makes you appreciate how wonderful they are and how lucky we are to have a colony here," she said.

Janice Mentiplay-Smith, Broken-Boosey conservation management network coordinator with GBCMA, is also keen to increase the appreciation of Numurkah's bat colony.

"We are hoping to increase appreciation of the local bat colony by helping people understand how vital mega-bats are in the pollination process of eucalypts, because without them eucalyptus forests, as we know them, would disappear within a few hundred years," she said.

Unlike micro-bat species that feed on foods such as insects and moths, mega-bats are nectar and fruit feeders and follow the presence

of flowering eucalypts. As they feed on around 185 species of plants, and can travel up to 80km per night, they are responsible for dispersing the seeds of native plants far and wide.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Forest and Wildlife Officer Tina Whatley said the department is investigating reports of deceased flying foxes in the Numurkah area.

"Grey-headed flying foxes are particularly prone to heat stress and typically flap their wings and move down lower in the trees to escape heat from direct sunlight," she said.

"Under no circumstances should members of the community touch or handle flying-foxes as they can carry diseases that can be transmitted to humans. Contact a local wildlife rehabilitation organisation, wildlife shelter or carer im-

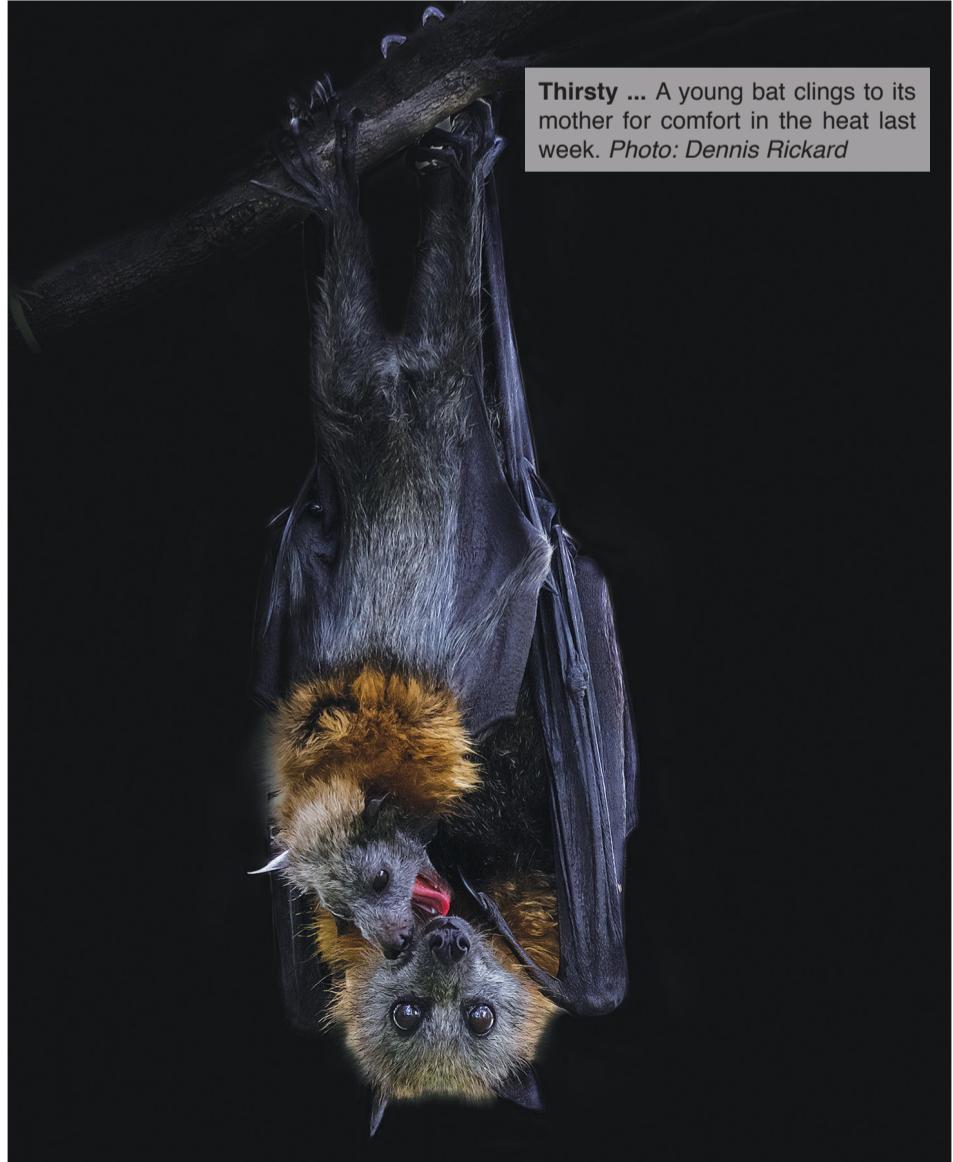
mediately for further assistance."

"To locate and contact your nearest wildlife shelter visit www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/injured-native-wildlife/wildlife-tool"

Whilst people should not approach bats at the roosting site, if you find a heat-affected bat on your property, it is okay to spray it gently with tepid water from a spray bottle.

"Make sure the water isn't cold because that could cause them to go into shock," Deb said.

The grey-headed flying fox is listed as threatened under the Victorian Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988, and vulnerable under the Commonwealth Environment and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. Both the grey and little red flying foxes are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975.



Thirsty ... A young bat clings to its mother for comfort in the heat last week. Photo: Dennis Rickard

Equipment breakdown scuppers GrainCorp

GRAINCORP Oilseeds' Numurkah production plant is currently experiencing a production plant breakdown, which is affecting overall operations.

The crushing/extraction plants ceased operation on the morning of Thursday, January 10, due to the breakdown of a vital piece of machinery.

As GrainCorp's oilseed crushing operation is an end-to-end process, when a particular item of equipment fails, the whole crushing and extraction process does also.

GrainCorp's national operations manager Troy Knox said the company is currently undertaking the necessary repairs, and plans to have the site fully operational by the end of this week.

"We are working closely with our many customers to ensure there is limited to no impact to their supply of quality products," Mr Knox said.

"It should be noted however that part of our site operation continues to operate, this being our refineries, which provide a range of bulk canola oil and related blends to other food manufacturers.

"Also, due to our oil and meal stock levels at the time of the breakdown, we have been able to continue meeting our customers' needs."

Community grants to prepare for climate change

THE Victorian government has introduced a grant scheme to empower regional communities to prepare for, and adapt to, the real impacts of climate change.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio launched the \$1 million Community Climate Change Adaptation (3CA) Grants program, which will support communities to adjust, build resilience and thrive in the face of a changing climate, last week.

Grants of between \$25,000 and \$75,000 will be available for practical, locally driven projects that are helping their communities adapt to climate change.

Funding is available for two project categories:

- Projects that build the adaptive capacity for communities and stakeholders to respond or adapt to climate change impacts in their region;
- Projects that deliver tangible actions that help our communities adapt to climate change impacts they are already facing.

Eligible projects must either be led by, or implemented in partnership with, a local council, traditional owner corporation, community group or not-for-profit organisation.

"All our regions have their own unique challenges and opportunities when it comes to climate change, which is why we need to support good ideas at a local level to build resilient communities in the face of a changing climate," Minister D'Ambrosio said.

The grants are being delivered under the Labor Government's Supporting our Regions to Adapt program, which is funded by the Sustainability Fund.

The Sustainability Fund was created in 2005 to help foster community action or innovation in relation to the adaptation to climate change in Victoria.

The application period closes March 31.

To apply, visit: climatechange.vic.gov.au/3CA-grants.

The Numurkah Leader.

GOULBURN VALLEY FARMERS' AND FRUIT GROWERS' GAZETTE

100 years ago

This week in 1919 ...

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

To view these editions online go to trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/title/S91.

MURRAY RIVER FATALITY. YOUNG BANK CLERK DROWNED.

A painful sensation was caused in Numurkah on Sunday morning last, when news was received that Arthur Jefferson Bennett, who since December 2nd has acted as teller at the local branch Commercial Bank, had been drowned in the Murray River that morning. The first word was received in Numurkah by Mr F. L. Tymms, manager of the Commercial Bank, from Strathmerton, and he immediately rang up Mr R. Kilpatrick.

This gentleman drove the police and Mr Tymms to the scene of the accident, followed by Mr Jas. Martin (of the same firm), with others ready to render assistance. Dr. Spence went out in his own car a few minutes later. When the party reached the river about 12.30 the body of the young man had already been recovered by Constable Gibson, of Strathmerton, who had been motored to the spot by Mr F. A. Patterson, and Dr. Spence at once pronounced life to be extinct. The deceased, who was only 21 1/2 years of age, was the son of Rev. W. Bennett, of Bendigo, and, as can well be surmised, the father and mother were prostrated with grief at the calamity that had overtaken them. The parents arrived from Bendigo by motor on Monday, and the remains of their son were entrained at Numurkah for interment at that city. The pall-bearers were Messrs J. P. Bedwell, F. G. Pleep (elder Presbyterian Church), L. Tymms, H. M. Robin and J. E. Harper (managers local banks), whilst the local arrangements were conducted by Mr G. Nicholson. Mr Bennett had only been here a few weeks, having received his appointment to the local branch on December 2nd, but in that short time had made a number of friends, who liked him for his affable demeanor. When the armistice was declared the deceased was in camp training for military service abroad.

Next Monday's Demonstration. —The Fire Brigades' Board evidently regards next Monday's demonstration as an important one from a fire-brigades' point of view, for four members of the board will be here, viz., the President (Cr W. B. Grose), Chief-Officer Marshall, and Messrs Andrew and Walker, representatives.

Reports from other towns indicate that strong practice is being engaged in by all the brigades, and if all are doing as well as the Numurkah brigade then some keen runs and fast times should result. The members meet every night after practice, and the result of their deliberations is reflected in the very fine arrangements made for the contests. The track is a fast one, and the "head" of water is such that the brigade that complains of having to "wait for water" will pretty nearly break records. The ladies of the Red

Thermometer. —Readings taken by Mr F. A. Guenther since last issue are as under:—January 15, 77 degrees; 16, 76; 17, 86; 18, 99; 19, 83; 20, 89; 21, 97.

Misuse of Water — In last issue a correspondent drew attention to the lack of water on the previous Monday morning. With his comments, or the interpretation put upon them, we have nothing to do, but we take full responsibility for saying that it is high time the trust was made aware of the scandalous misuse of water during prohibited hours, and particularly on Sundays.

