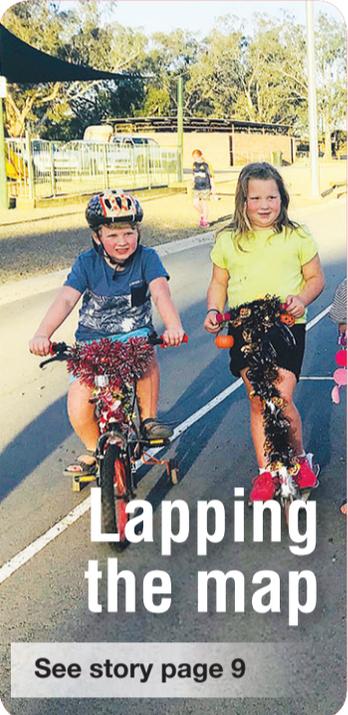


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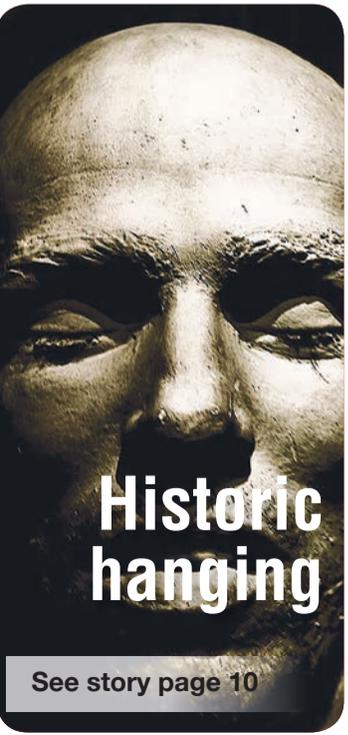
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NUMURKAH'S Red Cross Shop is celebrating half a century of helping - and being helped by - the community. See story page 7.

50 YEARS ON

Flood levee designers get the town tour

THE specialist consultants responsible for one of the most critical phases of the Numurkah Flood Mitigation plan have been given the benefit of local knowledge, with a tour of key sites on the proposed 10 kilometres of levees involved in the design.

Last Thursday, members of the Numurkah Flood Mitigation Implementation Committee took designers on a tour of sites including the railway bridge, recreation reserve and foot bridge.

The latest site visit follows drone surveys, as well as surveyors walking the proposed alignment, earlier this year.

The next part of the process in-

volves significant computer modelling and design testing to confirm the levee works as planned.

Moira Shire General Manager Infrastructure Andrew Close said the consultants have been meticulously surveying, measuring and investigating the on the ground feasibility of this alignment, which includes looking at different construction options that can minimise the impact on existing properties and provide solutions for traffic movement in and out of the levee area.

"The data, measurements and preferred construction options are currently being collated into a detailed design - which will also

provide the first detailed costing and draft construction plans for the levee system," Mr Close said.

Chair of the Numurkah Flood Mitigation Implementation Committee Cr Kevin Bourke described it as painstaking work, but said a project of this size and importance demands thorough investigation to get the flood protection our communities need.

"The committee has done a lot of background work, and the consultants have done a preliminary alignment study, and today's walk-about has been an opportunity for us to provide them with local knowledge," Cr Bourke said.

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Lake off-limits indefinitely

LAKE Numurkah looks set to remain off limits to recreational users for the foreseeable future, with a second round of testing confirming the presence of dangerous levels of the E. coli bacteria.

Moira Shire Council has confirmed that E.coli and Enterococci organisms, which are monitored as indicators of faecal contamination, have been detected at levels that indicate that harmful organisms are likely present in the water.

A Moira Shire spokesperson told the *Leader* that it is anticipated that the water quality of the lake will continue to decline over the summer months.

"Council will continue to monitor the lake," the spokesperson said.

"Unless otherwise notified by council, please avoid contact with the lake. Public pools are available to the community and we encourage their use."

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Lots of smoke and potential for tragedy ... It took firefighters several hours to extinguish this fire that spread to a large pile of scrap which included a quantity of tyres.

Busy, mixed week for district fires



POLICE are making inquiries following an unusual incident in which the contents of a trailer caught fire in Nathalia yesterday morning.

Nathalia CFA brigade responded to the incident, which occurred at the corner of Pearce Street and Robertson Street, Nathalia, at around 6am.

It is believed that the trailer's load of garden waste was ignited when a person attempted to cook food on the back of a trailer.

Though there have been suggestions that some type of weapon, possibly an axe, was produced by the person responsible for the fire, the *Leader* has been unable to confirm this.

A fast and strong response from local brigades

averted a major incident last Wednesday, when a blaze was ignited at a scrap yard on the corner of the Murray Valley Highway and Railway Street, Nathalia.

The fire started when a slasher that was being used to clean up vegetation hit a lithium battery, starting the fire which burnt up a tree and spotted further across the yard into a large pile of mixed scrap.

Nathalia pumper and two tankers attended, bringing the fire under control within 15 minutes.

Trucks from Numurkah and Yalca/Yielima brigades also attended, along with tankers from Picola and Barmah. Shepparton hazardous ma-

terials van and Strathmerton were called later to supply breathing apparatus wearers.

Brigades remained at the scene for several hours before it was deemed extinguished and blacked out.

Fire crews that attended a grass fire that occurred alongside the GV Highway, near the corner of Spences Road, at around 9.30pm last Tuesday, November 12, notified police, as they deemed the fire to be suspicious.

Brigades from Numurkah, Katunga, Strathmerton and Waaia responded to the fire, which burned a 10 metre strip of grass for about 100 metres along the road and channel bank, as well as some fencing.

Katamatite, Katandra and Drumanure brigades were called to a grass fire in a paddock on Katamatite/Shepparton Road, Invergonrdon at 12.10pm on Saturday.

The fire was quickly brought under control, and Drumanure was stopped before they reached the scene.

Letter to the Editor

Lake action long over due

I AM prompted to write regarding the recent report about E. coli detected in lake.

That such an outbreak of bacteria has occurred is not surprising, considering the general neglect of the lake and environs.

I'm not a scientist, but given the very low water level over a long period of time, the large amount of rotting vegetation in the lake bed, as well as additional contamination from other sources, it seems an ideal recipe for such an outcome.

It wouldn't be too surprising if, once we have a sustained run of hot weather, another fish kill occurs also, as happened in February 2009.

What should be considered one of Numurkah's greatest assets is Numurkah's greatest dis-

appointment!

The report prompted me to unearth various newspaper cuttings, letters to and from Moira Shire officers and councillors, a report of the draft Environmental Management Plan (2009), recommendations from the lake advisory committee and the subsequent Lake Concept Plan (2011).

Hundreds of hours of community effort went into attempting to find a relatively satisfactory solution to a complex ownership and management problem. Council adopted the draft concept plan for Lake Numurkah as the plan for the future development of the lake and surrounding areas in July 2011.

It was later reported the first stage was to be included in the 2014 -2015 budget.

Today, in November 2019, no work has been commenced. The whole lake area and surroundings looks even worse today than they did any time before 2008, when this particular push for the community to have safe access to

the lake for recreation, began.

I ask the question, where to from here? I suspect most of our present day councillors (except those who live locally), have never seen the lake. Should we expect any positive interest or action?

Perhaps an invitation for a walk around the lake with a few locals would be a good start.

Perhaps some staff from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) could be invited also, as it has some ownership responsibilities of the lake and surrounds, along with the unnamed private owners, as well as Moira Shire Council.

After all, an E. coli outbreak anywhere should be of concern to such a body.

Perhaps this is the wake-up call needed to finally get some long overdue action on Lake Numurkah.

Here's hoping!
Rosemary Kennett
Numurkah

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Happy recipients ... Representatives from a wide range of local community groups were thrilled to be on the receiving end of Bendigo Bank community investment grants last week.

Community grants bring smiles

FROM solar panels to stackable chairs, from gravel to a screen door, and from musical instruments to fencing, 14 local community groups are celebrating the power of community banking this week after receiving grants in the latest round of Bendigo Bank Community Investment Grants.

The successful groups were presented with a total of \$40,000 between them, disbursed evenly between the Numurkah and Nathalia areas, at the 19th Annual General Meeting of Northern Victoria Finances Limited on Monday, November 11.

Since opening 19 years ago, Northern Victoria Finances Limited, which is the governing body of the Numurkah and Nathalia Bendigo Community Bank branches, has returned more than \$3.7 million in community contributions.

Numurkah grants included new instruments for the Numurkah Town Band; signage and grav-

el for the Numurkah Wunghnu Cemetery Trust, a heritage screen door for the Katamatite Historical Society, lighting for the town hall to assist the Numurkah Singers with their productions, a keypad entry system for the Numurkah Community House, a tandem axle pushbike trailer for Numurkah Secondary College, 30 stackable chairs for Numurkah Croquet Club and a grant to assist the Rotary Club of Numurkah with its improvements to the Numurkah outdoor pool first aid room.

The Nathalia grants included solar panels for the Nathalia Golf Club, fencing for the Nathalia Agriculture Society, a fire proof safe for the Nathalia Cemetery Trust, play equipment at memorial park for the Rotary Club of Nathalia, assistance towards extending and furnishing the dining area at Barwo Homestead and money for NADDCO's community garden.

Katamatite Historical Society secretary Jul-

ie Ballard told the *Leader* that the group was thrilled with the grant.

"A screen door seems like a little thing, but it will make a big difference to us," she said.

"We are in the first stage of a maintenance drive on our 30 year-old mud brick museum, and that was something we'd identified as being high priority."

"We've never had a screen door, and you can't leave the door open to welcome visitors in, or during meetings, without the place filling up with bugs and dust. To not have to worry about how we are going to come up with that money is terrific."

Bendigo Bank Customer relationship Officer for Numurkah and Nathalia, Julia Arho, said disbursing the grants was always a good feeling.

"Distributing our profits for the benefit of the local community is the real beauty of community banking, and it is something we look forward

to every year," she said.

Ms Arho said that, regardless of the amount or the purpose of the grant, each successful application represented a worthy cause.

"The Katamatite Historical Society grant was a fairly small one, but it was something they'd identified as a need, and it would have taken them a lot of barbecues to raise that money, which is hard on a small not for profit."

"The Numurkah Wunghnu Cemetery Trust grant was one of the bigger ones this year but, once again, their capacity for raising the necessary money is very limited."

"Improving the entrance to the cemetery, and erecting signage at the ends of the rows to identify who is buried where will have a high impact."

"Their committee has worked really hard to lay the ground work for those things, and we are pleased to be able to support them as a result of local people choosing us to do their banking with."

LOCAL POLICE KEPT BUSY

POLICE BEAT

INVESTIGATIONS are continuing after a vehicle, which has since been recovered, was stolen from a property in Railway Place, Numurkah in the early hours of Wednesday, November 13.

A female and two male offenders attempted to gain entry to Numurkah Secondary College on Tocumwal Road at approximately 1.50pm on Saturday.

The offenders smashed windows and caused damage to a tap. Numurkah police are investigating.

A Numurkah man has been interviewed in relation to damage caused to a vehicle and a window at a property on Tocumwal Road, Numurkah on Sunday.

On Monday, a scooter valued at approximate-

ly \$120 was stolen from Numurkah Secondary College, making it the third such theft in recent weeks.

Cobram Highway Patrol have been out and about on the region's roads, nabbing a number of drivers engaging in dangerous conduct.

On Monday, November 11, they intercepted a vehicle on Katamatite-Yarrowonga Road, Katamatite, resulting in a male aged in his 30s being charged with Reckless Conduct Endangering Serious Injury and other offences. The male was bailed to appear at Cobram Magistrates Court at a later date.

On Saturday, a female driver was intercepted at Telford St/Benalla Rd, Yarrowonga. The driver was charged with dangerous driving while being pursued by police, and other traffic of-

fences.

The driver was remanded to appear at Shepparton Magistrates Court, and the vehicle was impounded at a cost of \$1,500.

Police are urging tradesmen to lock their trailers to avoid becoming victims of theft, following a number of incidents of expensive power tools being stolen from tradesmen's vehicles during the late evening and early hours of the morning.

Most of these thefts have been an easy opportunity for thieves, as vehicles and trailers have been left unlocked in driveways after hours.

Police advise that all power tools should be engraved with licence numbers so that they can be returned to the rightful owner in the event that stolen tools are recovered by police.

Incident at Nathalia abattoir

A WORKER at Ryan Meat Company Nathalia is believed to have been injured on Monday, when their leg became stuck in a concrete mixer which is used to wash hides.

The incident occurred around 6.55am, and although the CFA and SES were called, they were turned back after being informed that the worker had managed to free themselves from the machine.

A representative of Ryan Meat Company declined to comment when contacted by the *Leader*, and we have been unable to ascertain the cause of the incident or the extent of the worker's injuries, if any.

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Letter to the Editor

Don't blame Drummy

FIRST Moira Shire isn't eligible for drought funding, then it is, then it isn't again, and it's all Labor's fault - even though they're not in government?

Damian Drum has been placed in the centre of this fiasco, but I believe the blame lies elsewhere.

Having run against him in two successive federal elections, I know Mr Drum to be a careful and measured politician. If he's announcing funding for something, it means that he was told the money was on its way.

I suspect the 'stuff up' comes from further up the chain of command - from the Minister's office or the Prime Minister's office.

That they've allowed Drummy to be hung out to dry shows their lack of loyalty, both to our local MP and our communities. It also underlines their weakness on the issues facing our region - not least drought and water policy.

Andrew Bock
Euroa

Local knowledge ... Members of the Numurkah Flood Mitigation Implementation Committee (from left) Joe Few, Colin Pendlebury, Neil Hutchins, John Blackman, Peter Sprunt, Ray Thornton and Cr Kevin Bourke with Moira Shire Manager Moira Henderson (front) and Moira Shire General Manager Infrastructure Andrew Close (far right).



