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Hero's surprise

Lives saved ... Back (from left): Waaia CFA first lieutenant Shane Legge, Kelsey's dad Jamie Higgins and mum Vicky Fraser. Front: Logan, Georgia, Kelsey and Jackson Higgins.

KELSEY Higgins was last week recognised for her bravery in waking her family after her family's home caught fire last month. See story page 6.

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Aladdin JR. Script Adapted by Ken Cerniglia

Court hears psychotic episode led to Numurkah assault

A 32 year-old Numurkah man has been sentenced to a two year community corrections order for a violent attack on his wheelchair-bound stepfather in Numurkah in July last year, as well as a number of other charges.

The order requires Nathan Kelly to continue to take medication for schizophrenia, as well as undergo treatment and rehabilitation for drugs and alcohol, and attend offending behaviour programs.

Kelly had already served 317 days in custody since the incident on July 17 last year.

In sentencing Kelly in the County Court at Shepparton last week, Judge William Stuart said that he was not sentencing Kelly to further time in custody as his mental state at the time of the offences eliminated his moral culpability.

"It is plain to me that the sentencing approach here must involve a therapeutic one. There is no need for the sentence to just involve punishment," Judge Stuart said.

Kelly was facing charges of recklessly causing injury and making a threat to kill relating to the attack on his stepfather, and a charge of unlawful assault against a neighbour who heard the assault against Kelly's stepfather and came to his assistance.

Kelly had pushed his stepfather out of his wheelchair and hit him with a baseball bat before grabbing him by the hair and ramming his head against the floor.

When a male and two female neighbours heard the assault and came to intervene, Kelly assaulted the male neighbour with his fists and a plastic ball thrower before the trio were able to calm him down.

Kelly fled the scene in his car and was followed by police, ignoring their lights and sirens. Kelly drove to the Shamrock Hotel bottle shop where his vehicle was blocked by police.

In an attempt to get away, he rammed a police car, trapping an officer inside, before his vehicle ricocheted into a parked ute. With some difficulty, police were able to restrain and arrest Kelly at the scene before transporting him to Goulburn Valley Health.

Kelly was charged with dangerous driving of a motor vehicle in the vicinity of police, damage to an emergency services vehicle, failing to stop for police and resisting arrest in relation to these incidents, and received a mandatory two year licence disqualification.

Kelly has been held in the Aire Unit at Ravenhall Correctional Centre for prisoners with complex and challenging behaviours since July last year, during which time he was diagnosed with schizophrenia.

POLICE BEAT

Thieves busy across the district

Distinctive ... If you know anything about the whereabouts of this Harley Davidson, contact Cobram CIU.

A DISTINCTIVE orange Harley Davidson motorbike, registration 101TT, was stolen from a Queen St address last Wednesday.

There have been possible sightings of the motorbike in Shepparton, and Cobram CIU are urging anybody with information to contact them.

A quantity of cash, and motorbike safety gear was also stolen.

A 'sunshine' gate was stolen from a property on Katamatite Rd Youanmite, in the early hours of May 27, making it one of several such gates stolen in the district in recent months.

Sometime in the last week of May, fishing equipment was stolen from an open boat parked on Federation St Nathalia.

A 29 year-old male will face court after fleeing the scene of a single vehicle collision in which a vehicle hit a bridge on Waaia-Bearii Rd, at around 10pm on Sunday.

He was spoken to by police shortly after the incident, and returned a blood alcohol reading of .066.

House raided

Raid ... A range of goods that police believed to be stolen, were taken from the property.

A NUMURKAH couple are facing a range of charges after a police raid on a Diggora Pde address last Thursday.

A 26 year-old woman is facing drug possession charges, including possession of methamphetamine and cannabis, and possessing the proceeds of crime.

A 25 year-old man from the same address is charged with possessing a prohibited weapon, relating to a taser.

Both individuals are charged with possession of explosives, relating to a quantity of fireworks, and possession of stolen goods.

Goods recovered at the property included two motorbikes and a number of power tools.

Some items initially included on the list are now not believed to have been stolen.

Both individuals will appear before Cobram Magistrates Court on June 26. Cobram Criminal Investigation Unit is continuing investigations.

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Public holiday advertising deadlines

Due to next Monday being a public holiday for the Queens Birthday, all copy for display advertising should be submitted no later than 12 noon on Friday, June 7 for next Wednesday's (June 12) edition.

The deadline for classified advertising will remain 12 noon Tuesday, but early copy would be appreciated.

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Barmah to host fire workshop

THE Elders of the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation and the Firesticks Alliance Corporation are hosting the 2019 National Indigenous Fire Workshop on Yorta Yorta Woka, Barmah National Park this week.

The workshop commenced yesterday and will run until this Friday.

The National Indigenous Fire Workshop brings together people from all walks of life with an interest in fire and land management to experience traditional fire practice, and is built around practical and hands on learning led by indigenous fire practitioners.

Fires will be carefully controlled, however smoke will be visible in the surrounding areas.

Workshop leaders will walk participants through Yorta Yorta country sharing their knowledge of reading country, monitoring species and how fire behaves differently in different country.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Victoria and the Country Fire Authority, have assisted in preparations for the event.

FIRE WATCH

Firies respond to three minor incidents

LOCAL brigades have attended three minor incidents in the past week.

At 3.10pm last Thursday, Drumanure brigade was called to a wash-away as the result of a motor vehicle accident on Labuan Road, Invergordon, between Invergordon and Wunghnu Roads.

A person had pulled out of a driveway and had a minor collision with a truck. Nobody was injured, and an ambulance was called but was not required.

At 11.25 pm on Saturday, Numurkah and Katunga brigades, along with Shepparton's aerial pumper, were turned out to a reported meter box fire at the corner of McKenzie and Tweddle Streets, Numurkah.

There was a loose connection behind the power board, causing the connection to overheat. Numurkah brigade waited on scene for Powercor to attend, and Katunga and Shepparton were not required.

At 10.05pm on Sunday, Waaia brigade was called to a wash-away as the result of an accident, on Waaia/Bearii Rd Waaia, which had resulted in oil on the road.

A vehicle had run into a bridge, causing major damage to the bridge railing, but the vehicle and driver were nowhere to be seen.

The driver was located and spoken to by police shortly after the incident.

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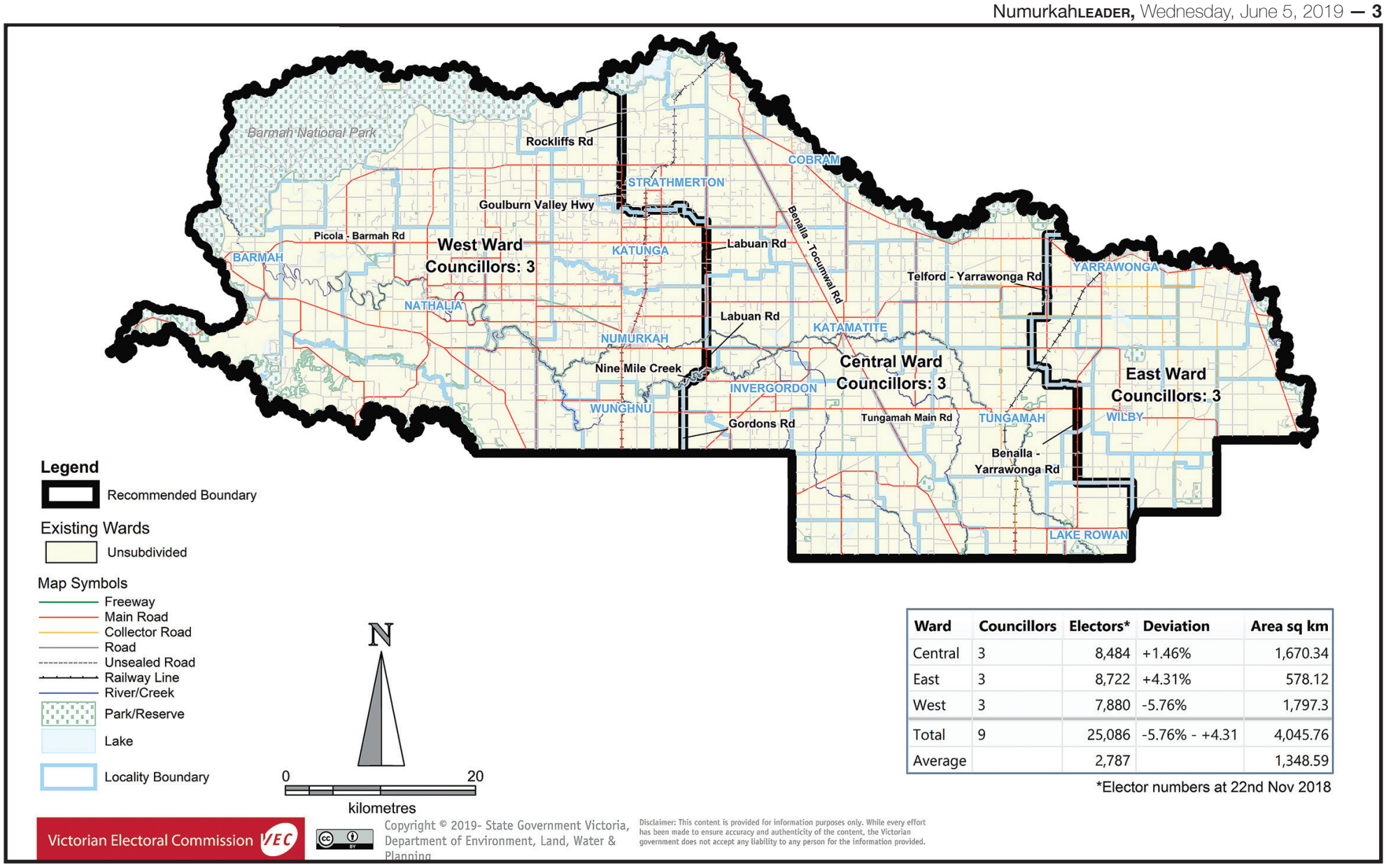

Ward	Councillors	Electors*	Deviation	Area sq km
Central	3	8,484	+1.46%	1,670.34
East	3	8,722	+4.31%	578.12
West	3	7,880	-5.76%	1,797.3
Total	9	25,086	-5.76% - +4.31	4,045.76
Average		2,787		1,348.59

*Elector numbers at 22nd Nov 2018

Three wards ... This VEC map shows the proposed locations of the three recommended wards.

VEC recommends Moira electoral subdivision

THE Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has recommended that Moira Shire Council return to a subdivided electoral structure, with three wards, each represented by three councillors.

The three-ward structure was in place in Moira Shire prior to the VEC's last representation review in 2007, when it changed to an unsubdivided electoral structure from the Council's 2008 general election onwards.

The new recommendation was made in the VEC's final report following an electoral representation review of Moira Shire Council. The review was conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989's requirement that the VEC conduct a review of each local council in Victoria at least before every third council general election.

The report will now be presented to Minister for Local Government, Adem Somyurek, who will decide whether to accept the recommendation.

If the Minister accepts the recommendation, the change will take effect at the next local council general election in October 2020.

Moira Shire Mayor Libro Mustica said that council thinks the decision is a backward step, but will work with it and welcome the candidates that get elected in 2020.

"At the end of the day, wards are just the means by which you get elected, what you bring to the council table is what really matters," he said.

The review also considered whether there should be a change in the number of councillors in the shire, but the report recommends it remain at nine.

Cr Mustica said the VEC got the councillor number correct at nine, but had split communities of interest due to population imbalance.

The VEC received 15 public submissions as part of the first stage of its review.

Ten of those submissions requested a subdivided electoral structure, while five supported the current unsubdivided electoral structure.

Submissions mainly came from Yarrawonga and its nearby towns; no individual submissions were received from the western part of the shire which includes Numurkah and Nathalia.

Cr Mustica said the VEC seems to have been overly influenced by the notion that Yarrawonga is different to the rest of the shire and needs guaranteed local councillors.

"In doing so it has forced communities that relate closely to Yarrawonga into another ward to make the voters roll balance," he said.

"Tungamah has always had a close association with Yarrawonga and sees it as its 'go to' town.

"But now it's been put in a ward based on Cobram and has little chance of electing a candidate that it would regard as a local representative."

Cr Mustica said the whole basis of submissions from the east of the shire was that Yarrawonga needed more councillors to secure a bigger share of the shire's budget and capital works program.

"It has three councillors now and under the VEC's decision is now limited to three councillors out of nine, in spite of it being the fastest growing town in the shire," he said.

There were only two submissions from Cobram, which came from Moira Shire Council and Cr Ed Cox.

The submissions supporting the current structure were from Moira Shire Council, Cr Wendy Buck, Cr Ed Cox, a submission from a Yarrawonga resident and a submission from the Proportional Representation Society of Australia (Victoria-Tasmania) Inc. (PRSA).

The five submissions in favour of retaining the unsubdivided electoral structure provided a number of arguments in support of the current structure.

These arguments included observations that there has generally been an even spread of councillors elected from the four main towns across the shire, which was taken as evidence that the current unsubdivided electoral structure has been working well. These submissions commonly argued that there is no justification for change.

It was further argued that, in an unsubdivided electoral structure, councillors are encouraged to represent the entire council area rather than focus on their ward, which supported whole-of-shire outcomes.

In its submission, Moira Shire Council cautioned that wards can create the perception that a local councillor is elected to represent the interests of the ward, which is 'not consistent with their legislated duty to govern in the interests of the entire shire'.

In its preliminary report resulting from the first stage of the review, released on April 3, the VEC listed two options.

Option A, which it called the preferred option, was that the status quo be maintained and that Moira Shire Council consist of nine councillors elected from an unsubdivided electoral structure.

Option B, described in the preliminary report as the alternative option, offered that Moira Shire Council consist of nine councillors elected from three three-councillor wards.

The VEC received 46 submissions in response to its preliminary report, with 37 of those supporting Option B, just four supporting Option A, three which proposed alternative models, and two which didn't clearly state a preference for options A or B.

The VEC has observed that the present spread of councillor locations suggests that towns are already voting for their own local candidates. In submissions to the review and at the public hearing, the VEC heard that local concerns are generally of greater importance to the shire's voters.

With regards to the possibility of subdivision, the review was required to consider the number of wards, ward boundaries and number of councillors that should be elected for each ward.

The three wards recommended for Moira Shire Council in the final report by the VEC are:

West ward

Encompassing an area of 1,797.3 square kilometres including Numurkah, Nathalia, Wunghnu, Katunga and Barmah, with 7,880 voters.

Central ward

Encompassing an area of 1,670.34 square kilometres including Cobram, Strathmerton, Katamatite, Invergordon, Tungamah and Lake Rowan, with 8,484 voters.

East ward

Encompassing an area of 578.12 square kilometres including Yarrawonga and Wilby, with 8,722 voters.

These boundaries would give a representation, on average, of 2,787 voters per councillor for each of the nine councillors.

Though the preliminary report described challenges of recommending a subdivided electoral structure for Moira Shire, the VEC noted that subdivision remains viable in the shire at present.

It stated that the wards in Option B remain within the legislated voter-to-councillor ratio; they provide an equal number of councillors for each part of the shire; and the size of the wards in the central and western parts of the shire are not so large that they would present an inequitable workload for the three councillors compared to the proposed East Ward.

It also observed that if Yarrawonga experiences significant future growth, this will necessitate changes to ward boundaries in the future.

The final report noted that, based on current projections, however, the electoral structure presented in Option B will remain valid until the next scheduled review prior to the 2032 local government elections.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 12 JUNE

A Special Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 June beginning at 5pm at the Cobram Civic Centre.

The meeting will be to consider and adopt, with or without amendments, the draft 2019/20 Budget and Strategic Resource Plan.

CELEBRATING REFUGEE WEEK – 18 JUNE

We are celebrating Refugee Week with a morning tea at Cobram Community House from 10am on Tuesday 18 June.

Titled 'A World of Stories' – come and enjoy the screening of Thon Thon's Journey from Sudan plus a presentation by Thon Thon, Shepparton Ethnic Council's Community Development Officer.

Please RSVP your attendance by phoning our Customer Service team on 5871 9222.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE OF VOLUNTEER SECTION 86 COMMITTEES

We are calling for feedback on the future directions for Section 86 committees. A discussion paper, which includes 13 key principles to guide the future operation, funding and support for volunteer committees is available from our website.

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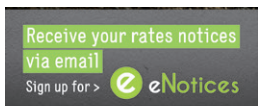

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Stress relief ... Cheryl Thorn and Bridget Goulding have a bit of fun with music therapy.

Women farmers take five

FARMING has never been an easy way to make a living, and it's only getting harder.

When home and work are the same place, sometimes you need to leave the property for a while and put the business to the back of your mind.

A group of local farming women did just that on Monday, with some fun and games and lunch at the Bridge Hotel in Nathalia.

The event was organised by Numurkah District Health Service (NDHS) Community Development Dairy Industry Support Officer Emma Knapp, who said that women in farming sessions were all about fostering social connections for women in an industry that can be quite isolating.

"It's a way for us to support local farmers who work their butts off on their farms and often don't get much of a chance to get off the farm and mix with other people who can relate to what they are experiencing in this dry climate," she said.

"We hold events for men as well, and this is our third event for women. We don't do them on a schedule, it's more a matter of thinking 'we haven't gotten together for a while, we should organise something'.

"The sessions are free and everyone is welcome to attend, it doesn't matter what kind of farming you do."

Monday's gathering kicked off with a music therapy session, that allowed participants to make a bit of noise, and have a bit of fun.

Whilst participants confessed to feeling a little silly sitting on the floor with their eyes closed plucking or shaking instruments, that was kind of the point.

"It's about stress relief," Ms Knapp said.

"Doing something a bit different and having a laugh and expressing yourself a little bit."

Dairy farmer Sue Beer, who is a regular attendee at the outings, said that it was good to see some different faces.

"It does give you a reason to get off the farm, and it reminds you that there are other people out there who can relate to what you're going though," she said.

"The social aspect is enjoyable and to be able to stop and sit around and chat over a meal you didn't have to cook or pay for does make a nice change."

Beef and grain farmer Cheryl Thorn, who was attending her first women in farming event, said that it was good to shift her focus for a little while.

"Just getting off the farm and socialising and doing something you wouldn't normally do and not being at work is good," she said.

"You might still be talking about farming related things, but you're talking to people who know how you feel, and you're not necessarily just thinking 'is it going to rain, is the crop going to come in?'.

"It introduces you to more people you can relate to, and gives you a bit of a laugh and that's important."

Bridget Goulding said that it was a lovely day, and a good chance to touch base with other farming women.

"Important stuff is discussed at these things," she said.

"The conditions for farming around here at the moment are really starting to get to people, so it's important to have a place where you can talk about your experiences, but relax a bit too."

Suzie Jacobs is not a dairy farmer any more, having left the industry early this year, but was in attendance to let the women know how she can help them through her new role with Rural Aid.

"My presence here is a secondary thing really, just to let them know that we are operating in the local area, and the kind of assistance we offer," she said.

"They can ask me any questions they have, or just take some information away and maybe look at it later.

"I've been exactly where they are, and know how important it is to just try and put the business out of your mind for a while and enjoy some good company."

SPC sale cautiously welcomed

A DEAL has been struck for the sale of SPC Ardmona, with Coca-Cola Amatil selling the fruit and vegetable processing business to the Shepparton Partners Collective for $40 million.

The new owners were 'offering employment to all permanent staff' Coca-Cola Amatil said in an announcement yesterday, also saying it expected a profit of $10 million to $15 million on completion of the sale, which both parties anticipated would occur before the end of June.