Take a walk abroad on any Sabbath, and one cannot help noticing the number of hoses playing on lawns, gardens, and fodder grass plots. Meters may be a deterrent to some extent, but there are householders who have not had meters put on their properties, and many of these use far larger quantities of water than the amount they pay in rates entitles them to use. Under these circumstances, it can hardly be expected that the tank will always be kept full. The pumper must have rest and recreation, and it is "up to" the trust to see that the practice of using water during prohibited hours is discontinued. Ratepayers who use water through meters can scarcely be blamed for breaking the trust's regulations when they see others who pay nothing beyond the general rate using water as lavishly as some of them do.



Family fun ... Sebastian, Katrina, Isabella, Ted and Jacob Berry have been making the most of their family season pass at Numurkah outdoor pool.

Local pool a hit in the heat

THERE are few better feelings on a hot day than taking a leap into a cool swimming pool, and Numurkah locals are embracing that feeling in spades during the current heatwave.

With opening hours extended beyond the usual 7pm summer closing time on an almost daily basis, attendance numbers have been extremely healthy.

One family who has been making the most of the facilities to beat the heat, are the Berry family from Waaia, who have purchased a family season pass that allows them to use all public pools in the Moira shire.

Though they have tried the pools at Nathalia, Strathmerton and Numurkah - the three closest to them - for them, Numurkah wins because of its three different pools catering to all ages and abilities.

"We've been coming almost daily for the past couple of weeks because it's been so hot," said mum Katrina.

"We used to be on a dairy farm so we didn't really have time before, but now I will come down mid-afternoon with the kids and my husband Jacob will meet us here when he finishes work."

"It's really good here because we can swim together as a family," Jacob said.

"The medium depth pool is perfect for us because it is deep enough that my wife and I can enjoy it, but still hang on to the kids if we need to."

"Most people are using the big pool, so this one is quiet enough that it's safe for the kids."

Numurkah outdoor pool was an especially attractive prospect for young locals last week, as it hosted the inflatable obstacle course last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, three of the hottest days of the year so far.

"The inflatable", as it's called, provides fun for

kids of all ages, as they scramble over and under and around and through the wet inflatable structure that sits on the surface of the pool, ending with a slide into the water.

Moira YMCA Recreation Facilities Manager Marcus Maher said that extra effort was made to make Moira Shire public pools fun and popular places to be by running events and special programs at the five outdoor pools during the summer school holidays.

Though attendance figures are not yet available for this summer, last year, numbers across all

Moira Shire public pools increased by 11.2% on the previous season.

Mr Maher said that they expect a similar increase in numbers this year.

"We had a good run of hot weather in January 2018 and the pools were very popular places during those days, and it seems that we are experiencing the same thing this year."

"We offer reciprocal rights to all Moira outdoor pools for season pass holders so, if it is hot and you are near any of the pools, you are always welcome to come in and cool off."



Loving it ... The inflatable always proves popular when it visits Numurkah outdoor pool, and last week proved no exception.

Shire seeks community feedback on public pools

MOIRA Shire Mayor, Cr Libro Mustica, has reassured all communities in the shire that council is not proposing closures of the shire's public swimming pools.

Council is seeking community feedback on a draft strategy that will see local communities directly engaged in determining the future for their local pools and aquatic facilities across the next nine years.

Cr Mustica said the program, broken up into three stages, proposed in the draft strategy created a timeline and opportunity for communities to influence the outcomes for their local aquatic facilities.

"Across the first three years we will work with local communities to promote and encourage increased use of the facilities to achieve key performance targets," Cr Mustica said.

"During this phase, the pools will be maintained to current standards and we can test some of the feedback and ideas we have received about opening hours and activities."

"This phase will also help the community and council understand what may be required to support increased use into the future."

"Once the targets are met, the pool can move into the second phase where we begin planning for investment at the pool."

Cr Mustica said that it won't necessarily be all about the pool itself. In some cases, it may be modernising change rooms or updating the activities that can run at the pool.

"Obviously significant investment will have to take into account available funding, competing local priorities and providing best value to the community and council," he said.

The third phase, across the final three years of the strategy, will look at the substantial, and generally more expensive, capital works that will be required to assist the pool to operate successfully into the future and to meet the future needs of the community.

"Overall, this draft strategy is about asking the local community to work with us to map the fu-

ture for their local pools at Cobram, Nathalia, Numurkah, Strathmerton and Yarrawonga as well as the indoor aquatic centre at Numurkah and the slide and splash park at Yarrawonga.

The strategy also allows for some local flexibility, for example a facility may need longer in phase one to reach the targets.

"Most of our pools were built in the 1960s. Today, backyard pools, home air conditioning and changing community interests are redefining the use and need for community swimming pools."

"We don't have the answers to what should happen. We need the community to give us feedback, firstly on whether the proposed strategy sounds like a good way forward, and then to remain involved and work with us across the nine-year program."

The draft strategy is available from council's website and service centres, and community members have until March 29 to provide feedback to council.

Old Numurkah streetscape finds its way home



Then ... The photo, taken some time around 1920, shows a Numurkah from a much simpler era.

WHILST it's not unusual for siblings to gift each other hand-me-downs, one Numurkah man recently received an item from his sister that has proved a source of interest for many people in town.

Terry Barnstable's sister Glenda Atkins, a former Numurkah resident who is now a long-time Melbourne resident, passed on an old framed photo of Numurkah that had been hanging in her home for around 20 years.

The image is a streetscape looking south down Melville St from the intersection of Quinn St, clearly showing the Numurkah Hotel in the foreground.

Though it is unclear when the photo was taken, given that it features a small number of very early model cars, it was likely sometime around, or just before, 1920.

Mr Barnstable said that it was one occasion when he was more than happy to accept his sister's hand-me-down.

"I think it's great. It's a real piece of Numurkah history and a lot of people have been interested in it," he said.

"I'm having a copy made for the historical society and a few other people and

groups who have asked for one."

Mrs Atkins told the *Leader* that the photo had been spotted by chance in the window of a photographic studio in Noble Park by her husband Geoff in the late 1990s.

"Geoff is from the UK but he had spent a bit of time in Numurkah so he recognised it immediately," she said.

"He told me about it and said that it was \$20 and I told him 'you have to go and buy it'."

The Atkins hung the photo in their home bar alongside an old photo of the old Waaia pub.

Although they have enjoyed having a small piece of local history, their imminent re-location to a small, and modern-style, town-house, meant that it was time for the photo to go.

"We're downsizing so we had to be ruthless and it just wasn't going to suit our new home, so it had to go," Mrs Atkins said.

"I decided that it needed to return to where it originally came from, and I'm so pleased that people have taken an interest in it and are enjoying it."

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BYRAMINE Homestead will be transformed into a Shakespearean fantasy-land on February 3, when Moira Arts and Culture (MAC) Inc presents Essential Theatre's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The cast of eight professional actors will take the audience on a spell-binding ride in which four young lovers find themselves wrapped in the dream-like arms of an enchanted forest where sprites play and fairies rule.

While a feuding fairy king and queen are at war, their paths are crossed by Bottom, Quince and their bumbling mates presenting a play within a play.

Leading mischief-maker Puck is on-hand to ensure that the course of true love is anything but smooth, and games of fantasy, love and dreams ensue in Shakespeare's most wondrous comedy.

Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* has been loved for over 400 years, and continues to weave its spell world wide.

Mark Wilson is delighted to be returning to the company to direct Shakespeare's most popular comedy.

Mark has a wealth of experience performing and directing Shakespeare, and brings a keen eye to this enchanting and romantic tale.

Essential Theatre artistic directors Amanda LaBonte and Sophie Lampel are also proud to be celebrating their 17th summer of Shakespeare in the Vines, a tour of Shakespeare's classics to some of Australia's most spectacular wineries and gardens.

This program has grown from strength to strength ensuring the longevity of this ambitious and entrepreneurial Victorian theatre company.

These passionate theatre makers re-interpret the classic texts for modern audiences delivering vibrant and engaging productions.

Whether you're new to the work of Essential Theatre or a regular audience member you are guaranteed a night to remember.

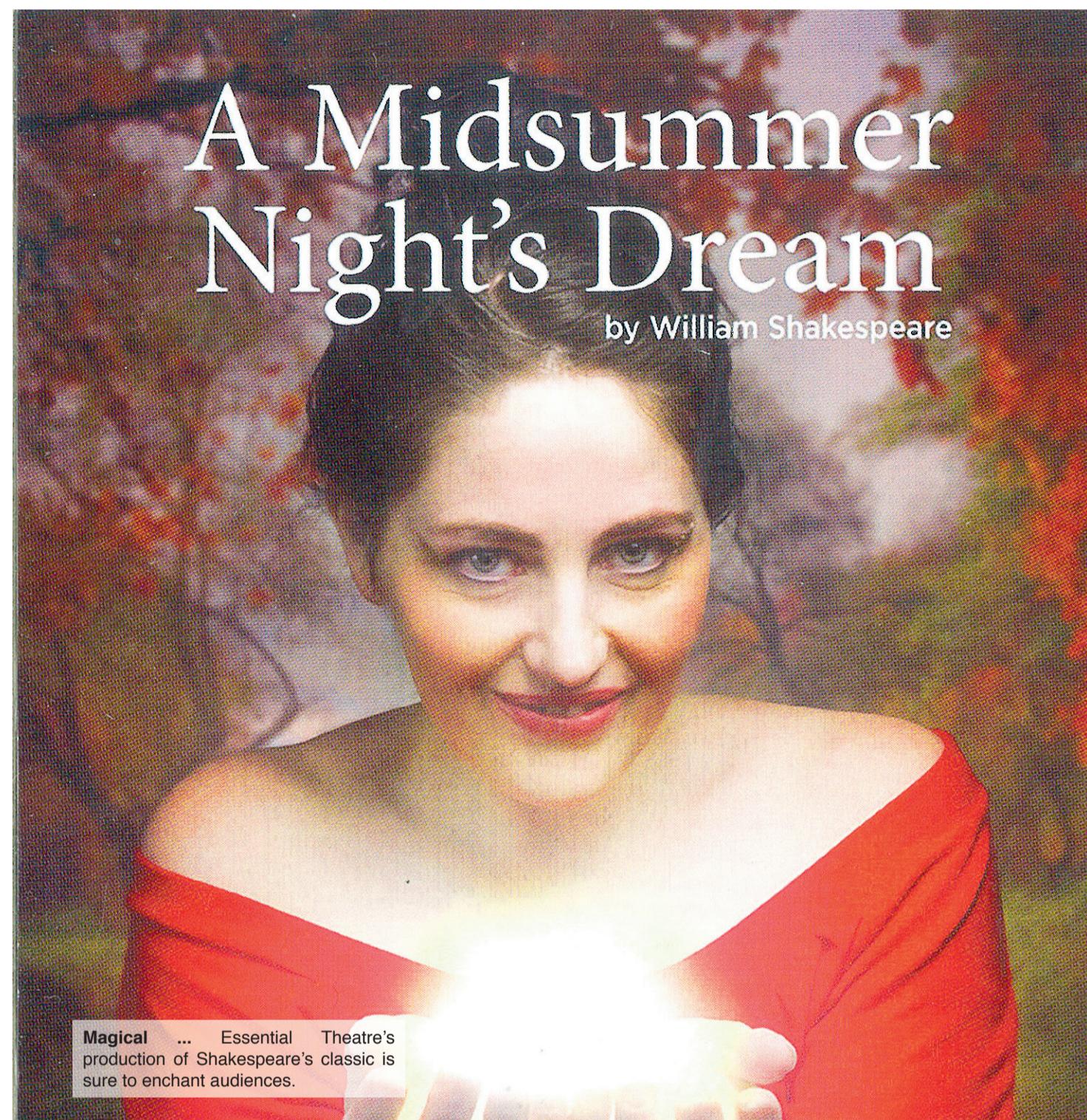
The audience is invited to kick back and enjoy the play; chairs will be provided but if you'd prefer to bring a blanket, or your own deck chair, you're most welcome.

