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# Barmah brumby anger

PETER Newman, president of the Barmah Forest Preservation League, is very clear on one thing - no way will he be letting anyone shoot brumbies in the Barmah Forest.

"I will fight it all the way. I will do whatever I have to make sure it doesn't happen," he said.

Like others opposed to the recently released draft strategy that proposes the total removal of brumbies from the forest, Mr Newman says the brumbies have earned their right to be there.

"The brumbies have survived there for a century and they are not the problem in the forest, they are just an easy target."

Mr Newman said the decision to remove them is political.

"They are blaming the brumbies for the degradation of Moira grass, when it's summer flooding, which isn't natural, that's the actual culprit," Mr Newman said.

"Instead of dealing with the thing that's 99% responsible - water - they are targeting something that is 0.5% responsible, because the alternative is too hard and doesn't pander to the Melbourne Greens."

The draft strategy, which was created with input from Parks Victoria, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA), Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and the Yorta Yorta Nations Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC), outlines a plan to reduce brumby numbers from 500 to 100 by 2023, and eventually down to zero.

Mr Newman said that those numbers alone prove that the powers that be don't know what they are talking about.

"They've bandied around numbers as high as 800, which is just ridiculous," he said.

"Never in my lifetime has there been 800, or even 500, horses in that forest. The numbers bounce around a bit between 100 and 200, but they have never been much higher than that."

Like other supporters of the Barmah brumbies, Mr Newman sees the desire to eradicate brumbies from the forest as an attack on 'our heritage'.

So, what does he say to the suggestion that his point of view clearly prioritises human desires and feelings over nature?

"I love the forest, and if I thought the horses were

causing damage that was detrimental to its health and threatened it, then I would agree they have to go, but they're just not.

"I'm lucky that I have access to people with generations of knowledge and experience of that forest, so I know the horses are not the problem."

"The problem is water and the way it is managed. There's too much, not enough or it's in the wrong place. That's what they should be looking at."

So what do those opposed to the strategy for the forest do next?

"Everyone needs to have a look at the strategy and comment on it," Mr Newman said.

"At the very least, people need to know what they are planning, and if they don't like it, they need to comment on it."

"Personally, I think we could get a million comments against it and it wouldn't make a difference, because they've come up with their political strategy and they don't want to listen to us. They've never listened to us before, so why would they now?"

"It won't stop us though. We'll never stop fighting. Never."

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# Amalgamation application submitted

THE proposal for the voluntary amalgamation of Nathalia, Cobram and Numurkah health services has been submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

A statement released by the three services said that the proposal to join services has been unanimously supported by the three boards following extensive community and staff consultation, due diligence assessment, and careful consideration of the benefits and issues - with focus on improving access to care for local communities.

The services further state that the independent due diligence report found no major issues of concern on the proposal to join services - this included a comprehensive assessment of clinical, financial, governance, regulatory and human

resource matters.

The process for DHHS to decide if it will approve the amalgamation to go ahead has three steps:

1. Application for amalgamation is submitted to Director of Rural and Regional Health Victoria, who reviews the application to ensure there are no disadvantages to the community.

2. Application is passed to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services for further review. The secretary then passes the application to the Minister with a recommendation to approve or refuse the application, based on their judgement of whether the amalgamation will result in the provision of better health services, and is otherwise in the public interest.

3. The Minister for Health makes

the final decision in line with the relevant legislation. The process of voluntary amalgamation is set out in sections 64A and 65 of the Health Services Act 1988.

A statement from DHHS said the Minister will carefully consider whether the community has had a reasonable opportunity to be kept informed and contribute to the proposal before making any decisions.

However, the statement also said that community consultation is a matter for the health services. Any amalgamation proposal is also a matter for the health services. Proposals for amalgamations will be considered on their merits by the Department of Health and Human Services.

In response to a question from the *Leader*, a spokesperson for the

Minister reiterated the Minister's previous statement.

"Patients in Numurkah and surrounds deserve the very best healthcare, and we will not entertain any proposal that involves a reduction in services, jobs or the closure of existing facilities."

The statement issued by the three services states that they are working in close consultation with the DHHS, and the proposal is yet to be presented to the Minister for Health for final approval.

The services also maintain that community feedback is ongoing.

"The health services are continuing to meet with service groups and community members to hear feedback and answer questions in relation to the proposal," the statement says.

## Petition delivered to health minister's office

A PETITION opposing the amalgamation of Numurkah, Nathalia and Cobram health services was delivered to the office of the Minister for Health, Jenny Mikakos last Friday.

The petition, signed by more than 300 members of the Numurkah, Nathalia and Cobram greater communities, calls on the Health Minister to stop the amalgamation process of the Nathalia, Cobram and Numurkah health services due to a non-transparent and failed community consultation process.

A small delegation of Numurkah residents handed the petition to one of the Minister's senior advisors, and also the Director of Rural and Regional Health Victoria, Andrew Crow.

Following the presentation of the petition, key issues and feedback relating to the community consultation, which Jacque Phillips, CEO of the three health services has admitted could have been handled better, were discussed.

Kerry Cursons, who was a member of the delegation, said that

the group discussed the issue for around 40 minutes, with the Minister's adviser wanting to hear the reasons behind community opposition to the amalgamation.

"Some of the concerns we conveyed on behalf of our community were the makeup of the future board of management, lack of focused full board representation, back filling of key management positions, and community access to our CEO and board when stretched across three health services," Ms Cursons said.

"We also discussed the merits of partnership over amalgamation and whether the current proposal is the right amalgamation fit for our hospitals.

"Given the ageing infrastructure at Cobram, and the potential impact that addressing the needs there will have on the resources for the other two services, that's a question that has to be asked."

Ms Cursons said that when the Minister's adviser was pressured for an answer to the question 'will you recommend a properly in-

formed community consultation process?' - one of the delegation's main concerns - the answer was no.

"Taking into consideration this response, coupled with the lack of an apology to our communities regarding the acknowledged poor consultation process, I have to ask why do our health services need to spend \$250,000 plus on consultation at all, and why waste our communities' time in asking for feedback?" Ms Cursons said.

A statement released by the three health services on Monday, said they are continuing to meet with service groups and community members to hear feedback and answer questions in relation to the proposal.

A statement from DHHS, also received by the *Leader* on Monday, said community consultation is a matter for the health services, however the Minister will carefully consider whether the community has had a reasonable opportunity to be kept informed and contribute to the proposal before making any decisions.

Ms Cursons told the *Leader* that, despite feeling that debate had been stifled, the community should be very satisfied and proud of the outcomes achieved to date.

"As communities, we are encouraged by government to become resilient communities," she said.

"I believe the communities of Numurkah, Cobram and Nathalia have demonstrated a degree of resilience in standing up for our right to be consulted appropriately and the right to be provided with all the information needed to provide informed feedback."

"The NCN group were forced to redevelop their consultation strategy due to community pressure, and acknowledge the consultation was lacking and that they could have done some things better."

"Public pressure also facilitated an unplanned additional meeting in order to meet the demands for more information for our communities. Community sentiment has now been recorded on the public record."

## Shire seeks feedback on volunteer committees

MOIRA Shire Council is seeking community feedback on local volunteer committees.

The feedback received will help inform the final form of the shire's Section 86 Future Directions Discussion Paper. The paper includes 13 key principles to guide the future operation, funding and support for volunteer committees across the shire.

Moira Shire Mayor Libro Mustica said across the shire, local communities have and continue to enjoy facilities that are above and beyond council's financial capacity because of the significant contribution made over many years by local volunteer committees.

"With a range of changes to

the Local Government Act on the horizon, we want to ensure this source of local connection and pride is not lost," Cr Mustica said.

"In partnership with local committees and communities, we need to develop management arrangements that can reduce the compliance and regulation demands on local committees, while promoting the ongoing contributions from current and future volunteers."

"The discussion paper begins this conversation. Over coming months, we will talk with local committees, volunteers and user groups to see how they feel about the principles.

"I encourage everyone in-

volved in local committees, as well as clubs and other user groups, to consider the discussion paper and to consider what the future could look like in five, even 10, years, for the committees and for the wider community they serve."

The discussion paper is available from council's website, and members of the community are welcome to share their ideas via the online feedback form, which can be found at: <https://www.moira.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/News-and-information/Community-feedback-consultation-and-opportunities/Opportunities/Section-86-Future-Directions>.

## Powercor gets hefty fine for Strathy fire

ELECTRICITY provider Powercor has received a large fine after sagging powerlines ignited three grass fires in January last year, one of which occurred at Strathmerton.

Powercor appeared before Shepparton Magistrates Court last Wednesday, where it pleaded guilty to 57 charges relating to failing to clear areas around powerlines, and the three fires.

The company was fined \$374,000.

Following the fires, an Energy Safe Victoria spokesman said that the fires were preventable and should not have occurred.

The Strathmerton fire occurred at 5.30pm on Saturday, January 20, 2018 - a day when the temperature exceeded 40°C at Myree Road, Strathmerton, when sagging powerlines sparked and ignited a tree, burning an acre of grass.

CFA brigades from Strathmerton, Katunga and Yarroweyah attended the blaze.



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# Local ANZAC Day schedule

THE schedule for Numurkah's ANZAC Day commemorations has been released, with two ceremonies to take place on Thursday, April 25.

The dawn service will commence at 6am at the Numurkah memorial park cenotaph, after a march from the Numurkah RSL hall commencing at 5.45am.

A second march, led by a mounted trooper in full Light Horse uniform, will commence at 10.25am from the Numurkah post office to the cenotaph, where the service will commence at 10.30am.

The unique partnership between Numurkah Secondary College (NSC) and the Numurkah RSL now in its 16th year, with the two organisations jointly organising the town's ANZAC Day service.

The college's captains and vice captains will once again proudly MC the service, which will also feature the Numurkah Primary School choir, and St Joseph's Primary School students, who read a poem.

The guest speaker this year, Anna Sergi, will speak on her father's experiences during WW2 from the Italian perspective. Anna is a member of the Monichino family, well known for producing award-winning wines at their Katunga winery.

The service will conclude with an invitation from RSL President, Mr. Stuart Hipwell, to adjourn to the RSL hall for refreshments

## FIRE WATCH

### Firies getting a rest

AFTER that rare occurrence last week - a week without any call-outs - it has been another blissfully relaxing week for the district's CFA brigades, with just one minor incident.

At 3.25pm on Sunday, Wunghnu, Tallygaroopna and Katandra brigades were turned out to investigate a smoke sighting at Thompsons Road, Tallygaroopna.

The smoke was coming from a tree that was on fire on Saturday and had flared up again. Tallygaroopna organised an excavator to knock the tree over so that it could be properly extinguished.

## POLICE BEAT

### Vehicle damage on Collis St

DAMAGE was done to two vehicles, over two nights, on Collis St, Numurkah last week.

In the first incident, overnight on Monday, April 8, a registration plate was stolen from a vehicle parked on the street.

Two nights later, unknown offenders damaged a vehicle parked in the front yard of an address on the same street.

Numurkah police are investigating.



## Badges support local veteran welfare

BUYING an ANZAC badge is a matter of habit for most of us in the month of April, and the time has come again to support our diggers through the simple purchase.

However, what most people probably don't realise when they hand over their five dollars, is the very real impact that money has on the lives of locals.

Half the money raised by the local RSL sub-branch is spent directly on welfare for local veterans and their families, and the other half goes to ANZAC House - who provide all of the badges and other merchandise at no cost to the local branch - to be spent statewide on veterans welfare.

Numurkah RSL sub-branch secretary Gerard Watson told the *Leader* that funds from merchandise sales in the lead up to ANZAC Day are spent on practical help for

local veterans.

"We do things like buy appliances if they need them, and things like that," he said.

"We also pay utility bills if we know veterans and their families are struggling, but often they don't come forward."

"We would really encourage them to let us know if they need help, because that is what we are here for."

There are strict regulations governing how the local branch can spend the money raised, with a requirement that any left at the end of the year be returned to ANZAC House.

Mr Watson said the regulations also allow for money to be used for trips for local veterans.

"If we know we have the money to spare we will organise a trip," he said.

"Not too long ago we ran a bus trip to the Ballarat POW monument and paid for a night's accom-

modation up there, which our vets really enjoyed."

Numurkah RSL has a roster of members that man the stalls to sell ANZAC Day merchandise, as well as poppies in the lead up to remembrance day.

Gerry Green, who has been on the roster for 20 years, said that the Numurkah public has always been incredibly generous with its support of the appeals.

"Between 2008 and 2017 we raised around \$150,000 from the badges and the poppies, which I reckon is a good effort for a little town," he said.

Unfortunately, the regulations prevent the local sub-branch from using money from merchandise sales to cover its running costs.

As the Numurkah sub-branch is a true sub-branch, in that it doesn't have a club with pokies generating revenue, support from the local

community is doubly important.

"We rely on membership fees, donations and fundraising events to run the branch," Mr Watson said.

"For example, hiring the PA system for the ANZAC Day services costs around \$1,800, which is a lot of money for us, so we are lucky that local clubs and businesses come on board and contribute to that expense so we can provide that event for the community."

"We also had a very generous donation of a mobility scooter from the Telegraph Hotel, so we are able to loan that out to veterans for short periods, which a great resource for us."

"The Numurkah community supports us very well, and we are always grateful for that."

ANZAC Day badges and merchandise will be on sale outside one of the local supermarkets most days between now and ANZAC Day.

## Federal election enrolment deadline tomorrow

WITH the federal election just one month and one day away - Saturday, May 18 - Australians not already enrolled to vote must act now to take care of business before the deadline of 8pm tomorrow.

Electoral Commissioner Tom Rogers said all Australian citizens aged 18 years and over are required by law to enrol and vote in the federal election.

"Enrolling and voting is compulsory. If you are not enrolled, you can't vote in the 2019 federal election," Mr Rogers said.

Australians must also update their address details on the electoral roll if they have moved, or changed their name. If they're not sure of their current status - check online via the AEC website or call us on 13 23 26.

A record 96.5% of eligible Australians are currently enrolled to vote, which Mr Rogers described as an extraordinary achievement.

"At the same time, there are still people who remain unenrolled who need to take action before the deadline."

The best and quickest way to enrol or update your details is to visit [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au).

Australians unable to go online can pick up a paper enrolment form at any AEC office or Australia Post, however, correctly completed applications must be returned to the AEC by the close of rolls deadline.

Enrolment on the Commonwealth electoral roll has been compulsory since 1912. Eligible citizens include all Australians citizens who are 18 years of age or over.

Anyone who fails to enrol may be punished on conviction by a fine of up to \$210.

If you have previously been eligible for enrolment and enrol now, you will not be fined.

There are some exceptions, for example in relation to some prisoners, and people of unsound mind.

Voting at federal elections has been compulsory since 1924 for all citizens on the Commonwealth electoral roll.

Anyone who is unable to provide a valid and sufficient reason for failure to vote at a federal election and who does not wish to have the matter dealt with by a Magistrates Court may pay a penalty of \$20.

Seventeen year-old Australians turning 18 on or before May 18, 2019 should also enrol and vote in the federal election.

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# Less than half of Aussies have legal wills

MORE than half of Australians do not have a will, and of those, almost 40% have no idea what happens to their assets in the event they pass away without a will, according to new research.

The research, which surveyed over 1,200 respondents nationally, aged 18 years and over, found that 40% of those without a will had thought about making one but were yet to do so.

A further 30% felt they didn't have anything of value to leave, while 28% felt they were too young to need a will, and 16% said they didn't have a will because they didn't want to think about dying.

Andrew Simpson, national head of Wills and Estates Law for Maurice Blackburn Lawyers, who commissioned the study, said the results were concerning because they showed a significant lack of awareness among Australians about why a will is important and what happens if you pass away without one.

"Of most concern is that almost 40% of people surveyed who do not have a will have no idea what happens if they pass away without a will, with 23% incorrectly assuming that family members or next of kin will be at liberty to decide what should happen," Mr Simpson said.

"It is understandable that people assume their family can step in to deal with their affairs if they pass away unexpectedly without a will, but in most cases that's not what happens."