Flood levee designers get the tour

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"One of the major responsibilities for the committee and the consultants is to ensure that the levee doesn't adversely impact dwellings outside of it, and that has formed part of our discussions today."

Cr Bourke confirmed that Moira Shire has already made funding provision for its contribution to the project, however with the total costs already estimated at more than \$15 million, the project

would not move forward without substantial state and federal support and funding.

"This project is expected to cost nearly as much as our annual capital works program for the entire Moira Shire - our ratepayers can't meet the cost of this project on their own.

"Once we have the detailed designs and costings, the next stage will be seeking state and federal gov-

ernment funding support.

"We know our application will be competing with many similar projects across Australia so we need to get our proposal right," he said.

The first draft of detailed designs for the construction and alignment will be presented to the Numurkah Flood Mitigation Implementation Committee and council by early 2020.



Community Update



Resilient Rural Women breakfast – 28 November

As part of the Resilient Rural Women Forum Series, we invite you to come along to our '16 Days of Activism' event.

This free community breakfast will be held on **Thursday 28 November** beginning at 7am at the Cobram Civic Centre with keynote speaker Martine Harte from Engaging Women.

For more information or to RSVP give our friendly Customer Service Team a call.

Maternal and Child Health Nursing Scholarship – last chance to apply

We are offering a scholarship to eligible student nurses undertaking study that leads to the qualification of a Maternal & Child Health Nurse.

This scholarship is available to registered nurses who undertake a Post Graduate Diploma of Nursing Science in Child Family and Community (or equivalent) at an accredited tertiary institution.

Applications will be accepted by email, online or by post and must include the application form found on our website.

Applications close **4pm Friday 22 November** – don't miss your chance to apply!



Draft Arts and Culture Strategy – have your say

Our Draft Arts and Culture Strategy 2020-26 identifies strategies and goals which work towards the promotion of a prosperous rural community.

The draft strategy proposes the development of up to four creative hubs, strategically located across the shire.

Go to our website to read the draft strategy and to let us know whether we have the balance right.

Feedback closes **Friday 22 November**.

E-waste accepted at Transfer Stations

Did you know that electronic waste is now accepted at our Barmah, Nathalia, Numurkah, St James and Yarrowonga transfer stations and the Cobram Landfill?

From your phone to your fridge, laptop or electric lawnmower, e-waste covers a whole range of items from work, home and even the garden shed.

Charges on some e-waste items are determined by council, however white goods including fridges and washing machines are free!

Our transfer station operators will advise on the types of waste and where best to deposit them.

For more information go to our website.

Aquatic Facilities Strategy – usage survey

Pools continue to serve a strong function in socialising and supporting family activity and we are in the process of implementing our Aquatic Facilities Strategy 2018-27.

The first step is to find out what will attract you to your local pool and what times you would be most likely to visit.

Go to our website to fill in our short survey – feedback closes **Friday 29 November**.

Council Meeting – 27 November - Yarrowonga

Our next meeting will commence at 6pm Wednesday 27 November at the Yarrowonga Town Hall in Belmore Street.

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Help for farmers to assess their options

MOIRA Shire Council is holding a week-long series of sessions at the Numurkah Visitor Information Centre to help local farmers who are experiencing hardship.

The Farming Communities in Transition program aims to connect farmers with a range of support services which can offer advice on assistance programs, retraining, and business transition options.

The program was launched last Thursday by mayor Libro Mustica, who said that our local farmers are hurting from strengthening drought conditions and market uncertainty.

“As a farming community we are highly dependent on irrigation water and we all know that the basin plan and water trading is making it incredibly difficult to manage the input costs of food and fibre production,” he said.

“In these difficult times it is essential that business, community, government and council come together to provide a helping hand.

“Knowing where and how to access the right support will strengthen our local agribusiness and the families and employees that rely on them.”

Agencies available to assist and advise farmers include Rural Aid, Primary Care Connect, AgBiz Assist, Women’s Health Goulburn North East and GOTAFE.

Representatives from a number of agencies will be available at the Numurkah Visitor Information Centre from 9am to 4pm until Friday this week.

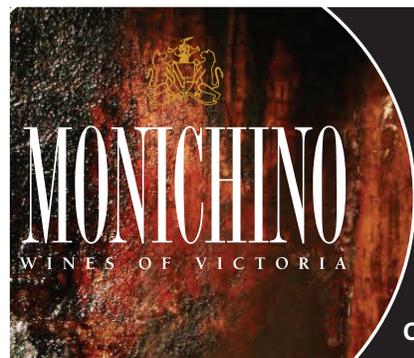


Program launch ... Mayor Libro Mustica welcomed farmers, business people and support agencies.



Oh, what a beautiful morning

TODAY we bring you another photo that’ll make you be glad to be alive and in the Numurkah district. This one was taken at 7.20am by Mark McNamara who said he was taken by the way the morning sun light enhanced the colour in the gum trees. So begins another beautiful day in Numurkah district.



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A year of highlights SMOTA Trainees bid farewell

**2019
TRAINEES...**
From
left, Ryan
Bergamin,
Jack Coller
and Ali
Boyd.

AS the school year begins to wind down, it's natural for teachers and students to reflect on the achievements and the experiences they've shared throughout the year and this is particularly the case for St Mary of the Angels (SMOTA) Sports Trainees, Ali Boyd, Jack Coller and Ryan Bergamin, who will finish their year-long placement in the coming weeks. The year-long trainee roles provide an opportunity for successful applicants to

gain a qualification and develop new skills as well as often nurturing an underlying passion for a future in education. Ali Boyd said, "SMOTA provided me with all the support I need to get through the challenging year of VCE, and now they've also helped me find my feet after finishing high school. Being a trainee, an actual member of the SMOTA staff is completely different to being a student and is such an eye opening experience."

"Being involved in the organisation of College events from assemblies to major sporting events to feast days allowed me to develop so many skills like delegation, problem solving and time management, all whilst pursuing something that I certainly knew I loved, sport!" Jack Coller said, "The entire year has been absolutely amazing. The ability to be 'on the other side' of the school (so-to-speak) has been extremely

interesting. Working with people I once called teachers, but now colleagues. The professional opportunity of working at a school has been my top highlight. Being able to learn and help directly in the classroom is a great and very valuable learning experience."

Ryan Bergamin said, "Throughout the year there have been so many highlights and fond memories that will stay with me for a long time. Organising, setting up and running the Grand Prix was a highlight. It was full of laughter and fun with a big payoff in the end raising over \$7,000 for the FMDM sisters. "If I had any advice for someone wanting to do the traineeship I would tell them if you're an active person that loves to coach and teach others, this job is for you. It gives you so many valuable opportunities. At the end of the day, just give it a shot because it can only benefit you." Applications are currently open for the 2020 round of education support trainees, if you or someone you know is interested in an incredible, hands on gap year experience visit www.smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au

Alternative Schoolies



MAKING A DIFFERENCE... From left, Rosie Arnel, Hayley Thorne, Sophie Morris, Georgia Walpole, Marlee Ingamells and Holly Scott.

Each year the Sandhurst Diocese offers the graduates of all its Catholic schools the opportunity to participate in Alternative Schoolies. This year, six students from St Mary of the Angels 2019 Year 12 group will embark on this authentic and challenging immersion experience. St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Social Justice Leader, Ruth Bakogianis said, "The experience is designed to provide opportunities for our students to connect with, and be moved by, the human face of global poverty. It aims to provide opportunities for our school leavers to make a difference through service to others, and to practise Catholic social teaching principles including

human dignity, preferential option for the poor, solidarity and subsidiarity. It also aims to foster friendships between students across the diocese. "While in Cebu students will encounter some of the poorest of the poor, visiting different communities, volunteer services, rehabilitation centres and housing projects. The students fundraise prior to the immersion, not for the cost of the trip but so that while in Cebu they can make some much needed donations to the projects they see firsthand. "We wish the six students from St Mary of the Angels, Sophie Morris, Georgia Walpole, Rosie Arnel, Hayley Thorne, Marlee Ingamells and Holly Scott all the best for this amazing experience."

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Dedicated volunteers ... Back (from left): Thelma Gread, Margaret Caccianiga, Alison Cook, Gemma Pugh, Win Knight, Leonie Decker, Dionne Eddy, Val Dickinson and Kath Retallick. Front: Pat Petzke, Marj Gundrill, Sandra Beer, Jean Matthies, Elaine Lakin, Chris Baker, Val Bunny.

Proper, old fashioned op-shop celebrates 50 years

THERE are few, if any, organisations more recognised as being a force for good on a global scale than the Red Cross, and for 50 years, the entire Numurkah community has been a small part of that global force.

With the support of volunteers from the Numurkah and Katunga Red Cross branches, Numurkah's Red Cross op-shop opened its doors on December 6, 1969 on Knox Street Numurkah.

In its first year of operation the shop raised \$350.

Red Cross shop volunteers wheeling racks of clothing through the streets of Numurkah became a common sight in the first 17 years of the shop's existence, with it moving premises six times.

The shop occupied spaces in the President's room of what was then the shire offices, the Farmer's Arms Hotel (now Newman Square), McPherson's Arcade, the old State Savings Bank (now McNamara's real estate), before moving back to Knox Street and finally, in 1983, to the old fire station on Quinn Street where it is still located today.

Current Red Cross Shop volunteer manager Gemma Pugh said that, although there have been many venue changes over the years, not much else has changed.

"We are proud to be a proper old-fashioned op-shop," she said.

"All of the goods are donated by local people and we still sort through and price the donated goods every Thursday morning," she said.

"We are all of the opinion that we don't want to out-price ourselves, so we sell our goods cheap, at op-shop prices. We are a community resource, and the goods we sell need to be affordable for those who need them.

"As for quality, our policy is that we'd never put out anything that we wouldn't use ourselves."

Another thing the shop has always had is boatloads of community spirit and goodwill.

Alison Cook, who has been volunteering at the shop for 35 years, said that whilst, for a long time, it was the only op-shop in town, being in competition with two other op-shops hasn't done the Red Cross shop any harm.

"Numurkah is a very generous community, and well able to support three op-shops," she said.

"It wouldn't work if the community didn't support us, but it always has and we are very grateful for that."

Whilst community attitudes to donating to the shop have always been solid, the op-shop ladies have seen a shift in attitudes to buying pre-loved items.

Long term volunteer, and former manager,

Sandra Beer said that the connotation of buying donated items has changed.

"It used to be seen as a bit of a negative thing, but people are much more open to buying used goods now and see it as a form of recycling," she said.

"The de-cluttering movement of recent years means that there are always plenty of recycled items for those who want to shop second hand."

All proceeds from the store go to the Australian Red Cross Society to help Australian disaster victims and others in need - including those in our own district.

"There have been quite a few times when local people have been provided with money following a house fire or something like that, and that's why shops like ours exist - to help people right across the country who find themselves in a situation like that," Ms Pugh said.

"It's thanks to our volunteers, many of whom have been with us for a long time, and the community that has always supported us, that we are able to be part of that assistance, and that's what we are celebrating this year.

"This is a genuine community resource run by generous volunteers for a generous community."

There will be an anniversary celebration held at the Red Cross shop on Quinn Street at 11am on Thursday, December 5.

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Feral-free safe haven ready

ONE of the largest rabbit-free areas in Australia has been created in Sturt National Park in far western NSW in a major project preparing to reintroduce locally extinct mammals like the bilby to desert habitat.

After completing 40km of specialised feral-proof fencing in October 2018, the Wild Deserts team, a partnership between UNSW, Ecological Horizons and the NSW Government, has now completed the mammoth task of eradicating every last rabbit, cat and fox from two fenced enclosures, each four kilometres by five kilometres.

UNSW scientist and Wild Deserts project co-ordinator Dr Reece Pedler, who lives in the park, said it had been a huge effort to eradicate rabbits, cats and foxes from such a large area.

"This 40 square-kilometre area now represents one of the largest rabbit-free areas in the country - this is an amazing achievement given these deserts supported millions of rabbits in the past, which decimated vegetation, causing soil erosion and the loss of our native fauna," he said.

NSW Minister for Environment Matt Kean said the Wild Deserts project was part of the NSW Government's Saving our Species pro-

gram, aiming to secure populations of precious Australian native mammals.

"There are many native animals that we haven't seen in this area in decades because they've been killed off by feral foxes and cats," Mr Kean said.

"This new feral-free zone is great news because we now have 40 square kilometres in the Sturt National Park which will be a safe haven for protecting and recovering native mammal populations."

Team leader of the Wild Deserts project, Professor Richard Kingsford said the current drought had actually been a silver lining for the project.

"It has meant that, along with many native animals and plants, the ferals have also done it tough," he said.

Wild Deserts Ecologist, Dr Rebecca West said, like much of the country, the area has received less than 100mm of rain over the past two years - the driest conditions since rainfall records began, leading to low ground cover and frequent dust storms.

"Not only has the drought reduced rabbit, cat and fox numbers, but it has also made tracking easier over large areas of bare red sand," she said.

In addition to extensive tracking, the team also regularly used remote cameras and spotlight sur-

veys over the last year to make sure that all feral animals were found.

The desert area is now well placed to take advantage of any late summer rain which will support vegetation and invertebrates - the food for the seven locally extinct mammal species the team will soon introduce, including the western quoll, burrowing bettong, two species of bandicoot and stick-nest rat.

"If the rain comes in the next few months, we hope to reintroduce bilbies first," said Dr West.

Already, the Wild Deserts team has had an unexpected discovery in their current intensive ecological surveys - they caught a threatened plains mouse.

"Excitingly, this is the first time that this small mammal species - which was thought to be extinct - has been recorded in Sturt National Park," says Dr West.

The team is also expanding the project into a massive training area of more than 100 square kilometres, where these small mammals can take back their desert domain, once they have bred up their numbers. This represents another major initiative by the team, not attempted before at the same scale, with the linking of predator proof fences onto the dingo fence.

The Numurkah Leader.

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100

years ago

This week in 1919 ...