Well-filled picnic baskets are also welcome, but no BYO alcohol - beer, wine and cider will be available at the venue.

Gates open at 5pm with the performance starting at 6pm.

Adult tickets are \$55, MAC Inc. members \$50.

Whatever else you bring, be sure to bring the whole family, as this one delights and tickles everyone's imagination!



Magical ... Essential Theatre's production of Shakespeare's classic is sure to enchant audiences.

Victorian MP calls for citizens to be armed

EASTERN Victorian MP Jeff Bourman, of the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party, has again called for Parliament to consider allowing people of good standing to legally obtain items designed for non-lethal self-defence, after another tragic sexual assault and murder in Melbourne last week.

"Too many times we have seen the heart-rending situation where an individual is attacked and murdered with no way to defend themselves against an attacker, who usually has the advantage of surprise, strength, and experience. We need to allow innocent people the option to level the playing field," Mr Bourman said.

Victoria has strict laws governing weapons, which means that any item, regardless of its original intent, that is held or used for the purposes of self-defence is, in the eyes of the law, a prohibited weapon.

"The type of criminal that perpetrates a crime such as the recent high profile sexually motivated murders is a coward that attacks because they believe they'll get away with it and they know their intended victim will be weaponless.

"We need to change the situation to allow vulnerable members of our community the choice of a more effective method of de-escalation, to increase their chances of disengaging and getting away from these predators," added Mr Bourman.

Mr Bourman has previously called for the legalisation of non-lethal self-defence on a number of occasions but there has been no movement on the issue and law-abiding citizens of Victoria are still prohibited from carrying or using anything to defend themselves with.

"Parliament needs to discuss this. Parliament needs to find a way to take the advantage away from the attacker and give it back to the victim."

Letter to the Editor

The Plan is a disaster

Two years ago I railed against the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) for its poor river management, which resulted in an unnecessary, catastrophic flood and a range of unacceptable environmental consequences.

Now we have the opportunity to question its ability to manage the resource and the river during a dry time.

The one thing that remains clear is the MDBA is unable to fulfil its responsibilities and we are left with disgruntled and angry communities and environmental disasters.

The MDBA now needs to 'fess up' and start taking proactive steps to address the damage which has been caused over the past decade, instead of blaming everything else. Leadership is about accepting responsibility and providing unity and cohesive solutions in difficult times, attributes that are currently lacking.

In a recent interview, Phillip Glyde, chief executive of the MDBA, said the Basin Plan was "trying to correct 100 years of over-allocation". The recent fish kills should be telling authorities that their management of the water resource over the past decade is making the system worse, not better.

In 94 of the 100 years that the system was supposedly 'over-allocated' there were recordings of fish kill deaths but none were of the magnitude we've seen recently, including the devastating event in the Menindee Lakes.

Blackwater events have also increased. Since 2009 there have been four major hypoxic blackwater events in the Edward and Warkool River systems, killing hundreds of thousands of native fish. The authorities first used flooding as their excuse, now drought is their excuse.

The only major change in the past 10 years, compared to the rest of the past century, has been the 2007 Water Act and the fact that the major owner of water is the Commonwealth Government.

This has led to a major change in the management of the river systems. It used to be run by the states but now is under the control of the Commonwealth and MDBA. It seems pretty obvious that's where the problem lies.

The question needs to be asked, where has all the water gone?

In late 2016 we had floods and most of the Basin was at 100% capacity, with Menindee Lakes at 96.5%.

Just over two years later these lakes are nearly empty and we have what is being termed a 'natural' disaster on a global scale. But it's not a 'natural disaster', it's a man-made disaster. The trouble is, those responsible refuse to admit it.

The damage being caused to both the environment and rural communities could have been avoided if the MDBA had listened to the rural communities that live in the Basin.

They took no notice of the warnings and refused to listen to logic and common-sense. They continue with a mantra of refusing to appropriately acknowledge their mistakes and the consequences of a botched Basin Plan.

It's time they stepped up, so we can re-focus our efforts and develop a plan that works. This needs to be done alongside communities, instead of continually working against them.

I would ask all agricultural representative bodies - the NFF, NSW Farmers, National Irrigators, NSW Irrigators - to call for the resignation of Mr Glyde as CEO of the MDBA and Neil Andrews as chairman of the same body.

Harold Clapham
Deniliquin NSW

Moira adopts memorial policy

MOIRA Shire Council has adopted a new policy covering memorials and tributes throughout the shire.

The Moira Shire Memorials and Plaques Policy applies to any applications for a memorial or plaque on council's public and open space, including memorials, one-off plaques, a cluster or series of plaques associated with a particular theme, and informal roadside memorials.

Roadside memorials are classified in the policy as any object constructed, erected or placed on the road or within the road reserve to commemorate or indicate a road fatality.

The policy states that 'memorials may include items such as wooden crosses, coloured posts, flowers or any type of construction with or without plaques or inscriptions', and that roadside memorials erected for any reason other than a fatal motor vehicle accident will be removed.

The policy acknowledges that roadside memorials tend to occur organically and at times of significant tragedy, and may be permanent or semi-permanent.

The policy states that

roadside memorials must not:

- Distract drivers' attention, disrupt traffic flow, upset nearby residents or road users, or prevent road maintenance;
- Provide a hazard to footpath users;
- Alter a public road;
- Be constructed of materials that will cause injury if struck by a vehicle;

• Become the subject of gathering creating public disturbance or littering;

- Be disrespectful, offensive or cause concern for other road users;
- Be attached to road or non-road related infrastructure (power poles, signs, etc.).

Any roadside memorial found to be in violation of any of those conditions will be removed unless corrected to council's satisfaction.

In line with VicRoads' Roadside Memorial Policy (2015), council's policy encourages people erecting roadside memorials to include their details on the memorial so that council can contact them if it needs to conduct works in the memorial's vicinity that may require its modification.



Potent reminder ... This roadside memorial at Labuan Rd, Naring pays tribute to a local killed in an accident at the spot in 2011.

Have your say on Victorian mental health royal commission

ALL Victorians are invited to submit their thoughts on the themes of the Victorian Mental Health Royal Commission, the first of its kind in Australia, which is due to commence in March.

Submissions made via the online portal by January 27 will be collated and used to inform the official terms of reference of the commission, which is tasked with providing a comprehensive set of recommendations on how to best reform the current mental health system and support Victorians with mental illness, including those at risk of suicide.

Almost 4,500 Victorians have already made a submission via the Engage website, which has recorded 16,000 visitors in its first 10 days.

Most contributions so far have come from people with a mental illness, or who work in the sector.

More than a quarter of submitters so far are aged between 26 and 35, while more than three quarters are women. More than 80% have known someone to access mental health services, or accessed them themselves.

Acting Minister for Mental Health Jenny Mikakos said that one in five Victorians experience a mental illness every year.

"We know we don't have all the answers to improve the system – and only a Royal Commission will help us do just that," Ms Mikakos said.

"The Mental Health Royal Commission Terms of Reference won't just be developed by the experts – it will be shaped by the everyday Victorians who count on the system to be the best it can be."

Topics expected to be covered by the commission include prevention

and early intervention, accessibility and navigation of the mental health system, integration with alcohol and other drug services, and community, acute and forensic mental health.

Consultation with key stakeholders on the terms of reference has already started, with a series of targeted stakeholder round-tables happening over the next month.

The final terms of reference and commissioners will be announced within the first 100 days of this term of government, before the Royal Commission commences in March.

To have your say on the terms of reference for the Royal Commission into Mental Health visit engage.vic.gov.au.

If you or someone you know is in crisis or needs support, call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or BeyondBlue on 1300 224 636.

GMW appoints new managing director

GOULBURN Murray Water (GMW) has announced the appointment of Shepparton resident Charmaine Quick as its new managing director.

Ms Quick comes to the role with a wealth of experience in the water industry and a strong history in leading change.

She is currently Executive General Manager, Service Delivery at Melbourne Water and in this role oversees the 24/7 delivery of water, sewage, waterways and drainage services to Melbourne.

Ms Quick's appointment is historic for the water authority. She will become its first female managing director.

GMW Chairman Diane James AM said that it was a truly exciting appointment for the business.

"The Minister for Water has set the key priority for our business as transforming to a new model that improves operations, keeps water prices low for customers and irrigators and supports the future growth of the irrigation district across our region," she said.

"Charmaine is the right person to lead this change."

Ms Quick is known for her ability to influence and drive change at an organisation level, nationally and internationally for asset management, relationship contract management and customer service.

She lists one of her key achievements as driving improvements in asset management at Melbourne Water through the development of



Charmaine Quick ... GMW gets its first female managing director.

its asset strategy.

This strategy is driving year on year efficiencies that ensure efficient services for its customers today, tomorrow and into the future.

"It is an exciting time to join GMW where there is a strong vision of transformation to a service centric, efficient organisation," Ms Quick said.

Her experience in agriculture was gained growing up on the family farm at Noradjuha in the Wimmera. She says it is this experience that ensures she understands the value of water and its importance to the social fabric of a community.

She has been living in Shepparton with her partner for the past 14 years and commuting to Melbourne for work.