Shepparton Partners Collective, a joint venture between Perma Funds Management and The Eights, said it would focus on reducing the complexity at SPC, and product innovation.

"We believe there is enormous opportunity to grow this unique 100-year-old brand further, domestically and internationally," Perma managing director Hussein Rifai said.

Independent Member for Shepparton District Suzanna Sheed has cautiously welcomed the proposed sale.

"I trust that a high purchase price alone was not the deciding factor, but their interest in the ongoing sustainability of the business, their capacity to grow the business, innovate and increase exports," Ms Sheed said.

"SPC is an iconic Australian company. It has provided both permanent and casual employment throughout its existence and continues to do so.

"SPC is not only one of the region's largest employers but it also holds a special place for many local families, many of whom have had at least one family member employed by the business at some stage."

Because of that special relationship with its community, Ms Sheed has called on the new owners to be sensitive in how the business is operated.

"I note that while the company is called Shepparton Partners Collective, it appears to have no particular connection to Shepparton. I would hope the passion for the ongoing operation of this company is maintained."

Recent investments by the previous owner Coca-Cola Amatil and the state government should see SPC moving forward as a progressive modern business.

"We've seen investment in the company by previous owners and the Victorian state government.

"In a world where greater production of food will always be required it is essential that we in Australia, and we in Greater Shepparton, have industries like this," Ms Sheed said.

"The people of our region will be anxious to see the new owners grow the business and strengthen its operations."

Warm and not too wet winter on the way

LIKE much of the country, we might be shivering right now, but don't expect that to last.

The Bureau' of Meteorology's (BOM) winter outlook shows the next three months are likely to be warmer and drier than average for large parts of the nation.

The outlook, released last week, shows that eastern and central Australia is unlikely to receive the above average rainfall many have been hoping for.

The Bureau's manager of long-range forecasting Dr Andrew Watkins said winter was shaping up to be drier than average for most of eastern Australia, with warmer than average days very likely for much of the country.

"South eastern Australia could see a dry start to winter, with the models showing June rainfall is likely to be below average in Victoria, New South Wales, eastern South Australia, and southern parts of both Queensland and the Northern Territory," he said.

"In other parts of the country, there is no strong swing towards an exceptionally wetter or drier than average June.

"Drier than average conditions typically mean more cloud-free nights, which increases the risk of frost in susceptible areas."

Dr Watkins said temperatures across the rest of winter were very likely to be warmer than average.

"Our climate outlook shows most states and territories have large areas where chances are greater than 80% for warmer than average days," he said.

"Winter nights are very likely to be warmer than average in Tasmania, along the mainland's southeast coast, and northern WA stretching through parts of the NT."

The Bureau's ENSO Outlook is currently at El Niño Watch, meaning the likelihood of El Niño developing in 2019 is around 50% – or double the normal risk for this time of year. El Niño events typically mean reduced rainfall for eastern Australia during winter-spring.

Significantly, models predict a positive Indian Ocean Dipole will develop in June, and persist through winter and into spring. This would typically bring below average winter-spring rainfall and snowfall to southern and central Australia, and warmer temperatures to much of the country.

"This certainly doesn't mean we will have no rainfall over winter – it is the southern wet season after all - but it does support the model outlook for a drier than average winter, with the possibility of more evaporation than normal," Dr Watkins said.

"In terms of snow cover - historically depths are lower in late winter and spring during positive Indian Ocean Dipole snow seasons, but on the flip side, the drier and colder air at night make for great snow making conditions."

The Bureau's autumn summaries was released on Monday, showing autumn 2019 as one of Australia's five warmest autumns on record.

Daytime temperatures have been much warmer, to very much warmer, than average for much of Australia, with the only exception being near average temperatures in Queensland away from the south.

View the latest outlook: http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/overview/summary.

Videos and maps are also available: http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead.

Helping hand ... Wayne Limbrick with the new tractor that will make Umoja more efficient.

Achieving the extraordinary together

IT'S a long way from Nathalia to Umoja Children's Village in Ukunda on the south east coast of Kenya, but Wayne and Pam Limbrick are familiar faces in both places.

Wayne and Pam have been part of the Umoja story since ground was broken at the site in 2011, and will make their third trip to the orphanage in September this year.

Wayne and Pam won't be going empty-handed, as they are busy organising a 40 foot shipping container of goods - including a brand new tractor - to meet them in Kenya.

The Umoja project was started by Cathy Booth, a primary school teacher and grandmother from Bundaberg in Queensland, who had volunteered at orphanages throughout Kenya.

Cathy wanted to start a safe haven of individual homes where children live as a family in a family home, not a dormitory, in a self-sufficient village setting.

Rotary Australia World Community Service took Umoja on as a project, which is how it came to the Limbricks' attention.

Wayne made his first visit to Umoja in 2011, when he spent 10 days straining barbed wire for the perimeter fence.

Wayne returned with Pam in 2013, and again in 2015 with members of the Rotary Club of Numurkah, each time continuing to help establish the infrastructure to make the village secure and capable of sustaining itself.

A visit to Kenya by the Limbricks in 2017 was cut short before they reached Umoja, when they were informed of a death in the family, and had to return to Australia directly from Nairobi.

Cathy Booth told the *Leader* that Wayne's expertise as an accountant and a farmer have been absolutely invaluable in the development of Umoja.

"Wayne has been an amazing sounding board for so many things at Umoja and I often ask for his advice, along with my team here and in Kenya," she said.

"Wayne's financial experience along with his farming experience has assisted us immensely, along with his wide knowledge about so many things."

Umoja is currently home to 13 children who live in its first house. The shipping container Wayne is organising contains a range of items, including paint and appliances, to complete the second house, which is three-quarters finished. There are a total of seven houses planned for the village.

At the moment, Wayne's main concern is getting the remaining funds needed to cover the new tractor, which he got at a huge discount from Kubota, and getting the whole lot into Kenya.

"According to Kenyan tax law, not-for-profits can apply for exemptions on imports if they are for the benefit of the children and not for resale, which should apply to us," Wayne said.

"Unfortunately, they've refused us an exemption, which means that some of the items would have 47% tax applied to them which we just can't pay. We're challenging that at the moment so hopefully we can get a good result."

Once that small matter is resolved, there are plenty of other problems to solve and challenges to overcome - some of which seem to be universal to farmers everywhere.

"Water is an issue," Wayne said.

"The soil at Ukunda is very sandy so it doesn't retain water well, and running pumps to water all of the time results in huge energy bills.

"We are always looking for ways around issues like that so we can make it more sustainable."

The new tractor, for which Wayne and Pam have raised around half the needed funds, will be another huge boost to Umoja's efficiency.

"Having a tractor with a rotary hoe will allow them to rotate crops and produce a lot more. At the moment they are using hoes and shovels, which takes time, and you really need to be able to get the job done quickly when the weather is right.

"With a tractor they will be able to get new crops in the ground quickly and take another step towards the long-term plan of growing a significant amount of food to feed the children and sell some for profit."

Though there are always issues to overcome and efficiencies to strive for, Umoja has already had many successes.

"They are successfully growing tomato, maize, eggplant and zucchini and are supplying chickens and eggs to a Melbourne based titanium mining outfit that has an outpost just up the road, so things are already going pretty well," Wayne said.

"It's trial and error, but it's going well. It's certainly working, and it will certainly work over time."

Perhaps the last word should go to Cathy Booth.

"Umoja means 'unity or togetherness' in Swahili," she said.

"Our mission statement is 'Together We Achieve the Extraordinary'. Wayne and Pam are indeed part of the big picture of Umoja and have helped us achieve, and continue to achieve, the extraordinary."

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Achieving the extraordinary together ... Wayne Limbrick working with locals in Kenya to make Umoja sustainable.

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Junior landcare grants now open

YOUNG people in Northern Victoria are being empowered to care for and protect the environment, with the latest round of the Junior Landcare and Biodiversity grants now open.

A total of $410,000 is available for grassroots programs through the grants.

Schools, kindergartens, childcare centres, scouts, guides and youth groups can apply for grants of up to $5,000 for projects that boost biodiversity through the development, improvement or restoration of habitat for Victoria's native plants and animals.

Grants will also be available for programs that engage or educate young people to value and actively care for Victoria's natural environment.

The grants will encourage young people to connect with nature and learn more about the environment through outdoor, hands-on activities, while creating better places for plants and animals to flourish.

Now in its second year, the pilot program is part of a four year, $18 million investment to increase support for Landcare, and implement recommendations of the Victorian Landcare Program Review.

The grants will be administered by Landcare Australia as part of their Junior Landcare program, in partnership with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037 is the Victorian Government's plan to protect our biodiversity and encourage people to connect with the natural environment through local volunteerism.

For more information about how to apply for a grant, visit landcareaustralia.org.au/Victorian-junior-landcare-biodiversity-grants.

Acknowledgement ... District 22 Commander Peter Bell presented Kelsey with a certificate of appreciation and a Captain Bear for her outstanding courage and initiative.

Little hero gets big birthday surprise

FRIDAY was a day of triple celebration for Waaia's Kelsey Higgins.

Not only was she celebrating her eighth birthday, but she also got a surprise reward for something that was perhaps the biggest cause for celebration she'll ever have - saving her family's lives when their house caught fire last month.

Kelsey received the birthday surprise with a visit at Waaia-Yalca South Primary School by Waaia brigade's first lieutenant Shane Legge, and District 22 CFA commanders who presented her with a certificate of appreciation for her outstanding courage and initiative.

Kelsey also happily received a Captain Bear firefighter teddy and a bag of goodies.

The presentation was in recognition of Kelsey's bravery in waking her family after she was woken by a smoke alarm when the chimney of their family's Fuzzards Rd home caught fire at 1.30am on May 14.

Kelsey told the *Leader* that her first thought when she was woken by the alarm was that she had to wake her parents and get everybody out of the house.

"I was scared, but I knew I had to wake mum and dad up straight away," she said.

District 22 commander Peter Bell, who presented Kelsey with the award, said that her actions on the night of the fire were truly outstanding.

"It's fantastic that she stayed calm and alerted her parents straight away so they could evacuate the family and dial 000," he said.

First lieutenant Shane Legge, who was first to arrive at the scene that fateful night, agreed whole heartedly.

"It was lucky that Kelsey knew what to do. It shows that education and working smoke alarms save lives," he said.

Lt Legge was referring to the regular visits that the CFA make to Kelsey's school to educate students on what to do in the event of a fire.

"Kids really soak up those fire safety lessons, and we find that when you teach them young like this they learn a lot quicker, and Kelsey has demonstrated that by knowing exactly what to do when her family needed her."

The roof and ceiling in the lounge and kitchen areas of the Higgins family home were extensively damaged in the blaze. Old birds' nests and leaves in a gap between the corrugated iron roof and metal tiles surrounding the chimney had ignited.

It could be up to a year before the family is able to move back in, and they are staying with family in the meantime, but for Kelsey's dad Jamie Higgins that is a minor inconvenience compared to what could have been.

"I keep thinking of all the what-ifs and it's just terrifying," he said.

"If Kelsey hadn't woken up and acted so quickly things could have been so much worse."

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Traditional kabuki ... Digby Bunnett performs as a Geisha while the American president and Japanese Emperor argue in the background.

Theatre no downfall at St Mary's

LAST Thursday, the St Mary of the Angels Secondary College VCE Drama students held a special night to perform their devised assessment piece called 'Operation Downfall'.

The performance was created by the students on the basis of three stimulus materials: the historical event of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima, the song 'Alive' by Sia, and another called 'Breathing' by Kate Bush.

Students were also given the traditional Japanese theatre style of Kabuki as their assignment performance style.

VCE drama teacher Shannon Orlandi said the students really embraced the outlandish, cartoonish nature of Kabuki to create an original full-hour show full of power and dynamism.

"Some of the more traditional elements of Kabuki were really on display, such as symbolic colours on the students faces to represent archetypes, and having a male play a geisha character," she said.

"Students were also solely responsible for organising costumes, wigs, set design, projections, sound and lighting, and they did a fantastic job of combining these elements.

"This was a very valuable real-world experience for the budding theatre-makers as they got to create an entire full-length show from scratch, going through the entire play-making process to present a well-developed performance.

"The audience was receptive and were pleasantly surprised by the depth and meaningfulness crafted by the students in this original play. Congratulations to the VCE drama class on an outstanding show."

Triumphant downfall ... Operation Downfall cast members. Back (from left): Kelsey Hislop, Beth McLeod, Bradley Skidmore, Zoe Germon and Ella Brereton. Front: Maddi Pawlowicz and Digby Bunnett.

Long lost sisters ... Beth McLeod and Zoe Germon played reunited siblings in the performance.

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Leading the way ... Kane Newby and Dylan Baker.

NSC cross country team strong

NUMURKAH Secondary College's cross country team did the town proud at the 2019 zone event held in Shepparton last Friday.

An overall fourth place finish, from 12 schools in the competition, proved a great team effort to add to some outstanding individual results.

Leading the charge were Year 11 student Kane Newby, who came away as age champion in his group, and year nine's Dylan Baker who was third in his age group.

The 16 member team, comprised of students across all year levels except year 12, was : Lochie O'Brien, Amarlie Gilmour, Xavier Dixon, Georgia Sessions, Chloe Wilson, Brittney Walley, Paige Sobey, Pat Millen, Ebony Giddens, Braidyn Dicker, Toby Brown, Dylan Baker, Paige Gilmour, Corey Spokes, Darren Patmore and Kane Newby.

Girls and junior boys run a 3km course, whilst the senior boys run 5km.

NSC sports coordinator Peter Smyth, who accompanied the students on the day, described the team as enthusiastic and supportive.

"Each age group runs at a different time, and the kids did a great job of supporting each other - especially the older kids encouraging the younger ones who were a bit nervous," Mr Smyth said.

"The bigger the school, the bigger the team, so a result of fourth overall is a great effort for a smaller school."

Seven members of the NSC team - Kane Newby, Darren Patmore, Dylan Baker, Braidyn Dicken, Paige Gilmour, Xavier Dixon and Toby Brown - have qualified to compete at the region final to be held at Winton on June 19.

Enthusiastic team ... Seven of the team's 16 members will compete at the region event.

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.

Not Given a Chance.—In a case against a resident at the Police Court on Wednesday, for allowing two horses to wander, the action of the prosecuting officer of the shire was the subject of comment. According to his evidence, he saw the horses wandering in Saxton-street on April 27. He did not inform the owner that his horses were wandering, and the first he knew of the offence was when he received the summons. Being sworn, the defendant said he did not think the horses were his. They were never out of his yard at night, but he could not, of course, swear that they were actually there at the hour stated on the night in question. He was fined 5/-, with 13/- costs. What we would like to say is this:—That though the officer has every right—indeed, it is expected of him—to see that cattle are not permitted to roam the streets, it is manifestly only a fair thing that when he does find wanderers, and intends prosecuting the owners thereof, the latter should be given a chance of defending himself. In this case the defendant could not remember as far back as April 27, but he had no doubt that the horses were, according to custom, safely yarded at his residence. It is possible the inspector made a mistake in ownership, but in any case a word to the owner would have set any doubt at rest. If the council permits this sort of thing to be done, it will place in the hands of the inspector a power no individual should have. We do not for a moment suggest that the present inspector would do so, but nothing could be easier than for an unscrupulous person to charge an owner with a similar offence, with every chance of obtaining a conviction and so mulcting an unoffending owner in costs.

Shackell's Folly. — At last meeting of the Echuca Borough Council the matter of the "Shackell's Folly" bridge was given further consideration. Cr. White said the council had undertaken to find £25 conditionally upon £75 being publicly subscribed. Mr Bell had stated that he had promises for the amount, and the council informed Numurkah accordingly. The bridge was built. Mr Bell enlisted and it was not known now who promised the money. He thought the council was under a moral obligation to subscribe £25. Cr. Steel thought the council was bound in order to subscribe the money. Cr. White moved that £25 be paid, and the motion being seconded by Cr. Steele was carried.

Transfer of Picture Plant.— The picture plant in use at the Mechanics' Hall is, at present, the property of certain gentlemen who supplied the money for its purchase. In. the agreement the plant was to remain the property of the subscribers until it was fully paid for. The picture committee of the institute has been hard at work throughout the year, and their efforts have been crowned with success. Mr C. Corlett, representing the subscribers, will on Saturday night formally transfer the ownership of the plant to the mechanics' committee.

STANDARDISATION OF THE WORKING DAY

The twentieth century has seen the rapid rise of what is now known as the "welfare movement." Though this generally applies to factories and workshops, it concerns itself, broadly- speaking, with every agency and method that can improve the working conditions of all workers. The new humanitarian sentiment that has arisen as a result of the self-sacrifice of all classes during the war is expressing Itself in the great increase of this welfare work.

A large number of firms in Britain and America, and a limited number in Australia, now employ experts whose sole business is to superintend the health and comfort of the workers, to save them from over-fatigue, to attend them in cases of sickness at work, and to provide them with healthy forms of rest and recreation. The work of such experts has strongly supported the findings of various Commissions of enquiry, that the working day is much too long in practically every trade, that the working periods are badly divided, and that little or no attention is given by employers to the relation between the hours of labour and the health and efficiency of the workers.

It is only fair to add that an increasing number of employers strongly urge the shortening of the working day.

Big smiles ... Members of the Nathalia Angling Club weren't at all sad to see large fish released into the creek.

Local anglers get cod boost

THE Broken Creek at Nathalia has welcomed some new residents in the past week, with the return of a successful cod relocation program.

In a partnership between Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) and the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) six Murray cod and six golden perch were relocated from the East Goulburn Main Irrigation Channel to Broken Creek last Wednesday with the help of Nathalia Secondary College students.

Happy members of Nathalia Angling Club were on hand to observe the relocation.

The fish, and other valuable natives like blackfish, likely originally came from Nagambie Lakes and unwittingly found their way into the irrigation network via Goulburn Weir.

More fish are expected to be released into the Broken Creek in coming weeks.

The Murray cod ranged in size from 50 to 85cm, and the perch from 35 to 50cm, with some of the fish believed to be 20 to 30 years old.

A GMW spokesperson told the *Leader* that although the program has not been getting as many fish as it did when it was run in 2017, the fish relocated this year have tended to be much larger.

The fish have shown they can adapt to life in the East Goulburn Main Irrigation Channel and its connecting spur channels, however, they can also be at risk when GMW conducts regular lowering of channels for de-silting and weed spray programs.

Taking advantage of the end of the irrigation season, GMW is allowing the VFA and a contracted electro-fishing boat to enter the irrigation channel and undertake a catch-and-release program.

Electro-fishing, often called the friendly way to fish, involves a boat equipped with electrodes which are lowered into the water to attract and stun fish. They can then be netted, placed in a holding tank and transported for release into lakes and rivers.

GMW Managing Director Charmaine Quick welcomed the joint effort with the VFA as a "win-win" for local communities and the environment – not to mention the wayward fish.

"The electro-fishing boat is being funded by the VFA, while GMW is providing some manpower, transport and site safety management, so it's a true partnership of benefit to our local communities," she said.

"Importantly, the timing and locations of the electro-fishing exercise also means there is no impact on our irrigation customers."

Electrofishing is expected to take place over two weeks from late May with another two weeks possible later in the winter.

The VFA is working with local fishing clubs and primary schools in Benalla, Nathalia and Shepparton to take part in the fish releases expected to result from the partnership.

Murray Cod fast facts:

- Murray Cod are the most long-lived freshwater native fish in Australia, reaching ages of 50 years or more;
- They are Australia's largest freshwater fish, regularly growing to more than one metre;
- A top predator in their habitat, a Murray cod will eat almost anything that crosses its path – other fish, yabbies, shrimp, waterfowl, small mammals and turtles.

