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**Numurkah RSL Sub Branch
Poppy Appeal**

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Remembrance Day **11 November**

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*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
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nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.*

RSL Victoria's annual poppy appeal is about to start, and local veterans Michael Brown and Gerard Watson are asking for local volunteers to help sell them.

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Complaint numbers raise ombudsman's eyebrows

THE Victorian ombudsman has declared that many Victorian councils are understating the number of complaints they receive, after the release of a report in which Moira Shire Council self-reported that it received just four formal complaints in 2018.

In contrast, Moira Shire reported it had received 50,000 requests for service in the same period.

Ombudsman Deborah Glass surveyed all 79 Victorian councils, asking them how they define complaints and how many complaints they received in the last calendar year, among other questions.

For the purpose of the report, councils were divid-

ed into categories, with Moira being one of 19 classified as a 'large shire'.

Moira reported the lowest number of complaints in its category, with the average number of complaints being 113, and the average number of requests for service being 33,569.

By comparison, Wangaratta Rural City Council which, though listed in the regional city category, is adjacent to Moira and has a similar size, population and staff, reported 154 complaints and 7,888 requests for service.

Ms Glass said that far too many councils still adopt

a narrow definition of complaint or interpret it narrowly in practice.

For example, only 34% of councils said they would consider it a complaint, as opposed to a 'request for service', if a person rang to say their bin hadn't been emptied the night before as scheduled.

Ms Glass said she recognised that councils may have concerns about recording and reporting complaints, particularly when complaints data is used to criticise council services.

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"But it is not a solution to disguise the true level of community dissatisfaction by labelling it as a 'request for service' or 'matter with a statutory right of appeal', instead of recognising it as a 'complaint,'" she said.

Moira Shire's General Manager Corporate Simon Rennie said the shire has invested considerable effort in getting its complaints handling right.

"We recognise that extended processes are no fun for anyone, so our policy, which was developed using the Ombudsman's model policy, empowers our staff to handle a concern on the spot or with assistance from their supervisor," he said.

"Once our staff have exhausted these processes, the matter is referred to our formal complaints handling process which involves an independent internal review of the complaint and how we have handled the matter."

"In regard to the requests for service, our customer relationship system recorded 50,291 requests for the 12 months to February 2019.

"As indicated earlier, four of these were referred through to the formal complaints handling process."

In response to the *Leader's* observation that this is in opposition to the Ombudsman's guidance that complaints should be recorded as such, and not as requests for service, Mr Rennie said that Moira Shire's community satisfaction is not measured by how many requests for service or complaints it receives, but by how it deals with all and each of these.

"Our staff have received training provided by the Ombudsman's office that focused on the difference between a request for service and a complaint - so in practice our staff recognise the difference and requests for service and complaints

are addressed in line with the relevant procedures and policy - including our complaints handling policy," he said.

Ms Glass's enquiry is a follow up to her 2015 report into how councils handle complaints. She said more councils now have policies for how complaints should be handled; more councils accept complaints by a variety of methods, and the information provided to the public on how to complain is better.

Moira Shire's complaint handling policy, which was adopted on March 22, 2017 and is scheduled for review on March 22, 2021, defines a complaint as:

- An expression of dissatisfaction with:
 - The quality of an action taken, decision made, or service provided by Council or its contractor, or;
 - a delay or failure in providing a service, taking action, or making a decision by Council or its contractor, and;
 - the customer has been directly affected.
- A matter is not a complaint if it relates to:
 - a request for information about Council services, policies or procedures.
 - a request for service or action to be taken in relation to a service or product provided by Council such as branches trimmed on a nature strip tree, a rubbish bin repaired, or someone complaining about their neighbour breaching a local law or a planning scheme.
 - a report of damaged or faulty infrastructure or hazards such as potholes or fallen branches.
 - a suggestion for a proposed service or product improvement such as additional hard waste collections.
 - an enquiry or request for clarification or more information, such as a question about the fire services levy on a rates bill.

- a petition to Council about a certain matter.
- a follow up or further request for service that has not yet been completed by Council but is still within the service timeframes advised to the customer, such as if a customer was told their bin would be collected within three days and the customer contacted Council again within one day.

• comments or submissions received during formal consultation or community engagement, which has a specific process for receiving community feedback and comments.

- lodging an appeal in accordance with other policies, procedures and legislation, such as contesting a fine or a matter which is before VCAT or a court.

The above issues are still valid and are managed separately from the complaint handling process.

The complaint handling policy further defines feedback as:

Feedback may take the form of positive and negative comments about a service, product, experience or process of Council that may not necessarily require corrective action, change of services or a formal review of a decision. Feedback may be used to influence future service reviews and delivery methods.

Ms Glass said one of the main causes of complaints about councils to her office was the way councils dealt with complaints.

"All too often complaints are seen as a nuisance, or provoke a defensive, unhelpful, bureaucratic response," she said.

"Complaints are actually a good thing - they are free feedback. Whether about a missed bin, blocked drain, rates notice or parking ticket, they say something about Council services.

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Bureau warns of severe weather on the way

THE Bureau of Meteorology is warning communities across Australia that now is the time to prepare, with the release of its Severe Weather Season Outlook showing the country has an increased risk of heatwaves and bushfires in the coming months.

Parts of the country have already seen bushfires, and the bureau's head of long-range forecasts, Dr Andrew Watkins, said the current state of Australia's climate drivers meant the likelihood of seeing more bushfire activity than normal was increased.

"The bureau outlook shows we're likely to see more warmer and drier than average conditions for the coming months. This is due largely to a record strong positive Indian Ocean Dipole, that leads to drier air than usual over north west Australia that supplies much of Australia's rainfall," Dr Watkins said.

"The increased odds of warmer than average days, coupled with a very dry landscape and a likely late start to the northern wet season, give a clear indication that we're likely to see more heatwaves than normal.

"It also adds to the potential bushfire risk, particularly when you consider how dry many parts of southern and eastern Australia are at the mo-

ment."

The Severe Weather Season Outlook also shows Australia has a lower risk of widespread flooding, and a near normal chance of severe thunderstorms, but Dr Watkins said the community needed to be prepared.

"Severe thunderstorms and significant rainfall events can happen at any time.

"Not being complacent and taking the time to know your weather and know your risk is one of the best ways to stay safe during the coming severe weather season."

The bureau has also released its Tropical Cyclone Season Outlook, with the odds - 65% - favouring fewer cyclones than normal.

Despite this, Dr Watkins was quick to point out that the risk from cyclones was always high.

"We've never had a tropical cyclone season without at least one cyclone crossing the coast. This means that, despite a reduced risk this season, all communities in northern Australia must be ready," he said.

"Even if cyclones stay well out to sea, they can still pose a significant risk to property and lives through strong winds, intense rain and flooding, and storm surges."

Dr Watkins said, on average, Australia sees

roughly 11 cyclones each season, with four of those crossing the coast, but the current state of Australia's climate drivers, particularly the neutral state of the El Nino-Southern Oscillation and a positive Indian Ocean Dipole, meant the chances of seeing that amount this year are slightly reduced.

He added that cyclone formation was rarely spread evenly, with history showing quiet periods can be followed by bursts of intense activity.

"Remember, if your community is affected by severe weather, it's crucial you follow the advice of emergency services, and stay up to date with all the latest forecasts and warnings from the Bureau of Meteorology."

Stay up to date with the latest forecasts and warnings via the Bureau of Meteorology website (bom.gov.au), the BOM weather app or Twitter.

You can view the bureau's severe weather education page at: <http://www.bom.gov.au/knowyourweather>; its Bureau's Tropical Cyclone Season Outlook at: <http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/cyclones/australia>; and its severe weather outlook video at: https://youtu.be/rW6wEjxmZ_M.

Mobile Centrelink truck to roll through district

TOWNS throughout the Numurkah district will be getting a visit from the mobile centrelink service over the next fortnight.

Desert Rose, a 20 tonne truck operated by staff from the Department of Human Services, will be visiting local towns to provide easy access to tailored Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support services.

A social worker will accompany service staff,

and information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services will also be available.

The mobile service centre will visit:

- Numurkah on Friday, October 25 from 9am to 4pm, located near the Town Hall on Knox Street.
- Nathalia on Wednesday, October 23 from 9.30am to 4pm, located on Centre Road.

- Strathmerton on Thursday, October 24 from 9am to 4pm, located near Lions Park on Goulburn Valley Highway.

- Katamatite on Monday, October 28 from 9am to 11am, located near the Katamatite Hall on Benalla-Tocumwal Road.

For more information go to humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice.

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Marathon man recognises no age limits

BARRY Thomas is Nathalia's own running man - a common sight as he pounds the town's roads and footpaths, racking up the kilometres in familiar surrounds in the name of fitness.

On Sunday, however, Barry's regular run was a slightly more formal affair, being as it took the form of the annual Melbourne Marathon.

Running 42km in one go is pretty impressive, but then again, plenty of people do it.

However, not all of them are 80 years old.

Yes, you read that right - Barry Thomas turned 80 in April this year and completed the Melbourne Marathon on Sunday.

When the *Leader* caught up with him on Monday, Barry, former station master at Cobram railway station, said he was 'very happy' to make it to the finish line this year, particularly after bowing out at the 30km mark in 2018.

"I didn't pace myself properly last year and went too fast at the start," he said.

"It can be hard to make yourself go slow at the start when you've got the energy, but if you don't, you wear yourself out too fast. There lies the trap in running.

"I was cross with myself last year for that, but I didn't make the same mistake this year."

Barry started running around 35 years ago in an effort to get fit, caught the bug and has never looked back.

"I love running. I love the scenery and the solitude and it's great thinking time - that's when I solve all my problems.

"You've got more oxygen going to your brain when you're running so I reckon you make better decisions. But only for the first hour - after that I'm too exhausted to think at all really."

As one of the slower entrants to the marathon, Barry ran a special route which consisted of six laps of an eight kilometre course along Brunton Avenue, alongside the MCG.

The way Barry tells it, it's quite a social event.

"You chat to other runners as you go, and there are kids handing out lollies to keep you going and people holding up signs, some of which make you laugh," he said.

He had some other company along the way as well, with his granddaughter Tanielle Thomas, grandson-in-law Alberto Fernandez and great-grandson Benji Fernandez running with him for short periods.

Tanielle joined him for the last leg, which Barry said gave him the energy he needed to get through the final eight kilometres.

"I was pretty exhausted by that point, but when I looked up and saw her there it encouraged me to keep going. It was wonderful to have her with me."

Barry actually manages to sound embarrassed when he says that his time on Sunday was six hours and 20 minutes, almost double his fastest ever marathon time of three hours and 15 min-



Running man ... Barry chewing up the miles in the Melbourne Marathon on Sunday, accompanied by grandson-in-law Alberto Fernandez and great-grandson Benji Fernandez.

utes.

Still, he is happy to have gone the distance, and decided to call time on his marathon career. "That's it for me, I'm going out on a high."

Barry won't be giving up running altogether though, and will remain a familiar sight on the streets of Nathalia.

He has no intention of scaling back to half marathons, declaring that the challenge just isn't there in a 26km course, but will be putting

more time into another hobby of his - mountain climbing.

Naturally.

Granddaughter Tanielle is slightly sceptical however - not about the mountain climbing, but about Barry's retirement from marathon running.

"We've heard it all before," she said.

"I'm not sure he can actually stop himself."



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Roadhouse raided

THE Caltex roadhouse was broken into in the early hours of Sunday morning, with a large quantity of cigarettes stolen.

At approximately 1.50am, a white Ford sedan was observed driving into the service station from the south. Two offenders jemmied the front door whilst a further two occupants remained in the vehicle.

More number plate thefts have been reported, with a Ssangyong Musso ute parked on

a rural property on Katamatite-Yarrowonga Road targeted between October 5 and 7.

Both number plates - WEN 226 - were stolen from the vehicle.

A rural property on Blooms Road Kotupna was targeted by thieves between October 4 and 9, with offenders entering the property, unscrewing metal sheeting and stealing fencing tools valued at approximately \$100.

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- 10.00am Shearing Display
- 10.45am Spinning Display (continuous)
- Knitting/Weaving Display (continuous)
- 11.00am Calf Rearing Comp
- 11.15am Dairy Cattle Paraders Comp
- 11.30am Tots to Teens Competition
- 12.00noon Luncheon
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SES family thanks their families

THIS week has been set aside for a very special purpose by SES Victoria - it is the week of the 'Your family, Our Family' campaign in which the organisation acknowledges the crucial support of the family and friends of its volunteers.

VICSES Chief Officer, Operations, Tim Wiebusch said family and friends play a huge part in SES volunteers being able to do what they do.

"We often have opportunities to thank our fantastic volunteers for all they do. This week is about acknowledging the tremendous support and often sacrifices their family and friends make to ensure their loved one can serve the community," he said.

"I really want to thank each and every friend and family member who supports our volunteers."

One family who knows how essential it is to be supportive of their loved one's role as an SES volunteer is Numurkah's Decker family.

Leonie and John Decker have been married for 52 years, and for 42 of those, John has been a member of the Numurkah SES unit.

John joined the Numurkah unit when it started in 1977 with a desire to help the community, when the youngest of his and Leonie's four children was just a baby,

In the four decades since, John has attended, at an extremely conservative guess, hundreds of incidents including car accidents, floods, storms, fires and searches.