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

To view these editions online go to trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/title/591.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS TO-NIGHT: CONCERT AND PICTURES

It is expected that the Mechanics' Hall will be packed tight to-night, when a large number of returned soldiers will be presented with gold medals by the Soldiers' Welcome Committee, acting for the townspeople.

A concert programme will be contributed by several of Numurkah's best singers, who are always ready to assist at these functions, and a programme of pictures will be shown also. Though the concert is advertised for the hall, arrangements have been made to hold it in the open-air picture theatre should the night be mild enough. Medals are awaiting presentation to the soldiers mentioned hereunder, and it is particularly asked that in the event of the soldier not being able to be present, a member of the family attend to receive the token of the townspeople's gratitude and appreciation on his behalf.

The soldiers to receive medals are:—Ptes. A. E. Farlands, E. Pyke, D. Clarke, Sgts. D. B. Tunnock, H. A. Lee, Ptes. W. Crozier, F. H. Tuthill, I. R. Jackson, Cpl. L. McCleary, Lieut. G. Selleck, L.-Cpl. R. A. Stevens, Pte. L. O. Tymms, Cpt. L. L. Patterson, Air-Mechanic A. Hilet, Sgt. W. Hussey, Ptes. P. Mann, S. Brodribb, S. Coates, Sgt. J. Coonerty, Ptes. S. Lambert, W. Jaffray, Lieut. R. Callander, Gnr. C. Allison, Sgt. A. Blackley, Pte. A. Frampton, Tpr. F. Needham, Mrs. Robinson (mother of the late T. Robinson), Ptes. J. Bowden, R. Crusell, Sgts. J. O'Beime, R. Harper, Pte. M. Barritt, Lieut. J. Meiklejohn, Tpr. A. Bentley, Ptes. R. Anderson, C. Patchell, Tpr. T. A. Johnson, L.-Cpl. R. R. Robinette, Ptes. W. J. Williams, J. Callander, Cpl. W. R. Grant, Pte. J. Jordan, Cpls. S. Selleck, C. R. McKenzie, Ptes. J. Campbell, J. Carlisle, J. Davis, J. Rockliff, Sgt. R. McCaskill, Pte. T. E. Draper, Sgt. J. Coxon, Ptes. M. Bolland, N. Raff, H. Blackman, S. Callander, W. Stratton, J. Campbell, R. Jones, J. Weir.

NUMURKAH WATER TRUST. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Engineer's Report.

Mr Hay Ower reported:—

A partial failure has taken place in the Kaarimba weir, but fortunately it was noticed in time to enable temporary repairs to be made.—Received.

He had on several occasions referred to the abnormal quantities of water used at Nathalia, but as the attitude of the commissioners more directly interested seemed to be, "The water is there: let it be used," he was diffident about mentioning the matter. However, he had had so many complaints of late that he had no option but to again draw the attention of the trust to them. The chief complaint, to his mind, was that which stated that the tower tank was empty on most mornings, and if a fire occurred under such circumstances the result could easily be imagined. The fault did not rest with the pumper, but the residents, some of whom used the water in lavish quantities for irrigating lucerne, etc.—

Com. J. Tuckett said he had always been against meters, but was inclined to think they should be installed. More, water was used than the gardens required.—Com. G. Tuckett moved that a by-law be made making it an offence to have a hose attached to a tap during prohibited hours, Com. Ball seconded.—Com. Moss said the only way to prevent waste was to install meters.—Com. Thornton agreed.—Com. Meiklejohn said a proposal such as the motion provided for had proved a failure at Strathmerton.—Com. Ball was against meters, and thought a by-law might be given a trial.—The chairman said it would be disastrous if the waste of water was not stopped: they could see what effect the motion would have.—The motion was carried.—Com. J. Tuckett moved that meters be installed on all properties where the water was used other than between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.—Seconded by Com. Moss and carried.

Dr. Harbison and the Ladies.—Speaking at the wind-up social of the Comforts Fund on Tuesday night, Dr. Harbison referred to the slogan of the Fathers' Association, and said there was no need for the cry, "Carry on, Mum." And the reason he gave was that the ladies "were always carrying on!" To end the paragraph at this point would probably convey a wrong impression, and we hasten to add that it was to the ladies' "stickativeness" in regard to war work that the genial doctor was referring.



More than 200 years service between them ... CEO Jacque Phillips (2nd left) and board chairperson Dale Brooks (front) congratulate, from left, Ali Beatson, Deb Morland, John Fothergill, Fiona Weeding, Marilyn McPherson, Michelle Strawhorn, Kay Cole, and Karen Loe on years of faithful service to NDHS.

NDHS celebrates a good year

NUMURKAH District Health Service (NDHS) held its final annual general meeting as an individual entity last week, reviewing the 2018/2019 financial year.

CEO Jacque Phillips provided an overview of the year, including NDHS' financial report, which showed that the service ended the year with an operating surplus of \$753,000 and, after depreciation, a \$936,000 deficit.

Ms Phillips said that the large deficit was due to a new reporting format, and overall, it was a positive result for the year.

"A new annual reporting format was introduced in 2018/19 and capital transactions are now included in the net result.

"With the new change in format and depreciation being quite high due to the relatively new facility, the net result is showing as a deficit," Ms Phillips said.

"The operating result continues to be strong, with an operating surplus of \$753,000, and future expenditure will continue to be undertaken through our annual budget - including capital replacement, the annual grant received for plant and equipment, plus reserves and funding submissions."

Deputy Director of Nursing Catherine Church presented the 2018/2019 'quality account' which provides an operational snapshot of the year, and reviews projects and policies aimed at improving outcomes.

Amongst other things, the quality account reveals that throughout the period, NDHS had 250 staff members and 85 volunteers, performed 1,010 surgeries, admitted 820 patients and received 2,093 urgent care presentations.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentations of long service awards, which were made by NCN board chairperson Dale Brooks.

Twenty-one staff members had racked up 10 years or more service, with three staff members from across the organisation being awarded for an incredibly impressive 35 years service.

John Fothergill, Karen Loe and Fiona Weeding received awards for 35 years, and Kay Cole received a life governorship for 30 years service.

Letter to the Editor

The final solution for global warming

IN 1961, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Phillip, co-founded the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) along with his cousin, former Nazi Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, and British Eugenics Society President Sir Julian Huxley, for one purpose, to raise funds for its parent organisation, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

In 1964, Prince Phillip founded the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF), which he personally headed as its president from 1971-1976 with money from Prime Ministers Menzies, Holt and Gorton.

In 1970 Prince Bernhard and Anton Rupert launched the 1001 club, the purpose of the private club was to generate a guaranteed financial base for the WWF, 1001 members contributing \$10,000 each.

The 1001 club, made up of 1001 individuals hand-picked by Prince Phillip, is dominated by billionaires and oligarchical families in Europe, along with industry leaders, bankers, intertwined with the military industrial complex.

It was the WWF that organised and funded the Wentworth Group and WWF trustee Tim Flannery.

In the late 1980s, some members' names were leaked. These included Adnan Khashoggi - arms dealer, Robert Vesco - drug and arms dealer, Salem Bin Laden - half brother of Osama Bin Laden, Major Louis Mortimer Bloomfield - linked to the assassination of President Kennedy.

In 1970, leading members of the WWF financial arm launched earth day. Canadian Maurice Strong was one of the key architects of earth day. Two years later he was the driving figure behind the convening of the United Nations conference on the Human Environment Programme, of which he was later named executive director.

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands was held in Ramsar Iran, the WWF organised the Ramsar Wetlands treaty.

Former secretary to the Lord President of the Queen's Privy Council

Max Nicholson keynoted the Ramsar conference a year after publishing his book *The Environmental Revolution: A Guide for the New Masters of the World*.

Nicholson claimed that the Ramsar Wetlands treaty would be used to smash national sovereignty.

In 2007 then environment minister Malcolm Turnbull legislated the Water Act 2007 into law, based on the WWF's Ramsar treaty to return water away from farmers back to the environment.

Combine the Ramsar Convention on wetlands and the Lima Declaration and plan of action both accepted and ratified by the Liberal-National governments in 1975 and both of these spelt the end of Australian family farms, with today's drought and the most destructive system of all of these, the British debt finance system, enforced upon Australia on July 19, 1930 and still enforced to this day all the way up through ACFR, FSB, BIS, BoE, City of London to the Privy Council and the British Crown.

Professor Hans Joachi Schellinhuber is the high priest of climate change. Schellinhuber was German Chancellor Angela Merkel's energy advisor and head of the German Government Advisory Council on Global Change (WGBU), Schellinhuber bears the main responsibility for inducing Merkel to make the climate change question the top agenda item during Germany's presidency of the EU in 2001.

It was Schellinhuber who convinced Pope Francis of global warming, including that mankind is a pollution on the earth.

On March 13, 2009, Schellinhuber was the Queen's personal envoy on climate change at the Copenhagen Climate Change summit. He warned, "Unless all fossil fuel and nuclear power consumption weren't shut down immediately, the earth's temperature would rise by 5C".

He declared, "In a cynical way, it's a triumph for science, because at least we have stabilised something, namely the estimates for the carrying capacity of the planet, namely below one billion people".

For his efforts, the Queen inducted him as a Commander of the British Empire.

Jeff Davy
Numurkah

End the year with a banging boogaloo



The doctor is in ... Dr Hernandez is bound to raise your energy levels just in time for the busy holiday season.

IT'S been a busy year, and with the silly season approaching to make it even busier, you can't be blamed for looking for a magic panacea to get you through.

Fortunately, a cure for the madness is within reach, because this Friday night at Yarroweyah Memorial Hall the doctor is most definitely in.

Dr Hernandez that is, bringing a hefty dose of boogaloo to get your hips swinging and your cares melting away in the last Café Culture performance of the year.

Dr Hernandez is a Melbourne based band that specialises in performing 'Boogaloo' and 'Cumbia' music.

Cumbia, which is a fusion of rhythm and blues, soul, mambo, rumba and jazz, has grown to be one of the most widespread and unifying musical genres to emerge out of Latin America.

Boogaloo often features lyrics in English and Spanish, making it the perfect fit for the multi-talented Sally Ford, who has been singing in both languages for all of her professional career.

Sally's trademark soaring, bel canto voice leads the five piece band which comprises Patrick Cronin on trumpet, flugelhorn and percussion, Michael Havar on keyboard, David Joseph on drums and Catherine McQuade on bass

and vocals. Sally also plays alto sax and flute.

Sally Ford and Patrick Cronin are no strangers to Café Culture Series stages, having performed with different acts since the series began.

Mary Souness, manager of Just Shows To Go which delivers these tours to regional Victoria, said the individual musicians involved always have a guaranteed feel good vibe about their music, and Dr Hernandez is the epitome of that.

"Celebrating originality is one of the core values of the Café Culture Series, and this time around we won't just be wowed by their musicianship but also their composition talents, as they will be performing tracks from their brand new CD," Ms Souness said.

Dr Hernandez will be performing live for one night only at Yarroweyah Memorial Hall, at 8pm this Friday, November 22.

This show is proudly presented by MAC Inc. and is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria.

Tickets are on sale now online at trybooking.com/WYKE, and can also be made by phoning 0488 370 504.

So polish your most comfortable dancing shoes and secure your seat before it sells out.

Dr Hernandez might not necessarily be the cure, but they might help dull the pain.



All together now ... Lions Club and community members joined together to take a walk for diabetes awareness.



In the spirit ... Cash Boyden, Myla Stuart, Addi Stuart, Kaiyah Boyden and Billie Lee hotted up their vehicles for the event

Lions and friends lap the map for diabetes

EVERY five minutes in Australia someone develops diabetes, and with a range of modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors, the key to understanding your risk of being among them lies in awareness.

Awareness is exactly what Numurkah Lions Club was aiming to raise when it hosted a 'Lap the Map for Diabetes' event last Monday, inviting community members to join them for a 2.4km walk - or ride, or scoot - around Numurkah's Lions Park.

Around 60 people took part, clocking up 135km between them and raising around \$400 in the process, with Diabetes Nurse Educator Janet Lagstrom and Dietician Michelle Beecher from Primary Health joining in with a range of resources to help raise awareness.

Ms Lagstrom said that it was a great opportunity to bust some of the myths many people have about diabetes risk factors.

"A lot of people know about the modifiable risk factors, such as diet and exercise, and don't realise that there are other things that they can't control - such as family history, age and gender - that may put them at risk and that they need to consider when assessing their risk," she said.

"I really congratulate the Lions Club on highlighting this issue and getting people walking and talking together about it.

"A lot of those who attended took the opportunity to complete one of our risk assessments and arm themselves with greater knowledge, and that's a really good thing."

Lap the map is an initiative of Lions International, and Australia is one of 205 countries where events will be taking place throughout November to recognise World Diabetes Day on November 14.

Organiser of the Numurkah event, Lions Club member Sonja Sutherland, said she was really pleased with the club's inaugural effort.

"It couldn't have gone much better," she said.

"It was a lovely evening for a walk and most of the people who came along weren't Lions Club members, so we were able to get the message out to the broader community like we'd hoped.

"We'd encouraged kids to bring their bikes or scooters and decorate them for a bit of fun, and many of them did, which was great.

"It was a lovely night for a walk and a barbecue, and Michael Hogan provided live music free of charge throughout the event, so it was quite festive.

"We are looking forward to doing it again next year."

You can perform your own diabetes risk assessment online at: <https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/diabetesRiskAssessmentTool>.

