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Winning milkers

DAIRY farming brothers Justin and Chris Hibberson have been awarded for producing some of the best quality milk in Australia. See story page 3.

Moira Shire councillors' Italy trip underway

MOIRA Shire Council is operating under a skeleton crew at the moment, with four councillors currently on an overseas visit to Cobram's twin city of Varapodio in the Calabria region of Italy.

Councillors Mustica, Buck, Cleveland and Lawless are participating in the third visit to our sister city, and with councillor Ed Cox also on leave, only councillors Martin, Bourke and Beitzel remain in the shire until the delegation returns after August 20.

Councillor Beitzel was appointed acting mayor for the duration, as voted at council's June meeting. Due to council procedures and protocol no other nominations for the acting mayor

or position were able to be made.

The trip is estimated to be costing ratepayers in the vicinity of \$6,000.

The report regarding the trip, which is the third made by Moira Shire councillors to the region, recommended funding for two council representatives at approximately \$5,400 per person, totalling \$10,800.

However, only one participant - believed to be Cr Buck - has taken up the option, with the other participants choosing to fund themselves. Council is also funding some incidental costs associated with small gifts to be presented to the host cities as part of the official functions.

Council voted in favour of the report

at its December 19, 2018 meeting, with all councillors voting in favour except for councillor Bourke who was opposed.

The official itinerary involves eight days of activities, August 12-19, in and around Varapodio and Molochio.

A statement provided to the *Leader* by council said the dates have been coordinated to ensure all participating councillors will arrive back in Australia well in advance of the next council meeting on August 28.

In response to a letter written by Cr Mustica to the Varapodio council in November 2018, Moira Shire received an invitation to send a delegation of councillors, community members

and school students to the region.

Delegations from Varapodio have visited Moira Shire on six occasions, most recently sending a delegation, which included school students, in 2015.

Council told the *Leader* that although local schools were invited to participate in the trip, feedback received was that school participation would generally require a longer lead time and the tour falls in the school term. For this reason participation did not proceed.

Moira Shire CEO Mark Henderson is also on leave at the moment, with general manager corporate Simon Rennie acting as CEO and in his absence.

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Victorians urged to dig deep with time and money for Daffodil Day

WITH an average of 230 people diagnosed with cancer in Moira Shire each year, local residents are being urged to show their support and help fund vital cancer research by getting involved with the Daffodil Day Appeal this August.

The Daffodil Day Appeal will take place throughout August, culminating in Daffodil Day on Friday, August 23.

The funds raised through the Daffodil Day Appeal will invest in research to improve early cancer detection and treatments.

Local community involvement will be vital in helping Cancer Council Victoria reach its' goal of raising more than \$800,000 to give more than hope to those affected by cancer, and it is hoping to recruit more than 1,600 volunteers to sell bunches of daffodils and pins at around 250 stalls across Victoria.

Acting head of fundraising at Cancer Council Victoria, Lisa Kastaniotis, said Daffodil Day volunteers and supporters have had an incredible impact on cancer outcomes over the past 32 years.

"An estimated 145,000 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in Australia this year, with 95 new diagnoses in Victoria every day. However, amazing advancements have been made in cancer prevention, screening and treatment, meaning that more people than ever before are surviving a cancer diagnosis," Ms Kastaniotis said.

"Thanks to our generous supporters, we have been able to invest in Australia's brightest cancer research minds, helping to increase five-year survival rate from 50% in 1986 to 69% in 2015.

"Together, we're working towards a cancer free future and funds raised through events like Daffodil Day are helping us get there sooner.

"We want to encourage everyone to get involved this Daffodil Day Appeal, with the knowledge that your involvement will give more than hope to everyone affected by cancer, it will help save lives.

"Purchase a pin, fresh flowers or donate online this Daffodil Day Appeal and support someone you love impacted by cancer."

For more information or to donate, visit daffodilday.com.au or call 1300 65 65 85.



Healthy cows, happy farmer ... Chris Hibberson is pleased with the confirmation that he is on the right track.

Milking brothers bring home gold and silver

DAIRY farming brothers Chris and Justin Hibberson may not be in the milk business to earn accolades, but their recent success in Dairy Australia's Milk Quality Awards was a sweet victory nonetheless.

With the brothers making no secret of the sibling rivalry between them, Chris's victory was just that little bit sweeter, as he pipped Justin at the post to earn a place in the top 100 milk producers in Australia for quality, and take out a gold medal.

Justin's recognition as one of the 123 Australian dairy farmers to earn a spot in the top 5%, and a silver medal, was still pretty impressive though.

It's probably not surprising that the Hibberson brothers demonstrate such commitment to getting it right, having grown up on a dairy farm and being among five of the six Hibberson siblings who have pursued the business into adulthood.

The Milk Quality Awards judge milk quality based on bulk milk cell count (BMCC), with the lower the count the better.

Dairy Australia's Countdown program considers a BMCC below 150,000 cells/ml to be excellent. Most processors will pay a premium for a cell count below 200,000, but Chris aims for a yearly average around 60,000 cells/ml.

Chris, who runs a herd of 220 cows on 224 acres at Yarroweyah, said there is no 'secret' to his success of keeping the cell count down, it's just about keeping a close eye on his herd's health and being proactive.

"I focus on the early detection and treatment of mastitis, there is a little bit involved in that but it's fairly easy to control if you're keeping an eye on it," he said.

"Maintaining good teat and udder condition is important, and just keeping a close eye on the cows and herd testing monthly so you can detect any problems early and know where each cow is at, how prone they are to mastitis, and how well they respond to treatment allows you to make the decisions you need to about which cows you keep to keep the herd profitable."

Though there are some expenses involved in taking the proactive maintenance approach, for Chris it's a case of spending money to save - and make - money.

"We do spend a bit more around calving time, and right afterwards, because that's a danger time for mastitis, but it ultimately saves us money on vet bills so we more than make it up. We hardly had any mastitis at all last summer and that made a real difference this year."

One other reason, perhaps, for the lack of summer mastitis in Chris's herd comes down to a simple, but effective measure.

"I make sure there's plenty of shade for them

to access in the heat," he said.

"There are a couple of areas of shade for them in the paddocks and I reckon that actually goes a long way to keep them healthy because it reduces stress."

Whilst Justin doesn't have the benefit of much shade at his Katunga farm, where he runs a herd of 260 cows on 162 acres, he said his approach is otherwise similar to Chris's.

"Chris and I are on different types of supply contracts so where his payments are based on milk components, mine are on volume," he said.

"But herd health is still the most important thing. If you can keep mastitis down and keep the cell count down it's just better over all."

"There are a couple things Chris and I do differently, but on the whole we are focussed on the same things in the way we run our herds."

Whilst Chris, who has come close to silver medallist status in recent years, doesn't deliberately run his business the way he does with a view to winning medals, he admits a top 100 place is vindication of a sort.

"It does give you peace of mind that you're doing the right thing," he said.

As for Justin being beaten by his brother, he manages to be generous about it.

"I have to let him win something sometimes."

Parents confused about cold prevention for kids

ACCORDING to findings released today from The Royal Children's Hospital National Child Health Poll, Australian parents are confused about how best to prevent their child from catching a cold.

The poll of 1,990 parents who care for 3,630 children aged one month to less than 18 years found that many parents opt to follow myth-based strategies, or give their child unnecessary vitamins or supplements.

The poll's responses revealed:

- Less than half of parents (46%) know that frequent hand washing is the most effective way to prevent catching a cold; and
- The vast majority of parents are unaware of just how common a cold is with only one in ten parents (10%) knowing that, on average, a preschool aged child has at least six colds a year. More than a third of parents (35%) incorrectly believe that children who get more than a couple of colds a year have a weak immune system.

Director of the RCH National Child Health Poll, Dr Anthea Rhodes said having a cold now and then is unavoidable and can help a child build up their immune system.

"It can also be a nuisance, cause discomfort

and mean time off work and school. The best way to reduce the chances of catching a cold is good hygiene," Dr Rhodes said.

"Wash hands, clean contaminated surfaces, and avoid people who are sick when you can."

Other findings included:

- 60% of parents are giving their child over-the-counter products such as vitamins or supplements to aid cold prevention, with vitamin C the most popular, even though there is no scientific proof that these products will stop a child from catching a cold.
- Worryingly, one in eight parents (13%) report giving their child antibiotics as a measure to prevent catching a cold and one in four parents (25%) believe that taking antibiotics can stop a cold turning into the flu. The cold is a virus and does not respond to antibiotics.

"It's important to remember that antibiotics have no role in preventing or treating colds because they do not work to treat viral infections. Not only are they ineffective, but inappropriate treatment with antibiotics puts a child at risk of side effects, and also contributes to antibiotic resistance," Dr Rhodes said.

"Colds are caused by viruses and are spread

from infected people to others usually by direct contact with airborne droplets or via a surface contaminated with those droplets."

The poll found one of the most commonly used strategies to prevent children from catching a cold is avoiding people who have colds, with a quarter of parents (27%) indicating they have kept their child home from school, preschool or childcare if other children in the class are unwell.

61% of parents have asked friends or relatives who have a cold to not kiss or hug their child, and 58% of parents have skipped play dates or activities with other children who have a cold.

The study also found a significant proportion of parents (84%) still follow strategies based on myths to prevent their child from catching a cold despite there being no evidence to show they reduce the chance of catching a cold.

Examples include:

- Staying warm (79%);
- Avoiding going to bed with wet hair (54%);
- Not going outside with bare feet (44%);
- Not going outside with wet hair (39%); and
- Staying indoors (25%).

"While myth-based strategies like staying indoors or not going to bed with wet hair are not

harmful tactics, they also have not been shown to reduce the chances of catching a cold," Dr Rhodes said.

"Frequent hand washing has been shown to be the most effective way to prevent catching a cold."

"Despite what many might think, you do not need antibacterial soap as part of your routine, ordinary soap or detergent is just as effective. It's the mechanical movement of hand washing that removes the cold virus."

Promisingly, the poll found almost all parents (97%) are encouraging one or more personal hygiene habits in their child to reduce the chance of catching a cold including avoiding sharing food utensils and drinks (80%) and not putting their hands in their nose or mouth (78%).

But, three-quarters of parents (76%) incorrectly believe that hands need to be washed with antibacterial soap. In fact, cold viruses are removed by the mechanical action of washing hands and ordinary soaps or detergents are just as effective.

The RCH Poll was conducted in February 2019 and data were weighted to reflect the Australian population.

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Unbelievable quantity! Ann-Maree Mayberry at the 2018 Pink Ribbon Brunch with some of her delicious yo-yos.

Baking a cure for breast cancer

NUMURKAH'S award-winning Pink Ribbon Brunch is just three months away, and one unassuming local has already raised over \$4,000 for the cause - in just two months.

Throughout June and July Ann-Maree Mayberry has been busy baking yo-yo biscuits with a pink filling to benefit the fundraising efforts of the brunch.

The yo-yos are on sale in packs of four at the Melville St Caltex service station, and Rush Food and Travel, with proceeds going towards the Pink Ribbon Brunch's fundraising efforts. The packs of yo-yos sell for four dollars each, with one dollar going towards ingredients and the rest going towards breast cancer research.

As of last Thursday, Ann-Maree

had produced 5,056 biscuits, and she still has a month to go.

Baking 80 - 100 packets a week, Ann-Maree said she had reached the 'pain barrier' early on, but has pushed through it.

"By the end of June people were asking me if I was sick of it yet, and the answer was yes," she said.

"But I've kind of come through that now and I find it almost relaxing most days."

Each batch Ann-Maree bakes produces around 30 yo-yos, and she usually makes three batches at a time.

"My daughter Ashleigh helps me sometimes, and with two of us we do five batches but three is usually enough if I'm on my own."

This is Ann-Maree's third year baking for the brunch; the first year

she only made yo-yos for the table decorations, with last year the first time she produced them for sale.

With another month of baking to go this year, she has already far surpassed last year's fundraising total of \$2,700 from 3,000 yo-yos. She also produces yo-yos for Baking from the Heart, and made batches of yo-yos with blue filling two years in a row for the benefit of the Numurkah Big Freeze event.

Over time Ann-Maree has adjusted the recipe somewhat after deciding the original recipe was too salty.

"I switched to unsalted butter for one batch and it was just revolting," she said.

"You wouldn't think it would make so much difference to the

flavour, but it really did. Now I use half salted and half unsalted and it's perfect."

For Ann-Maree the many hours spent in the kitchen are an act of pure community spirit.