Each time John heeded the call, Leonie held the fort.

She told the *Leader* this week that it hasn't always been easy.

"It has been hard at times, because you never know when a call will come, and the timing can be pretty inconvenient," she said.

"More than once we were on our way to a school performance and his pager went off. It was disappointing for myself and the kids, but we always understood that he was helping people, and we accepted it."

Some of the hardest times have been when the call comes in the early hours, with neither of them knowing what John will have to face.

"Probably the worst time was when his pager went off in the early hours after our daughter's wedding," Leonie said.

"There was an accident involving two carloads of young people and John knew some of them. That was difficult. You never knew what he was going to be facing, and somehow it's harder when you're waiting at night, wondering what he's doing."

Technology has made the wait slightly easier however.

"At least now he can call me on his mobile phone and let me know what's going on and how long he is likely to be.

"Before mobile phones, he could be gone for

Stalwart supporter ... For four decades Leonie Decker has backed her man, John, as he helped the community as an SES volunteer.



up to six hours and I'd have no idea where he was, what he was facing, or when he'd be back.'

Although the SES volunteers debrief among themselves, John isn't much for talking about it at home.

"He talks a bit more about it now than he used to, but still not much," Leonie said.

"But I could tell when an incident was weighing on him, because he'd be even quieter than usual. All I could do then was let him know that I was here if he wanted to talk about."

John admits that there are things that have stayed with him.

"You do think about things, even years later

there are things that you still think about it," he said.

"But someone has to do it, and it's worth it to know you're helping people.

"I've always known that I had a loving family who supported me, who I always got to come home to, and that has made a big difference."

State govt announces support for farmers

THE Victorian Government has announced a \$31 million assistance package for farmers facing drought and dry conditions.

Premier Daniel Andrews joined Minister for Agriculture Jaclyn Symes recently to announce the package, which will benefit areas hit hardest by dry conditions - including the Goulburn-Murray Irrigation District (GMID), East and Central Gippsland, and the Millewa region in north-west Victoria.

The Farmers' Drought Fund will provide household financial relief for farming families in the targeted areas - with \$3 million to deliver hardship payments of up to \$3,000 per family, taking immediate pressure off everyday expenses.

The new fund will continue that work, with \$12 million in grants to support the long-term future of farming with drought infrastructure and business planning.

Although the package also includes \$5.2 million in Local Government Service Support Payments, these have only been announced for East Gippsland, Wellington and Mildura Shires, with other shires not set to receive them.

The Catchment Management Authority Drought Employment Program, which gives farmers and their employees access to off-farm employment and train-

ing, but has so far only been available to farmers in East Gippsland and Wellington Shires, will now also be rolled-out in Millewa and GMID.

Vouchers will also be provided to farm businesses in the Millewa region to maintain essential on-farm machinery and equipment.

The package will also provide \$2.3 million in farm business management and planning support, \$2 million for mental health services and \$1.25 million for local projects and events to help keep communities strong.

Minister for Agriculture Jaclyn Symes said the package reflects what drought-impacted farmers have told the government, and delivers immediate relief, while also providing long-term investments to prepare for the future.

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) has cautiously welcomed the announcement, with VFF president David Jochinke calling it a step towards providing desperately needed support for farmers struggling through some of the worst drought conditions on record.

"Drought is a silent, slow moving and all-consuming environmental disaster happening on farms across Victoria. It is crushing for farmers to see decades of their hard work and stewardship erased

by seasonal conditions outside of their control," Mr Jochinke said.

"Measures in the package such as bore licence waiving, employment programs, access to emergency water, household assistance, and mental health services are welcome additions.

"However, the devil is often in the detail with funding programs, and we await further information about how these will be rolled out.

"We have to ensure that all programs have a real impact on the ground for drought-affected farmers, so the VFF will be tracking the effectiveness of these programs and will work with government to ensure they have all of the settings right.

"Our farmers are working every day to make their farms more resilient and drought-proof, but they need strategic support to make it through the worst conditions and come out the other side stronger.

"We can't know how conditions will change in the future and when the drought will break, so we will continue to monitor seasonal conditions, and ensure the government is made aware if more targeted funding is required. The government has taken a positive step forward, but the job's not done yet," said Mr Jochinke.

Quad bike rebate extended

THE Victorian Government is extending the quad bike rebate by nine months to help Victorian farmers improve safety on their properties.

For the first time farmers with other businesses, who do not operate properties as their primary source of income, will also have access to the rebate following a change to the scheme's eligibility criteria.

Small operators will now have access to the \$600 rebate to fit rollover protection to their vehicles, or the \$1200 rebate to purchase a more suitable option, such as a side-by-side vehicle.

There is about \$1.4 million remaining in the rebate scheme, with eligible farmers able to lodge a claim until June 30, 2020.

More than \$4.5 million has been paid out to farmers since the joint Victorian Farmers Federation and WorkSafe Victoria scheme was introduced in 2016 as part of a dedicated campaign to reduce injuries and deaths on farms.

This includes 2,794 rebates for operator protection devices and

2,168 for a side-by-side vehicle.

WorkSafe is also continuing its quad bike safety and enforcement campaign to ensure employers are meeting obligations to protect their workers while the rebate remains available.

The 2018-19 financial year was the first to record no workplace related quad bike fatalities since the rebate scheme and enforcement campaign was introduced in 2016. WorkSafe visited farms 1,273 times in 2018-19 and issued 339 enforcement notices relating to the use of quad bikes.

WorkSafe Executive Director Health and Safety Julie Nielsen said WorkSafe inspectors will issue enforcement notices wherever they see an employer has not taken reasonably practicable steps to reduce the risks of serious injury, or death, due to quad bike rollovers.

Farming employers must take all reasonably practicable steps to prevent the risks of quad bike rollovers, which can expose workers to life-threatening crush injuries.

Help sell poppies and help a local

NUMURKAH ex-serviceman Michael Brown is living proof of the good that the proceeds from RSL poppies sold in Numurkah do.

Put simply, Michael says they saved his life.

Michael suffers from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), severe depression and a range of physical issues as a result of his service with the Australian army in the 1980s.

A couple of years ago, the effects of his mental and physical health problems were so severe that Michael didn't want to be around any more.

"Life was literally unbearable," he said.

"The support I've received through the RSL has made life worth something to me again."

Though Michael had been a long time member of the RSL, and had sometimes attended the local sub-branch for a beer since moving to Numurkah five years ago, he had never accessed their support services until his wife Rebecca reached out to them for help when things reached crisis point around two years ago.

"I didn't really know what type of support they offered, but I knew they offered it. I just couldn't bring myself to ask for help from anyone."

"I'm so grateful to my wife for making that call, because it's changed everything."

With Michael unable to work, money is tight, and through the proceeds of the local poppy appeal, the RSL has been able to help the family with home repairs and replacement of essential appliances.

"As much as I'd like to work, I wouldn't be a reliable employee. My PTSD and depression make it hard for me to leave the house, and I spent most of last year in hospital."

"I have regular medical appointments now, so holding down a job just isn't an option for me at the moment," he said.

"As much as the financial help the RSL has given us has relieved that burden, and has been very grateful and humbly received, that's just a small part of what they've done for me."

"To have that relationship with them restored is priceless."

"They've made sure that I'm not left out on my own, and I know the local guys are only ever a phone call away."

"They've put me in touch with the Department of Veterans Affairs, who have helped me get help with my mental health. I attend the program for veterans and serving members at Austin Health's Psychological Trauma Recovery Service regularly, as well as a psychologist in Shepparton."

"The support I've gotten has helped me find a purpose again. As much as life is still pretty difficult at the moment, it's good now too."

"I've been able to reconnect with simple things that mean so much to me like camping and kayaking with my wife and sons."



All help gratefully accepted ... Local veterans Michael Brown and Gerard Watson are asking for local volunteers to help with this year's poppy appeal.

"I've got a long way to go, and life is still stressful, but there is joy in it now too."

Proceeds from local poppy appeal sales are split 50/50 between the local sub-branch and RSL Victoria, with any of the local portion not spent on members' welfare required to be handed over to RSL Victoria at the end of the 12 month period.

Numurkah RSL sub-branch secretary Gerard Watson said the local members are grateful to be able to help veterans like Michael through the poppy appeal proceeds, but they need more help.

"Locals have always been very generous towards the appeal, and we're happy with sales, but we need more volunteers to help man the tables to sell them," he said.

"Our members are getting old and have a lot of medical appointments and just aren't capable of

doing it on their own any more."

"You don't need to be a member of the RSL to help sell them; anybody who is keen to support our veterans and can spare an hour or two in the lead up to Remembrance Day is most welcome."

Michael told the *Leader* that knowing that people support the poppy appeal, does veterans like himself a lot of good beyond just the financial contribution.

"It's an emotional feeling knowing that people care about what you did, and that the community is supportive of the cause and prepared to give their time and money to it," he said.

"It makes you feel that you can be proud of having served."

Anybody who can spare a couple of hours to help with this year's appeal should contact Numurkah RSL appeals officer David Geddes on 0417 505 936.

Victorians asked for thoughts on road safety

THE lived-experience of Victorians will be front and centre as planning ramps up for the state's next road safety strategy.

Minister for Roads, Road Safety and TAC Jaala Pulford has launched Victoria's Next Road Safety Strategy Survey which will help the State Government further understand how Victorians use and view the state's road network, and how it can be made safer.

The state-wide survey is the third stage of community engagement that will help the development of the strategy that will be launched next year and succeed the current Towards Zero Strategy and Action Plan.

Last month, the government wrapped up its series of eight Towards Zero Regional Road Safety Forums, which sought the insights, ideas and experiences of regional Victorians.

More than 800 community members attended the forums at Shepparton, Mildura, Bendigo, Portland, Geelong, Sale, Marysville and Ballarat.

Key themes from the regional forums included safe speeds and driver behaviour, the need for more enforcement, road user education and training, road condition and maintenance, the use of technology, and

flexible safety barriers.

The forums followed the Melbourne Road Safety Summit in May, where road safety experts and community leaders gathered to discuss what more could be done to address a tragic start to the year on Victoria's roads.

Ideas from the summit, regional forums and Victoria's Next Road Safety Strategy Survey, will help shape the state's next road safety strategy.

Road Safety Victoria is leading the strategy's development alongside Victoria Police, the Transport Accident Commission, the Department of Justice and Community Safety, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Like Victoria's existing road safety strategy, aiming for zero deaths and serious injuries will remain the overarching goal of the next strategy.

The current four-year Towards Zero Strategy, launched in 2016, continues to deliver on \$1.7 billion of investments into road safety infrastructure, technology, education and enforcement.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and is live on the Engage Victoria website until the end of October. Visit engage.vic.gov.au/TZ2020.

Portable pools drowning warning

ROYAL Life Saving is urging all parents and carers to be aware of the drowning risk portable swimming pools can pose to young children, as part of Kidsafe's 'Safe Barriers Save Lives' campaign.

Portable pools (also known as inflatable pools or wading pools) are a popular choice for many families, but they can pose a significant drowning risk to young children.

Swimming pools, including portable pools, are the leading location for drowning in the zero to four years age group, accounting for 63% of all deaths in 2018/19.

Over the past 17 years, 19 children in this age group have drowned in portable pools around the country. In all instances, adult supervision had lapsed and the vast majority of portable pools were unfenced.

Royal Life Saving CEO Justin Scarr said many parents may not be aware of the legal requirement to fence a pool deeper than 30cm, which includes portable pools.

"If you're planning on using or buying a portable pool over the warmer months, remember - Don't Duck Out, Make it Safe," MR Scarr said.

Royal Life Saving's 'Don't Duck Out, Make it Safe' campaign, developed in conjunction with

Consumer Protection WA on behalf of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), aims to educate parents, grandparents and carers of young children on the drowning risk portable swimming pools pose, as well as communicating four simple safety tips to reduce such risk.

These are:

1. Supervise - Once the pool has water in, you'll need to actively watch any child, within arm's reach at all times, so you can prevent anything from going wrong. It's too much responsibility to leave older children in charge of younger kids and they may not recognise the signs of a drowning.

2. Act - Learn what to do in the event of a child drowning incident. You'll need to know how to carry out CPR and it's important to start compressions and breaths right away when a child is pulled from the water, and to call 000 so help is on the way. If possible, shout for someone to call 000 while you continue CPR.

3. Fence - In most parts of Australia, if a pool has more than 30cm of water in it, there's a legal requirement for it to be fenced.

4. Empty - Pour out the water, deflate the portable pool and store it away safely out of reach of children when not in use.

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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.

Peace Loan Contributions—As some discussion has taken place, as to the amounts subscribed by Nathalia and Numurkah district residents towards the Peace loan, we give herewith the respective amounts, according to the official figures:—Numurkah — Bank of Australasia, £4550; Bank of Victoria, £2150; Savings Bank, £1950; Bank of Australasia, Strathmerton, £1600; Bank of Australasia, Wunghnu, £1020; through a Shepparton bank £700, total, £14,470, Nathalia Bank of Australasia, £1210; Commercial Bank, £3390; Bank of Victoria, £2591; insurance policies, £3350; cash subscribed at the aeroplane £80; total, £13,651 Numurkah thus subscribed £819 more to the loan than Nathalia

A Suggestion.—A suggestion that we feel sure has only to be mentioned to secure its adoption was made us the other day. This is to the effect that the football teams in the association might follow the example set by clubs in the Shepparton association and devote a portion of the gate receipts to the Mooroopna Hospital. We are informed that quite a substantial sum has been contributed in this way, and it would be a graceful act if the clubs this end followed suit. There is no need to stress the value of the Mooroopna Hospital to the district, nor the ever present need for funds to enable it to maintain its good work, but in this connection it might be mentioned that there are at the present time no less than six patients from districts north of Shepparton in the institution recovering from operations for appendicitis.