"Each state and territory has laws in place that apply a set formula to decide who benefits from an estate if there is no will."

"A lot of people are quite shocked when they realise that this is how their assets could be managed if they pass away without a will, and it's evident that this is not how they would want their affairs dealt with if they pass away – they want control and a say on how those assets are managed and divided up."

As to the 30% of people surveyed who didn't believe they had anything of value to leave their loved ones, Mr Simpson said this is a misconception that fails to take into account the range of assets that may need to be dealt with when a person passes away.

"This can include things like your pets and even your digital assets, but the two biggest issues that are forgotten about are superannuation and life insurance – many people don't turn their mind to how their superannuation and life insurance are to be dealt with after death."

"Dealing with your superannuation and life insurance is an essential part of the estate planning process and goes hand in hand with the preparation of a will."

"It's not surprising that with statistics like these, the number of disputes we see in relation to the administration of deceased estates, and superannuation death benefits, are increasing," he said.

# Time to turn up for a good cause

THERE is one thing more than any other that makes the difference to the final tally of Numurkah's Good Friday Appeal - the number of volunteers.

Peter Bilston from Numurkah CFA brigade - who is once again coordinating this year's door knocking event in the town - said that it ultimately comes down to a numbers game.

"The more volunteers we get, the more doors we can knock on and the more donations we collect," he said.

Last year's appeal provides a telling example.

Although the regular contingents of volunteers from the Lions and Rotary clubs, and the RSL, were on board as usual, fewer other people than usual turned up.

Whilst Numurkah usually raises around \$16,000, fewer than hoped for volunteers last year brought the total in at \$13,639.70.

"That's still not a bad effort for a small town, but it was slightly disappointing as we had hoped to go the other way and nudge it up to \$20,000," Mr Bilston said.

"Collecting for the Good Friday Appeal is a good day out, and the volunteers who do it say they find it really satisfying, and the response to collectors is 99.9% positive."

The event is usually done and dusted by midday, and with a warm, sunny morning forecast for Friday, it will be a perfect day to take a walk around town and do some good.

It seems that all Victorians know somebody who has used the services of the Royal Children's Hospital at some time, so it's a cause we can

all get behind.

And whilst donating money is great, and something we should all try to do for this essential service, the more people who turn out to collect donations, the more donations can be made.

"We never seem to be able to get to the outer areas of Numurkah, but if we had enough volunteers to do that, it would make a huge difference," Peter said.

"Families are welcome and it's a great thing for them to do together, they always enjoy it," he said.

Jody Tilley, who volunteered last year with sons Oliver and Archer, said that the family enjoyed the experience.

"We loved it," she said.

"My nephew has been in the RCH and we are so fortunate to have such a wonderful facility and we wanted to support it."

"It's also important to my husband and I for our boys to be involved in the community, and in helping others, and this is such a great community event."

Jody said that she is hoping to join the door knocking team again this year, but as the family has a new addition, nine week-old Spencer, it will depend on whether her husband is able to join them.

Anybody wanting to help out with this year's door knocking effort, should arrive at Numurkah fire station in Saxton Street at around 9am on Good Friday, with identification, to register and collect a tin. A bus will drop groups of volunteers to their collection areas.

The Nathalia appeal is once again being coordinated by the local branch of the Uncle Bobs Club,



**Give for the kids ...** Peter Bilston with the official poster reminding everyone what the appeal is all about.

with assistance from the Nathalia CFA brigade.

Uncle Bobs Nathalia president Peter Mortimer agreed with Mr Bilston's sentiments that it's the number of volunteers that makes the difference.

"Many hands make light work, as they say, and the more volunteers we have, the more we are able to do and the more money we can raise,"

he said.

"Anyone who wishes to help out is more than welcome, and should turn up at the fire station from 8am to register."

The Nathalia appeal is aiming to better its 2018 total of \$12,848.49.

"We aim to do better each year, so anything we can raise over and above last year's total would be fantastic," Mr Mortimer said.

# Climate affects bird colouration

AN international study led by a Monash University ornithologist has found variation in rainfall and temperature can affect the colours of birds.

The study provides a new framework that can be used to understand how future changes in climate will affect animals.

The research published last week in the journal Ecology Letters examines colour variation across nearly 6000 species of passerines birds, the largest group of birds.

The research team, which included ornithologists from Monash University, Massey University, and the Max Planck Institute of Ornithology, undertook a global analysis of bird plumage colour variation.

They observed darker coloured

birds occurring in regions with high rainfall and colder temperatures.

Lead study author Dr Kaspar Delhey, from the Monash School of Biological Sciences, said that, nearly 200 years ago, Constantin Gloger noticed that animals living in tropical regions tended to be more pigmented.

"His observations, and that of others, were synthesised into 'Gloger's rule', which predicts that animals should be darker in warmer and wetter regions, possibly because darker animals are better camouflaged in shady habitats, such as in tropical rainforests," Dr Delhey said.

But Gloger's rule partly conflicts with another rule explaining colour variation in animals, Bogert's rule,

which predicts darker animals in colder regions, because darker colours absorb more solar radiation which helps with thermoregulation.

The global scale of the recent study allowed the researchers not only to comprehensively test both rules, but also to determine why some groups of birds sometimes don't seem to follow them.

"We found quite a bit of variation across different regions of the world in how closely birds followed the rules," said Dr Delhey.

"For example, in South America there seems to be little correlation between coloration and temperature and we wondered why that was so."

"It turns out that both rules can

interfere with each other. In particular, precipitation—which has a very strong effect—can overwhelm the weaker temperature effect."

This happens when climate ranges from cold-and-dry to hot-and-humid. In such places the lightening effect of temperature is swamped by the darkening effect of rainfall.

On the other hand, when climate varies from hot-and-dry to cold-and-wet, the rules reinforce each other and their effects become stronger. Thus, the type of climatic gradient determines whether both rules work together or against each other and this can explain why certain groups of animals seemingly fail to follow the rules.

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# Evolution to blame for chocoholism

AS Easter approaches and the yearning for chocolate increases accordingly, taste experts from Deakin's Centre for Advanced Sensory Science (CASS) say there's a scientific reason behind why we love the sugary treats so much.

CASS Director Professor Russell Keast said chocolate met the 'quinella of bliss' – just the right combination of sugar and fat. "Sugar activates sweet taste which is satisfying and drives consumption, while fat is high in energy and increases chocolate's eating pleasure with ideal melting mouth-feel characteristics that consumers really appreciate," Professor Keast said.

"There's no naturally occurring food that combines fats and sugars; there is no chocolate tree. So in evolutionary terms, our brains are going, 'wow, fantastic, consume more'."

"The combination of these things leads to a strong positive liking for chocolate, and even if we eat too much and start to feel ill, we easily forget this feeling, and the next time we have a chance to overindulge, we do it again."

Professor Keast said humans learnt to avoid foods that made them feel sick, but chocolate was different.

"We can overcome the short term over-consumption that makes us feel ill, because the high energy density is received positively by the body – so you just remember the joy of consumption," he said.

"Some studies have further demonstrated that sugar activates the opioid and dopaminergic reward centres in the brain. I am not sure the extent we can call sugar addictive, but maybe for some people it is mildly addictive in this way."

"Then you add cultural factors on top of that. If that context is positive, the food often becomes special and positive. Chocolate plays an important role in many celebrations across the globe, especially at Easter."

CASS colleague Dr Gie Liem has written several academic papers on chocolate taste. He said the flavour mainly came from cocoa solids, but exactly how that developed was still not completely understood.

"Chocolate, like wine, starts with differing plant varieties and growing conditions and then requires elaborate processing to achieve the final product," he said.

"The two basic tastants that dominate chocolate – among a wide variety of other

flavours – are sweet and bitter.

"Most chocolate contains a considerable amount of sugar, with milk chocolate being approximately 45% sugar and dark chocolate going from zero to 45%, depending on brand and type."

Dr Liem said our taste for darker, bitter chocolate usually grew as we aged.

"A dislike for bitter taste is actually rather functional, because many toxic foods in nature taste bitter," he said.

"So children in general dislike bitter notes in foods, while adults learn to enjoy some bitter foods such as coffee, alcohol or dark chocolate. This is likely to be related to repeated exposure and the positive post-ingestive consequences of these foods. We feel good after we eat them."

Dr Liem said there was some evidence supporting the idea that dark chocolate was a healthier choice, not because it contains less calories, but simply because we tend to eat less of it.

"The intense flavour of bitter chocolate and the usually harder texture causes us to stop sooner than if we were to eat milk chocolate," he said.

"It's been shown that people feel more satisfied or full, and feel less desire to eat something sweet, fatty or savoury, after they consume dark chocolate compared to milk chocolate."

Although Dr Liem said dark chocolate was far from a health food.

"There are lots of myths regarding antioxidants and the good stuff in chocolate. You need to eat a very large amount of chocolate to have any (if any) benefit from the antioxidants in it," he said.

"If you eat this much chocolate, you better be worried about the amount of calories you consume."

But Professor Keast said it was okay to give into chocolate cravings every now and then.

"Studies assessing self-reported cravings consistently find chocolate among the most craved food items," he said.

"And other studies show the deprivation of chocolate flavour leads to an increase in consumption post-deprivation."

"So self-confessed chocoholics may benefit from practising moderation rather than outright denial due to the susceptibility to binge in response to a chocolate ban. A good mantra to live by is everything in moderation."



## Healthy options on the pub menu

THERE'S nothing quite like a pub meal, but if you're trying to eat as healthily as possible, it can be hard to identify which menu option is best.

Thanks to a group of student dieticians currently working at Numurkah District Health Service (NDHS), that challenge has just gotten easier for diners at a number of local pubs.

The students, from Monash University, have been working on a project to see if making diners aware of which options are healthier has an effect on their choices.

Research has shown that, when used in cafes, healthy choices signage works effectively at encouraging people to choose healthy options, and NDHS wanted to see if it would work the same in rural pubs.

The project team assessed the menu choices at the Telegraph Hotel, Numurkah Hotel and Strathmerton Hotel and identified which options were the healthiest, identifying them with a symbol on the menus.

In addition, a poster displayed near the menus explains the meaning of the symbols, and makes recommendations for customers to take into consideration

when ordering meals.

NDHS health promotion officer Jenny Burrows said that the pubs involved had been very accommodating and supportive of the project.

"We are really grateful to the participating pubs because you can't conduct this type of community research without the cooperation of local businesses, and it's important work," she said.

Telegraph Hotel owner Viv Morris said they were happy to be a part of the project.

"We deal with different dietary requirements on a daily basis now, such as dairy and gluten free and vegetarian and vegan meals, so we are happy to help customers to identify healthier choices," she said.

Student dietitian Smonda Kok said that, whilst the healthy options identified by the symbols may not be the most healthy foods you can eat, they allow people to see what the healthiest options are at that venue on that occasion.

"It makes it easier for people who are trying to eat as healthily as possible to make an informed choice," she said.

The numbers from the project have now been crunched, and

though findings showed that the logo stickers did not necessarily encourage people to choose those menu items, they did show an increase in the likelihood of people choosing salad and vegetables instead of just chips, and a decrease in the amount of gravy being used.

"It appears most people going to the pub for a meal are not persuaded by the option of a healthier choice," Ms Burrows said.

Student dietitian Heidi Ng said she and her colleagues felt that, given the findings, it would be better to assess the influence of the logo for a longer time period.

We would also like to work with the pubs on adapting existing meals to make them healthier," she said.

"For example, adapting cooking methods, using less fats or adding extra vegetables to meals."

Fellow student Zhi Qi Hoe said that the project had laid the groundwork for further efforts in creating healthier eating-out choices.

"This project will help with future work with restaurants and cafes to help make the healthy choice the easy choice in the community," she said.

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# Labour of love for Larry

IF you ask Larry Seiter what his profession is, he'll tell you he's a timber machinist, but if you see him at work, and look at the end product, it's immediately clear that craftsman is a more apt description.

Larry has been working with wood, through the family business Seiter's Timber & Hardware, for as long as he can remember, and said he has always loved seeing a piece of timber go into a machine rough sawn, and come out the other end smooth.

"I don't know what I love about working with wood, but I've always loved it," he said.

"Where other people just see a lump of wood, I see a dynamic material that you can make into almost anything."

Whilst Larry's machinery is not as modern as a lot of joiners use, he sees that as an advantage, rather than a drawback.

"You have to be more aware of the wood, and use more traditional skills," he said.

"I think a lot of those skills are dying out now because of modern machinery and techniques, so those of us who have those skills are seeing more demand."

The truth of that statement is borne out by the fact that his skills were called upon to help rebuild the interior of the century-old Cobram court house after it was gutted by fire in 2016.

"Everything had to be remade to the style of the original," he said.

"It was a lot of work but I loved it because you don't get a lot of that type of work now, and they were

true craftsmen in those days."

Whilst Larry enjoys the end result of any joinery project - a finished door or window frame is a beautiful thing to him - it's creating something from an old piece of wood that someone brings in, that's his favourite.

It is something he has seen an increasing demand for as well.

"People will find an old piece of wood and can see the potential in it, even though it's rough and dirty, and think it will be perfect to have a piece made out of."

"I love putting those through the machine, or working them by hand, and bringing out that potential," he said.

At present, Larry is working on a table, a bed and a picture frame from old wood that people have found.

"They turn out beautiful pieces because the wood has so much character, and it has a lot of meaning for the owners."

Even when people are not supplying the wood themselves, Larry said he's also seeing an increase in customers looking for something they know is a one off.

"A lot more people just don't want something that is the result of cookie-cutter style mass production."

"Even though you can find some really beautiful hand made pieces in stores, they want something that they know is a true one-off, because it's been custom made just for them," he said.

"Whether that's a door, or a template for a guitar, I can relate to that and I'm always happy to work with them to make their vision a reality."



Craftsman ... Larry Seiter has been turning a couple of old redgum slabs into a unique table top for a customer.

## Emergency leaders call for climate action

A GROUP of former emergency service leaders have released an open letter to the Prime Minister calling on him to take action on climate change, and ensure emergency services across the nation are adequately resourced to deal with the threats it poses.

The 23 signatories of the letter, who collectively call themselves Emergency Leaders for Climate Action, are all former heads of emergency services organisations from across Australia, and say that they are now able to speak out, unconstrained by their former employers.

The letter reads:

"We, the undersigned, who are former senior Australian fire and emergency service leaders, have observed how Australia is experiencing increasingly catastrophic extreme weather events that are putting lives, properties and livelihoods at greater risk and overwhelming our emergency services."

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Climate change, driven mainly by the burning of coal, oil and gas, is worsening these extreme weather events, including hot days, heatwaves, heavy rainfall, coastal flooding and catastrophic bushfire weather.

Australia has just experienced a summer of record-breaking heat, prolonged heatwaves, and devastating fires and floods - there should be no doubt in anyone's mind: climate change is dangerous and it is affecting all of us now."

The letter also observes that bushfire seasons are lasting longer and longer, and the number of days of very high to catastrophic bushfire danger each year are increasing across much of Australia, and are projected to get even worse.

It cites the recent Townsville floods as an example of how a warmer atmosphere holding more moisture increases the risk of heavier downpours and

flooding events.

The group states that tackling climate change effectively requires rapidly and deeply reducing greenhouse gas pollution, here in Australia and around the world.

"We have the solutions at our disposal, we just need the political will to get on with the job," the letter says.

"Current Federal Government climate policy has resulted in greenhouse gas pollution increasing over the last four years, putting Australian lives at risk."

"Communities, emergency services and health services across Australia need to be adequately resourced to cope with increasing natural disaster risk."

The group calls on the Prime Minister to:

- Meet with a delegation of former emergency services leaders who will outline, unconstrained by their for-

mer employers, how climate change risks are rapidly escalating.

- Commit to a parliamentary inquiry into whether Australian emergency services are adequately resourced and equipped to cope with increasing natural disaster risks due to climate change.

- Recognise that strategic national firefighting assets, like large firefighting aircraft, that are prohibitively expensive for states and territories, are currently leased from the northern hemisphere, and that increased overlap of fire seasons is restricting access to this equipment during times of need.