"I don't have anybody really close to me who has suffered from breast cancer, but everybody knows someone who has had it, don't they?"

"Breast cancer research is such a good cause."

Ann-Maree said she bakes in the winter because it's easier and she gets a better end result, but she has limited her yo-yo efforts to three months.

"By the end of this month I estimate I'll reach 7,500 yo-yos in total and I reckon that'll be enough."

Thank you Ann-Maree, it's more than enough.

Ode to a carefree Numurkah childhood

MARK McNamara has fond memories of growing up in Numurkah, so much so that it has inspired him to write his first ever poem.

By his own admission, Mark wasn't much of an English student during his schooling at St Joseph's Primary School and Numurkah Secondary College, but over the years he has developed a way with words as a matter of necessity and late last week felt inspired to put pen to paper.

"I've never been a poet but I've been thinking lately about how so many people in our area are doing it tough at the moment and also about how carefree our lives were growing up in Numurkah, and I just thought I'd put pen to paper," he said.

"Numurkah has always been such a vibrant town. It's never been about money, but about doing your bit and I have a real affection for the place and the people here."

"I grew up when the soldier settlement program was thriving and I know a lot of those dairy farms are closing now and things are changing, but it's still a very community minded place and we need to keep on being here for each other."

"There are so many little things I remember, and I just wanted to remind people of those times and to hang in there."

The poem has appeared on both Mark's own Facebook page and the Numurkah Facebook page, where it has proved popular.



Reminiscences of a Numurkah Boy

As we travel along this passage called time, with the track at our back drifting away, it's time to reflect what really matters, to help guide each of us on our way.

I sense that many are struggling, with a curse called fate, self doubt and despair. Where life's journey has had its pitfalls, with none of us being alone there.

Try hard to remember the good times, what puts a smile on your face for a while. Remember the family and friends that surround you, the unlimited love that they share.

The days of our youth were a beauty, where we ran free without a care. Our doors were unlocked with the key in it, because no one would worry us here.

From daylight to dusk we roamed outside, on a bike, up a tree or in the creek. We came home when we were hungry, to devoted mums for a wash and a feed.

As school mates our bonds grew stronger, with sport a big part of our days. Thirty to forty in a classroom, before we each went our separate ways.

Now scattered all over this great land and beyond, no matter where on the planet you may be, we can still keep an eye out for each other, because you are all important to me.

Mark McNamara 2019

Cactus Country for the win at tourism awards

STRATHMERTON'S Cactus Country has been formally recognised as the unique visitor experience that it is, taking out Gold in the Tourist Attractions category for the combined Country & Outback and Riverina Murray region at the Regional Tourism Awards in Dubbo at the end of July.

The awards recognise excellence in tourism at destinations and events on both sides of Australia's longest river, and this year alone they received over 100 nominations.

Cactus Country's Julie Hall told the *Leader* the win was a great honour, especially given the calibre of their competition.

"We were just blown away when they read out our name," she said.

"The other attractions in our category are such great destinations that to be judged ahead of them is a real honour."

Cactus Country took the gold above Broken Hill observatory Outback Astronomy who were awarded silver, and Old Dubbo Gaol which took home the Bronze. Other finalists in the category were Age Of Fishes Museum Canowindra and Altina Wildlife Park.

John Hall, who is currently holding the fort whilst his parents take a well-earned holiday following the awards, said that their win shows what's possible if you are prepared to follow a dream and not give up.

"When dad started the cactus garden 30 years ago people thought he was crazy, and it's been a lot of hard work over the years. Anyone else would have given up," he said.

"It's a matter of staying true to your vision and sticking with it long enough for it to pay off."

And pay off it has. In the past five years Cactus



Who dares wins ... John, Julie and Jim Hall are absolutely delighted to win against such quality competitors.

Country's annual visitor numbers have undergone a meteoric climb from 5,000 to 25,000.

"When you think about it, that means that for the first 25 years we were only getting 5,000 visitors a year, but we hung in there," John said.

"It shows that if you are committed to creating something really beautiful and offering a great experience and you keep working at it, it will work."

"That's something that was really noticeable at the awards - the way people had created destinations and experiences just from a big idea and hard work and turned them into something really special. It was inspiring."

As far as inspiration goes, Cactus Country still has plenty of that and there are more big ideas for the future.

"We have plans for an amphitheatre space where outdoor events can be held. Something like that could be a real platform for the whole region and hopefully the recognition we've received through this award will help us attract some funding to get it off the ground."

"We're not afraid to try anything here and we've got so many projects in mind. It keeps things fun and exciting."

Driving mentors sought for vital program

BECOMING a fully licensed driver is a rite of passage for young Australians, but it is one that must be earned.

Prospective drivers must clock up 120 logged practice hours, which, for many, is easier said than done. All manner of obstacles can stand in the way of a young person achieving the required skills and hours, including access to a suitable vehicle and licensed supervising driver.

Enter the L2P driving program.

The L2P program, which is a TAC initiative, provides L plate drivers with the opportunity to learn to drive, and clock up the required hours with no cost to them but the commitment to learn the skills they need to become safe licensed drivers.

The program has been running in Moira Shire for around 10 years and its delivery in the region has just been taken over by Berry St, who have been delivering it in Greater Shepparton, Strathbogie, Mitchell and Murrindindi Shires for the past decade.

Program manager Bill Winters told the *Leader* that the Berry St program has helped up to 400 young people become safe, licensed drivers, and is looking forward to helping many more in the Numurkah district.

"The reality is that some families need help making that happen for a variety of reasons, and that's where we come in," he said.

The program takes kids from the very basics of learning the different parts of the vehicle, all the way through to driving on busy roads and driving at night.

Initial lessons are provided by professional driving schools, the cost of which is covered by the program, before student drivers are matched with a volunteer supervising driver.

"When the kids are deemed to be safe, we match them with a mentor who continues to teach them, and works through the various stages of the log book until they have their hours up and are ready to take the test," Mr Winters said.

The crucial thing is having enough volunteer driving mentors to cater for the need in our area.

John Decker has been volunteering as a mentor with the program for around eight years, and said he finds it very worthwhile.

"It's something that genuinely helps the kids and they really want to learn," he said.

"I've helped around 15 kids get their licences and they're always so pleased and grateful. It's great to be able to help them learn such an important skill and see their knowledge and skills build up over time and see them become safe and confident drivers."

Berry St held an information session for learn-



Time to learn to drive ... (from left): NSC careers officer David Kelly, Drew Scouler, Bill Winters, Sara Phillips-Morrison, Teriecha Bowen, Haydn Wyatt and John Decker.

ers at Numurkah Secondary College yesterday, and NSC careers officer David Kelly told the leader he was surprised by the response.

"I suppose I was a bit naive as to how many kids would need help with being able to get their licence, but quite a few kids were really interested in the program," he said.

"It's a great thing for them to be able to have access to."

Berry St is holding an information session for prospective volunteer mentors in Shepparton at 9am on Saturday, August 24. To register your interest, email Bill Winters at bwinters@berryst.org.au.

John Decker would highly recommend the experience of being a driving mentor.

"You don't have to make a huge time commitment and it's very rewarding," he said.

"If you've got a bit of time - and a bit of nerve - it's a great thing to do."

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Lions ladies celebrate 50 years

HENRY James said “There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea,” and that sentiment was clearly shared by the attendees of Numurkah’s Lions Ladies annual Biggest High Tea on Sunday.

The 12th annual high tea doubled as a celebration of 50 years of the Numurkah Lions Ladies, which was started in September 1969 by the wives of local Lions Club members to support the work of their husbands.

Whilst all funds raised by the Lions Ladies originally went directly to the Lions Club, over the years the ladies club has evolved into an autonomous group which organises its own events and decides where to allocate funds raised.

Four Lions Ladies charter members were among the 140 people in attendance on Sunday, including Myra Nicholl, inaugural president Lesley Gerrish, and Glenice Holmes and Val Granger who are both still active members.

Entertainment was provided by a choir of pre-school children, conducted by Marie Martin, who led attendees in a sing-along of 60s songs in honour of the decade the club was formed.

Sundays event raised \$2,000 for the soldier settlement project which is mapping the history of the program in the local area.

Since it began, the annual Biggest High Tea has raised over \$25,000 for organisations as diverse as Camp Quality, Zaidee’s Rainbow Foundation, NDHS and Relay for Life.



An institution ... A good time was had by all at the 12th annual Lions Ladies High Tea.

Did you know your unwanted household electrical appliances contain valuable resources and can be turned into new products?

An average household relies on electronic appliances and goods of one kind or another in almost every aspect of daily life. Everything from the kettle and toaster, to a hair dryer and iron, televisions and phones, power tools and white goods are categorised as electronic waste, or e-waste, once they are no longer of use.

Reduced product lifespan, consumer demand for new products and evolving technology has led to a rapid increase in the amount of e-waste produced by households, with e-waste growing three times faster than the rate of standard household waste.



While it is common practice to research and carefully consider a new electronic purchase, it is often not so common to consider what happens to unwanted electronic goods at the end of their life.

There are many valuable materials in e-waste that can be recycled such as:

- gold
- silver
- copper
- aluminium
- platinum
- cobalt

These materials can be used to produce the next new wave of technological innovation, or simply recycled elsewhere.

By recycling e-waste and dropping it at a designated waste collection facility, we can:

- Reduce what is sent to landfill,
- Protect the environment from harmful materials contained in e-waste such as cadmium, lead and mercury
- Minimise the consumption of raw materials used to produce electronic products
- Reduce greenhouse gases created in the production of new materials.

The Victorian Government has funded new e-waste drop-off facilities across the state to make recycling our e-waste as easy as possible. These are typically located at nominated transfer stations or resource recovery centres within your local council area. However not every transfer station or resource recovery centre accepts e-waste so check for your nearest drop-off location by visiting www.ewaste.vic.gov.au or contacting your local council.



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Large appliances (fridge/ washing machine)	Iron
Hair dryer	Electrical tools such as drills
Electronic or battery operated toys	Video game consoles/ Hand held video games

Visit www.ewaste.vic.gov.au or contact your local council to find your nearest drop-off location.

SMOTA student asks community to flip their lids his way

A PROJECT undertaken by a St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Year 12 student looks set to have a big impact by making use of a small, but plentiful, resource.

At the senior level of the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) course students are given the responsibility of coordinating support for a community project of their choice, and this year Byron Woods has chosen to support Lids4Kids.

Lids4Kids is an initiative of Envision Hands, a not-for-profit organisation based at Wheelers Hill in Victoria, which shreds low and high density (numbers 2 and 4) bottle lids and turns them into new prosthetic limbs using 3D printing.

Once cleaned and organised into colours at a Melbourne warehouse, the lids are shredded and then fed through an extruder, which produces an ink-like filament that is used to 3D print prosthetic limbs for kids in third world countries.

It takes just 500 plastic lids to make a plastic prosthetic limb for a child in need.

Byron said the project appealed to him because it not only provides a great recycling solution, but also helps disabled children.

“After learning about the Lids4Kids project, we learned that lids removed from plastic milk, water, juice and soft-drink bottles cannot be recycled through the current recycling bin collection process,” he said.

Byron and his VCAL class are encouraging members of the SMOTA community to collect and donate their number 2 and 4 bottle lids for the project.

Available collection points for students to bring in their lids will be located at the St Mary of the Angels Secondary College home-economics door, and there will also be collections of lids from home-rooms throughout the week.

Community members from outside of the school who wish to be involved are also welcome to drop their lids off at college reception throughout the term.

Rotary Club of Numurkah has also been collecting lids for Envision Hands, and accepts donations at the Melville St kiosk on the first Saturday of each month, as well as through a permanent collection point at Numurkah Home Timber and Hardware.



Collecting lids to help kids... St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Senior VCAL student, Byron Woods has chosen 'Lids4Kids' as his VCAL community project.

NCN HEALTH – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Expressions of Interest Invited

- Are you community minded and interested in local health care?
- Do you have experience, ideas or expertise that can be applied to health services?

NCN Health is establishing three Community Advisory Committees in Nathalia, Cobram and Numurkah. The Advisory Committees enable members of local and district communities to contribute to the planning for health and community services. Expressions of interest are now open.

The Advisory Committees will assist the NCN Health Board to engage with and involve consumers, carers and community members in strategic and service planning, operations and policy development. Local community and consumer participation is an integral component of governance, responding to the needs and expectations of consumers, quality improvement and person centred care.