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THANKS

My heartfelt thanks to all the people who gave time to keep a look out and search for my dog Oliver, in Monday's heat. Oliver was found safe and well at Lakeside during the afternoon.

Marjorie Porter

IN MEMORIAM

DICK — Les. 27.8.27 - 21.1.18. You were my soul mate through the journey of life.

Loved and missed always, Gwen.

DICK — Les. 27.8.27 - 21.1.18. One year has passed since you left us. But the memories we have of you will stay with us forever.

In our hearts and minds always. Andrea, Les and family

DEATHS

LEE — Stella Mary, aged 92.

Passed away suddenly on January 18, 2019.

Wife of the late Jack Lee of Berrigan, NSW and daughter of Eddie and Mayna Holmes of Numurkah.

A loving sister of Noel and Rae, and the families of Ken, Judy, Allan, Merrill, Geoff, Faye and smaller members of the families.

DEATHS

LEE (nee Holmes) — Stella Mary of Berrigan.

Much loved sister of Henry and Iris Holmes and loving aunt to their children Joanne, Susan, Jillian, Valerie and Edward, and their partners.

So many happy shared memories

DEATHS

SHADBOLT (Dick) — Felicity.

To David, Sheryl and family.

We are saddened by your sudden loss of Felicity.

In our hearts and thoughts always. Niece and cousin to Andrea, Les and family

SHADBOLT (Dick)

— Felicity.

Drew, Macie and Harper, Sheryl and David.

Sister to Jennifer and Tracey, Steven and Ashley. Friend to Lyn and their families.

Our hearts

Our thoughts

Our love go to you all at this sad time of the sudden passing of Felicity.

Sue and Joe.

Cousin to Stacey, Tim, Rick, Bluey, Elke, Steve, Nick and their families.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS
Numurkah Australia Day Committee invites everybody to the Numurkah Australia Day Ceremony Saturday, 26th January, 2019 Newman Square Free breakfast from 8am-9am, entertainment and awards ceremony from 9am



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Mark Henderson
Chief Executive Officer

Special Council Meeting

Wednesday 30 January – Cobram

Council will hold a Special Meeting of Council on Wednesday 30 January at the Cobram Civic Centre, commencing at 5pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider the following:

- Contract C013/19 - Cobram Apex Reserve
- Proposal to discontinue and sell a section of Richardson Street Nathalia.

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Sunday 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Holy Trinity Nathalia
Sunday 9am Holy Communion.

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2pm Holy Communion 1st Sunday & 9am Morning Prayer 3rd Sunday.

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A GRADE

EUROA It NUMURKAH

1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH 244

1ST INNINGS - EUROA

B Harrison st W Arnel b SE Downie	43
D Redfern c K Jackson b T Braybon	3
S Hemeter c W Arnel b T Braybon	2
R Jones b T Arnel	3
T Panuccio b L Gledhill	44
A Smithers c D Grandell b L Gledhill	6
L Paul c T Arnel b SE Downie	0
C Dyer c M Eckard b SE Downie	16
KJ Robertson c L Gledhill b SE Downie	0
J Smith st W Arnel b SE Downie	1
Al Crosbie not out	1
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 0, lb 0)	0
Total	119

Overs 47.0

Bowling: T Arnel 9.0 5 1 15; T Braybon 7.0 5 2

4; B Roberts 5.0 2 0 11; M Eckard 5.0 1 0 20;

M Grandell 4.0 0 0 21; SE Downie 9.0 2 4 24;

L Gledhill 8.0 0 3 24.

2ND INNINGS - EUROA (following on)

A Smithers b T Arnel

8

D Redfern lbw b T Arnel

13

S Hemeter c W Arnel b T Arnel

0

R Jones c L Gledhill b T Arnel

0

T Panuccio c W Arnel b T Arnel

10

B Harrison c W Arnel b T Arnel

0

L Paul lbw b T Arnel

6

C Dyer c D Ebborn b T Arnel

3

KJ Robertson c W Arnel b T Arnel

3

J Smith not out

0

Al Crosbie b T Arnel

4

Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 1, lb 4)

5

Total

52

Overs 22.4

Bowling: T Arnel 11.4 4 10 25; T Braybon 3.0 0

0 12; L Gledhill 2.0 1 0 8; M Eckard 4.0 3 0 2;

M Grandell 2.0 2 0 0.

KARRAMOMUS def WAAIA

Toss won by Karramomus, batted first

1ST INNINGS - KARRAMOMUS 222

1ST INNINGS - WAAIA BOMBERS

J Cleeland c M McGrath b J Keating

59

AJ Ciavarella b J Kerr

2

S Trower c L Forge b J Kerr

0

MJ Cleeland c L Forge b J Kerr

7

BG Carey c J Kerr b J Keating

34

R Bradbury lbw b S Turner

0

J Trower c C Keady (sub) b J Keating

0

SC Caret not out

8

C Brown b S Turner

0

L Henderson c M McGrath b S Turner

0

S Boswell c C Keady (sub) b J Keating

1

Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 2, lb 5)

7

Total

118

Overs 46.5

FOW: 13 (AJ Ciavarella) 33 (S Trower) 42 (MJ Cleeland) 94 (J Cleeland) 99 (R Bradbury) 106 (J Trower) 107 (BG Carey) 109 (C Brown) 115 (L Henderson) 118 (S Boswell)

2ND INNINGS - KARRAMOMUS

M McGrath not out

2

M Mandaradoni run out

0

T Belford not out

16

Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 4, lb 0)

4

Total

1/22

Overs 6.0

Bowling: MJ Cleeland 3.0 1 0 13; J Trower 3.0

1 0 5.

LADDER P W2W1 D L1 L2 PTS %

Katandra 9 1 6 0 2 0 52 1.72

Numurkah 9 1 6 0 2 0 52 1.39

CP/St Bs 9 1 5 0 3 0 46 1.23

Nagambie 10 0 6 1 3 0 39 1.25

Northerns 10 0 6 1 3 0 39 1.25

Old Students 9 0 5 0 4 0 36 1.02

Kyabram 9 0 4 1 4 0 33 0.92

Shepp United 9 0 4 0 5 0 30 1.05

Tatura 9 0 4 0 5 0 30 0.88

Mooroopna 10 0 4 1 5 0 27 1.07

Karramomus 9 0 2 0 5 2 18 0.52

Waaia Bombers 9 0 1 1 7 0 15 0.70

Euroa 9 0 1 1 6 1 15 0.55

A GRADE T20 NORTHERN DIVISION

NUMURKAH def WAAIA

Toss won by Waaia, batted first

1ST INNINGS - WAAIA

J Cleeland c & b L Gledhill

17

R Gow c & b L Gledhill

53

BG Carey c & b A Decicco

12

MJ Cleeland c & b A Decicco

1

A Quinn not out

11

C Brown not out

26

Extras (nb 2, w 6, b 0, lb 1)

9

Total

4/129 (cc)

Overs 20.0

FOW: 60 (J Cleeland) 88 (BG Carey) 91 (R

Gow) 91 (MJ Cleeland)

Bowling: T Arnel 4.0 0 0 32; A Decicco 4.0 0 2 30; M Eckard 3.0 0 0 7; L Gledhill 3.0 0 0 22; M Grandell 3.0 0 0 21; SE Downie 3.0 0 0 16.

1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

W Arnel c & b R Gow

30

W Van Zyl b MJ Cleeland

52

M Eckard not out

32

J Lau not out

12

Extras (nb 0, w 6, b 0, lb 1)

7

Total

2/133

Overs 17.5

FOW: 73 (W Arnel) 113 (W Van Zyl)

Bowling: A Quinn 4.0 0 0 24; MJ Cleeland 4.0

0 1 25; J Cleeland 2.0 0 0 19; R Gow 3.0 0

1 21; C Brown 2.0 0 0 20; L Henderson 3.0

0 0 23.

LADDER P W2W1 D L1 L2 PTS %

Numurkah 9 1 7 0 1 0 58 1.85

Shepp United 9 2 5 0 2 0 56 1.67

Mooroopna 10 1 7 0 2 0 52 1.59

Kyabram 9 1 5 0 2 1 46 1.25

Karramomus 9 1 4 1 3 0 43 1.38

Undera 10 1 4 2 3 0 36 1.38

CP/St Bs 9 0 5 0 4 0 36 0.85

Tatura 9 0 4 0 4 1 34 0.95

Euroa 9 0 3 0 4 2 24 0.80

Old Students 9 0 3 0 4 2 24 0.68

Katandra 9 0 2 0 7 0 18 0.70

Waaia Bombers 9 0 1 1 6 1 15 0.61

Northerns 10 0 1 0 9 0 6 0.48

B GRADE

NUMURKAH def EUROA

Toss won by Euroa, batted first

1ST INNINGS - EUROA 75

1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH 4/137 (dec)

2ND INNINGS - NUMURKAH (following on)

M Price c & b N Dowell

15

J Lau c J Ellis b Z Williams

24

J Pruden b R Downie

Jenny makes 18 a breeze

by "The Shankster"

LAST week's heat played havoc with the Numurkah women's golf competitions, with the fanatics only managing to get in one 18 hole round for the week.

The women's heat rule enforces only nine hole competitions if the forecast is over 40 degrees, which reduced last Wednesday's competition, but welcome cooler conditions on Saturday saw a good field out to enjoy a full game.

Jenny Ludington and Nola Dalton both played very nice rounds in the windy conditions, both coming in with 37 points, three shots clear of the closest rivals.

While Nola felt pretty confident of winning a count-back, having scored 20 points around the back, she was pipped at the post by Jenny, who had a lovely 21 points on the same nine.

Bev McIntosh and Norma Cullum headed the list of ball winners, with 34 points each, Julie Hannaford had 33, and Jeanette Adams won a countback on 32 points to take the last of the balls on offer.

Hitting off during the morning, Bev Hutchins had those following fooled into thinking she was having a good round, by winning nearest the pin on both the fourth and 18th holes. Helen Schmedje had a good shot to the seventh green to win that prize.

A smaller field contested what turned out to be last Wednesday's nine hole comp in very warm conditions.

Julie Daniel played a terrific round to finish with 20 points, three shots clear of Bev Hutchins, who took the runner-up placing with 17.

Julie Hannaford and Kath Hepworth rounded out the ball winners with 15 points each, and no-one managed to get onto the seventh green to win nearest the pin.

It was even hotter on Thursday morning when slightly more players ventured out for the weekly nine hole chick run, with just enough players to make two divisions.

Helen Pickersgill once again had the best score of the day, with 36 nett, to win division two, winning a count-back from Marion Tobin.