- A cost-benefit analysis of current arrangements and their effectiveness, and how Australia's strategic aerial firefighting needs can be best met and funded, needs to be initiated in consultation with the National Aerial Firefighting Centre.

- Ensure continued funding for

stakeholder-driven research into how we can respond to, mitigate, and increase resilience to bushfires, natural hazards and escalating climate change risks.

The group calls on all state and territory governments to:

- Provide increased resources to enable forestry, national parks, urban and rural fire services to increase environmentally sensitive fuel reduction and fire mitigation programs.

- Focus on climate change adaptation and mitigation programs while taking strong action to significantly reduce state/territory emissions.

- Cease cutting the budgets and resources of forestry, national parks, urban and rural fire services, both directly and through instruments such as "efficiency dividends", so that the services can increase operational capacity to deal with our "new normal" of catastrophic weather risks.

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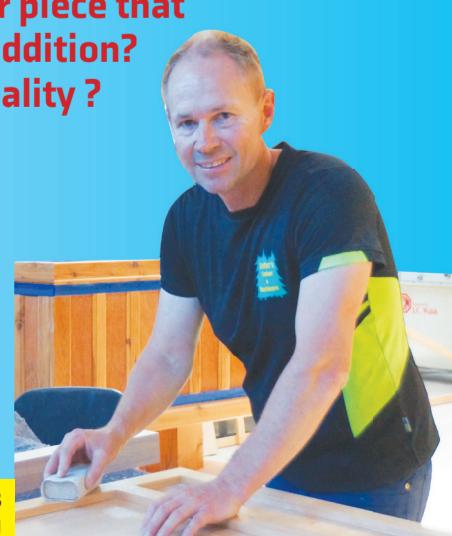
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# See behind the scenes at NDHS

IF you've ever been curious to see what goes on behind the scenes at a busy hospital, your chance is just around the corner.

Numurkah District Health Service (NDHS) is holding an open day on Wednesday, May 1 2019 to give local people the chance to catch a glimpse at what goes into delivering health care to the local community.

For example, did you know that NDHS has 325 staff members and volunteers, and that in 2017/18 they provided acute care to 4,089 people, including inpatient, surgery and urgent care patients?

Or that, in the same period, they provided 11,356 primary health service sessions to 1745 people, and 4,006 district nursing visits to 166 clients.

Or that, in 2018, NDHS' food services prepared, cooked and served 99,083 meals?

Or that the hospital uses 3,175 sheets and towels per month?

Clearly, a lot goes on, not only in the wards, offices, clinics and theatres, but in a lot of other places as well, to deliver the care the community needs and expects.

NDHS CEO Jacque Phillips said that the open day provides the community with an opportunity to meet staff, find out about everything that's available - from dental services and children's health, to urgent care and residential aged care - see the service's modern facilities, and find out about careers or volunteering opportunities.

"We invite the community to come along to the open day, enjoy a range of activities and find out more about the many services on offer - for people of all ages," Ms Phillips said.

"Bring the family along to enjoy a free barbecue at 5.00pm, plus face painting, balloons and giveaways, or have a health check."

"Visit the operating theatre, primary health, ambulance, urgent care centre and support services."

There will be two hospital tours taking place, at 3.30pm and 5pm, when people can see what happens behind the scenes.



**Making things run smoothly behind the scenes ...** Operating theatre manager Nikki Kelly, clinical projects nurse Catherine Church, chef Donna Coulston, housekeeper Gabriella Russell, maintenance supervisor John Fothergill and administration assistant Marilyn McPherson.

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Numurkah District Health Service invites the community to attend an Open Day to explore the modern hospital facilities, find out about a range of health services, enjoy a free barbecue and activities for the kids, and meet staff.

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#### FAREWELL TO REV. PENNA.

The Methodist Church custom of a triennial "move-on" for its ministers has its advantages and disadvantages. One of the disadvantages was very apparent on Tuesday evening last, when the people of Wunghnu gathered in force to say farewell to Rev. Joseph and Mrs Penna, who have been transferred to what is known as the "Collingwood Methodist Mission." The farewell took place in the local hall, and the gathering was very representative, not only of the respective Methodist Churches of this district, but also of other denominations. It was appropriate that the chairman for the evening should be Mr R. H. Cook, who has proved himself such an able and trusty henchman to Rev Penna during the latter's ministry in Wunghnu.

On the platform with Mr Cook were the guest of the evening 'Rev. Penna' and Revs Vian and Lee, Dr. Harbison, Messrs W. Caldwell, Glenly, H. Dudley, W. Tyres, Jaffray, W. Fowler, DeLaRue, and W. Green.

Special reference was also made by several speakers to the building of the new church at Wunghnu, which event had taken place during Mr Penna's term there.

**Peace Celebrations.** — There was such a small attendance at the meeting in connection with the above, called for last Tuesday night, that it was decided not to attempt to transact any business. The sub-committee appointed to suggest a fitting means of celebrating the signing of peace will, we understand, recommend that a children's picnic and sports meeting be held on the Monday, with a display of fireworks at night. The idea seems to be gaining ground that it would be better to have the demonstration on the Saturday afternoon : with the proposed church services of thanksgiving on the Sunday, the suggestion being that the effect of the services would be more lasting if held after the demonstration of joy.

**New Catholic School.** — A commencement has been made with the building of a new Catholic school in Numurkah. The foundation trenches are being taken out, and as soon as these are ready for the concrete work the building will be pushed on so as to be ready for occupation at the earliest moment. The school is being built on the large block adjoining the church, and besides being intended to serve the needs of the children for many years to come will be a decided addition to the architecture of the town.

**Opening Waaia Hall.** — The good folk of Waaia who have interested themselves for many months past in the building of a public hall will have the satisfaction of formally opening the building for public use on May 7. The occasion will be marked by a grand ball on that evening, and thus early arrangements are being made that should ensure a happy evening for all. Every convenience necessary is being provided, including cloak and card rooms, etc., and generally the committee are determined that the initial gathering shall be one to be remembered. A start has already been made to prepare the floor, and on the night the dancers will be under the direction of Mr J. Callanan, as M.C., with Mr W. Leaf jun., as his assistant. The catering will be done by Mr A. Rees. The price of tickets has been fixed at 7/6, and as the night will be a moonlight one, there should be a large gathering.

**Bowls.** — The "A" and "B" championships in connection with the local club have now been completed, after an interesting series of matches. In the "B" semi-finals Treacy beat R. G. Selleck and Melbourne beat Hickey (11). The final game was played on Saturday night, Melbourne winning rather easily — 25 to 11. The semi-finals for the club championship resulted: — Walters beat O'Donnell, 11; Bignell beat Tyres, 23. The final was played on Monday night, victory resting with Bignell after a good fight, in which excellent bowls was played. The game ended — Bignell 31. Waiters 20.

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# Nathalia girls carry the flag

A GROUP of young Nathalia Night Watch CWA members got a chance to see first hand how they are connected to women across the world, when they took part in the opening ceremony of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) conference in Melbourne last week.

The ACWW is one of the world's largest development organisations for rural women, and is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year.

It works with 420 member societies and affiliates, including the CWA, to represent more than nine million women in 84 countries worldwide, and holds consultative status with the United Nations.

The week-long conference, which was attended by 700 women from around the world, takes place every three years, and hasn't been held in Australia since the 1960s.

Six junior members travelled from Nathalia, along with three mums, to take part in the opening ceremony.

The girls were among the junior members invited by the CWA to carry the flags of the member nations in the opening ceremony. Given the size and weight of the flags, the smaller girls were excused from flag-carrying duty, and simply walked beside the older girls.

Many of the international delegates attended the ceremony in traditional costume, and a video message from Queen Elizabeth was played.

The conference was also attended by the queen of Malaysia, whose country will host the next conference in 2022.

Nathalia CWA member Anita Stirling, whose daughters Matilda and Isabel Stirling walked in the opening ceremony, said it was an amazing experience for the girls.

"This was an amazing event for the girls to be part of, and a lovely chance for them to understand even more how 'from little things big things grow', and that the small acts of kindness the girls show locally with our own CWA can be part of something truly amazing on a global level," she said.

Kathleen Caldow, who also attended, said that she found the event inspiring.

"Part of the reason I joined the CWA is that it's a great advocate for country women and a way to make sure we are heard, and it was wonderful to see women from all over the world working for the same thing, and to see the difference we make."

Kathleen's daughter Mary, aged 12, took part in the opening ceremony, carrying the flags of Switzerland and Finland.

"It was really exciting, and I felt nervous because there were lots of different people there, but I felt proud too," Mary said.

As there weren't enough junior members to carry the flags, Mary did double duty, carrying one flag through and then quickly collecting her next flag.

"The flags were heavy because they had really big poles, but I was glad I got to carry them and be part of it."



**Nervous but proud ...** Mary Caldow prepares to carry the Swiss flag in the opening ceremony.



**From little things big things grow ...** Nathalia Night Watch CWA junior members, back (from left): Isabel Stirling, Molly Caldow, Kasey Caldow and Mary Caldow. Front: Matilda Stirling and Annie Dudley

## Learn to recognise signs to save a life

DO you know the difference between a heart attack, a cardiac arrest and a stroke. If you saw someone suffering one of these events, would you know what was happening, and how best to help?

Ambulance Victoria, with assistance from Nathalia Hospital, will be presenting a community education session at the hospital tonight to help people recognise these events and take appropriate action.

Numurkah Ambulance acting team manager Craig Beamish said the aim of the education session was two-fold.

"We want to help people recognise the different events and act accordingly, and also let them know what to expect from CERT, ambulance and hospital staff, treatment-wise," he said.

Mr Beamish said there had been some changes in the space of what paramedics and hospital staff do in response to these events, and they want to update people on those.

"For example, we can administer new drugs that we weren't able to before, and we tend to utilise air-ambulances for heart attacks a lot more than we used to."

"Knowing these things can help people know what to expect if one of these events happens to themselves or somebody else in

their presence."

As well as teaching people to recognise the signs of stroke, heart attack and cardiac arrest, and familiarising them with treatments, the session will also feature a Q&A session.

The education session will take place at Nathalia Hospital Day Centre, Nathalia Hospital from 6pm to 7.30pm tonight. Everybody is welcome and refreshments will be offered.

Fast facts:

- Stroke is when a bleed or a clot causes a loss of blood supply to the brain. A stroke occurs in Australia every nine minutes, and is one of Australia's biggest killers, and a leading cause of disability.

The education session will teach three simple skills that will help you recognise a stroke.

- A heart attack (also known as a Myocardial Infarction) is different to a cardiac arrest. A heart attack is when an obstruction in the blood vessels around the heart stops the oxygen reaching the heart muscle, causing the muscle to die.

Chest pain is just one of the many signs of a heart attack.

- A cardiac arrest happens when the heart stops pumping blood and can occur as a result of a heart attack.



**How to save a life ...** Numurkah Ambulance acting team manager Craig Beamish will discuss the symptoms and treatment of stroke, heart attack and cardiac arrest.

# Pony clubbers gather

PONY clubbers from across the region had the time of their lives last weekend, at a four day skills development camp.

Northern zone assistant, and Nathalia pony club secretary, Janny Miller, who organised the camp, said it was a great opportunity for young riders to try different things and gain confidence in a fun, friendly and low-pressure environment.

"We had 31 riders there, which is a great turn out, so we were very happy," she said.

Riders aged between six and 15 years-old from Nathalia, Bunbartha, Tocumwal, Yarrawonga, Lockington and Shepparton pony clubs gathered at the Barmah racecourse for the event.

Skills taught and refined at the camp included jumping, cross-country, saddle fit, bare back riding, pairs riding and tent-pegging.

There were also a few games of polo-cross and a whole lot of general camping fun.

Although the riders went away with a lot of new-found skills, Ms Miller said that the main aim of the camp is to instil something much more important.

"We really aim to encourage them to continue riding and to enjoy it."



Demonstration ... Greg Chandler from Nathalia pony club demonstrates tent pegging.



Practice ... Alana and Chelsea Hehir practice riding with one hand for tent pegging, with Mum's guidance.

Fun ... Greg Chandler driving Aaron and Cooper Harbour from Lockington pony club.

## Biosecurity warning to Easter campers

WITH many Victorians heading outdoors over the Easter break, Victoria's chief veterinary officer has asked all campers, outdoor adventurers and picnic-goers to dispose of their food scraps carefully.

"If wild or domestic pigs consume food scraps, it has the potential to introduce exotic animal diseases to

Australia," Dr Charles Milne said.

Australia was sent a warning earlier this year when pork products seized at the national border tested positive for African swine fever and foot-and-mouth disease viruses.

"It's not enough to rely on biosecurity inspections to stop potential pests and disease threats at the border," Dr Milne said.

Dr Milne said.

"Biosecurity is everyone's responsibility and we all need to help protect our agriculture, our economy and our unique natural environment."

Dr Milne said the act of feeding, intentionally or otherwise, infected meat scraps to pigs was one of the

most likely ways an exotic disease could be introduced to Australia.

"It is illegal to feed pigs waste food, meat, or animal product infected food, in Australia," he said.

"This is a consideration not just for pig farmers or pet pig owners, but everyone when they're in an environment where wild or domestic

pigs can access their food scraps."

Find out more about notifiable animal diseases at [agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/pests-diseases-and-weeds/animal-diseases](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/pests-diseases-and-weeds/animal-diseases).

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### DAWN SERVICE

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### ANZAC DAY MARCH AND COMMEMORATION SERVICE

to be conducted by students of the  
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Numurkah R&SL Sub Branch.

#### PARADE DETAILS

**Assembly 10.15am** Assemble adjacent to  
Newman Square in front of McPhersons.  
**March off 10.25am** then march to War

Memorial Park

#### Anzac Service commences at 10.30am

Assemble at War Memorial for Anzac  
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Order of Service leaflets will be distributed.

Members of the public, schools and other  
interested parties are invited to participate  
in the wreath laying ceremony. Wreaths to  
be placed on table provided. Wreaths will be  
laid in the order of protocol as directed.

As seating is limited, Members of the public  
attending are respectfully asked to bring a  
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At the conclusion of the Service an invitation  
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Easter Advertising DEADLINES

Due to the public holidays over the Easter weekend, all copy for display advertising for next week's Leader should be submitted **NO LATER THAN 3pm THURSDAY** (tomorrow).

Classified line adverts will be accepted until 5pm tomorrow.

*We wish all our readers a safe and happy Easter.*

### Numurkah LEADER

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A LICENCE TO CONSTRUCT WORKS (BORE) / TAKE AND USE LICENCE FOR A LICENSABLE PURPOSE

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*R.I.P.*

**MITCHELL** Janet Mary. 27.3.1961 - 10.4.2019 Our dear sister. We miss you so much! But we are grateful for all the wonderful memories. Richard and Catarina Gregson  
*Psalm 116 v.15  
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*

**MITCHELL** — Janet. The President and Committee of the Numurkah Agricultural and Pastoral Society Inc. mourn the passing of long serving former Treasurer and Committee Member, Mrs Janet Mitchell. Her long voluntary service to the Society is remembered and appreciated by her colleagues. The Society extends sincere sympathy to Peter and her family.  
*With God, which is far better*

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# FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

## MFL

EAGLE 1-T L IRRIGATION MURRAY FL SENIORS 2019

Echuca United ..... 5.2, 9.6, 14.12, 18.15 (123)

Rumbalaria ..... 3.5, 5.9, 5.10, 5.13 (43)

GOALS, Echuca United: J. Mellington 8, D. Moon 2, N. Denahy 2, B. Fulford 2, R. Priest 1, F. Priest 1, P. Quanchi 1, P. Hubbard 1. Rumbalaria: K. Wise 2, J. Wanganne 1, J. Papouli 1, D. Smith 1.

BEST, Echuca United: B. Sawyer, J. Mellington, J. Curnow, N. Denahy, N. Kellow, B. Anderson. Rumbalaria: K. Atkinson, T. Lloyd, K. Wise, C. McCartney, N. Terlich, J. Terlich.