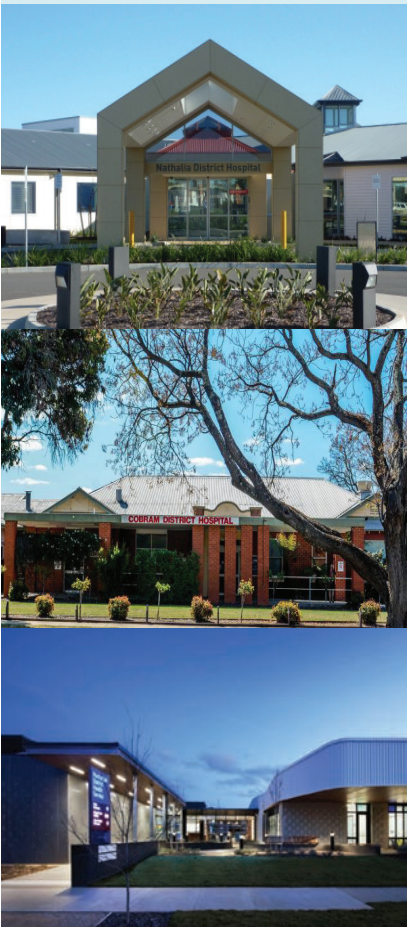
The NCN Health Community Advisory Committees are appointed to:

- Participate in NCN Health planning and service development processes, and provide input into strategic and service planning activities;
- Engage with consumers, carers and the community in regards to health care and make recommendations/provide reports;
- Advise NCN Health on service improvement opportunities;
- Lead community engagement focus groups regarding issues of accessibility, diversity and inclusion; and
- Provide input in relation to fundraising for major projects such as capital redevelopment.

To obtain an information pack or find out more, please contact Tania Hill on (03) 5871 0702 or email: Tania.Hill@cobramdistricthealth.org.au

Expressions of Interest close on Friday 30 August 2019 at 5.00pm.

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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/591.

Influenza.—It is our delight this week to be able to report that the influenza epidemic has just about spent itself, and in the town there are now very few patients under the care of the doctors whilst those who are still receiving medical attention are well on the highroad to recovery.

The "soup kitchen" ceased its activities on Saturday last, and the splendid public-spirited women responsible for its conduct are "out of a job." In the country, however, there are numerous cases. The disease appears to be a progressive one, and the epidemic is evidently one that spreads itself slowly from locality to locality.

Fortunately the complaint generally continues in mild form, and there are not a great many of our country friends suffering from complications. Let us hope that the town and district will be spared a fresh "wave" that seems to be a feature of the disease. Places of amusement have again been opened. On Saturday night the Mechanics' pictures will be shown, and on Friday of next week the postponed Catholic socials will be resumed.

Police Court.—At the Numurkah Police Court on Wednesday, July 30, before Mr C.J. Rogers, P.M., Senior-Constable O'Donnell proceeded against a number of parents for not having their children vaccinated. Fines of £2 each were inflicted on S. McBurney George Canning, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Denis Murphy, and Thomas H. Field. Christopher Brown was charged with being drunk and disorderly on June 17, and pleaded guilty. Senior-Constable O'Donnell gave evidence that accused was drunk in Melville street on the day in question. As he was a returned soldier he did not want to have him harshly dealt with, providing he pulled himself together. He had been cautioned at different times, but it did not seem to do any good.

Yarrawonga Shire Rolls.—Last issue we published a paragraph referring to allegations of "roll-stuffing" in the Yarrawonga Shire, and to the Revision Court proceedings and the refusal of the chairman to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses. When the adjourned court sat on Tuesday last Mr Morrison (Messrs Morrison & Teare) was again in attendance to object to certain names being included in the rolls. He objected to the President (Cr. Connell) taking part in the court, as he had shown a partisan spirit, but Cr Connell declined to withdraw.

NATHALIA

The first time a motor car has been put to any use other than for travellers and their equipment in the district, happened on Monday week, when Messrs (???) and Moody, motor mechanics, attached the engine of their car to the printing machine of your contemporary, owing to the electric motor going wrong.

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOL TEACHER.
HIS STATUS AND PROSPECTS.

((Continued from last issue).

The salaries to-day are those fixed by the 1912 Bill, the range being from £120 to £445. Of the special 13 teachers, only six at present receive £500, and these are all men of over 40 years' experience. The outstanding fault of the present scale is the lack of a minimum living wage; all qualified teachers should get at least £156 a year. Another cause of grievance is the paltry rise in salary obtained on promotion to Class V., and again to Class IV. After waiting a number of years on £200 (the maximum of Class VI.), the teacher who is fortunate enough to win promotion to Class V. receives £10 increments until he gets to the maximum of his class, viz., £230. Suppose, after weary years of waiting, he is promoted to Class IV.—he then — has the magnificent vision of a gradual rise by increments of £10 to £270. This becomes more significant when it is remembered that only 241 positions out of a total of nearly 2000 are above Class IV; and also that £270 today is equivalent in purchasing power to less than £180 when the scale was drawn up. Teachers belong to the class of people who are being ground between the upper and nether millstones of capital and labor: workers are constantly being given increases to cope with the high cost of living, and employers are just as constantly passing on these increases, plus a little for themselves. The Teachers' Union has decided to ask for certain increases which allow for the enhanced cost of living, and, after all, simply make the scale of the 1912 Bill effective.



Warm welcome for all ... NDHS receptionist Bridgette Deane is glad to have the flags helping provide a welcome for all.

Flags herald a welcome for all

VISITORS to facilities across the NCN Health network will notice a small, but important, feature when they approach the reception desks; a trio of flags that signal a warm welcome for all.

The Aboriginal, Torres Strait Island and Australian flags mounted in bases crafted from local iron wood and red gum are one of the first, visible, stages of a much larger Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health plan that is currently being implemented across the service network.

NDHS has worked with local Aboriginal Elder Aunty Faye, and others, to build its knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and enable it to be a more inclusive and culturally safe health service.

Sheridan Davies, NDHS project coordinator and quality project officer, said this work is being replicated across NCN Health and

makes the organisation proud to work hand in hand with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"The display of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags was identified by Aunty Faye as an important part in signalling a welcoming environment," she said.

"Aunty Faye's husband Greg Ralph, a member of the Cobram Men's Shed, offered their help in building beautiful wooden bases for the flags and these were crafted from local iron wood and red gum by Roger Young of the Cobram Men's Shed.

"Now on display across the NCN health facilities, this is a small community project with a large footprint and a positive welcoming effect."

NCN Health's 2019 goals for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health include training the workforce in cultural competency,

improving identification rates and making the environment more welcoming.

"A welcoming environment in a health service organisation is about creating a place where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people feel safe, comfortable, accepted, and confident that they will be respected, will be listened to and will receive high-quality care," Ms Davies said.

During NAIDOC week last month NDHS staff also took part in Aboriginal cultural competency training facilitated by Robynne Nelson, a Yorta Yorta woman with a nursing background and significant experience and knowledge in the health, education and government sectors.

"This training was for all staff to increase their skills and knowledge to work with Aboriginal people and communities in a more culturally appropriate and effective way, and

gain a deeper understanding of Aboriginal culture, health and the challenges and barriers to health equality," Ms Davies said.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people using the health service also have access to an Aboriginal liaison officer service, and acknowledgment of significant events including NAIDOC week and Sorry Day are included in NCN Health's culture and diversity calendar.

Welcome to country/acknowledgement of country guidelines have also been approved and implemented, with acknowledgement of country messaging placed on all meeting agendas

Renowned local Aboriginal artist Troy Firebrace has also been commissioned to complete a large artwork for the main NDHS foyer, which is expected to be completed in October 2019.

Happy international cat day

CAT or dog may be a time honoured - and often divisive - debate, but this is not the week to have it.

Tomorrow, August 8 is International Cat Day, on which cat lovers across the globe celebrate the friendships they have with their favourite felines.

According to the latest report by Animal Medicines Australia, of the more than 62% of Australian households that own a pet, 29% are cat owners.

Cat lovers are well aware of how living with a cat can make life just that little bit more exciting, her we present some fun facts that demonstrate exactly how wondrous these 'common' creatures are.

- House cats share 95.6% of their genetic makeup with tigers.
- A cat can hit speeds of around 30mph which is so fast that they could beat Olympian Usain Bolt in a 200-metre dash.
- An orange tabby cat called

Stubbs was the Mayor of an Alaskan town for 20 years.

- Cats conserve energy by sleeping for an average of 13 – 14 hours a day, which equates to about 70% of their lives sleeping.
- Cats have powerful night vision, allowing them to see at light levels six times lower than what a human needs in order to see. Cats also have excellent hearing and a powerful sense of smell.
- The richest cat in the world according to Guinness World Records is Blackie. When his millionaire owner passed away, he refused to recognise his family in his will and instead gave his £7million fortune to Blackie.
- In 1963 a cat known as 'Astrocat' was the first and only cat to go to space.
- The most tricks performed by a cat in one minute is 24. Didga completed a series of tricks from rolling over, to even jumping a bar whilst on a skateboard!

Apply now for new sports clubs funding

SPORTING clubs in Northern Victoria can now apply for a share in around \$500,000 in VicHealth funding to get more Victorians active and playing sport.

The latest round of VicHealth's Active Club Grants, which opened last week, provides funding of up to \$3,000 or up to \$10,000 to community sport clubs to create more opportunities for women and girls to play sport as well as social or modified sport options.

Acting VicHealth CEO Dr Lyn Roberts AO said with nearly half of all Victorians not doing enough physical activity to benefit their health, it was critical that sporting clubs were supported to offer more opportunities to get people moving. "Sports clubs are at the heart of their communities, providing opportunities for people to have a go at sport while also being social and connecting with others," Dr Roberts said.

"We know costs can be a burden – particularly for grassroots clubs.

Active Club Grants can help cover the start-up costs involved in establishing new initiatives - including uniforms, equipment and instructor training.

"Victorians love our sport but it can be really intimidating to give it a go, especially if you're a newbie. These grants can help sports clubs across Victoria offer more social options that are less competitive so that everyone can take part."

Clubs applying for Active Club Grants funding can also request an additional \$2,000 grant to promote VicHealth's This Girl Can – Victoria campaign to encourage women in their local community to get active.

Clubs are encouraged to apply for the funding grants through the VicHealth website before round one closes at 4pm on Friday, August 30.

For more information or to apply online, visit <https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/funding/active-club-grants>.



Course record ... Numurkah golf club pro Anthony Sanders with Jarrod Lyle's name on the club's honour board from his last game as an amateur golfer.

Colourful for a cause ... (from left): Pip DeBondt, Karen Harper, Margot McGrath and Jeanette Adams got into the spirit of Saturday's fundraiser by dressing in yellow.



Proud supporters ... Numurkah golf club pro Anthony Sanders and club captain Ron Smith are proud to help the Challenge Foundation through the sale of merchandise at the club.



Nice shot ... (from left): Dave Scanlon, Daryl Sheridan and Mark Hegarty tee off in Saturday's charity game.

Golfers rally in yellow for a Challenge

NUMURKAH golf course looked a little brighter than usual on Saturday, with members giving it their best shot while dressed in yellow.

The colourful turnout was part of the PGA's 'Doing it for Jarrod' initiative which encouraged gold clubs across Australia to hold a fundraising event in the month of August for the benefit of the Challenge Foundation, in honour of

late Goulburn Valley golfer Jarrod Lyle. All monies raised through #DoingItForJarrod will go towards his goal of helping Challenge provide practical support throughout a child's cancer journey.

Challenge supports children and their families living with cancer, and Jarrod benefited from the organisation's assistance during his

own childhood cancer experience, going on to be a staunch supporter.

The cause holds special significance for the Numurkah club where Jarrod played many times as a young man and his name still sits proudly on the honour board after he set a course record there in his final game of golf as an amateur.

Numurkah Golf Club professional

Anthony Sanders, who fondly remembers Jarrod attending Shepparton Golf Club as a small child when Anthony was undertaking a traineeship there, told the *Leader* it was great to see Numurkah golfers embracing the day with such enthusiasm.

"The final fundraising tally will be in excess of \$3,000, which is an amazing

effort for a small club," he said.

As well as dressing in yellow, players contributed to the fund by buying 'mulligans' (replayed shots), putts inside four metres, drives placed in very advantageous positions at \$2 a pop, and paying \$2 fines for 'sins'.

"Everybody really got into the spirit of it and a lot of fun was had by all," Anthony said.

