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Dressage,, Competitors wait their turn on what is considered the best horse competition ring in regional Victoria.

Showtime!

NUMURKAH'S 132nd agricultural show took place last Wednesday, and a wonderful time was had by all.

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Moira misses out on drought funding

A FEDERAL Government decision to exclude Moira Shire from the list of local government areas to receive \$1 million in drought relief funding has been met with disbelief throughout the district.

Moira's omission from the list has been made all the more painful given the reason stated; Moira has been calculated as having 16.9% of its population employed in the agriculture industry - 0.1% short of the 17% eligibility threshold.

Figures provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) were also used to determine which municipalities received funding, as was rainfall data provided by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

Berrigan Shire and Federation Shire, which are adjacent to Moira, have both been slated to receive the funding.

To add insult to injury, Moyné Shire, located in Victoria's south west, was awarded the funding, despite its mayor Mick Wolfe publicly stating his shire is not in drought. Mr Wolfe has stated that Moyné Shire will not accept the funding.

A spokesperson for Moira Shire told the *Leader* that Moira disagrees with the government's calculations, and is lobbying them to make Moira a recipient of

the \$1 million grant.

Following the announcement last week, Moira shire CEO Mark Henderson questioned the figures, which were supplied by Federal Agriculture Minister Bridget McKenzie.

"I checked our Remplan (economic consultant) figures and it's saying our agriculture industry is 19.5%, so I think there is a bit of mismatch in the data," he said.

"I've sent a note to Senator McKenzie's office asking about that."

Katunga dairy farmer Bridget Goulding told the *Leader* that if so many farmers had not left the region due to water shortages, Moira Shire would easily have met the threshold.

"I know of 117 dairy farmers within a 25 kilometre radius of Numurkah who have shut-up shop in the past couple of years, because of the water situation," she said.

"If they hadn't essentially been forced out, their numbers would have put us over the line.

"Our farmers are suffering just as much as those in neighbouring shires, as are the other agricultural businesses that depend on their trade. It's completely

unfair."

Speaking on Sunrise yesterday morning, mayor Libro Mustica agreed with host Sonia Kruger that the situation is ridiculous, but said he wasn't concerned.

"I think they need to review the stats, I mean, we qualify for over that 17%" he said.

"I'm not really concerned about it. We've got some good federal politicians who are on our side to make sure that we get that \$1 million. I think it's going to happen and that's what I'm counting on."

Cr Mustica said that if Moira Shire does receive the funding, it would allow the community to decide how it was spent, but also reflected on the fact that \$1 million would not go far.

"This drought assistance is going to be required across the whole Moira Shire.

"Moira Shire is over 4,000 square kilometres, so \$1 million is not going to go a long way, but it is certainly going to help some of these farmers and communities get back together again."

The *Leader* did not receive comment from Nationals Member for Nicholls Damian Drum before its publication deadline.

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Warrant issued following assault

POLICE BEAT



A WARRANT has been issued for a 37 year-old male following a family violence assault on Thursday afternoon.

The male assaulted a 41 year-old female in a vehicle while driving around Numurkah.

The male was last seen in a white Hyundai sedan and is known to frequent Numurkah and Katunga.

Witnesses are asked to contact Numurkah police.

Makita power tools valued at more than \$1,000 were stolen from a trailer in Dolphin Street overnight last Thursday.

The unlocked trailer was attached to a utility and was parked in the driveway.

A student's orange and black Malvern Star bicycle was stolen from St Joseph's Primary School last week. The 'Mustang' model bicycle was left near the basketball court on Thursday.

Moira Shire's Leading Senior Constable Chris Westrope addressed around 150 community members regarding farm security last Tuesday night in Tungamah.

The presentation, at Northern Vic Ammo Supplies, came after a series of recent burglaries and thefts at rural properties in Moira Shire.

LSC Westrope spoke on security measures on rural properties and on laws surrounding safe firearm storage.

Grass fire at Katunga

FIRE WATCH

WITH the fire danger period having started, and local CFA crews responding to a grass fire last week, landholders are being reminded of the need to strictly monitor burn-offs.

The call-out occurred at 12.45pm last Tuesday, with Numurkah Katunga and Naring brigades responding to a grass and scrub fire

behind Bristol Street, Katunga.