Deniliquin Rams ..... 1.2, 3.5, 6.7, 9.8 (62)

Congupna ..... 3.4, 3.6, 4.7, 7.10 (52)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: A. Morris 2, A. Pappin 1, R. Gittens 1, R. McDonald 1, A. Free 1, B. Irwin 1, T. Gallagher 1, J. Whelan 1. Congupna: D. Schaper 2, D. Campbell 2, J. Chapman 1, S. Ferguson 1, B. Squire 1.

BEST, Deniliquin Rams: J. Anstee, J. Bowie, R. Gittens, N. Howe, R. MacDonald, C. O'Connor. Congupna: B. Squire, J. Dwyer, C. Allen, S. Ferguson, P. Jacobson, J. Shannon.

Tungamah ..... 3.4, 10.5, 11.6, 15.9 (99)

Barooga ..... 3.3, 5.7, 12.9, 13.11 (89)

GOALS, Tungamah: A. Saunders 5, B. Butts 3, D. Scott 2, N. Irvine 1, N. Lawless 1, J. Irvine 1, C. Powell 1, T. Jones 1. Barooga: T. McNeill 3, L. Morey 2, L. Wright 2, Z. Brain 2, C. Patten 2, J. Hazelton 1, S. Macheda 1.

BEST, Tungamah: C. Powell, B. Butts, T. Jones, T. Irvine, J. Irvine, A. Ford. Barooga: Z. Brain, L. Olson, R. Thomson, B. Oats, T. McNeill, J. Hazelton.

Natalhia ..... 4.5, 7.9, 14.15, 22.21 (153)

Moama ..... 1.1, 2.5, 3.5, 4.5 (29)

GOALS, Natalhia: A. Jorgensen 5, L. Evans 3, B. Bell 3, A. Hicks 3, H. Congues 2, M. Barnes 1, P. Carroll 1, D. Barnes 1, C. Congues 1, J. Nihil 1. Moama: L. Dunham 2, M. Lake 1, F. Buchanan 1.

BEST, Natalhia: L. Evans, A. Jorgensen, B. Bell, T. Nihil, A. Hicks, H. Congues. Moama: J. Russell, D. McKindlay, J. Harland, J. Ives, J. Whitehead, J. Simpson.

Mulwala ..... 1.6, 7.9, 11.17, 17.23 (125)

Katandra ..... 2.2, 3.2, 4.6, 5.6 (36)

GOALS, Mulwala: D. McNamara 4, S. Johns 3, T. Dow 2, S. Robinson 2, L. Davis 2, L. Rouel 1, H. Crossley 1, D. Flanagan 1, L. Howroyd 1. Katandra: T. Jeffery 2, T. Herbert 1, A. Zinonos 1, P. Frappell 1.

BEST, Mulwala: D. Cook, D. Flanagan, T. Doyle, L. Davis, D. McNamara, G. Dominic. Katandra: X. Chalkley, L. Minogue, T. Jeffery, A. Muntz, R. Yze, P. Frappell.

Numurkah ..... 2.2, 4.2, 9.5, 12.6 (78)

Tongala ..... 1.3, 1.7, 1.9, 4.12 (36)

GOALS, Numurkah: N. Hicks 3, m. price 3, J. Holmes 2, M. Herlihy 2, G. Gallus 1, B. Roberts 1. Tongala: S. Cipriani 1, K. Fitzgerald 1, D. Joyce 1, C. McCarthy 1.

BEST, Numurkah: not supplied. Tongala: H. Cohen, C. Ilett, K. Fitzgerald, J. Hammond, C. McCarthy, L. Woolan.

Cobram ..... 6.1, 7.7, 10.8, 11.11 (77)

Finley ..... 1.3, 4.6, 9.9, 11.10 (76)

GOALS, Cobram: M. Demaio 3, C. Williams 2, D. McCormack 2, T. Baden 2, S. Stallion 1, R. Taylor 1.

Finley: C. Robertson 3, L. Middleton 3, M. Wilson 3, Z. Cuppens 1, L. Moore 1.

BEST, Cobram: A. Decicco, M. Demaio, C. Williams, I. Artavilla, L. Allen, S. Stallion. Finley: L. Hawkins, C. Robertson, M. Wilson, Z. Cuppens, D. O'Bryan, J. MacOnachie.

## RESERVES

Echuca United ..... 3.3, 6.6, 7.10, 8.12 (60)

Rumbalaria ..... 1.0, 2.3, 4.3, 6.4 (40)

GOALS, Echuca United: A. Pryde 3, T. Callander 2, D. Barwick 1, M. Lourey 1, J. Deighton 1. Rumbalaria: G. Weston 3, B. Jackson 1, D. Patten 1, J. Michael 1.

BEST, Echuca United: D. Cavallaro, K. Armstrong, J. Molluso, J. Steel, J. Hore, A. Pryde. Rumbalaria: T. Hunter, T. Morgan, L. Armstrong, G. Weston, K. Atkinson, B. Payne.

Deniliquin Rams ..... 4.0, 4.2, 5.5, 9.5 (59)

Congupna ..... 3.1, 4.3, 4.4, 7.8 (50)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: R. Barnes 3, A. Hogan 2, S. Werner 1, S. Atley 1, J. Campbell 1, J. Park 1.

Congupna: J. Winnell 3, B. McCrimmon 2, J. Roadaughan 1, M. Barclay 1.

BEST, Deniliquin Rams: L. Ives, A. Hogan, J. Allitt, S. Atley, R. Barnes, M. Panton. Congupna: J. Hicks, L. Baldwin, J. Roadaughan, J. Winnell, C. Saron, N. Jacobson.

Barooga ..... 3.0, 6.2, 13.3, 17.4 (106)

Tungamah ..... 0.4, 1.6, 2.7, 5.7 (37)

GOALS, Barooga: R. Gow 6, C. Brooks 4, B. McNeill 2, H. Brown 2, M. Macheda 1, L. Baxter 1, J. Mccluskey 1.

Tungamah: A. Richardson 2, A. Ross 1, R. Butts 1, A. Heslin 1.

BEST, Barooga: C. Brooks, W. Lavery, H. Brown, N. Sim, R. Gow, Z. Goodwin. Tungamah: A. Ross, R. Butts, J. Whinray, M. Pettit, A. Heslin, S. Thomson.

Moama ..... 1.3, 3.4, 5.6, 6.6 (42)

Natalhia ..... 1.1, 3.2, 4.4, 5.7 (37)

GOALS, Moama: M. Fogarty 2, L. McCann 1, M. Hewes 1, J. Casey 1, J. Galpin 1. Natalhia: C. Kellow 1, M. Carroll 1, K. Hicks 1, A. Quinn 1, B. Vallenader 1.

BEST, Moama: K. Phillips, L. Power, J. Galpin, J. Smith, M. Fogarty, M. Lynch. Natalhia: C. Kellow, M. Smith, M. Carroll, C. Nave, M. McEnneny, M. Brooks.

Katandra ..... 2.2, 2.3, 5.6, 7.10 (52)

Mulwala ..... 2.1, 3.3, 4.7, 6.8 (44)

GOALS, Katandra: R. Shannon 2, L. Dunham 2, N. Dunham 1, R. Williams 1, J. Cleee 1. Mulwala: N. Gash 2, C. Magher 2, J. Ednie 1, C. Nye 1.

BEST, Katandra: S. Green, N. White, F. Opie, R. Shannon, L. Dunham, D. Giles. Mulwala: L. Russell, C. O'Neill, B. Nixon, K. Fisher, Z. Scott, J. Ednie.

Tongala ..... 6.5, 11.9, 16.13, 20.21 (141)

Numurkah ..... 0.0, 0.1, 2.1, 2.2 (14)

GOALS, Tongala: J. Robillard 4, B. Power 4, T. Pyke 2, B. Cox 2, M. Wild 2, S. Tyler 2, B. Denham 2, T. Strapp 1, J. Tyler 1. Numurkah: B. Miller 1, L. Mansfield 1.

BEST, Tongala: B. Cox, B. Power, J. Robillard, L. Hippwell, B. Warren, T. Strapp. Numurkah: P. Collins, J. Pruden, J. Morris, L. Mansfield, B. Waites, K. Taylor.

Finley ..... 3.0, 2.0, 2.3, 2.11, 4.12 (36)

Cobram ..... 1.0, 3.2, 3.3, 4.4 (28)

GOALS, Finley: C. Sutton 1, T. Ogilvie 1, L. Dattoli 1, K. Joseph 1. Cobram: M. Lebner 2, N. Motton 1, K. Griffin 1.

BEST, Finley: J. Hay, J. Sykes, Z. Everingham, J. Brain, H. Taylor, L. Dattoli. Cobram: N. Higgins, N. Motton, C. Hulley, P. Suphun, E. Baxa, K. Griffin.

## SENIORS This Wk Ttl

Deniliquin Rams ..... 2.2, 4.2, 6.4, 10.7 (67)

Congupna ..... 0.1, 1.2, 2.3, 2.4 (16)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: H. Hillier 2, C. Willoughby 2, T. McCallum 1, D. McManus 1, B. Poka 1, K. Wilson 1, J. McMahon 1, D. Hughes 1. Congupna: S. Matthews 2.

BEST, Deniliquin Rams: C. Willoughby 2, H. Hillier, D. Hughes, L. Marshall, B. Poka, M. Amor. Congupna: W. Batey, K. Stuart, S. Matthews, B. Gee, H. Hallahan, B. Austin.

Barooga ..... 2.2, 5.6, 5.8, 7.12 (54)

Tungamah ..... 0.1, 0.1, 3.4, 3.5 (23)

GOALS, Barooga: R. Perri 2, J. Brown 1, W. Brooks 1, J. Poole 1, J. Andrew 1, K. Trease 1. Tungamah: J. Vella 2, W. Sharp 1.

BEST, Barooga: R. Sampson, C. Doyle, N. Doyle, B. Tenney, J. Brown, R. Perri. Tungamah: W. Sharp, N. Connell, J. Vella, O. Willis, B. Griffin, H. Thomson.

Moama ..... 5.2, 11.4, 17.7, 19.12 (126)

Natalhia ..... 0.1, 0.1, 1.1, 1.1 (7)

GOALS, Moama: L. Edwards 5, R. Webb 3, C. Vreedenburg 3, T. Donchi 1, N. Milner 1, B. Keogh 1, B. Anderson 1, L. Simpson 1, K. Stovell 1, R. Simmons 1, D. Baldwin 1. Natalhia: S. Young 1.

BEST, Moama: D. Baldwin, C. Vreedenburg, L. Dixon, B. Keogh, E. Redwood. Natalhia: A. Zammit, B. Armstrong, J. Brown, M. Hindmarsh, W. Sheehan, R. Bell.

Mulwala ..... 4.2, 11.8, 13.12, 17.14 (116)

Katandra ..... 1.1, 1.1, 2.3, 3.3 (21)

GOALS, Mulwala: L. Martin 7, J. Ednie 3, K. Abikhair 2, J. Macdermid 1, T. Adkins 1, C. Phibbs 1, Fletcher 1, A. Psaltiras 1. Katandra: L. Turcato 1, L. Moroney 1, C. Patti 1.

BEST, Mulwala: L. Martin, J. Ednie, K. Abikhair, F. Fletcher, Z. Scott, D. Psaltiras. Katandra: P. Cormican, L. Moroney, L. Turcato, A. Harrington, F. Lesire, W. Dempsey.

Numurkah ..... 2.1, 5.4, 8.9, 9.13 (67)

Tongala ..... 2.3, 4.5, 5.6, 5.7 (37)

GOALS, Numurkah: J. Hollands 4, D. Eborn 2, M. Mansfield 1, M. Hodges 1, S. Kelly 1. Tongala: M. Cowley 3, R. Hatch 1, B. Reid 1.

BEST, Numurkah: J. Hollands, F. Jones, F. Penberthy, M. Mansfield, M. Hodges, K. Newby. Tongala: M. Cowley, R. Hatch, J. Matthes, M. Watson, C. Watson, B. Ohara.

Cobram ..... 3.2, 4.2, 8.2, 13.2 (80)

Finley ..... 1.1, 5.4, 7.4, 9.5 (59)

GOALS, Cobram: J. Cassidy 5, L. McShane 3, W. Slatterie 2, D. Langshaw 1, R. Mele 1, J. Curtin 1. Finley: S. Brain 3, E. Haynes 3, J. Ogilvie 1, H. John 1, C. Lawler 1.

BEST, Cobram: J. Cassidy, M. Allen, L. McShane, W. Slatterie, J. Hindson, D. Langshaw. Finley: B. Coombs, S. Brain, L. Osborne, R. Hamann, L. Webster, E. Haynes.

## UNDER 14 This Wk Ttl

Echuca United ..... 4.2, 10.4, 13.9, 17.13 (115)

Rumbalaria ..... 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.1 (1)

GOALS, Echuca United: F. Belmont-Wickliffe 5, O. Poole 2, D. Purbrick 2, N. Threlfall 2, I. Bassett 1, S. Fisher 1, A. Wagner 1, R. Stobaus 1, N. Schmedje 1, R. Godfrey 1.

BEST, Echuca United: S. Fisher, F. Belmont-Wickliffe, D. Purbrick, A. Wagner, B. Barnstable, N. Threlfall.

Rumbalaria: B. McGowan, T. Armstrong, J. Morgan, C. Jackson-Ingram, J. Briggs, B. Joachim.

Deniliquin Rams ..... 9.4, 16.13, 20.20, 27.23 (185)

Congupna ..... 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: L. Todd 5, C. Hillier 4, B. Elphick 3, Z. Free 3, W. McCutney 2, C. Paton 2, J. Herbert 2, A. Wright 2, H. Way 1, L. Holloway 1, T. Willis 1, H. Dudley 1.

BEST, Deniliquin Rams: C. Hillier, M. Fitzpatrick, N. Bradley, L. Todd, L. Leiper, A. Wright, Congupna: J. Guthrie, T. R. Raven, T. True, S. Adkins, J. Purtell, H. Thomson.

Natalhia ..... 2.5, 2.5, 6.6, 8.9 (57)

Moama ..... 1.0, 2.1, 2.1, 2.1 (13)

GOALS, Moama: L. Ives 3, B. Hillier 4, B. Amery 1, B. Liddell 1, J. Dohnt 1, B. Orton 1. Moama: K. Huddle 1, L. Hogan 1.

BEST, Moama: C. Peachey, E. Congues, O. Sheehan, K. Lundberg, J. Amery, B. Orton. Moama: J. Shanahan, Z. McKenzie, L. Hogan, J. Jarrett, J. Grubb, H. Connally.

Katandra ..... 1.1, 3.3, 5.4, 7.12 (54)

Mulwala ..... 0.2, 0.3, 1.4, 1.5 (11)

GOALS, Katandra: D. Wilson 1, L. Teague 1, J. Tucker 1, F. Everard 1, B. Pate 1, F. Walters 1. Mulwala: T. Jones 1.

BEST, Katandra: F. Everard, R. Ash, T. Wilson, R. Dawson, H. Harrington, M. Everard. Mulwala: D. Kirchen, J. Eder, T. Jones, B. Lewis, M. Adkins, B. Johnson.

Tongala ..... 6.0, 9.3, 13.6, 15.8 (98)

Tungamah ..... 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1 (1)

GOALS, Tongala: C. Leighton-Daly 4, J. Bowden 1, J. Nolan 2, C. Adkins 2, L. Nolan 1, J. Mathers 1, K. Andrew 1.

BEST, Tongala: J. Geisler, K. Andrew, J. Nolan, C. Leighton-Daly, C. Jezewski, J. Bowden. Tungamah: J. Raven, T. True, S. Adkins, J. Purtell, H. Thomson.

Natalhia ..... 2.5, 2.5, 6.6, 8.9 (57)

Moama ..... 1.0, 2.1, 2.1, 2.1 (13)

## Croquet warming up as weather cools down

COOLER weather has helped to boost the Numurkah Croquet Club's numbers for its Tuesday social play.