Nola Dalton won division one with 37 nett, with Bev Hutchins hot on her heels in second place, with 38. Julie Hannaford won the nearest the pin ball with a good shot to the 18th green.

It's all stableford again for the next week, today, Saturday and again next Wednesday, but stroke for tomorrow's nine hole chick run.



Close call ... Jenny Ludington won a countback to win Saturday's golf competition.

Bernie ends a stellar year at Vets

GOULBURN Valley veteran golfers opened their 2019 season with a fourball competition at Kyabram Parklands on Monday, with a terrific field of 106 players.

Presentation of the 2018 Golfer of the Year award was made following the day's golf, going to Nathalia's Bernie O'Hare. The award is given to the golfer with the highest aggregate points of the six best rounds.

Rex Howell of Rich River and Kialla golfer Roy Parrott won the day with a terrific score of 46 stableford points. Rex was also in the winning team last year, so seems to enjoy the par three layout.

Runners-up were Parklands golfers Kevin Davis and Lindsay Tatterson, winning a countback on 45 points from Nathalia's Max Ryder and Hill Top's Allan McGrath.

Ball winners were Laurie Stewart - Robert Frame, Geoffrey Partington - Neville Smith, Robert Oliver - John Bunn, Tom Martin - Brian Reiners, Ken Harris - Graeme North, John Fuller - Tony Borelli, Alan Labas - Ross Kirkham, Wayne Ferguson - Trevor Price, Des Ramsey - Graeme Willoughby, John McHale - Peter Myers, Tony Papallo - Terry Allen, Geoff Kittley - Ray Gourlay.

The association conducted its annual meeting after golf, when Numurkah golfer Ron Smith was again elected to the position of captain. He will be ably assisted by regular Numurkah Thursday golfer John McHale.

Other office bearers for 2019 include Ron Wilkinson as president and Kevin Stone vice president. Rolf Weber and Max Dawber have again filled the roles of secretary and treasurer.

The committee comprises Bill Chilcott, Rex Howell, Mel Lusher, Jim Rae, and immediate past president and delegate VVGA Graham Scott.

There are still vacancies in the team for the annual Central Challenge on Monday, February 25, hosted by Heathcote Golf Club. The last chance to enter will be at the GV Vets' next outing at Numurkah on February 11.

Ben's round a scorcher



What a scorcher ... Ben Clurey took great advantage of a weekend off cricket to fire a scorching 46 points at Numurkah on Saturday.

Sid's groundhog day

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

SID Roughsedge continued his run of form golf with a follow up win in last Thursday's mid week competition at Numurkah Golf Club.

Scoring 42 stableford points, Sid clearly outpointed runner-up Stephen Piggott on 38.

The octogenarian is famous for always wearing long pants at golf or bowls, whatever the weather. However, Rufus can reveal that a photo of Sid in short pants does exist in the 1951 Wunghnu football team exhibited on the wall of the new Wunghnu café.

Call in for an iced coffee and the shock of Sid's knobby knees!

Players whose scores earned them a club ball were: Nev Smith 38, Ron Smith and Dan Prosser 37, Matt Ebborn and Darryl Sheridan 36, Alan Dalton 35, Ray Falla, Paul Myers (Gladstone GC) and Bruce Collins 34, Peter Cowan 33.

Rob Collins runs the risk of diabetes by once again winning the tin of boiled lollies for last, coming in with a score of 20 points.

Bill Padgett picked up the Mickey Mouse ears for multiple shenanigans all over the course.

Nearest the pin awards went to the following: Paul Myers on the fourth hole, donated by GMCU; Alan Dalton on the seventh, unfortunately donated by his fellow players; Ron Smith on the two-shot 14th, thanks to Roy Peterson, and John McHale on the 15th, thanks to Graeme Sprunt. Ray Falla picked up the prize on the 18th hole courtesy of Pruden joinery.

Visitors and guests are most welcome to join in on a Thursday. Assemble at 8.30am for a 9am hit off.

by "Archie Bunker"

JUST when the weather decided to cool down, just a little, for golf on Saturday, Ben Clurey went and heated things up, with a scorching round to win the day's competition at Numurkah.

With most players scoring well about their handicaps on the day, Ben posted his 46 stableford points with an early morning round, and managed to hold onto the lead all day.

With his cricket side Katandra having the bye on the weekend, the 19 marker shot a terrific 81 off the stick, leaving his playing partners in awe of his almost perfect game.

It would have been great to have been a fly on someone's buggy in that group, with one of Ben's playing partners, Nathan Hickey, giving him a good run for his money.

Hickey finished with 43 points, and finished runner-up.

Graeme Sprunt spoke of going home before he even hit off, when he saw the score posted by Clurey, but must have been inspired, and came in with 40 points to finish in third place.

Neville Smith, Garry Hosie, Brandan Hosie and Roy Peterson all came in with 39 points, Bob I'Anson, John Smith and Alan Dalton scored 38, and the last of the balls went to Jack Thomas with 36 points.

No-one managed to hit the fourth hole in one, Dave Gilmour won nearest the pin on the seventh, Geoff Partington was closest on the 15th, and visitor Tyler Sprunt had the best shot to the 18th green.

The pennant team had a massive victory on Sunday, defeating the previously undefeated Rochester team 5-nil.

The Smiths, Ronnie and John took a massive 7/5 win, Garry Hosie and Martin Harper won 5/4, as did Bob I'Anson and Brandan Hosie. Charlie Walsh and Pierre Klaassen won 2/1, and Jack Thomas and Peter Stonehouse were the only pair to go the whole distance, finishing two up.

The win sees Numurkah on top of the ladder, equal on points with both Rochester and Hilltop/Merrigum, after three rounds.

Golf this Saturday, Australia Day, will be another stableford round.

History-making win for Strathy

AFTER the first round of Murray Bowls Division Saturday pennant for 2019 was cancelled due to the heat, the hot spell eased a little on the weekend, allowing the full 100 ends to be completed in Strathmerton's round 11 match against Cobram.

With only four points separating the teams on the division one ladder prior to the game, this was an important match for both teams, and the previous week's 51 ends proved valuable, providing some match-pressure practice after not playing since mid December.

Playing at Strathmerton, the home side was able to get in front early in the proceedings, and hung on for an 18 shot victory, 14/96 to 4/78.

Long time players and supporters believe this may be Strathmerton's first ever division one victory over Cobram.

Kevin Dunn (s), Wayne Lowson, Warren Ryan and Richard Buck battled hard all day but round Ray Parks' rink a little too strong, eventually falling by nine shots, 22-31.

Gordon Ryan (s), Len Vann, Peter Mahoney and Ross Kirkham took on Cobram's club champion Steve Tatnall and, in an entertaining contest, went down by just two shots, 18-20.

Mick Ryan (s), Steve Koopman, Richard Palczak and Matt Graham powered home, recording an important 10 shot victory for the home team over the Ron Dougherty quartet, eventually prevailing 25-15.

Trevor Loe (s), Peter Young, Gary

Murnane and Greg Sutton were the big winners, securing a 19 shot victory over Greg Dunn's rink, 31-12. This margin went a long way to securing the home team's 18 shot win.

Strathmerton's division four side played a very experienced Barooga outfit, also at Strathy, and was also victorious, although the three shot margin was no doubt an indication of a tight game of bowls.

Michael Day (s), Peter Phillippe, first gamer John Luci and Lyn Brook emerged 28-15 winners against George Brown's rink.

John Jasper, Peter Truman, Rex Codgell, and Billie Madgwick went down to Ron Quinn 18-28, with the latter getting away from the home side after smoko.

This win further consolidates Strathmerton's second position on the division four ladder after 11 rounds.

The Strathmerton Bowling Club has been a busy venue since the new year, hosting the Ted King Memorial Under 18 tournament on the weekend of January 5 and 6, and then over the next two weekends, the Murray Bowls Division Champion of Champion singles.

The Ted King under 18 tournament showcases Victoria's best junior male and female bowlers. With substantial prize money available and selection for the Victorian under 18 teams on offer, this event draws a quality field from all over metropolitan and country Victoria.

Golfers miss dual celebration



Big winners ... Dave Miller's smooth action helped his team to a big win over the Town on Saturday.

ONCE again, Numurkah Golf bowlers have produced mixed pennant results, with the Ones going down and the Threes victorious on Saturday.

From nine completed rounds, the division one side has won five times and division three has had three wins, but the two have not yet tasted success simultaneously.

The Ones travelled to Finley RS with a chance to consolidate a final four position, but failed to win a rink and have now dropped to fifth on the ladder.

All rink results were close, but RS finished in front on them all, two rinks by two shots, one by three and one by five for a 12 shot overall win.

Gary Downie, Geoff Sutcliffe, Ian Hocking and Dave Hester had a very tight game against Rod Brown's rink, eventually going down 19-21. Joe Luci, Des Staggard, Brian Gentle and Neil Macklin lost by the same margin, 21-23,

to Archie West's rink. Mark Jones, Steve Piggott, Butch Browning and Steve Patching lost 24-27 to Ian Smethurst's rink and Brian Stanger, Frank Houlihan, Syd Roughsedge and Jack Dell lost 18-23 to Warren Blanch's rink.

Golf's final chances are in its own hands in the final three rounds, with Saturday week's home game against bottom side, Katandra West, followed by games against the sides in third and fourth positions, Strathmerton and Cobram, respectively.

The Threes scored an impressive 14/79 to 2/52 win over bottom side Numurkah to build a 21 point buffer against relegation.

Loris Houlihan, David Miller, Gavin Parkinson and Adam Bugeya led the way with a 30-14 demolition of Arthur Crawford's rink. Jan Niven, Pete Madill, John Carr and Mike Fayers did almost as well, with a 29-14 win over Pam Smith's rink, while Allan Newby, Yvonne Clark, Col

Hicks and Robyn Hodgkin went down 20-24 against Bill Seymour's rink.

Golf has a fairly tough run home, but so does its rival for bottom spot, Numurkah.

There is no pennant this week due to the Australia Day.

The first two rounds of the club 21 up were completed on Sunday, with no real upsets occurring.

The semi-finalists are Geoff Sutcliffe, who defeated Butch Browning and Ian Hocking, despite giving both 10 shots start, Steve Piggott, who made short work of Des Staggard and survived a challenge from Gavin Parkinson, Lidiya Patching, who defeated Frank Houlihan in a very tight game before easily accounting for Tony Morris, and Jack Dell, with hard-fought victories over Steve Patching and John Pickersgill.

The semi-finals and final are scheduled for Sunday, February 3.