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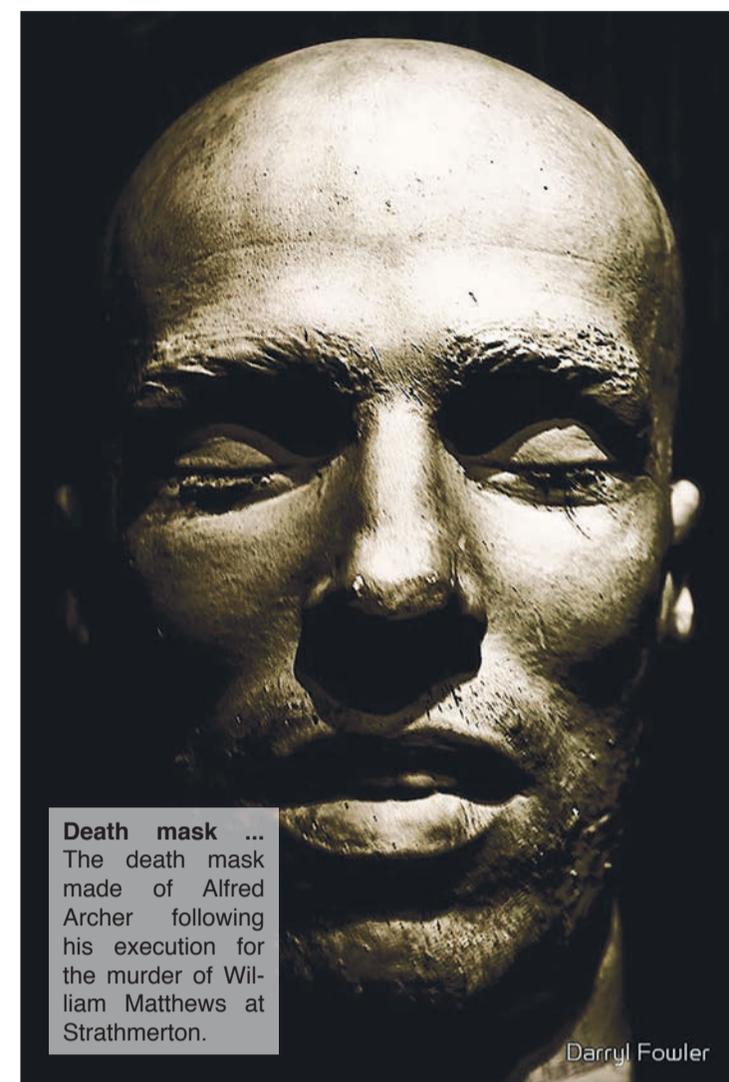
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Anniversary of hanging for historic Ulupna murder



Death mask ...
The death mask made of Alfred Archer following his execution for the murder of William Matthews at Strathmerton.

Darryl Fowler

TOMORROW marks the 121st anniversary of the hanging of a man for a murder committed near Strathmerton, with the body of the victim dumped in Ulupna Creek.

Alfred Archer was hanged at the Old Melbourne Gaol on November 21, 1898, after being convicted of the murder of William Matthews.

Among the crowd of approximately 300 people who witnessed the hanging was Reverend Robert Elliott of Numurkah, who became Archer's spiritual adviser after his arrest for the murder and to whom Archer had made a detailed confession.

Archer and Matthews had become friends when they worked as station hands for a Mr Stidwell on his property at Kaarimba, but left together to work as rabbit and possum trappers, stealing a horse and cart when they left.

Archer told Rev Elliott that the life of a trapper didn't suit him, and he decided to murder Matthews, steal his property, and return to Melbourne where he had been living before coming to the district around six months previously.

On the night of September 7, 1898, Archer attacked Matthews as he slept at a camp site the pair had set up at the gateway to the Ulupna reserve.

Archer told the Reverend that he had stabbed Matthews in the head with a trap-set, a pick-like object

that was part of a possum snare, before stabbing him twice in the throat with a butcher's knife.

When the body was discovered, the web of Matthews' hand, between the thumb and forefinger, was found to be cut to the bone - an injury which must have resulted from a struggle, and evidently through Matthews seizing the blade as Archer was cutting his throat.

After satisfying himself that Matthews was dead, he burned all the clothing stained with blood, threw the knife into the fire, sewed up the body in the bag, along with the heavy lid from a camp oven, in an attempt to weigh it down, carted it to the Ulupna Creek and threw it in.

The body was found in the creek seven miles from Strathmerton by two tree-fellers on September 20, and was initially wrongly identified as being that of a Mr Richard Lindsay from Benalla, before being buried.

When Mr Lindsay's brother David arrived in Strathmerton and pointed out disparities between the descriptions of the two men to police, further inquiries were made and the victim was re-identified as William Matthews.

Archer had fled to Melbourne by train the day after the murder.

Working together, detectives from Benalla, Shepparton and Melbourne identified Archer as the murderer, and his description was

circulated widely through the press - including in Melbourne where police now believed Archer to be.

On September 24, a drinker at the Victoria Royal Hotel on Flemington Road North Melbourne recognised Archer and reported his presence to the police, who arrested him later that day and held him in custody.

Archer made a lengthy statement to police, blaming the murder on two men, who he said were apparently old friends of Williams' and who Williams had left him to go and drink with, never to return.

When he was returned to the lock up following his statement, Archer is recorded to have said, "I suppose that unless they find those two other fellows, it means I'll swing for it. I don't suppose they'll make much effort to find them."

Archer remained in the lock up until his trial at the Benalla Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Hood, which went for two days on October 19 and 20, 1898, and involved 50 witnesses.

Archer maintained his innocence throughout, but the jury took just two hours to find him guilty of murder and Mr Justice Hood sentenced him to death.

Anti death penalty campaigners took up for Archer, preparing a deputation to the governor on his behalf.

However, when Archer's spiritual adviser Rev Elliott asked him if he had any statement to make to the governor, Archer is said to have told him that the sentence was just, and on that basis the deputation was cancelled and an execution date of November 21 was set.

Between his sentencing and execution date, Archer apparently became close to Rev Elliott and, under his guidance, found God.

On the morning of his execution day, Archer refused breakfast, drinking only a pint of strong tea, and, just prior to his execution, a glass of brandy.

Before he was led to the gallows, Archer returned to Rev Elliott a prayer book that the priest had given him.

After the execution was over, Mr. Elliott found on the flyleaf of the book the words:

"This little note in loving remembrance of memory to one who was very dear to me in this world, the Rev. Mr. Robert Elliott, who was the first of God's ministers to lead me to Christ Jesus my Saviour. And it may please God to bless, keep, and preserve him, when we may both meet in Heaven above."

When asked if he had any final words, Archer looked up and, in loud, firm, clear tones, said:

"I wish to thank one and all the officials here, and may God bless them, and keep them for that Heavenly kingdom in which I am now prepared to meet my God."

The lever was pulled, and death was instantaneous.

Scouts venture to USA

WHEN 50,000 scouts and scout leaders gathered in West Virginia USA recently for the biggest jamboree ever held, among their number were eight kids from Moira Shire having the time of their lives.

Eight members of the Yullaba Venturers troupe, who hail from Strathmerton, Muckatah, Cobram and Tocumwal, were part of a 700 strong Australian contingent to attend the event.

With tents literally as far as the eye could see, the 24th International Scout Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve temporarily became the third largest city in West Virginia.

Scarlett Grinter from Muckatah said the true scale of the event became clear to her as she walked through camp to get to the opening ceremony.

"There was just this huge line of people, and it took so long to get through camp. Then it took ages for them to bring all of the flags through because there were 136 countries represented," she said.

In fact, queuing was a bit of a theme throughout the 12 day event, and proved a great way of making new friends.

"You'd be lining up for hours to go on something like the giant zipline and you'd spend that time talking to people from all over the world, which was really great," said Strathmerton's Maddison Wilson.

"You came to realise that no matter how differently people from different countries do things, teenagers are pretty similar no matter where they're from."

Local scouts also got to form bonds with others from across Australia, as they were each allocated to a troupe of 40 scouts from their home country for the duration of the event.

A huge range of activities were on offer across the event, including a water park, and it also included a cultural day where foods and hobbies from all of the different countries were on offer to be sampled.

As well as the fun of the jamboree, the Moira attendees got to have a range of

other experiences.

Before making their way to West Virginia, they spent four days seeing the sights in Washington D.C, including attending a Red Sox versus Oreols professional baseball game.

There was also plenty of adventure to be had after the jamboree, with some members going on a four day post-tour of Calgary Canada, whilst others had an unscheduled adventure in Los Angeles.

"Our flight home got cancelled by Qantas, so they put us up in a five star hotel for three days which was pretty cool," said Tocumwal's Chloe Pullar.

Yullaba Venturers leader Paul Grinter said that the kids' adventure was a prime example of the opportunities available to scouts.

"They hold the international jamboree every four years, the Asia-Pacific jamboree every four years and the Australian jamboree every three years, so there are plenty of chances for the kids to get out there and meet other scouts and do things they wouldn't get to do otherwise," he said.

Leading up to the jamboree, the kids had the opportunity to learn the value of hard work, as they worked to raise money to get themselves there.

Paul said that, unlike in the lead-up to previous jamborees, he did not drive the fund-raising, instead he let the kids know they would have to work for it.

"We didn't ask for donations this time because I decided that the community is under enough pressure, so if the kids wanted to go then they needed to find ways to earn the money."

Fundraising efforts included many stunts serving and cleaning up at Numurkah Freemasons functions, for which they received a donation of \$1,000, as well as another \$1,000 from the Grand Lodge, cleaning toilets at the Cobram swap meet and helping farmers cover their silage stacks.

"They well and truly earned their money," Paul said.

"But I'm sure they'd tell you it was worth it."



Happy campers ... Chloe Pullar, Emily Power, Noah Sullivan, Scarlett Grinter and Maddison Wilson had the time of their lives at the International Scout Jamboree



Small city ... With 50,000 people staying on site, there was literally tents as far as the eye could see at the jamboree site in West Virginia.

FUN OF THE FETE BOUND TO RAISE SPIRITS

STRATHMERTON Primary School's innovative parents and friends committee, along with the entire school community, will be holding a monster fete and market day this Saturday, from 10am until 3pm in the school grounds.

The event will feature more than 60 family fun stalls including rides, games, animals, live music, market stalls, food and drinks.

Entry is free and there will also be plenty of free activities available, including novelty races, card making and an artwork competition.

While the funds raised by the committee will go towards a new cover for the school's basketball court, the chance to do something to help keep spirits up in the local farming community was a significant factor.

Spokesperson for the fete com-

mittee, Tania Bell, said it is all about families getting together and having fun with their children in a time when country areas are feeling the effects of the drought.

"If the local school can raise some funds for the kids, and future kids, well it's a win/win situation."

"We have been blessed to have a DJ give his time free of charge. The fete will be a way of displaying our local

community groups, with the CFA using it as an open day, the Mywee Community Group selling raffle tickets to go towards the upkeep of the Historical Mywee School and the local Girl Guides looking for new members, just to name a few.

"I am excited about the town and school community getting together for some good cheap fun with a range of stalls and activities that

should suit everyone."

Strathmerton Primary School principal Geoff Weppner said he appreciates the efforts of Tania, the fete committee and school staff.

"They have put an incredible amount of time into making this fete a really special event," he said.

"I know it's going to be a huge success, with the proceeds ultimately helping every child in our school."

Social SNAPSHOTS

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KATAMATITE identity Graham Hodge celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends at Katamatite on Sunday.



Noel Boschetti, Ray Mills, Graham Hodge, Hazel Boschetti, Margaret Mills.



Sieg Seiter, Lou Hamon and Graham Hodge.



Graham Hodge cuts his cake.



Graham with some of his grandchildren: Eric Hodge, Brianna Hodge, Chris Hennessy, Lauren Hodge, Ria Hodge, Mat Hodge, Amy McCurdy, Emma Wiltshire, Charlie Hodge.



Graham with his children and some of his grandchildren.

Attending a social event? Take a few photos and send them to news@leader.net.au. Photos must be at least 2Mb in size. Remember to include the names of people pictured, what the event is, and when and where it was held.

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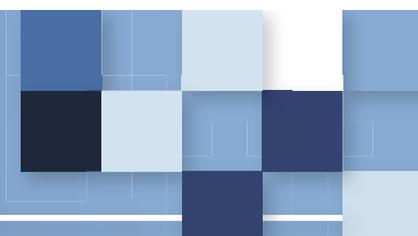
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NCN Health | Nathalia Cobram Numurkah

Appointments to the Board of Directors of NCN Health

The Minister for Health, the Hon Jenny Mikakos MP, is pleased to invite applications for part time board directors/ positions on the NCN Health board commencing from 1 July 2020.

Safe and high quality healthcare for all Victorians is a priority of the Victorian Government.

Applicants for board directorships must be able to demonstrate and provide evidence in support of the skills they identify in their applications.

These positions provide an exciting opportunity for members of the Victorian public with relevant experience and qualifications to contribute to the strategic leadership of public health care delivery to the community.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring boards and committees broadly reflect the diversity of the Victorian community. We welcome applications from women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people of all ages, people with disabilities, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse and intersex people.

Please refer to the Position Description for more details about the competencies needed on health service boards.

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Carkeek — Andrew. Please accept our personal thanks for your prayers, loving support, messages, cards, flowers, visits and food. For those who joined us to celebrate Andrew's life, your presence was a great comfort and a day we will remember always. Without mentioning anyone individually, be assured we are grateful for the friendship, time, care and devotion you shared.
 Bill and Marj Carkeek.

IN MEMORIAM

BENNIE — Jennifer Mary.
 19.12.37-16.11.12
 Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear. Deborah, Helen, Ian, Jacque and families.

DEATHS

BAXTER — Mathew.
 13.7.1975 - 11.11.2019
 Dearly loved son of Maxine and Steve, cherished brother of Jodie and Jessica, brother-in-law of Joel and Aaron. Adored uncle of Ethan, Noah, Davis and Myles. Dearly loved grandson of Val and Charlie (dec.). Your life was a blessing, your memory is a treasure.
Loved forever and at peace now

EDDY — Colin Victor.
 November 12, 2019
 Your memory is my greatest treasure to have in my heart forever. Your struggle is over now and you are at peace.
 Love always
 Heather



EDDY — Col. The Numurkah Football Netball Club wishes to extend its condolences to the Eddy family on the passing of Col, a former player and coach for the Numurkah Blues. Our thoughts are with you all.