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DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICE

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Portable building

Numurkah District Health Service (NDHS) invite expressions of interest for the purchase and removal of a portable building located in Katamatite Road Numurkah. This portable has five rooms off a full length corridor and includes a toilet. Total floor space is approximately 100 sq m. The building is on blocks and is not connected to any services. For further information, requests for floor plan or to arrange inspection of the building prior to the closure date for expressions of interest, please contact John Fothergill on 5862 0544 or Justin Sullivan on 5862 0555. Send Expression of Interest to Numurkah District Health Service, P.O. Box 128 Numurkah, 3636 or email to: numurkah.hospital@ndhs.org.au Closes at 4.00pm on 28th of August 2019.

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A number of positions have been approved for Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People. These are designated positions under the "special measures" section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for these positions.



SITUATIONS VACANT

**Numurkah**
DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICE

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST (CONTRACT FEE FOR SERVICE)

NCH Health – Nathalia, Cobram, Numurkah NCN Health is seeking expressions of interest for speech pathology services for individuals across residential aged care, acute inpatient and community based settings as required on a contracted fee for service basis. Interested applicants should be committed to delivering speech pathology services that include assessment, intervention and management of swallowing and communication issues, as part of a multidisciplinary team approach towards meeting the needs of residents, patients and clients of NCN Health. NCN Health has been formed following the amalgamation of Nathalia Hospital, Cobram District Health and Numurkah District Health Service. There is currently an opportunity to provide contracted Speech Pathology services at both our Numurkah and Cobram campuses. For enquires: Robyn Sprunt, Primary Health Manager (Numurkah Campus) 03 5862 0566 Robyn.Sprunt@ndhs.org.au Closes: 5:00pm Monday 19th of August.

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28.7.69 - 28.7.19

IN MEMORIAM

GROVES — Rodney George
20.3.1920 – 10.8.1988
Our dear Dad, loved & remembered always.
John, Glenda, Gayle, George, Daphne, Mary, Raymond & their families.

HICKS — Neil William.
Passed away 11th August 2010.
Dad you're not forgotten, nor ever shall you be.
As long as life and memories last you will be remembered.
Loved father of Val and Trevor.

TRICKEY — Enoch
Time slips by and life goes on, but from our hearts you're never gone.
Love Always
Neil, Robyn, Margaret, Janita, Troy, Kelsey and Rose

DEATHS

M A N G L E S (Murdoch) — Doreen Elizabeth (Betty).
Of Invergordon. Passed away peacefully at GV Health surrounded by her loving family on Sunday 4th August. Loved wife of Gavin. Loved mother of Leanne, Graham, Jenette, Barbara, Colleen, Roger, David, Narelle & Gabi and partners. Much loved Narnie of 21 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.
In the Lord's care

DEATHS

SIACCI — Kenneth Hugh (Ken)
21 .1.1929 - 2.8.2019
(in his 91st year)
Peacefully with loving family by his side, at Marjorie Cole Nursing Home Traralgon. (Formerly of Sale, Port Welshpool and Traralgon)
Now reunited with Bron, his beloved and loving wife and soulmate of 66 years.
Much loved and loving Dad, mate, Pa Ken, Great and Great, Great Pa of Jenny and Peter (Cox), Darren, Jason and Christina, Michelle and Danny (Hender) and families;
Rosie (in heaven) and Alan (Gibson); Lyn and Drago (Simic) and their families; Susie and Tim (Pickersgill), Brad and Corrina (Trewin), Ryan and Sammy (Trewin) and families, and John (Trewin).
*All Will Miss Your Cheeky Grin and Sense of Humour
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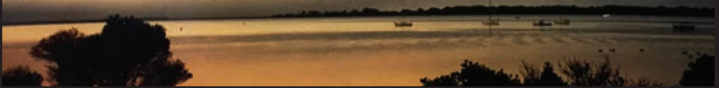
Much loved and loving Dad, mate and mentor to Jenny and Peter. A wonderful Husband, Dad and Pa Ken laid to rest, For each of us you did your best. You simply lived for those you loved, And those you loved remember, Your memory will always surround us. Your closeness will always be there. We treasure the memories and talents you gave us, the times we were able to share. Always there for all of us and will be greatly missed. Especially your cheeky grin and sense of humour
*Give Mum and Rosie a hug for us
You Will Live Forever
In Our Hearts And Memories.*
Love your daughter Jenny and Coxy

Pa,
The gate of Heaven opened wide.
And a special Pa walked inside.
In my heart you will always stay.
Loved and remembered everyday.
- Love Darren

Pa,
Softly within the shadows,
There came a gentle call,
With farewells left unspoken,
You quietly left us all.
Wherever we go,
Whatever we do,
We will always love and remember you.
Love Jas and Christina; Kane, Kim and Mila; Gabby, Matt, Nash and River; Dale and Tyler

Pa,
You had a smile for everyone.
You had a heart of gold.
You left us wonderful memories.
For us to have and to hold.
God saw that you were weary.
He did what He thought best.
He gently took you in His Arms.
And whispered "Come to Rest".
Love Michelle, Danny, Sarah, Bella and Caitlyn

Ken's Celebration of His Life will be held this Friday, August 9, 2019 at 12.30 pm at Semmens Funeral Services Chapel, 3-5 Queen Street, Maffra then for interment at the Maffra Cemetery.
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Playing down the road toll

IF you were keeping a close eye on the local football and netball on the weekend you may have noticed something a little different about the captains' jumpers.

Last weekend's round was officially the TAC Towards Zero round, an initiative between the AFL and its major sponsor to tackle road safety.

The round saw more than 1,000 local football captains, as well as other team players, wearing the number 0 on their backs instead of their usual jumper number.

Alarming, 165 Victorians have already lost their lives on the roads this year, up from 104 at the same time as last year - a 56% increase.

Tragically, 95 of these deaths have occurred on regional roads, compared with 52 at the same time in 2018.

Recent research from La Trobe University and AFL Victoria has highlighted the true value football clubs have for their wider communities, revealing that for every player, football clubs reach 10 people in their community.

TAC Acting Chief Executive Officer Bruce Crossett said grassroots football and netball clubs are the life blood of their communities.

"I'm sure you would be hard pressed to find someone involved who hasn't been affected by road trauma," Mr Crossett said.

"This round put road safety at the fore and we're asking everyone to prioritise safety to make sure every journey is a safe one. We believe that zero is the only acceptable number of deaths on our roads, but we need everyone to play their part.

"The thousands of football and netball players right across the state cover hundreds of kilometres travelling to games throughout the season.

"Through our partnership with AFL Victoria, and the launch of the Towards Zero Round, we're able to have a direct conversation with those Victorians about the role they play in making our roads safer and working towards zero deaths and serious injuries on our roads," he said.

At the heart of Towards Zero is the belief that human health is more important than anything else. It acknowledges that, as people, we all make mistakes. However, when mistakes happen on our roads they can cost us our lives or cause serious injury.

Through the TAC's partnership with AFL Victoria, the Towards Zero Round enabled the TAC to share the message of road safety with more than 400,000 Victorians who are involved in local sporting clubs across the state.

VFL, VFL women's, netball players and junior footballers were also involved in the initiative, with TAC rolling out a range of additional activities throughout the weekend.

The Towards Zero Round is a new approach by the TAC and AFL Victoria to engage the community and increase awareness about critical road safety issues.

Community members can help spread the message that 'Zero is Possible' by tagging TAC in your Towards Zero Round photos on social media by searching Transport Accident Commission (TAC) on Facebook and @tacvictoria on Instagram.



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FUNERAL NOTICES

MANGLES —

Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Doreen (Betty) Mangles will be offered at St John's Catholic Church, Tocomwal Road, Numurkah on Tuesday, August 13th 2019. Commencing at 11am. Followed by interment at the Numurkah Lawn Cemetery.

Rosary will be recited at the above mentioned Church on Sunday evening August 11 at 6:30pm.



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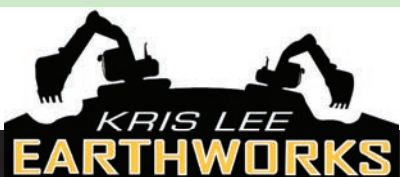
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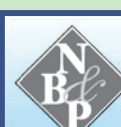
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New season for croquet

THE last Tuesday in July was the final day for Numurkah Croquet Club's hardy group of golf croquet players (once known as the Chilly Chicks - now simply the Chillies), to brave the weather and finish their two months of cold play with a hot meal. Numurkah club's 2019/2020 season was subsequently opened this Tuesday by Troy Knox, GrainCorp's National Operations Manager - Oilseeds, who had the honour of "running the first hoop", a long-standing tradition throughout the croquet world. GrainCorp being one of the club's main sponsors, it was appreciated that Troy

could do the honours and give club members a brief update on current developments at the company. Following the "official" part of the afternoon, an hour of novelty croquet games was played. Next Tuesday, August 13, golf croquet social play will return to a 9 am start. All members are reminded names must be in by 8:45 am. If intending players are unable to be there on time, they are advised to call golf croquet captain Rhonda, to let her know they are intending to play.



Hot chillies ... Six regular croquet "Chillies" enjoy a hot lunch after a cold game, from left, Kevin Hansen, Ian Londey, Rhonda Geddes, Glenys Londey, Lyn Hughes and David Geddes.

FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

MFL

SENIORS									
Mulwala	5.0	6.4	10.5	11.8	74				
Tungamah	2.3	4.3	6.5	10.10	70				
GOALS, Mulwala: D. Flanagan 2, B. Clarke 2, T. Dow 2, W. Barden 1, S. Robinson 1, A. Rouel 1, F. Fletcher 1, Z. Scott 1. Tungamah: B. Beaton 3, N. Lawless 3, K. Rowe 1, J. Irvine 1, T. Jones 1, T. Hayes 1.									
BEST, Mulwala: R. Geary, T. Doyle, C. Carling, J. Hammond, B. Clarke, J. Gash. Tungamah: N. Irvine, T. Jones, C. Powell, K. Rowe, B. Butts, T. Hayes.									
Finley	6.4	11.6	12.7	14.11	95				
Tongala	3.1	4.3	5.4	9.9	63				
GOALS, Finley: P. Massingham 4, L. Bramley 3, K. Murphy 2, M. Wilson 2, R. Jewell 1, L. Moore 1, S. Kable 1. Tongala: J. Souter 2, J. Hammond 1, L. Woolan 1, A. Dennis 1, S. Tyler 1, C. Ilett 1, C. McCarthy 1, D. Joyce 1.									
BEST, Finley: M. Wilson, Z. Cuppens, L. Moore, L. Middleton, K. Murphy, L. Bramley. Tongala: B. Nevett, J. Tucker, J. Hammond, C. Ilett, C. Nexhip, R. Bacon.									
Nathalia	2.4	4.9	8.12	11.13	79				
GOALS, Nathalia: L. Evans 3, J. Limbrick 2, B. Ross 2, B. Bell 1, T. Byrnes 1, A. Quinn 1, A. Hicks 1. Congupna: D. Campbell 3, B. Squire 2, J. Trewin 2, D. Schaper 1, A. Brophy 1.									
BEST, Nathalia: A. Hicks, R. Butler, D. Barnes, R. Shannon, A. Quinn, B. Ross. Congupna: B. Squire, J. Boyer, T. Mifka, P. Jacobson, C. Allen, S. Ferguson.									
Echuca United	4.2	8.3	14.9	16.13	109				
Katandra	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	61				
GOALS, Echuca United: J. Wellington 8, R. Priest 3, B. Fulford 2, L. Carmody 1, N. Denahy 1, C. McLay 1. BEST, Echuca United: J. Florance, B. Fulford, R. Priest, J. Wellington, B. Barnes, J. Curnow. Katandra: R. Yze, P. Frappell, B. Black, X. Chalkey, J. Thorne.									
RESERVES									
Tungamah	2.3	4.4	7.6	9.7	61				
Mulwala	3.1	4.4	5.7	9.9	39				
GOALS, Tungamah: A. Richardson 2, J. O'Shea 1, J. Buerckner 1, A. Dodd 1, D. Ellis 1, W. Prescott 1, J. Lawless 1, J. Besley 1. Mulwala: J. Ednie 1, A. Miller 1, C. O'Neill 1, J. Bland 1, C. Nye 1.									
BEST, Tungamah: A. Heslin, J. Whinray, W. Prescott, D. Ellis, C. Johnstone, A. Richardson. Mulwala: J. Bland, E. Boyer, L. Howroyd, L. Wood, N. Beasley, A. Miller.									
Tongala	4.3	5.6	11.8	14.11	95				
Finley	1.0	1.2	2.2	3.3	21				
GOALS, Tongala: T. Cipriani 6, M. Pryde 3, T. Vick 1, Z. Johnstone 1, M. Ohlsen 1, D. Maher 1, S. Phillips 1. Finley: L. Kerr 1, N. Lyons 1, C. McAllister 1.									
BEST, Tongala: T. Cipriani, D. Cox, T. Vick, Z. Johnstone, B. Denham, C. Lowe. Finley: L. Kerr, M. Anderson, S. Price, S. Hawkins, T. McCarny, C. Robertson.									
Nathalia	6.0	6.3	10.6	15.6	96				
Congupna	0.2	1.5	1.7	2.8	20				
GOALS, Nathalia: B. Vallender 5, J. Bell 3, C. Brown 2, H. Congues 2, L. Gemmill 1, J. Hardy 1, L. Wigmore 1. Congupna: C. Quaife 1, C. Saron 1.									
BEST, Nathalia: H. Congues, C. Brown, L. Wigmore, B. Vallender, J. Gemmill, L. Gemmill. Congupna: J. Winnell, C. Saron, J. Zausa, L. Quibell, J. Hicks, A. Shannon.									
Echuca United	6.3	12.4	17.8	23.12	151				
Katandra	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.1	7				
GOALS, Echuca United: A. McMahon 10, Z. Molluso 5, R. Morgan 3, S. Simpson 2, L. Gundry 1, A. Pryde 1, J. Chapman 1. Katandra: Q. Shannon 1.									
BEST, Echuca United: A. McMahon, Z. Molluso, D. Hayden, R. Morgan, L. Schwencke, T. Callander. Katandra: L. Dunkley, F. Russell, T. Trewin, F. Opie, Q. Shannon, D. Giles.									
UNDER 17									
Mulwala	6.1	10.7	12.15	13.15	93				
Tungamah	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.1	19				
GOALS, Mulwala: L. Martin 4, A. Psaltiras 4, J. Ednie 2, A. Parmenter 1, D. Roberts 1, D. Psaltiras 1. Tungamah: O. Willis 1, M. Goldman 1, T. Lidgerwood 1.									
BEST, Mulwala: J. Ednie, L. Martin, Z. Scott, K. Fisher, A. Psaltiras, B. Conway. Tungamah: N. Connell, T. Lidgerwood, O. Willis, B. Griffin, S. Haebich, L. Mills.									
Tongala	3.0	5.0	6.6	6.6	42				
Finley	1.2	2.3	2.3	2.8	20				
GOALS, Tongala: R. Hatch 2, H. Reid 2, R. Locke 1, S. Cipriani 1. Finley: C. Lawler 1, R. Hamann 1.									
BEST, Tongala: R. Souter, J. Matthes, S. Cipriani, J. Jackman, J. Stephens, T. Varcoe. Finley: J. Boyd, A. Mason, E. Haynes, B. Coombs, M. Webster, E. Sutton.									
Congupna	3.3	6.4	8.5	13.6	84				
GOALS, Congupna: L. Lovatt 7, P. Hall 3, T. McDonald 1, N. Matthews 1, B. Gee 1. Nathalia: A. Zammit 1, A. Petric 1, W. Guthrie 1, G. McDonald 1.									
BEST, Congupna: M. Bell, B. Gee, L. Lovatt, P. Hall, M. Woods, C. Allen. Nathalia: T. Favaro, A. Congues, W. Sheehan, A. Zammit, T. Myers, K. Kopsidas.									
Echuca United	5.5	6.6	10.10	12.11	83				
Katandra	0.0	0.2	0.2	1.4	10				
GOALS, Echuca United: J. Garner 4, N. Osborne 2, J. Jansen 1, J. Russell 1, B. Simpson 1, C. Garner 1, J. Talbot 1, J. Smith 1. Katandra: T. Teasdale 1.									
BEST, Echuca United: J. Smith, N. Osborne, C. Sidebottom, B. Simpson, C. Garner, G. San Diego. Katandra: F. Lesire, P. Cormican, L. Moroney, J. Crees, A. Harrington, L. Turcato.									
UNDER 14									
Mulwala	2.1	3.4	4.10	4.12	36				
Tungamah	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0				
GOALS, Mulwala: D. Kirchen 2, Z. Oliver 1, O. Watson 1.									
BEST, Mulwala: D. Kirchen, A. Williams, J. Wheeler, O. Watson, J. Eder, H. Lappin. Tungamah: S. Aedins, H. Thomson, J. Raven, J. Arnold, P. Haebich, J. Goldman.									

Jackman, H. Kellett, H. Reid. Finley: W. Hannon, K. Joseph, L. Rafferty, H. King, H. Boyd, M. Maraldo.									
Nathalia	6.2	10.5	18.7	24.9	153				
Congupna	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	7				
GOALS, Nathalia: B. Orton 6, D. Conroy 5, E. Congues 4, K. Lundberg 2, C. Sheehan 1, N. Bramwell 1, R. Dealy 1, T. Dohnt 1, K. Brereton 1, B. Armstrong 1, O. Sheehan 1. Congupna: C. Hall 1.									
BEST, Nathalia: B. Orton, E. Congues, C. Sheehan, D. Conroy, K. Lundberg, M. Cobbledick. Congupna: C. Hall, C. Pekin, A. Lindrea, O. Price, J. Ring, M. Marsh.									
Echuca United	3.4	7.5	8.8	12.8	80				
Katandra	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.3	21				
GOALS, Echuca United: J. Gronow 3, S. Fisher 2, R. Godfrey 2, N. Ramage 2, J. O'Reilly 1, J. Verhey-Taylor 1, B. Barnstable 1. Katandra: F. Walters 2, D. Wilson 1. BEST, Echuca United: T. O'Brien, J. Clancy, M. Thornton, J. Gronow, F. Belmont-Wickliffe, R. Godfrey. Katandra: T. Wilson, F. Walters, L. Malcolm, R. Ash, T. Wright, W. Morrissey.									
GOALKICKING									
SENIORS									
Joshua Mellington Echuca United	8	112							
Liam Evans Nathalia	3	47							
Alex Hicks Nathalia	1	47							
Daniel Schaper Congupna	1	45							
Ashley Saunders Tungamah	0	45							
Daniel Campbell Congupna	3	44							
Adam Jorgensen Nathalia	0	41							
Nathan Hicks Numurkah	0	37							
Nick Lawless Tungamah	3	37							
Fraser Buchanan Moama	0	36							
Michael Herlihy Numurkah	0	36							
RESERVES									
Anthony McMahon Echuca United	10	101							
Jesse Moran Tongala	0	58							
Graham Weston Rumbalara	0	58							
Jacob Galpin Moama	0	47							
Matt Davies Nathalia	0	29							
Adam Dodd Tungamah	1	28							
Matthew Veitch Moama	0	26							
Beau Jackson Rumbalara	0	25							
Zayden Molluso Echuca United	5	24							
Samuel Tyler Tongala	0	23							
UNDER 17									
Djaidha Miller Rumbalara	0	63							
Jesse Garner Echuca United	4	45							
Dustan Ebborn Numurkah	0	42							
Ned Osborne Echuca United	2	41							
Lewis McShane Cobram	0	41							
Addison Psaltiras Mulwala	4	38							
Shadeau Brain Finley	0	38							
Liam Martin Mulwala	4	36							
Jack Jansen Echuca United	1	30							
Sam Cipriani Tongala	1	28							
UNDER 14									
Harley Reid Tongala	5	120							
Charlie Hillier Deniliquin	0	60							
Kevin Griffin Cobram	0	50							
Brandon Orton Nathalia	6	49							
Bryce Barnstable Echuca United	1	46							
Darcy Conroy Nathalia	5	37							
Tyler Hoogsad Rumbalara	0	36							
Lachlan Hogan Moama	0	32							
Oliver Poole Echuca United	0	27							
Samuel Fisher Echuca United	2	26							
LADDERS									
SENIORS									
Nathalia	16	15	1	0	1755	1007	174.28	60	
Echuca United	16	14	2	0	1761	885	198.98	56	
Mulwala	16	10	5	1	1471	1126	130.64	42	
Numurkah	15	10	5	0	1206	1006	119.88	40	
Tongala	16	10	6	0	1360	1229	110.66	40	
Cobram	15	10	5	0	1236	1151	107.38	40	
Congupna	16	8	8	0	1361	1317	103.34	32	
Tungamah	16	7	9	0	1339	1557	86	28	
Finley	16	6	9	1	1245	1436	86.7	26	
Deni Rams	15	6	9	0	917	1165	78.71	24	
Barooga	15	4	11	0	1184	1362	86.93	16	
Rumbalara	15	4	11	0	1084	1353	80.12	16	
Katandra	16	3	13	0	902	1584	56.94	12	
Moama	15	1	14	0	785	1434	54.74	4	
RESERVES									
Echuca United	16	16	0	0	1725	279	618.28	64	
Tongala	16	15	1	0	1495	491	304.48	60	
Rumbalara	15	12	3	0	1266	475	266.53	48	
Nathalia	16	11	5	0	1202	445	270.11	44	
Moama	15	10	5	0	1073	624	171.96	40	
Tungamah	16	9	7	0	999	885	112.88	36	
Deni Rams	15	7	8	0	764	947	80.68	28	
Finley	16	6	9	1	732	975	75.08	26	
Mulwala	16	6	10	0	962	854	112.65	24	
Katandra	16	6	10	0	716	1090	65.59	20	
Cobram	15	5	10	0	596	1170	50.65	24	
Congupna	15	2	12	1	581	1231	47.2	14	
Barooga	15	2	13	0	484	1363	35.51	8	
Numurkah	15	0	15	0	232	1989	11.66	0	
UNDER 17									
Echuca United	15	15	0	0	1280	250	512	64	
Cobram	15	11	4	0	1145	495	231.31	44	
Mulwala	16	11	5	0	1249	574	217.64	44	
Rumbalara	15	11	4	0	1103	540	200.91	44	
Numurkah	15	11	4	0	1190	746	159.52	44	
Tongala	16	11	5	0	879	668	131.59	44	
Finley	16	10	6	0	831	626	132.75	40	
Moama	15	9	6	0	878	629	139.59	36	
Deni Rams	15	6	9	0	620	673	92.12	24	
Katandra	16	4	12	0	596	1098	54.28	16	
Congupna	16	4	12	0	507	1072	47.49	16	
Nathalia	16	3	13	0	431	1237	34.84	12	
Barooga	15	1	14	0	291	1261	23.08	4	
Tungamah	15	1	14	0	317	1439	22.03	4	
UNDER 14									
Echuca United	16	15	1	0	1632	189	863.49	60	
Deni Rams	15	13	2	0	1332	210	634.29	52	
Nathalia	16	12	3	0	1484	319	465.2	52	
Tongala	16	13	4	0	1473	355	414.93	48	
Cobram	15	11	4	0	1245	351	359	44	
Finley	16	11	5	0	997	501	199	44	
Moama	15	8	7	0	758	510	148.63	32	
Rumbalara	16	8	7	0	806	639	125.18	32	
Katandra	15	6	10	0	558	1004	55.68	24	

Big weekend of golf

By The Dragon
WHAT a big weekend of entertaining golf it's been at Numurkah. Most of the regulars played in the "Doing it for Jarrod" charity day on Saturday and backed up for the Jim Retallick mixed annual event on Sunday as reported elsewhere. Players' laughing muscles got as good a workout as their walking and club-swinging muscles. Last Wednesday a small, but quality, field fronted for a stableford round, which began with a random draw for partners. It's a good way to mix up the field and get everyone playing in different combinations. Jeanette Adams was the voucher winner, with 34 points. Robyn Hodgkin took the two balls for runner-up, on a countback from Bev McIntosh (AGAIN – Bev is starting to see a pattern developing). Mavis Birrell took the final ball, with 30 points. Nearest the pin on the seventh went to Jeanette Adams, giving her the cakehole voucher to go with her winner's prize. Bev McIntosh won a consolation ball for a nice shot to the 18th. Overall, it was a pleasant morning of golf, with a few highlights. Liz Dell and Merren Carr surprised themselves with quite spectacular chip-ins from a distance on

the sixth hole and Mavis was amazed by her "thread the needle" shot in and out of bounds on the 17th. Those are the moments that make golfers keep coming back. The scoring system on Saturday, Jarrod Lyle Challenge Foundation charity day, made it possible to achieve very good scores, at a price. It is obvious some players were more adept at managing the system than others. Jenny Ludington managed a very creditable 40 points to win the Leuk the Duck cap. She was followed by Pip De Bont with 36 points. There has been some discussion as to how much money changed hands, but it all went to a great cause, so the point is moot. Robyn Hodgkin, Merren Carr and Margot McGrath won the last of the balls on offer. New golfer Di Davies hit a very nice shot to the 15th green to take that nearest the pin ball and Nola Dalton was the closest on the 18th. Next Saturday is the captain's v president's challenge stableford. The captain's team (odd handicaps) will wear blue and the president's team (evens) will need to find a red shirt. This Wednesday is another Monthly Medal Stroke Round, which encompasses the putting competition and the fourth round of the Silver Spoon.