A heap of branches etc. were being burnt, and the fire got away into dry grass, burning less than a hectare.

Katunga brought the fire under control and Numurkah assisted with blacking out. Naring did not turn out.

Australia Day award nominations closing soon

IF you know an individual or community group that has gone above and beyond in giving back to your community, now is the time to support them with the recognition they deserve by nominating them for our Australia Day Awards.

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Letters to the Editor

Show congratulations

AS principal of Katunga South Primary School, I wish to express my congratulations to all involved in the running of the 2019 show.

I would like you to know that all the hours and hard work that go into the running of an event like the show, is appreciated by all at Katunga South PS.

Each year Katunga South PS encourages our students to involve themselves in various show activities, as we see this as a wonderful way to build community spirit and, when times are tough, events such as the agricultural show give families the opportunity to participate together.

The excitement that is generated for our students when they see all the school displays and their entries in the various classes, along with how proud they are to show their parents, grandparents and friends, is great to see.

This year there seemed to be a large number of exhibits in the school and pre-school sections, which is a credit to all your members and bodes well for future years.

Elizabeth Oudeman
Principal
Katunga South Primary School

Strong Women Challenge

DID you know that, globally, women perform 66% of the

world's work, yet they make up 70% of those living in poverty?

And that women, particularly in low-income countries, are routinely excluded from positions of leadership and left out of decision-making processes?

You can help to change the status quo and make a difference to the lives of women around the world by signing up to complete ActionAid Australia's Strong Women Challenge.

Participants are asked to get friends and family to sponsor them to complete a daily strength-building challenge, symbolically standing in solidarity with women in countries like Kenya, Vanuatu and Cambodia. Funds raised will support women fighting for equality and justice around the world.

The challenge kicks off on Monday, November 4, and every person who signs up will help to empower women around the world.

We encourage your readers to sign up today at <https://strong-womenchallenge.org.au>.

Michelle Higelin
Executive Director, ActionAid Australia

Remembrance Day

AUSTRALIANS are justifiably proud of our Australian Defence Force current serving members and our veterans.

On November 11 at 11am, this and every year, I encourage all Australians to pause for a minute's silence and remember all those who have suffered and died in

wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Every year we mark Remembrance Day because it was at this time and date in 1918 that the guns fell silent on the Western Front, officially ending the First World War.

Originally known as Armistice Day, this day reminds us to pause and remember those who served in the 'war to end all wars' and every conflict and peacekeeping mission since.

We especially honour the more than 102,000 Australians who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and the freedoms we enjoy today.

Remembrance Day is commemorated in towns, cities and local communities across Australia and overseas and I encourage everyone to attend a service and wear a red poppy in memory of our servicemen and women.

Thank you for your service.

Lest we forget.

Darren Chester

Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel

The great divide in health

THE recent release of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report *Burden of Tobacco use in Australia* revealed the ongoing divide between city and regional public health outcomes again.

Smoking is the leading preventable cause of death and disease in Australia and claims the lives

of more than 21,000 Australians each year. Rural people have higher smoking rates and suffer up to 1.8 times the harm from smoking compared to those in major cities.

As a general practitioner and harm reduction specialist for more than 30 years, it's frustrating to see it being neglected, particularly in the bush.

The government has allocated a miserly \$25 million dollars for a media campaign over four years but has no other new strategies to reduce the smoking rate, which has stalled since 2013.

In contrast, smoking rates are falling faster than ever in countries such as the UK and US where vaping is a central part of their quit smoking strategy.

Vaping is a far safer alternative for smokers who are unable to quit with conventional treatments and is actively encouraged by the UK and New Zealand governments. It is perplexing that Australia remains the only Western democracy to ban vaping.

People in rural areas are suffering from a heartbreaking drought. They are also being punished financially by the high tobacco prices. Vaping is a significantly cheaper alternative to smoking, yet it is banned.

All Australians, especially those in rural and remote areas, should question why effective, lifesaving alternatives such as vaping are not available to Australian smokers.

Conjoint Associate Professor Colin Mendelsohn (UNSW) Foundation Chairman and Board Member

Australian Tobacco Harm Reduction Association (ATHRA)

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Local dairy farmer on Q&A

MONDAY night's episode of the ABC's renowned Q&A program focused on the drought, and one local farmer took the opportunity to ask a question to Federal Minister for Water Resources and Drought David Littleproud, who was a panellist on the episode.