Hands on lesson ... Nathalia Secondary College students helped relocate the fish into the creek.

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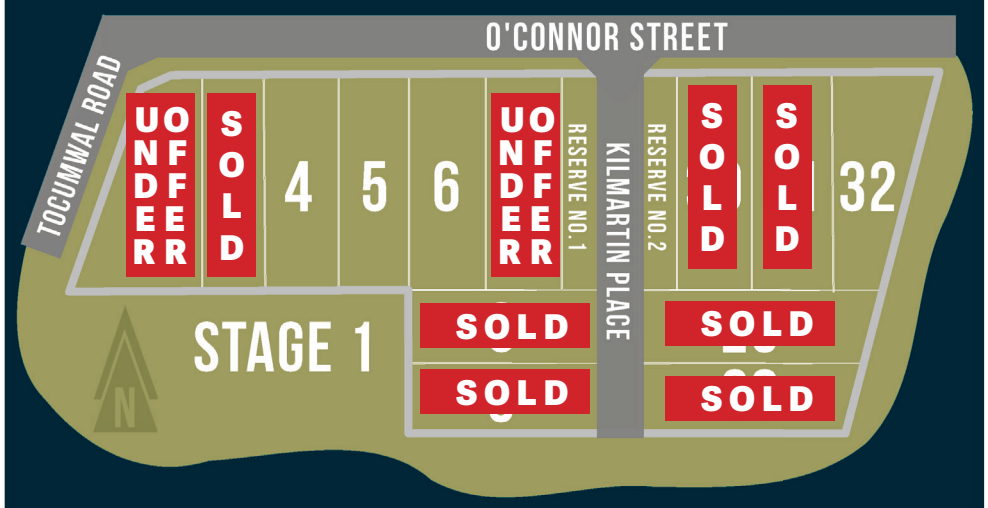

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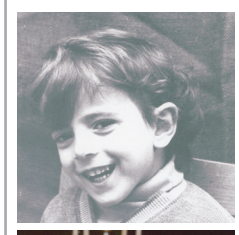

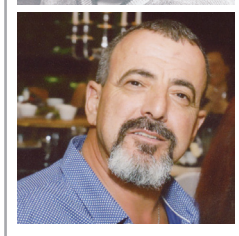

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MADILL — Darren Michael.
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DEATHS

MADILL — Darren Michael
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ASHTON (Morris) — A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Phyllis Elizabeth Ashton will be held at the Katamatite Recreation Reserve, Waang St., Katamatite on FRIDAY June 7, 2019 commencing at 12 noon preceded by a Private Burial.

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GOALS, Cobram: M. DeMaio 5, J. Cassidy 3, D. McCormack 3, C. Williams 2, L. Allen 1, I. Artavilla 1, N. Dore 1, B. Rudd 1, T. Scott 1, S. Stallion 1, N. Wines 1. Tungamah: T. Cooper 4, N. Lawless 3, T. Jones 3, A. Saunders 2, K. Rowe 1, D. Haebich 1, J. O'Brien 1.
BEST, Cobram: T. Scott, A. De Cicco, M. DeMaio, N. Hartley, N. Wines, N. Dore. Tungamah: J. Irvine, T. Jones, A. Saunders, W. Thomson, N. Lawless, J. O'Brien.

Deniliquin Rams 0.2, 2.5, 4.13, 7.15 (57)
Moama 1.2, 2.2, 5.4, 7.8 (50)
GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: R. Gittens 2, N. Howe 2, J. Pitts 2, A. Free 1. Moama: F. Buchanan 3, L. Eldridge 2, J. Whitehead 1, D. McKindlay 1.
BEST, Deniliquin Rams: R. Gittens, J. Anstee, B. Hall, T. Gallagher, A. Pappin, L. Pitts. Moama: L. Dunham, L. Eldridge, J. Harland, W. Jackson, M. Palmer, J. Ives.

Tongala.................... 4.4, 5.8, 9.11, 10.16 (76)
Rumbalara 3.2, 6.3, 8.5, 10.8 (68)
GOALS, Tongala: M. Ryan 3, S. Cipriani 2, C. Smith 1, C. McCarthy 1, J. Hammond 1, R. Bacon 1, D. Joyce 1. Rumbalara: C. McCartney 6, D. Smith 3, J. Patmore 1.
BEST, Tongala: B. Nevett, D. Joyce, C. Smith, A. Williams, J. Hammond, N. Woods. Rumbalara: C. McCartney, K. Wise, T. Hunter, K. Atkinson, J. Terlich, A. Miller.

Numurkah 1.2, 2.5, 3.8, 7.10 (52)
Barooga 1.2, 4.3, 5.4, 6.6 (42)
GOALS, Numurkah: M. Herlihy 3, J. Hoffmann 2, N. Hicks 1, M. Price 1. Barooga: L. Wright 2, N. Sim 1, T. McNeill 1, R. Gow 1, L. Morey 1.
BEST, Numurkah: B. McKeown, D. Taylor, C. Lester, Z. McKeown, C. Beitzel, M. Griffiths. Barooga: B. Oats, L. Olson, B. Goesch, Z. Brain, R. Gatcum, R. Thomson.

Echuca United 4.7, 8.8, 10.10, 14.11 (95)
Mulwala 3.3, 4.6, 7.11, 11.13 (79)
GOALS, Echuca United: J. Mellington 6, D. Moon 2, B. Fulford 2, R. Priest 2, P. Quanchi 1, B. Barnes 1. Mulwala: A. Rouel 3, B. Clarke 2, H. Crossley 2, S. Robinson 2, L. Davis 1, D. Flanagan 1.
BEST, Echuca United: C. McLay, L. Carmody, B. Barnes, J. Florance, D. Moon, P. Quanchi. Mulwala: J. Gash, G. Dominick, L. Russell, H. Hosking, L. Davis, A. Rouel.

Nathalia 5.0, 9.0, 11.5, 15.9 (99)
Congupna 4.8, 6.12, 8.16, 9.17 (71)
GOALS, Nathalia: L. Evans 5, J. Limbrick 4, A. Hicks 3, T. Nihill 2, A. Jorgensen 1. Congupna: P. Jacobson 3, M. Beck 2, D. Campbell 2, B. Squire 1, J. Chapman 1.
BEST, Nathalia: A. Hicks, L. Evans, D. Barnes, T. Nihill, B. Summerville, M. Barnes. Congupna: B. Squire, P. Jacobson, D. Gleeson, S. Ferguson, B. Poole, L. Baldwin.

Katandra................. 6.6, 8.7, 11.11, 15.12 (102)
Finley 2.1, 3.6, 4.10, 9.10 (64)
GOALS, Katandra: R. Shannon 4, T. Jeffery 3, S. Green 2, R. Yze 2, B. Black 1, S. Barrett 1, C. Hickford 1, M. McGrath 1. Finley: M. Jackson 3, T. Robertson 1, J. McDonald 1, M. Wilson 1, J. Brain 1, L. Moore 1, P. Massingham 1.
BEST, Katandra: T. Herbert, T. Jeffery, R. Eden, R. Shannon, L. Minogue, C. Hickford. Finley: M. Ryan, C. Robertson, P. Massingham, T. Kleinschmidt, M. Wilson, D. O'Bryan.

RESERVES

Tungamah.................. 2.2, 5.5, 8.9, 16.9 (105)
Cobram 1.3, 1.4, 2.4, 3.5 (23)
GOALS, Tungamah: A. Dodd 9, A. Richardson 3, S. Thomson 1, J. Besley 1, A. Heslin 1, M. Powell 1. Cobram: J. Grant 1, T. Ryan 1, J. Tejones 1.
BEST, Tungamah: J. Besley, S. Hawking, J. Bartlett, A. Heslin, A. Richardson, J. Saunders. Cobram: C. Johnston, G. Kelly, M. Clydesdale, K. Zito, D. Ashcroft, P. Diretto.

Deniliquin Rams 1.0, 4.3, 5.3, 7.4 (46)
Moama 4.2, 4.2, 5.7, 6.7 (43)
GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: H. Ross 2, J. Park 2, J. Campbell 1, L. White 1, S. Werner 1. Moama: J. Galpin 2, M. Veitch 2, K. Phipps 1, Z. McGregor 1.
BEST, Deniliquin Rams: J. Allitt, R. Hussey, A. Hogan, B. Sartore, B. Trotman, J. Park. Moama: D. Wright, K. Phipps, Z. Stovell, J. Smith, L. McCann, J. Duggan.

Tongala....................... 1.3, 2.4, 8.4, 9.6 (60)
Rumbalara 2.1, 4.1, 6.2, 9.4 (58)
GOALS, Tongala: J. Moran 4, T. Strapp 2, S. Phillips 2, B. Power 1. Rumbalara: B. Jackson 4, G. Weston 3, T. Miller 1, A. Hexter 1.
BEST, Tongala: K. Halliwell, L. Hipwell , B. Joyce, Z. Johnstone, B. Canny, J. Vick. Rumbalara: B. Larkins, J. Atkinson, B. Payne, D. Patten, G. Weston, M. Clarke.

Barooga 4.4, 5.7, 10.10, 10.14 (74)
Numurkah 1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 6.4 (40)
GOALS, Barooga: C. Brooks 4, P. Francis 1, J. O'Dwyer 1, M. Macheda 1, Z. Goodwin 1, J. Brown 1, L. Baxter 1. Numurkah: D. Ebborn 4, J. Holmes 1, L. Mansfield 1.
BEST, Barooga: C. Brooks, P. Francis, X. Hunt, K. Hulley, J. O'Dwyer, M. Macheda. Numurkah: J. Rees, H. Lambert, M. Mansfield, J. Pruden, L. Mansfield, J. Holmes.

Echuca United 2.5, 8.7, 13.10, 18.14 (122)
Mulwala 0.0, 0.2, 1.3, 1.3 (9)
GOALS, Echuca United: A. McMahon 8, A. Pryde 4, S. Simpson 2, T. Callander 2, K. Armstrong 1, J. Ogilvie 1. Mulwala: C. Nye 1.
BEST, Echuca United: D. Haydon, A. McMahon, M. Lourey, J. Deighton, T. Callander, A. Carmody. Mulwala: C. O'Neill, C. Lindsay, A. Miller, C. Magro, L. Orr, J. Savy.

Nathalia 3.3, 7.6, 10.12, 16.13 (109)
Congupna 1.0, 1.1, 1.4, 1.6 (12)
GOALS, Nathalia: K. Hicks 3, M. Smith 2, M. Carroll 2, J. Bell 2, S. Bennie 2, D. Limbrick 2, N. Mckenna 1, J. Hardy 1, J. Walpole 1. Congupna: C. Quaife 1.
BEST, Nathalia: M. Carroll, C. Kellow, N. Mckenna, J. Maskell, J. Hardy, D. Robinson. Congupna: J. Winnell, G. Flahive, B. Ford, C. Quaife, B. White.

Finley 1.2, 3.4, 4.4, 5.7 (37)
Katandra...................... 1.1, 1.4, 2.8, 4.10 (34)
GOALS, Finley: J. Patterson 1, N. Burns 1, T. Isedale 1, C. Robertson 1, D. Philpot 1. Katandra: T. Cheer 2, R. Williams 1, T. Trewin 1.
BEST, Finley: S. Fuller, W. Robertson, N. Campbell, C. Robertson, T. Doyle, D. Conrick. Katandra: L. Dunkley, Q. Shannon, D. Giles, R. Williams, T. Cheer, R. Sanders.

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Cobram 4.1, 7.4, 13.7, 19.10 (124)
Tungamah..................... 1.0, 2.1, 4.1, 5.1 (31)
GOALS, Cobram: J. Cassidy 4, L. McShane 4, D. Kennedy 3, H. Hyde 2, M. Allen 1, N. Sneddon 1, D. Langshaw 1, T. Neville 1, J. Beasley 1, J. Opray 1. Tungamah: B. Bate 4, W. Sharp 1.
BEST, Cobram: M. Allen, J. Cassidy, L. Kennedy, R. Loizou, L. Hayes, A. Al Jassim. Tungamah: W. Sharp, R. Kruse, N. Connell, B. Bate, S. Haebich, O. Willis.

Deniliquin Rams 1.2, 3.2, 5.2, 5.2 (32)
Moama 1.4, 3.4, 3.5, 3.5 (23)
GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: L. Rodda 2, D. Hughes 1, R. Milward 1, L. Marshall 1. Moama: K. Stovell 3.
BEST, Deniliquin Rams: H. Hillier, C. Fitzpatrick, C. Learmonth, T. McCallum, B. Poka, J. Richards. Moama: C. Vredenburg, M. Sicily, M. Cartwright, L. Boys, A. Baldwin, N. Milner.

Tongala....................... 1.2, 2.3, 6.3, 8.4 (52)
Rumbalara 2.2, 5.6, 6.9, 6.15 (51)
GOALS, Tongala: S. Cipriani 2, H. Reid 2, L. Smith 2, J. Nevill 1, J. Murray 1. Rumbalara: D. Miller 3, A. Miller 2, L. Weston 1.
BEST, Tongala: C. Watson, N. Densley, R. Souter, S. Cipriani, K. Cox, R. Locke. Rumbalara: A. Atkinson, M. Atkinson, G. Handy, J. Sorgel, J. Stewart, T. Briggs.

Numurkah 2.5, 4.8, 9.8, 13.12 (90)
Barooga 0.2, 1.4, 1.5, 3.5 (23)
GOALS, Numurkah: D. Ebborn 5, J. Hollands 2, M. Hodgson 2, M. Mansfield 1, J. Millen 1, B. Millen 1, T. Hughes 1. Barooga: J. Andrew 2, M. Perri 1.
BEST, Numurkah: M. Mansfield, D. Ebborn, K. O'Dwyer, K. Newby, T. Hughes, J. Hollands. Barooga: R. Sampson, J. Andrew, R. Bale, J. Ballerini, K. Trease, F. Griffiths.

Echuca United 2.1, 3.2, 7.9, 13.10 (88)
Mulwala 0.0, 2.2, 2.2, 3.2 (20)
GOALS, Echuca United: J. Jansen 7, J. Garner 2, T. Holmes 2, M. Coote 1, N. Osborne 1. Mulwala: K. Abikhair 1, D. Psaltiras 1, S. Davis 1.
BEST, Echuca United: J. Jansen, K. Sharpe-Long, J. Lloyd, N. Osborne, T. Holmes, J. Talbot. Mulwala: Z. Scott, B. Conway, K. Abikhair, J. Spain , I. Pitches, R. Norman.

Congupna 1.3, 3.4, 6.4, 7.4 (46)
Nathalia 0.0, 3.1, 4.4, 5.8 (38)
GOALS, Congupna: B. Austin 2, P. Hall 2, H. Hallahan 1, B. Watters 1, B. Gee 1. Nathalia: W. Guthrie 2, A. Zammit 1, A. Lindsay 1, W. Sheehan 1.
BEST, Congupna: W. Batey, B. Gee, L. Bartels, J. Zausa, C. Guy-Smith, M. Woods. Nathalia: T. Moroney, R. Bell, W. Guthrie, A. Lindsay, J. Boxall, T. Hansford.

Finley 2.0, 4.3, 7.6, 10.8 (68)
Katandra....................... 1.1, 3.1, 3.6, 4.6 (30)
GOALS, Finley: N. Lunn 3, J. Boyd 2, E. Haynes 2, A. Fennell 1, C. Burke 1, L. Webster 1. Katandra: L. Turcato 3, C. Simpson 1.
BEST, Finley: J. Boyd, N. Lunn, H. Jamieson, Z. Treadway, L. Webster, B. Coombs. Katandra: L. Turcato, C. MacGibbon, F. Lesire, P. Cormican, L. Moroney, C. Simpson.

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Cobram 5.7, 10.12, 15.18, 20.23 (143)
Tungamah....................... 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)
GOALS, Cobram: C. Hulley 5, K. Griffin 3, O. Quinane 2, M. Corso 2, L. Tejones 2, L. Hayes 2, P. Degei 1, N. Motton 1, K. Rattray-Robert 1, M. Mustica 1.
BEST, Cobram: E. Baxa, N. Motton, L. Tejones, C. Hulley, N. Higgins, K. Rattray-Robert. Tungamah: J. Purtell, H. Thomson, P. Eales, T. Costigan, S. Adkins, J. Walker.

Deniliquin Rams 1.3, 3.8, 4.9, 4.9 (33)
Moama 0.0, 1.2, 1.2, 3.3 (21)
GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: C. Paton 1, A. Wright 1, N. Bradley 1, T. Willis 1. Moama: L. Hogan 2, D. Jenkins 1.
BEST, Deniliquin Rams: M. Fitzpatrick, L. Leiper, B. Orr, B. Park, H. Hicks, W. McCartney. Moama: G. Hope, D. Jenkins, J. Grubb, N. Langborne, M. Bell, H. Connelly.

Tongala...................... 3.3, 5.5, 9.5, 13.5 (83)
Rumbalara 0.0, 0.2, 1.2, 2.2 (14)
GOALS, Tongala: H. Reid 6, L. Carroll 3, K. Northausen 2, Z. Davies 1, Z. Kreymborg 1. Rumbalara: T. Hoogsaad 2.
BEST, Tongala: T. Watson, H. Kellett, L. Carroll, Z. Davies, K. Rhind, K. Northausen. Rumbalara: T. Armstrong, J. Morgan, B. Armstrong, J. Atkinson, T. Hoogsaad.

Barooga 2.3, 4.6, 5.9, 5.10 (40)
Numurkah 0.0, 0.0, 1.0, 2.1 (13)
GOALS, Barooga: C. Leighton-Daly 2, K. Withers 1, N. Trenerry 1, R. Murdoch 1. Numurkah: N. Page 1, Z. Cason 1.
BEST, Barooga: C. Jezewski, J. Nolan, D. Campbell, K. Withers, C. Adkins. Numurkah: N. Hughes, O. Masters, J. Mckellar, R. Verhoeven, N. Page, B. Dicker.

Echuca United 2.4, 6.8, 10.14, 17.19 (121)
Mulwala 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)
GOALS, Echuca United: B. Barnstable 7, O. Poole 4, N. Schmedje 4, S. Fisher 2.
BEST, Echuca United: B. Barnstable, O. Poole, N. Ramage, S. Fisher, H. Dixon, S. Chapman. Mulwala: Z. Oliver, J. Walls, J. Wheeler, J. Eder, D. Kirchen, T. Jones.

Nathalia 5.4, 11.10, 16.13, 24.17 (161)
Congupna 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)
GOALS, Nathalia: D. Conroy 10, C. Sheehan 3, N. Bramwell 2, E. Farrall-Stone 2, B. Liddell 2, B. Nave 1, O. Sheehan 1, C. Dietrich 1, K. Lundberg 1, E. Congues 1.
BEST, Nathalia: B. Orton, D. Conroy, C. Sheehan, O. Sheehan, B. Liddell, N. Bramwell. Congupna: O. Price, S. McCrimmon, N. Giustino, J. Guthrie, A. Lindrea, B. Lee.

Finley 2.2, 6.2, 7.4, 11.9 (75)
Katandra.......................... 0.0, 0.1, 1.1, 1.1 (7)
GOALS, Finley: L. Dattoli 3, H. King 3, J. King 2, K. Joseph 1, L. Rafferty 1, J. Sykes 1. Katandra: F. Walters 1.
BEST, Finley: H. King, J. Hay, L. Rafferty, R. Gowans, W. Brain, J. Orro. Katandra: D. Newbound, B. Waters, T. Wright, W. Morrissey, T. Wilson, Z. Mizzi.