Finals race heats up in Murray bowls

by "Davo"

UPSETS were the order of the day in round 11 of the Murray Bowls division one pennant season, with finals aspirants Wunghnu, Numurkah Golf and Cobram all tasting defeat.

Whilst Wunghnu and Barooga Sports look certain to play finals, Strathmerton, Numurkah Golf, Cobram and Finley RSC are all still in the hunt for a finals berth.

Barooga Sports ended Wunghnu's undefeated run with an eight shot victory at home, Finley RSC kept its finals hopes alive with a 12 shot win over Numurkah Golf, Strathmerton moved up to third on the ladder with an 18 shot win over Cobram, and Numurkah proved too good for Katandra West, getting up by 18 shots also.

Wunghnu headed north for the top of the table clash with Barooga and, despite winning two rinks, never looked like winning overall.

Trevor Hosie's rink had a good day on the carpet, defeating Peter Russell's rink 34-22, while Andrew Henderson's rink had a come from behind victory over the highly rated Ray Emerson rink, winning 27-25.

Barry Cosgrove's rink suffered its first loss of the season, going down 23-26 to Brett Wright's quartet, whilst Russell Smith's foursome went down 9-28 to Peter Ware's rink.

Numurkah Golf slipped out of the top four when it suffered an upset loss to Finley RSC. Whilst only going down by 12 shots overall, Golf failed to score any points, with Joe Luci's foursome going down 21-23 to Archie West's rink, Brian Stanger's rink being outpointed by Warren Blanch's quartet 18-23, Mark Jones' rink going down 24-27 to Ian Smethurst's rink and Gary Downie's rink losing 19-21 to Rod Brown and his men.

Numurkah secured its third win of the season when it travelled to Katandra West, with two rinks getting up. Alan Rogers' rink had a great battle with Merv Hannaford's crew, getting up 25-18, whilst Terry Brennan's rink demol-

ished Jack Stephens' quartet 39-14. Don Staggard's rink went down 21-34 to Rick Anderson's rink, while Stephen Wyatt's rink was pipped 24-25 by Glenn Doyle and his charges.

Strathmerton continued its move up the ladder with a hard fought win over Cobram. The Strathy boys have been a revelation after being promoted to division one this season and are now a big chance of seeing finals action.

Trevor Loe's rink inflicted most of the damage, with a 31-12 win over Greg Dunn, while Mick "Pub" Ryan and his men defeated Ron Dougherty's rink 25-15. Kevin Dunn's quartet found the going tough against Ray Parks, going down 22-31, whilst Gordon Ryan lost a tight contest against Steven Tatnall, 18-20.

With 11 rounds completed, Wunghnu sits on top of the ladder with 151 points, 13 points clear of Barooga in second place. Strathmerton sits third with 108 points and Cobram rounds out the four with 102 points.

Numurkah Golf may have slipped to fifth but is breathing down the Tiger's neck with 100 points. Finley RSC sits sixth but is just 16 points outside the four with three rounds of the home and away season to come. Numurkah sits seventh and has avoided any chance of relegation with its win over bottom placed Katandra West.

Wunghnu's Barry Cosgrove remains at the top of the skippers table with nine wins, closely followed by Barooga's Ray Emerson and Brett Wright with eight wins apiece. Other notables in the top 10 are Strathmerton's Trevor Loe (fifth), Wunghnu's Trevor Hosie (eighth), Wunghnu's Andrew Henderson (ninth) and Numurkah Golf's Joe Luci (10th).

Round 12 sees Numurkah Golf play host to Katandra West, Wunghnu at home against Strathmerton, Numurkah playing host to Finley RSC and Barooga taking the short trip to take on arch rival Cobram.

Davo's tips for round 12: Numurkah Golf, Wunghnu, Finley RSC, Barooga Sports.

Mixed fortunes for Nick and Kerry



Close encounter ... Tocumwal bowlers Chris Philpot and Andrea Brown suffered a one shot loss to Kerry Baldacchino and Nick Davies in the Murray Bowls mixed pairs final.

WUNGHNU'S Nick Davies and Cobram's Kerry Baldacchino combined to win the Murray Bowls Division State Mixed Pairs title at Finley RSC last Wednesday.

The pair defeated the Tocumwal combination of Chris Philpot and Andrea Brown 14-13 in a tight and entertaining encounter. Unfortunately the win came at a price, with Baldacchino suffering a back injury during the game that left her barely able to bowl in the closing ends of the final.

The Tocumwal pair got off to a solid start, winning the first three ends of the 18 end final. But Davies and Baldacchino soon found their range, winning the next four ends, to lead 6-3. The contest remained tight in the middle stages, with the scorecard reading 6-6 after nine ends and 9-9 after 13 ends.

Davies and Baldacchino picked up two shots on the 14th end but a fast drive from Philpot resulted in a bowl taking Baldacchino's walking stick out from under her, leaving her

spread-eagled on the ground and in a lot of pain. True to her competitive nature, Kerry refused Davies' offer to forfeit the match and the contest continued.

Nick and Kerry picked up single shots on the next three ends to lead 14-9 with one end remaining.

Some brilliant draw bowls from Philpot and Brown saw them holding five shots on the last end, with Davies and Philpot each having one bowl to play. Davies drove with his last, removing two of the Tocumwal pairing's counters and leaving Philpot no chance of scoring the five shots needed to tie the match.

It was the first time Davies has played in a state mixed championship and the first time Baldacchino has won the event.

Davies was very happy with the way he and Baldacchino combined throughout the event and relieved to win the title, despite Baldacchino's injury.

"Many would have forfeited the

match, but not Kerry. She's not only a fierce competitor, but pretty tough as well," Davies said.

"We teamed up for the Victorian Open mixed pairs event in November and made it to the last 16, which was great considering we'd never played together before. Having done fairly well, we decided to enter this event and I'm certainly glad we did."

"Kerry plays a lot of Saturday pennant as a third for Cobram and is very good at reading a head. She's an outstanding draw bowler, who rarely has a poor end and never gives up."

"Those qualities made my job as skip so much easier. Success in any team event requires compatibility and I thought we combined really well."

"Hopefully we can go on now and win the regional title," Davies added.

Nick and Kerry will now move on to represent the Murray Bowls Division at the Central Goulburn Murray Region finals in February.

Towners get on greens and get wins

HEAT again affected last week's round of Murray Bowls Division matches, but this time it was the Friday bowlers heated out, while Saturday pennant players enjoyed somewhat cooler conditions.

The Numurkah Bowls Club tasted victory in two games, both the division one and two sides enjoying wins.

The division one side travelled out to enjoy the hospitality at Katandra, and came home with an 18 shot win, 14/109 to 4/91, sharing the rink wins with the home side.

Terry Brennan (s), John Wright, Phil Perkins and Geoff Jorgensen continued their very good season form with a resounding 39-14 win.

Alan Rogers (s), Sieg Seiter, Alan Clark and Noel Newham started well, gave up the lead, and then fought back to win 25-18, while Steve Wyatt (s), Ross Henderson, Don Woolley and Jim Cline came back well after a slow start to be level on the penultimate end, but succumbed by one shot, 24-25. Don Staggard's rink went down 21-34.

The division two side hosted Berrigan and badly need a win, which they delivered.

Hans Bruitzman (s), Neil Barnes, Neil Stuart and Noel Boschetti led the way with a 10 shot win, to give them the Telegraph Hotel best winning rink award for the round.

Roger Newman (s), Rod Seen, Gary Edis and Russell Morris won 24-17, Bert Visser (s), Les Parker, Bill Werner and Noel Sutton lost by a solitary shot, while Hugh Henderson (s), newcomer Frank Reid, Noel Murdoch and Col Jensen had a close tussle, but went down by five shots.

The division three side played fellow cellar-dweller Numurkah Golf and remain on the bottom of the ladder, after suffering a 17 shot defeat.

The only winning rink for Numurkah Town was that of Bill Seymour (s), Neil Walker, Brendon Davis and John Fleming, who won by four shots, 24-20 over Golf's Allan Newby.

Battle for bottom ... Howard Lowe sends down a bowl during his team's battle with Numurkah Golf in division three on Saturday.



Wunghnu suffers first loss of the season

WUNGHNU'S unbeaten run in the Murray Bowls 2018/19 division one pennant season came to an end on Saturday when it went down by eight shots to Barooga Sports.

Barry Cosgrove (s), Nick Davies, Mark Shelton and Alan Jones got off to a solid start against Brett Wright's rink and held a handy lead after eight ends of play. The boys found the going tough on Barooga's carpet from then on and eventually went down 23-26.

Russell Smith (s), Doug Larkin, Leo Shannon and Wendy Coles had a day to forget on Barooga's notoriously tricky rink five, going down 9-28 against Peter Ware's quartet.

Trevor Hosie (s), Peter Revell, Graeme King, and Darryl O'Connor performed exceptionally well against Peter Russell's rink, leading from start to finish in a 34-22 victory.

Drew Henderson (s), John McKenzie, Jim Brown and Lynton Stephens found themselves in a great battle with Ray Emerson's rink and, after being down for most of the match, came home with a wet sail to win

27-25.

Despite the loss, Wunghnu maintained its spot at the top of the ladder and will secure the double chance with one more win in the remaining three rounds of the home and away season.

The division three side also travelled to Barooga on Saturday and also suffered a narrow loss.

Ivan Newby's rink provided the highlight for the Magpies, defeating Carol Wigg's foursome 23-16. Rob Robison's rink battled hard all day, eventually going down 22-29 to Jill Toohey's rink, whilst Rob Rodda and his men went down 15-25.

Whilst the loss sees the division three team slip to third place on the ladder, it holds a handy 31 point advantage over the Finley RSC in fifth place with just three rounds remaining. One more win in the home and away season should be enough to secure a finals berth.

Round 12 sees both sides at home, with the division one team hosting third placed Strathmerton and the division three team hosting ladder leader Jerrilderie.

Raiders squash Beetles

by "Herb Garden"

NUMURKAH tennis teams finally saw some action last Saturday after a frustrating run of heat and wash outs over the past few weeks scuppered any chance of play.

Three of the four teams were playing at home with the GM1 Warriors having the week off, courtesy of the bye.

The GM2 Raiders just keep on rolling along and on Saturday the Tatura Beetles were their latest scalp, as the Numurkah outfit triumphed 8/64 to 3/48.

Skipper Col Mackay was a late withdrawal due to a family emergency, and all club members hope that things sort themselves out as soon as possible..

GM1 skipper Mark Mills stepped into the breach for the Raiders' captain and his class shone through as he completed three set wins for the day.