Natalie Akers, who runs a dairy farm at Tallygaroopna with husband Geoff, submitted a video question regarding the effects of the Murray Darling Basin Plan on northern Victorian dairying communities.

In the video, as it was aired on the program, Natalie says:

"Northern Victoria produces 80% of milk in the basin but we are at a tipping point.

"The MDBA's own analysis was that northern Victoria has lost 5,000 jobs - that's 2,000 more jobs than any other state.

"The Commonwealth has obtained 25% of water that was once available to farmers.

"Quite simply, the basin plan is creating a man-made drought.

"How can Minister Littleproud claim the basin plan has created more certainty for dairy farmers?"

Program host Hamish McDonald first directed the question to panellist Maryanne Slattery, asking if Mrs Akers' assertion that a man-made drought had been created by the MDBP was accurate.

Ms Slattery is the senior water researcher at the Australia Institute, an independent think-tank based in Canberra. Prior to working at the Australia Institute, she was a director at the Murray-Darling Basin Authority for over a decade.

In response, Ms Slattery said that dairy is on its knees and has very little time left, that government's have exacerbated the drought and that water reform, which includes water markets as well as the basin plan, have made things worse.

Ms Slattery cited many examples of actions within the plan that have contributed to this.

"Last year we saw the flooding of the Barmah-Millewa forest for operational reasons to push water down for almonds at the end of the system, that otherwise could have been used to grow fodder for dairy and cows," Ms Slattery



Asking the hard questions ... Tallygaroopna dairy farmer Natalie Akers took the opportunity to ask the Q&A panellists a question.

said.

In his answer to Mrs Akers' question, Minister Littleproud failed to address the issue of a 'man-made drought' or to revisit the claim he made earlier this year that the MDBP had created more certainty for dairy farmers.

"What the plan does, it says you take 20% of the consumptive pool off farmers and give it to the environment. We have completed 80% of that plan; the last 20% can be done without going near a farmer," the Minister said.

"If the states decide to do the constraints projects, the last piece to invest in the infrastructure and the smarts of today, then we will not need to go near a farmer and we can get the hell out of their lives."

Mrs Akers told the *Leader* yesterday that she felt that the Minister had not answered her question.

"He didn't really address it, it was just more of

the same really," she said.

"There are clearly issues with the plan but they continue to steam roll ahead and not think about the consequences.

"There is no acknowledgment from the Commonwealth of the hurt that is going on in the southern basin. We are at a critical point and they just look the other way."

Though failing to directly address the issues addressed by Mrs Akers, and the anger felt by many in this region, the Minister did acknowledge that he was not well-received in some parts of the basin.

"I get that I'm as popular as the pox in some places," he said.

Throughout the program the Minister repeatedly referred to there being a 'supply issue', that is, lack of rain, and put responsibility for the shortcomings of the plan back on the states.

Fire danger period now in force

THE summer 2019 fire danger period (FDP) is now in force for parts of CFA North East Region District 22 - including Moira Shire and Greater Shepparton Shire- having commenced at 1am on Monday.

CFA District 22 Operations Manager Tony Owen warned that low winter rainfall across the north east means the grass and bush are dry, and Bureau of Meteorology forecasts that the next three months will be drier and warmer than average signal an increased potential for fire.

"Any rainfall we do experience in spring will produce growth, which could very easily become a high fuel load throughout the summer season if not properly managed," Mr Owen said.

"Reducing fuel loads will ensure that if a fire does break out, it has less chance of taking hold or spreading.

"While CFA and its partner agencies Parks Victoria, Forest Fire Management, DELWP and Emergency Management Victoria are doing everything we can to prepare for the bushfire season, we look to the community to use common sense and take responsibility for preventing fires."

During the Fire Danger Period (FDP) fires cannot be lit in the open air without a written permit from CFA or a Municipal Fire Prevention

Officer.

Mr Owen said once the FDP comes into effect, CFA has a zero-tolerance approach to any fires that have started from negligent behaviour.

"Expect any fire you start to be fully investigated by CFA and Victoria Police," he said.

CFA does issue permits for certain situations during the FDP. These are mainly for critical industry, agriculture and other purposes. There are very strict conditions attached to these permits and the liability sits with the permit holder to ensure they always act safely.