GOALKICKING

SENIORS		This Wk	Ttl
Joshua Mellington	Echuca United	6	49
Ashley Saunders	Tungamah	2	36
Liam Evans	Nathalia	5	28
Michael Herlihy	Numurkah	3	23
Daniel Campbell	Congupna	2	22
Dylan McNamara	Mulwala	0	21
Matthew DeMaio	Cobram	5	20
Fraser Buchanan	Moama	3	19
Nathan Hicks	Numurkah	1	19
Nick Lawless	Tungamah	3	18
RESERVES		**This Wk**	**Ttl**
Anthony McMahon	Echuca United	8	49
Graham Weston	Rumbalara	3	28
Beau Jackson	Rumbalara	4	24
Jacob Galpin	Moama	2	24
Jesse Moran	Tongala	4	22
Matthew Veitch	Moama	2	21
Adam Dodd	Tungamah	9	19
Andrew Pryde	Echuca United	4	18
Samuel Tyler	Tongala	0	14
Kodi Hicks	Nathalia	3	14
UNDER 17		**This Wk**	**Ttl**
Djaidha Miller	Rumbalara	3	34
Liam Martin	Mulwala	0	23
Dustan Ebborn	Numurkah	5	22
Lewis McShane	Cobram	4	22
Jesse Garner	Echuca United	2	20
Khy Stovell	Moama	3	18
Joshua Ednie	Mulwala	0	17
Ned Osborne	Echuca United	1	17
Jack Jansen	Echuca United	7	17
Jayden Hollands	Numurkah	2	16
Shadeau Brain	Finley	0	16
UNDER 14		**This Wk**	**Ttl**
Harley Reid	Tongala	6	65
Charlie Hillier	Deniliquin	0	32
Brandon Orton	Nathalia	0	28
Bryce Barnstable	Echuca United	7	25
Lachlan Hogan	Moama	2	23
Kevin Griffin	Cobram	3	17
Luke Carroll	Tongala	3	17
Noah Schmedje	Echuca United	4	17
Tyler Hoogsaad	Rumbalara	2	16
Oliver Poole	Echuca United	4	13

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SENIORS	P	W	L	D	FF	F	A	%	PTS
Echuca United	8	7	1	0	0	829	529	156.71	28
Nathalia	8	7	1	0	0	807	529	152.55	28
Cobram	8	7	1	0	0	718	616	116.56	28
Numurkah	8	6	2	0	0	643	445	144.49	24
Deni Rams	8	6	2	0	0	530	464	114.22	24
Mulwala	8	5	3	0	0	735	542	135.61	20
Tongala	8	4	4	0	0	605	676	89.5	16
Tungamah	8	4	4	0	0	733	824	88.96	16
Congupna	8	3	5	0	0	672	688	97.67	12
Finley	8	3	5	0	0	616	668	92.22	12
Barooga	8	2	6	0	0	597	649	91.99	8
Rumbalara	8	1	7	0	0	548	723	75.8	4
Katandra	8	1	7	0	0	472	836	56.46	4
Moama	8	0	8	0	0	458	774	59.17	0
RESERVES	**P**	**W**	**L**	**D**	**FF**	**F**	**A**	**%**	**PTS**
Echuca United	8	8	0	0	0	887	149	595.3	32
Tongala	8	7	1	0	0	692	302	229.14	28
Nathalia	8	6	2	0	0	708	218	324.77	24
Rumbalara	8	6	2	0	0	714	281	254.09	24
Moama	8	5	3	0	0	519	308	168.51	20
Tungamah	8	5	3	0	0	472	425	111.06	20
Deni Rams	8	4	4	0	0	408	519	78.61	16
Mulwala	8	3	5	0	0	432	474	91.14	12
Finley	8	3	5	0	0	373	420	88.81	12
Katandra	8	3	5	0	0	378	532	71.05	12
Congupna	8	2	6	0	0	327	572	57.17	8
Barooga	8	2	6	0	0	346	645	53.64	8
Cobram	8	2	6	0	0	245	719	34.08	8
Numurkah	8	0	8	0	0	133	1070	12.43	0
UNDER 17	**P**	**W**	**L**	**D**	**FF**	**F**	**A**	**%**	**PTS**
Echuca United	8	8	0	0	0	620	172	360.47	32
Cobram	8	6	2	0	0	633	286	221.33	24
Rumbalara	8	6	2	0	0	604	286	211.19	24
Moama	8	6	2	0	0	493	241	204.56	24
Mulwala	8	6	2	0	0	636	337	188.72	24
Deni Rams	8	5	3	0	0	398	250	159.2	20
Finley	8	5	3	0	0	430	286	150.35	20
Numurkah	8	4	4	0	0	535	448	119.42	16
Tongala	8	4	4	0	0	396	454	87.22	16
Congupna	8	2	6	0	0	259	513	50.49	8
Katandra	8	1	7	0	0	257	655	39.24	4
Tungamah	8	1	7	0	0	220	663	33.18	4
Barooga	8	1	7	0	0	172	601	28.62	4
Nathalia	8	1	7	0	0	158	619	25.53	4
UNDER 14	**P**	**W**	**L**	**D**	**FF**	**F**	**A**	**%**	**PTS**
Echuca United	8	8	0	0	0	839	76	1103.95	32
Deni Rams	8	7	1	0	0	874	88	993.18	28
Nathalia	8	7	1	0	0	732	130	563.08	28
Tongala	8	6	2	0	0	809	199	406.53	24
Finley	8	6	2	0	0	513	257	199.61	24
Cobram	8	4	4	0	0	459	289	158.82	16
Moama	8	4	4	0	0	426	279	152.69	16
Barooga	8	4	4	0	0	283	383	73.89	16
Rumbalara	8	3	5	0	0	327	415	78.8	12
Katandra	8	2	6	0	0	210	594	35.35	8
Mulwala	8	2	6	0	0	125	635	19.69	8
Numurkah	8	2	6	0	0	145	842	17.22	8
Tungamah	8	1	7	0	0	95	809	11.74	4
Congupna	8	0	8	0	0	78	919	8.49	0

NEXT WEEK

Round 9, June 8: Deniliquin v Tongala; Cobram v Mulwala; Nathalia v Tungamah; Echuca United v Moama; Katandra v Congupna; Rumbalara v Numurkah; Finley v Barooga.

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SENIORS

Blighty 16.14 (110)
Katunga...................... 1.1, 3.4, 7.5, 10.7 (67)
GOALS, Blighty: J. Barnes 4, D. Morris 4, T. Robertson 2, J. Sides 2, S. Singleton, D. Pogue, K. Bain, T. Billings. Katunga: D. Sidebottom 6, T. Baker 2, M. Sidebottom 2.
BEST, Blighty: L. MacDonald, T. Amor-Beale, D. Morris, T. Billings, T. Robertson, S. Singleton. Katunga: T. Dunn, X. Thorp, S. Sutton, E. Hodgkin, W. Newman, K. Vandengoor.

Strathmerton............... 4.3, 7.5, 9.6, 12.11 (83)
Waaia 1.5, 1.11, 3.13, 5.15 (45)
GOALS, Strathmerton: Simon Russell 3, Connor Hargreaves 2, Travis Down 2, Tyron Hill 1, Brandon Duckworth 1, Zeke Bunge 1, Lance Oswald 1, Samuel Lewis 1. Waaia: Mark Meyland 3, Charlie Burrows 1, Jesse Trower 1.
BEST, Strathmerton: Matt Shannon, Zach Wagner, Matthew O'Kane, Simon Russell, Lance Oswald, Tyron Hill. Waaia: Samuel Richardson, Jesse Webster, Charlie Burrows, Timothy Belford, Mitchell Cleeland, Ashley Thompson.

Jerilderie...................... 1.2, 3.4, 3.4, 3.6 (24)
Berrigan 8.5, 9.10, 13.16, 15.20 (110)
GOALS, Jerilderie: Jordon Anthony 2, David Gregory 1. Berrigan: Ronald Harley Middleton 4, Lee Schmidt 3, Angus Coldwell 3, Jake Beams 2, Tom Beams 1, Jake Dalgliesh 1, Mason Peters 1.
BEST, Jerilderie: David Gregory, James McRae, Hayden Smith, Peter Cochrane, Jordon Anthony, Lachlan Watson. Berrigan: Angus Coldwell, Adam Way, Ronald Harley Middleton, Jake Dalgliesh, Jake Beams, Fraser Haintz.

Picola United 2.1, 5.6, 7.8, 10.11 (71)
Tocumwal 2.3, 2.5, 3.6, 5.7 (37)
GOALS, Picola United: Benjamin Gill 5, Blake Jorgensen 2, Rory Knight 1, Jackson Charles 1, Dylan Cunningham 1. Tocumwal: Tim Walsh 2, Trent Boglis 1, Cory Parish 1, Chase Hardwidge 1.
BEST, Picola United: Ben Reid, Reagan Hamilton, Blake Jorgensen, Jackson Charles, Marcus Walsh, Benjamin Gill. Tocumwal: Ken Chellew, Jeremy Cardillo, Sam Jenkins, Jacob Hore, Trent Boglis, Cory Parish.

Rennie 3.4, 7.7, 10.11, 14.11 (95)
Mathoura 1.1, 2.5, 7.7, 9.7 (61)
GOALS, Rennie: Chase Strawhorn 5, Duane Rhodes 3, Craig Ednie 3, Khristopher Willett 1, Matthew Knight 1, Zack Smith 1. Mathoura: not supplied.
BEST, Rennie: Craig Ednie, Liam Connell, Dean Bigger, Chase Strawhorn, Joel O'Dwyer, Matthew McCabe. Mathoura: not supplied.

Katamatite 4.6, 7.8, 13.12, 19.16 (130)
Yarroweyah 0.1, 4.2, 5.4, 6.5 (41)
GOALS, Katamatite: Brodie McDonald 7, Jedd Wright 3, Mark Mills 3, Jayson Bigg 3, Callan Aldridge 1, Luke Riordan 1, William McNamara 1. Yarroweyah: Andrew Jones 3, Louis Hill 2, Matthew Toohey 1.
BEST, Katamatite: Brodie McDonald, Patrick Riordan, Jayson Bigg, Harris Dickason, Trent Steers, Mark Mills. Yarroweyah: Daniel Rushby, Tim Atkins, Louis Hill, Ian Oliver, Andrew Jones, Coleby Hellyer-Maud.

RESERVES

Katunga...................... 3.1, 4.2, 7.2, 10.3 (63)
Blighty 2.1, 4.4, 8.5, 9.7 (61)
GOALS, Katunga: Oliver Small 5, Michael John 1, Kelvin Kennedy 1, Brett Kimberley 1, Joshua Tetley 1, Anthony Harris 1. Blighty: Kyel Bain 2, Brodie Bennett 2, Ashley Bain 2, Brett Napier 1, Dylan Maxwell 1, William Burton 1.
BEST, Katunga: Kelvin Kennedy, Trent Corby, Joshua Tetley, Thomas Van De Berg, Michael John. Blighty: Luke Charlton, Bret Leech, Jarrod Andrews, Kyel Bain, Luke Hay, Brett Napier.

Waaia.......................... 2.2, 5.5, 6.5, 7.7 (49)
Strathmerton................. 1.2, 1.2, 3.2, 3.2 (20)
GOALS, Waaia: Brayden Carey 2, Matthew Brown 2, Ryan Bergamin 1, Drew Mackey 1, Mark Bergamin 1. Strathmerton: Tristan Lee-Madgwick 1, John Luci 1, Bailey Ebborn 1.
BEST, Waaia: Mark Bergamin, Trent Bell, Steven Hixon, Adam Bell, Hayden Hixon, Drew Mackey. Strathmerton: Josh Beer, Luke Collyer, Mark Luci, Trent Collyer, Jacob Gillie, Jacob Atkin.

Berrigan 2.5, 8.8, 13.12, 16.19 (115)
Jerilderie........................ 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)
GOALS, Berrigan: Matthew Eales 6, Gerald Towler 3, Kyle Hawker 1, Tyson Marett 1, Damon Ferguson 1, Andrew Pyle 1, Steven Morgan 1, Cameron Hall 1, Matthew Heazlewood 1.
BEST, Berrigan: Matthew Mahon, Matthew Eales, Stuart Pyle, Cody Heazlewood, Jarren Osborn, Noel Baxter. Jerilderie: David Hercus, Simon McFadyen, Fergus O'Sullivan, Samuel Owen, Rory Knight, Andrew Neessen.

Picola United 1.2, 4.6, 7.7, 11.12 (78)
Tocumwal 0.0, 0.0, 0.1, 0.1 (1)
GOALS, Picola United: Shane Cooper 4, Angus Hawks 2, Matthew James 1, James Lindsay 1, Aiden Daniel 1, Jayson Byrne 1, Charlie McKenzie 1.
BEST, Picola United: Ryan Murphy, Angus Hawks, Shane Cooper, Jarrod Norman, Jayson Byrne, Chris Nolan. Tocumwal: Aaron Fisher, Paul Quick, Thomas Gordon, Glyn Matters, Timothy Brunskill, Jay Buckley.

Rennie 3.3, 8.10, 15.12, 22.12 (144)
Mathoura 0.0, 1.0, 2.0, 2.1 (13)
GOALS, Rennie: Ben Zanker 8, Aaron Phibbs 4, Denver Bruce 3, Dan Boulton 2, Benjamin Douglass 1, Ollie Rae 1, Beau Hornidge 1, Adrian Smith 1, Timothy Dykes 1. Mathoura: Corey Taylor 1, Kyle Magro 1.
BEST, Rennie: Denver Bruce, Zakarij Garner, Jackson McErvale-Busch, Dan Boulton, Jeremy Hayes, Ben Zanker. Mathoura: Mark Eddy, Wayne Phyland, Robert Jacobsen, Blake Keech, Kyle Magro.

Katamatite 2.1, 4.2, 8.5, 9.7 (61)
Yarroweyah 3.3, 4.4, 4.5, 7.6 (48)
GOALS, Katamatite: Brodie Webster 5, Lachlan Cooper 2, Benjamin Keary 1, Nathan Hickey 1. Yarroweyah: Jamie Hicks 3, Samual Mudge 1, Jake Henderson 1, Daniel Cossar 1, Luke Wallace 1.
BEST, Katamatite: Jordan Dickie, Simon Daniel, Adam Ford, Brodie Webster, Nathan Hickey, Steffan Nordbye. Yarroweyah: Daniel Cossar, Dayne Chapman, Jake Henderson, Paul Iskov, Benjamin Lucas, Lincoln Humphries.

UNDER 17

Katunga................. 5.6, 9.9, 14.13, 18.17 (125)
Blighty 0.0, 0.0, 0.1, 2.2 (14)
GOALS, Katunga: Samuel Arho 6, Benjamin Whitford 3, Harry Hill 2, Cody Gow 2, William Sefton 1, Callum Howden 1, Logan Van der Burg 1, Dylan Baker 1, Bailey Smith 1. Blighty: Kane Morris 2.
BEST, Katunga: Kody Jackson, Samuel Arho, Clayton Beer, Dylan Baker. Blighty: Jack Charlton, Billy Michael, Kane Morris, Charlie Waters.

Strathmerton........ 5.5, 13.10, 16.16, 20.22 (142)
Waaia............................ 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.1 (1)
GOALS, Strathmerton: Haydn Wyatt 9, Dylan Craven 5, Riley Franklin 4, Bailey Ebborn 1, Aaron Macfadyen 1.
BEST, Strathmerton: Dylan Craven, Logan King, Max Shannon, Haydn Wyatt, Riley Franklin, Beau Hall. Waaia: Ryan Cook, Jarvis Rowlands, Darcy Wilson, Joel Clarke, Joshua Plattfuss, Bailey Plattfuss.

Berrigan lost to Jerilderie on forfeit

Tocumwal 3.1, 6.4, 7.5, 10.9 (69)
Picola United 4.3, 5.4, 6.5, 6.5 (41)
GOALS, Tocumwal: Hunter Hardwidge 2, Chase Hardwidge 2, Harvey White 2, Brock Thomson 2, Ethan Jeffress 1, Baylee Morton 1. Picola United: Tyreece Kerr 3, Jason Beckett 2, Jordan Archibald 1.
BEST, Tocumwal: Brock Thomson, Harvey White, Chase Hardwidge, Patrick Bennett, Ethan Jeffress, Oliver Smith. Picola United: Tyreece Kerr, Rhys Varcoe, Jordan Simpson, Clay Stevens, Seth Bailey, Tucker Rory.

Yarroweyah 6.3, 9.7, 11.14, 16.17 (113)
Katamatite 0.0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1 (1)
GOALS, Yarroweyah: Tyson Griffin 5, Cristofar Santoro 4, Drew Humphries 2, Seth Lawrence 1, Thomas Backhouse 1, Tom Oliver 1, John Walkington 1, Benjamin Lukies 1.
BEST, Yarroweyah: Cristofar Santoro, John Walkington, Drew Humphries, Jye Ellis, Noah Pallante, Braidyn Lawrence. Katamatite: Caleb Bye, Jack Dempster, Alistair Bear, Thomas Dobson, Brock Bear, Matthew Ward.

UNDER 14

Blighty 1.1, 3.3, 3.3, 6.5 (41)
Katunga........................ 1.1, 3.2, 3.6, 3.6 (24)
GOALS, Blighty: Dean Macdonald 2, Angus Lawson 2, Seth Morris 1, Angus Bain 1. Katunga: Zavier Morris 2, Lochie O'Brien 1.
BEST, Blighty: William Dudley, Dean Macdonald, Dustin Lawson, Harry McIlwain, Max Caruso, Seth Morris. Katunga: Jake Bell, Viv Russo, Zac Bosse, Lochie O'Brien, Ethan Davies.

Strathmerton........... 4.4, 9.6, 15.11, 18.14 (122)
Waaia............................. 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)
GOALS, Strathmerton: Joshua Payne 7, Tyler Stephens 2, Jaxon Webb 2, Mitchell Easden 1, Cooper Graham 1, Jayden Edgar 1, Benjamin Lee-Madgwick 1, Harry Spicer 1, Jake Henderson 1, Cody Harris-Cunningham 1.
BEST, Strathmerton: Sid McNeill, Joshua Payne, Tyler Stephens, Brodie Wren, Jacob Wilson. Waaia: Aiden Bryant, Regan Collins, Bailey Plattfuss, Harrison Halden, Shaylee Dietrich, Jake Momm.

Berrigan 3.4, 5.4, 6.8, 8.11 (59)
Jerilderie......................... 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1 (1)
GOALS, Berrigan: Hamish Cameron 3, Tyrelle Taylor 3, Mathew Whelan 1, Archie Cameron 1.
BEST, Berrigan: Darcy Pyle, Hamish Cameron, Mathew Whelan, Connor Taylor-titlow , Tyrelle Taylor, Liam Brown. Jerilderie: Travis Lawton, Cruz Nash, Dan Eldridge, Lachlan Wells, Tex Flack, Jonathan Shen.

Picola United 0.5, 1.7, 6.10, 6.11 (47)
Tocumwal 2.1, 3.2, 3.4, 5.7 (37)
GOALS, Picola United: Jason Beckett 4, Elwyn Bush 2. Tocumwal: Nate Grieves 3, Hunter Hardwidge 1, Maksym Eddy 1.
BEST, Picola United: Matthew Jorgensen, Kayden Atkinson, Elwyn Bush, Logan Daniel, William Dargan, Clancy Baker. Tocumwal: Blair Eddy, Hunter Hardwidge, Kane Wardlaw, Maksym Eddy, Charles Locke, Liam Sutton.