There were again some very close matches last week, with only one hoop separating the top three teams.

Joan T. Hansen and David Geddes were the winners, with three wins, 24 hoops, just edging out Laurus Hinchcliffe and Faye Miller, and Kevin Hansen and visitor Cassie Hurley. Both these pair scores 3/23, to finish equal runners-up.

Hoops-in-one were hard to come by, with Heather Brown the only player to achieve this feat.

It was not the same, though, for jump shots. Lois Lowe and Gordon Brown both scored two, while Barb McKeown, Lyn Hughes, Glenys Londrey and Ian Londrey all scored one. Considering the difficulty of the jump shot, eight for the day was a great effort.

The club will hold its golf croquet social tournament next Tuesday.

Being right after Easter, it is only natural that there should be a prize for the best Easter bonnet, and it is expected that some very creative designs will be worn by visitors and club members. The challenging task of judging the parade will be handled by club president, and well known hat connoisseur, David Geddes.

For the first time, this year there will be cash prizes for the tournament winner, thanks to club sponsor Numurkah Golf & Bowls Club, which has made this possible.



Runners-up ... Peter Madill, Peter Dealy, Ann Dealy, John Wright, Lidija Patching, Paul Rees, Terry Brennan, Hans Brutzman, Joe Luci, Noel Newham, Brian Gentle, Colin Hicks, Andy Matthies, Bruce Agnew, Allan Clark, Ken Hodgson, Phil Perkins and Steve Patching

## Numurkah finishes second best

NUMURKAH'S Edinburgh Shield team finished runner-up in its section, played at Corowa Civic Bowls Club last weekend.

The state RSL Edinburgh Shield

Bowls event is held at many venues around Victoria. Six different RSLs were represented at each venue, attempting to be the best in the state.

Numurkah played against Sunbury, Inverloch, RSL on Bell, Pascoe Vale, and the eventual winner Ocean Grove.

Numurkah went down to Ocean

Grove by four shots in the initial round.

It was a very good weekend of camaraderie and ANZAC spirit for all those involved.

## NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

### MNL

#### A GRADE

Barooga 33 def Tungamah 37  
Congupna 43 def Deniliquin 51  
Echuca United 44 def Rumbalara 43  
Finley 53 def Cobram 46  
Mulwala 36 def Katandra 30  
Nathalia 16 def Moama 57  
Tongala 36 def Numurkah 26

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Moama	2	2	0	0	125	40	8	312.5
Rumbalara	3	2	1	0	155	95	8	163.16
Mulwala	2	2	0	0	84	55	8	152.73
Echuca United	2	2	0	0	93	91	8	102.2
Finley	3	2	1	0	123	139	8	88.49
Deniliquin	2	1	1	0	99	92	4	107.61
Cobram	2	1	1	0	90	92	4	97.83
Barooga	2	1	1	0	67	69	4	76.54
Tungamah	2	1	1	0	62	81	4	63.83
Tongala	2	1	1	0	60	94	4	88.57
Katandra	2	0	2	0	62	70	0	76.32
Numurkah	2	0	2	0	58	76	0	62.75
Congupna	2	0	2	0	64	102	0	54.46
Nathalia	2	0	2	0	55	101	0	54.46

#### B GRADE

Barooga 46 def Tungamah 24  
Congupna 24 def Deniliquin 44  
Echuca United 66 def Rumbalara 31  
Finley 34 def Cobram 40  
Mulwala 55 def Katandra 23  
Nathalia 32 def Moama 45  
Tongala 44 def Numurkah 41

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Mulwala	2	2	0	0	108	46	8	234.78
Deniliquin	2	2	0	0	78	54	8	144.44
Barooga	2	2	0	0	88	62	8	141.94
Moama	2	2	0	0	87	69	8	126.09
Cobram	2	2	0	0	80	64	8	125
Finley	3	2	1	0	100	97	8	103.09
Echuca United	2	1	1	0	96	65	4	147.69
Congupna	2	1	1	0	71	65	4	109.23
Tongala	2	1	1	0	81	83	4	97.59
Numurkah	2	0	2	0	74	79	0	93.67
Nathalia	2	0	2	0	62	85	0	72.94
Katandra	2	0	2	0	61	97	0	62.89
Rumbalara	3	0	3	0	76	144	0	52.78
Tungamah	2	0	2	0	47	99	0	47.47

#### C GRADE

Barooga 29 def Tungamah 34  
Congupna 37 def Deniliquin 56  
Echuca United 78 def Rumbalara 21  
Finley 13 def Cobram 61  
Mulwala 44 def Katandra 23  
Nathalia 35 def Moama 38  
Tongala 36 def Numurkah 22

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%	PR
Cobram	2	2	0	0	103	34	8	302.94	
Mulwala	2	2	0	0	100	36	8	277.78	
Echuca United	2	2	0	0	138	57	8	242.11	
Tongala	2	2	0	0	76	45	8	168.89	
Katandra	2	1	1	0	71	63	4	112.7	
Deniliquin	2	1	1	0	92	97	4	94.85	
Congupna	2	1	1	0	77	94	4	81.91	
Moama	2	1	1	0	61	75	4	81.33	
Numurkah	2	1	1	0	48	60	4	80	
Finley	3	1	2	0	70	112	4	62.5	
Tungamah	2	1	1	0	47	85	4	55.29	
Nathalia	2	0	2	0	56	80	0	70	
Barooga	2	0	2	0	48	82	0	59.54	
Rumbalara	3	0	3	0	84	151	0	55.63	

#### C RESERVE

Barooga 43 def Tungamah 18  
Congupna 31 def Deniliquin 54  
Echuca United 63 def Rumbalara 9  
Mulwala 42 def Katandra 48  
Nathalia 32 def Moama 44  
Tongala 22 def Numurkah 27

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Echuca United	2	2	0	0	97	39	8	248.72
Moama	2	2	0	0	102	56	8	182.14

#### 17 & UNDER

Barooga 30 def Tungamah 33  
Congupna 10 def Deniliquin 53  
Echuca United 56 def Rumbalara 31

LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Tongala	2	2	0	0	77	28	8	275
Barooga	2	1	1	0	102	58	4	175.86
Deniliquin	2	1	1	0	84	65	4	129.23
Numurkah	1	1	0	0	27	22	4	122.73
Barooga	2	1	1	0	70	64	4	109.38
Congupna	2	1	1	0	76	79	4	96.2
Nathalia	2	1	1	0	74	83	4	89.16
Cobram	1	0	1	0	39	42	0	92.86
Tongala	2	0	2	0	46	85	0	54.12
Rumbalara	2	0	2	0	34	108	0	31.48
Tungamah	2	0	2	0	28	103	0	27.18
Finley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### 11 & UNDER

Barooga 29 def Tungamah 2  
Finley 5 def Cobram 3  
Mulwala 16 def Katandra 2  
Nathalia 4 def by Moama 13  
Tongala 4 def by Numurkah 21

#### NEXT WEEK

Round 3 - Easter - Apr 19 & 20: Moama v Echuca United; Tongala v Nathalia; Mulwala v Congupna; Deniliquin v Finley; Numurkah v Rumbalara; Tungamah v Katandra (Mulwala) (Sat); Cobram v Barooga (Sat).

## PNL

#### A GRADE

Berrigan 38 def Waiaia 33

Brightly 17 def by Deni Rovers 44

Jerilderie 35 def by Picola United 69

Katunga 44 def Strathmerton 38

Mathoura 34 def Katamatite 37

Tocumwal 50 def Rennie 38

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# Pip more than cleans up

by "The Shankster"

PIP De Bondt doesn't play a lot of golf at Numurkah, but she certainly let the women members know she was there on Saturday, not only cleaning up the day's competition, but in both of the daily raffles, as well.

Pip lost a whole shot off her handicap after coming in with a fantastic score of 44 stableford points to easily take out the day's Neville Smith sponsored third round of the stableford trophy event.

In what turned out to be a very profitable day, Pip only decided to play golf when her partner was confined to bed with a severe case of the man flu. And we all know you don't want to stay at home with that. Not when there is a game of golf on offer, anyway.

But Pip's winning didn't stop there. She won first prize in the ball raffle, and then cleaned up in Robbie's Raffle, winning another three prizes.

No doubt she would have been very popular at home, walking in with a new shirt, five golf balls and a bottle of wine.

Anyway, back to golf.

Pauline Davies was the unlucky runner-up on the day, scoring a terrific 41 points, that would have been plenty good enough any other day, and was easily better than the next best score returned.

Kath Hepworth had her second 37 points in a matter of days, to finish in third place, followed by Lauris Ashton on 36, and Robyn Hodgkin on 35. Nola Dalton and Merren Carr took home the last of the balls, both with 34 points.

There were a few nominations for the Mickey Mouse ears, all centering around Nola Dalton and Bev Hutchins, who were both wearing ears during presentations.

Nola, a 10 handicapper and current club champion, surprised her playing partners when, in the middle of the fifth fairway, she hit six inches behind her ball, and cleaned missed it.

She also received another nomination for a misdemeanor in a knockout match the previous Sunday, when her partner (Bev) hit a ball out of bounds, and Nola proceeded to pick up Bev's in-play ball to throw back to her. Not that it mattered. Nola went on to win the hole on her own.

Bev had her own brain fade on Saturday. After hitting her ball off the first tee (her ninth hole of the day), out onto the seventh, she was slightly surprised to find her ball behind a tree between the first and seventh. With a group on the seventh tee, Bev hit her ball into the next tree, from which it ricocheted out towards the sixth fairway, almost hitting Pete Stonehouse, who was making his way towards the ball that Bev had just hit. Yep, it was Pete's.

Not content to just wipe out on the first, Bev then went on to pick up her ball on the second green, when she still had a shot left to play.

Scores were generally pretty good last Wednesday, with only three players not making it to the thirties.

Kath Hepworth had the best, with 37 points to win the day, one shot of Lorraine Craig, who has been in mostly pretty good form of late, with 36 points.

Nola Dalton, Pauline Davies and Lauris Ashton finished with 35, and the last of the balls went to Merren Carr and Norma Crowe on 33.

Of those not already mentioned, Bev Peacock had the best nine out, with 17 points, while Norma Culham won a ball for the same score around the back nine.

Tracey Clouston won the cake hole voucher to Cafe Mierlo, while Kath Hepworth had a tremendous shot to the 18th green, that finished about a foot short of the hole, and resulted in a two-for-four points, which secured her win.

Mavis Birrell faced a big challenge, when she single-handedly took on Kath Hepworth and Lauris Ashton in their first round match of the Wednesday fourball knockout. Mavis' partner Lorraine Milner was suffering an injury, and Kath and Lauris advanced to the second round.

Today's golf will be a monthly medal, and the first round of the Golf Victoria silver spoon event. Saturday will be a Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal round, and then next Wednesday will be the ever-popular par.

The Saturday Jack Roche fourball will commence the following week, so players should organise a partner.

# Vets meet warm conditions

DENNIS Prosser handled the warm conditions at Valley View Golf Club on Monday the best of all the local golfers playing in the Goulburn Valley Veteran Golfers monthly event, although a few locals finished amongst the ball winners.

A good field of 118 veteran golfers took to the fairways for the day sponsored by McColls Transport.

Dennis finished runner-up in B grade, with 37 points, only losing a countback from Gavon Armstrong, from Valley View.

The best score of the day came in A grade, with Valley View's Peter Mangan scored 40 points to win, well ahead of Seymour's John Boruch, with 35 points.

Ian Scurr from Lockington took out C grade with 39 points, ahead of Brian Reiners from Kialla, who won a countback on 36 points.

Nearest the pin winners in A, B and C grades, respectively, were John Keller, Hill Top; Bob Wilches, Hill Top; and Geoff Squires, Valley View.

The ball run down included Alan Williams, Graeme Willoughby, John Keller, Norm Purtill, Kevin Humbert, Trevor Price, Richard Farmer, John Fanning, Jack Hepworth, Richard Stockdale, Ken Harris, Graeme North, Hugh Gunn, Kevin Taylor, Len Adams, Bernard Shallard, Barry Graham, Neville Smith, John Neale, Geoff Squires, Phil Cooper, Robert Frame, Ray Gourlay, Roden Brady, Roy Parrott, Maurice Webb, Ross Kelly, Les Hall, Ray Moye, Allan McGrath and Bill Waite.

The association's next regular event will be at Rich River Golf Club, on Monday, May 20, 9.30am assembly for a 10am tee time.

Before then, though, there is the intra-zone challenge at Benalla on May 13. This event is restricted to 36 players from each district of Dalhousie, Goulburn Valley and North East, and the Goulburn Valley has already filled its team.

## Easy win for Picola

PICOLA got its first A grade netball win of the season on the board, with a convincing victory over Jerilderie on Saturday.

The girls all put in hard for the full four quarters, with great consistency and multiple turnovers to make the long journey home with a 69-35 victory.

Awards: Nathalia Post Office: Emily Atkinson, Brereton's Bakery: Holly Chalker.

### B GRADE

The B graders also got their first win on the board, defeating Jerilderie by seven goals, 42-35.

The Blues' all played a great game, with fantastic defence all over the court, and second efforts to back up their team mates.

Awards: Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering: Kelsey Trickey, Brereton's Bakery: Mikayla.

### C GRADE

The C graders fought hard to sneak away with a two goal victory, 37-35.

Sophie Moylan worked hard in the mid court, picking up many intercepts and loose balls, while Jodie Daniel worked hard and created many turnovers in defence.

Awards: Foott Waste Solutions: Sophie Moylan, Club dinner: Jodie Daniel.

### C RESERVE

Despite getting off to a great start, the C reserve team couldn't keep the winning trend going.

Picola led for the first two quarters, with great team work up and down the court, but went down 18-27.

Awards: Casual Step: Emilee Azzopardi, Club dinner: Hayley Marciak.

### 15 UNDER

The under 17s made it two form two with a great game against a tougher side. The defenders were terrific against a tall shooter, doing everything that was asked of them.

Awards: Birch Earthmoving: Jayda, Barmah Social Club: Kate.

### 13 UNDER

Everyone tried hard all game, but the under 13s went down by 10 goals, 14-24.

There were plenty of positives, and the girls need to continue to work hard at training.

Awards: Baxter Family medallion: KJ Fordham, Barmah Social Club: Jordan Florence.

### 11 UNDER

It was a great game this week from the under 11s. Excellent shooting and intercepts won the game for Picola.

Awards: Intersport Bennetts: Abbey Sheahan; PUFNC: Grace Morgan.

# Boots stays steady to post win

by "Archie Bunker"

ROUND three of the stableford trophy event at Numurkah Golf Club on Saturday was Ian 'Boots' Gray, with a great score of 42 points.

Boots played nice steady golf to win the Neville Smith sponsored third round of the six round competition.

"Everything just clicked," Boots said, and he just couldn't do anything wrong.

Runner-up in B grade, with a score of 41 points, was Geoff Stone. Like Boots, Stoney said he had a day out, where everything went right.

Captain Ronnie Smith took out the A grade voucher, with a great score of 41 points, one point ahead of Matt Ebborn, who has been in great form for the last couple of months.

John Smith's grandson, Josh Hanvey won the first of the down the line balls, with a terrific score, on an unfamiliar course, of 39 points.

Peter Cowan and Steve Piggott finished with 38 points, Dave Dell, John Smith and Mitch Grandell had 36, and the last of the balls, for 35 points, went to Graham Ashton, Barry Pruden, Martin Harper and Bill Green.

Mitch Grandell missed his birdie putt on the fourth hole, but won nearest the pin anyway, and Bill Green again had the best shot to the seventh hole, which is becoming a regular event.

On the back nine, Neil Hutchins won the 15th, and Jack Hepworth was closest on the 18th.

There were several nominations for the Mickey Mouse ears, and Ian Clark would have been wearing them, had he been in the clubhouse for presentations. Clark nearly took out two Robertsons with one ball, when he skinned his shot over the fourth green, on which they were playing.