SUGGESTED SHIRE SEVERANCE.

(To the Editor)

Sir,—The following facts may be of interest to the gentlemen who signed a letter appearing in your contemporary:—

The Moira Riding was severed from Echuca shire and annexed to the Shire of Numurkah against the will of the majority of the councillors as the shire was then constituted. In order to induce the Numurkah Shire Council to accept Moira as part of its territory, an officer was sent up from the Lands Department (Mr Morkham, I think) to discuss the matter with the councillors. The full council was present, and the officer, on behalf of the Government of the day (of which the Hon. Geo. Graham was a member), promised that Moira would be annexed to Numurkah as a separate riding, and would be placed in the fourth schedule for the allotment of the Government grant. The latter part of the promise has not been fulfilled up to the present time, nor is it ever likely to be.

While the Moira Riding was part of the Echuca Shire, it had accumulated a debt of £3,000, but so anxious was that municipality to cast off this incubus of a constantly increasing debt that it offered to hand over Moira to Numurkah with a clean sheet, and place the responsibility of paying this large sum on the ratepayers of the other ridings of the Echuca shire. The Government forced the annexation on the Shire of Numurkah against the strenuous opposition and protests of six of its nine councillors. Numurkah had thus to accept the Moira Riding with its expensive Goulburn crossings and other disadvantages for all time. To obviate the possibility of the new riding again losing itself in a sea of debt, the other ridings of the shire agreed to contribute a large proportion of the expense of maintaining the Goulburn crossings, which rightly belong to Moira, and in this way enable that riding to devote more of its rates and grant to making its roads, etc., passable throughout its broken territory. If Nathalia got severance, and was constituted a shire, a proper adjustment of accounts would relieve the Central and Eastern Ridings of their annual contribution to the river crossings, and possibly give a substantial refund of past payments, and thus place on the new shire a burden it would take years to wipe off. It is more than probable that the gentlemen who attached their names to the letter in the "Herald," dealing with Nathalia as a badly treated centre, hardly gave due consideration to the facts here set out, or perhaps it would be more charitable to assume that they were not aware of them, therefore, did not consider them at all.—Yours, etc.,

JACOBUS.



Full steam ahead ... Love Our Lifestyle secretary Nicole Henderson and new chairperson Tracey Bannon are pleased to see new members, and new energy, on the committee.

Love Our Lifestyle back on track

NUMURKAH'S Love Our Lifestyle (LOL) committee has a new lease on life, with a number of new members joining the group at last week's meeting, new chairperson and deputy chairperson voted in, and a new shop-local campaign in the works.

Long term member and treasurer Duncan McPherson, who spoke to the *Leader* in August about his concerns that the organisation would fold without an injection of new members, said this week that he was now feeling optimistic.

"It's all looking pretty promising now, we've formed a couple of new sub-committees and we're getting some things happening," he said.

"We've got new people with fresh ideas and that bodes really well for the future."

New chairperson Tracey Bannon from Numurkah Bakery & Cafe said she's looking forward to uniting the businesses of Numurkah in the common goal of promoting the town.

"We're all here wanting to have thriving businesses in a thriving town and we need to be supporting each other in that," she said.

"Numurkah has a diverse range of businesses, but we all rely on the same things, which are support from the local community and attracting other people to town to use our services.

"I'm really looking forward to working with everyone to achieve those things together for the good of the town."

As for the foodbowl festival, though it hasn't been written off, its future is still somewhat up in the air. Originally postponed from this month to February 2020, it is now postponed indefinitely.

Returning LOL secretary Nicole Henderson said the LOL committee is considering a range of options with regards to the future of the festival.

"It may still return next year, but for the moment we are focussing on solidifying the new LOL committee," she said.

"It may become a biannual event, or it may change into a different type of festival.

"One of our new sub-committees will be focusing on ongoing projects, and those are discussions the members of that committee will be having going forward, but for now we've decided not to try and rush it for February."

LOL's funding agreement with Moira Shire depends on it meeting certain key performance indicators, which it has achieved through delivering the foodbowl festival and other events and initiatives in the past.

LOL's new deputy chairperson is Karen Bell.

Why Leave Town?

A MAJOR priority for the new Love Our Lifestyle committee is reminding Numurkah residents of what a great selection of businesses the town has to offer.

Right now, they are busy putting the finishing touches on the Why Leave Town? campaign, which encourages locals to visit the businesses right here in town and spend their money with the people who employ local people and spend their profits right here in Numurkah.

Each week for six weeks - from next week until the end of November - readers of the *Numurkah Leader* will have the chance to win a \$50 voucher from a participating local business.

Why would you leave town, when your best chance to win is right here at home?

Free financial guidance for women over 50

THE State Government is helping improve the financial security of older women by supporting a free financial wellbeing kit which will be available across the state.

Despite increasing workforce participation, older women are paid less due to the gender pay gap of 9.3% in Victoria and are more likely to be in casual or insecure work, increasing their risk of homelessness.

Women spend almost twice as much time as men in caring roles, reducing their workforce participation in Victoria to 12.5% less than men. On retirement, the superannuation gender gap in Victoria is 44%.

Financial hardship can be an obstacle to leaving an abusive relationship, and women can also experience financial abuse, a form of family violence where perpetrators seek to control or remove someone's financial resources.

The My Money My Conversation Kit aims to help build women's confidence to have conversations about money with family and friends, build financial literacy and grow more financially secure.

Minister for Women Gabrielle Williams this week launched the My Money Conversation Kit, created by the Women's Information Referral Exchange (WIRE) - the only state-wide free information and referral service for Victorian women, nonbinary and gender-diverse people.

The government provided WIRE with \$200,000 to develop and pilot workshops across Victoria to better understand the financial needs of older women. The My Money Conversation Kit was developed as a result.

Minister Williams said empowering women to create a more positive and informed attitude to money can have significant outcomes - such as creating the economic safety to leave financially abusive relationships.

"This toolkit is a simple but powerful tool to help women build financial skills and confidence - because you need to fully understand your own financial circumstances before you can change them," she said.

The kit includes a guide with questions to uncover individual attitudes to money, tips on having difficult conversations, and advice on financial abuse, as well as links to useful financial and government services. It includes an organiser to bring all financial information together in one place.

Building confidence in money management helps reduce economic inequality. These skills are particularly important for women as they tend to live longer, earn less than men and face financial hardship as they age.

The kit is funded under Victoria's gender equality strategy, Safe and Strong. It is available on the WIRE website at www.wire.org.au or by calling WIRE on 1300 134 130.

Mentoring to boost women in construction

A NATIONAL mentoring program aims to boost the numbers of women working in the building and construction industry.

CEO of Master Builders Australia Denita Wawn said numbers of women participating in building and construction remain low, despite the industry presenting a fantastic opportunity for women to pursue secure, fulfilling and rewarding careers.

"As part of Master Builders Australia's Women Building Australia initiative, the mentoring program will work to boost female participation by supporting women starting out in the industry," Ms Wawn said.

"The program, which is funded by the Federal Government, follows the success of a successful pilot project developed and implemented by Master Builders in 2017/18.

"It's an important investment in the future workforce and skills needs of the nation's second largest industry. Our industry needs an additional 300,000 people over the next decade so this is about creating jobs now and in the future which boost productivity and growth.

Ms Wawn said the involvement of both male and female mentors who are established in the industry, and whose breadth of experience allows mentees to be matched with a mentor who can best support them, is important to the program's success.

Applications are now open across the country and close on November 11, 2019. Mentoring will commence in February 2020.

Are you ready for the show?

THE chook sheds have been cleaned out, the grass has been cut and the show office is open and accepting entries.

With just a week to go until the big day, the Numurkah Agricultural and Pastoral Society is as ready as it can be at this stage of the game - but are you?

Have you looked on the internet and downloaded the schedule, or looked in the schedule you picked up around town?

Have you checked your kitchen cupboards to see if you have enough flour, eggs and sugar to make a prize winning cake, or are you finishing the hem on your lovely dress to put it in Section N, class 19 "Ladies' Frock"?

Have you started jazzing up your old boots to look a million dollars so you can strut your stuff in style and potentially win a cash prize?

Have you filled out your entry form so that beautiful calf that you've been feeding and grooming for weeks is in with a chance to win the Laurie Crosbie Calf Rearing Competition?

If you haven't already taken a good look around your backyard coop to decide which is the prettiest and plumpest chicken, so that you can enter them in competition, now's the time.

With craft, cookery, photography and horticulture categories of all kinds, there truly is something for everyone to try their hand at.

There you go - the choice is so wide that it will take you a week to decide what you want to enter in the Numurkah Show which will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.

Or maybe you're more of the 'enthusiastic observer' type, and prefer to just enjoy the many flowers in the Findlay Pavilion, the sheep shearing, wool spinning and weaving by the Cobram ladies and the many other displays of beef and



We're ready ... A&P Society committee members Ian Patrick, Sue Aldridge, Kelsey Dealy, Glennys Walker, Bev Patrick and Hank Sanders are ready to welcome everyone to the annual Numurkah show.

dairy cattle, sheep, and horses show jumping and being ridden on the arena.

And don't, whatever you do, forget to check out the marvellous dogs of many breeds in the championship dog show at the northern end of the arena.

The organisers are expecting great weather so there is no reason at all why it shouldn't be a bumper show next Wednesday with everyone from Numurkah and surrounds enjoying the day.

The show office is now open in the little shop

beside Brennan's Veterinary Clinic on Melville Street, and will be accepting entries from 10am until 4pm between today and Friday, and until 1pm on Saturday.

See you next week at the show!

St Joe's students are winners in the language of film

STUDENTS from St Joseph's Numurkah triumphed at the inaugural Catholic Education Sandhurst Languages Film Festival last week, winning the senior primary section.

In a diocesan first, schools produced films highlighting the benefits of learning a second language and the winners were announced at a screening at Shepparton Village Cinema last Thursday.

More than 20 schools took part in the competition, which encouraged students to explore the theme, 'Why learn languages?' through the medium of film.

Participating schools were provided with a multimedia kit which will enable them to continue to explore film projects within their individual school settings.

Languages education officer Dolly Gerges said there was much excitement surrounding the film festival.

"Schools put a lot of effort into producing their films and it was a great experience to see their productions on the big screen," she said.

"The schools were first introduced to the festival in term one, to explore the benefits of learning different languages and to have fun with their learning," Dolly said.

The film festival committee was thrilled with the quality of the entries and said St Joseph's produced a stand out film.

Students used their imagination to highlight the school's chosen language of Italian, using humour and drama to bring the film to life.

The judges were particularly impressed with the sophisticated special effects and the theme, which focused on the inner workings of the brain.



Winning film crew ... Darcy Edis, Rahni Lawless, Mia Duggan, Rebecca Retallick, Addison Oswald, Bavesha Krishnankutty and Mr Tim Harber beam with pride at their win.

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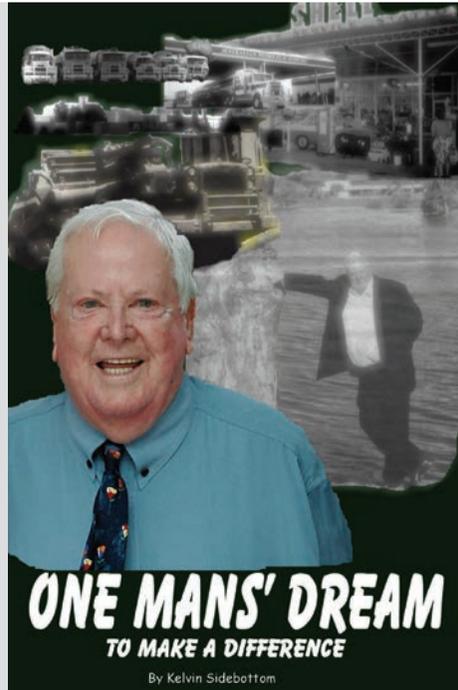
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By Kelvin Sidebotton

The streets are alive with the sound of organs

THE streets and parks of Numurkah will take on a distinctly European feel this weekend when the Australian Mechanical Organ Society (AMOS) visits town for its annual general meeting.

From the Lions Club market to Newman Square, and quite a few locations in between, there will be mechanical organs large and small playing tunes that are sure to delight.

Quite a common sight - and sound - on the streets of European cities, the organs, which are operated by grinders in costume, play well known tunes.

Many of the organs that will visit Numurkah this weekend have been hand built by their grinders, whilst others have been purchased from overseas.

The *Leader* has been assured that the organ grinders are more than happy to stop for chat, so don't be afraid to stop and say G'Day and ask a few questions.



Happy sound ... Mechanical organs are a common sight in European cities.



Before ... Not so long ago the back yard of the community house was strewn with weeds and rubbish.



After ... On Sunday, the back yard was the site of productivity, creativity and community.



Community feast ... Fresh produce and a talented local chef equals a delicious feast for all.