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NCN Workplace Trainer and Careers Advisor

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Across NCN Health

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www.cobramdistrict.health.org.au

SITUATIONS VACANT

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- PE/SCIENCE
- PE/MATHS

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Applications should include:

- A cover letter
- Response to the Key Selection Criteria
- Curriculum Vitae, including three professional
referees.

Key Selection Criteria and Role Description obtained from:
www.smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au/about/employment

Applications to be emailed to:
principal@smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 2019

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SITUATIONS VACANT

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NCN Health has the following vacancies

District Nurse - Grade 2 or Grade 3

Fixed Term 0.3 EFT (24 Hours per fortnight) –
Numurkah Campus

Fixed Term 0.5 EFT (40 Hours per fortnight) –
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NCN Health | Nathalia
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NCN Health has the following vacancy at its
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- A proven ability to work as a member of a team.

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- Curriculum Vitae including three professional referees.

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A GRADE

KATANDRA v SHEPPARTON UNITED

Toss won by Katandra, batted first
1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA

B Clurey c H Conway b S Nash	10
B Black b S Nash	16
L Patel c K Armstrong b C Vidanapathirana	5
JM Wright c K Armstrong b S Nash	4
S Richardson c K Armstrong b E McLaren	6
M Black c K Armstrong b E McLaren	1
JG Wright c K Armstrong b E McLaren	0
RJ Ireland lbw b E McLaren	0
C Hickford c K Armstrong b E McLaren	5
S Dickson not out	5
RW Shannon c D Vidler b E McLaren	0
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 0, lb 1)	2
Total	54
Overs	22.1

FOW: 18 (B Clurey) 31 (B Black) 31 (L Patel) 35 (JM Wright) 39 (M Black) 41 (JG Wright) 41 (RJ Ireland) 44 (S Richardson) 51 (C Hickford) 54 (RW Shannon)
Bowling: S Nash 7.0 2 3 22; C Vidanapathirana 7.0 1 1 17; E McLaren 4.1 3 6 7; R Bari 3.0 0 0 4; M Tate 1.0 0 0 3.

1ST INNINGS - SHEPPARTON UNITED

XD Brown b S Richardson	12
K Armstrong not out	69
M Jarrett b S Richardson	0
C Rendina lbw b C Hickford	24
R Bari not out	23
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 0, lb 1)	1
Total	3/129
Overs	54.0
FOW: 34 (XD Brown) 34 (M Jarrett) 90 (C Rendina)	
Bowling: C Hickford 12.0 4 1 30; S Dickson 9.0 4 0 20; S Richardson 6.0 3 2 11; JM Wright 8.0 2 0 17; RW Shannon 5.0 1 0 19; L Patel 8.0 5 0 11; RJ Ireland 6.0 1 0 20.	

WAAIA v NORTHERNERS

Toss won by Waaia, batted first
1ST INNINGS - WAAIA

BG Carey c B Pedretti b M Brett	17
S Trower c M Brett b G Hutchins	20
G Meyland lbw b J Brett	4
MJ Cleeland c M Hall b J Brett	0
J Cleeland c J Brett b T Sidebottom	7
K Tatt lbw b T Sidebottom	2
S Moore c M Hall b G Hutchins	9
R Knight lbw b J Brett	0
J Trower not out	8
SC Carey c & b J Brett	8
L Henderson b G Hutchins	0
Extras (nb 1, w 1, b 6, lb 3)	11
Total	86
Overs	55.4
FOW: 24 (BG Carey) 29 (G Meyland) 29 (MJ Cleeland) 43 (J Cleeland) 52 (K Tatt) 58 (S Trower) 61 (R Knight) 71 (S Moore) 84 (SC Carey) 86 (L Henderson)	
Bowling: J Brett 19.0 7 4 36; Z Newbound 7.0 5 0 6; M Brett 10.0 6 1 10; T Sidebottom 9.0 6 2 6; G Hutchins 10.4 3 3 19.	

1ST INNINGS - NORTHERNERS

J Brett not out	26
DT Collins b	0
B Pedretti not out	11
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 3, lb 0)	3
Total	1/40
Overs	21.0
FOW: 5 (DT Collins)	
Bowling: J Trower 8.0 2 1 13; MJ Cleeland 7.0 4 0 4; J Cleeland 3.0 0 0 11; L Henderson 3.0 1 0 9.	

B GRADE

NUMURKAH v UNDERA

Toss won by Numurkah, batted first
1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

M Price c & b GR Campbell	14
J Morris c & b J Valentin	5
J Pruden c S Valentin b J Valentin	0
K Jackson b GR Campbell	2
D Ebborn c K Kennedy b P Wickham	2
A Cline b GR Campbell	13
B Smith c & b GR Campbell	19

S Spicer run out (B Bailey)	21
B Roberts lbw b J Valentin	2
M Martin b GR Campbell	1
RL Lacuin not out	1
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 0, lb 1)	1
Total	81
Overs	45.5
FOW: 14 (J Pruden) 14 (J Morris) 19 (K Jackson) 22 (D Ebborn) 24 (M Price) 49 (A Cline) 64 (B Smith) 79 (B Roberts) 79 (S Spicer) 81 (M Martin)	
Bowling: GR Campbell 22.5 9 5 32; S Valentin 5.0 1 0 7; J Valentin 7.0 2 3 8; P Wickham 5.0 2 1 6; K Kennedy 1.0 0 0 15; B Bailey 4.0 0 0 12.	

1ST INNINGS - UNDERA

P Wickham c S Spicer b B Smith	9
J Bailey b B Smith	2
M Wishart c M Price b B Smith	6
B Bailey not out	58
GR Campbell b M Martin	14
L Campbell lbw b RL Lacuin	3
S Valentin c J Pruden b B Smith	2
H Fennell not out	0
Extras (nb 1, w 3, b 2, lb 2)	8
Total	6/102
Overs	35.0
FOW: 7 (J Bailey) 18 (P Wickham) 24 (M Wishart) 60 (GR Campbell) 85 (L Campbell) 101 (S Valentin)	
Bowling: B Smith 9.0 2 4 18; B Roberts 7.0 2 0 17; M Martin 9.0 2 1 22; RL Lacuin 7.0 2 1 29; A Cline 3.0 1 0 12.	

SHEPPARTON UNITED v KATANDRA

Toss won by Katandra, bowled first
1ST INNINGS - SHEPPARTON UNITED

L Watts c C Simpson b P Inglis	24
T Gillin b P Inglis	6
M Collins b P Inglis	9
R Menhenett c C Simpson b AE Nicholls	52
C Green lbw b NJ Hickey	10
T Zito c K Rosevear b AE Nicholls	20
L Menhenett not out	27
H Walsh c K Rosevear b N Minogue	13
K Veal c P Inglis b RJ Hopkins	0
T Yaqoobi b P Inglis	9
A Safdari b P Inglis	6
Extras (nb 5, w 0, b 9, lb 6)	20
Total	196
Overs	67.5
FOW: 14 (T Gillin) 28 (M Collins) 83 (L Watts) 97 (C Green) 127 (R Menhenett) 137 (T Zito) 163 (H Walsh) 168 (K Veal) 188 (T Yaqoobi) 196 (A Safdari)	
Bowling: P Inglis 14.5 3 5 47; C Simpson 3.0 0 0 11; NJ Hickey 15.0 4 1 32; B Holmes 5.4 2 0 17; AE Nicholls 14.0 3 2 42; K Rosevear 3.2 0 0 5; RJ Hopkins 8.0 2 1 24; N Minogue 4.0 2 1 3.	

1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA

P Inglis c C Green b T Yaqoobi	5
AE Nicholls not out	2
T Wilson lbw b K Veal	0
C Simpson b H Walsh	0
NJ Hickey not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 0, lb 0)	0
Total	3/7
Overs	9.0
FOW: 5 (P Inglis) 5 (T Wilson) 7 (C Simpson)	
Bowling: K Veal 3.0 0 1 2; T Yaqoobi 2.0 0 1 3; A Safdari 1.0 0 0 2; H Walsh 2.0 1 1 0; C Green 1.0 0 0 0.	

NORTHERNERS v WAAIA

Toss won by Northerners, batted first
1ST INNINGS - NORTHERNERS

T Brett b	8
A Boyington c	16
D Furnell not out	5
S Dawes b	39
J Feeney c	4
PJ Hall c	83
L Mamone c	3
J Sidebottom b	2
T Herbert c	20
D Newbound lbw	4
SN Marshall c	43
Extras (nb 1, w 1, b 9, lb 5)	16
Total	243
Overs	66.4
FOW: 55 (A Boyington) 61 (S Dawes) 92 (T Herbert) 115 (L Mamone) 136 (T Brett) 228 (PJ Hall) 228 (SN Marshall) 230 (J Sidebottom) 235 (D Newbound)	

243 (J Feeney)	
Bowling: H Hixon 11.4 1 3 30; C Walpole 10.0 2 2 28; D Wilson 9.0 1 2 44; M Stuart 23.0 5 3 87; T Williams 13.0 2 0 40.	

1ST INNINGS - WAAIA

D Wilson not out	5
C Walpole b T Brett	7
X Daniel not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 0, lb 4)	4
Total	1/16
Overs	10.0
Bowling: J Sidebottom 5.0 3 0 10; T Brett 5.0 3 1 2.	

C GRADE

NUMURKAH v MOORoopNA BLUE

Toss won by Mooroopna Blue, batted first
1ST INNINGS - MOORoopNA BLUE

Extras (nb 4, w 13, b 11, lb 7)	35
Total	184
Overs	70.5
Bowling: H Lambert 10.0 4 1 15; H Verhoeven 11.0 3 1 16; B O'Dwyer 17.0 4 2 40; D Roberts 5.0 1 0 15; J Verhoeven 9.0 1 2 30; R Dawson 9.0 2 4 21; C Sessions 5.0 1 0 18.	

1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

H Verhoeven not out	2
not out	4
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 0, lb 0)	1
Total	0/7
Overs	6.0

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PREMIER DIVISION

BAROOGA def NATHALIA

Toss won by Nathalia, batted first
1ST INNINGS - NATHALIA

A Jorgensen b SS Kalsi	11
L Evans b MC Jaensch	41
L Quinn c J Stanyer b R Gow	6
S Young c S Leigh b MC Jaensch	8
A Harding run out (SS Kalsi)	0
P Carroll c & b R Gow	53
A Congues b J Cahir	1
H Congues b J Cahir	0
JL Walpole b K Watkins	5
B Summerville c J Stanyer b MC Jaensch	11
CP Congues not out	1
Extras (nb 2, w 4, b 1, lb 3)	10
Total	10/148 (cc)
Overs	45.0

FOW: 29 (A Jorgensen) 45 (L Quinn) 65 (S Young) 73 (A Harding) 75 (L Evans) 78 (A Congues) 79 (H Congues) 117 (JL Walpole) 146 (B Summerville) 148 (P Carroll)
Bowling: R Gow 9.0 0 2 32; SS Kalsi 9.0 3 1 26; MC Jaensch 9.0 3 3 20; J Cahir 9.0 3 2 19; L Collyer 4.0 1 0 21; J Poole 3.0 0 0 14; K Watkins 1.0 0 1 6; W Lavery 1.0 0 0 6.

1ST INNINGS - BAROOGA

S Leigh b L Evans	28
J Stanyer c L Quinn b A Harding	16
K Watkins c L Evans b B Summerville	15
R Gow c CP Congues b L Evans	22
W Lavery c H Congues b L Quinn	9
MC Jaensch not out	33
J Cahir c & b A Congues	0
L Collyer c B Summerville b L Quinn	7
SS Kalsi b A Congues	0
Z Bunge not out	17
Extras (nb 2, w 5, b 0, lb 0)	7
Total	8/154
Overs	44.2
FOW: 40 (J Stanyer) 48 (S Leigh) 74 (R Gow) 88 (K Watkins) 105 (W Lavery) 107 (J Cahir) 126 (L Collyer) 128 (SS Kalsi)	
Bowling: A Jorgensen 4.0 0 0 30; A Harding 7.0 1 1 25; L Evans 9.0 4 2 28; B Summerville 7.2 2 1 16; L Quinn 9.0 0 2 22; A Congues 8.0 0 2 33.	

COBRAM def KATAMATITE

Toss won by Katamatite, batted first
1ST INNINGS - KATAMATITE

Extras (nb 1, w 19, b 0, lb 0)	20
Total	85
Overs	38.4
Bowling: A Decicco 5.0 3 0 5; W Van Zyl 9.0 1 1 18; N Hoban 3.0 0 2 13; J Daniel 7.0 4 1 8; M Allen 3.0	

0 0 16; T Baden 5.0 0 1 11; J Beasley 3.0 0 2 8; H Hyde 3.4 1 2 6.	
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1ST INNINGS - COBRAM

L Hyde not out	28
W Van Zyl c J Dickie b S Dorsey	29
J Daniel not out	18
Extras (nb 2, w 7, b 2, lb 2)	13
Total	1/88
Overs	18.4

LADDER

	P	W	D	L	PTS	%
Cobram	4	4	0	0	24	2.23
Barooga	4	3	0	1	18	2.04
Deniliquin Rhinos	4	3	0	1	18	1.38
Nathalia	4	2	0	2	12	1.10
Katamatite	4	2	0	2	12	0.83
Cob-Ywh United	4	0	0	4	0	0.41
Tocumwal	4	0	0	4	0	0.34

DIVISION ONE

DENILQUIN RHINOS def KATUNGA

Toss won by Deniliquin Rhinos, batted first
1ST INNINGS - DENILQUIN RHINOS

C Pyle b	0
K Hillier c	4
B Arthur b	17
C Hillier c	6
B Irwin b	1
T Hillier c	16
J Tubb c	2
D Herbert c	2
M Jefferies b	3
Extras (nb 1, w 1, b 10, lb 4)	16
Total	124
Overs	40.0
FOW: 0 (C Pyle) 5 (K Hillier) 38 (B Arthur) 50 (C Hillier) 59 (B Irwin) 117 (J Tubb) 118 (T Hillier) 121 (D Herbert) 124 (M Jefferies)	
Bowling: T Miles 8.0 3 3 15; U Sooriarachchi 8.0 2 1 21; A Holzheimer 7.0 0 2 14; S McAllister 8.0 1 1 28; L O'Hara 5.0 0 2 21; B Whitford 3.0 0 0 9; B Tweed 1.0 0 1 2.	