Rennie 11.3, 19.7, 27.16, 33.24 (222)
Mathoura 0.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0 (6)
GOALS, Rennie: Axel Doherty 11, Cooper Lonergan 9, Ben Kennedy 6, Lochie Forge 3, Luke Slattery 1, Jack Bassett 1, Callum Deoleveira 1, Joe Lee-Conway 1. Mathoura: Heath Turner 1.
BEST, Rennie: Ben Kennedy, Axel Doherty, Cooper Lonergan, Lochie Forge, Luke Slattery. Mathoura: not supplied.

Katamatite 6.5, 8.12, 13.15, 17.19 (121)
Yarroweyah 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)
GOALS, Katamatite: Brock Bear 4, Mitchell Ward 3, Benjamin Macheda 3, Adam Kennedy 2, Matthew Ward 2, Connor Langshaw 2, Mitchell O'Dwyer 1.
BEST, Katamatite: Brock Bear, Mitchell Ward, Matthew Ward, Benjamin Macheda, Riley McPherson, Mitchell O'Dwyer. Yarroweyah: Will Simpson, Tiahla Harris, Joshua Henderson, Finn Mcauliffe, Coby Humphries, Blake Humphries.

GOALKICKING

SENIORS		Ttl
Chase Strawhorn	Rennie	39
Travis Down	Strathmerton	32
Brodie Mcdonald	Katamatite	29
Mark Meyland	Waaia	26
Dylan Sidebottom	Katunga	24
Jedd Wright	Katamatite	24
Ronald Harley Middleton	Berrigan	19
Dylan Cunningham	Picola United	17
Zack-Harie Betson	Strathmerton	17
Charlie Burrows	Waaia	16
Connor Brown	Waaia	16
Terry Lumbar	Deniliquin Rovers	16
RESERVES		**Ttl**
Ben Zanker	Rennie	34
Dan Boulton	Rennie	17
Gerald Towler	Berrigan	16
Cody Heazlewood	Berrigan	14
Tristan Lee-Madgwick	Strathmerton	13
Tyson Marett	Berrigan	12
Ashley Bain	Blighty	11
Shane Cooper	Picola United	11
Brett Kimberley	Katunga	10
John Luci	Strathmerton	10
Kyel Bain	Blighty	10
Lee Solar	Picola United	10
Matthew Eales	Berrigan	10
UNDER 17		**Ttl**
Haydn Wyatt	Strathmerton	42
Tom Kennedy	Rennie	37
Samuel Arho	Katunga	19
Jack Sides	Blighty	15
Tyson Griffin	Yarroweyah	15
Bailey Smith	Katunga	13
Baylee Morton	Tocumwal	13
Harry Hill	Katunga	11
Oliver Knight	Jerilderie	11
Benjamin Whitford	Katunga	10
Jacob Beveridge	Yarroweyah	10
Raymond Murphy	Deniliquin Rovers	10
Tyler Stephens	Strathmerton	10
UNDER 14		**Ttl**
Cooper Lonergan	Rennie	38
Jason Beckett	Picola United	38
Axel Doherty	Rennie	21
Ben Kennedy	Rennie	21
Joshua Payne	Strathmerton	19
Zavier Morris	Katunga	19
Deagan Purcell	Deniliquin Rovers	15
Mitchell Ward	Katamatite	15
Dean Macdonald	Blighty	14
Lochie Forge	Rennie	14

LADDERS

SENIORS	P	W	L	D	FF	F	A	%	PTS
Strathmerton	8	7	1	0	0	1000	339	294.99	28
Berrigan	8	7	1	0	0	782	416	187.98	28
Waaia	7	6	1	0	0	722	378	191.01	24
Katamatite	7	6	1	0	0	644	371	173.58	24
Rennie	8	5	3	0	0	706	522	135.25	20
Deni Rovers	7	4	3	0	0	740	561	131.91	16
Picola United	8	4	4	0	0	583	503	115.9	16
Blighty	8	3	5	0	0	490	701	69.9	12
Mathoura	7	2	5	0	0	390	592	65.88	8
Jerilderie	7	2	5	0	0	373	698	53.44	8
Katunga	7	1	6	0	0	455	636	71.54	4
Yarroweyah	7	1	6	0	0	402	765	52.55	4
Tocumwal	7	0	7	0	0	163	968	16.84	0
RESERVES	**P**	**W**	**L**	**D**	**FF**	**F**	**A**	**%**	**PTS**
Berrigan	8	8	0	0	0	658	90	731.11	32
Rennie	8	7	1	0	0	718	182	394.51	28
Waaia	7	5	2	0	0	424	213	199.06	20
Strathmerton	8	5	3	0	0	368	264	139.39	20
Picola United	8	5	3	0	0	430	310	138.71	20
Blighty	8	4	4	0	0	461	342	134.8	16
Deni Rovers	7	4	3	0	0	324	307	105.54	16
Katunga	7	3	4	0	0	302	368	82.07	12
Mathoura	7	3	4	0	0	241	537	44.88	12
Jerilderie	7	2	5	0	0	239	495	48.28	8
Katamatite	7	1	6	0	0	218	487	44.76	4
Tocumwal	7	1	6	0	0	130	501	25.95	4
Yarroweyah	7	0	7	0	0	113	530	21.32	0
UNDER 17	**P**	**W**	**L**	**D**	**FF**	**F**	**A**	**%**	**PTS**
Strathmerton	7	7	0	0	0	725	95	763.16	28
Rennie	8	7	1	0	0	595	159	374.21	28
Katunga	6	5	1	0	0	581	191	304.19	20
Jerilderie	5	3	2	0	1	366	310	118.06	16
Tocumwal	6	4	2	0	0	368	345	106.67	16
Deni Rovers	6	3	3	0	0	436	320	136.25	12
Blighty	7	2	5	0	1	252	598	42.14	12
Yarroweyah	7	2	5	0	0	388	429	90.44	8
Waaia	6	2	4	0	0	227	483	47	8
Katamatite	6	1	5	0	0	50	620	8.06	4
Picola United	6	0	6	0	0	100	538	18.59	0
Mathoura	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berrigan	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNDER 14	**P**	**W**	**L**	**D**	**FF**	**F**	**A**	**%**	**PTS**
Rennie	8	8	0	0	0	1112	20	5560	32
Strathmerton	8	7	1	0	0	571	174	328.16	28
Picola United	8	7	1	0	0	571	210	271.9	28
Deni Rovers	7	6	1	0	0	510	213	239.44	24
Blighty	8	5	3	0	0	386	306	126.14	20
Katamatite	7	4	3	0	0	331	278	119.06	16
Katunga	7	3	4	0	0	410	169	242.6	12
Tocumwal	7	3	4	0	0	296	254	116.54	12
Berrigan	8	3	5	0	0	281	252	111.51	12
Jerilderie	7	1	6	0	0	76	424	17.92	4
Waaia	7	1	6	0	0	36	646	5.57	4
Mathoura	7	0	7	0	0	60	762	7.87	0
Yarroweyah	7	0	7	0	0	14	946	1.48	0

NEXT WEEK

Round 9, June 8: Deni Rovers v Strathmerton; Katunga v Berrigan; Waaia v Picola; Jerilderie v Rennie; Tocumwal v Katamatite; Mathoura v Yarroweyah; Blighty, bye.

NumurkahLEADER Trophies and Engraving

Club champions ... Kevin Hansen, Heather Brown and Ian Londey.

Aggregate winners ... Kevin Hansen, Heather Brown and David Geddes with their balloon awards.

Cold no dampener for warmth of wind-up

IT was muck-up-day on the Numurkah croquet courts last Tuesday, to wind up the season for the club's golf croquet players.

With no aggregates to play for and freezing conditions, it was not surprising that the numbers were down a little.

Some of those who did start, quite sensibly left early due to the risk of exposure, which proved a bit of a challenge for the new GC captain to work out who actually won the day.

The end result saw Graham Tyack finish first with two wins/23 hoops and David Geddes second with 2/22.

Gordon Brown made two jump shots, and Graham Tyack had one. Hoops-in-one were scored by Joan T. Hansen and Ian Londey.

All those who played were very happy when play finished and they could head to the warmth of the golf club for lunch.

Presentations there were made to the golf croquet club champions and aggregate winners, by outgoing GC captain Glenys Londey. The winners were presented with gift vouchers purchased at local stores, or cash prizes inside a balloon.

Division one club champion was Kevin Hansen, division two was Ian Londey, and Heather Brown won division three.

Louise Vale won the association croquet division two championship, but was unable to attend the luncheon to receive her award.

Winner of the golf croquet season aggregates of "Wins and Hoops" was David Geddes with 65 wins/597 hoops, while Kevin Hansen was runner-up with 53 wins/539 hoops. Not far behind were Lois Lowe on 43 wins/507 hoops and Rhonda Geddes on 37 wins/497 hoops.

Kevin Hansen took out his third award for the year by being equal winner with Heather Brown of the hoops-in-one. Both players had six for the season.

The club raffle was also drawn and the winners are announced in today's *Leader* classifieds. The club is very grateful to those who supported their raffle, to the businesses who provided donations toward the cost of vouchers and to club members who had to brave the extreme cold selling tickets.

Another two prospective players were prepared to brave the extreme cold on Thursday morning to give croquet a try on a one-to-one basis. These sessions will continue for the present, or until it begins to snow, and everyone is welcome to join in and give it a try.

A reminder that golf croquet will continue through the winter, starting at 9.30am on Tuesday and, for the time being, association croquet is on Friday starting at 9am.

NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

MNL

A GRADE

Barooga 50 def Numurkah 34
Congupna 39 drew Nathalia 39
Finley 52 def Katandra 34
Moama 49 def Deniliquin 27
Mulwala 32 def by Echuca United 67
Tongala 23 def by Rumbalara 52
Tungamah 32 def by Cobram 49

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Moama	8	8	0	0	481	227	32	211.89
Rumbalara	8	7	1	0	473	245	28	193.06
Echuca United	8	7	1	0	492	282	28	174.47
Deniliquin	8	5	3	0	406	302	20	134.44
Mulwala	8	5	3	0	287	301	20	95.35
Cobram	8	5	3	0	359	381	20	94.23
Finley	8	5	3	0	327	377	20	86.74
Congupna	8	3	4	1	317	334	14	94.91
Tongala	8	3	5	0	270	353	12	76.49
Nathalia	8	2	5	1	260	314	10	82.8
Barooga	8	2	6	0	265	360	8	73.61
Tungamah	8	2	6	0	262	390	8	67.18
Numurkah	8	1	7	0	228	408	4	55.88
Katandra	8	0	8	0	245	398	0	61.56

B GRADE

Barooga 33 def by Numurkah 38
Congupna 33 def Nathalia 31
Finley 37 def by Katandra 40
Moama 46 def Deniliquin 35
Mulwala 35 drew Echuca United 35
Tongala 52 def Rumbalara 23
Tungamah 25 def by Cobram 51

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Mulwala	8	7	0	1	378	212	30	178.3
Deniliquin	8	7	1	0	422	210	28	200.95
Echuca United	8	6	1	1	409	263	26	155.51
Moama	8	6	2	0	369	276	24	133.7
Cobram	8	6	2	0	338	284	24	119.01
Tongala	8	5	3	0	315	284	20	110.92
Congupna	8	5	3	0	276	251	20	109.96
Finley	8	4	4	0	265	315	16	84.13
Numurkah	8	2	6	0	273	357	8	76.47
Barooga	8	2	6	0	237	321	8	73.83
Rumbalara	8	2	6	0	241	378	8	63.76
Nathalia	8	1	7	0	245	294	4	83.33
Katandra	8	1	7	0	261	417	4	62.59
Tungamah	8	1	7	0	225	392	4	57.4

C GRADE

Barooga 39 def by Numurkah 43
Congupna 42 def Nathalia 40
Finley 30 def by Katandra 53
Moama 37 def by Deniliquin 57
Mulwala 35 def by Echuca United 50
Tongala 48 def Rumbalara 31
Tungamah 16 def by Cobram 51

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Echuca United	8	8	0	0	415	204	32	203.43
Cobram	8	7	1	0	395	194	28	203.61
Deniliquin	8	7	1	0	491	253	28	194.07
Mulwala	8	7	1	0	404	211	28	191.47
Tongala	8	5	3	0	300	290	20	103.45
Nathalia	8	4	4	0	353	299	16	118.06
Congupna	8	4	4	0	309	318	16	97.17
Moama	8	4	4	0	323	343	16	94.17
Katandra	8	3	5	0	301	355	12	84.79
Rumbalara	8	2	6	0	252	365	8	69.04
Numurkah	8	2	6	0	193	288	8	67.01
Finley	8	2	6	0	201	376	8	53.46
Tungamah	8	1	7	0	189	402	4	47.01
Barooga	8	0	8	0	218	446	0	48.88

C RESERVE

Barooga 26 def by Numurkah 30
Congupna 35 def by Nathalia 43
Moama 32 def by Deniliquin 53
Mulwala 27 def by Echuca United 36
Tongala 32 def Rumbalara 28
Tungamah 24 def by Cobram 55

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	PR
Echuca United	8	8	0	0	415	190	32	218.42	4
Deniliquin	7	6	1	0	365	189	24	193.12	3.4
Mulwala	8	6	2	0	327	209	24	156.46	3
Katandra	7	5	2	0	320	269	20	118.96	2.9
Cobram	7	4	3	0	315	272	16	115.81	2.3
Moama	7	4	3	0	267	245	16	108.98	2.3
Nathalia	7	4	3	0	244	238	16	102.52	2.3
Congupna	8	3	4	1	270	300	14	90	1.8
Numurkah	7	3	4	0	231	223	12	103.59	1.7
Barooga	8	2	6	0	224	291	8	76.98	1
Rumbalara	7	1	6	0	157	347	4	45.24	0.6
Tongala	8	1	7	0	187	370	4	50.54	0.5
Tungamah	7	0	6	1	150	329	2	45.59	0.3

17 & UNDER

Barooga 42 def Numurkah 17
Congupna 15 def by Nathalia 54
Finley 21 def by Katandra 32
Moama 28 def by Deniliquin 39
Mulwala 12 def by Echuca United 66
Tongala 38 def Rumbalara 31
Tungamah 38 def Cobram 22

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Echuca United	8	8	0	0	417	153	32	272.55
Deniliquin	8	7	1	0	404	190	28	212.63
Tongala	8	7	1	0	327	156	28	209.62
Tungamah	8	7	1	0	316	205	28	154.15
Nathalia	8	5	3	0	278	211	20	131.75
Barooga	8	5	3	0	269	224	20	120.09
Moama	8	5	3	0	233	210	20	110.95
Rumbalara	8	3	5	0	287	284	12	101.06
Mulwala	8	3	5	0	237	274	12	86.5
Cobram	8	3	5	0	195	283	12	68.9
Katandra	8	1	7	0	159	329	4	48.33
Congupna	8	1	7	0	141	356	4	39.61
Numurkah	8	1	7	0	141	377	4	37.4
Finley	8	0	8	0	175	327	0	53.52

15 & UNDER

Barooga 36 def Numurkah 17
Congupna 8 def by Nathalia 37
Finley 20 def by Katandra 26
Moama 17 def by Deniliquin 51
Mulwala 12 def by Echuca United 35
Tongala 53 def Rumbalara 13
Tungamah 33 def Cobram 11

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Deniliquin	8	8	0	0	468	120	32	390
Tongala	8	8	0	0	431	144	32	299.31
Echuca United	8	6	2	0	286	183	24	156.28
Nathalia	8	6	2	0	259	173	24	149.71
Barooga	8	5	3	0	230	187	20	122.99
Moama	8	5	3	0	239	201	20	118.91
Mulwala	8	4	4	0	167	147	16	113.61
Rumbalara	8	4	4	0	208	236	16	88.14
Tungamah	8	4	4	0	207	240	16	86.25
Katandra	8	3	5	0	153	311	12	49.2
Numurkah	8	2	6	0	171	245	8	69.8
Finley	8	1	7	0	130	265	4	49.06
Cobram	8	0	8	0	66	290	0	22.76
Congupna	8	0	8	0	62	335	0	18.51

13 & UNDER

Barooga 31 def Numurkah 16
Congupna 42 def Nathalia 12
Finley 33 def Katandra 3
Moama 20 def by Deniliquin 28
Mulwala 17 def by Echuca United 33
Tongala 40 def Rumbalara 38
Tungamah 10 def by Cobram 31

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Tongala	8	8	0	0	300	97	32	309.28
Finley	8	8	0	0	281	95	32	295.79
Echuca United	8	7	1	0	212	126	28	168.25
Barooga	8	6	2	0	253	136	24	186.03
Deniliquin	8	5	3	0	240	159	20	150.94
Cobram	8	5	3	0	212	185	20	114.59
Rumbalara	8	4	4	0	207	204	16	101.47
Moama	8	3	5	0	178	192	12	92.71
Numurkah	8	3	5	0	149	171	12	87.13
Mulwala	8	3	5	0	136	176	12	77.27
Congupna	8	2	6	0	148	212	8	69.81
Tungamah	8	2	6	0	98	205	8	47.8
Nathalia	8	0	8	0	55	276	0	19.93
Katandra	8	0	8	0	15	250	0	6

11 & UNDER

Barooga 14 def by Numurkah 19
Finley 12 def Katandra 2
Moama 7 def by Deniliquin 22
Mulwala 8 def by Echuca United 20
Tongala 4 def by Rumbalara 35
Tungamah 9 drew Cobram 9

NEXT WEEK

Round 9 - June 8: Deniliquin v Tongala; Cobram v Mulwala; Nathalia v Tungamah; Echuca United v Moama; Katandra v Congupna; Rumbalara v Numurkah; Finley v Barooga.