So, once again, they went to Bill Padgett, and this week his partner in crime, Ian Hannaford. One of these players must have given Anthony his wrong GolfLink number, or maybe even, Anthony thought he knew it and entered it incorrectly, but either way, neither player noticed that they card they scored and handed in at the end of their round, had another player's name on it.

Alan Dalton wore a third set of ears, after it took him three shots to get past the dam on the first hole. Not the best way to start a round of golf.

This Saturday's golf will be a Brad Tweed monthly medal round, followed by dinner in the club bistro, to which all golfers are invited to join in.

The Jack Roche starts the following weekend, so players are encouraged to organise a partner and get involved in this iconic club honour board event.

**Giving them the boot ...** Ian 'Boots' Gray played a steady round to win the shirt in last Saturday's stableford trophy round.

# Robbo just scrapes home

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

LEIGH Robertson managed to hold off a fast finishing John Mackay and win last Thursday's midweek competition at Numurkah Golf Club.

Leigh accumulated 40 stableford points for his round, just ahead of John, who won second spot in a countback from Col Stone, both with totals of 39.

Even though the new watering system has kept the fairways and greens in good condition, the near surrounds are dry and ensure maximum run for well struck shots. This was reflected in the players' scores on Thursday, where 30% of the field returned scores at, or better than, their handicaps.

The following competitors received club balls for their scores: Roden Brady, John Trimble and Mike Duffett 37, Bill Green, Ron Smith and Hugh Gunn 36, Darryl Sheridan and Peter Cowan 35, Steve Piggott, Mark Hegarty and Alf Patman 34, Jack Hepworth 32.

Dennis Prosser brought up the tail

of the field with the lowest score of 23 points, ensuring he took home the shame tin of boiled lollies.

The nearest the pin results this week nearly created history by all of the recipients having the same Christian name. John 'Baby' Bauerle won nearest the pin on the fourth hole, John Smith took the players' sweep money on the seventh, as well as being closest for two shots on the 14th, and John Trimble was nearest the flag on the 15th. Sid Roughsedge spoiled the party by being closest on the 18th hole.

The following individuals and organisations provide nearest the pin awards each week: The GMCU, Roy Peterson and Dennis Kite, Graeme Sprunt, Pruden's Carpentry and the players themselves, and the players thank them for their support.

Why not join us this Thursday and have, as Mark Twain wrote, "a good walk spoiled". Assemble at 9.30am for a 10 o'clock hit off. Visitors and guests are most welcome.



**Father can do too ...** Leigh Robertson took a win in last Thursday's golf competition, just like his son Sam did for a couple of weeks previously.

# Hot battle for control

KATUNGA battled through the hot weather on the netball court on Saturday, to come away with a hard-fought win over Strathmerton in their A grade Picola league clash.

Strathmerton bled a couple of under 17 players in its starting seven, Molly Coburn and Alyssa Crestani, which allowed for plenty of versatility throughout the game.

Katunga got off to a good start in Brianna Armitage's 100th game, while the Bulldogs struggled to get any rhythm into the game.

The Bulldog defenders worked tirelessly, but some vital missed opportunities in attack let the Swans keep hold of the contest, and close out the game with a six goal win, 44-38.

Katunga awards: AgBio En: Rach Howden, ND Services: Brianna Armitage.

Strathmerton awards: Strathy Pub: Vanessa Ward.

#### B GRADE

After a slow start, Katunga proved far too strong for Strathmerton in B grade, winning 52-25.

Strathmerton got away to a good start, but the Swans pulled themselves together and had taken a 10-goal lead by quarter time.

The Strathy girls put together some great passages of play and made the Swans work hard for their win. Their combinations both in defence and attack, seem to be settling in well.

Katunga awards: KSG Fuel: Carly Bell, Numurkah Pharmacy: Jordyn Sutton.

Strathmerton awards: Strathmerton Pub: Joy Maher, Ambience Cafe: Asha Palmer, Strathmerton Cafe: Karen Duckworth.

#### C GRADE

Katunga took an easy victory over Strathmerton to move into top spot on the C grade ladder after two completed rounds.

Tough opposition made it hard for the Strathy girls to pick up their mistakes.

The Swans applied great pressure in defence, and continued to move the ball well down the court, in a fantastic four quarters of netball.

Katunga awards: Telegraph Hotel: Taylah Otto, Fitness 3636: Tori Tetley.

Strathmerton awards: Strathy Pub: Imelda Padman, Supreme Meats: Tomasina Ventre.

#### C RESERVE

Strathmerton C reserve players took to the court for their first time this sea-

son and, despite working together well and producing a great game, couldn't get over the rampaging Katunga side, going down 16-43.

The Bulldogs got off to a great start and trailed by just one goal at the first break, but the deficit grew as the game went on.

Katunga's mid court players were terrific, constantly feeding into the goalers, and the defenders were fantastic.

Katunga awards: Telegraph Hotel: Kirsten Rogers, Fitness 3636: Sandra Kennedy.

Strathmerton awards: BOC Strathy Pub: Jodi Brooks, Strathy Cafe: Georgia McKay, Ambience Bakery Cafe: Shayla Crowe, Keep Active Osteo: Katie Stoke.

#### 17 UNDER

Strathmerton got its own back in the junior netball games, taking wins in all three matches.

The Katunga under 17s were let down by the basic things and were simply outclassed by a better team on the day, going down 18-43.

The Strathy girls showed that they are taking notice at training, and putting it into action on the court.

Katunga awards: Cobram Farm

Equipment: Jasmine Moore, Reapers Hair & Beauty: Emily Kraft-Bright.

Strathmerton awards: Wingates Sport: Alyssa Crestani, Strathy Cafe: Olivia Brincatt.

#### 15 UNDER

After suffering a big loss to Blighty in the first round, the Strathy came out firing and secured a 15 goal win.

The Bulldogs' defensive pressure was strong across the court, which helped to create a number of turnovers and give their goalers the opportunity to score.

Many positional changes saw the girls adapt quickly and play their role well.

The Katunga girls played hard and kept up their own game plan, but have identified a few things to work on at training.

Katunga awards: Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Grace Eddy, Canteen: Nakia Board.

Strathmerton awards: iTunes: Sarah Brooks, Pizza: Taryn Miller, Subway: Claudia Ross.

#### 13 UNDER

Strathy's under 13s played an awesome game against Katunga, to win 16-6.

The Bulldog girls tried a few new po-

sitions, and they worked well for the team.

Katunga lacked a bit of drive, and forgot to use their voices when the passage was open but, asked to give 100% in the last quarter, they did, and finished the game well.

Katunga awards: Canteen: Hannah O'Brien, Cold Rock: Email Weeks.

Strathmerton awards: Laidlaw Electrical: Indiana, Terminus Hotel, Paige.

#### 11 UNDER

The youngest Swans proved to be quite a skilled outfit on Saturday, but the young Bulldogs did really against them.

The Swans' defensive pressure from all the girls created many turnovers, and practising leading to the ball at training during the week helped the team to score plenty of goals.

The Bulldogs tried out many new positions and identified a few more things to work on at training.

Katunga awards: Cold Rock: Ada Kennedy, Canteen: Mia Duggan, Coach's award: Rahni Hendy.

Strathmerton awards: Canteen: Giselle Wren, Subway: Payton van Every, Cash: Alyssah Wilson.

## Blues fight it out against Tonny

NUMURKAH'S A grade netball side played out a hard-fought game against Tongala, but couldn't overcome home side, going down 26-36.

With a very young side taking to the court for Numurkah Football Netball Club this season, the Blues are just taking each week as it comes.

The Blues' defensive pressure showed a huge improvement on the previous week. Fiona Elliott and Sophie Morris worked hard in the ring all game, getting many taps and great rebounds.

Sarah Trease worked hard all game in wing attack, and made good options into the circle.

Tegan Bau stepped up from B grade and got stronger as the progressed and she gained more confidence. Krystal Sheridan worked tirelessly all game, limiting her opponent's opportunities, and Eilish Judd worked hard in goal attack, taking some strong rebounds and great aerial passes.

The Blues still need to work on their court positioning and being able to capitalise on their opportunities, but there is doubt that the team will improve as the season goes on, and the confidence comes.

Awards: Numurkah Hotel: Eilish Judd, Brereton's Bakery: Sophie Morris.

#### B GRADE

The B grade clash came to an exciting finish, with Numurkah going down by just three goals, 41-44.

The Blues got off to a good start, with some fast-moving passages of play in the goal third, with Tracey Commandeur and Andrea Dobson reuniting as the goaling duo.

Tongala was consistent, and converted whenever they had the chance.

Numurkah did have a chance to take victory, but couldn't quite get over the line.

Awards: Shamrock Hotel: Tracey Commandeur, Numurkah Café Bar and Restaurant: Mary Down.

#### C GRADE

The C graders met a tough and physical Tongala, with their opponents not giving an inch, and went down by 14 goals.

Tongala's pressure caused the Blues to play panicked netball, and forced errors. This, combined with some new players and positions, meant the girls never settled into the game and their usual rhythm.

Jane Borg had a good contest with her opponent in GD, but also attacked strongly down the court and kept her head under pressure.

The Blues played some stronger moments of netball in the last quarter, but couldn't make up the deficit, going down 22-36.

Award: Telegraph Hotel: Jane Borg.

#### C RESERVE

With a very new look C reserve team for

season 2019, Numurkah hit the court for its first game of the season with just three players from last year's team. But that didn't stop the Blues from coming home with a first win under their belts.

The new players all certainly fitted in well and the team played with great patience while they worked out their team mates games.

Numurkah played a very controlled game with the intensity lifting each quarter, with the assistance of three upcoming juniors, Daisy Lester, Chloe Taylor and Charli Dorrity, who all made a great contribution to the final result.

The two teams were closely matched throughout the game, but the Blue girls were able to extend their lead out to five goals by the end of the match, taking victory 27-22.

Emily Pruden did well in her first game back after a three year break, and Mon Isip carried on her good form from last year's finals series.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Emily Pruden, Hair Society: Mon Isip.

#### 17 UNDER

The under 17 girls were under fire right from the beginning, but stuck to their structures to try and improve themselves.

Tongala won the game 55-11, but the Numurkah girls will keep practising the things they have been concentrating on at training.

#### 15 UNDER

The under 15s had a rocky start, going into the game a bit flat. Although they improved their game, they couldn't get up over a strong Tongala team, going down 23-56.

The Blues began to get it together in the second term and play the style of netball they have been working on. They brought the ball down the court well, but unfortunately the score didn't reflect how well they played.

Charlotte Brown held well and goaled accurately for three quarters, whilst giving others encouragement. Marly Handford got the second award for her continuous hard working efforts throughout the whole game.

Awards: Reapers Hair & Beauty: Charlotte Brown, Club hat: Marly Handford.

#### 13 UNDER

The under 13s faced a very tough game, competing against a stronger, taller side.

Despite a significant defeat, 6-36, the girls kept their heads up.

Award: Club: Charlize Borg.

#### 11 UNDER

The under 11s managed a good win, defeating Tongala 21-4.

Lily Patrick-Oudemans goaled well and encouraged her team mates, while Ellie Carkeek had strong defence right throughout the game.

Awards: Rush Food: Lily Patrick-Oudemans, Club: Ellie Carkeek.

## Tough day for Bomber girls

WITH two goalers unavailable for Saturday's game against Berrigan, it was always going to be tough for Waaia's A grade netballers, and tough it proved to be, with the Bombers going down by five goals.

Maddi Cleeland and Chloe Thorne stepped and filled the void, playing terrific games.

The players in both rings worked hard all day, but struggled with some unlucky balls dropping against them.

A bad second quarter, seven goals less than Berrigan, had the Bombers chasing their tails for the second half. Berrigan's long arms and physical defence caught the visitors on the back foot, and they were unable to adjust.

The Bombers put in a better second half, gaining a small amount of ground, but went down 33-38.

Awards: WFNC cash: Maddi Cleeland, Terminus Hotel: Chloe Thorne.

#### B GRADE

A great first quarter set up the Bomber B graders for an exciting finish to their game, defeating Berrigan by a solitary goal.

The Bombers' defensive pressure all over the court created turnovers and gave the goalers plenty of opportunities to score.

Waaia went on to take the victory 34-33.

Awards: WFNC cash: Andrea Bergamin, Laino's Pizza & Pasta: Andrea Bergamin.

#### B GRADE

A few inaccurate passes, a few missed goals. That was the story of the Waaia C graders' game on Saturday, resulting in a 12 goal loss, 42-54.

On another hot day, the Bombers played a strong game in the first quarter, but lost their way a bit in the middle of the game, before finishing well.

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The Bombers put in a better second half, gaining a small amount of ground, but went down 33-38.

The goalers worked tirelessly all game, with some great movement in the mid court, and lots of pressure in defence.

All players worked well to the set plays and kept their space throughout the game.

Awards: WFNC cash: Kim Daniels, Telegraph Hotel: Bowshae Stuart.

#### 15 UNDER

After a tough night at training on Thursday, the under 15 girls went out on the court ready to prove something, and played some great netball to win by five goals.

The young Bombers threw

some great passes and put together some great passages of play. The defenders provided some great turnovers, the mid court players played a strong game, and fed beautifully into the ring, and the goalers shot with great accuracy.

Working well as a team all down the court saw the Bombers take a good win, 25-20.

Awards: D. & M. Plattfuss: Ella Wilson, WFNC canteen: Kloe O'Keefe, Terminus Hotel: Ella Bryant.

#### 13 UNDER

The Bombers' under 13s started their game well, after an early morning, but ended their game in a draw.

The young Bombers passed the ball well, and their channel work was terrific, but the Berrigan girls maintained strong pressure the whole game.

It was a great tussle between the two sides and, at the final whistle, the scores were level on 22-22.

Awards: WFNC scrunchie: Bindy Stuart, WFNC canteen: Jemima Moore.

#### 11 UNDER

The youngest Bomber girls had their coach feeling as proud as punch, after a great game against Berrigan.

All girls put in 100% effort in their positions, and encouraged each other with lots of smiles.

There are a couple of things to work on, but it has been a great start to the season.

## Top score for Lindsay

LINDSAY Braybon top scored in the Numurkah Small Bore Club's 50 metre prone event last Thursday night, with a score of 195.12.

Lou Cook took honours in the 20 metre benchrest, and Angela Gibbon had the top score in 20 metre prone.

Thursday night's scores:

20 metre benchrest: L. Cook 97.2 98.1 195.3, C. Saxton 98.6 95.3 193.9, L. Cook 96.1 97.2 193.3, D. Bradshaw 93.0 98.2 191.2, D. Bradshaw 95.0 94.1 189.1, G. Miles 94.0 95.1 189.1.

20 metre prone:

A. Gibbon 92.1 93.2 185.3, J. Matys 88.2

82.0 170.2, J. Matys 74.0 91.2 165.2.

50 metre prone match: L. Braybon 89.5 99.7 195.12, T. Braybon 98.7 97.3 195.10, R. Hill 97.4 98.5 195.9, B. Sneddon 94.3 95.2 189.5, G. Braybon 95.1 94.2 189.3, G. Miles 97.2 90.0 187.2, D. Cook 92.2 91.2 183.4, A. Gibbon 92.2 90.3 182.5, A. Lee 91.0 89.3 180.3, A. Lee 86

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Richmond vs. Sydney Swans (MRVL) (N)  
Western Bulldogs vs. Carlton (MRVL)  
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- 5 Melbourne
- 6 Richmond
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Adelaide
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- 3 West Coast
- 4 GWS
- 5 Melbourne
- 6 Richmond
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Adelaide
- 9 Geelong

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- 2 North Melb
- 3 West Coast
- 4 GWS
- 5 Melbourne
- 6 Richmond
- 7 Bulldogs
- 8 Adelaide
- 9 Geelong

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## Goals tough to come by as Magpies soar

NATHALIA'S contest against Moama in the reserves clash was a gritty one, with the Magpies coming out on top over the Purples 6.6.42 to 5.7.37 at Nathalia Recreation Reserve on Saturday.

Goals were at a premium for both sides throughout the game, with just 11 kicked for the day, and the game was evenly poised for the game's entirety.