1ST INNINGS - KATUNGA

N Thorp b K Hillier	3
M Doyle c & b B Irwin	1
J Rankin c & b B Arthur	11
T Miles b K Hillier	0
B Tweed run out (C Pyle)	17
A Cook c	23
A Holzheimer lbw b B Arthur	0
U Sooriarachchi c & b C Pyle	3
B Whitford lbw b C Pyle	0
L O'Hara b C Pyle	0
S McAllister not out	7
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 0, lb 0)	1
Total	66
Overs	30.0
FOW: 1 (M Doyle) 7 (T Miles) 7 (N Thorp) 32 (J Rankin) 37 (B Tweed) 39 (A Holzheimer) 52 (U Sooriarachchi) 55 (B Whitford) 55 (L O'Hara) 66 (A Cook)	
Bowling: B Irwin 6.0 2 1 7; K Hillier 5.0 1 2 10; B Arthur 8.0 2 2 21; C Pyle 8.0 1 4 17; D Herbert 1.0 0 0 2.	

KATAMATITE It COBRAM

Toss won by Cobram, batted first
1ST INNINGS - COBRAM

B Eddy b C Lawless	33
BJ Gallagher b S Nordbye	5
D McCormack c SC Fowles b M Hodge	24
JW Peace c & b J Anwar	26
B Seccull b M Hodge	0
W Sullivan st B Lucas b L Sharp	4
A Hogan c M Hodge b J Anwar	45
D Edwards Jr not out	12
N Avery lbw b J Anwar	0
D Harris not out	1
Extras (nb 2, w 10, b 3, lb 1)	16
Total	8/168 (cc)
Overs	40.0
FOW: 38 (BJ Gallagher) 53 (B Eddy) 67 (D McCormack) 67 (B Seccull) 77 (W Sullivan) 134 (JW Peace) 163 (A Hogan) 163 (N Avery)	
Bowling: S Nordbye 8.0 0 1 44; M Hodge 8.0 1 2 23; C Lawless 4.0 0 1 14; L Sharp 8.0 0 1 27; G Edis 4.0 0 0 15; J Anwar 5.0 0 3 26; SC Fowles 3.0 0 0 15.	

1ST INNINGS - KATAMATITE

B Lucas c & b D McCormack	33
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G Van Tilborg c & b D McCormack	15
G Edis st b N Sneddon	22
S Dawson c & b A Hogan	1
SC Fowles b B Eddy	13
L Hatton c & b W Sullivan	29
M Hodge b W Sullivan	0
S Nordbye c & b N Sneddon	1
J Anwar b W Sullivan	3
C Lawless lbw b W Sullivan	4
L Sharp not out	3
Extras (nb 0, w 14, b 0, lb 2)	16
Total	143
Overs	33.0
Bowling: D Edwards Jr 3.0 0 0 22; A Hogan 8.0 1 1 32; D McCormack 8.0 0 2 40; B Eddy 2.0 1 1 4; N Sneddon 5.0 1 2 14; W Sullivan 6.0 2 4 18; D Harris 1.0 0 0 11.	

LADDER	P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	PTS	%
Katamatite	5	0	4	0	1	0	24	1.41
Finley	4	0	3	0	1	0	18	2.13
Deni Rhinos	4	0	3	0	1	0	18	1.13
Katunga	5	0	2	0	3	0	12	0.88
Cobram	4	0	2	0	2	0	12	0.78
Barooga	3	0	1	0	2	0	6	1.48
Tocumwal	3	0	1	0	2	0	6	0.74
Berrigan	4	0	1	0	3	0	6	0.70
Nathalia	4	0	1	0	3	0	6	0.46

Murray Bowls

MIDWEEK PENNANT

DIVISION ONE	P	W	L	PTS
Cobram Two 4/62 It Finley 12/69; Finley RSC 0/35 It Barooga 16/97; tocumwal Golf 2/65 It Cobram One 14/76; Numurkah 2/64 It Numurkah Golf 14/67.				
Ladder - Cobram One 76 +123; Numurkah golf 76 +107; Barooga 61 +21; Numurkah 46 -11; Finley RSC 46 -46; Tocumwal Golf 34 -71; Cobram Two 26 -74; Finley 19 -122.				

Just three shots in local derby

NUMURKAH Bowls Club's clash with Numurkah Golf in midweek pennant last week was a cliffhanger, with the Golfers taking victory by just three shots.

The match was played last Wednesday, instead of Friday, due to the Vic Open bowls being played in the district.

The Towners burst out of the blocks and led comfortably until halfway through the game when Golf started to fight back.

The last couple of ends proved to be crucial in the final result.

The last bowl of Golf skipper Loris Houlihan shifted the jack to give Golf four shots for a seven shot win over Shani Davie (s), Hugh Henderson, Geoff Shaw and Carmel Sutcliffe.

Town's Pam Smith (s), Steve Wyatt, Viv Morris and Phil Perkins succumbed 22-24 after leading practically all game, and Ann Dealy (s), Peter Dealy, Jenny Stuart and Robyn Aumann, despite winning by six shots, could

not stop Golf picking up two shots on the last end, with the Town skipper's last bowl missing the target by a very narrow margin.

The Town division two side hosted a packed Barooga side determined to win its first game of the season, and did so by 27 shots.

Sue Shaw (s), Robyn Gilmour, Gordon Gilmour and Joan Watts had close win, 27-26, giving them the Telegraph Hotel best winning rink award for the round, and Pam Carey (s), Liz Rees, Judy Henderson and Di Welsh continued their good form, only losing by four shots.

With the Victorian Open initial sections being played at several Murray division clubs over the weekend and many local players participating, there was no Saturday pennant.

The Numurkah Bowls Club hosted mixed pairs, men's singles, pairs and triples, totalling 272 players over four very successful days.



Close all day ... Jenny Stuart played in the Town's only winning division one rink last Wednesday.

Three shot win for Golfers

NUMURKAH Golf's midweek division one team played its pennant match at the Town greens last Wednesday, with the week's competition moved from Friday due to the Vic Open being played in the region.

After a very slow start on the fast and windy greens, Numurkah Golf just got home with a three shot win 67-64.

Loris Houlihan, Des Staggard, Lyn Browning and Katrina Glover ended up with the best winning rink score of 27-20 over Shani Davies' rink.

Jan Niven, Lydia Patching, Jenny Sutcliffe and Butch Browning came home with a wet sail and won 24-22 over Pam Smith, while Robyn Hodgkin, Linda Isted, Ron Pickersgill and Yvonne Clark went down to the Ann Dealy skippered rink.

The golf division two team had the bye this week.

There will be no midweek pennant played this week due to the continuing Vic Open bowls carnival.

Great day for Sue

SUE Edis had a great morning on the Numurkah croquet courts at last Tuesday's golf croquet social day, playing excellent croquet to win her three games and win the morning with a score of 3/21/9.

Kevin Hansen was runner-up on 3/21/10, only one shot again being the difference.

On her return from a few weeks in West Australia, Joan T. Hansen was also in good form, scoring 3/21/13.

Lois Lowe was the only player to score a hoop-in-one and, possibly for the first time this season, no successful jump shots were played.

Numurkah Golf Croquet White won the home club challenge against Blue, winning their match 8-4.

White was five games to three up after the singles and went on to win three of the four doubles.

Lois Lowe was in great form, winning both singles and a doubles, a good time

to be playing so well with the finals about to start.

Ian Londey and Graham Tyack were also three out of four game winners and are both playing consistently good croquet at the right time of the season.

Kevin Hansen and David Geddes were the best players for Blue, winning two games each.

The final scores for the match saw White eight games/72 hoops, Blue four games/61 hoops.

The win saw White move up to second spot on the ladder, giving it a double chance in the finals which start tomorrow.

Numurkah White will play the first final against Shepparton Green at Rich River.

The Numurkah club will be hosting the second final between Rich River Kangas and Shepparton Green.

The Association pennant team had a bye last Wednesday, but will play Shepp Gold at Shepparton today.



Three game winner ... Golf croquet player Sue Edis in winning form last Tuesday.

Air range to open

THE Numurkah Small Bore Club will be opening its brand new 10 metre air range this week, just in time for its two teams to compete in the ladies' pennant. Emma Ryan top scored last Thursday evening in the 20 metre benchrest with a score of 197.5. Other top scores were Lindsay Braybon with 195.8 in the 20 metre prone, Colin Saxton with 193.7 in the 50 metre benchrest and David Cook with 189.4 in the 50 metre prone.

SCORES
 20 metre benchrest: E. Ryan 197.5, E. Ryan 193.1.
 20 metre prone: L. Braybon 98.4 97.4 195.8, R. Hill 97.3 95.4 192.7, J. Cook 95.2 90.0 185.3, L. Sneddon 80.1 75.0 155.1.
 50 metre benchrest: C. Saxton 193.7, B. Braybon 185.4, J. Matys 185.4, J. Matys 184.3, L. Cook 175.2.
 50 metre prone: D. Cook 93.2 96.2 189.4, B. Sneddon 92.1 92.2 184.3, H. O'Brien 83.0 93.3 176.3, A. Gibbon 88.1 85.1 173.2.
 10 metre air: A. Gibbon 86, H. O'Brien 86.

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

Parto leads the way

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

AN in-form Geoff Partington topped a large field of 45 players to win last Thursday's mid week competition at Numurkah Golf Club.

Scoring 43 stableford points, 'Parto' was followed by a visitor from Southern Pines Golf Club, Bruce Fraser, on 41, and local Bill Padgett on 40.

Once again, overall scoring was high and reflected the benign state of the course.

Players whose score won them a pro ball were: Les Summerville, Bruce Collins and Barry Schmedje all 38, Neville Smith, Mark Hegarty and Ian Hannaford 37, John McHale, Chris Hicks and Frank Houlihan 36, John Bauerle, Dick Maloney and John Trimble all 35.

Ron Grandell was the silly duffer who won the tin of boiled lollies for coming in with the lowest point score of 23.

Peter 'Bullant' Cowan won the Mickey Mouse ears for bringing an air compressor to the course so that he could attach it to a fellow competitor's golf cart battery to help blow up a leaking front tyre on Pete's cart. It was then pointed out to him that his cart had a battery of its own!

Geoff Stone led the sharp-shooters and won the GMCU sponsored ball on the fourth for nearest the pin, while John Bauerle took the players' sweep money back to Kyabram Parkland by doing the same on the seventh hole.

Adam Farrell played two skillful shots on the 14th hole to win Dennis and Roy's sponsored ball, and smooth swinging John McHale took the Pruden Carpentry ball for being closest to the pin on the 18th.

Once again, Graeme 'Doggy' Sprunt was jubilant that no-one was skillful enough to take his sponsored ball by landing their tee shot on the 15th green.

The weather forecast has tomorrow looking very hot so, in accordance with the club's heat policy, we will hit off an hour earlier than usual, so 8.30am assemble for a 9am start.

Sue and Kath battle for the shirt



Good finisher ... Sue Plattfuss played a terrific round to win Saturday's monthly medal shirt.

by "The Shankster"

GETTING in some extra rounds of golf playing fourball pennant seems to have paid dividends for Sue Plattfuss' golf, with a terrific Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal win on Saturday.

Both Sue and Kath Hepworth finished the day with scores of 69 nett, but it was Sue who finished the better to win the sponsors' shirt.

Kath has been in good form recently, and lamenting her fast diminishing handicap, but she is obviously up to the challenge and playing well.

The course was in terrific condition, as reflected in the day's scores.

Julie Hannaford finished third with 71 nett, ahead of Norma Cullum on 72, Jenny Ludington 73, and Jeanette Adams and Helen Schmedje equal on 74 nett.

Tracey Clouston had the best scratch score of 81 shots, and also won a ball for a terrific shot to the 18th green. Merren Carr continued her great par three form with a great shot to the seventh green to snare the players' sweep money.

Last Wednesday's golf was an ever unpopular

par round, but a good field turned out to tackle the course on what started out as a beautiful morning, but the gusty winds soon came, as has become the norm lately.

It seems your name had to be Lorraine to better the course, with Lorraine Craig and Lorraine Milner, both finishing with the best score of the day, +1, Lorraine Craig winning the countback to win division two.

Nola Dalton worked out a few things she was doing wrong, which paid dividends for her, and she won division one, finishing square with the course.

Julie Daniel finished one down to be runner-up. Balls went to Merren Carr, -1, Helen Schmedje and Bev McIntosh -2, and Kath Hepworth with -3.

Liz Dell won nearest the pin on the seventh green, and Bev Hutchins played a terrific shot to the 18th, that saw her finish her round with a birdie two.

The wind died down for Thursday morning's chick run and there were plenty of good scores returned.

Merren Carr had the best score of the day, coming in with 34 nett to win division two, ahead of Marion Tobin on 36.

It helped if your name started with J and you were in division one on Thursday. Jeanette Adams had 35 nett, which was good enough to win division one, ahead of the duo of Julie Hannaford and Jenny Ludington, both on 36 nett.

Nearest the pin was on the 18th hole, and Merren Carr had a terrific shot that finished just inches from the hole, to win nearest the pin.

The pennant team finished the summer season on a high, defeating Cobram-Barooga 3.5 to 1.5 matches.

All but one of the five matches finished on the 14th hole, with the Numurkah women winning three of them.