Dig it ... More than one local kid learned on Sunday that gardening can be fun.



Growing together ... People of all ages took the opportunity to help out in the community garden.



Starting them young ... Lauren Carlisle guided the little ones in the creation of the kids' garden.

Community warms the house

IT was celebration time on Murray Ave on Sunday, as residents from across the district gathered to celebrate the transformation of a neglected house and garden into a welcoming and productive space for the benefit of the whole community.

Over the past 12 months, the community house, which is part of the Numurkah Community Learning Centre (NCLC), has become a place that provides company, learning and fresh produce for all those in the community who wish to access it.

A formerly weed-ridden and junk-strewn back yard is now a productive fruit and vegetable garden, and on Sunday was the centre of festivities.

From 10am onwards, hundreds of people came and went, joining in with gardening, food swaps, craft activities as well as local music and food.

NCLC volunteer Jenna Simpson, who helped organise the event, said that it was as close to a perfect day as you could get.

"The weather was perfect and the atmosphere was relaxed, with a really great community vibe," she said.

Throughout the morning and early afternoon, a lot of gardening got done, with locals pitching in to help turn the fairly barren front yard into a native garden.

A sweet element was also introduced, with a long strawberry bed planted alongside the front access ramp.

Out back, people were busy swapping produce from their own gardens, whilst the kids who weren't busy with craft activities were getting their hands dirty planting a kids garden with flowers, herbs and small fruit trees.

Then, with an appetite well and truly worked up, it was time for lunch in the form of a feast created by Adam Drust from Cafe Mierlo, created from produce grown in the very place it was being consumed.

NCLC manager Deb Fowler said, given the former state of the yard, it was incredible to realise that the delicious ingredients had been grown there.

"It's truly amazing how far it's come in such a short space of time," she said.

"To have a local chef be able to create such wonderful food from produce grown in that garden really shows how far the place has come through the hard work and commitment of the volunteers who have dedicated themselves to it."

The afternoon was all about kicking back, enjoying the sounds of local band Royal Jelly, and reveling in the company and sense of community.

"I think what I enjoyed the most was that the whole community was represented," Ms Fowler said.

"We had everyone from babies to 90 year-olds. There was so much laughter and talk of future plans for the gardens - it was really wonderful, and exactly what we hoped for."

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Born musician to share his songline with locals

KUTCHA Edwards says he did not choose to be a musician.

"I think the music seeks you out," he said.

As he sings in 'Colourblind', the anthemic blues centre-piece of his latest album, Beneath the Surface: "Music's not just what I do/For it is who I am."

The acclaimed artist has been following where the music took him for more than 25 years; from his beginnings with the bands Watbalimba and Blackfire, as a member of the Black Arm Band, and as a solo artist working with artists including Paul Kelly, Archie Roach, David Bridie, Renee Geyer and his dear friend, the late Paul Hester.

He has released four stunning albums to date: 'Cooinda' (2002), 'Hope' (2007), 'Blak and Blu' (2012) and his most recent, 2015's 'Beneath the Surface'.

Now Numurkah district locals are getting the chance to experience his dulcet tones and magnetic stage presence for themselves, when The Kutcha Edwards Hour comes to Nathalia Recreation Reserve on Sunday, October 27.

Born of the Mutti Mutti people, on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River in NSW, Kutcha, who is a member of the stolen generation, sees music as a responsibility he has been given by his ancestors – not only to entertain, but to educate.

Or, as he calls it, to 'drop pebbles'.

"A lot of people think it's about the performance, but for me it's not just about that, it's about dropping one extra pebble," he said.

"My job is to drop a pebble in an imaginary pond and make that ripple. That's my life's work explained.



Dropping pebbles ... Kutcha Edwards' stirring performances traverse blues, gospel, rock and country. Photo: Andy Drewitt.

"I'm there to tell my truths, and my family's and my people's truths, of what has transpired on this country."

He draws on a profound sense of all those who have gone before him on this land, along with his own life experiences, to help his audiences understand their own experiences, reconnect with their culture and promote cultural understanding.

He draws strength from his family, country and his inheritance of a culture that stretches back over thousands of years.

Healing, culture and unity are recurring themes in Kutcha's Songline, delivered in a style that traverses blues, gospel, rock and country.

Yet always at its core is that voice – deep, soulful and timeless, rising and falling with the breaths and dreaming of generations as Kutcha challenges

his audiences with thought provoking stories and songs.

The event has been designed as a family-friendly, alcohol-free day out, and commences at 1pm with a welcome to country, a free barbecue and performance by local Yorta Yorta woman Madi Coleville-Walker, with the The Kutcha Edwards Hour commencing at 3pm.

The Kutcha Edwards Hour at Nathalia is a collaboration between Moira Arts and Culture Inc. and The Grain Store, and is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria.

Tickets are on sale now and cost \$20 for adults, \$15 concession, \$5 children 12-18, and children under 12 are free.

Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBKZD>, or in-store at The Grain Store or at the Nathalia Post Office.

One man's dream

THEY say everybody has a book in them, and Numurkah identity Kel Sidebottom was not content to let his stay inside.

Convinced that the story of his life and entrepreneurial endeavours - a tale of ups and downs and challenges and perseverance - would make a good read, Kel was determined to write it following his retirement in 1999.

"I've done so many interesting things and faced so many challenges, that I really wanted to record it and give other people the chance to read it, because I thought other people would find it interesting too," he said.

"It was just something I'd always wanted to do."

Kel's story is interesting indeed, and covers, among other things, his journey of starting Sid-ey's service station on the highway, owning a fleet of fuel transport trucks, creating the lake in Numurkah and battling bureaucracy.

However, as a non-writer, Kel struggled.

"It was a lot harder than I thought it would be and there were a lot of stops and starts. After a while I got frustrated and just stopped."

Then fate intervened in the form of an author whose talk Kel attended at Echuca library.

"I was lucky enough to get a chance to talk to him and he told me that he had started his book five or six times.

"He said I should forget everything I'd already written and start again, so I did," he said.

It took another 10 years for Kel to finish his 161 page autobiography *One Mans' Dream*, which he then had edited by former *Numurkah Leader* editor Lorna Morris before he self published it in 2016.

"It was wonderful to finally have it done," he

said.

"It was an interesting thing to do. As I was writing it, the things I remembered that had happened to me were unbelievable.

"There are stories in there that would make interesting books on their own if you told all the ins and outs."

When his book was finally printed, Kel sent a copy to an entrepreneurial hero of his - Dick Smith.

"He called me on the phone to tell me he had read it from cover to cover in one sitting and really enjoyed it. That meant a lot to me because he had always been a hero of mine for the way he thinks outside the box.

"He wrote me a letter afterwards and told me what he had gotten out of it and how he was impressed that I remained positive after everything that had happened.

"I have always stayed positive. If one of my projects failed, I used it as a learning experience; stepping stone to my next dream."

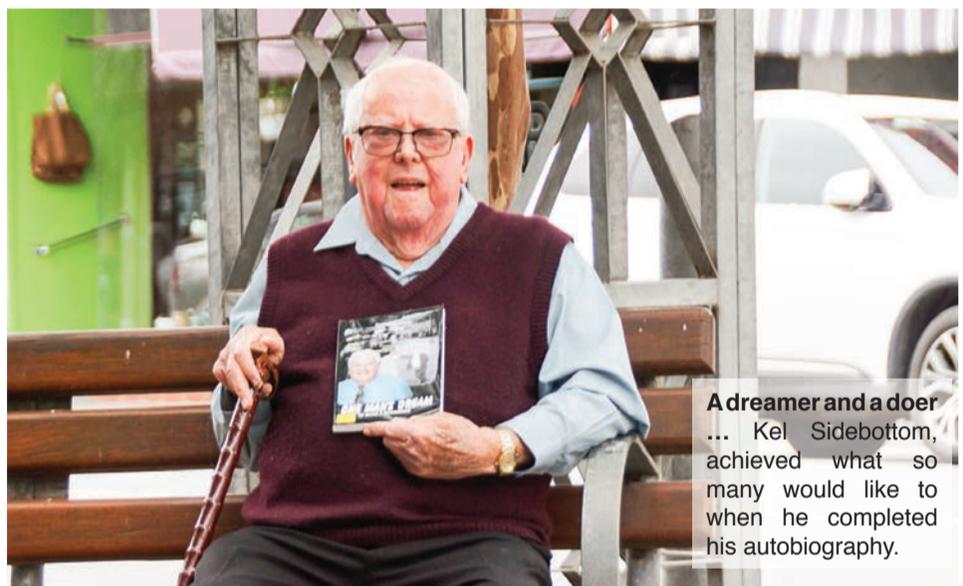
As for Kel's next dream, he intends to donate half of the proceeds from book sales to create a mental health retreat in northern Victoria.

In hopes of promoting that project, which he has named Garden of Hope, he is holding a sausage sizzle at Redgum Retreat on November 24.

"Mental health is a terrible condition which ruins a lot of lives, and there needs to be a lot more investment in it" he said.

"I really want to help people overcome their mental health issues, particularly farmers, because they are suffering terribly at the moment."

Kel's Garden of Hope sausage sizzle will be held at Redgum Retreat from 11am on Sunday, November 24.



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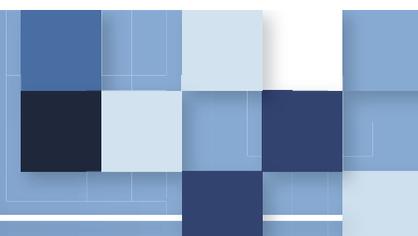
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2018/19 Annual Report available – Katunga Water Supply Protection Area Groundwater Management Plan

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A copy of the report can be inspected at Goulburn-Murray Water's Customer Service Centres in Cobram or Tatura between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4.45 PM. The report is also available on Goulburn-Murray Water's website: www.gmwater.com.au

Please contact Goulburn-Murray Water on 1800 013 357 for further information.

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TENDERS

C038/19

Internal Audit Program

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DEATHS

CADEL (Campbell) — Patricia Mary 'Pat'
 Late of Numurkah, passed away suddenly on October 11, 2019, aged 78 years, at home.
 Dearly loved wife of Bob (dec.). Loved and loving Mum of Philip, Robby, Debra and Anthony; mother-in-law to their partners; Loved and loving Grandmother of 6, Great Grandmother of 4.

Our Dear Mum and Nana
 Your memory will always surround us. Your closeness will always be there, We treasure the memories you left us, The times we were able to share.

CUSICK (Stringer) — Peggy June.

Late of Numurkah. Passed away peacefully on October 8, 2019 in her 95th year with her loving family by her side at Pioneers Lodge, Numurkah.

Loved wife of Leslie (dec.). Our loving Mum and Nanna, dearly loved by her children and their partners Chris and Malcolm (Seymour); Greg and Leonie; Andrew; her 5 grandchildren and her great grandson.

*Reunited With Dad
 Our Loved One*

CUSICK — Peggy. Passed away on 8th October in her 95th year at Numurkah Pioneers Lodge. Dearly loved sister and sister-in-law of Thea and Edgar (dec.) Waters, loved Auntie Peg of Heather, Liz, Barb, Don (dec.), Jan and families.
In God's loving care.

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DEATHS

TWITT — Allan John.
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 Loved brother of Ron (dec.), Thelma, Phyllis (dec.), Shirley, Jeffrey, Winston and Helen.
At peace with Myra

FUNERAL NOTICES

CADEL (Campbell) — The Funeral for Mrs. Pat Cadel, will be arriving at the Numurkah General Cemetery, Corke St. Numurkah on Monday, October 21, 2019, for a Graveside Service in Celebration of her Life, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

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CUSICK — A Memorial Service of Thanksgiving to Celebrate the Life of Mrs. Peggy June Cusick will be held at the Uniting Church, Quinn St., Numurkah on FRIDAY, October 16, 2019, commencing at 11am preceded by a Private Burial.

No Flowers by Request. Donations in lieu to Pioneer Lodge. Envelopes available at the Service.

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Matt takes Thursday comp by a whisper

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

MATT Ebborn made a welcome return to the winners' circle in the Numurkah Golf Club's midweek stableford event last Thursday.

Scoring 39 points, Matt held off a fast finishing Barry Schmedje, who led in the rest of the field with a fine total of 38.

Both players received appropriate Titleist golf ball packages in recognition of their achievements.

Other players whose score won

them a pro ball were: Frank Houlihan and Bill Green 38, John Trimble 37, Dennis Kite 36, Adam Farrell, Ron Smith, Alf Patman and Darryl Sheridan 35, Les Summerville and Bruce Collins 34, Garry Hosie, Will Mason and Alan Newby 33.

Mick Deacon was the duffer who came in with the lowest score of 20 points and therefore was presented with the tin of boiled lollies.

Kerry Collins was the leader of the sharp shooters and claimed the

GMCU ball for being closest to the pin on the fourth, and Alan Rogers won the players' sweep money by having a near 'resting touch' on the seventh hole.

Sam Robertson strung two fine shots together to take out Dennis and Roy's offering on the 14th, while overall winner Matt Ebborn claimed Graeme Sprunt's sponsored ball on the 15th.

Smooth swinging Bill Green won the Pruden Carpentry sponsored prize on the 18th hole.

Jack Hepworth won the Mickey Mouse ears awarded for doing silly things this week with a profound instance of 'old timer's disease.'