PNL

A GRADE

Berrigan 40 def by Jerilderie 43
Blighty 22 def by Katunga 39
Katamatite 60 def Yarroweyah 31
Picola United 39 def by Tocumwal 44
Rennie 58 def Mathoura 26
Strathmerton 54 def Waaia 36

LADDER	P	B	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%
Katamatite	7	1	7	0	0	359	235	28	152.77
Strathmerton	8	0	7	0	1	398	287	28	138.68
Deni Rovers	7	1	6	0	1	283	210	24	134.76
Picola United	8	0	5	0	3	410	313	20	130.99
Tocumwal	7	1	5	0	2	313	246	20	127.24
Katunga	7	1	5	0	2	299	237	20	126.16
Waaia	7	1	3	0	4	295	276	12	106.88
Rennie	8	0	3	0	5	332	360	12	92.22
Berrigan	8	0	2	0	6	289	318	8	90.88
Mathoura	7	1	2	0	5	228	309	8	73.79
Jerilderie	7	1	1	0	6	240	335	4	71.64
Yarroweyah	7	1	1	0	6	214	374	4	57.22
Blighty	8	0	1	0	7	203	363	4	55.92

B GRADE

Berrigan 49 def Jerilderie 36
Blighty 18 def by Katunga 51
Katamatite 39 def by Yarroweyah 42
Picola United 26 def by Tocumwal 42
Rennie 49 def Mathoura 39
Strathmerton 34 def by Waaia 51

LADDER	P	B	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%
Katunga	7	1	7	0	0	402	156	28	257.69
Waaia	7	1	7	0	0	309	209	28	147.85
Rennie	8	0	7	0	1	351	244	28	143.85
Berrigan	8	0	6	0	2	317	242	24	130.99
Mathoura	7	1	5	0	2	298	230	20	129.57
Blighty	8	0	5	0	3	281	242	20	116.12
Yarroweyah	7	1	2	1	4	245	283	10	86.57
Tocumwal	7	1	2	0	5	264	293	8	90.1
Strathmerton	8	0	2	0	6	266	333	8	79.88
Jerilderie	7	1	2	0	5	235	296	8	79.39
Deni Rovers	7	1	1	1	5	216	302	6	71.52
Picola United	8	0	1	0	7	186	349	4	53.3
Katamatite	7	1	0	0	7	168	359	0	46.8

C GRADE

Berrigan 71 def Jerilderie 23
Blighty 18 def by Katunga 58
Katamatite 28 def by Yarroweyah 40
Picola United 23 def by Tocumwal 44
Rennie 31 def by Mathoura 46
Strathmerton 17 def by Waaia 61

LADDER	P	B	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%
Berrigan	8	0	8	0	0	527	213	32	247.42
Waaia	7	1	6	0	1	386	195	24	197.95
Mathoura	7	1	6	0	1	281	192	24	146.35
Katunga	7	1	5	0	2	293	181	20	161.88
Deni Rovers	7	1	5	0	2	257	274	20	93.8
Picola United	8	0	4	0	4	268	308	16	87.01
Tocumwal	7	1	4	0	3	223	263	16	84.79
Rennie	8	0	3	0	5	285	307	12	92.83
Jerilderie	7	1	2	1	4	211	265	10	79.62
Blighty	8	0	1	1	6	222	327	6	67.89
Yarroweyah	7	1	1	1	5	159	272	6	58.46
Katamatite	7	1	1	0	6	214	326	4	65.64
Strathmerton	8	0	0	1	7	127	330	2	38.48

C RESERVE

Berrigan 36 def Jerilderie 13
Blighty 32 def by Katunga 33
Katamatite 44 def Yarroweyah 22
Picola United 18 def by Tocumwal 19
Rennie 40 def Mathoura 20
Strathmerton 28 def by Waaia 33

LADDER	P	B	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%
Rennie	8	0	7	1	0	309	169	30	182.84
Katunga	7	1	6	0	1	259	131	24	197.71
Berrigan	8	0	6	0	2	218	159	24	137.11
Waaia	7	1	5	1	1	222	156	22	142.31
Deni Rovers	7	1	5	0	2	153	131	20	116.79
Strathmerton	8	0	5	0	3	173	174	20	99.43
Mathoura	7	1	4	0	3	192	146	16	131.51
Blighty	8	0	3	0	5	177	124	12	142.74
Katamatite	7	1	2	0	5	164	284	8	57.75
Tocumwal	7	1	2	0	5	96	181	8	53.04
Yarroweyah	7	1	1	0	6	131	210	4	62.38
Jerilderie	7	1	1	0	6	120	205	4	58.54
Picola United	8	0	0	0	8	112	256	0	43.75

17 & UNDER

Blighty 44 def Katunga 20
Katamatite v Yarroweyah
Picola United 31 def by Tocumwal 35
Rennie 41 def Mathoura 20
Strathmerton 34 def Waaia 33

LADDER	P	B	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%
Strathmerton	7	0	7	0	0	276	135	28	204.44
Tocumwal	7	1	6	0	1	231	172	24	134.3
Picola United	8	0	5	0	3	218	192	20	113.54
Blighty	6	0	4	0	2	230	172	16	133.72
Waaia	6	1	4	0	2	209	161	16	129.81
Deni Rovers	7	1	4	0	3	164	148	16	110.81
Katunga	6	1	3	0	3	123	180	12	68.33
Rennie	7	0	2	0	5	205	246	8	83.33
Mathoura	7	1	2	0	5	117	181	8	64.64
Jerilderie	4	1	1	0	3	0	0	4	0
Yarroweyah	6	1	0	0	6	81	267	0	30.34
Berrigan	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Katamatite	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

15 & UNDER

Berrigan 29 def Jerilderie 19
Blighty 60 def Katunga 16
Katamatite 58 def Yarroweyah 14
Picola United 15 def by Tocumwal 27
Rennie 46 def Mathoura 19
Strathmerton 12 def by Waaia 46

LADDER	P	B	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%
Rennie	8	0	8	0	0	336	110	32	305.45
Blighty	8	0	8	0	0	340	146	32	232.88
Waaia	7	1	5	0	2	232	136	20	170.59
Tocumwal	7	1	4	1	2	201	159	18	126.42
Mathoura	7	1	4	0	3	216	226	16	95.58
Deni Rovers	7	1	3	1	3	204	137	14	148.91
Berrigan	8	0	3	1	4	201	215	14	93.49
Katamatite	7	1	3	0	4	211	208	12	101.44
Jerilderie	7	1	3	0	4	176	207	12	85.02
Picola United	8	0	3	0	5	186	224	12	83.04
Strathmerton	8	0	2	1	5	157	220	10	71.36
Katunga	7	1	0	0	7	98	245	0	40
Yarroweyah	7	1	0	0	7	49	374	0	13.1

13 & UNDER

Berrigan 24 def Jerilderie 20
Blighty 46 def Katunga 6
Katamatite 16 def Yarroweyah 1
Picola United 4 def by Tocumwal 35
Rennie 44 def Mathoura 10
Strathmerton 11 def by Waaia 17

LADDER	P	B	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%
Blighty	8	0	8	0	0	271	54	32	501.85
Tocumwal	7	1	6	0	1	186	39	24	476.92
Deni Rovers	7	1	6	0	1	171	47	24	363.83
Rennie	8	0	5	1	2	178	97	22	183.51
Strathmerton	8	0	4	0	4	112	113	16	99.12
Berrigan	8	0	3	1	4	129	159	14	81.13
Picola United	8	0	3	1	4	97	149	14	65.1
Jerilderie	7	1	3	0	4	122	138	12	88.41
Katunga	7	1	3	0	4	81	124	12	65.32
Katamatite	7	1	3	0	4	64	120	12	53.33
Waaia	7	1	2	1	4	113	127	10	88.98
Mathoura	7	1	0	0	7	49	209	0	23.45
Yarroweyah	7	1	0	0	7	12	209	0	5.74

NEXT WEEK

Round 9, June 8: Deni Rovers v Strathmerton; Katunga v Berrigan; Waaia v Picola; Jerilderie v Rennie; Tocumwal v Katamatite; Mathoura v Yarroweyah; Blighty, bye.

Smedge netts another trophy

by "The Shankster"

THE scores weren't great for the final round of the Numurkah Golf Club Saturday nett championship, but Helen Schmedje came in with the best score of the day, that was good enough to also win her the four round handicap title.

Smedge's 75 nett gave her a total of 220 for her best three of four rounds, finishing two up on Bev McIntosh on 222.

Jenny Ludington was the clubhouse leader for most of the day, with her 77 the equal best score until Smedge came in and trumped it, to relegate Jenny to second place, and Tracey Clouston to third.

Margot McGrath, Lauris Ashton and Rosemary Rutledge all came in with 78s, and Merren Carr rounded out the ball winners with 79.

Julie Hannaford won nearest the pin on the fourth hole and Merren Carr had the best shot to the 18th, that just clung onto the side of the green by digging in its toenails. No-one managed to get onto either the seventh or 15th holes.

The women who turned up to play on Wednesday thought they all deserved a medal, due to the cold, windy and rainy conditions that greeted them.

There were several who pulled out on the morning but, except for a period of rain that lasted for about three holes, it wasn't too bad, providing they were well rugged up.

Although, all those layers seem to have affected our ability to swing a club well, with the top score coming in a mere 29 points recorded by Kath Hepworth.

Nola Dalton was runner-up with 27 points, followed by Bev Hutchins on 26 and Bev McIntosh with 25 points.

Except for not winning the day, Nola scooped the pool, winning both nearest the pins, including the voucher for a delicious coffee and cake at Brereton's Bakery on the cake hole seventh, and another ball for parring all five of the par three holes.

The final first round match in the Jack Roache fourball event was played on Sunday, Jenny Ludington and Liz Dell progressing to the next round with 3/2 win over Julie Daniel and Margot McGrath.

They will meet Robyn Hodgkin and Lorraine Craig in their second round match.

The second round match on the other side of the draw has already been played, with the top qualifiers Felicity Booth and Lauris Ashton moving onto the final with a 2/1 win over Kath Hepworth and Merren Carr on Friday.

Felicity and Lauris were four up on the turn and would have been hoping to wrap it up quickly, but Kath and Merren fought hard to only lose it on the 17th hole.

Golf today will be a par round, so hopefully the weather forecast stays as it was at the time of going to print, a balmy 14°C with no rain, because it's hard enough to get players to turn up for par, even in the best of conditions.

Saturday will be stableford, and there will also be a stableford round on Monday. Next Wednesday will be a monthly medal round, and the second round of the silver spoon event.

Pick of the bunch ... Helen Schmedje was the best of an ordinary lot of women golfers last Saturday.

Allan's a key winner

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

ALLAN Newby has been the pivotal player in recent mid-week men's golf competitions at Numurkah Golf Club. During the last three weeks he has greeted the winner's circle twice and also been a runner-up.

This past week saw Allan match Martin Daniel's score of 37 stableford points to oust him to second place in a countback.

The two major winners were the only competitors in the field to play to their handicaps. Once again, overall scores were low and reflected the slick greens and difficult pin positions set for the club championships.

Players whose scores did enable them to receive a ball were: Matt Ebborn, Steve Piggott and Neville Smith 34, Pete Stonehouse 33, Ron Smith, Leigh Robertson, Kevin Dunn and Neil Hutchins 31, Kerry Collins, Bill Green, John Smith and Hugh Gunn 30.

Barry Schmedje brought up the tail of the field with 16 points to win the tin of boiled lollies.

Chris Hicks joined Bill Padgett to be a recipient of this week's Mickey Mouse ears for forgetting to enter the competition and wondering why he wasn't put in a playing group. Bill earned his ears by scrounging a band-aid from a fellow player for a bleeding finger, only for him to learn that to make it stick successfully you have to take off the plastic tabs!

The nearest the pin awards were won by the following players: Ian Hannaford snared the GMCU ball on the fourth hole, Neville Smith took the players' sweep money on the seventh, John Smith strung two good shots together to take Dennis and Roy's sponsored ball on the two shot 14th, and Martin Daniel won a ball on the 18th thanks to Pruden's Carpentry. Once again no one could land on the 15th and make Graeme 'Doggy' Sprunt be forthcoming.

Want to join us this Thursday? Assemble at the clubhouse at 9.30am for a 10 o'clock hit off. Visitors and guest are most welcome.

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Strazz sets new record with nine titles

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Matt Ebborn found the weather and the course just to his liking, shooting a great score of 69 nett to win A grade. Matt has been playing very steady golf, and has dropped a few shots off his handicap in the past month.

Runner-up in A grade was Jack Dell, who staged a miraculous turnaround after raising his bat with a score of 101 last week, dropping 14 shots to post a 72.

This was the same score returned by Alf Patman, who won B grade with one shot to spare from Martin Harper.

Balls went to Steve Piggott, Rob Sutton and Rod Campbell, on 73, Mitch Grandell, Andrew Nicholls, Chris Hicks, Ian Hannaford, Ian Walsh, Dave Scanlan, Adam Cook and Neil Hutchins on 74s, and the last one went to Bill Padgett with 75.

Adam Cook had a terrific shot to the fourth green to win nearest the pin, Matt Sellars was also very close on the seventh, Col Stone won the ball on the 15th, and Matt Sellars finished his round nicely with another great shot to the 18th.

We all know that golf is a funny game, that can vary greatly from week to week, round to round, and Neil Hutchins was living proof of this on Saturday.

After scoring a hole-in-one the previous week, Bugs hit a bad tee shot off the 16th and decided to hit a provisional ball in case it was out of bounds.

Both balls turned out to be still in play, so Bugs played what he thought was his first ball out onto the fairway, to then realise that he had hit the provisional ball, and so had to wear the penalties.

Golf this long weekend will be stableford rounds, both on Saturday and again on Monday for those looking for another hit.

All champs ... Andrew Storer, Helen Schmedje, Chris Hicks and Robbie Sutton all won their respective grade championship titles.

Radar lessons next on the agenda

ONLY 43 veteran golfers correctly interpreted the radar weather map and turned up at Merrigum on Monday for the Goulburn Valley Veteran Golfers' Association's regular monthly outing.

The light morning drizzle had cleared well before tee allocations, and stayed away throughout the competition.

A couple of local golfers featured amongst the winners, Nathalia's Bernie O'Hare winning A grade and Numurkah golfer Bill Padgett taking out B grade.

O'Hare scored 38 points to win from Seymour's John Boruch on 37 points.

The B grade scores were a lot lower, with Padgett scoring 33 points to win from Geoff Squires, from Valley View, with 31 points.

Mooroopna golfer Robert Frame won C grade with 35 points, ahead of Nagambie's Brian Johnson, with 31.

Nearest the pin was contested on the 162 metre ninth tee, with Ron Wilkinson, Shepparton, the winner in A grade. No B grade player was on target; and Rob Frame was successful in C grade.

The ball run down included John McHale, John Fuller, Dennis Koik, Neville Winch, Keith Seeber, Richard Stockdale, Bill Murphy, Laurie Stewart, Sid Roughsedge, Kevin Taylor, Ian Clarke (Kialla), Bill Waite and Bruce Whebell.

The association's next regular event will be at Hill Top Golf Club, on Monday, June 24, 9.30am assembly, 10am tee. A short committee meeting will be held after presentations.

Picola down by five

THE clash between the Picola United and Tocumwal A grade netball sides, was a very hard-fought game, won by the visiting side, Tocumwal, by five goals.

Fourth-placed Picola saw its defensive pressure much improved on Saturday, against the fifth placed Tocumwal, and the Blues attackers drove hard all game.

This weekend, the Blues will meet Waaia, which is coming off a loss to Strathmerton on Saturday.

Awards: Nathalia Post Office: Demi Morrison; Brereton's Bakery: Cody Power.

B GRADE

Tocumwal proved too good for the Picola B graders, taking victory 42-26.

The Blues missed a few opportunities that set them back a bit, but they are showing improvement every week.

Awards: Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering: Caitlyn Boschetti; Brereton's Bakery: Mikayla Oliver.

C GRADE

With a team reliant on a number of fill-ins, the C graders put in a great effort but went down to Tocumwal, 23-44.

Awards: Foott Waste Solutions: Tennessee Dove; Club dinner: Leanne Guthrie.

C RESERVE

Picola's C reserve side came oh-so-close to winning its first game of the season, going down in a thriller, by just one goal, 18-19.

The girls displayed great teamwork, and saw what playing as a team can do.

Awards: Casual Step: Hayley; Club dinner: Anne.

17 UNDER

The under 17s faced a tough game in the clash between second placed Tocumwal and third placed Picola, and a slow start cost the Blues the points, as they went down by four points.

The Picola girls played especially well in the last quarter, lifting each other with lots of talk, and working the ball well into attack, but Tocumwal took the victory 35-31.

Awards: Power Livestock: Cody Power; Barmah Social Club: Kate Francis.

15 UNDER

The under 15s got off to a very slow start, and went down by 12 goals to Tocumwal, 15-27.

The Blues need to move forward to the ball more, but they woke up in the third quarter, and showed just what they are capable of.

Awards: Birch Earthmoving: Gypsy Saunders; Barmah Social club: Tash Morgan.

13 UNDER

Tocumwal proved a tough opponent for the Blues under 13s, taking a big victory, 35-4.

Despite the big difference in the scores, the Blues kept fighting right to the end.

The defenders created many turnovers, and the attackers and goalers moved well in the last half to be rewarded with a few goals.

Awards: Baxter Family Medallion: KJ Fordham; Barmah Social Club: Indiana McCabe Jackson.

MINIS

The youngest Blues played a great game against a very tall side. They displayed great team work, leading towards the ball.

Awards: Intersport Bennett's: Taneesha Atkinson; PUFNC: Tahlia Bell.

Numurkah Knights soccer

THE Numurkah Knights went into the weekend's game against St George's Road under strength due to illness, but still showed their fighting spirit, despite losing the game.

Will Robin and Anna Newman were forced into defence, and Riley Crisp was as brilliant as ever in goals, putting his body on the line to save some difficult shots.

Late in the game, Riley found space with a goal kick to Caleb Lewis on the wing, who managed to outpace his opposition and score a great goal for the Knights.

UNDER 8s

The under eights played a great game against Bourchier Gold, but couldn't manage a win.

Bourchier got in two quick goals in the first half, the second off an amazing volley that rebounded off both the crossbar and the side post, bewildering the Knights goalie on its way to the net.

Numurkah returned fire in the second half, with Declan Stockwin and Bailey Hawthorn setting up Georgie Hall for a shot on goal that kissed the net beautifully.

Numurkah played well, taking advantage of boundary throw-ins to set up some great shots, but was unable to replicate its first goal.

UNDER 6s

What an amazing game from the under sixes. Aiden was always looking for a team mate to pass the ball to and gave 110% when he really wanted to sit and rest.

Scarlet showed so much concentration and was always looking for the ball, Darcy was always looking to defend the goals, and Elijah showed some incredible ball skills, sweeping the ball around the other players and making them work hard for it.

Swans' shoot out to win

KATUNGA got off to a slow start in its A grade netball game against the Picola league bottom side, but found its rhythm in the second quarter and went on to a good win, 39-22.

The Swans' goalers turned on a shooting spree in the second term, while the defenders kept the home side to just two goals.

All players contributed to the win in a great team game.

Although sitting in sixth place on the ladder, the Swans are only two games behind the ladder leader, Katamatite, and will be hoping for a good home win against ninth placed Berrigan this weekend.

Awards: AgBioEn: Lily Kennedy; ND Services: Brianna Armitage; Clydesdale Hotel: Emma Fothergill.

B GRADE

The undefeated Katunga B grade side continued on its merry way, with a 51-18 win over Blighty.

Playing their shortest player against a very tall opposition player left a few scratching their heads, but there was method to the madness.

The Swans started slowly, but lifted their intensity as the game went on.

Sensational passages of play, and even better defensive pressure all over the court were the keys to Katunga's game.

Blighty's defenders made it difficult to feed the ball into the goal circle at times, but patience has been a focus for the Swans at training, and it paid big dividends this weekend.

This weekend's opponent Berrigan sits just one game behind the Swans on the ladder, and is sure to provide a competitive game.

Awards: KSG Fuel: Soph McCracken; Numurkah Pharmacy: Carly Bell and Stacey Weeks.

C GRADE

A fantastic display of team work saw the Swans' C grade side come home from Blighty with a 40 goal win.

The Swans made great leads and put in 100% to take their victory, 58-18, and will need to keep this up on Saturday when they meet the undefeated top side.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Taylor Otto; Fitness 3636: Brodie Hickey.

C RESERVE

The Swans' C reserve side started off a bit rusty after a week off, but fought back to claim a terrific, nail-biting victory.

The Katunga defenders' were strong all game, and the mid court stepped things up in the last quarter to claim the win, 33-32.

Awards: Telegraph Hotel: Ash Lee; Fitness 3636: Brodie Hickey.

17 UNDER

Blighty's under 17 goalers didn't miss a thing on Saturday, and consequently steered their side to a good win.

The Katunga defenders did all they could, but Blighty proved too good, and took victory 44-20.

Awards: Cobram Farm Equipment: Mikala Littlejohn; Reapers Hair & Beauty: Paige Gilmour and Sammy Simpson.

15 UNDER

The Swans' under 15s suffered a big loss to the undefeated, second placed side.

Blighty came out firing and the Swans were slow to find their games, allowing the home side to set itself up for the 60-16 win.