Julie Daniel and Di Davies got ahead early and kept their lead, as did Bev McIntosh and Lorraine Craig, while Julie Hannaford and Jeanette Adams also finished 5/4 up.

Bev Hutchins and Sue Plattfuss were the final pair to head out on the course, and went the whole way to the 18th, finishing square, after being three up on the turn. Helen Schmedje and Sandy Trimble had a day to forget, going down 5/4.

It's all stableford this week, both today and on Saturday, but next Wednesday we will have to count all our shots in a stroke round.

Robbie goes low to win shirt



Hot field ... Robbie Sutton had to survive some very competitive scores to win Saturday's monthly medal round.

by "Archie Bunker"

LOW scores were the order of the day for the Pierre Klaessen monthly medal at the Numurkah Golf Club on Saturday, but it took until the last group to come in to decide the winner.

Robbie Sutton's good form continued to see him win A grade and the monthly medal shirt with a great round of 65 nett.

Off a handicap of just eight, Robbie shot a 73 off the stick, also having the best scratch score of the day.

Robbie took home a number of awards

during the winter season this year, and his good form looks like it is continuing.

Runner-up in A grade was Sam Robertson with a 67 nett which, on any other day, would normally have been good enough to take home the shirt.

Sam is a very steady golfer who isn't far from the winners' list most times he plays.

Ian Clark had another great score to win B grade, with 66 nett, and must have thought he had done enough to win the day's event. He finished ahead of Martin Harper with 67.

Balls down the line went to John Trimble

with a terrific 68 nett, Paul Arnel and Neville Smith with 69s, Graham Ashton and Garry Hosie with 70s, Graeme Sprunt and Kerry Collins on 71, and the last of the balls, with 72 netts, went to Kevin Morland, Peter Stonehouse and Peter Cowan.

Paul Arnel won nearest the pin on the fourth hole, Peter Stonehouse won the seventh, Mark Hegarty got onto the 15th, and Robbie Sutton made a birdie on the 18th, with the best shot to the green.

The Mickey Mouse ears went to a visitor from Melbourne (yes, there's no discrimination here). Paul teed off on the 10th hole, hitting his ball into the timber in front of the dam, but no-one saw where his ball finished, until one of the bowlers on the club greens threw it back to them.

There was a good field out for last Wednesday's nine hole chicken run with the field split into three grades.

Michael Eckard and Matt Ebborn both finished with 35 netts in A grade, with Eckard winning the countback to take first prize.

Brad Tweed also survived a countback from Brad Naughton in B grade, both players scoring 34 netts, while a third countback was needed to separate the winners in C grade, Matt Cline getting the nod over Charlie Hooker.

Andrew Nicholls won the ball for nearest the pin on the 18th.

Golf this Saturday will be a stableford round. The club Christmas party will be held after the Xmas fourball event on December 14, and the annual pro-am event will be held on Friday, December 13. Make sure you get yourself organised for these events now, so you don't miss out.

Veterans out in force

GOULBURN Valley veteran golfers converged on the Numurkah golf course on Monday for the association's monthly round, and the third and final round of the GMCU district championships.

The course was presented in excellent condition for the 112 players, who enjoyed the summer-like conditions.

Regular Numurkah Thursday golfer, John McHale from Valley View, won the A grade prize with 39 points, finishing just ahead of Vincent Chan from Shepparton, with 38 points.

Mooroopna's Bruce Morris won B grade with 39 points, on a countback from Nathalia golfer Bernard O'Hare.

Phil Cooper from Ky Parkland had 41 points to win C grade, just ahead of Kialla's Tony Papallo with 40 points. Tony seems to like the Numurkah course, also finishing runner-up in the corresponding event in 2018.

Nearest the pin was contested on the short 120 metre 18th green, with Ron Nicholls successful in A grade. Alby Seenan from Nagambie took home the B grade ball, and Phil Cooper from Mooroopna had the best of shot of the C graders.

Better performers and golf ball winners included: Allan Newby, John Keller, Gary Bow, Ron Smith, Peter Curtis, Tom McConchie, John Fanning, William Green, Neville Boswell, Sid Roughsedge, Dennis Koik, Barry Williams, Rolf Weber, David Fullager, Neville Larson, Laurie Stewart, Kevin Taylor, Bill Padgett, Ray Gourlay, Garry Baker, Les Hall, Tom Martin, Maurice Webb, Ian Scurrah, James Miller, John Burrows, Laurie Hughes and Geoff Squires.

The association's next event will be the Christmas break-up at Mooroopna on Monday, December 2, when the championship winners will be announced.

There will be an earlier tee time, and players should assemble by 8.30am.

Raiders clip Pelicans' wings



Two out of three 'aint bad ... Elliott Small just missed out on winning all of his three sets for the Raiders on Saturday.

by Gene Poole

THE GM2 Raiders continued on their winning way on Saturday when they overcame the Shepp Pelicans in a gritty affair, posting a 10 game tennis victory, 7/65 to 4/55.

Last year's premierships skipper Col Mackay was back in the side for a cameo appearance after Andrew Storer withdrew because of illness, and the wee Scotsman relished the challenge by winning his three sets for the day.

Col got the Raiders off to a good start by winning his doubles with Aaron Niglia 8-6, and then joined forces with Elliott Small for an even better 8-3 victory.

Aaron then won his singles 6-0 in a canter, while Elliott couldn't quite get the job done, going down 4-6 in a hard fought encounter.

Caitlyn Price and Cara Briggs had a good win

in their ladies' doubles match 8-6, and Caitlyn also breezed through her singles match, winning 6-1.

The Pelican girls hit back, winning the number two doubles and singles sets 8-2 and 6-0 respectively.

Going into the mixed, the Raiders held a handy, but by no means match winning, lead of six games and had the job still to do.

Elliott Small and Caitlyn Price pointed them in the right direction with a solid 8-4 win, and then Col Mackay and Cara Briggs put the issue to bed with a nail biting 8-7 win.

Young Hannah O'Brien and Aaron Niglia tried their hearts out but just went down 7-8 in a tie-breaker, but the Raiders were home and hosed and posted their fourth win for the season to ensconce themselves in the top four.

As mentioned, Col Mackay was a three set winner, as was Caitlyn Price, whose recent form has been nothing short of sublime.

This Saturday the Raiders will take on Kialla Park on their synthetic courts in a match that, on paper anyway, shapes as a close contest.

PENGUINS GET SNAKEY WITH COBRAS

The GM3 East Penguins are a feisty mob if nothing else, and they took on the Cobram Cobras on Saturday at Numurkah, coming away with their second grinding win in as many weeks, 8/84 to 5/71.

The ladies' matches were close all day and the Cobras drew first blood when they won the number one doubles 8-5, but Narelle Page and Billi Fasano immediately squared the ledger with an 8-5 win of their own.

Lou Shannon, back in the team for only her

second hit out for the season, then teamed up with Narelle for a tense 8-7 win, and Kris Walker and Billi Fasano pulled off a great escape, also winning in a tiebreaker after trailing 6-7 and 0-40 on Billi's serve.

The Penguin menfolk were also having a close tussle against their Cobram counterparts, with Dave Ludington and James Kam just going down 7-8 after trailing 3-7, while Craig Brown and James' brother Michael had a good 8-4 win.

The Cobras bared their fangs when they won both singles matches 6-2, but the old stagers in Ludington and Brown produced a clinical display to dismantle their opponents 8-1 to give the Penguins a narrow four game lead going into the mixed.

As skipper Dave Ludington sat down to yet another impressive display of tasty comestibles, highlighted by Kris Walker's sublime scones, jam and cream, he carefully plotted his mixed combinations, much as field marshal Bernard Montgomery would have placed his divisions in the desert campaign of '42.

His tactics paid handsome dividends though as, although Cobram won the number one mixed as expected, the Penguins saluted in the other three to secure the victory.

James Kam and Lou Shannon won 8-3, as did Craig Brown and Narelle Page, while Kris Walker and Michael Kam ground out an 8-5 win to see the Waddlers home by 13 at the end of proceedings.

Narelle Page and Craig Brown both won three sets for the day for the winners, with special mention to Narelle, as her form in recent weeks has been improving with each match and she had a very wide grin on her face as she enjoyed a refreshing drink to toast her efforts for the afternoon.

It was another good all round team performance by the Penguins who, after a somewhat shaky start to their campaign, now find themselves on the credit side of the ledger with a 3-2 win loss record after five games.

This Saturday they face another stiff examination when they take on arch rivals Nathalia at Nathalia.

RAVENS WALK ALL OVER OPPOSITION

The GM3 Open Ravens had the easiest of days at the office on Saturday as their opponent Tongala was unable to field a team, so Graham Henderson's team had the afternoon off and received maximum points.

Hopefully this Saturday they will get a hit when they travel west to take on the Kyabram Kamikazes.

Rhinos make a meal of Swans

KATUNGA'S division one cricket team received a sound thrashing by the higher placed Deniliquin Rhinos on Saturday going down by 58 runs.

After losing the toss and taking to the field, Katunga started off superbly, with Toby Miles grabbing the first wicket before a run had been scored.

The Swans continued to pressure the batsmen and Deniliquin found itself 5/59 with the bowlers sharing the spoils.

A sixth wicket partnership of 54 steadied the home side and, when that was broken by Toby Miles, the Swans went in for the kill and claimed the remaining three batsmen for six runs.

Deniliquin was all out for 124.

Toby Miles, who finished with 3/15 off eight overs, was the best of the bowlers, supported by Adam Holzheimer and Lachlan O'Hara with two wickets apiece, and Ushantha Sooriarachchi, Shaun McAllister and Brad Tweed all claiming one wicket.

The Swans' batting innings did not get off to a good start, with Mitch Doyle out for one followed quickly by Toby Miles and Nick Thorp. The visitors were reeling at 3/7.

Brad Tweed joined Jarrod Rankin at the crease and together they took the score to 32 before Rankin became the fourth Swans' wicket, dismissed for 11.

The home side kept the pressure on and did not allow Katunga any space, and the wickets continued to fall in relative succession.

Brad Tweed (17) and Adam Cook tried to bring some respectability to the overall score

to no avail, Cook being the last man out for a solid 23.

Katunga was all out for 66 in 30 overs.

The Swans have the bye this Saturday.

DIVISION TWO

On Saturday, the Swans' division two side took on undefeated Jerilderie at Katunga, and lost by seven wickets.

Batting first after losing the toss, the home side lost its first wicket with the score at five, when Tony Harris was clean bowled for three.

Clayton Harris followed shortly after, dismissed for five.

A 21 run partnership ensued between Spencer Small and Robbie Harris before Small was out for 11.

Harris controlled the next partnership of 22 with Kevin Van den goor before Van den goor was adjudged LBW.

When Harris was out for a well compiled 29, the Swans were on the ropes at 6/76, finally being dismissed for 94.

In reply, Jerilderie started off well, racing to 38 before Kevin Van den goor made the breakthrough.

The visitors lost their next wicket at 68 and quickly found themselves 3/69.

Any hopes of a Jerilderie batting collapse were quickly diminished as the Rhinos overhauled their target for no further loss of a wicket and finished 3/103 off 22 overs.

Spencer Small and Anthony Russell were the other two wicket takers for the Swans.

This Saturday, fourth placed Katunga takes on third placed Cobram-Yarroweyah United at Katunga Recreation Reserve.



Full flight ... Dylan Baker lets another one rip

Bombers need to bat

WAAIA'S B grade cricketers travelled to Tallygaroopna to battle Northerners in their Clyde Young Shield B Grade match on Saturday and have a task in front of them.

Losing the toss and being asked to field, Waaia bowled the home side out for 243 in 66.4 overs.

A sixth wicket partnership of 92 between Hall and Marshall provided a stumbling block for the visitors, as the Bombers had worked their way into the match to have Northerners 5/136.

Once Hayden Hixon removed Hall with a great caught and bowled with the score on 228, Waaia bounced back, removing the last four wickets for 15 runs.

Hixon and Matt Stuart claimed three wickets each and Corey Walpole and Darcy Wilson both collected two.

Waaia got off to a shaky start in reply, already losing its first wicket and is currently 1/16 with a full day to play.

D GRADE

The Bombers' D grade team collected its second win of the season with an eight wicket win over Central Park/St Brendans

at Shepparton on Saturday.

Losing the toss and being asked to field, Waaia claimed its first wicket with the score at 46, after a magnificent run out effected by Lachlan Newman.

Waaia could not obtain a good foothold, and handy partnerships were made before further wickets fell.

The home side finished with 7/179 off its 40 overs, with Ben Daniel and Kevin Allen the major wicket takers with two apiece.

Waaia's innings started slowly with Ben Daniel being dismissed for four with the score on seven.

Lachlan Newman joined Mark Bryant at the crease and together they took the score to 41 before Newman was dismissed for 14.

Matt Daniel then joined Bryant and together they put on a masterclass display with an unbroken 139 run partnership to carry their side across the line.

Bryant was exceptional, remaining 87 not out, and Daniel finished 52 not out.

Waaia takes on fourth placed Invergordon this Saturday at Invergordon Recreation Reserve.

Waaia under the pump

WAAIA was bowled out for meagre 86 runs on the first day of its Haisman Shield two day game against Northerners on Saturday.

With 80 overs to bat, the Bombers could only last 55.4 overs before being bundled out cheaply at their home ground.

Winning the toss and batting, Brayden Carey and Sam Trower were off to a good start, scoring 24 between them before Carey was out for 17.

From there, the home side was unable to grab a

foothold, losing wickets at regular intervals.

When Trower was out for 20, the score was 6/58 with only the tail-enders left. However, the last four wickets garnered another important 28 runs.

In reply, the visitors are 1/40 after 21 overs. Jesse Trower struck early for Waaia, claiming the opening wicket when the score was on five.

Waaia will be hoping they can tear through the batting line up this Saturday, as Northerners only require a further 47 runs for victory.

Eagles wings clipped

KATANDRA'S A grade cricketers had a day they would rather forget on Saturday, when they were routed for 54 at their home, in it's Haisman Shield match against Shepparton United.