Doing it for Jarrod a winning day

by Archie Bunker
THE "Doing it for Jarrod" day on Saturday at Numurkah Golf Club was a great success, raising a total of \$2815 for the Challenge Foundation. In a tribute to the late Jarrod Lyle, all players dressed in something yellow and chipped in to a worthy cause by buying "Mulligans" (replayed shots), putts inside four metres and drives placed in very advantageous positions at \$2 a pop. There were also \$2 fines for "sins", such as three or more putts on a hole, swearing, going out of bounds, finding water hazards and more, including hitting a couple of par three greens from the tee, which gave some people a nasty surprise. A few people contributed more than others to try and improve their games, with David Ludington donating the most at \$62. Unfortunately for David, it didn't help his game enough to win anything, but well done anyway. The auction for Jarrod Lyle

memorabilia went off well, with most items selling for good money, including Jarrod's book of his life "My Story", which sold for \$130. Rod "Rocket" Campbell had the best score for the day with 48 stableford points, not breaking the bank, as he spent \$24 to improve his game, buying a few Mulligans and landing on the greens (and maybe a naughty word or two). Runner up in A grade, with a score of 46 points, was Jack Thomas, who might have spent a bit of money buying everything that was available. Peter "Bullant" Cowan won B grade with a score of 45 points and also might have bought a few Mulligans on his round. Runner up to Bullant was Andrew McKeown, with a score of 44 points. Balls down the line went to Jack Dell, Hughie Gunn, Paul Collins and Charlie Walsh, all on 43 points, while the last of the ball winners, all on 42 points, were Bob I'Anson, Ian Clark, Gary Blackburn and

Leigh Robertson. Nearest the pin on the fourth was Kevin Morland, on the seventh Bill Green and Barry Pruden won on both the 15th and 18th holes. The Mickey Mouse ears this week were awarded to Alan Dalton in a popular move. It was Alan's first game back after five weeks holiday, which didn't appear to do him much good, as he added a few shanks to his normally impeccable repertoire. Don't forget the Tallygaroopna open is on next Sunday. This could be the last running of this prestigious event, so all are urged to support our neighbouring small club. Players are to be at the course before 10 am. Next Saturday's event is the Captains vs Presidents challenge. Players with odd handicaps will wear blue and be on captain Ronnie's team while those with even handicaps will wear red and be on president Bev's team, although she will be absent enjoying the northern hemisphere warmth.

'Eddie Glenn' has inaugural win

by 'Rufus T. Firefly'
NEW golfing identity, "Eddie Glenn", had a runaway victory in his initial experience of mid-week golf at Numurkah golf club last Thursday. Playing off a handicap of 16, Eddy scored 40 Stableford points, to easily outpoint runner-up John Smith, who finished with a total of 37. On a chilly but dry late winter's day, scores were rather muted with only three competitors playing to their handicaps or better. Players whose scores earned them a club ball were Kerry Collins 36, John McHale, Ron Smith, Bill Green, Mark Hegarty

and Steve Thornton all 34, Bill Padgett and Leigh Robertson 33, and Ramon Falla and Neil Hutchins 32. Graeme 'Doggy' Sprunt continued his hot and cold experience as a jiggling human tea bag, by coming in at the tail of the field with a tin of lollies-winning total of 17 points. Jack Dell ended up wearing the Mickey Mouse ears, with an admission of a plethora of golfing sins including shanks, playing into trees and playing back-handed into even more trees! Smooth swinging 'mollydooker', Ron Smith, won the GMCU ball for being closest to the pin on the difficult fourth hole, while

wily veteran, Alf Patman, was more than happy to snaffle the players' sweep money for doing the same on the seventh. John McHale played two delicate shots to be closest on the 14th hole and take Dennis and Roy's sponsored ball and Matt Ebborn ripped a 6 iron into the 15th to win Graeme Sprunt's sponsorship. Bob I'Anson completed his round by being closest to the pin on the Pruden Carpentry sponsored 18th hole. Why not join us this Thursday? Assemble at the clubhouse at 9.30 am for a 10 o'clock hit off. Visitors and guests are most welcome.

A grade only joy for Bulldogs

STRATHMERTON's A grade netballers came out on top in their clash with Berrigan on Saturday, although they entered the game with some uncertainty as to what could happen. The first quarter was goal for goal, with the Bulldogs holding a slim one goal lead at quarter time. The Strathy girls then lifted at both ends of the court, with more talk in defence creating some vital turn-overs and extending the lead. Their ball movement through the middle was fast and precise, moving the ball to set up their attackers in the circle. The whole Bulldogs' team played out a solid four quarters to come away with a comfortable win. Awards Strathy Pub: Kasey Baker; Ambience: Amy Carter; Subway: Vanessa Ward; Strathy Café: Kelley Laidlaw. B GRADE The Bulldog's girls knew it would be a tough game against Berrigan but kept with the Saints in the first quarter. Berrigan started slipping away in the second quarter, despite some great turn overs from the Strathy girls in defence. It was a struggle for Strathmerton to work the ball back down the court, with Berrigan's defensive pressure being too strong for the Bulldogs' attackers, which showed on the scoreboard. Awards: Emma Bailey; Talia Jacobs; Amy Martin. C GRADE While the score board didn't nec-

essarily do Strathmerton much justice, the girls put in a determined team effort. Coming up against a well-oiled top of the ladder Berrigan side, the winless Bulldogs knew it wasn't going to be easy but everyone gave it a red hot crack, despite going down by a huge margin. The defenders worked tirelessly against a strong Berrigan attack, while the attackers worked well together when moving the ball into the ring, allowing the goalies to set up close enough to the post. Awards: Strathy Pub: Caitlin Bailey; KeepActive Osteo: Elle-Rose Walkington. C RESERVE A much-improved Berrigan side proved to be too good for Strathmerton in C reserve. The first half was a great fight, but Berrigan proved too strong in the second half to record a 13 goal win. A few mistakes under pressure made turn overs quite a common thing for both teams in a very fast paced game. It seems the teams will meet again in the finals in a couple of weeks, when Strathy will be looking for revenge. Cobram Photographics: Elly Burrey; Strathy Café: Olivia Van Every; Arbonne: Annie Fotia. UNDER 15s After fighting out a draw in this season's previous meeting with Berrigan, the Strawthmerton girls knew they were in with a chance if they worked hard. The girls came out firing in the

first quarter and led for most of the game by a couple of goals. The positive energy and talk on and off the court by all the Bulldogs' girls were decisive factors in the Bulldogs maintaining their lead. In the final moments of the last quarter it went goal for goal, but the score remained even, resulting in a draw for the second time this season. Awards: Club: Claudia Ross; Subway award: Sarah Brooks; Strathy Café: Kiara Devevill. UNDER 13s Despite all players giving 100% effort, Strathmerton couldn't quite secure a win. A few basic errors turned over the ball, resulting in Berrigan scores, which saw the Bulldogs go down in the last five minutes, by just three goals. While the Bulldogs' defensive pressure was once again a feature, hard work at training will help the side end the home and away season strongly and approach finals with confidence. Awards: Strathy café: Talia; Canteen: Dakota. UNDER 11s The minis had a tough game against the fast paced Berrigan. Despite the ball not reaching the Bulldogs' goal ring too often, the girls didn't give up and made numerous turnovers in the mid court. The pups stayed focused on their own skills and gave it their all. Awards: Strathy Café: Tamika and Amy.

Better day for Purples' netball

AFTER two winless weeks, Nathalia's netballers fared much better on Saturday against Congupna, with only one team failing to salute the judges, although there were some close calls. In A grade, the Purples' girls were pleased to achieve the targets set for them. The coach was proud of the group as a whole, as they showed great strength and level heads in the last quarter. Congupna threw all they could at Nathalia, but the Purples eventually came out on top by just two goals. The teams are obviously very evenly matched, as their first encounter this season resulted in a draw, and they sit in adjacent ladder positions, separated only by percentage. Awards: Coprice: Blaise Mortimer; Brereton's Bakery: Breanne Walpole; Casual Step: Holly Boyd. B GRADE The Nathalia girls did well to fight back from four goals down at half time, to win by a solitary goal. The Purples took control in the second half and created plenty of turnovers. The victory against a team higher on the ladder saw the Purples move into the eight, although hanging on by a fingernail Awards: Barmah Hotel BOC: Laura Harvey-Hawkins; Laino's Pizza: Jessi Hicks; Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Lily Smith. C GRADE This was a tightly contested game, with the Purples getting home by four goals to consolidate sixth position and a finals' appearance. Nathalia's first quarter was their

best but to Congupna's credit, they shut down Nathalia in the second quarter. Perseverance and teamwork paid dividends, seeing Nathalia stick to their game plan. Chloe Armstrong was on fire through the mid court, intercepting many balls which turned into scores. Ash Baker was strong in the ring on a much bigger defence line up, backed up by Christie Schram and Alysha Cornell, while Steph Hayes and Jen Butler rebounded well, with Steph consistently turning over rebounds and intercepts. Awards: Barmah Hotel: Chloe Armstrong; Casual Step: Ash Baker; Three Belles Creations: Steph Hayes. C RESERVE In another closely contested game over four quarters, Nathalia got home by just three goals. There was never much in it until the last ten minutes of the last quarter. Many passages of Nathalia's good play were hindered by Congupna's defence, particularly through the mid court, while Nathalia's goalers moved well and shot well. Cath Dealy was very strong in defence for all four quarters. With Nathalia now sixth, replacing Congupna, which is now seventh, the two will most likely renew acquaintances in the upcoming finals. Awards: Limo's Home Hardware: Cath Dealy; Laino's Pizzeria: Jodie Coutts; Casual Step: Paige Hickey. 17 & UNDER In a fabulous win the Purples girls, pressure was applied throughout the game by all team members, with lots of

talking. The girls created space and positioned themselves well in and around the goal circle, while the defence held up well. The midcourt players fed the ball up and down the thirds, backing each up and feeding strong passes to the shooters. The Purples led all game, for a convincing win, practically guaranteeing a finals' run. Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Ella Brereton; Marketplace Subway: Annie Dietrich; Bell's Water Cartage: Tammy Woods.

15 & UNDER This was the game Nathalia needed to reassure themselves, with a consistent four quarters of netball by all players. Smarter play, balancing the court and accurate passing out in front was the key. Mia Bell was on fire, turning over many balls every quarter and the goalers set up play to open up the post in a 30 goal win. Awards: Kylie Richards: Hannah Summerville; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Jenna Mason; Marketplace Subway: Ella Johns; TJ's IGA: Hayley Wilgmore. 13 & UNDER With an excellent start to the game and everyone working hard, Nathalia built an early lead, before being on the end of a heartbreaking one goal loss. The improvement from the previous meeting with Congupna was obvious, as that game ended with a margin of 30 goals in the Road's favour. Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Ella Dealy; Nathalia Dairy: Sophie Creer-Pope; TJ's IGA: Eliza Kopsidas.

Swans tough it out

IN a tough game, hard-fought until the very end, persistence paid off for Katunga's A grade netballers, with a 50 to 45 goal win over Katamatite on Saturday.

The win by the third placed Swans over the second-placed Tigers will give the Swans a psychological edge, as the two seem destined to play each other in the first week of finals. Katunga will need everyone playing to their full potential and take advantage of every opportunity if it expects to win.

Awards: AgBioEn: Grace Kennedy; ND Services: Rach Howden; Clydesdale Hotel: Kristy Eddy.

B GRADE

Undefeated top team, Katunga, went into this game with a plan and stuck to it for 95% of the time, resulting in a huge win.

The very undermanned bottom side, Katamatite, fought the game out to the last whistle with encouragement and smiles on their faces.

The Swans will be hoping to continue the great team play shown, against a more highly rated Mathoura, in the final regular season game next Saturday.

Awards: KGS Fuels: Chany Phillips; Numurkah Pharmacy: Kate Towe Morris; Clydesdale Hotel: Dani Henderson.

C GRADE

In a somewhat strange game, Katunga was able to come away with a win.