Permits are based on local conditions and take into account fuel moisture, fuel loads, grassland curing, weather and rainfall.

Fire Danger Period information and restrictions are published at cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions-during-the-fire-danger-period. The latest restrictions are published on this page the Tuesday before they come into force.

Victorians can find out "Can I or Can't I?" information at cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can or by calling VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

Fire Danger Period information:

- Lighting a fire in the open without a permit is an offence and can bring a penalty of over \$19,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment. Bar-

becues and fires for cooking and warmth do not require a permit, but must be lit in properly constructed fireplaces (to view complete conditions visit cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can

- A Total Fire Ban declaration means no fires can be lit for the declared district for that day unless there is a specific exemption or special permit issued. This applies irrespective of the Fire Restriction status for a given municipality.

- A written permit is required to burn off grass, undergrowth, weeds or other vegetation during the FDP. This permit may be issued by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer or the CFA District Office. Please check with your municipality in the first instance.

- A permit is required to operate a gas powered scare gun.

- The use of an incinerator, chainsaw/lawn mower, welding/grinding equipment and vehicles that come in contact with vegetation and machinery with an internal combustion/heat engine are permitted provided conditions are followed. Conditions also apply to commercial caterers, barbecues, camp fires and machinery.

- Farmers can find legal guidelines and practical advice at cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/farms - this information is important especially for new farmers, bush block owners or hobby farmers.

Transport dept urges safe summer travel

SUMMER may still officially be a month away, but the arrival of high temperatures has prompted the Department of Transport to remind motorists and passengers to be vigilant when planning to travel in the heat.

With vehicle breakdowns more likely to occur in extreme heat, motorists are encouraged to check brakes, tyres, oil and water before setting off, and ensure there's enough fuel for the trip to avoid getting stranded.

In the event of a breakdown, drivers should stop or park in the shade and avoid parking on

long dry grass, which becomes a potential fire hazard due to the hot exhaust system.

It's also recommended that motorists carry plenty of fresh drinking water. Never leave children or pets unattended in a parked car; temperatures quickly rise to dangerous levels and just a few minutes can have tragic consequences.

Those relying on public transport should also be aware that V/Line trains have heat speed restrictions when the temperature hits 36 degrees.

Forecasts suggest some areas in the north east of the state may reach or exceed this temperature

in coming days, so travellers are advised to keep this in mind when planning trips.

It's not anticipated that there'll be any impact to train or tram services in Metropolitan Melbourne.

Real-time traffic conditions are available at traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au, or via the VicTraffic mobile app.

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Happy to see history restored ... Mayor Libro Mustica aboard the restored Barmah Punt with members of the Yorta Yorta Nation.

Barmah punt restored to former glory

THE historic Barmah punt - the oldest surviving cable punt ferry on the Murray River - has been restored to its former glory.

An official opening of the restored punt was recently held at Barmah's Jack Edwards Park, where the decommissioned punt has been located for many years.

Around 180 people attended the unveiling, including a large contingent from the Yorta Yorta Nation.

In 2017, the punt restoration project received a State Government Living Heritage grant of \$200,000, and Moira Shire provided the additional \$29,000 to complete the funding.

The restoration works included the excavation and lifting of the punt from its current location, its removal to a new cradle structure and prioritised stabilisation repairs.

Built in 1929 by the NSW Department of Main Roads, it was towed by steamer to Barmah to replace an earlier punt operated by William Maloney.

The punt operated from 1929 until 1966 when the ferry crossing became redundant with the construction of the bridge.

Punt ferries were once the most common form of deep river crossing in the colonies and played

a significant role in facilitating inter-colonial trade and communication between New South Wales and Victoria.

Important crossings became the location of settlements and most were eventually replaced with bridges.

The Barmah punt is a timber structure consisting of a pontoon base with an attached engine house which was counterweighted by a timber box filled with concrete.

The punt ran along a guide cable on the upstream side and a drive cable on the downstream side. The cables were anchored to each bank. The

concrete base of the drive side anchor point is still visible on the Victorian bank.

The pontoon has a high whale-back form and is constructed of thick hardwood longitudinal planks over hardwood timber joists.

The pontoon structure is braced and stiffened by steel cables over high timber posts. The side rails are constructed of timber post and rail. Timber gates are located at each end of the deck and were closed to secure the ends of the punt during crossing.