After nine holes Jack came into the clubhouse and informed club pro Anthony Sanders that he had left his wedge at the back of the seventh green (a regular occurrence) and could he announce this at presentations.

After his full round no-one had handed in the forgotten wedge and additionally, Jack's GPS that had also

mysteriously gone missing!

It was only after a couple of frothy, cold refreshments in the clubhouse that Jack realised he had left both items at home on his kitchen table that morning.

Thursday this week will be the first of two days set aside for veteran golfers. If you would like to play either the Thursday and/or Friday and your name is not down already, you will need to ring Anthony Sanders on 5862 3445 before 5pm today.



Summer SPORT scoreboard

Cricket

CRICKET SHEPPARTON

One day game

A GRADE

SHEPPARTON UNITED IT NUMURKAH

Toss won by Shepparton United, batted first

1ST INNINGS - SHEPPARTON UNITED

K Armstrong c W Arnel b T Braybon	1
A Tonks c SE Downie b T Braybon	0
C Rendina c M Grandell b T Braybon	13
R Bari run out	30
H Conway c & b L Gledhill	24
C Vidanapathirana c D Grandell b M Grandell	16
M Jarrett lbw b L Gledhill	9
XD Brown c M Grandell b M Cline	25
D Vidler c M Cline b T Braybon	10
S Nash b M Cline	23
E McLaren not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 4, b 0, lb 0)	4
Total	155
Overs 45.0	
FOW: 0 (A Tonks) 1 (K Armstrong) 14 (C Rendina) 64 (H Conway) 77 (R Bari) 94 (M Jarrett) 98 (C Vidanapathirana) 115 (D Vidler) 151 (XD Brown) 155 (S Nash)	
Bowling: M Cline 9.0 2 2 36; T Braybon 9.0 2 4 28; M Grandell 9.0 0 1 32; SE Downie 9.0 3 0 28; L Gledhill 9.0 0 2 31.	

1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

D Grandell not out	95
J Smith not out	56
Extras (nb 1, w 4, b 1, lb 2)	8
Total	158
Overs 35.5	
Bowling: S Nash 7.0 0 0 33; D Vidler 6.0 0 0 17; C Vidanapathirana 5.0 1 0 38; E McLaren 7.0 0 0 27; M Jarrett 4.0 0 0 17; R Bari 7.0 1 0 23.	

OLD STUDENTS IT KATANDRA

Toss won by Old Students, batted first

1ST INNINGS - OLD STUDENTS

F Odell st JG Wright b JM Wright	59
B Crouch st & b JG Wright	39
N Breslin c JM Wright b C Hickford	1
C McCabe c & b JM Wright	20
G Saracino b JM Wright	6
H Singh b C Hickford	8
CT Walton st JG Wright b A Riordan	3
T Looby not out	15
L Callegari run out	7
J McNamara not out	0
Extras (nb 3, w 9, b 1, lb 4)	17
Total	175
Overs 45.0	
FOW: 94 (B Crouch) 97 (N Breslin) 128 (F Odell) 131 (C McCabe) 138 (G Saracino) 145 (CT Walton) 158 (H Singh) 172 (L Callegari)	
Bowling: C Hickford 9.0 2 1 29; RW Shannon 6.0 1 0 18; S Richardson 5.0 1 0 33; P Inglis 5.0 1 0 15; A Riordan 6.0 0 1 27; JM Wright 9.0 1 4 27; L Patel 5.0 0 0 21.	

1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA

B Black c & b L Callegari	28
J McKinnon b T Looby	4
L Patel c & b K Jones	21
JM Wright run out	70
S Richardson not out	18
A Riordan c & b F Odell	1
JG Wright not out	4
Extras (nb 3, w 12, b 12, lb 3)	30
Total	176
Overs 43.5	
FOW: 9 (J McKinnon) 109 (B Black) 170 (JM Wright) 172 (A Riordan)	
Bowling: C McCabe 9.0 1 0 35; T Looby 9.0 4 1 12; N Breslin 9.0 1 0 23; K Jones 9.0 0 1 43; L Callegari 6.0 0 1 33; B Crouch 1.0 0 0 11; F Odell 0.5 0 1 4.	

LADDER

P	B	W2W1	D	L1	L2	PTS	%
Waaia	1	1	0	1	0	0	12 4.78
Numurkah	2	0	0	2	0	0	12 3.86
Kyabram	2	0	0	2	0	0	12 2.14
Katandra	1	1	0	1	0	0	12 1.61
Nagambie	2	0	0	1	1	0	9 1.68
Mooroopna	2	0	0	1	0	1	6 1.47
Northerners	2	0	0	1	0	1	6 1.10
Old Students	2	0	0	1	0	1	6 0.90
Shepp United	2	0	0	1	0	1	6 0.39
Tatura	2	0	0	0	1	1	3 0.22
Karramonus	2	0	0	0	2	0	0 0.72
CP/St Bs	2	0	0	0	2	0	0 0.56
Euroa	2	0	0	0	2	0	0 0.37

B GRADE

NUMURKAH IT SHEPPARTON UNITED

Toss won by Numurkah, batted first

1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

T Woods run out	0
J Morris c R Menhenett b K Veal	3
D Ebborn lbw b H Jackson	10
R Pruden lbw b T Frost	24
A Cline c K Veal b M Tate	26
D Cox c M Collins b T Frost	7
S Dawson not out	32
S Spicer b K Veal	8
B Smith not out	15
Extras (nb 1, w 14, b 2, lb 6)	23
Total	148
Overs 45.0	
FOW: 6 (T Woods) 19 (D Ebborn) 20 (J Morris) 76 (A Cline) 81 (J Pruden) 96 (D Cox) 115 (S Spicer)	
Bowling: K Veal 9.0 1 2 33; H Jackson 5.0 0 1 16; B Tacey 9.0 2 0 39; L Menhenett 4.0 0 0 15; M Tate 9.0 3 2 22; T Frost 9.0 3 2 15.	

1ST INNINGS - SHEPPARTON UNITED

T Gillin c B Roberts b A Cline	42
A Lake c A Cline b S Spicer	12
M Collins c J Pruden b S Spicer	2
C Green lbw b D Cox	31
R Menhenett c A Cline b B Roberts	9
L Menhenett not out	37
B Tacey not out	8
Extras (nb 0, w 5, b 0, lb 4)	9
Total	150
Overs 44.0	
FOW: 53 (T Gillin) 55 (A Lake) 62 (M Collins) 87 (C Green) 133 (R Menhenett)	
Bowling: M Martin 8.0 1 0 32; B Roberts 9.0 2 1 34; A Cline 8.0 1 1 16; S Spicer 6.0 0 2 21; B Smith 5.0 0 0 26; D Cox 8.0 1 1 17.	

KATANDRA def OLD STUDENTS

Toss won by Katandra, batted first

1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA

M Black c & b J Carr	10
C Simpson lbw b R Hammer	36
T Wilson c & b XM Lewis	5
NJ Hickey c T MacLaughlin b R Hammer	5
AE Nicholls b R Hammer	5
K Rosevear run out (T MacLaughlin, R Hammer)	5
M Nolen c T MacLaughlin b D Fichera	10
RJ Hopkins not out	31
Z Thorne b D Fichera	0
JA Thorne lbw b D Fichera	0
D Simpson b J Sandhu	2
Extras (nb 0, w 29, b 0, lb 0)	29
Total	138
Overs 42.0	
FOW: 1 (M Black) 2 (T Wilson) 3 (C Simpson) 4 (NJ Hickey) 5 (K Rosevear) 6 (AE Nicholls) 7 (M Nolen) 8 (Z Thorne) 9 (JA Thorne) 10 (D Simpson).	
Bowling: G Sabri 7.0 3 0 6; J Carr 6.0 0 1 15; R Thirachchelvan 9.0 1 0 12; XM Lewis 6.0 0 1 38; J Sandhu 3.0 0 1 13; R Hammer 7.0 2 3 25; D Fichera 4.0 0 3 29.	

1ST INNINGS - OLD STUDENTS

M Harris c Z Thorne b RJ Hopkins	71
J Carr c NJ Hickey b AE Nicholls	1
J Sandhu b NJ Hickey	20
G Sabri c AE Nicholls b NJ Hickey	12
R Thirachchelvan lbw b K Rosevear	2
T MacLaughlin c C Simpson b AE Nicholls	3
D Delia run out	7
D Fichera c Z Thorne b C Simpson	3
XM Lewis not out	8
R Hammer run out	2
T Janke b K Rosevear	1
Extras (nb 3, w 8, b 3, lb 5)	19
Total	131
Overs 43.1	
Bowling: JA Thorne 8.0 0 0 30; C Simpson 5.0 0 1 24; RJ Hopkins 8.0 2 1 17; AE Nicholls 9.0 4 2 23; NJ Hickey 9.0 3 2 17; K Rosevear 4.1 1 2 12.	

UNDERA def WAAIA

Toss won by Waaia, batted first

1ST INNINGS - WAAIA

Extras (nb 1, w 7, b 0, lb 0)	8
Total	51
Overs 27.0	
Bowling: J Valentin 4.0 2 1 9; A Hockey 5.0 1 2 11; P Wickham 9.0 2 3 12; S Valentin 8.0 3 3 18; B Bailey 1.0 0 1 1.	

1ST INNINGS - UNDERA

P Wickham b	17
J Bailey c & b R Knight	0
J Hajro b R Knight	0
L Campbell not out	9
B Bailey st, b M Stuart	10
G Kontakos not out	15
Extras (nb 0, w 2, b 0, lb 1)	3
Total	45
Overs 11.0	
FOW: 8 (J Bailey) 12 (J Hajro) 19 (P Wickham) 36 (B Bailey)	

LADDER

P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	PTS	%
Kyabram	2	0	2	0	0	0	12 2.75
Pine Lodge	2	0	2	0	0	0	12 2.61
Shepp United	2	0	2	0	0	0	12 2.19
Katandra	2	0	2	0	0	0	12 1.30
Waaia	2	0	1	0	1	0	6 1.20
Undera	2	0	1	0	1	0	6 1.10
Karramonus	2	0	1	0	1	0	6 1.05
CP/St Bs	2	0	1	0	1	0	6 0.95
Northerners	2	0	1	0	1	0	6 0.83
Mooroopna	2	0	1	0	1	0	6 0.73
Numurkah	2	0	0	0	2	0	0 0.55
Old Students	2	0	0	0	2	0	0 0.54
Euroa	2	0	0	0	2	0	0 0.54
Tatura	2	0	0	0	2	0	0 0.48

C GRADE

NUMURKAH def PINE LODGE

Toss won by Pine Lodge, bowled first

1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

D Hughes lbw b J Singh	10
H Verhoeven lbw b T Phillips	5
K O' Dwyer run out	15
B O'Dwyer lbw b J Purdey	34
RL Lacuin b J Singh	10
S Boswell c & b A Saini	29
D Roberts not out	23
J Verhoeven not out	13
Extras (nb 1, w 31, b 3, lb 3)	38
Total	177
Overs 40.0	
FOW: 18 (H Verhoeven) 20 (D Hughes) 79 (K O' Dwyer) 91 (B O'Dwyer) 118 (RL Lacuin) 142 (S Boswell)	
Bowling: S Uppal 8.0 1 0 21; A Saini 7.0 1 1 40; J Singh 8.0 1 2 22; T Phillips 2.0 0 1 11; J Singh 3.0 0 0 22; S Singh 6.0 0 0 27; J Purdey 4.0 0 1 20; Z Clark-Lines 2.0 0 0 8.	

1ST INNINGS - PINE LODGE

HL Reynolds c & b H Verhoeven	1
Z Clark-Lines c & b S Boswell	26
J Purdey c & b H Verhoeven	0
J Singh c & b RL Lacuin	22
K Magribi b H Verhoeven	6
L Talbot b B O'Dwyer	13
J Singh c & b O'Dwyer	8
S Uppal not out	28
S Singh c H Verhoeven b	0
A Saini b	1
T Phillips c J Verhoeven b D Roberts	2
Extras (nb 0, w 12, b 0, lb 0)	12
Total	119
Overs 38.0	
FOW: 0 (HL Reynolds) 3 (J Purdey) 36 (J Singh) 59 (Z Clark-Lines) 75 (L Talbot) 75 (K Magribi) 97 (J Singh) 107 (S Singh) 111 (A Saini) 119 (T Phillips)	
Bowling: H Verhoeven 5.0 1 2 16; H Lambert 5.0 2 0 11; RL Lacuin 8.0 3 1 25; S Boswell 8.0 4 1 20; B O'Dwyer 5.0 0 2 15; J Verhoeven 4.0 2 1 14; D Roberts 2.0 0 1 13.	