The two sides went blow for blow during the opening half, with just two points separating the sides at either break.

The third quarter saw a change that ended up being the difference, with Moama booting a decisive two to one goal third term, giving it an eight point advantage heading into the last. In a game that was fraught with turnovers and other errors, injuries to Nathalia gave Moama a big leg up as the Purples' stocks were tested.

Ash Quinn and Matt Smith did what they could for their side, with Craig Kellow also providing an experienced influence on the game, but Nathalia, in the end, was unable to find that one last push it needed to overcome last year's runner-up, going down by five points.

Awards: Ryan Meat Co.: Craig Kellow, Mick Hogan Excavations: Matt Smith, Nathalia Fuel and Gas: Matt Carroll, Blake St Butchery: Connor Nave, Numurkah Nu-Genes: Nathan McKenna, Brereton's Bakery: Michael Brooks.

### UNDER 17s

Nathalia's under 17s side had a day to forget, going down to the reigning premier by 119 points on Saturday.

Moama was simply on another level to what Nathalia was able to produce on the day, booting away to a five goal quarter time lead which propelled it towards a huge win.

Nathalia had to wait until the third term before Darcy Hicks managed to wrap up a Moama player, leading to Shannon Young kicking the first goal

for the year.

While the cause for celebration was warranted, it didn't change the fact that by the end of the third term, Moama held a 16 goal advantage, showing exactly why it has been such an ever-present force in this grade. Nathalia was unable to add to its score in the final term, eventually going down 1.1.7 to 19.12.126.

Awards: Marc Quarrell Excavations: Adam Zammit, AV Hughes: Ben Armstrong, Rex James Stockfeed: Ryan Bell, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Jake Brown, Market Place Subway: Darcy Hicks.

### UNDER 14s

After racing neck and neck for the first half, Nathalia eventually pulled away from Moama, thanks to four unanswered goals in the third term, to eventually finish 44 point victors.

Nathalia had much of the ball to open the game, but was wayward towards goal, only able to convert two of its seven scoring opportunities.

The errant nature of its goal kicking threatened to be the Purples' undoing, when Moama kept the home side scoreless in the opening term and closed the gap to just four points by the time of the major break.

After time in the sheds, Nathalia's youngest Purples came out firing in the third term, stretching their lead out to 29 points and sitting themselves in a commanding position.

Nathalia made sure Moama was kept scoreless for a third quarter in a row, while adding two of its own, to finish the game 8.9.57 to 2.1.13 winners.

Charlie Dietrich and Jack Hutchins both booted two goals each, while Connor Peachey, Jerry Amery and Ewan Congues all played brilliantly throughout for Nathalia.

Awards: Past Players: Connor Peachey, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Mason Cobblewick, Al's Café: Ewan Congues, Frostick Contracting: Elgin Farrell-Stone, Nathalia Printers: Kai Lundberg.

## Tongala pours it on

NUMURKAH'S reserves side was forced to field a side with a large number of under 17s players during its big 127 point loss to Tongala on Saturday.

The Blues weren't able to make any sort of impact in the first half, with just a behind in the second term, as Tongala kicked away to 74 point lead.

The older bodies for Tongala bullied Numurkah out of the contest, and Numurkah had nary a response as a result.

Luke Mansfield and Ben Millen both managed a goal each in the third quarter, but the celebrations were drowned out by Tongala kicking five goals in response.

Trailing by 96 points at three quarter time, it wasn't long before Tongala broke into the 100 point advantage zone, and when it did, it refused to relent.

Four goals took the team's tally to 20.21.141, indicating that the margin could have been much more substantial, while Numurkah's 2.2.14 paled in comparison.

Tongala had seven multiple scorers, with Jesse Robilliard and Brad Power booting four each.

The result poses an interesting question as to how, and whether, the Blues will be able to bounce back against a Rumbalara side that had won its first two games of the season before falling to Echuca United by 20 points on Saturday.

### UNDER 14s

Jayden Hollands kicked four goals as Numurkah pushed away from its tight tussle against Tongala on Saturday, running away to a five goal victory after being tested early in the tie.



Stretch ... Ashlea Baker extends her reach to get firm hands on this ball.

## Disappointment for Purples

AFTER a great effort against Cobram in round one, Nathalia's A grade netballers put in a disappointing performance against Moama on Saturday.

Far too many unforced errors saw the Purples hand the game to Moama, to take a 57-16 victory.

Award: Coprice B.O.C: Lisa Kellow.

### B GRADE

The Purple B graders started well, played their own game and really wanted the ball but, in the end, they fell to Moama by 13 goals.

The Purples dropped their intensity after half time and Moama went on to take victory 45-32.

Awards: Coprice: B.O.C: Steph Limbrick, Hinchcliffe & Greed: Laura Harvey-Hawkins, Nathalia Post Office/Newsagency: Jessi Hicks.

### C GRADE

The C graders put together some great passages of play, but went down by just three goals to Moama 35-38.

The girls need to work on their consistency, and to keep encouraging and believing in each other.

Awards: Barmah Hotel B.O.C: Jen Butler, 3 Bells Coffee & Cake: Hayley Summerville, Sportfirst Numurkah: Chloe Armstrong.

### C RESERVE

Nathalia went down to Moama in

the C reserve game, 32-44.

Awards: Limo's Home Hardware B.O.C: Emma Butler, Laino's Pizza: Jodie Coutts, Sportfirst Numurkah: Carlie Lindner.

### 17 UNDER

After a slow start, the under 17s eventually started score and get back on track, but it was all too late, and Moama went on to victory, 32-17.

Indi Parker played a great game in goals, along with Tammy Woods in defence, showing improvement each week.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Indi Parker, Market Place Subway: Tammy Woods, Bell's Water Cartage: Abbey Conroy.

### 15 UNDER

An excellent four quarters of netball by all 10 Nathalia under 15 players saw the Purples almost get up for a win over Moama, going down by just two goals, 22-24.

Strong circle defence by Erin Brooks and Holly Boyd saw many turnovers and rebounds turning into goals scored. Kaiya Cornell played consistently for the whole game, deflecting balls and driving strong into the attacking third. Jenna Mason provided strong support in WD to assist the ball down the court.

Awards: Kylie Richards B.O.C: Kai-

ya Cornell, Market Place Subway: Erin Brooks, TJ's IGA: Jenna Mason.

### 13 UNDER

With the help of some under 11s filling-in, the under 13s struggled against a stronger Moama side, going down 3-32.

Nathalia started off well, wanting the ball, but Moama was just too good.

The girls all put in terrific efforts, and will improve at lasting the full game as the season progresses.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Nathalia B.O.C: Sophie Creer-Pope, Nathalia Dairy: Natasha Hassell, TJ's IGA: Dakota Smith.

### 11 UNDER

The under 11s played a fantastic game, bringing their key focusses into action on the court.

Fabulous defence by Charlotte Whyte, Payton Johns' lovely shooting, and Matilda Waser's continuous fight kept the girls in the game.

Moama eventually took victory 13-4.

The Purps most determined was Bell Nave. Her determination and persistence all day was fabulous.

Awards: Past Players B.O.C: Charlotte Whyte, Bendigo Bank Nathalia, Payton Johns, TJ's IGA: Matilda Waser.

## Improvement keeps coming

A BOLSTERED Northern Angels line up saw three new recruits pump the numbers up to 15 young players on the park during the side's tie against Shepparton Notre on Sunday, but the Angels couldn't avoid a 47 point defeat.

With the game kicking off evenly, it was the second quarter where Shepparton Notre began to really pull

away from the opposition, turning a nine point quarter time lead into a 23 point half time advantage.

The second half saw Northern Angels pepper the goal, but unable to capitalise on the opportunities presented to it, kicking three behinds as Shepparton was restricted to just 10 points for the quarter.

Shepparton's abilities and goal kick-

ing nuance came to the fore in the final quarter, booting three goals to one to cap off a solid 10.15.75 to 4.4.28 win.

Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Cody Power, Nathalia Fuel & Gas: Rani Guthrie, Bendigo Bank Nathalia: Shae Dorrity, Market Place Subway: Charli Dorrity, Nathalia Fertilizer and Grain: Nicola Oliver.

## Purples come up short in Bear fight

NATHALIA Womens Football Club has come close to overthrowing an established Northern Country Women's League side in Shepparton but was unable to beat the Bears to the line in a 25 point defeat on Sunday at Deakin Reserve.

Shepparton got off to a strong start, keeping Nathalia to just a single behind in the opening term as it pulled away to a 14 point lead at the first break.

Nathalia, though, came fighting back in the second, kicking two answered

goals to close the gap to just four points at the main break.

Reni Hicks played brilliantly for Nathalia, as did Abby Favaro, who finished with two goals for the match, the Purples' only multiple goal scorer. Shepparton managed to show some superiority upon the resumption of play, stretching the lead out to 21 points, with Ashlee Thorncroft kicking three goals for the game and really stamping her authority on the clash.

The trend continued in the final term,

Nathalia managed to boot a couple of goals but with Shepparton's polish coming to the fore and accounting for three goals to close out the contest, there was little the Purples could do to avoid an admirable 5.3.33 to 8.10.58 loss.

Awards: B.O.G. Mug: Reni Hicks, Brereton's Bakery: Gemma Hawkes, Cheeky Grog Co: Kym John, Bridge Hotel: Rebekah Wenzke, Casual Step: Millie Casey, NWR Communications: Abby Favaro.



**Bagful ...** Adam Jorgensen's five goals were huge during his side's big win over Moama on Saturday.

## Purples pounce

NATHALIA bounced back from its Murray Football League opening round loss to Cobram and celebrated Tom Nihill's 100th senior game with a comprehensive 124 point win over Moama on Saturday.

Moama generated a number of scoring opportunities early in the first term but failed to convert before Nathalia pulled away to lead by three goals at the first change.

As the match progressed, the Purples' control of the contest increased on their home ground and the lead stretched out to five goals after a good first half. Nathalia piled on seven goals to one in the third quarter and eight goals to one in the last to seal a strong win.

Nathalia found its form through the midfield, led by Bailey Bell, Tom Nihill, Adam Jorgensen and Liam Evans.

Nathalia's ball movement from stoppages and contests was much quicker compared to the previous week, which allowed several one on one contests in the forward line, which the Purples capitalised on.

Liam Evans continued his good form from the first game. Moama had no answer for his array of tricks which resulted in three goals in a best afield performance.

Adam Jorgensen bested Evans in the goal kicking, with five goals. The small forward and midfielder was at his creative best.

Bailey Bell worked over his opponents in the midfield to also continue his strong start to the season, and Nathalia captain Tom Nihill found his form.

Alex Hicks was typically imposing in

the forward line and enjoyed the space afforded by his side's improved ball movement, and Henry Congues attacked the ball well and looked at home in the forward line.

With stark improvement shown throughout the 22.21.153 to 4.5.29 win, Nathalia coach Phil Carroll ensured his side was well aware of what was wanted from the coaches before the game.

"We focused on bringing a lot more pressure.

"We found against Cobram, we didn't do it long enough, and our goal was to try and get the ball early and get moving early."

Coming up against a side that fell just short in its round one clash against Tongala, Carroll knew that his side had the opportunity to really pull away from the Magpies if the effort stayed up throughout the game.

"It didn't look like they had the depth like they usually have, so we may have gotten a bit lucky with Moama having a few injuries. We managed to exploit that and really get going in the second half."

Leading the line for the Purples up forward was none other than Adam Jorgensen, whose five goal performance should give him and his teammates a boost following a disappointing first round loss to Cobram.

"Adam was bit quiet in the first game, he put pressure on himself to perform in this one and he played really well in the midfield and forward, he's really dangerous up forward."

Before the game commenced, Carroll ensured his charges were amply

pumped up, with a loss the previous week and one of the club's favourite sons celebrating a big personal milestone.

"We spoke about Tom's milestone before the game, to show how important it was to stand up in his 100th game. He's a very popular guy around here, having grown up in Nathalia."

When play began, though, the Purples were faced with a stringent opposition that was looking to cause an upset and rain on the Purple parade, but Nathalia's defensive capabilities made sure that Moama wouldn't get on top.

"Early on, Moama had control, with Luke Dunham taking a couple of good marks early on, before Harrison Hawks got on top of him in the second quarter, and that was around the time we started winning a few battles."

"Dunham took three marks and could have had three goals in the first quarter, but Harrison really did well."

With the arm wrestle tilting in Nathalia's favour, there was just one sour note that would definitely play on the club's mind ahead of this week's clash against Tongala; an injury to Brodie Ross.

"Brodie did really well until he got injured, he hurt his ankle and didn't play for the second half of the game."

"We find out this week how bad it is, so we'll just play it as it comes."

That game against Tongala will take place at Tongala Recreation Reserve, and with the home side coming off a loss to Numurkah, will look to place itself back on the winners' list this week.

## Numurkah takes the points in the big Blue

NUMURKAH travelled to Tongala and ground out an impressive 42 point win in a hotly contested game on Saturday.

With both sides coming off a win to open the 2019 MFL season, the opening term saw Numurkah hold a slender five point lead before its run, carry and efficient goal scoring overwhelmed the home side, and with Tongala finding it difficult to convert chances of its own, Numurkah ensured itself of top spot on the early MFL ladder.

Tongala had only kicked one goal from a total of eight opportunities, with Numurkah's backline forcing Tongala's forwards into tougher scoring predicaments.

The 4.2.26 to 1.7.13 half time scoreline showed that the game was fairly evenly contested around the ground, except one side was able to capitalise on the good work it had done.

Following a tough, contested, possession-based opening to the game, the second half started off completely differently.

Numurkah, led by an in-form Nathan Hicks and a red-hot Mitch Price, punished Tongala throughout the game, finishing with half of their team's total goal output, three each.

With Price rotating between midfield and forward duties and Hicks posing a threat whenever he was in possession, it allowed another Blue who has started the season off brilliantly to continue to make his mark on proceedings.

Michael Herlihy backed up his four goal performance last week against Finley with a two goal stand against Tongala, and complemented the smooth running forward line perfectly.

It wasn't all the forward line that was putting in hard work, though, with the defensive area of the ground being covered fantastically, ensuring that not only would Tongala be kept to just four goals for the game, including a goalless second and third terms, but be able to rebound potently and ensure that the game would be played on Numurkah's terms.

Tongala's Jonathan Pearson booted nine goals in round one against Moama but was beaten by the relentless Brad Crowther.

Crowther's ability to help blunt Tongala's forwards, as well as providing consistent outlets and run towards Numurkah's goal, had him listed among the best.

A dominant third term left Tongala staring down the barrel of a convincing loss, and down by 44 points at three quarter time, kept its head up to finish with its strongest quarterly performance.

Three goals each to the sides ensured some scoreline respectability was kept intact, but the game had long been decided.

Numurkah collected the points, and is just one of four teams to remain undefeated and, if only by a matter of percentage, sit atop the MFL ladder.

Speaking after the game, coach Jye Warren spoke about how his side was able to turn a stop-start contest into a game played in the manner Numurkah wanted..

"It was very contested early, there was stoppage after stoppage after stoppage until we were able to break away and capitalise on forward 50 entries," Warren said.

"Our pressure, we didn't give them much room on the inside, and we

were ferocious. We never gave up and once we got the ball going, Tongala couldn't keep up with us on the outside."

"We knew it was going to be a physical affair so we put a few blokes around the footy who love that kind of stuff, to feed to our younger guys on the outside who moved the ball really well."

Facing off with a side that had benefitted from a nine goal haul from Jonathon Pearson the previous week, Warren was proud of his side's defensive efforts when the game was still up for grabs, with Brad Crowther standing up tall against a big challenge.

"Brad's game was unreal in that defensive role. We knew we had to put someone on Pearson considering he booted nine the week before. We made sure that we defended first and gave the ball to Brad so he could make a few runs up the ground while a couple of the guys covered him."

Numurkah's defensive abilities didn't start and stop with Crowther, though, as the whole brigade did well in the win, with a couple of pinch hitters doing brilliantly in ad hoc roles.