Katty had strong shooters and

tall defence, which saw the Swans having to change their usual playing style.

Fortunately, they adapted well, and put defensive pressure on the whole court, which caused many turnovers in their favour on the way to a 13 goal win.

The win assured the Swans of a top four finish and double chance in the finals.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Taylah Otto; Fitness 3636: Kate Mansfield.

C RESERVE

Katunga's 27 goal win ensured a top four finish and double chance.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Kirsten Rogers; Fitness 3636: Andrea Kelly.

UNDER 15

In a slow start to the game, the Swans' girls failed to sufficiently work as a team in the first two quarters.

As the second half got underway the girls played well and together as a team but could not make inroads on the scoreboard in a 25 goal loss.

Awards: Canteen: Bella Sef-ton; Arbonne: Tracey Crocker.

UNDER 13

Two good quarters weren't enough to prevent the young Swans from going down by six goals.

Awards: Arbonne: Ruby Sprunt; Canteen: Angelina Crisara; KNFC: Aleece Bethell.

UNDER 11

Awards: KFNC: Bridie Kelly; Cold Rock: Rahni Hendy; Laino's Pizza: Hannah Kelly.

Redyes give Picola girls the Blues

PICOLA netballers were outplayed in all but one of Saturday's games hosting Blighty.

A grade missed a chance to stay in the hunt for a double chance, playing below their best against the 10th placed Redeyes, who put up a good fight and deserved the win by three goals.

Awards: Nathalia Post Office: Jess Beaton; Brereton's Bakery: Demi Morrison.

B GRADE

In what was a very challenging game all Blues played their part, but just couldn't hold a stronger Blighty side, going down by 19 goals,

Awards: Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering: Kelsey Trickey; Brereton's Bakery: Allie Rainbow.

C GRADE

Despite the absence of their coach, the Blues' girls put together a great game.

Working on attacking the ball and defensive pressure, Picola created many turnovers, with the attackers leading for the ball effectively.

The 32 goal win keeps the Blues in fifth place and builds confidence for finals.

Award: Foott Waste Solutions: Amber Watson; Club: Margot Craig.

C RESERVE

Bottom of the ladder Picola never gave up and displayed some great team play, but wasn't in the hunt against a Blighty side determined to keep its place in the top eight.

Awards: Casual Step: Mel Szakal; Club: Brooke Stacey.

UNDER 17s

The Picola girls had a great start to the game, keeping it close and intensity high.

Their defenders made good space and leads, but there are a couple of things they can work on over the next two weeks before finals.

In the end, fellow finals' aspirant Blighty proved too strong, going on to win by 12 goals.

Awards: Power Livestock: Gypsy Saunders; Barmah Social Club: Tess Walton.

UNDER 15s

A loss by 29 goals was a bit disappointing by the Blues after good performances over the last two weeks.

The Picola girls tried their hardest all day against some tall girls in the second-placed Blighty side.

While finals are out of the question, the Blues will be hoping to finish the last game on a positive next week.

Awards: Birch Earthmoving: Kate Francis; Barmah Social Club: Shantay McCabe Jackson.

UNDER 13

Unfortunately, the young Blues didn't get a win but didn't drop their heads and kept fighting against a top four side.

Awards: Baxter Family: Jorja Langley; Barmah Social Club: Sienna Varcoe.

UNDER 13s

Being down a few players, the youngest Blues were helped out by some Blighty players filling in and played some great team netball.

Awards: Intersports Bennett's: Desi Morgan; PUFNC: Amy Caldwell.



Milestone miss ... Amy Williams was one of her team's best in her 250th match for Waaia.



100 up ... Kiara Brown played her 100th game for Waaia's C reserve on Saturday.

All smiles at Waaia

WAAIA netballers were all smiles on Saturday as they celebrated wins over Yarroweyah in all grades.

A six goal win by A grade was highlighted by an excellent game from Amy Williams, participating in her 250th game for the club

Awards: WFNC: Chloe Thorne; Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Amy Williams.

B GRADE

B grade scored a huge win over the lowly Grasshoppers to wrap up second place and a finals' double chance.

Awards: WFNC: Hayley Thorne; Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Bree Jorgensen; Sports-First: Maddi Cleeland.

C GRADE

Yarroweyah certainly weren't the same team Waaia defeated by 36 goals the first time around this season.

The Hoppers came out strongly on a chilly day on their home turf.

Waaia's goaling was a little more accurate this week as it tried a few different mid-court options on the way to an eight goal victory.

Holding on to second place, the Bombers still have a few things to work on but all worked well as a team on Saturday to secure the win.

Awards: WFNC: Naomi Hopkins; Telegraph Hotel: Tiffany Morris; Casual Step: Holly Scott.

C RESERVE

As the season is coming to an end and before finals kick off, the C reserve Bombers managed to keep fourth spot on the ladder with a three goal win.

With a full team on court and with plenty of rotations, the girls were persistent. Yarroweyah had strong accurate shooters, putting a lot of pressure on the Waaia defence.

The Bombers' goalers settled in as the game went on and worked well keeping them in the lead.

The game was also memorable as Kiara Brown passed the milestone of 100 C reserve games for the club.

Awards: WFNC: Tyleesha Toole-Cummins; Telegraph: Kim Daniel; Terminus Hotel: Tearn Williams.

UNDER 17s

Good accuracy by the Waaia goalers and plenty of tips and intercepts by its mid court and defence saw the Bombers record a confidence boosting win leading up to finals.

Awards: Numurkah Sportsfirst: Jamieson Moore; NBKC: Rebecca Williams; Terminus Hotel: Rachel Williams.

UNDER 15s won 35-9

The Bombers secured a big win over Yarroweyah, as they set themselves for a tough game next week against Tocumwal. With Waaia in fourth place on the ladder

on 40 points and Tocumwal third on 42, the loser of next week's encounter will almost certainly lose the double chance to Deni Rovers, who sit fifth on 38 points with a better percentage than Tocumwal and face bottom team Yarroweyah in the final game.

The girls gave it 110% on Saturday and will need to continue to work hard and finish the season off strongly.

Awards: WFNC Canteen: Sophie Miller; D & M Plattfuss: Ella Wilson; WFNC: Hayley Coonan.

UNDER 13s won 39-5

The Waaia girls produced a great team win on Saturday, by a big margin. with a strong start and finish to the game.

Four quarters of consistent effort will be required to bring home a win against top team Tocumwal next week.

Awards: WFNC: Bridie Wilson; WFNC Canteen: Mary Caldwell; Terminus Hotel: Shaylee Dietrich.

UNDER 11s

The littlest Bomber girls had another fantastic game against Yarroweyah, showing spirit, smiles, teamwork, sportsmanship and determination.

Myla played in goals for the first time and showed she never gives up, although she is still trying for her first goal.

Awards: WFNC: Claire Bergamin; Northstar: Jamieson Shelton.

Upset win for Strathy indoor bowlers

STRATHMERTON has defeated runaway minor premiers, Waaia, in the Numurkah Indoor Bowls Association second semi-final played on Monday night. While each team won on one mat, Strathmerton came away with a four shot overall win and a place in the grand final. Waaia will now meet Nathalia, who

knocked Katamatite out in the first semi-final, in the preliminary final on Thursday night. In the final round of matches last Thursday, third placed Nathalia flexed its muscles before the finals, with a win on both mats over second placed Strathmerton. All other matches resulted in predict-

able wins to the teams higher on the table. RESULTS Final round Nathalia 10/56 d Strathmerton 0/35. F Hutchins 22 d R Batey 20; Bev Hutchins 34 d J Jasper 15. Wunghnu 0/37 lt Barooga 10/46. D O'Connor 24 lt E Gordon 26; N Barnes 13 lt I Swain 30.

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Nathalia 8/42 d Katamatite 2/36. F Hutchins 16 lt C Owen 23; Bev Hutchins 26 d M Nordbye 13. FINAL LADDER Waaia 125 +322; Strathmerton 98 +55; Nathalia 91 +151; Katamatite 86 +17; Barooga 69 -6; Senior Citizens 47 -56; Shamrock 32 -165; Wunghnu 12 -318.

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Coming through ... Picola's Mark Ryan pushes through a Blighty tackle with captain Marcus Walsh and Aiden Orton ready to assist.
Photos by Cheryl Thorn



50th... Picola's Jai Morrison played his 50th senior game on Saturday against Mathoura
Photos by Cheryl Thorn

Picola seals finals spot

PICOLA welcomed Blighty on Saturday determined to make the winners list again, after its loss to Mathoura last week.

The Blues came out with intensity, providing good numbers around the ball and had some solid running play with Hislop offering strong leads up forward.

Despite constant defensive pressure from Blighty, the Blues managed to stick to their game plan and come away with a strong win, meaning they will play finals.

This week Picola heads to Berrigan to meet the top team in a final hit out before the finals.

Awards: DMH / Barmah Hotel: Corey Cogan; Blake Street Butchery: Marcus Walsh; Brereton's Bakery: Dylan Cunningham; Limos Hardware: Reagan Hamilton.

RESERVES

Blighty came to Picola with only a win in mind, hit the ground running and did not let up for the four quarters.

The Redeyes were too good, with numbers round the ball, pressuring Picola all day and holding the Blues scoreless to half time.

The final two terms saw Blighty continue its onslaught, with Picola only managing one major for the match.

The win saw Blighty leapfrog Picola into sixth position, pushing the Blues to seventh, both with 28 points.

Eighth placed Katunga and Mathoura, ninth, also have 28 points, with greatly inferior percentages, and play each other next week, so Picola's match-up against top team Berrigan may not be as crucial as it first seems.

Awards: Nathalia Fertiliser and Grain: Ben Daniel; Brereton's Bakery: Shane Cooper; Minchin Mechanics: Rory Knight; Numans: James Badcock.

UNDER 17s

With no game against Berrigan next week, the Picola boys were determined to finish their season with a win but came up against a hungry Blighty side, which was also out for the win.

The Blues started well, with good ball movement and deep entries getting the score on the board and leading by four points at the first break.

The second and third terms were all Blighty which extended its half time lead of 16 points to more than five goals by the last break.

A last quarter resurgence was looking likely, but once again Blighty proved too good, finishing up with a win by 52 points.

Awards: Dove Motors/Lubke Engineering: Connor Langley; Peter Limbrick Accounting: Jordan Simpson; Barmah Social Club: Bailey Fordham; TJ': Jordan Archibald; Home game "Have a go" sponsored by Nathalia Hair and Beauty: Daniel Thorn.

UNDER 14s

The Picola boys started strongly but Blighty came back stronger, working hard around the ground.

Second placed Picola was getting outnumbered around the ball by the seventh placed Redeyes and outplayed.

With a frustrating three quarters behind it and trailing by 10 points, Picola finally showed up to play in the last quarter, to take the game back and finish with a win by nine points.

Awards: PowerLive Stock / Barnett Family: Matthew Jorgensen; Better-Bite Barmah: Will Dargan; Barmah Social: Jason Beckett; Al's Café: Harry King; Home Game Have a Go award sponsored by Nathalia Hair and Beauty: Logan Daniel.

UNDER 11s

The smallest Blues had a great game, with fabulous sportsmanship shown by all players. The boys all received a special under 11s medal and show bag to celebrate the last home game for the year.

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Purples hit the Road

NATHALIA took on an improving Congupna side in an entertaining clash last Saturday.

Both teams were evenly matched throughout the day, however the Purples' experience and tall forwards were able to swing the game their way, eventually running out 17 point winners.

The first half was low scoring and a little error-ridden, however the Purples witnessed some positive signs.

Tom Byrnes, in his second match back after a knee reconstruction, was in fine form, while Ash Quinn, who also recently returned from injury, roamed freely, linking defence and attack. Ryan Butler was spoiling and mopping up effectively at half back and 100 gamer, Joe Nihill, won crucial contests.

After the long break, the Road hit the ground running and kicked the first three goals to open up a handy lead, but the Purples hit back to kick the next four and take some control of the game.

Al Corry was instrumental in transitioning the ball forward, while Alex Hicks and Brodie Ross took control in the air.

Jason Limbrick moved into the ruck to provide mid-field direction and Liam Evans took advantage to cut a swathe through the centre.

Nathalia kicked the first goal of the last quarter, before Congupna replied, reducing the margin to 10 points.

The Purples, however, steadied to run out victors. Drew Barnes continued his good form with some tenacious play, defender Ned Nihill was solid all day and Bailey Bell was instrumental with his dash and flair.