Winning the toss and batting on what appeared to be a pretty good wicket, the Eagles batsmen never really got going.

Ben Clurey and Brady Black opened the innings and took the score to 18 before Clurey was dismissed for 10.

With the score on 31, Black was bowled for 16 and the remaining Eagles' batsmen capitulated,

losing their last eight wickets for 23 runs and was all out for 54 off 22.1 overs.

"We played some poor shots and really didn't give ourselves a chance in our first two dayer of the season," Clurey said.

The home side found it tough going in the field as well, having to bowl 54 overs before the end of play. Shepparton United, having already surpassed its target, is currently 3/129, with a further 80 overs to come this Saturday.

Scott Richardson was the best of the Katandra bowlers claiming two of the wickets to fall.

Numurkah in trouble



My call ... Matt Price takes off for a much needed run.

NUMURKAH'S batsmen succumbed for 81 when it hosted Undera in its Clyde Young Shield B grade cricket match on Saturday.

Winning the toss, Numurkah captain Andrew Cline decided to bat first.

Matt Price and Jacob Morris opened the batting, and got off to a steady start, before Morris was caught and bowled for five.

The Blues then lost the wickets of James Pruden, Kody Jackson, Dusty Ebborn and Price in quick succession, to be in trouble at 5/24.

Cline and Bailey Smith got things back on track before Cline was bowled for 13.

Sam Spicer combined well with Smith to move the score along to 64 before Smith was dismissed for 19.

Bailey Roberts joined Spicer at the crease and together they put on 15 runs before Roberts was trapped LBW.

When Spicer was run out for a top score of 21, the Blues were 9/79 and finally bowled out for 81.

In reply, young guns Bailey Smith and Bailey Roberts opened the bowling, and three early wickets to Smith had Undera in a bit of trouble at 3/24.

A 35 run partnership developed before Myles Martin broke through with his first wicket, to have Undera at 4/60.

The visitors consolidated and passed the Blues' first innings total four wickets down, however a wicket to Reynold Lacuin, and another to Smith, have Undera currently at 6/102.

C GRADE

The C grade cricketers were also at home, hosting Mooroopna Blue.

Hamish Lambert and Hunter Verhoeven opened the bowling and bowled very tightly, to have Mooroopna bowled out for a total of 184 off 70.5 overs.

The best bowlers were Riley Dawson, with 4/21 off nine overs, Jason Verhoeven 2/30 off nine, and Brett O'Dwyer 2/40 off 17.

In reply, Hunter Verhoeven and Calum Morris opened the batting and had to get through six overs at the end of the day's play.

Both batsmen looked solid with sound defences and managed to negotiate the six overs without the loss of a wicket, the Blues 0/7 off six overs, with 80 overs to bat next week.

Blues in box seat

NUMURKAH'S under 16 cricketers have played themselves into a winning position against Pine Lodge, after bowling the home side out for 40 at Lemnos on Saturday.

Losing the toss and being sent in to bowl first, opening bowler Bailey Roberts didn't take long in claiming the first wicket with the score on five.

Bailey Smith struck in the next over, leaving Pine Lodge 2/10.

Things didn't improve for Pine Lodge with first change bowlers Hunter Verhoeven and Dusty Ebborn taking three wickets between them to have the home side reeling at 5/16.

Pine Lodge was finding it difficult to score, however managed to clamber to 34 for the loss of a further three wickets.

Dylan Baker and Connor Sessions finished the innings off, and Pine Lodge was bundled out for 40 runs off 36 overs.

Wicket takers for the Blues were Dylan Baker with three, Hunter Verhoeven and Bailey Roberts with two, and Dusty Ebborn, Bailey Smith and Connor Sessions each claiming one apiece.

The Blues had to face 14 overs to end the day's play and found themselves in trouble early with the loss of three wickets.

At the end of the day's play, Numurkah is currently 3/25, with Bailey Smith 10 not out and Bailey Roberts six not out, requiring a further 16 runs for victory when they return next week.

UNDER 14

The Blues' under 14s travelled to Euroa on Saturday morning and will need to bat well this week to have any chance of winning the game after Euroa scored 4/146 off its 45 overs.

After losing the toss and fielding, opening bowlers Riley Dawson and Harry McDonald kept a tight line and bowled to the field.

Mitch O'Dwyer struck the first blow when Tyler Stephens took a great catch and Euroa was 1/16.

The home side then dug in, and with the help of the fielding team who could not take advantage of some tough chances, got to 83 before Riley Dobson claimed his first wicket. The Blues continued to toil hard in the field, however could not break through.

The 60 run partnership for the third wicket was broken by a terrific run out from Reeve Verhoeven.

Mitch O'Dwyer finished with 1/23 off six overs and Riley Dobson 1/19 off three overs.

This Saturday, the Blues will commence their innings and have 45 overs to reach their target of 147.

UNDER 12

Numurkah's under 12s played at Kialla Friday night against Old Students White and won by 19 runs. Sent into bat after losing the toss, the Blues lost early wickets to be 2/13.

Some smart batting partnerships between Ollie Ruscoe, Seth McCracken and Joel O'Dwyer steadied the ship.

With the score on 56, three quick wickets fell and the visitors found themselves 5/60.

Ruscoe came back into bat and, along with Nash Siermans, carried the score to 96 before Ruscoe was out for 21.

At the close of the innings, Numurkah was 8/112.

Other batsmen to make double figures were Nash Siermans 21, Seth McCracken 15, and Kyren Dawson 10no.

In reply, Old Students batted well to lose its first wicket when the score was 62.

However, Numurkah bowled really well and was able to contain the scoring, with the home side only managing to reach 2/93 off its allocated overs.

This Friday, Numurkah plays Karamomus at St Josephs Primary School.



Front foot ... Aiden Lindsay drives the ball on his way to a half century.

Purples lose a tight one

NATHALIA just fell short of a win in its Barooga Sporties Premier Division cricket match against Barooga on Saturday, losing by two wickets.

Playing at Barooga, Nathalia won the toss and batted.

The Purples were batting solidly and had reached 65 when they lost their third wicket.

The dismissal of Shannon Young saw a mini batting collapse eventuate, with the visitors losing the next four wickets for 14 runs.

Phil Carroll batted superbly with the tail order to carry the score from 7/79 to 148 all out. Carroll was the last batsman out, off the final ball of the innings, for a well complied 53. He was well supported by opener Liam Evans who made a terrific 41 and Adam Jorgensen and Brayden Summerville who both made 11.

Nathalia started slowly in the field, with Barooga reaching 40 before Aaron Harding claimed the first wicket.

Liam Evans took the next two wickets to fall and Barooga was 3/74.

The Purples continued to bowl tightly and take regular wickets, with the next five wickets producing 54 runs.

The match was evenly poised with Barooga 8/128, still requiring a further 21 runs for victory, however Nathalia could not make the breakthrough it required and Barooga scored 8/154 to take the win with four balls remaining in the innings.

Wicket takers for the Purples were Luke Quinn, Liam Evans and Archie Congues, all with two and Brayden Summerville with one.

Nathalia will play at home this Saturday against third placed Deniliquin Rhinos.

DIVISION TWO

Nathalia's division two cricketers travelled to Deniliquin with a depleted side to take on the winless Rhinos and were soundly defeated by 87 runs.

Winning the toss and batting first, Deniliquin got off to a flyer.

Nathalia's bowlers were unable to curtail the scoring. The only wicket to fall came from a run out, the home side scoring 1/207 off its allotted 35 overs.

In reply, the Purples could not get a run on, only managing to score 7/120 off their allocated overs.

Aiden Lindsay top scored with 51 retired

and Jason Stone finished 29 not out.

Nathalia plays Cobram this Saturday at Strathmerton Recreation Reserve.

UNDER 16

The under 16 cricketers will resume their match against Tocumwal at home this Friday, trying to defend a small total.

Undisciplined batting by the home side last Friday saw it dismissed for a total of 87 runs.

Daniel Thorn, Jake Brown, and Oscar McKeown were the only batsmen to make double figures, with 12, 11, and 11 runs respectively.

Tocumwal had to negotiate six overs until the end of play and finished 1/12 with Oscar McKeown the wicket taker.

WOMEN'S

On Sunday, the Nathalia women's team took on Bendigo side Maiden Gully at Nathalia. Nathalia batted first and made 4/90, with Charli Dorrity 18 and Didy Wenzke 13 the top scorers.

In reply, Maiden Gully finished with 7/80, with Megan Hansen 2/8 and Belinda Argus 2/17 the leading wicket takers, while Teagan Petersen bowled superbly to finish with 1/5 off four overs.

Inglis claims five wickets

KATANDRA'S Paddy Inglis claimed five wickets against Shepparton United in their Clyde Young Shield B grade cricket match on Saturday.

However, the Eagles may rue their missed chances, finally bowling the home side out for 196.

After losing two early wickets, the home side consolidated and a third wicket partnership of 55 saw it well placed.

Katandra put down several chances in the field, allowing Shepparton United to reach 196 all out off 67.5 overs.

With nine overs left in the day to negotiate, the Katandra batsmen found it difficult and wound up 3/7 at stumps, with Andrew Nicholls and Nathan Hickey the not out

batsmen.

With a further 80 overs left to face, the Eagles batsmen will need to consolidate.

E GRADE

Katandra continued its winning ways in its Whitelock Shield season, easily taking care of Mooroopna, winning by eight wickets at Mooroopna on Saturday.

Katandra lost the toss and fielded and bowled very tightly to restrict Mooroopna to 7/115 off its allocated 40 overs.

In reply, the visitors were never in trouble, the opening partnership of 108 between Matthew Koutroubas (36no) and James Griffin (55) taking the game away from the opposition.

Katandra reached its target and finished

with 2/117 off 26 overs.

This Saturday, Katandra travels to Frank Howley Oval to play Tatura.

UNDER 16

Katandra played Northerners away on Saturday and posted a very competitive score of 2/174 after their compulsory 45 overs.

Losing the toss and batting first, Katandra lost its first wicket with the score on two.

Bailey Simpson and Talon Wilson then batted beautifully before retiring on 61 and 60 respectively.

Ned Walters finished off the innings with a quickfire 25 runs off 17 deliveries.

Northerners will commence its innings this Saturday.

Kats and Bears to stay put

PICOLA Football Netball League clubs have voted unanimously to reject applications by Katandra and Tungamah to re-join the league for the 2020 season.

Both clubs joined the Murray league in 2018 when the Picola league decided to go it alone and not affiliate with the AFL Goulburn Murray when negotiations between

the two organisations failed. Shepparton East and Dookie United also left the league at that time.

The Picola league then affiliated for season 2019, but too late for the clubs to go through the process to rejoin their original league.

Picola league operations manager Shane Railton said that both teams failed to complete the necessary

steps to join the league, which left it with no option but to decline the teams' entry.

Tungamah said it had completed all the required paperwork in the required time, and had asked AFL Goulburn Murray to look into the matter.

The Picola league previously ran two divisions, but cut that back to just one when it lost the four clubs,

three of which headed to the Murray league. Their entry back into the league would make 15 teams, while leaving the Murray league with 12 clubs.

League president Denis Brooks said the decision was made as the clubs had not followed correct processes.

"The clubs in question had not followed the correct procedures for

an application to leave their existing competition (MFL) therefore, as a board, we were unable to consider the applications for admission."

Brooks continued that it was a unanimous view of the clubs that, at this point in time, it was not suitable for the two clubs to re-join their competition, while the league is still in a single competition structure.

Warriors harvest the combine

by "Gene Poole"

THE GM1 Numurkah Warriors just keep on knocking down whatever opposition is put before them and they did so yet again on Saturday, defeating the combined Echuca/Rochester tennis side, 9/75 to 1/39.

The Warriors' only blemish for the day came when the big serving Grant Chappell went down to the combine's Edmund Bush 8-3, but apart from that it was all one way traffic.

Helene Steward, Nick Fenaughty, Harley McCarthy and Lisa Niglia all recorded three set wins for the day in another polished display from the defending champions and, even at this early stage of the season, the signs are ominous for the other teams in the competition.

With the inclusion of Lisa and Aaron Niglia, as well as Harley McCarthy and Grant Chappell bolstering the Warriors' already strong line up, it is hard to see where their main challenger for the title will come from.

However it is still early days and a lot can happen over the course of a season.

This week they are back on the road to play the Rich River Rebels and, based on their recent form, it would be a very brave soul to bet against the Warriors stringing together their fourth on end.



Unbeatable ... Lisa Niglia was one of four Warriors' players to go undefeated on Saturday.

MVCA Hall of Fame ...

Stokes stoked

LOCAL cricketing legend Denis Stokes has become just the Murray Valley Cricket Association's second Hall of Fame Legend, being elevated to Legend status at the association's fifth Hall of Fame dinner on Saturday evening.

Master of ceremonies Mick Butler and keynote speaker Les Hocking entertained the 165 guests with a reflection of their times in the association.

Denis was one of the first group inducted into the MVCA Hall of Fame in 2009, and now joins Mark Baldwin from

Jerilderie as only the second Legend.

Denis played Murray Valley cricket from 1961 to 1986, all of it with Yarroweyah, and, in that time, won four first grade premierships and made two centuries.

His story is certainly one that legends are made of, noting that one of his centuries was made from just 43 balls at the end of a two-day game, and he took 50 wickets in a season, probably four or five times.

In 1969/70 Denis represented Vic

Country against New Zealand, taking 3/39. He has been a league captain on several occasions, and was a selector for approximately 10 years.

Denis is revered as one of the great characters of the MVCA, and a fantastic ambassador for cricket.

"It is certainly an honour. At my age there are not many honours like this left," he said.

New inductees into the Hall of Fame this year were Les Koopman, Graeme Ellis, Hubert Guthrie and Peter Stewart.



Legend ... Denis Stokes has become a Legend of the MVCA Hall of Fame.

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