Once the Katunga girls settled, they began to play their own game and showed a lot of improvement.

Awards: Canteen: Sophie Kennedy; Arbonne: Elly Tweed; Arbonne: Bella Sefton.

13 UNDER

The young Swans came up against a very strong team, with strong shooters, which explains why it sits on top on the ladder.

The Swans never gave up, and know what they need to work on to help them improve moving forward.

Awards: Ten Pin Bowling: Angel Cook; Cold Rock: Amarli Gilmour.

11 UNDER

The Swans' under 11s put in another great team game. While they made a very early start, the girls were ready and enthusiastic to play.

Re-leading has been a major focus at training and all players applied these new skills on the court.

Awards: Laino's Pizza: Ivy Henderson; Cold Rock: Gemma Rogers.

Tight game at Strathy

DESPITE the 18 goal difference in the scores at the end of the game, the Strathmerton versus Waaia game was a tight, physical contest, and Waaia pushed the home side for the whole four quarters.

Waaia got off to a slow start, giving Strathmerton too many scoring opportunities. The Bombers did play some good netball, but need to put it together for a full game.

The Bulldogs' attackers were sensational all game, led by Amy Carter who shot more than half her team's score. Brittany Brunskill had her first go for the season in goals, and didn't look out of place.

In the end, it was Strathmerton who prevailed, winning 54-36, with a solid team effort and backing each other all over the court.

Strathmerton awards: Strathy Pub BOG: Amy Carter; Strathy Cafe, Strathy Pub, Subway and Keepactive Osteopathy: Whole team.

Waaia awards: WFNC Cash: Angela Thorne, Telegraph Hotel: Chelsey Thorne.

B GRADE

Teamwork is the focus of the Waaia B grade side, and it is paying off for the equal top side, which scored a comfortable win over Strathmerton on Saturday, 36-51.

Strathmerton started well, keeping to within three goals of a top side in the first quarter, but dropped off a bit in the second half.

The Bulldogs showed some great passages of play and terrific defensive pressure, while their goaling combinations are becoming comfortable and looking much more confident in the goal circle.

Strathmerton awards: Stephanie Knight, Karen Duckworth and Joy Maher.

Waaia awards: WFNC Cash: Maddi Cleeland, Terminus Hotel: Hayley Thorne.

C GRADE

Waaia's C graders may have learnt a lesson about the value of warming up before their game, not needing to warm up their toes and fingers on a warm, sunny day. The Bombers got off to a slow start to their game, but did soon warm up and went on to dominate their game, taking a 61-17 win.

Even though Strathmerton was having a tough time, the girls still encouraged each other to keep going and always had each other's backs. The Bulldogs are starting to come together as a team and getting to know each other's games.

The Bulldog attackers moved well, in and around the ring, and always put up a fight.

Rachel Thorne played a fabulous game in centre for Waaia, spending the whole hour running from end to end, taking intercepts and forcing turnovers. Holly Scott look comfortable back in goals, and the defenders worked tirelessly all game.

Strathmerton awards: Active Osteo: Ebony Coburn; Supreme Meats: Elle-Rose Walkington; Strathy Cafe: Chloe Wells.

Waaia awards: WFNC Cash: Holly Scott; Telegraph Hotel: Andrea Walker; Casual Step: Rachel Thorne.

C RESERVE

The C reserve game was a tough, intense clash right throughout, with only five goals separating the two teams at the end of the game.

Waaia started off making a few silly mistakes but, with teamwork and determination, took the early lead, and held onto it right to the end.

Strathmerton made Waaia work for its win. The Bulldog girls meshed well together, turning up the heat in the third quarter, both defensively and in attack, to go neck-and-neck with the Bombers.

However, Waaia proved the stronger side, and took the win, 33-28.

Strathmerton awards: Cobram Photographics BOC: Naomi Payne; Supreme Meats: Shayla Crowe; Subway: Amy Duhring.

Waaia awards: WFNC Cash: Abbi Harris, Terminus Hotel: Felicity Harris, Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Kim Daniel.

17 UNDER

Both sides knew this under 17s clash was going to be a tough one, but probably not as tough as it turned out, with Strathmerton keeping its unbeaten record intact, by a solitary goal, 34-33.

The scoreline was up and down right through the game, but it was the Bulldogs in front when the final whistle blew, holding their composure in the dying minutes of the game.

The Bombers' defensive pressure was fantastic, and everyone played their part.

Strathmerton award: Strathy Cafe: Alyssa Crestani.

Waaia awards: Numurkah Sportfirst: Teashia Dietrich; Socks: Jordan Hopkins; Terminus Hotel: Annie Holt.

15 UNDER

Strathy's under 15 girls got off to a slow start, and Waaia took charge to set itself up for a 46-12 victory.

The Bulldogs put in some great passages of play in attack, but they weren't consistent enough to get them back into the game.

Kiera Henderson and Tahlia Woodland both put in very solid defensive efforts, contesting the ball and rebounding well under the post, but the Bombers were beaten by a better team on the day.

Strathmerton awards: $5: Tahlia Woodland; Strathy Cafe: Bridie Chester; Subway: Kiera Henderson.

Waaia awards: D&M Plattfuss: Nat Hobbs; WFNC Canteen: Eloise Walker.

13 UNDER

A slow start proved costly for Waaia's under 13s, against a tall Waaia side, that took an early lead.

The Bulldogs gathered themselves at the first break and kept up for the rest of the game, but couldn't peg back the difference, going down 11-17.

Strathmerton awards: Canteen: Dakota Kelly; Strathy Cafe: Tahlia Muller.

Waaia awards: WFNC Scrunchie: Mary Caldow; WFNC Canteen: Sophie Halden; Terminus Hotel: Jorja Kelly.

MINIS

Both under 11 teams played terrific games in sunny conditions on Saturday, bringing the skills they have been practising at training onto the netball court: leading, making space, channels, and using names, all while supporting and encouraging each other, as they develop a great camaraderie with their team mates.

Strathmerton awards: Canteen/Strathy Cafe: Briley Barnes and Tamika Muller for their fantastic defensive work. Hands on Nutrition: Sophie Hughes for being a pocket rocket.

Waaia awards: WFNC Scrunchie: Jamieson Shelton; Northstar: Skylah O'Dwyer.

B grade ... Andrea Bergamin gets a pass away over the hands of Stefanie Knight.

C reserve ... Waaia's Felicity Harris defends a Sarah Brooks shot at goal.

Glenn scores 100

AFTER two cards of 100 were scored the previous week at Numurkah Small Bore Club competition, Glenn Miles added one of his own last Thursday, scoring 100.4.

Glen Miles, Lindsay Braybon and Tim Braybon all top scored for the night in their respective divisions.

SCORES

20 metre benchrest: G. Miles 100.4 98.3 198.7, D. Bradshaw 96.1 98.3 194.4; B. Braybon 97.2 94.2 191.4, C. Saxton 95.3 95.0 190.3; L. Cook 96.3 94.0 190.3, D. Bradshaw 93.1 95.2 188.3; J. Matys 94.0 94.1 188.1, E. Ryan 97.0 90.0 187.1.

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There will be shooting as usual at Numurkah this Thursday night.

Top for a reason

THERE were no surprises in Numurkah indoor bowls competition last Thursday, with all higher placed teams on the ladder winning their games.

Senior Citizens and Nathalia both had 10-0 wins, while Strathmerton and Waaia both won on only one mat each.

RESULTS

Katamatite 2/48 lt Waaia 8/50. M. Nordbye 27 d L. Clarke 24; C. Owen 21 lt S. Cleeland 26.

Strathmerton 8/47 d Barooga 2/39. T. Haynes 18 lt I. Swain 22; R. Clarke 29 d E. Gordon 17.

Nathalia 10/51 d Shamrock 0/32. B. Hutchins 23 d T. Bullock 20; F. Hutchins 28 d M. Young 12.

Wunghnu 0/35 lt Senior Citizens 10/46. N. Barnes 22 lt B. Seymour 23; D. O'Connor 13 lt L. Addison 23.

LADDER

Waaia 47 +114; Strathmerton 36 +34; Nathalia 31 +80; Barooga 27 +18; Senior Citizens 25 +1; Katamatite 22 -31; Shamrock 12 -47; Wunghnu 0 -169.

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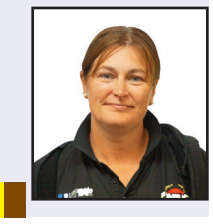

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One quarter not enough

KATUNGA faced a very winnable game of football up at Blighty on the weekend but got off to a slow start that let Blighty take what proved to be an unassailable lead at the first break.

The Redeyes led by six goals at quarter time, but the visiting Swans managed to keep them to just one major in the second term.

The Swans gave their opponents far too much space and were unable to match Blighty's run, physicality, and the overlap they created, and the home side went on to take a 43 point win, 16.14 (110) to 10.7 (67).

Dylan Sidebottom scored more than half his side's total score, with six majors, while Trent Baker and Mitch Sidebottom both added two.

Katunga will face a tough game this weekend when it hosts second placed Berrigan, which overtook Waaia after its big loss to Strathmerton on the weekend.

Awards: Katunga Fresh: Xavier Thorp; Clydesdale Hotel: Scott Sutton; Lenny's Ag: Ethan Hodgkin; GrainCorp Oilseeds: Will Newman; Telegraph Hotel: Kevin Van den Goor.

RESERVES

After the long road trip to Blighty, the Katunga reserves got off to a good start, and while it looked like it might be an easy day for the Swans, this wasn't to be the case, with the visitors just sneaking over the line by two points.

Katunga got the first three majors of the game but Blighty fought back, kicking four to the Swans' one in the second term.

Kelvin Kennedy had a break-out game, while Trent Corby and Josh Tetley kept up their form, controlling the ground.

The second half proved to be a real arm-wrestle, with the lead continually changing, but it was the Swans in front at the final siren, 10.3 (63) to 9.7 (61).

Oliver Small, coming back from injury, proved to be the difference in getting the Swans over the line, with five goals to his name, with five other players all making single contributions.

Awards: John King Grain: Kelvin Kennedy; Dan Hendy Landforming: Trent Corby; Telegraph Hotel: Josh Tetley; Clydesdale Hotel: Tom Van de Berg; KFNC: Michael John.

UNDER 17s

The under 17s scored a massive win on Saturday, amassing 18 goals in their 111 point demolition over Blighty.

Sam Arho kicked six majors and Kody Jackson was outstanding. With 18 goals on the board, a lot of players added majors, with a total of nine different goal kickers.

Awards: Milne Fabrication and Construction: Kody Jackson; Booth Transport: Sam Arho; Numurkah Turkey Supplies: Kyle Said; SportFirst Numurkah: Clayton Beer; Canteen: Dylan Baker.

UNDER 14s

After an even match up for most of the game, the Katunga under 14s were given a bit of a footy lesson in the last term, before they went down by four goals.

Katunga led a scrappy game by three points going into the last quarter, but failed to make any impact on the scoreboard in the final term, while Blighty added three goals to run away with a 17 point win, 6.5 (41) to 3.6 (24).

Awards: Daniel Transport: Jake Bell; EB Mawson & Sons: Viv Russo; Supporters: Zac Bosse; Red Cherry: Lachlan O'Brien; Canteen: Harry McDonald.

FIFTHS

A large number of youngsters took to the field for the fifths game, making for a very scrappy, tight game.

Toby Bell made a lot of tackles in the packs, Eli Johns worked hard to get the ball, and Brian Hansen ran the ball out to space.

Awards: Canteen vouchers: Toby Bell, Eli Johns, Brian Hansen.

Purples draw at Congupna

AFTER a slow start and a final term loss of momentum, Nathalia's A grade netballers finished Saturday's game drawn level with Congupna, at 39 goals each.

The Purples' slow start was short-lived and they led by a solitary goal at the first break.

Strong passes and play in attack, with accurate shooting from the goalers saw the visitors up at the main break.

The defenders were solid in the third quarter, turning over many balls. Holly Boyd played her debut game in A grade, and held her own against a strong attack.

But the Purples lost their way in the last term and Congupna drew level, when the final whistle sounded.

Awards: Coprice BOC: Amy Brooks, Brereton's Bakery; Emma McDonald, Casual Step: Breanne Walpole.

B GRADE

The B graders also got off to a slow start, but they worked hard in defence to get them back in the game. But it wasn't enough, and Nathalia trailed by two goals when the game ended.

Reni Hicks worked hard through the mid court, with strong drives and beautiful feeding into the goal circle.

The final scores saw Nathalia go down 31-33.

Awards: Coprice BOC: Jessi Hicks, Hinchliffe & Greed Real Estate: Reni Hicks, Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Millie Maskell.

C GRADE

A slow start may have proved costly for the Nathalia C graders, when a great fightback saw them go down to Congupna by just two goals, 40-42.

Chloe Armstrong took some fantastic intercepts across the court, and Katie Willcock's pressure in defence was very impressive.

Maddi Lindsay stepped up from the under 17s and goaled outstandingly against physical defensive pressure.

Awards: Barmah Hotel: Chloe Armstrong, 3 Belles Creations: Kate Willcock, Sportfirst Numurkah: Maddi Lindsay.

C RESERVE

Four good quarters of netball got the C reserve side a very nice eight goal win over Congupna, 43-35.

Annie Dietrich and Anna Brown filled-in and played well.

Awards: Limo's Home Hardware: Paige Hickey, Laino's Pizza: Amy Rohan, SportFirst Numurkah: Annie Dietrich

17 UNDER

Great team play and backing each other saw the Nathalia under 17s score a terrific win over Congupna, 54-15.

Using short passes and one-two plays, the Purples showed their versatility, and their pressure over the ball really paid off.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Annie Dietrich, Marketplace Subway: Indyia Parker, Bell's Water Cartage: Tammy Woods.

15 UNDER

The under 15s played well for four full quarters, and came away with a great 29 goal win over the winless Congupna side.

Kaiya Cornell played a strong game as goal defence, and into the centre, where she intercepted many centre passes. Her move to goal attack in the last half saw her work well in the ring with Hannah Summerville.

Ella Johns, Jenna Mason and Emily Woods were strong in defence, keeping Congupna to a minimal score. Nathalia took victory 37-8.

Awards: Kylie Richards BOC: Kaiya Cornell, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Jenna Mason, Marketplace Subway: Hannah Summerville, TJ's IGA: Emily Woods.

13 UNDER

The under 13s put in a great first quarter, but need to maintain that intensity for the whole game if they are to put wins on the board.

The Purples showed terrific improvement this week, with great defensive pressure and fed well into the ring, but Congupna was too strong, taking victory 42-12.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Sophie Creer-Pope, Nathalia Dairy: Ella Dealy, TJ's IGA: Eliza Kopsidas.

Purples just too good

ANOTHER very different lineup for the Nathalia reserves side did little to dampen the team's dominance on Saturday, and the Purples came away with a 97 point win over Congupna.

Early on, this was a tight contest, with both sides able to find the footy and hit the scoreboard, but as the game wore on, the Purples were able to gain the ascendancy through midfield dominance and an even spread of targets forward.

Nathalia's ability to transition the ball through the middle and open the game up was pivotal, providing the forwards with ample opportunities.

Matt Carroll found a lot of the footy around the stoppages and was a key link man in transition, while Jarrod Maskell again gave his fellow mids first use with some deft tap work and gave a strong presence in the air.

Josh Gemmill was a four quarter contributor on the wing, finding the footy and providing plenty of dash. Kodi Hicks provided a reliable target to always give a contest and was the top goal scorer with three goals. Nathan McKenna continued his good form to work hard both offensively and defensively.

There was an even spread of goal kickers, with nine players all contributing majors.

This was a solid performance with all players contributing across all lines to take victory 16.13 (109) to 1.6.(12).

Awards: Ryan Meat Co BOG: Matt Carroll, Mick Hogan Excavations: Craig Kellow, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Nathan McKenna, Blake St Butcher: Jarrod Maskell, Numurkah Nu-Genes: Jamie Hardy, Brereton's Bakery: Daniel Robinson.

UNDER 17s

The Nathalia third went into Saturday's contest full of confidence, and put in a terrific performance, although going down by eight points.

Nathalia started well, the onballers and backs fighting hard to go into the half time break trailing by just three points.

Going into the last quarter, trailing by 12 points, the coaches asked for a solid finish to the game, which they did, gaining ground on the home side, but going down 5.8 (38) to 7.4 (46).

Ryan Bell was everywhere all game, but really dominated in the last term. Taylor Moroney continued to battle all day, as did Aiden Lindsay and Toby Hansford.

There were many positives to be taken into next week's clash with Tungamah.

Awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Taylor Moroney, AV Hughes: Ryan Bell, Rex James Stockfeed: Aiden Lindsay, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Jayden Boxall, Marketplace Subway: Toby Hansford.

UNDER 14s

The under 14s got off to a good start at Congupna on Saturday morning, and never looked back, keeping their opposition scoreless for the game, while adding 24 goals and 16 behinds.

Darcy Conroy and Kai Lundberg were busy in the forward line with repeated entries via Connor Peachey, while Jerry Amery and Brandon Orton provided constant drive.

The Sheehan twins, Charlie and Oliver, were grand contributors all day, as were Ewan Congues, Brady Walpole and Billy Liddell.

Darcy Conroy did the bulk of the scoring, booting a terrific 10 goals for his side.

Awards: Past Players: Billy Liddell, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Oliver Sheehan, Al's Café: Darcy Conroy, Frostick Contracting: Ben Nave, Nathalia Printers: Brandon Orton.

Improved showing from Blues' ressies

NUMURKAH'S reserves footy side travelled to Barooga with a new team structure in place, a willingness to compete in and around the contest, and a greater output of effort, in what turned out to be its best showing for the season so far, but was still outclassed by Barooga and couldn't get the job done.

The midfield was asked to lift, and Matt Mansfield, James Pruden and Kaleb Rees were able to capitalise on Troy Metzner's quality ruck work to extract fast clearances from the stoppages to deliver to the forwards.

Hamish Lambert showed his versatility after being shifted to centre half forward for the week, and presented a strong target all game.

Dusty Ebborn showed his class in front of goal, slotting through four majors. Luke Mansfield and Jayden Holmes played great supporting roles to the key forwards, applying ample forward pressure and tackling strongly, also adding a goal apiece. The entire forward line combed well for the reserves' highest score of the year to date.

The backline stuck tirelessly to the game plan against stronger opponents, once again led well by Greg Gallus and small defender Tyson Maltman. Jayden Rees played with great aggression at centre half back in a best afield four quarter performance.

All in all, there are positives for the boys to take from this week's game as they continue to strive towards a victory.

Awards: D.J. and B. Concreting: Jayden Rees, Shamrock Hotel: Hamish Lambert, Middle Pub: James Pruden, Brereton's Bakery: Matt Mansfield, Mierlo: Troy Metzner.

UNDER 17s

The thirds took on Barooga on a perfect day for footy and, even after a slow start, ran out winners by 67 points.

Barooga started the better of the two teams but, due to missed opportunities, Numurkah took a small lead into the first break.

Accountability was the main focus of the quarter time huddle, and the boys responded in fine style.

Matt Mansfield, Kade O'Dwyer and Dustan Ebborn took control of the game, and showcased their clean skills and footy smarts to put the Blues in a winning position.

Tom Hughes once again played the wing to perfection, and Kane Newby and Jayden Hollands worked into the game well to help Numurkah win the game 13.12 (90) to 3.5 (23).

UNDER 14s

The Blues' fourths staged a bit of a comeback in the second half of their game, but Barooga had etched out a 30 point lead by half time that proved unassailable for the visitors.