LADDER

P	B	W2W1	D	L1	L2	PTS	%
Toolamba	2	0	0	2	0	0	12 1.91
Shepp United	2	0	0	2	0	0	12 1.17
Numurkah	2	0	0	2	0	0	12 0.79
Mpna White	2	0	0	2	0	0	12 0.22
Murchison	2	0	0	1	0	1	6 0.84
Mpna Blue	2	0	0	1	0	1	6 0.15
Tatura	1	1	0	0	1	0	6 -1.78
Euroa	1	1	0	0	1	0	6 -3.57
Nagambie	2	0	0	0	2	0	0 -0.43
Pine Lodge	2	0	0	0	2	0	0 -0.91
Karramonus	2	0	0	0	2	0	0 -2.19

MURRAY VALLEY CRICKET ASSOCIATION

PREMIER DIVISION

NATHALIA def BAROOGA

Toss won by Nathalia, bowled first

1ST INNINGS - BAROOGA

S Leigh c CJ Stevens b B Summerville	16
R Gow b CP Congues	1
J Maley b H Congues	88
K Watkins c & b B Summerville	71
MC Jaensch not out	17
M Dimble run out	3
J O'Dwyer run out	1
J Anthony not out	5
Extras (nb 0, w 10, b 0, lb 2)	12
Total	214
Overs 45.0	
FOW: 6 (R Gow) 23 (S Leigh) 172 (K Watkins) 193 (J Maley) 203 (M Dimble) 206 (J O'Dwyer)	
Bowling: CP Congues 9.0 1 1 36; B Summerville 8.0 0 2 46; H Congues 7.0 0 1 32; A Jorgensen 9.0 1 0 39; L Quinn 7.0 1 0 28; S Morris 5.0 0 0 31.	

1ST INNINGS - NATHALIA

S Morris c J O'Dwyer b MC Jaensch	42
BT Ross lbw b MC Jaensch	9
CJ Stevens c M Dimble b MC Jaensch	1
L Quinn c & b J Anthony	83
B Summerville c D Stevens b R Gow	7
S Young not out	51
S Zammit b MC Jaensch	4
JL Walpole not out	0
Extras (nb 2, w 13, b 0, lb 3)	18
Total	215
Overs 44.1	
FOW: 19 (BT Ross) 25 (CJ Stevens) 112 (S Morris) 123 (B Summerville) 191 (L Quinn) 212 (S Zammit)	
Bowling: MC Jaensch 9.0 4 4 16; J Anthony 9.0 1 1 51; J Maley 9.0 0 0 53; R Gow 8.1 0 1 41; K Watkins 2.0 0 0 8; S Leigh 7.0 0 0 41.	

KATAMATITE def TOCUMWAL

Toss won by Katamatite, batted first

1ST INNINGS - KATAMATITE

A Erickson lbw b C Shaw	17
L Sharp retired hurt	4
S Gordon c MA Roberts b C Shaw	14
J Magowan c J Barker b A Arthur	90
T Pendlebury b J Barker	14
B Beaton c J Poynton b M Wilson	58
D Parnell lbw b M Wilson	

Tracey scratches the surface

by "The Shankster"
TRACEY Clouston played some good golf last week in the Numurkah club's annual tournament to win two scratch events from two rounds.

The tournament began last Friday with the women's Shepparton Optical open event, and Tracey put together a nice round of 83 shots.

Pauline Davies won the division one handicap event with 72 nett, in a close finish, with Jeanette Adams winning a countback on 73 to take the runner-up placing.

Two visitors from Howlong headed the list in division two, Dorothy Reitenbach winning with 71 nett, from her mate Goldie Reid with 73.

Dorothy also won nearest the pin on the seventh hole, while Numurkah's Karen Harper had the best shot to the 18th.

Saturday's mixed event saw a great field of couples on the course, and Tracey paired up with Brandon Hosie to take another scratch win, with just

76 shots.

Nola and Alan Dalton finished five shots behind on 81.

Julie and Ian Hannaford won the handicap event with 68 nett, finishing less than a shot better than Karen and Martin Harper on 68.75.

For the first time in memory, the women shifted their fourball event to not coincide with the annual tournament, so the girls played their last Wednesday 18 holes of the winter season last week.

Nola Dalton and Pauline Davies both scored nicely to come in with 35 points, Nola winning the countback to take the honours.

Kath Hepworth finished third with 34, winning a countback from Merren Carr, and Lorraine Craig took the last of the balls with 33 points.

Nola won the cake hole voucher to the Numurkah Cafe Bar and Restaurant for her shot to the seventh hole, and Karen Harper won a ball for getting on the 18th.

Pauline Davies also won a ball for parring all of the par threes.

The women will conclude their winter season today, with nine holes of stableford before a wind-up luncheon and presentation of the season's trophies. Players should assemble by 9.30am for a draw

This will be followed by the golfers' annual meeting at around 2pm.

The summer fourball pennant season starts on Monday, with the Numurkah team heading to Tocumwal to meet Shepparton Gold.

The club presentation night will be held on Saturday, October 26, and all golfers are urged to attend to support the organisers in their endeavours.

Golf this Saturday will be a Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal round, followed by dinner in the club bistro, with the regulars keen to try out the new menu. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Next Wednesday will also be a



Scratch winner ... Representing the sponsor, Shepparton Optical Services, Helen Schmedje presents the winner's prize to Tracey Clouston.

Casey's turn to top field



Happy winners... Neville Hosie, Will Arnel, Casey Gamble, Martin Harper and Martin Hill were winners of their respective scratch and handicap events on Sunday.



Ronnie not happy... Chiltern captain Ray van Klaveren humbly accepts the Chiltern/Numurkah Challenge trophy from Numurkah captain Ron Smith, with back up from his team.

CASEY Gamble has been runner-up at the Numurkah Golf Club's annual tournament several times now, but on Sunday he finally went one step better to win the men's scratch event with a three over par round of 75 shots.

Dylan Poole finished just one shot back with a score of 76 shots, to finish runner-up.

Sunday's event was the last of three rounds played by the men to make up the annual event, following on from a fourball event on Friday and the mixed yankee on Saturday.

The event was a terrific success, with 78 men taking to the course on Sunday.

Numurkah's Will Arnel had the score of the day, to win the B grade scratch event with 77 shots, that netted him down to an incredible 63 nett. Ray Falla was runner-up with 81 shots.

Tallygaroopna golfer Neville Hosie had the best scratch score in C grade, with 88 shots, finishing ahead of Stephen Thornton with 90.

Sam Robertson brought a touch of colour to his game in the hope that it would freshen up his game ... and it did, his 71 nett good enough to win the A grade nett, although having to survive a countback from Jade Payne.

Martin Harper capped off a good weekend with a terrific 68 nett to take out the B grade handicap, ahead of Allan Newby on 70.

Martin Hill won C grade with 67 nett, ahead of Lee Summerville on 69.

Sunday's event also concluded the annual Numurkah/Chiltern challenge trophy, which Numurkah had managed to win last year but, despite being closer than ever after the first round at Chiltern last month, couldn't hold onto it again this year.

There was just one shot difference in the total aggregate scores, meaning Numurkah lost the challenge by just 0.1 on the average score, 147.47 to 147.57.

Down the line balls went down to 74s, to Adam Nolic, Barry Schmedje, Barry Pruden, Geoff Stone, David Shiells, Sid Roughsedge, Brandon Hosie, Ian Hannaford, Neil Hutchins, David Ludington, Bill Tilley, Mitchell Orr, Hugh Gunn and Brenton Pool.

Nearest the pins prizes went to Jade Payne on the fourth, Allan Newby on seven and Ron Smith on the 18th.

Mooroopna pair Bill Murphy and Rob Frame showed their liking for the Numurkah course with a terrific score of 48 stableford points to win Friday's fourball event, ahead of locals Bruce Collins and Ian Hannaford with 47 points.

Paul and Will Arnel finished with 45 points, Jack Hepworth and Graham Ashton 44, while Garry/Neville Hosie and Neil Hutchins/John McHale both finished with 43 points.

Bruce Collins, Col McMinn and Bill Padgett won the nearest the pins on seven, 15 and 18, respectively.

Going home to Tongala feeling a bit pleased with a ball in his pocket, John McHale's Saturday turned into a bit of a nightmare when he and his wife Jan arrived in Numurkah without Jan's clubs.

Jan checked with John that he had packed her shoes and hat, but didn't think she needed to ask him about her clubs, but as his clubs were already in the car from the previous day, he didn't give them a thought. Nevertheless, Jan soldiered on with a set of hire clubs and the pair managed to win a ball.

Brandon Hosie and Tracey Clouston won the day's scratch event with 76 shots, ahead of Alan and Nola Dalton with 81.

Ian and Julie Hannaford just sneaked in to win the handicap event by less than a shot from Martin and Karen Harper, with 68 nett.

Balls went to Graham and Lauris Ashton 70.87, Neville Smith and Jeanette Adams 71.12, Grant Duffy and Pippa de Bondt 71.62, Jan and John McHale 72, and Barry and Helen Schmedje with 73.62.

Margot McGrath and Alan Dalton won nearest the pins on the seventh, and Nola Dalton and John Smith had the best shots to the 18th.

The Wednesday nine hole chicken runs are also under way for the summer season. Last week's winner was Charlie Hooker, with 37 nett, on a countback from Marcus Luxford.

That's one week down, to start a busy October. This week it's the two day veteran's classic on Thursday and Friday, followed by a Mawsons Quarries and Concrete monthly medal on Saturday.

This will also be the star medal play-off, and dinner will follow in the club bistro. Everyone is welcome to join in, it's could be a great opportunity to come along and try the new menu.

The annual presentation night function will be held the following Saturday, and everyone is urged to get their names on the list to attend.

TOMORROW'S DRAW

1st tee A: D. McNamara, Sponsor, Sponsor, Sponsor; 1st tee B: R. Falla, G. Bow, A. Lounge, S. Pianta; 2nd tee A: B. Padgett, J. Hepworth, B. Collins, B. Nagel; 3rd tee A: A. Patman, K. Collins, B. Schmedje, L. Summerville; 3rd tee B: G. Partington, L. Robertson, D. Kennedy, S. Onciarick; 5th tee A: P. Cowan, F. Houlihan, D. Sheridan, D. Scanlan; 6th tee A: N. Smith, G. Purcell, W. Mason, J. Bauerle; 6th tee B: W. Rutledge, C. Costello, J. Robb, B. Morris; 7th tee A: B. I'Anson, J. Keller, J. Fanning, I. Clark; 8th tee A: J. Smith, M. Hegarty, A. Kerekos, J. Handley; 9th tee A: A. Farrell, E. Moore, N. Parker, B. Penny; 9th tee: B. C. Stone, D. Shiells, G. Pennyfather, S. Thornton;

10th tee A: R. Rutledge, B. Costello, S. Platfuss, M. Hose; 10th tee B: R. Ollie, J. Daniel, N. Dalton, B. McIntosh; 11th tee A: B. Hutchins, H. Schmedje, P. Aldering; 11th tee B: J. Adams, J. Hannaford, D. Nagel; 13th tee A: L. Craig, N. Cullum, J. Stevens; 13th tee B: J. Purcell, A. Pentz, L. Dell; 15th tee: D. Pocknee, D. Wilson, B. Wright, K. Seeber; 16th tee: R. Smith, R. Wilkinson, I. Gray, M. Daniel; 17th tee A: S. Roughsedge, A. Dalton, L. Steward, B. Murphy; 17th tee B: N. Hutchins, A. Newby, L. Brugman, M. Deacon; 18th tee: B. Green, R. Peterson, R. Brady, D. Prosser.

Good start for Ones

NUMURKAH Golf division one bowlers got the midweek pennant season off to a great start last Friday with a good win over Barooga, on the carpet at Barooga.

Robyn Hodgkin's rink won 23-22, Jan Niven's 30-18 and Loris Houlihan's team won 22-12.

The division two side played host to Tocumwal and went down by just eight shots.

Helen Eddy's rink had a good win, 26-18, Marie Ryan's team put up a fight but went down 20-24, while Merren Carr's rink was defeated 17-29.

The Golf team of Jan Niven, Linda Isted and Yvonne Clark played off in the final of the Murray Bowls Division ladies' triples on Sunday, just missing out on the title, with a one shot loss to Cobram.

On the club event front, the semi finals of the ladies' pairs was played last Wednesday in very cold, windy conditions.

Lorraine Milner and Marie Ryan defeated Robyn Hodgkin and Merren Carr, while Linda Isted and Helen Pickersgill won over Jenny Sutcliffe and Gayle Smith in a very close encounter that went an extra end.

Lorraine and Marie will now meet Linda and Helen in the



Smooth delivery ... Katrina Glover sends down a bowl at Barooga last Friday. Photo: Gavin Parkinson.

final. Jan Niven, Robyn Hodgkin, Loris Houlihan and Yvonne Clark represented Numurkah Golf in the 60 and over division singles at Barooga on Wednesday. Yvonne and Loris advanced to the second round, and Loris went a step further to make the semi final which will be played at Barooga today.



Did their best ... Ken Moffatt and his teammates in Sieg Seiter's rink, did their best on Saturday, but came up short of a win by four shots.

One win for Towners

THE first round of Murray Bowls Division pennant saw mixed results for Numurkah Bowls Club teams.

The club's Friday division one travelled to Finley RSC and recorded a positive start to the season, coming home with a 25 shot win, with two rinks up.

Sharni Davie (s), Paul Rees, Geoff Shaw and Lillian Nightingale won comfortable by 25 shots, to take the first Telegraph Hotel best winning rink award for the round.

Pam Smith (s), Don Staggard, Jim Cline and Viv Morris won 25-21, while Ann Dealy (s),

Peter Dealy, Noel Sutton and Robyn Aumann went down by four shots, after being all square on the second last end.

The division two Friday side put in a spirited performance, but went down overall by 23 shots.

The Robyn Gilmour and Liz Rees skipped rinks went down by four and five shots, respectively.