"Clancy Webster and Luke McKeown did great at the defensive end. "We knew Matt Smyth wasn't in the ruck, so Dylan Taylor went into the ruck for a bit and Luke went back for a bit, which is a real handy option to have considering Luke can play at both ends, so he and Clancy did really well with the tails."

Numurkah's defensive rebound tendencies ensured that the forward line had consistent supply, and one of the main beneficiaries of this was Nathan Hicks, who booted three to follow up with his six the week before.

"Hicksy has taken his game to another level this year, his pressure when the ball is around our forward 50 has been really good."

"We really concentrated on that during the preseason, whether you're a tall or small forward, you've got to always be putting pressure on the ball when it's forward."

Ensuring the ball has no easy escape from the Blues' forward 50 is paramount to how Numurkah will contest the game, and it's an edict that stays at the fore for Numurkah's coaching staff.

"That's our game, we keep the ball inside the forward 50, it's one of our main directions to the forwards, pressure, pressure, pressure."

The next question is whether Numurkah will be able to keep that pressure up against its next opponent, Rumbalara, which has yet to snatch victory across the three games it has played this season.

"Rumbalara is an unknown, they're so skillful and the side is really well drilled. I know in the first week that the team was riddled with injuries and that doesn't help, but we're going to expect a really tough game."

"We're playing at home, on a big ground, and Rumba like to run, they like to spread the footy and it's similar to how we play."

"From past experiences, I think it's going to come down to that midfield battle. We know we can match them with the speed and the outside run, it's just going to be whether we can get first use out of the stoppages."

# Bulldogs trounce Swans

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With the margin now at a point that would give one team a boost and have the other nervous, it was the latter side that consolidated and ensured that it was not to be overrun.

Jacob Gillie and Luke Collyer both played brilliantly in the defensive half of the ground for Strathmerton and, in the end, it was the side's ability to restrict Katunga's chances to a minimum that put the Dogs over the line.

While Katunga kicked just a single goal for the term, Strathmerton booted two, finishing the contest with an 8.10.58 to 5.2.32 win.

Katunga awards: John King Grain: Kelvin Kennedy, Dan Hendy Landforming: Zac Leskie, Clydesdale: Trent Corby, Telegraph: Steve Few, KFNC Meal Deal: Brett Kimberley.

#### UNDER 17s

Katunga was unable to keep in touch with Strathmerton following a competitive start to the 2018 under 17s grand final rematch on Saturday and the Bulldogs benefitted with a 10.8.68 to 5.6.36 win.

Tyler Stephens booted five goals for Strathmerton and proved to be the difference as Katunga could only manage three goals in the remaining three quarters.

The Swans were simply unable to negotiate positive movement as Strathmerton's midfield spread the ball wide and played the contest on their own terms.

The Bulldogs pushed the lead out to three goals by the half-way point of the contest and never looked back as their form continued in the second half.

Strathmerton may not have been able to blow the competition out of the water, but its ability to restrict Katunga to the absolute minimum was a sight to behold, and a big reason why the Bulldogs extended their lead out to 20 points heading into the final term.

Katunga, once again, just like the preceding two quarters, managed just a single goal, while Strathmerton booted three to put the game to bed, cementing a six goal win.

Katunga awards: Faye Cook Tax Agent: Ben Whitford, Flanagan Marketing Services: Will Sefton, H.W Greenham: Zac Dixon, SportFirst: Kyle Said, Canteen Award: Jackson Harris.

#### UNDER 14s

In what eventuated into a gritty and tough contest, Strathmerton made the most of its opportunities against Katunga to earn a nine point under 14s win on Saturday.

Strathmerton's ability to lock

down the home side around the ground was paramount in the eventual victory, thanks to players like Ryan Wyatt, Cody Harris-Cunningham and Mitch Easden working together brilliantly down back to keep Katunga scoreless for three straight quarters to open the match.

Despite going ahead with a goal from Codey Edgar in the first term, the Bulldogs were unable to punish the blunt Swans and were forced to wait until the third quarter before a second goal was recorded via Caleb Wilson.

With just two goals kicked, both to Strathmerton, heading into the fourth and final quarter, Katunga got a bit of a boost thanks to a Lochie O'Brien finish, but it was all for naught. The Bulldogs held onto the game, and the points, with a 2.3.15 to 1.0.6 win.

Katunga awards: Scott Newbery Earthmoving: Viv Russo, Katunga Mowing: Jake Bell. Supporter Award: Zac Bell, Red Cherry: Aidan Harris. Canteen: Xavier Morris.

Strathmerton awards: Strathy Café: Tyler Stephens, Subway: Will Almond, Terminus Hotel: Ryan Wyatt, Ladies committee: Ethan Coghill-Lynam, McDonalds: Harry Barnes, Coaches' award: Tory Wilson.



Got him ... Katunga's Max Hendy does his best to escape a Zack Cunningham tackle, while Chad Littlejohn hovers as backup.

## Pipped at the line and heartbroken

LEFT to rue what could have been, Picola United suffered a demoralising last gasp defeat at the hands of Jerilderie on Saturday, going down to the Demons by just six points in dramatic fashion.

The game seemed to be going in Picola's favour following a controlling first term display which saw Jerilderie head into the first break goalless, 19 points behind the visiting Blues.

When play resumed in the second term, Jerilderie found its footing and slammed down on the accelerator, booting five goals to four to push its way back into the contest.

Just two goals separated the two sides by the end of the half and Picola's Clinton Barnes tried his best to give his side the push it needed, but Jerilderie was not to be counted out, and in the third quarter booted four goals to Picola's three.

With one quarter remaining and seven points differentiating the teams, the tie was balancing on a knife edge, and Picola kept shooting itself in the foot after Jerilderie had scored a goal to bring the margin to less than a kick.

Picola United had three clear chances to ice the game but was unable to convert any of them as the game drew to a close.

In the end, as it had done for most of the day, Jerilderie gritted its teeth and embarked on one final forward press.

It led to the Demons slotting a goal, the last of the day and the major that had finally put Jerilderie in front.

The siren sounded, the home side went into rapturous celebration and Picola hung its head with questions looming over its head.

With Picola suffering its first loss of the season, it remains to be seen whether the Blues can get back onto the winners list

this week when it takes on Maituna at home.

Awards: DMH and Barmah Hotel: Clinton Barnes, Blake Street Butchery: Tim Scadden, Brereton's Bakery: Corey Cogan, Limo's Hardware: Ben Reid.

#### RESERVES

Picola United's reserves came up just short amid a tough away clash against Jerilderie on Saturday, going down to the Demons by nine points, following a spirited fight back early struggles.

Having remained goalless in the opening term, Picola went into the second quarter down by 19 points, and despite booting three of its own, still had plenty of work to do as Jerilderie slotted five of its own.

With 31 points marking the difference by the long break, Picola needed to begin fracturing the vast majority of the moves Jerilderie would make going forward, and the third quarter saw just a lone major kicked by Jerilderie.

Picola meanwhile kicked two goals and took a bit of momentum heading into the final quarter.

While Jerilderie remained goalless, Picola slotted three majors to bring the margin down to less than two goals.

While Picola gave its all in the last, it was Jerilderie that held firm, celebrating the 9.4.58 to 8.1.49 win.

Awards: Nathalia Fertiliser and Grain: Lachlan Newman, Brereton's Bakery: Lee Solar, Minchin Mechanics: Aiden Orton, Numans: Brett Hicks, PFC: Tyreece Kerr and Aiden Daniel.

#### UNDER 17s

Jerilderie booted five unanswered goals in the second term before racing away to an 86 point romp of Picola in the side's under 17s clash on Sat-

urday.

The game started on an even keel as the two sides kicked two goals apiece before Jerilderie ran away from the game, keeping Picola goalless for the remainder of the contest.

In fact, for the remainder of the game, Picola averaged just over a point a quarter, while Jerilderie booted 13 goals unanswered, with Oliver Knight and Glen Dilullo kicking four and three goals, respectively.

By the sound of the final siren, the Demons had amassed a 15.15.105 to 2.7.19 scoreline, way out of Picola's reach.

Awards: Dove Motors Mug and Lubke Engineering: Daniel Thorn, Peter Limbrick Accounting: Fraser Hutchins, Barmah Social Club: Kayden Atkinson, TJ's: Jackson King, Umpires: Bailey Fordham and Jordan Archibald.

#### UNDER 14s

In Picola's sole win of the day, the under 14s side kicked away to a 46 point triumph over a struggling Jerilderie side.

Jason Beckett kicked six of Picola's seven goals, while the Demons could only register a lone major in response.

With the scores locked at a goal apiece, Picola's midfield and defensive pressure ensured that Jerilderie's forward forays were kept to a minimum.

At the other end, Picola had enough opportunities towards goal that even inaccurate kicking couldn't dampen the spirits of the young Blues going forward.

Picola's 7.15.57 to 1.3.9 win is a big boost to a side that was coming off a convincing round one victory.

Awards: Power Livestock and Barnett Family: Kayden Atkinson, Better-Bite Barmah: Will Dargan, Barmah Social Club: Jason Beckett, Al's Café: Jye Hamilton.

## Bombers rise above Saints in hard fought win

WAAIA may have collected the points against Berrigan in the sides' Picola and District Football League clash at Berrigan on Saturday, but the visitors were given an almighty test before a strong third and fourth quarter gave the Bombers the win.

The Saints came out firing against one of the league favourites and held a slender seven point lead by the end of the first term. While Waaia came back in the second, Berrigan refused to go away and ensured the challenge was taken to the Bombers for much of the game.

Mark Meyland was the man in front of goal, booting four goals for Waaia, while Mitch Cleeland picked up best on ground plaudits for the second week running. The pair was instrumental in Waaia overturning the quarter time deficit into a two goal half time lead.

The third term saw Berrigan begin to link up well and produce repeated inside 50 entries, and while Waaia was able to score two goals for itself, it seemed as if Berrigan was seizing the momentum heading into the final term. Following a stirring team talk from coach Matt Brown, Waaia's charges came out firing in the last quarter, restricting Berrigan to just one major while slotting two of its own to take out a 11.7.73 to 8.9.57 win.

For Waaia, Aaron Shelton produced a game that dazzled the crowd, while Jesse Trower and Sam Richardson continued with yet another solid display. Looking ahead for the Bombers, the round three clash

against Blighty looms as an interesting test, with the Red-eyes one of just two teams yet to register a win to open the season.

Awards: Onley Consulting: Mitchell Cleeland, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate and Terminus Hotel: Sam Richardson, Ahoy Water and Terminus Hotel: Aaron Shelton, Mick Hogan Excavations: Jesse Trower, SportFirst Numurkah: Aden McCredie.

#### RESERVES

Waaia's reserves game was fraught with disaster, and after a scoreless opening term, the Bombers only managed two goals for the game, eventually going down 2.1.13 to 9.11.65. Berrigan had complete control of the game from the very start.

The Bombers were down by 16 points heading into the second term, and despite strong work from Waaia's Jackson Collins, Josh Plattfuss and Mason Sprunt, who finished with best on ground honours for the Bombers, was unable to apply scoreboard pressure. Waaia booted just one goal for the quarter, while Berrigan booted two to stretch the advantage out to three goals.

Another scoreless quarter found its way to Waaia in the third, while Berrigan had its best of the game, booting four unanswered goals to all but cement the game with a 45 point lead by the start of the final term.

In the end, Waaia could only kick one last goal to Berrigan's two, bringing a close to the 52 point drubbing.

Awards: Onley Consulting and Terminus Hotel: Mason

Sprunt, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate and Terminus Hotel: Jackson Collins, Mick Hogan Excavations: Joshua Plattfuss, Murray Valley Rural and Plumbing: Joel Clarke, Ahoy Water Cartage: Ethan McDonald.

#### UNDER 14s

A scoreless opening term meant that Waaia was playing from behind the eight ball in its under 14s clash against Berrigan on Saturday, a position the Bombers weren't able to overcome.

While Berrigan managed five goals in the first quarter, Waaia couldn't break through the red, white and black wall that it faced.

While defensively Berrigan was great, its performance was bolstered by Tyrelle Taylor, whose five goals in the end managed to outscore Waaia's entire scoring production.

In fact, when Waaia booted two goals in the second term, ensuring the quarter time margin stayed at 32 points at the end of the first half, it would be the last time a goal would be booted for the Bombers.

Waaia had to wait until the final term before another score was recorded, a behind to close out the game.

Meanwhile, Berrigan booted another eight across the final half, damning Waaia to a 2.2.14 to 15.6.96 defeat.

Awards: C. & C. Wilson and Terminus Hotel: Aiden Bryant, Numurkah Electrical and Pump Services: Will Trower, Rex James Stockfeed: Tom Daniel, D. & M. Plattfuss: Jake Momm, Waaia Canteen: Regan Collins.

# NumurkahLEADER Sports

# BULLDOGS TROUNCE SWANS

## Grand final rematch

... Strathmerton's Zach Cunningham tries his best to restrict Katunga's Max Hendy during a tough game on Saturday.

## NumurkahLEADER

### 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.

ALL four of Strathmerton's sides overcame Katunga on Saturday, but it was the senior side that came away with the biggest win of the day.

The Bulldogs never looked back from a 16 point quarter time lead, kicking away to a 50 point away triumph in round two of the 2019 Picola and District Football League season.

With the two sides contesting for the Aidy Shannon Shield, Strathmerton backed up last week's impressive win, with Simon Russell and Sam Lewis facilitating several forward presses that Katunga was simply unable to manage and turn around.

The Swans booted three goals in the third term but were continually outmatched as the Bulldogs headed forward with repeat forward 50 entries.

The only sour note for Strathmerton, during what was a commanding opening half performance, was inaccurate shots on goals.

The Bulldogs could have been

much further ahead at half time than the 24 point advantage they held, but with 50-50 goal kicking, had to settle with the four goal lead it possessed.

The goal scoring struggles continued for Strathmerton in the third term, though the Bulldogs' play and control of the tie ensured that the lead it had was never in any real danger.

The Bulldogs booted 2.6 for the quarter and led by 28 points heading in to the final stanza of the day.

Katunga was once again unable to mount any sort of scoreboard pressure, while Strathmerton finally scored more goals than behinds in a term, kicking 5.4 and cementing a 15.19.109 to 9.5.59 win.

Connor Hargreaves and Zach-Harie Betson both finished with three goals to lead the line for the Dogs and were matched by Katunga's Jacob Hodgkin in reply.

Katunga had just one other multiple goal scorer for the game, while Travis Down, Simon Russell and

Theo Thomas all hit the scoreboard twice.

In a game that threatened to turn into a blowout, lest Strathmerton's generally wayward kicking for goal, Strathmerton showed exactly why it will be a threat to teams around the competition, but its next opponent, Jerilderie, will take some beating having come away with a gutsy four point win over Picola United at the weekend.

Katunga, meanwhile, will need to show more if it's to challenge Deniliquin Rovers, a side that gave Blighty a solid 38 point beating at Blighty on Saturday.

Katunga awards: Katunga Fresh: Scott Sutton, Clydesdale: Josh Smith, Lenny's Ag: Lachlan Daniel, GrainCorp Oilseed: Dylan Sidebottom, Telegraph: Will Newman. RESERVES

Strathmerton made sure of the four points in its reserves clash against Katunga when, after it kept the Swans scoreless in the opening term, it pushed ahead to record a comfortable 26 point win.

While Katunga was unable to make an impact on the scoreboard, the Bulldogs booted three unanswered goals and took a 22 point advantage into the second term.

Trent Collyer did everything he could to force a senior selection as he dominated in the middle and released quickly towards the forward 50, while John Russo's play in the middle was typical of the consistent Strathmerton midfielder.

Katunga managed to finally score in the second term, and while Strathmerton added another couple of goals, missed out on stretching the lead further by only converting two of its six scoring shots.

With Katunga needing to make a move if it was any chance of overturning the deficit, the Swans found some mojo in the third quarter by booting three goals to one and reducing the margin to just 19 points. Kelvin Kennedy and Zac Leskie worked well at the stoppages and brought the forward line into the game.

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