Ollie Masters rucked well in a position he is making his own, and Judah Moody roved well over the ball. Reeve Verhoeven was as elegant as ever, travelling pole to pole, with the ball heavy with dew and as slippery as a lemon pip, and Lucas Roberts patrolled the defensive 50, but the Hawks' full forward flew high for a telling mark and kicked the first major of the day.

The first quarter continued in this way, with the home side kicking accurately and marking cleanly to take a lead of 15 points into the first break, despite valiant defence in the box from Jaxon McKellar and Riley Dobson.

Second quarter action saw the Hawks increasing the pressure in Numurkah's defensive 50. It took five minutes to breach the big sticks, though they peppered behinds. While Kobie Rahilly, Conner Waites and Nick Hughes showed their customary toughness around the contest, breaking through the solid mid field and back line, the home team was proving to be a gargantuan ask, and had doubled its lead to 30 by the major break.

The third quarter began more evenly, with Barooga kicking one goal before Nathan Page, playing his first game for a while, slipped in, kicking truly for Numurkah's first goal, narrowing the gap to 33 points at the last break.

The Blues were competitive again in the final term, linking well to supply Zac Cason with the pill, and he kicked truly. The quarter was dominated by the Blues, but it was too little, too late, with a final score of 5.10 (40) to 2.1 (13).

Best players: Nick Hughes, Ollie Masters, Jaxon McKellar, Reeve Verhoeven, Nathan Page and Braidyn Dicker

All in ... There was plenty of action at Strathmerton when the Bulldogs met Waaia in a top of the table clash on Saturday.

Bulldogs inflict Waaia's first loss

INACCURATE kicking for goal may have cost Waaia its first loss for the 2019 Picola football league season, when it recorded 15 behinds against local rival Strathmerton on Saturday.

The two sides sat together at the top of the ladder, with Strathmerton having suffered one loss, but not having had the bye yet.

In terrific conditions for football, a cracking contest was expected, and the game didn't disappoint, with both sides moving the ball with ease from congestion.

Strathmerton got the break early and kicked accurately, taking a 30 point lead into the half time break and, despite losing a couple of players to injury, never let the lead slip, going on to take victory by 38 points.

The final scores saw Strathmerton kick 12.11 (83) to Waaia's 5.15 (45).

Matty Shannon, Simon Russell and Lance Oswald were all influential for the Bulldogs throughout the day. Tyron Hill, Shan Emmett and skipper Matty O'Kane put in great games, and Zach Wagner played a beauty across half forward.

Sam Richardson played another great game to be Waaia's best, while Mason Sprunt played his role in the backline and stuck to his task all day. Jesse Trower continued his good form, becoming a reliable player each week for the Bombers while Mitchell Cleeland showed highlights of brilliance that were a spectacle for the crowd on the day. Brendan Harris played another great game of football, landing himself in the best yet again.

This weekend, Strathmerton will make the trip to Deniliquin to take on sixth placed Deni Rovers, before having the bye the following weekend, while Waaia will be at home to Picola.

Waaia awards: Onley Consulting: Sam Richardson; Gagliardi Scott Real Estate/Telegraph Hotel: Mitchell Cleeland; Ahoy Water/Terminus Hotel: Brendan Harris; Mick Hogan Excavations: Jesse Trower; Sports first Numurkah: Mason Sprunt.

RESERVES

The first half of the reserves game was pretty much one-way traffic, as the Bombers cruised to a 29 point victory in a low scoring encounter.

Strathmerton made another slow start to the game, trailing by 27 points at the long break, but played some better footy after copping a spray from the coach at half time.

Mark Bergamin was outstanding for Waaia, and showed off his blistering pace and foot skills. The Hixon brothers, Steve and Hayden, were dominant all day and made it hard for their Strathy opponents. Trent Bell and Adam Bell fought hard and both played well.

Strathmerton captain Josh Beer was easily the Bulldogs' best, while the big boys down back in Jacob Gillie and Luke Collyer stood strong against plenty of forward entries for Waaia.

Strathy youngsters Dylan and Trent Craven were good and young Bailey Ebborn's age is no issue with his attack at the ball.

Waaia awards: Onley Consulting/Telegraph Hotel: Mark Bergamin; Onley Consulting/Terminus Hotel: Trent Bell; Mick Hogan Excavations: Steven Hixon; Murray Valley Rural and Plumbing: Adam Bell; Ahoy Water Cartage: Hayden Hixon.

UNDER 17s

A nine goal haul to Haydn Wyatt steered Strathmerton's undefeated under 17s side to a crushing victory over Waaia, which only managed to score one behind for the day.

Both teams were undermanned, playing up fourths boys, but the young Bulldogs were not going to be muzzled, and were hungry for the footy from the outset.

It took until the final quarter before Waaia managed to post its score, while Strathmerton cruised to 20.22 (142).

In a great team effort, Strathmerton's midfielders all had a good day, with lots going their way, and this led to plenty of opportunities for the forwards. In addition to Wyatt's nine, Dylan Craven slotted five, and Riley Franklin four, with Aaron MacFadyen and Bailey Ebborn rounding out the goal scorers.

Ryan Cook was superb and his hard work paid off to see him named Waaia's best. Jarvis Rowlands has been a handy inclusion and once again put his skills on show, while Josh Plattfuss played another great game of football. Darcy Wilson continued his good form for the Bombers, along with Joel Clarke, who stepped up to put in a fine performance for his team on the day.

Strathmerton awards: H. Wyatt, R. Franklin, M. Shannon, D. Craven, L. King.

Waaia awards: Sprunt Livestock/Terminus Hotel: Ryan Cook; Pendlebury Sand & Gravel: Jarvis Rowlands; Doug Larkin Refrigeration: Darcy Wilson; D. & M. Plattfuss: Joel Clarke; Waaia Canteen: Josh Plattfuss.

UNDER 14s

Strathmerton moved into top spot on the under 14s ladder with a huge win over Waaia on Saturday.

While Mitch Easden lined up for his 100th game with the Bulldogs, the Bombers were short on numbers, so some of the Strathy boys put up their hands to help out the visitors for the day.

Ben Lee-Madgwick was great deep in the forward line early in the game, creating and kicking much needed early goals.

The young Bulldogs showed their class and ball sharing, taking a six goal lead by quarter time.

Plenty of rotations during the second quarter gave the defenders an opportunity down forward, while some of the forward were sent to the backline.

Strathmerton really started to open up the game in the third quarter, winning the centre clearances and using the advantage. Tyler Stephens led the way with clean ball handling.

The final term saw the score blow out to 18.14 (122), while keeping Waaia scoreless. Josh Payne kicked seven of the Bulldogs' goals.

Aiden Bryant played another stellar game for Waaia. Bailey Plattfuss was terrific, rotating through the backline and midfield, while Regan Collins also played well.

Harry Halden played his best game of the season so far for the Bombers, to earn himself a spot in the best, while Shaylee Dietrich worked hard to get to every contest she could.

Strathmerton awards: Strathy Pizza: Brodie Wren; Subway: Sid McNeil; Terminus Hotel: Tyler Stevens; Ladies committee: Josh Payne; Coach's award: Jacob Wilson.

Waaia awards: C. &C. Wilson/Terminus Hotel: Aiden Bryant; Numurkah Electrical & Pump Services: Regan Collins; Rex James Stock Feed: Bailey Plattfuss; D & M Plattfuss: Harry Halden; Waaia canteen: Shaylee Dietrich.

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Sport Scribes

Long weekend deadlines

Long weekends cause many problems for the staff here at the Leader, in particular in coping with the many contributed sports articles that we receive.

Therefore, we ask sport scribes to get their reports in as early as possible for next week's edition, preferably over the weekend.

Although the Leader office will be closed Monday, staff will be working behind closed doors at various times over the weekend and would appreciate your early contributions.

Picola takes lacklustre victory

PICOLA'S senior footballers struggled to find their rhythm in a low scoring contest against bottom side Tocumwal on Saturday, but managed to come home with a 34 point win on the board.

The Blues' skills were far from polished, all over the ground, and Tocumwal applied great pressure at every contest. Although, there were glimpses of fast running play when the visiting side managed to gain a clean clearance.

Ben Gill bagged five goals, while Rory Knight snagged his first in the blue and white jumper.

The Blues will need to work on their structures and sharpen their skills as they come up against third placed Waaia this Saturday. The Bombers will be out to avenge their last round drubbing at the hands of Strathmerton.

Awards: DMH mug/Barmah Hotel: Ben Reid; Blake St Butchery: Reagan Hamilton; Brereton's Bakery: Blake Jorgensen; Limo's Hardware: Jackson Charles.

RESERVES

The Picola reserves struggled to hit the scoreboard in the first quarter, but found form as the game wore on, eventually taking victory over Tocumwal 11.12 (78) to 0.1 (1).

The Blues' scoring picked up as the game progressed, and they began to control the ball around the ground.

Awards: Nathalia Fertiliser and Grain: Ryan Murphy; Brereton's Bakery: Angus Hawks; Minchin Mechanics: Jarrod Norman; Numans: Shane Cooper.

UNDER 17s

Trailing by just one goal at three-quarter time, the game was up for grabs for the Picola under 17s, but they couldn't manage to get any score on the board, and finished the match down by 28 points.

The boys went out with a good attitude and proved that a positive mindset goes a long way.

They linked up well and managed to kick the first few goals, to be eight points up at half time.

The second and third terms were an arm wrestle, with both sides not giving an inch, but the home side added three goals in the last quarter to take a good win.

Awards: Dove Motors/Lubke Engineering: Tyreece Kerr; Peter Limbrick Accounting: Rhys Varcoe; Barmah Social Club: Jordan Simpson; TJs: Clay Stevens; Nathalia Hair & Beauty Have A Go award: Rory Tucker.

UNDER 14s

A slow start to the under 14s game resulted in a nail-biting, 10 point win for Picola, as Tocumwal staged a fightback and kept the Blues goalless for the last quarter.

Tocumwal came out strong, and kicked two goals for the first term, while restricting the Blues to just five behinds.

With the challenge ahead of them, the Picola boys switched on and turned the game around in the middle two quarters, to lead by 24 points at the last change.

This difference proved too much for the fighting Tocumwal boys, and Picola took the victory 6.11 (47) to 5.7 (37).

Awards: Power Livestock/Barnett Family: Matthew Jorgensen; Better-Bite Barmah: Kayden Atkinson;Barmah Social Club: Elwyn Bush; Al's Cafe encouragement medallion: Logan Daniel; Nathalia Hair & Beauty Have A Go award: William Dargan.

Last quarter lift seals win

NUMURKAH rebounded from a slow start in perfect conditions for football, to come home from Barooga with a 10 point win on Saturday.

The Blues didn't get off to the start they were hoping for. In what was a scrappy affair, indirection and poor disposal meant they weren't able to capitalise on the dominance of ruckman Mick Griffiths at the stoppages.

Cooper Beitzel provided a spark early, with plenty of run out on the wing, getting from contest to contest and delivering nicely inside forward 50.

Inaccuracy in front of goal from the Blues proved costly, allowing the Hawks to maintain a slender 10 point lead at the half time break.

Under the guidance of the consistent Shane Miller and Dylan Taylor, young defenders Clancy Lester, Zach McKeown and Bailey Roberts were crucial in keeping the Blues in the contest. Despite playing undersized, all three nullified their opponents smartly, using the ball with poise beyond their years.

While failing to straighten up in front of goal, the Blues were still only eight points down at three quarter time and still within reach.

The leaders were asked to lift and sent to the midfield for the final quarter.

Griffiths continued to give the midfielders first use of the football, while Beau McKeown and Shane Miller won key clearances early in the quarter to set the tempo for the rest of the team. From there, the two veterans willed themselves to crucial contests as they hunted the ball and threw themselves into dangerous positions for the team.

The younger boys followed the example, standing up in vital situations and attacking the contest when the moment arose.

Jarrod Holmes lifted across half forward, applying great defensive pressure to keep the ball in the forward half and in the Blues' possession.

As the clock wound down in the final quarter, the Blues managed to lay numerous tackles to win free kicks and continually propel the ball forward.

Nathan Hicks and Michael Herlihy took advantage of the forward entries to kick clutch goals in the dying minutes and seal a 10 point win for Numurkah, 7.10 (52) to 6.6 (42).

Purples survive unsettled week

Safety in numbers ... While Brodie Ross, Clancy Congues, Rizza Butler and Bailey Bell were all involved in this play, it's Adam Hickey who won the ball and sent it forward for Nathalia.

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The game broke open after half time as Drew Barnes stamped his authority on the game with his powerful presence around stoppages, and his younger brother Mal was frenetic with his pressure. Tom Nihill started to win possessions around the ground to drive the team forward.

However, a couple of late goals from The Road kept the home team within a kick at three-quarter time.

The last quarter saw the Purples finally break the shackles and kick multiple goals to seal victory, 15.9 (99) to 9.17 (71).

Adam Jorgensen was in everything and Rhys Shannon was dominating his wing. Brayden Summerville grew in confidence as the game progressed and was telling with defensive intercepts. Clancy Congues was also lively on his wing.

Limbrick was generous in his praise of his players.

"Congupna missed some shots they probably should have kicked, but we were able to hang in there and we got the result, which was very pleasing.

"They really dominated the first half, but we were happy with how we responded after half time. They played some good footy on their ground so, after the week that we'd had, we were very happy to get the win.

Onto this weekend's match up against Tungamah, Limbrick said it would be a tricky game.

"From what I can see, Tungamah has been playing some really good footy, kicking some big scores, but we will welcome a couple of guys back into the team, so, on our home ground, we are hopeful we can get some good footy going."

According to Limbrick, Harley Cobbledick is the most notable inclusion in the side, along with a few other players who are starting to get over injuries and will bolster the side in coming weeks.

Final quarter sinks Nathalia women

A STRONG start to their football game on Sunday took the Nathalia women's opposition a bit by surprise, but the Bears responded strongly, and went on to take a decisive 37 point victory.

The Purples started well, winning more of the ball and creating scoring opportunities, but Shepparton soon had the ledger back in its favour, with two goals for the first quarter.

This continued into the second quarter, and Shepparton pulled away with another four goals to Nathalia's one.

The Purple girls dug deep and launched a third quarter comeback, managing to win that quarter with three goals to two, but the Bears lifted again in the final quarter and managed to keep Nathalia scoreless for that term to win 11.5 (71 to 5.4 (34).

Although it was an even team effort, there were several standout performances.

Tegan Sutton won the BOG club mug, proving pivotal, both in the ruck and across the ground.

Cara Briggs showed her terrific speed and footy smarts, and Marni Hicks' strong hands and endless determination were a highlight.

Sharnah Stevens stood out in the backline, with a number of intercept marks, and then followed up with two goals up forward. Abby Favaro, Vanessa Ward and Storm Guthrie all booted one each.

Milie Casey read the play perfectly all day, out-positioning her opponent, and Victoria Wetherall played her best game yet, using her strength and height in both the back and forward lines.

Awards: BOG club mug: Tegan Sutton; Brereton's Bakery: Cara Briggs; Cheeky Cider: Marni Hicks.

Lending support ... Michelle Cobbledick waits as a back up for Marni Hicks during their side's game on Sunday.

NumurkahLEADER Sports

Strazz sets new record with nine titles

by "Archie Bunker"

THERE are some esteemed names that appear several times on the club championship honour boards at the Numurkah Golf Club, but after the sign-writing is completed this year, no name will appear as many times than that of the 2019 champion Andrew Storer.

Storer's ninth championship win on Saturday has set a new record in the club, as far back as anyone can remember, with the honour boards going back to 1958.

Going into the final round with a five shot lead over Dylan Grandell, Grandell actually had one shot less on Saturday to finish as runner-up, but the title was all Storer's, with rounds of 71, 76, 68 and 78 for a four round total of 293 shots.

Playing off a plus handicap where he has to add shots to his score, rather than take them off, this actually gave him a nett score of 302.

Grandell won the A grade nett trophy with 287, four shots ahead of Andrew Nicholls.

The top four players in each grade teed off together for the final round, and Storer found himself playing with three Roughsedge cousins, Dylan and Mitch Grandell and Matt Sellars.

Storer thanked the three youngsters, comparing his short drive to golf with the trip from Melbourne that Dylan and Matt have made to compete in the four championship rounds.

"It would be fair to say that the quality of golf wasn't really good today. It was a funny sort of day, it could have gone any way, any how, at any time, but I was very thankful to be in front at the end of it," he said.

"I had a five shot lead to start the day, and I reckon it was a horrible number, because it was one of those days where it was mine to lose, it was mine to stuff up, and it could have happened at any time.

"I tried my best to lose it, but I got a bit lucky at the end."

The A grade pennant captain will now turn his focus to the winter pennant season, which Numurkah has dominated in recent years, winning three consecutive flags but missing out on their fourth in 2018.

Robbie Sutton led the B grade scratch event from the first round, and cruised to the line with a 10 shot winning margin. Robbie had rounds of 82, 86, 83 and 84 to finish with a total of 331, ahead of Steve Piggott with 341.

These two also topped the B grade handicap event, with 288 and 294, respectively.

New member Chris Hicks won the C grade scratch title with a score of 368 shots, taking a narrow victory over Ian Clark with 369, and again, the same two finished in the same order in the handicap event with nett scores of 287 and 292.

Conditions on the day were cherry ripe for a game of golf, and a good field of players headed out to contest the day's event.

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Championship record ... Andrew Storer tees off in the final round to win a record-breaking ninth Numurkah club championship title on Saturday.

New man at the top ... Jason Limbrick lines up for a kick at goal in his first game back at the helm.

Purples survive unsettled week

NATHALIA survived against a determined Congupna team with a new coach at the helm after an unsettled week at the club.

The Purples' favourite son, 2015 premiership coach and eight time premiership player Jason Limbrick has again taken the reins, in a caretaker role, after Phil Carroll resigned last week.

Club president Dean Limbrick issued the following statement to the *Leader* on Monday morning.

"The Nathalia Football Netball Club place high expectations on our leaders and people holding positions of responsibility within our club. Our Football Department has been in constant discussions with senior coach Phil Carroll during the season regarding the demands of the job and his ability to perform these at the level expected.

"As a result of these discussions Phil Carroll has resigned from his position as senior coach and player at the Nathalia Football Netball Club effective immediately.

"Jason Limbrick has taken on the position of caretaker senior coach, with Malcolm Barnes to continue as his assistant. The club will now consider all options from a coaching perspective in the coming weeks until a permanent replacement can be named."

Nathalia encountered a determined Congupna team in its round eight Murray Football League clash, managing to secure a hard fought 28 point win at Congupna.

The Road played with purpose and challenged the second placed Purples throughout the game.

Luckily for the visitors, Congupna's poor conversion early allowed Nathalia opportunities to stay in the game and eventually overrun the courageous Roaders in the last quarter.

Limbrick said he enjoyed his first week back in the coaching role.

"We were reasonably happy with how we played," Limbrick said.

"Congupna played a good brand of footy. They dominated most of the first half but, to our guys' credit, they hung in there really well and, after half time, we started to play some much better footy."

Nathalia's forwards dominated inside the 50 metre arc and took many contested marks throughout the game.

Alex Hicks continued his rich vein of form, whilst his skillful fellow forward Liam Evans managed to do as he pleased.

Nathalia's defenders were constantly under pressure throughout the first half as Congupna forced the ball forward at all costs. Ryan Butler repelled many attacks.

The Purples were able to wrest some control with some clean ball handling from Bailey Bell through the middle, and clinical finishing from Hicks, Evans and club legend Jason Limbrick, who had an outstanding game in his first game back at the helm as coach of the club.

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