Both Saturday sides suffered losses, even though the division one team won on two rinks and drew another. Cobram took the victory at Numurkah by 12 shots.

Alan Rogers (s), Jim Cline, Col Jensen and Russell Morris won 25-22, Terry Brennan (s), Rod Seen, Bill Werner and Geoff Jorgensen won by two, while Don Staggard (s), Peter Dealy, Ann Dealy and John Adams won the last end to end in a 25-all draw.

The division two side struggled against Barooga, going down by 41 shots and losing on all rinks.

Sieg Seiter (s), Hugh Henderson, Ken Moffatt and Noel Boschetti did best for Numurkah, going down by just four shots.

The club's division four side had a first up bye.

Winter weather returns

NUMURKAH golf croquet social players were challenged not only by their opponents, but also by the weather last Tuesday, with the morning being extremely cold and windy.

With what felt like a return to mid-winter, it was understandable numbers were down a little on the previous week.

Winner for the day was Faye Miller with three games and 21 hoops, and for the first time there were four individual equal runners-up, Marg Brown, Lois Lowe, Rhonda Geddes and Glenys Londey finishing close behind Faye with 2/19.

No hoops-in-one were scored and Joan I. Hansen was the only one to play a jump shot. Only one pennant team played last week, with the other two having byes.

Golf croquet Blue played at home to Rich River Kangas on Thursday. The Kangas had a close win over White the previous week, and this match fol-

lowed the same script.

Both teams were level at 4-all after the singles and 5-all after the first round of doubles, with Blue holding a six hoop advantage with only two doubles left to play.

Two disappointing losses, 6/7 and 3/7, were not the finish Numurkah had hoped for, which saw Blue go down 5/70 to 7/69.

Kevin and Joan Hansen had the only doubles win with a 7/2 victory over Russell Smyth and Anne Dodd, and David Geddes continued his good form to win both singles.

All three pennant teams will be playing this week. The association team will play Shepparton Gold at home on Wednesday, golf croquet Blue is at home to Deniliquin and White travels to Shepparton to play Shepp White on Thursday.



New Penguin ... Michael Kam sends down a serve for the Penguins during the first round of Goulburn Murray tennis on Saturday.

Raiders lose final replay

THE Goulburn Murray 2019/20 tennis competition began on Saturday, with Numurkah's division one side, the Warriors, having a delayed start to the season with a first round bye.

The GM2 Raiders met the Shepp Giants in a replay of last season's grand final, but were unable to replicate that result, going down 4/47 to 7/63.

The match was all tied up going into the mixed, but Numurkah wasn't able to win any of the mixed sets.

Andrew Storer claimed two sets for the day, pairing up with Aaron Niglia for an 8-3 victory over a very handy pair, and pairing with Matt Cason for an 8-4 win.

The girls only took one win for the day, with Caitlyn Price having a comfortable, 6-1 singles victory. Caitlyn was unlucky not to score another win, going down in a tiebreaker with Hannah O'Brien, 8-7.

Hannah was stepped up from the GM3 Ravens to join the Raiders this season.

PENGUINS WADDLE HOME

Despite only winning one more set than their opposition, the GM3 Penguins had a fairly comfortable win over Nathalia, 7/82 to 6/60.

Craig Brown and Col MacKay both won their three sets, Craig pairing with Michael Kam for an 8-3 win, then with Col to win 8-1, and finally partnering Emma Schmedje to a win in the mixed.

Col, who has moved into the team from the Raiders this year, brought up his third win, in the mixed, winning 8-0 with Cathy Brown. Cathy's other win was an 8-2 victory with Carol Storer.

Michael Kam and Lou Shannon were unlucky in the mixed, going down in a tiebreaker, 8-7.

RAVENS FOLLOW ON

The GM3 Open Ravens continued their last season winning form, with a whitewash over Tatura, 9/72 to 0/23.

Team members Liam Booth, Hudson Storer, Pete Smyth, Graham Henderson, Eamon Storer and Katie Mills won all their sets for the day, but Pete Smyth topped the day, only giving away two games, while Katie conceded four.

The Ravens have injected some young blood into their side this season, including Eamon and Hudson Storer and Nathan Page, along with welcoming back Liam Booth and Dieter Page after a few seasons on the sidelines.

All teams will be on the road this Saturday, with the Warriors getting their season under way against the Shepparton Bulls. The Raiders will head to Yarrowonga, while the Penguins and the Ravens will both take the road to Kyabram.

Junior tennis will begin on Thursday, October 24 and Saturday, October 26 and registrations will be held tomorrow from 5-6pm, and Saturday from 9-11am.

Mixed Results for Golf Bowlers.

by "Nipper"

IT was a case of some joy and some disappointment for Numurkah Golf bowlers on the weekend with the club's side managing to take three rinks off Barooga on their home green but unfortunately, going down by seven shots overall.

The rink of Brian 'Chops' Stanger, Lidija Patching, Sid Roughsedge and Steve Patching couldn't recover from a couple of bad ends where they dropped big numbers, and they eventually went down by 24 shots.

That margin proved too big a hurdle for the other three rinks to overcome, despite having some good results.

The completely new rink of Rob Glover, Geoff Sutcliffe, Jan Niven and Gavin Parkinson came away with an 11 shot victory over Brett Wright's rink, which was a very good result for the Golfers.

The rink of Mark Jones, Frank Houlihan, Des Staggard and Brian Gentle had a narrow victory of three shots, and the final winning rink was that of Joe Luci, Ian Hocking, Neil Macklin and Butch Browning, who got up by two shots in a very tight tussle with Ray Emerson's rink.

In the overall scheme of things, to get three rinks was terrific, but to go down overall was a very disappointing result.

The division three side faired slightly better in its battle with Cobram, coming away with 14 of the 16 points on offer.

The rink of Alan Newby, Robyn Hodgkin, Alf Harrison and Yvonne Clark were the big winners on the day, getting home by an impressive 23 shots.

The other rink to squeeze out a victory was that of Loris Houlihan, Ken Hodgson, Gary Edis and Adam Bugeya, who got over the line by two shots.

The third rink just missed out but certainly didn't disgrace themselves and you will no doubt hear more about Ron Pickersgill, Linda

Isted, David Miller and Col Hicks as the season goes on.

A 21 shot win overall was a great start for divvy three.

The club's new side playing in division four managed a clean sweep of its two rinks, with an 18 shot win overall, taking home the entire 14 points as a result.

The rink of John Pickersgill, Helen Pickersgill, Mike Fayers and Marion Tobin had a narrow one shot victory, but the rink of Jack Dell, Lyn Browning, Mark Smith and Bayden Parkinson managed a 17 shot victory to ensure all the points went Numurkah Golf's way.

This was a terrific result for the club, especially from the new players who made some very handy contributions.

The finals of the association triples events were played at Strathmerton on Sunday, with neither the men's or women's Golf teams taking the title.

The women's team of Jan Niven, Linda Isted and Yvonne Clark went down by just one shot to Cobram, while Butch Browning, Neil Macklin and Gav Parkinson were defeated in the semi final.

Entries for the club championship close on Sunday, so any members wishing to play should get their names on the list in the clubhouse.

SATURDAY'S TEAMS

Division one - at home to Wunghnu.

M. Jones (s), F. Houlihan, D. Staggard, B. Gentle; J. Luci (s), I. Hocking, N. Macklin, B. Browning; B. Stanger (s), K. Hodgson, D. Miller, A. Bugeya; R. Glover (s), G. Sutcliffe, J. Niven, G. Parkinson.

Division three - at Tocumwal Golf. Skips' cars to leave at 12 noon.

J. Dell (s), R. Pickersgill, C. Hicks, L. Isted; L. Houlihan (s), K. Hodgson, D. Miller, A. Bugeya; A. Newby (s), R. Hodgkin, A. Harrison, Y. Clark.

Division four has the bye.



There's a run there ... James Pruden takes off for a run on his way to a well compiled 24.

Twos go down in final over

NUMURKAH's second XI hosted Shepparton Youth Club United on Saturday in a cricket match that went down to the wire.

After captain Sean Dawson won the toss and elected to bat, the Blues got off to a shaky start, losing three early wickets, to be 3/20.

Andrew Cline and James Pruden consolidated, putting on a 56 run partnership before Cline was out for 26, and soon after Pruden departed for 24 leaving the Blues at 5/81.

Sean Dawson (32 no), with support from Bailey Smith (15 no), had the Blues finishing their 45 overs at 7/148.

Shepparton's run chase began well with the score 53 before Andrew Cline (1/16) broke through with his sole wicket.

Sam Spicer, in his first game for the club, picked up two wickets to have the visitors at 3/62.

Dylan Cox (1/17) bowled tightly in the middle overs, tying down the opposing batsmen, which got the Blues back in the game.

However, it wasn't quite enough, with the visitors passing the Blues' total in the last over to claim victory by five wickets.

Sam Spicer finished with 2/21 off six overs, and Bailey Roberts bowled without luck for 1/34 off nine overs.

This Saturday the B graders take on Euroa at Euroa Memorial Oval.

C GRADE

The third XI had a 58 run win against Pine Lodge at home on Saturday.

After losing the toss, the Blues were sent into bat.

Opening with youth and experience, in Hunter Verhoeven and Daniel Hughes, the Blues got off to a steady start at 0/18, before Verhoeven departed for five, followed by Hughes for 10, leaving the home side at 2/20.

Kade and Brett O'Dwyer were promoted to three and four

respectively and this proved a masterstroke, with the two combining for a 59 run partnership before Kade was run out on 15. Brett followed shortly after, trapped LBW for 34.

Shaun Boswell, in his first game since returning to the club, made a solid 29, and Reydan Lacuin, with 10, saw the score move along to 6/142.

Chasing runs in the final overs, veterans David Roberts (23 no) and Jason Verhoeven (13 no) took the final tally to 6/177.

Hunter Verhoeven and Hamish Lambert opened the bowling, both bowling extremely well and had the visitors 2/3, Verhoeven finishing with the figures of 2/16.

The spin twins, Reydan Lacuin (1/25) and Shawn Boswell (1/20), were then brought on, combining beautifully to have Pine Lodge in trouble at 4/59. Brett O'Dwyer continued his great form with 2/15, and Jason Verhoeven 1/14, which saw Pine Lodge reeling at 7/97.

Connor Sessions, in his first C Grade game, picked up two wickets in his only over of the day. Pine Lodge was all out for 119, in an impressive all round bowling performance.

C grade will travel to Murchison this week.

UNDER 16

Junior cricket commenced its first round on the weekend and in a great start to the year, the under 16s played host to Tatura, winning by seven wickets.

With Numurkah winning the toss and electing to bowl, the team was off to a flyer when wicket keeper Kade O'Dwyer took a great catch off the bowling of Bailey Smith to have the visitors 1/0.

Tatura steadied until debutant Dylan Baker took a catch off Dylan Craven. From there, wickets fell steadily, and the visitors ended up 7/63 off their allotted 25 overs.

It was a very even bowling effort, with the main wicket taker for the Blues being Bailey Roberts who had the figures of 2/6.

Callum Morris and Dylan Craven opened the batting and put on 11 before Craven was out for two.

The Blues were quickly 3/21 when Morris was out for 13 and Dustan Ebborn went cheaply.

Bailey Roberts (20 no) and Bailey Smith (14 no) steadied the ship and Hunter Verhoeven, Kade O'Dwyer and Connor Sessions saw the innings out, reaching 3/71 off 18 overs.

The Blues travel to Shepparton this Saturday to take on Shepparton United commencing at 8.30am

UNDER 14

Numurkah's under 14s scored an exciting first up win on Saturday when they passed Notre Dame/St Brendans Gold's score in the penultimate over. Bowling first, the Blues were off to a fantastic start with the guests 2/0.

The pressure was kept on and Notre Dame was 4/8 before it steadied with a 34 run partnership which was broken by Nick Hughes.

Wickets again fell quickly, however the visitors did not surrender easily and a ninth wicket partnership of 40 took their tally to a competitive 9/112.

Reeve Verhoeven and Nick Hughes opened the batting for the Blues and put together a great partnership before their compulsory retirement. Riley Dawson (21) and Lucas Roberts (19) also performed well with the bat.

The team batted smartly by putting away the bad ball and finished the game 9/116 off 24 overs against a very good opponent.

The under 14s will join the under 16s at Shepparton this Saturday against Shepparton United.

Powerful batting display ensures victory for Blues

A BATTING masterclass by Dylan Grandell and Joshua Smith saw Numurkah beat Shepparton United by 10 wickets, at Shepparton on Saturday.

The Blues lost the toss and found themselves in the field.

Opening bowlers Matt Cline and Tim Braybon continued their great form from last week, applying pressure on the opposing batsmen immediately.

Tim Braybon struck two consecutive wicket maidens to start the innings, and after picking up his third wicket soon after, had Shepparton in trouble at 3/14.

The batsmen consolidated before Liam Gledhill broke through with his first wicket to have the home side at 4/64.

Mitch Grandell and Shaun Downie combined to run out the dangerous Bari, before Gledhill secured his second wicket for the day.

Grandell then picked up his first wicket to have Shepparton reeling at 7/98.

A few late runs in the final overs saw the home

side post 155 off its 45 overs.

Tim Braybon again starred with the ball with 4/28 off his nine overs, and Matt Cline put in another great bowling performance with 2/36. With Joshua Smith returning to his opening position, he and Dylan Grandell got the innings off to a great start, being 0/36 off the first seven overs.