The Raiders men made a good start to the afternoon, as both Mark Mills and Jai Harrington won their singles 6-1.

Mills and Andrew Storer then had to battle very hard to get the points in their doubles encounter 8-7, while Harrington and Storer had a bit easier time in the second men's doubles set, winning that encounter 8-4.

The Raiderettes were having a bit of a torrid time of things and could only manage one set win, which occurred when Caitlyn Price got the better of her opponent 6-2 in their singles match.

Tatura won the other singles and both doubles sets, which saw the Raiders holding a precarious three game lead with the mixed to play.

They needn't have been concerned, however, as the issue was soon put to bed with the home team winning all three mixed sets. Mills and Price won 8-3, Storer and Cara Briggs, who was making a cameo appearance, got up 8-3, and Jai Harrington and Imogen Cameron saluted 8-5 to see the Raid-

ers 16 games clear at the end of play.

Mark Mills, Jai Harrington and Andrew Storer did not drop a set between them for the day in a powerful display, while the girls battled hard and held up their end to help secure the victory.

The Raiders sit atop the table and will tackle arch rival Nathalia at Nathalia in two weeks time, in what promises to be an entertaining encounter.

PENGUINS PIP PURPLES

For the second time in as many matches, the GM3 Penguins won by the barest possible margin when they fell over the line against arch rivals Nathalia, winning 7/74 to 6/74.

The match, as usual, was hotly contested, with Nathalia holding sway in the men's contests, while the Penguinettes acquitted themselves with distinction, winning all four of their doubles sets.

Lou Walter, back in the squad after a few weeks absence, teamed up with Carol Storer for a solid 8-5 win and then she joined Emma Schmedje for an even better 8-3 result.

Storer and Kris Walker combined for an 8-6 win over their opposition, while Schmedje and Walker got the job done 8-4.

The Penguins menfolk were having a lot tougher time of things, but Craig Brown and skipper David Ludington got off to a bright start, winning their doubles 8-2. Elliott Small, who was also back in team after quite a lay off, teamed up with Col Stone but went down 5-8 in a good match.

Elliott, however, who was celebrating his 25th birthday, had reason to smile as he got home 6-4 in his singles, but Nathalia hit back, winning the third men's doubles 8-6 and the second singles to love.

Heading into the pavilion for arvo tea, the Penguins held a handy 11 game lead but knew Nathalia would

throw everything at them in the mixed sets.

This proved to be so as Nathalia won the numbers one, two and three mixed sets two, four and three, respectively, to get their noses in front.

However veteran Col Stone and regular mixed partner Kris Walker righted the listing HMAS Penguin with a gritty 8-4 win, which saw the two teams locked at 74 games apiece. As the home team had won seven sets to their opponents' six, that was enough to get them over the line.

Kris Walker was in superb touch all afternoon, as sublime as her scones, jam and cream, and was the only three set winner for the victors. Her mixed set win with Col was absolutely crucial as far as the end result was concerned.

Carol Storer, Lou Walter and Emma Schmedje all won two from three, while the lads had to be content with a set win each.

Depending on other results, the Penguins could be high as second on the ladder and are starting to mount a bit of challenge as finals approach.

Their next match will be on February 2, when they take on the strong Cobram Cobras at Cobram, which should provide them with another stern test.

RAVENS WINGS CLIPPED

Like their compatriots, the Ravens hosted Nathalia, but unfortunately didn't obtain a similar result, going down 3/34 to 6/57.

The locals were up against it right from the get go as, due to a shortage of men, they went into the match with two gents and four ladies against their opposition's five men and one lady.

The Ravens put up a brave fight, with Pete Smyth, fresh from an overseas cruise, posting three set wins for the day.

He won his doubles match with skipper Graham Henderson 8-2 and



Picture of concentration ... Andrew Storer was one of three three-set winners for the Raiders on Saturday.

repeated the dose with Cathy Brown and then completed a great afternoon's work by partnering Katie Mills to an 8-5 win.

That was about it though, and the Ravens are starting to lose touch with the four. They will be hoping for a better showing against Kyabram in two weeks' time.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

The Numurkah Lawn Tennis Club will be hosting the 88th running of its annual Australia Day Tournament this weekend.

The club is looking forward to good entries over the three days of competition.

The event begins on Friday with the junior singles and doubles in 16 and

under, 14 and under and 12 and under divisions.

Saturday see the men's and ladies' A grade singles competitions, and Saturday twilight will play the A, B and C grade mixed doubles.

The tournament concludes on Sunday with the men's and ladies' A, B and C grade doubles events.

Curator Geoff Sutcliffe has the courts in top condition and there will be catering facilities available on all three days.

Saturday evening will even see an appearance by LBDJ, who will be spinning some tunes on the verandah to help the players find their mojo on the courts.

Entries are still being taken.

Numurkah makes it a big Blue weekend

NUMURKAH claimed a massive outright victory over Euroa in its B grade clash at Numurkah Showgrounds. After Numurkah bowled Euroa out for just 75, it scored and declared on 4/137 before sending the visitors back into bat, eventually leaving the Magpies on 0/23 at the close of play.

Numurkah went into Saturday hopeful of giving the chances of an outright win a big shake and the bowling attack struck early and frequently.

Josh O'Dwyer started well before finishing on commendable figures of 1/21 from 13 overs, while Reydan Lacuin finished with 2/33 from 16. The chief destroyers with the ball, though, were Myles Martin, 3/29 from 11.3, and Hamish Lambert picked up 3/40 from 10.

Euroa managed to reach 145 before its last wicket fell, giving the Blues a target of 84 for outright victory.

Jahlan Lau and Matthew Price steered Numurkah in the right direction, putting 41 runs on the board before Lau was caught out for 24 and replaced by James Pruden. Price fell almost immediately thereafter, and Pruden lost new batsman Dylan Cox to make it 3/43.

The Blues kept plugging away at the total, and despite seeing Andrew Cline and Pruden fall in quick succession to make it 5/70, there was never a risk of Numurkah blowing its chances of the outright win.

Josh O'Dwyer and Sean Dawson both scored 10 not out, passing the required total and

securing the big win. The win gives Numurkah's B grade side top spot on the ladder with 58 points, two points ahead of Shepparton United.

The Blues will hope that the ruthless form shown over the past two weeks again transfers over to this week's tie against 10th placed Old Students at the Numurkah Showgrounds.

D GRADE

Numurkah's D grade side held its nerve to record a slim one run win over Invergordon on Saturday at the Numurkah Showgrounds.

The odds seemed slightly stacked against the Blues as their score of 8/114 posed a tally difficult to defend, but the home side's bowling attack struck early and ensured that pressure on the Invergordon batting line up was kept high.

Samuel Lewis and Brett O'Dwyer delivered the first three blows, with O'Dwyer claiming two wickets which sandwiched Lewis' contribution.

Invergordon lost wickets with an alarming frequency, going from 3/17 to 9/58, but it was at this point that Travis Murdoch began to tick the scoreboard over, while number 11 batsman Jesse Caldera stuck in to provide support.

Murdoch reached his half-century and all of a sudden, the visitors were in with a chance to pip the Blues to the post.

It came down to the final over, but Numurkah was able to hang on and keep Invergordon to 9/113 from 40 overs.



Every run counts ... Numurkah's Steve Morris top scored for his side in a tight one run triumph over Invergordon on Saturday.

Bombers fall away quickly

WAAIA'S maiden campaign in Cricket Shepparton has continued to labour and meander with a disappointing loss at the hands of Karamomus on Saturday.

When play resumed at Vibert Reserve, Waaia's Mitch and Jordan Cleeland occupied the crease with 2/35 attributed to their side, chasing 223 for victory.

For Waaia, though, in its pursuit of victory, all it found was strife.

Mitch Cleeland was out for seven early in the day, seeing captain Brayden Carey take to the field, and at 3/42, he and Cleeland set about getting the Bombers back on track.

It seemed to be going well for Waaia, but when Cleeland fell for a well-made 59, it all fell apart for the struggling visitors.

From the remaining six batsmen, four of them were dismissed for ducks, while only Carey was able to reach double figures before he was out for 34.

In the end, Waaia lost 7/24 to finish all out for 118 from just 46.5 overs.

The loss damns Waaia's Haisman Shield record to 1-7, along with a draw and a bye, meaning the Bombers currently languish in 12th spot, ahead of bottom placed Euroa, simply by matter of percentage.

A miracle escapes Waaia's clasps



Just not their day ... Corey Walpole wasn't able to help his side over the line on Saturday.

DAVID Booth's second innings century saw Waaia come within a whisker of snatching a reverse outright victory over Karamomus, but the Bombers fell just short in the second week of its B grade clash at Waaia Recreation Reserve on Saturday.

The Bombers began play 155 runs behind, but calamity soon struck as Karamomus took control of the tie through sharp bowling. Lachlan Keady, 4/18 from nine overs, and Sam Green, 3/21 from eight, tore through the Waaia lineup to see the home side lose 8/40, conceding first innings points in the process. Karamomus wanted more than just first innings points, though.

The visitors took guard once more and went hammer and tong to rebuild their total in hope of an outright win.

Corey Walpole and David Booth each claimed a wicket, but it was in retort to an eight run per over onslaught that lasted just nine overs before Karamomus declared on 2/72.

Now 187 runs behind, Waaia needed to decide whether it was to consolidate and protect itself from an outright loss, or attack and attempt to take siege of the huge mountain in front of it. The second innings didn't start well, with Corey Walpole falling for a duck, but Rory Knight and David Booth took it upon themselves to give it their all in pursuit of the runs needed to win.

Knight made 40 before he was caught out, but that didn't stop Booth from charging ahead.

The Bomber captain kept toiling in the middle, despite continuously losing batting partners. The fact that not a single other batsman was able to hit double figures details the frequency in which Waaia was losing wickets.

Booth eventually fell for 102 and, not long afterwards, Waaia followed suit, just five runs short of victory, all out for 183.

Nathalia sneaks home



Purple charge ... Brodie Ross poises to send heat down the wicket in Nathalia's win over Cobram on Saturday.

NATHALIA came away from its one-day premier division game at the Nathalia Showgrounds against Cobram as two wicket victors, claiming its fourth win of the 2018/19 season in the process.

After losing the toss, Nathalia picked up a number of early breakthroughs to pile pressure upon the visitors, and it all started when Ash Quinn picked up a wicket to damn the Tigers to 1/9.

Cobram managed to regroup for just a short while before Quinn struck again with 31 runs on the board.

The grim feelings intensified for Cobram after Jackson Walpole and Luke Quinn combined to facilitate a run out and see the score tick over to 3/33.