Awards: Ryan Meat Co: Alex Hicks; Bourke Group: Rhys Shannon; Liddell Group Dellcorp: Ash Quinn; Numurkah TyrePower: Drew Barnes; TJ's IGA: Brodie Ross; Brereton's Bakery: Ryan Butler; Club: Joe Nihill.



Purple centurion ... Joe Nihill is chaired off by Nathalia teammates Alistair Corry and Harley Cobbledick after his 100th game for the Purples.

Purples consolidate

IN an important game to consolidate their fourth position on the ladder, Nathalia's reserves "came to play" against Congupna on Saturday.

With the required hunger to hunt the footy and win it at the source, there was some very positive ball movement at times.

Henry Congues was extremely lively every time he was in or around the contest, to continually break a line and find a teammate.

He had many willing helpers, with Chris Brown finding some touch and using the footy very well. Forward Brett Vallender was again good in the air, providing a reliable target, and was ably assisted by Lachie Wigmore.

The two Gemmill boys, Lachie and Josh, were

other key link players whose efforts through the middle of the ground regularly had the ball in Purple hands.

It was pleasing for the Purples to have a lot of important players finding a lot of the footy in the push to the finals.

Awards: Limbrick Accounting: Henry Congues; Mick Hogan Excavations: Chris Brown; Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Lachie Wigmore; Blake St Butcher: Brett Vallender; Numurkah Nugenes: Josh Gemmill; Brereton's Bakery: Lachie Gemmill.

UNDER 17s

The Nathalia boys faced a beatable opponent, with the sides in similar ladder positions.

Unfortunately, the Purples didn't produce

their best form, in a 59 point loss.

Awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Archie Congues; AV Hughes: Tristan Myers; Rex James Stockfeed: Mak Hindmarsh; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Gavin McDonald; Marketplace Subway: Cooper Bloodworth.

UNDER 14s

The youngest Purple boys faced a home ground clash against a gallant, but winless, Congupna. A good all-round team effort, with great sportsmanship, was shown by the boys, some of whom filled in for a number of quarters for the undermanned Congupna.

After a slow start in the first half, the boys played some good, unselfish football in the second half.

Charlie Sheehan, Kai Lundberg and Ewan Congues used the ball well and Connor Peachey was back to his speedy best.

Brandon Orton snagged six goals, Darcy Conroy five and Ewan Congues four, with another eight individual goal kickers.

This season has seen every boy score a goal already, with hopefully many still to come.

Max Frostick handled the ball cleanly from the start and Ned Bramwell was busy all day.

Ben Dealy, Bob Walpole and Ryan Dealy all played well forward and back.

Awards: Past Players: Ryan Dealy; Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Max Frostick; Al's Café: Tom Dohnt; Frostick Contracting: Mason Cobbledick; Nathalia Printers: Kian Brereton.

Bulldogs lose top spot

STRATHMERTON was keen to atone for its earlier season loss and retain top spot when it hosted Berrigan on Saturday.

The Bulldogs started the game in reasonable fashion, to lead by two points at the first change.

A goalless second quarter, followed by a six goal to two third quarter in favour of the Saints, was a result of Strathy's skill level dropping away and the opposition capitalising.

Despite scoring the only two goals of the final quarter, the Bulldogs came up short by 26 points.

Lewis O'Sullivan, Matt Price, Mark Luci and Adrian Crestani were under constant pressure all day, but battled hard.

Other players of note were Zack Betson and Zach Wagner.

A big improvement will be required if Strathmerton is to succeed in the upcoming finals.

RESERVES

The seconds came up against top placed Berrigan on Saturday and the opposition showed they deserve their ladder position, with great structure and movement of the ball.

The Doggies fought hard all day, consistently battling to keep the score from really blowing out, but without success.

As the going got tough and scrappy, the Bulldogs stuck together, looking for positives to take from the game, heading into the last round against Rennie and then onto finals.

Best players were Luke Collyer, Jacob

Aitken, Jacob Gillie, Trent Craven, Tim Mannion and John Russo.

UNDER 14s

With a team finally injury free, just in time for the upcoming finals, Strathy took on the eighth placed Saints.

The first quarter saw quite an arm wrestle in the game, with the lower placed Berrigan bringing its A-game. At the first break, the Bulldogs led by five points, with Tyler Stephens being instrumental.

With an unchanged side, the boys started to gel together and sneak ahead on the scoreboard in the second term, while keeping Berrigan scoreless.

Josh Payne and Ryan Wyatt worked hard in the mid field and Will Almond started to win the ruck, following up with some great second effort tackles.

A great passage of team play saw Jackson Bury lay a perfect tackle and finish the passage of play by kicking a goal.

In the third term, to its credit, Berrigan kept the pressure on Strathmerton, not giving up at all.

The Bulldogs were made to earn each possession and forward entry. The final term saw Strathy move away to a solid win, with the Saints again held scoreless.

Young Jackson Webb led the way with forward pressure and a great run-down tackle, deservedly rewarded with a free kick for his efforts.

Awards: Strathy Café: Josh Payne; Subway: Will Almond; Terminus Hotel: Tyler Stephens; Ladies' committee: Caleb Wilson; Macca's: Jackson Webb; Coaches' award: Tom Payne.

Mid-game fade costs Swans

KATUNGA travelled to Katamatite on Saturday with nothing to lose, against a full strength Katty side.

The Swans didn't disappoint early, kicking two quick goals and catching the Tigers off guard, with ferocious tackling and quick ball movement.

The early effort was a huge improvement on the last time the teams met in round four, which resulted in a 75 point loss for the Swans.

Unfortunately, Katunga couldn't keep up the performance, and faded in the second and third quarters, giving Katty far too much space. The Tigers' midfield dominated, pulling away to their credit.

The Swans never gave up and out-scored Katty five goals to three in the final quarter to reduce the final margin to 36 points.

The Swans were best served by Oliver Small (six goals), Austin Jones, Joshua Smith, Xavier Thorp and Mitch Sidebottom.

Awards: Katunga Fresh: Oliver Small; Clydesdale Hotel: Joshua Smith; Lenny's Ag: Xavier Thorp; Graincorp Oilseed: Jared Hicks; Telegraph Hotel: Shannon Bond.

RESERVES

With the Swans having to win against bottom side Katamatite to book a spot in the finals, it appeared the Katunga boys must have thought it was going to be a walk in the park.

It wasn't, as Katty was willing and determined to make it a difficult contest.

Katty led the game at the main break, when the Swans decided to commit to their team mates and start winning the ball.

In the end, Katunga was able to overrun Katty by 18 points and retain a precarious hold on eighth spot.

Awards: John King Grain: Trent Corby; Dan Hendy Landforming: Daniel Connally; Telegraph: Clint "Goose" Phillips; Clydesdale Ho-

tel: Lachlan Corboy; KFNC: Luke Davis.

UNDER 17s

Katunga's thirds offered up a strong and well-played game against the lowly Katamatite. Sam Arho boot-ed 17 goals, while Lachie Daniel, Cody Gow and Max Hendy worked well at moving the ball out of the centre.

The win leaves the Swans in second position with their next game to be in the finals, as next week's opponents, Mathoura, cannot muster a team.

Awards: Numurkah Building & Plumbing Supplies: Sam Arho; Harris Panel Beating: Max Hendy; Cobram Windows: Lachie Daniel; SportsFirst Numurkah: Mitch Doyle; Canteen Award: Luke Bosse

UNDER 14s

Katunga was lucky to come away with a win on Saturday, as it was really tested by a determined Katamatite side.

After a couple of easy games recently, it appeared the Swans were not as prepared as they could have been.

Katunga's bigger lads managed to stand up in the last two quarters to make sure they got across the line.

Injured pair Zac Bosse and Michael Vanden Goor showed great club spirit, providing off-field support for their teammates.

Awards: Katunga Mowing: Harry McDonald; Katunga General Store: Lachie O'Brien; Supporters' Award: Jackson Harris; Red Cherry: Ethan Davies; Canteen Award: Jake Bell.

FIFTHS

The littlest Swans had plenty of competition from the Tigers in a hard-fought game.

Jules Cook, Toby Bell and Rhys Dixon worked hard in the packs.

A tough game with heaps of numbers at the ball resulted in a scrappy affair.

Awards: Canteen: Jules Cook, Toby Bell, Rhys Dixon.



Loose ball ... Matt O'Dwyer's tackle on his Yarroweyah opponent works the ball loose, as Lachlan Henderson looks to get involved.

Four from four for Waaia

IN the penultimate matches for the home and away rounds, Waaia scored wins in all grades of football, playing away to Yarroweyah on Saturday.

The senior squad had a comfortable win, although they were very wasteful in front of goals and will need to remedy this, as the better teams in the competition might not be so forgiving.

Charlie Burrows is a dynamic player, who is a very difficult opponent to match up on, with his explosive attack and strength in the contest a feature. If he ever has a day out with goal kicking accuracy, who knows what could happen?

Against the Hopper defense, he had 13 shots at goal and kicked six majors.

Bobby Meyland also struggled to hit the barn door before half time, however ended up with five for the day with improved conversion after half time.

Tim Belford has slowly shrugged off a number of niggling injuries and looked to be moving with some freedom, which was reflected in his ability to get from contest to contest throughout the match.

Miles Rowlands is beginning to gel well with his team mates as he establishes chemistry with his fellow forwards and occasionally moves into the ruck. He is a strong and agile unit that will be hard to stop, as he gains confidence in those around him.

Jesse Trower's ball use was sublime and he did not miss a target for the day, relentlessly carrying the ball forward, gaining many metres for his team.

Jordan Cleeland, Connor Brown and Mitch Cleeland were others to fea-

ture in the awards with solid games that continue their good form.

After a final tune up this week against Tocumwal at home, the real test comes for the Bombers. The PDFNL final series appears wide open, with five sides looking capable of winning if they get some momentum going and have a bit of good fortune with injuries.

RESERVES

The Bombers' reserves had another solid win, as they slowly out played the gallant Yarroweyah boys, who inhabit the bottom rung of the ladder. Mark Bergamin has been in outstanding form and would be constantly on the minds of the senior selection panel.

Nath Cornick, Ethan McDonald and Damo Hommes were great contributors as they drove the ball forward on many occasions.

Big George Hixon has been strong across half back taking many strong marks, while Corey Walpole and Jarrod Brooks were also good contributors in a strong team effort.

UNDER 17s

Waaia under 17s are hitting their straps at the right time of the year and had a strong win over Yarroweyah.

Sam Trower continued his good form, with great use of the ball to the best advantage of his team. Mitch Dalitz has become an important member of the Bombers' forward set up, with his ability to take a good mark and then kick truly when in range.

Joel Clarke was superb down back, as he read the play well and attacked aggressively at the right moments. His clean ball use after meeting the ball at top pace would have warmed his Grandpa's heart.

Harvey Walker has returned from injury in great form and used his pace and silky skills to damaging effect, hitting the score board on a regular basis with another four goals this week. Jackson Collins is the Rolls Royce of the team as he uses his pace and precision ball use to give his teammates the advantage over their opponents, while Alex Sheppard and Jack Bergamin also shone out on a day with many fine contributors.

UNDER 14s

The fourths recorded their third win of the season in what was a great team effort.

Bailey Plattfuss led the way again, dominating in the ruck and driving the ball forward on a regular basis.

Tom Daniel played another top game, winning the ball from the middle and locking the ball in Waaia's forward half, as he organized his fellow on ballers, Regan Collins, Aiden Bryant and Aiden Bollard to follow his lead. Will Trower was the Bombers' most dangerous forward, being on the end of his teammates' good play to convert three goals.

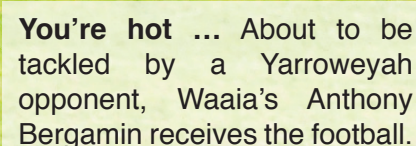
Jake Momm has had a good fortnight of games and featured in the awards again. Rick Bell was in everything early, as the Bombers gained the ascendancy.

Claudia Plattfuss went into the ruck in the last quarter, to give big brother Bailey a rest, and forced the ball forward to put the ball to Waaia's advantage.

UNDER 11s

The littlest Bombers started the day with great team play and much enthusiasm from all the boys.

Rick Bell, Harry Halden and Cohen Shelton were in top form this week.



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Goals: M Casey, C Schram, S Stevens'
Awards: Club: Sharnah Stevens; Brereton's
Bakery: Tegan Sutton; Cheeky Cider: Gemma
Hawks; Bridge Hotel: Millie Casey; Casual
Step: Christie Schram; NWR Communica-
tions: Vanessa Ward & Kellie Guthrie.

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