Two local ferry crossings remain on the Murray River between New South Wales and Victoria but both of these use punts of later construction.



Quad bike safety rebate extended until 30 June.

The Victorian Government's quad bike safety rebate has been extended to 30 June 2020.

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Lou recognised as senior achiever

NUMURKAH community stalwart Lou Hamon has been recognised with the presentation of a Senior Achiever award at the 2019 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

The awards are designed to honour senior Victorians who have made 'significant contributions to local communities and Victoria'.

Lou was nominated by Moira Arts and Culture Inc, for his contribution to arts and culture in the Goulburn Valley, for supporting local productions and for ensuring regional performances from major arts companies.

The Victorian Senior of the Year Awards acknowledge older Victorians who volunteer to assist, support and encourage others in their communities, as well as recognising community organisations or businesses that create age-friendly communities through inclusion and active ageing.

The Awards are a partnership between the Department of Health and Human Services and COTA Victoria.

It is fitting that Lou should be recognised for his contribution to the arts, as in addition to his work with MAC Inc., Lou produced and directed Numurkah Singers' productions for 30 years and acted as stage manager for a further five.

Lou was so synonymous with the theatre company, that when they created their own awards, they named them The Louis Awards.

Of course, so ubiquitous is Lou in community life in Numurkah, that many know him from the many other volunteer roles he has filled, and continues to fill.

Lou's contributions are impressive to say the least, and include 45 years service to Scouts, 32 years on the board of NDHS - for which he was awarded a life governorship - almost 30 years with St George's Anglican Parish, many years with the Numurkah Australia Day committee and 20 years as chair of the Numurkah Town Hall committee of management.

As chairman of the Rotary Club of Numurkah's Art & Craft Committee since 1995, Lou is also a driving force behind the club's successful and long-running annual art and craft show.

Lou was named Shire of Numurkah Citizen of



Humble ... Lou Hamon at the awards ceremony with Victorian Governor The Honourable Linda Dessau and Minister for Ageing Luke Donnellan.

the Year in 1984, received the Commonwealth Centenary Medal in 2003, and the Order of Australia Medal in 2010.

Lou said it's no accident that the arts feature so heavily in his contributions to the community.

"If I take something up, I need to be passionate about it because, if I am going to put my time and energy into something, it needs to be something I enjoy," he said.

Lou doesn't see the fact that he has devoted so much of his time and energy into unpaid work for his community as marking him out as some-

one special.

"I'm just an ordinary guy giving his bit back to the community," he said.

"I've met wonderful people doing community work, and we've worked together to achieve things we couldn't have achieved on our own. It's always a group effort.

"We live in a wonderful community and the community was very good to me during my 45 years in business, so it's only right that I should give back."



SUZANNA SHEED MP

INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR SHEPPARTON DISTRICT

Damage to Barmah Choke

Last week I took an extended tour of the Narrows by boat to view the damage to the Barmah Choke and I was shocked by what I saw.

Old River red gums – some up to 500 years old – are ready to fall into the river. Many trees have already fallen in, some recently. Banks are slumping into the river.

The effect of the high flows on the Murray River and Goulburn River need to be recognised and action taken to prevent it.

People who have lived along the river all their lives are shocked at the damage to the river and the complete disregard for the local community's voice on the issue.

It is said that we are now in the driest spell in Australia and yet the water we have left in our dams, particularly in Hume and Dartmouth, continue to fill the Lower Lakes with freshwater when it is known they were estuarine.

I am spending a great deal of time and effort contending with water policy at a state level but action is also needed at the federal level.

To see the Lower Lakes full and the barrages open when there is limited or no water available for farmers in the Murray and GMID is causing much anger.



Numurkah Show

I enjoyed attending the annual Numurkah Agricultural and Pastoral Society Show last week. I always look forward to our local shows, as they provide an opportunity to showcase our communities' fine produce, animals, baking, agriculture, talents, arts and crafts. It was obvious many youngsters enjoyed the opportunity to participate through their fabulous contributions to the art and craft exhibitions. The numerous creative entries by the pre-schoolers were particularly impressive.



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Join the spooky trail around Nathalia

IF you go down to Nathalia this Thursday evening, you may well encounter a whole lot of little monsters, as Halloween 3638 takes to the streets for the third year running.