The two openers were in cruise control, both batting with great positivity, playing shots all around the ground. Shepparton had no answers to their stroke play.

Both openers brought up their 50s, before accelerating late in the innings, in an attempt to gain the bonus point.

This proved successful as they chased down the opposition's total of 155 in under 36 overs.

The home side was unable to remove either opener, with Numurkah finishing 0/158 off 35.5 overs.

Grandell hit the winning runs with a huge six, to finish on 95 not out, and Josh Smith remained 56 not out, in a tremendous display of batting.

First up win for Purples

NATHALIA's first 11 got its season off to a great start with a good win over Tocumwal last Saturday.

After losing the toss and being asked to field, the bowlers struck early and had the home side at 4/44 before a 44 run partnership steadied the ship. Luke Quinn broke the partnership, to have Tocumwal at 5/88. From there, the Purples continued to apply pressure and managed to bowl Tocumwal out in the final over for a total of 124 runs.

Clancy Congues was the best of the bowlers with 3/16.

Luke Quinn was the star with the bat, scoring 63 not out as batsmen fell around him.

Nathalia overhauled the target and finished at

6/131 in the 34th over.

The Purples now have the bye this coming week.

SECONDS

Nathalia's seconds were at home in their first game of the season, also against Tocumwal, and triumphed by 31 runs.

After winning the toss and batting, the home side managed to score a respectable 8/178 off their allotted 40 overs.

An even bowling performance and pressure applied in the field, allowed Nathalia's bowlers to get on top and restrict the visitors to 9/147.

This week, Nathalia will be hosting Finley.

The thirds will commence their season this Saturday, travelling to Yalca North Recreation Reserve to take on Katunga.

Katunga buries Berrigan

IN its first match of the new cricket season, Katunga, at home, got off to a great start with a smashing win over Berrigan by 75 runs.

Winning the toss and batting first, Katunga scored 6/144

in its allocated overs.

In reply, Berrigan found it difficult to penetrate the field, with great pressure applied by the bowling attack.

Katunga eventually bowled

the visitors out for a meagre 69 runs.

This week sees the firsts again at home, against Katamatite, with the seconds heading off to Nathalia for their first game of the season.

Waaia whacked by Undera

WAAIA B grade travelled to Undera on Saturday and was defeated by six wickets.

After winning the toss and batting, Waaia had no answer to Undera's bowling attack, being dismissed for a lowly 51 runs off 27 overs.

Although Waaia managed to grab some early wickets, the total was just too small to defend, and the home side reached its target in 11 overs.

D GRADE

The D graders played their first match of the season against Undera on Saturday, going down by four wickets.

Losing the toss and being sent in to bat, Waaia managed to score 9/143 off its 40 overs.

In reply, Undera was not off to a good start, losing its first wicket without a run on the board.

Waaia toiled hard and wickets

fell intermittently, Undera at one stage being 6/97.

However, the home side was unable to break through again and the visitors reached their target with seven overs remaining.

This week, A grade travels to Mooroopna, B grade hosts Mooroopna at Waaia and D grade hosts Kyabram at St Josephs Primary School in Numurkah.

Katandra wins the Wright way

KATANDRA captain Jedd Wright played an all-round game to lead his team to a five wicket win over Old Students at Congupna on Saturday. With a bye in the first round, the Katandra players were chomping at the bit to get their season under way.

Losing the toss and having to field, things didn't look too well when the home team had worked its way to 0/94.

Enter Jedd Wright. Wright made the initial breakthrough with a stumping completed by his brother Joe. He then took three of the next four wickets to break open the innings.

Regular wickets helped contain the home side to 8/175 with Jedd Wright the pick of the bowl-

ers with 4/27.

Katandra's chase didn't get off to a good start, with Josh McKinnon losing his wicket early and the Kats were 1/9.

Conservative batting took the team to 2/109, however the biggest concern was whether there were enough overs to score the remaining runs. That's when Wright came to the party, belting a quickfire 70, including five fours and a six, before being run out.

Englishman Scott Richardson then threw the bat late and with seven balls remaining, saw his team over the line with a handy 18.

Katandra will play at home this Saturday against Kyabram.

Kats get the cream

KATANDRA B grade played host to Old Students on Saturday and came away with a thrilling seven run victory.

After winning the toss and batting, the Kats got off to a relatively good start, with opening batsman Clay Simpson compiling a very tidy 36.

From there, regular wickets began to tumble, and Katandra looked to be in trouble.

A quickfire 31 from Ross Hopkins at the end of the innings helped the home side reach 138.

Katandra's defence didn't start well, with the visitors' Matt Harris scoring 53 in quick time.

Once the Kats had broken through the top order, wickets started to tumble, as the home side took control of the game. Andrew Nicholls (2/23), Nathan Hickey (2/17) and Karl Rosevear (2/12) bowled well and Old Students fell away to lose its last seven wickets for only 26 runs.

UNDER 16

Playing at home in its first game of the season, the under 16s started their season well with a six wicket victory over Murchison.

The visitors won the toss and batted, however the young Kats ripped through their batting order to bowl them out for a miserly 86 runs in 17.3 overs. With a reasonably small target to chase, the home side was never in trouble and batted out its allotted overs to score 4/108.

Hicks, Ward and Kellow take out top awards

NATHALIA held its 2019 football/netball presentation last Friday night and in a closely fought out contest, vice captain, Alex Hicks won the seniors best and fairest with 116 votes, just six votes clear of Bailey Bell, on 110.

Reserves best and fairest was awarded to Craig Kellow with 67 votes and Chris Brown received the runner-up award with 60 votes.

The women's competition came down to a single vote, with Vanessa Ward taking out the top prize with 90 votes, just ahead of Tegan Sutton on 89 votes.

In the netball competition, Lisa Kellow once again proved her dominance in the sport, taking out her sixth A grade best and fairest award with 36 votes. Runner-up was Amy Brooks on 21 votes.

OTHER AWARDS

Senior football, Most consistent: Rhys Shannon, Best first year player: Lachlan Gemmill, Leading goalkicker: Liam Evans (67), Coach's award: Joe Nihill, Most improved: Clancy Congues, Supporters: Liam Evans, Most determined: Adam Jorgensen, Have-a-go: Bailey Bell. Reserves football, Most consistent: Matt Carol, Best first year player: Nathan McKenna, Leading goalkicker: Matt Davies (39), Coach's award: Josh Gemmill, Most improved: Sean Zammit, Most valuable: Tyson Richards, Have-a-go: Cam Hickey.

Women's football, Most consistent: Sharnah Stevens, Leading goalkicker: Abby Favaro (31), Coach's award: Colleen Lewer, Players' player: Marni Hicks, Most improved: Gemma Hawks. B grade netball, Best and fairest: Olivia Hanlon (34), Runner-up: Jessi Hicks (23).

C grade netball, Best and fairest: Chloe Armstrong (33), Runner-up: Jen Butler (19).

C reserve netball, Best and fairest: Jodie Coutts (22), Runners-up: Catherine Dealy and Paige Hickey (15).



Women's football ... Vanessa Ward and runner-up Tegan Sutton.



Six of the best ... A grade netball champion Lisa Kellow, with her sixth best and fairest award.



Reserves ... Craig Kellow.



B grade ... Runner-up Jessie Hicks with B&F Olivia Hanlon.



C reserve ... Jodie Coutts, flanked by joint runners-up Paige Hickey and Catherine Dealy.



C grade ... Runner-up Jen Butler with B&F Chloe Armstrong.

Life memberships all in the family

NATHALIA Football Netball Club has recognised another three members with life membership of the club, at the club's annual presentation night last Friday.

Brodie Ross, Narelle Cobble Dick and George Limbrick were all thrilled to receive the awards in front of club members, family and friends.

There was a real family theme to the presentations on the night. Each new life member's achievements were presented by a different person from the club, and badges and certificates presented by family members who are also life members.

George Limbrick is perhaps one of the oldest new life members inducted into any football/netball club, having been a member of the Nathalia club for at least 50 years and served on the committee.

George joins his three sons, Wayne, Peter and Michael, who are all life

members of the club, together with his grandson Jason.

The family has made a significant contribution to the success of the club, with two sons and one grandson also being president of the club.

He was recommended for life membership for his distinguished service as a player, committee person, and continued support of the club.

George commenced his football career with Nathalia in 1946 as a 14 year-old. He played senior football that year, and the following year represented the Murray league in interleague competition against Dandenong league.

"According to reports from players of his era, George was one of the most skilled players in the competition at the time," son Wayne said.

"He won the Nathalia Football Club best and fairest in 1952 and '54, and played in the 1949 premiers team at the age of 17."

George received his badge and certificate from his grandson Jason.

Narelle Oakes has been a very passionate member of the Nathalia Football and Netball Club for more than 30 years, playing netball for more than 20 years, that would surely encompass more than 300 games.

Narelle started playing for Nathalia in 1983 and won the C grade best and fairest in that year. She won the A grade best and fairest in 1992, and won her final playing award, another C grade best and fairest, in 2000.

Narelle has been a very active member of the netball club, coaching, umpiring and being on the committee for a long period of time.

"Narelle has always assisted with teas on Thursday nights, afternoon teas on Saturday and has been catering co-ordinator for the Deb Ball," Neale Hawks said.

"She is always willing to help out in

any way she can."

Narelle's husband, life member Bill, presented her with a badge and certificate.

Brodie Ross notched up his 200th game against Echuca United in July this year.

"Brodie's milestone not only highlights 200 senior games, but also honours his years of wonderful service to the Nathalia Football and Netball Club," Luke Quinn said.

"Brodie epitomises the 'purple spirit' with his commitment to the club as a player and supporter.

"He has not only been a fantastic player but a rare gem, who contributes as much to the club behind the scenes as he does on the ground."

Brodie played all of his junior football with the club, and all but one year of senior footy, when he joined Shepp United in 2014.

He was a small and finely built

junior, but developed into a powerful, forward ruckman, where he has played most of his games.

He has played in five premierships with the club, is a dual club best and fairest winner, including in the 2016 premiers year, has represented the Murray league on five occasions, and was the club's leading goal kicker on four occasions.

"Brodie works tirelessly to support our club and has volunteered his time in a variety of areas over the years," Quinn said.

"He coached the thirds in 2016 and 2017, has, and still does, manage the bar, assumed the role of junior vice president in 2012 and '13 and been the major driver behind the establishment and maintenance of our gym.

"Brodie is a great club person and proud Purple."

Brodie received his badge and certificate from his father Greg.



First up ... George Limbrick with his life membership award.

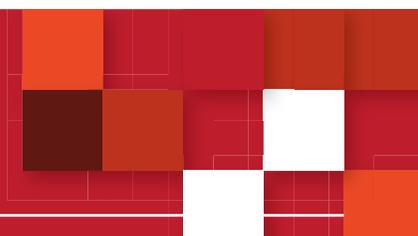


Next in line ... Narelle Oakes with husband Bill, children Alysia and Nathan, and her parents Jan and David Treyvaud.

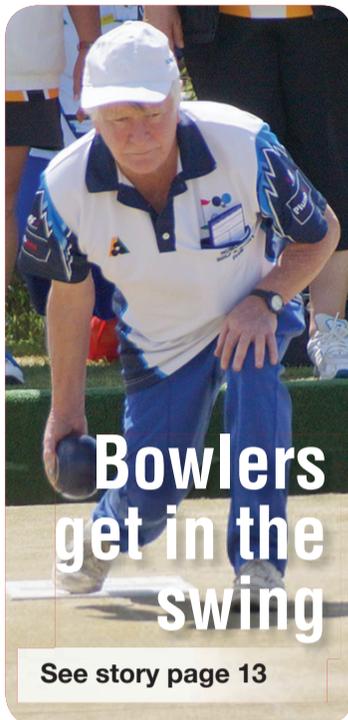


And finally ... Brodie Ross with girlfriend Alysia Oakes, and parents Christine and Greg.

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Bushrangers' pre-season squad announced

LOCAL boys, Rhys Cason and Joshua O'Dwyer from the Numurkah football club, and Max Hendy from Katunga have been selected in the Murray Bushrangers under 18 pre-season squad for 2020. They will take part in the pre-season program which starts on Sunday, November 17, at the Norm Minns Oval in Wangaratta. Murray Bushrangers Talent

Manager Mick Wilson explained the extensive squad selection process that began in July last season. "More than 260 players were nominated for the pre-season squad and, following trial games, training, athletic testing and regional area meetings, the squad was finalised." Wilson also highlighted the support from local clubs. "Clubs were fantastic in

nominating their talented players and some very good players have unfortunately missed selection. "Over the past few seasons we've had more than 110 players come into the pre-season program. However, this year we're following other talent program models in an attempt to more personalise individual training and development requirements,"

Wilson said. The squad will complete an intensive training program over five weeks from November through to Christmas, with another 11 weeks of pre-season training and practice matches from January 12 through to round one on March 20. Murray Bushrangers' under 18 boys coach, Mark Brown, is delighted with the poten-

tial talent in the squad. "We're very excited with the quality of footballers in this squad. The under 16 group won all their 2019 Vic Country Championship matches and most of our under 17 players were exposed to NAB league football in 2019. "If the players do the work, we're confident the team will perform well in 2020," Brown said.

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