Nathalia kept on top of Cobram, and the pressure mounted as Adam Jorgensen claimed a wicket and Walpole picked up his second run out for the day.

Scott Morris made it 6/76 after he claimed his sole wicket for the day, while Brodie Ross picked up three, while also claiming a

run out, to clean up the tail. Cobram finished its innings all out for 94 but would give itself every chance to pick up the win when it wreaked havoc with the ball.

Scott Morris and Harrison Hawks fell early for Nathalia, both a victim of Adam Decicco, and when Clay Stevens was caught for just one, Nathalia was reeling at 3/7.

The Quinns, Ash and Luke, took command of the middle, but Ash was soon out for just seven, and Luke followed for 17, right after new batsman Brayden Summerville was out for seven.

At 6/42, it was either team's game, and it seemed to be Cobram inching ahead when Shannon Young was run out for three.

Thankfully for the Purples, Brodie Ross and Adam Jorgensen combined to settle the Nathalia nerves, scoring 24 and 22 respectively, steering Nathalia home with just over four overs to spare.

DIVISION ONE

Nathalia has slumped to its fifth loss of the

2018/19 season after succumbing at the hands of Finley to the tune of 45 runs at Yalca North Recreation Reserve on Saturday. The toss went in Finley's favour, with the Purples forced to bowl, and it was all Finley early in the piece.

The visitors' opening partnership garnered 71 runs before Jamie Hardy found the breakthrough to pick up the first of two wickets he would claim in the match.

Byron Smith helped reel Finley in further with three wickets in fairly quick order to see Finley 4/118.

Though wickets continued to fall with consistent regularity, it didn't stop the Cats from posting an impressive 8/172 from 40 overs. In reply, Nathalia was no match for Finley's bowling attack, and could only muster a score of 7/127 from the 40 overs allocated. The loss means that the Purples sit sixth, behind Cobram by 0.14%.

Nathalia will next week face top of the table Katunga at the Nathalia Showgrounds on February 2.

Swans go down

KATUNGA was no match for Tocumwal in Saturday's Murray Valley cricket division one tie, with the Swans going down to the visitors to the tune of 68 runs.

Katunga won the toss but decided to give Tocumwal the chance to post a score first, a decision that gave Tocumwal opener Troy Poynton the opportunity to make an indelible mark on the tie.

Poynton made 107 not out, while benefitting from ample support from the likes of Mark Barker and Paul Mangion, who scored 65 and 37 respectively. Katunga, made an early impact before it all fell apart, as Toby Miles picked up his first of two wickets with only four runs on the board, but that was the last call for celebration for close to 120 runs.

Miles finished with figures of 2/27 from eight overs, with only one other Katunga player claiming any other victims, Shaun McAllister walking away with 2/40 from eight.

Katunga used eight different bowlers, as it struggled to keep pace with Tocumwal's unwavering onslaught.

At the end of 40 overs, Tocumwal's score sat at 4/251, meaning that Katunga had a lot of work to do if it was any chance of grabbing an unlikely win. Despite losing Ayden Youd for 15 with only 29 runs on the board, Jarrod Rankin and Josh MacFadyen gave their side a leg-up with a 66-run partnership before Rankin was bowled for 55.

Toby Miles replaced him but was sent back for five after he was caught out, setting the score at 3/105 and signaling major trouble for the home side.

Katunga lost two more quick wickets, and while MacFadyen went onto finish 73 not out, the substantial total was always out of arm's reach and Tocumwal headed back home with the points.

Numurkah takes out another derby win

CRICKET Shepparton's "Love the game" A grade T20 tournament kicked off last week, with local rivals Numurkah and Waaia doing battle at the Numurkah Showgrounds, before the Blues claimed an impressive eight wicket win.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, Waaia got off to a strong start as Jordan Cleeland and Riley Gow, ring-in player from Barooga, got the Bombers to 0/60 before Cleeland was caught out for 17, the breakthrough coming from Numurkah captain Liam Gledhill's bowling.

Waaia captain Brayden Carey replaced Cleeland in the middle, scoring 12 before he was sent back to the pavilion, caught off Adam Decicco's, ring-in player from Cobram, bowling.

At 2/88, the game teetered, with neither team holding full ownership of the momentum, but that all changed when Gledhill claimed his second wicket to remove Gow from the middle just after the opener had made his half-century.

Gledhill's four overs of bowling saw the Blue claim 2/22, while Decicco took his second wicket to finish on

2/30 from four overs, to wrest the ascendancy with the score at 4/91. Waaia was forced to contend with tight bowling from Michael Eckard, 0/7 from three overs, and Shaun Downie, 0/16 from three, eventually finishing its 20 overs 4/129.

In reply, the Blues got off to a blistering start as Will Arnel and Wian Van Zyl, ring-in player from Cobram, ferociously took a hold of the contest.

Arnel reached 30 before he was caught off Riley Gow's bowling. At 1/73, the loss of his partner far from deterred Van Zyl and new batsman Michael Eckard.

The duo put on a further 40 runs before Van Zyl fell at the hands of Mitch Cleeland for a well-made 52. It would be the last cause for celebration Waaia would have, as Eckard, 32 not out, and Jahlan Lau, 12 not out, closed the tie out with 17.5 overs bowled.

With the first of three northern section games played, Numurkah will enjoy a break from T20 action as Waaia takes on Katandra tomorrow night at Waaia Recreation Reserve.

When cloud nine isn't good enough, take 10

HISTORY was made as Numurkah claimed a huge innings and 73 run outright victory over Euroa at Euroa Memorial Oval on Saturday, with Tim Arnel collecting an incredible 10/25 in the second innings.

Arnel took all of Euroa's second innings wickets after Numurkah had piled on a big total of 244 during the first week of play, continuing with the dominance on Saturday, except this time with the ball.

In its first innings, Euroa lost two early wickets to Tim Braybon and one to Tim Arnel who gave the Blues a huge push in the right direction, but Numurkah's bowling lineup was met with one source of resistance.

A partnership between Euroa batsmen Ben Harrison and Tom Panuccio gave the struggling home side a bit of life, but Shaun Downie put an end to that. Downie claimed Harrison's wicket for 43, and while Panuccio made it to 44, he was ousted from the crease by Numurkah captain Liam Gledhill.

Euroa saw only one more of its batsmen hit double-digits, with Downie claiming a further three scalps to finish the innings with figures of 4/24 from nine overs, while Gledhill took 3/24 from eight.

Euroa was all out for 119, but with only 47 overs used, the Blues knew they were in with a chance to collect even more points.

Euroa was sent back into bat, and this time it went even worse than it did earlier in the day.

Tim Arnel etched his name into Numurkah and Cricket Shepparton folklore when he, from less than 12 overs, took every wicket available to finish with historic figures of 10/25, believed to be the best ever recorded in A grade Cricket Shepparton history.

The rampaging spell of bowling left Euroa all out for 52, gifting Numurkah outright points in the process.

With the big win, Numurkah reaches second on the Haisman Shield ladder, behind league leader Katandra, solely on percentage, but the unavoidable spectacle that was Tim Arnel's spell, forced the limelight from the heated jostle for top position.

Arnel joins Katandra's Rod McLeod as one of two Shepparton league players to pick up 10 wickets in a single innings. The Eagle picked up 10/81 during his side's 1993/94 clash against Karamoomba.

Arnel though, holds the status of the best figures ever to be taken for an A

grade Cricket Shepparton, and Numurkah, player, but heading into the game, he and his side's focus laid solely on picking up the points on offer.

"Originally, we were just trying to knock Euroa over and defend 244, and we did that within 50 overs," Arnel said.

"So we saw that the outright was a possibility and we were able to get that with 10 overs to spare. We were over the moon with that."

The swiftness of the second innings Euroa capitulation was powered and streamlined by Arnel's bowling, and with early wickets falling, it wasn't until half way through the onslaught that Arnel had the idea of a 10-wicket haul planted in his ear.

"After the fifth or sixth wicket, Shaun Downie kept telling me I was a big chance of the tenny, I just kept laughing at him. When I got to eight wickets, I got a bit of a sniff, but I thought that there was still a fair way to go.

"When I got to nine, though, I thought I was a big chance of 10 and really wanted to get it."

With the game all but won outright, a different kind of pressure was on Arnel, and with his compatriots bowling well, there was always a chance he was going to have that last wicket taken before he had a chance to claim it.

"Mitch Grandell was bowling really well at the other end, so I kept thinking that someone has to take it soon, I didn't really think I was much of a chance.

"In the end, it went my way, I knocked over that last wicket and it was amazing."

Arnel reflected that, upon a suggestion from his captain to rest his shoulder, the answer was a polite, but emphatic no.

"Well, Flipper asked if I wanted a spell to rest up and have another crack in a few overs, I just told him, Nah, I don't think so, I think I'll keep going."

Though the individuality of the moment is difficult to avoid, the outright win's significance to Numurkah's season wasn't to be lost on Arnel.

"We're going along quite nicely, the extra points are huge for the side's season.

"We'll be back to full strength next week with Josh Smith and Matty Cline coming back, so they're big ins. We're just so hungry for that premiership, that's what it's all about and we're really looking forward to the finals come March."

Numurkah looks ahead to Old Students after the Australia Day weekend break.

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Perfect spell caps off perfect Blue day ...
A grade Blue Tim Arnel has ensured he will forever be remembered by the local cricket community after claiming 10/25 against Euroa.

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Cossie proves he's a champion

WUNGHNUS Barry Cosgrove took out the Murray Bowls Division (MBD) Champion of Champions singles title played at the Strathmerton Bowls Club on Sunday, defeating Nathalia's Keith Holland in the final.

In perfect weather conditions and on Strathmerton's free running green, Cosgrove earned his place in the final with a 25-17 win over Cobram's Steven Tatnall, whilst Holland came from being well down to defeat Berrigan's Rick Bradbury 25-21 in the other semi-final.

The final did not disappoint, with Holland and

Cosgrove both drawing well and, after 12 ends of play, Holland led 12-9.

The two players went shot for shot in the middle stages and, after 21 ends, the score stood at 19-17 in Cosgrove's favour. Cosgrove then stepped up a gear when it really counted, picking up the next six shots unanswered to win the match 25-17.

It is the second time Cosgrove has won the champion of champions title and he will now move on to represent the Murray Bowls Division at the Central Goulburn Murray Region finals in February.



Good on ya champ ... Nathalia bowler Keith Holland (right) congratulates Barry Cosgrove on his Murray Bowls champion of champions win on Sunday.

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