Everybody has a favourite annual event, and for Regina Pawlowicz and her family that event is Halloween.

Regina and her children started trick or treating in Nathalia around five years ago, visiting a few houses on one street that had been organised via a teacher at Regina's children's daycare.

After a couple of years of Regina and her children donning their spooky best and hitting the streets on October 31, word got around and others asked if their kids could tag along.

Not wanting anyone to miss out, Regina was happy to accommodate, but said she ended up with a bit more than she'd bargained for.

"I had 78 kids turn up!" she said. "It was too much, but the kids all had a fantastic time, so I thought I had to find a way to make it official if I wanted to keep it going."

Regina spoke to some like-minded people, created a committee of four, and reached out to Western Moira Tourism for help and advice.

Western Moira Tourism were happy to become an event partner and helped plan how it could work, as well as provide insurance.

The event now requires registration for all participants - both walkers and homeowners - with a \$4 fee per child, all of whom must be accompanied by an adult guardian.

"It's not a supervised event, so all kids, regardless of age, have to

be accompanied by an adult. It's the only way we can do it," Regina said.

"We go out in groups and each group has a leader, who is usually some type of teacher and has a working with children card.

"We only go to houses that have pre-registered and are on our maps, and we supply all of the treats to them in sealed bags, so all they have to do is hand them out."

There will be two walks this year, a short walk and a long walk, and each group is accompanied by a pilot car.

Regina said that everything used for the event is purchased locally, except for the wrist bands worn by participants, because a local supplier couldn't be found.

"It's a great event for the whole community, and everybody has a great time."

Regina said the organisers are aware that not everybody is a fan of Halloween, due mainly to a misconception that it is an American tradition rather than an ancient pagan ritual.

"Nobody has to be involved if they don't want to, but for those who want to dress up and have some spooky fun, we really want to provide the opportunity for them to do that safely here in Nathalia," she said.

The event starts at Nathalia library at 6pm, and finishes at 7.30pm.

Registrations will reopen tonight for an hour only - from 5.30pm-6.30pm, so get in quick, because there are no registrations on the night.

Bookings can be made at try-booking: Halloween 3638 2019.

Don't forget your loot bag!



Ready to trick or treat ... Participants donned their spooky best for last year's Halloween 3638 walk.

Skate park expansion plan gains momentum

A CAMPAIGN to expand Numurkah skate park is gaining momentum, with two shire councillors visiting the facility last Thursday to meet with users.

The campaign to expand the park was launched in August and a facebook group, Numurkah Skatepark Community, which now as 141 members, was established.

The initiator of the campaign, and creator of the group, Josh McKenzie, who regularly visits the skate park with his two young children, told the *Leader* in August that the park was essentially a victim of its own success.

“Between 3.30pm and 6pm is peak time and it gets very crowded,” he said.

“Ideally, you’d add a section where the younger kids could practise their skills so they can develop to a level where they can use the bigger ramps safely without being in anybody’s way and being in danger.”

Mayor Libro Mustica, who visited the park on Thursday along with Cr Gary Cleveland, said the benefits of an expansion of the park were obvious to council.

“It’s an important recreational space for Numurkah’s young people and it’s in a terrific location here where there is certainly room to expand,” he said.

Cr Mustica also had praise for the way the campaign group has gone about seeking an expansion.

“They’ve been proactive in gathering community support and producing designs that demonstrate how an expansion could be carried out in stages, without demanding a huge amount of money all at once,” he said.

“That allows for flexibility in sourcing funding to build the facility up.”

Tom Newton, now aged 21, told the *Leader* that he had been using the skate park since it opened when he was a 10 year-old.

“I’ve learnt everything I know about skating by practising here, and I still enjoy using it,” he said.

“It’s a good park, but it definitely needs an expansion. It’s a bit too challenging for little kids, and rather than throw them in at the deep end and expect them to be able to use it alongside older and more expert users, they need a space where they can safely work on their skills and confidence.”

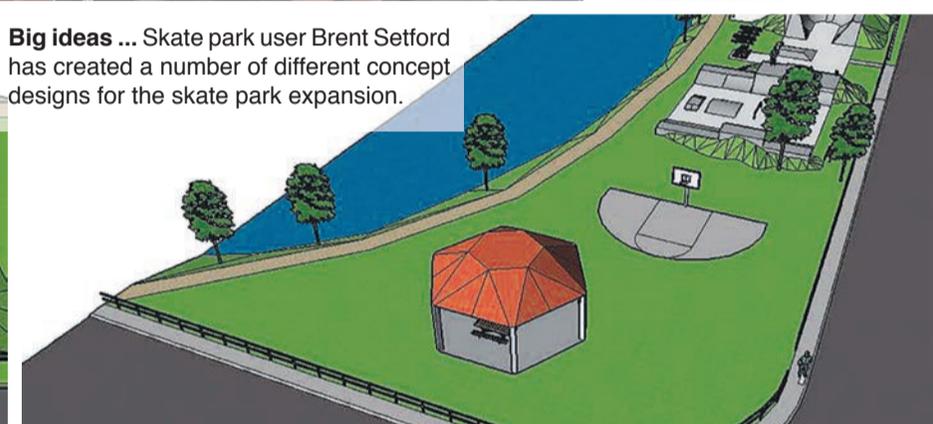
The Numurkah skate park was constructed in 2008 at a cost of \$125,000; at this stage it is unknown how much an expansion would cost, and what funding sources could be accessed.

Cr Mustica said the next stage is for the campaign group to submit a formal proposal to council, who would then invite them to a briefing on the project.

“We’re looking forward to working with them to make this happen,” he said.



Ready to work together ... Back (from left): Josh McKenzie, Cr Gary Cleveland. Middle: Levi McKenzie, Addison McKenzie, Brent Setford holding Lucas Setford, Cr Libro Mustica. Front: Tom Masters and Nicholas Tickell.



Big ideas ... Skate park user Brent Setford has created a number of different concept designs for the skate park expansion.

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Thelma Clark celebrates a century



100 not out ... Thelma Clark, one of Numurkah district’s original soldier settlers, recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Thelma moved to Katunga with her husband Arthur in 1952, where they were orchardists for many years. Thelma, who now lives in Murwillumbah, celebrated her birthday with a family reunion.



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MHA Care is your local provider of the following Government Funded Aged Care Services:

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The CHSP program is Funded by the Australian Government and is designed to provide a range of entry-level aged care services for older people who need assistance to remain living independently at home and in their community.

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Inaugural winners and donors ... Di Jorgensen, Kohl Considine, Joshua Grovers and Heather Morgan with the PA system the boys created and the awards.

Crafty idea wins inaugural Janet Mitchell award

AFTER Janet Mitchell passed away in April this year, two of her closest friends wanted a way to honour her, and the answer was obvious.

At the Numurkah show last week, the inaugural Janet Mitchell award was presented in the craft category - combining two things that Janet's friend Di Jorgensen said were close to Janet's heart.

"Janet was on the show committee for a long time, and she loved craft," Di said.

"Creating an award in her name for the best overall craft piece seemed like a proper and fitting tribute to her."

The award is sponsored by Di and another close friend of Janet's, Heather Morgan, and takes the form of a rosette in Janet's favourite colour - purple.

The inaugural Janet Mitchell Memorial Rosette for Best Overall Craft Piece was won by two Numurkah Secondary School year 10 students - Kohl Considine and Joshua Grovers.

The winning piece consisted of a sound system mounted in a wheelie bin, which will be used as a PA system on sports days and at other events.

Joshua told the *Leader* he got the idea from seeing something similar on Facebook, and thought it would be a fun and interesting project.

"I made a prototype at home using a car radio and a small bin, and then asked if we could make a full-scale version at school," he said.

The school agreed, and provided a modest budget, and the boys got to work, using time in their metal and woodwork classes as well as their own time.

Kohl said that it was a good learning experience.

"Because we were using a car stereo, we origi-

nally had it running off a car battery, so we had to work out how to get it running off mains power, which took a bit of problem solving," he said.

The unit has four speakers, a sub-woofer and control unit on the outside of the bin, with all other components, including an extension lead, on the inside.

"It's good, because it's completely contained so it's safe, and it can be wheeled to where you need it, as long as the extension lead can reach a power outlet," Joshua said.

The boys were happy with the end result, and wondered if it would be eligible for entry in a show category.

It turned out that it qualified as a craft piece, so the boys entered it, not expecting to win anything.

"We were surprised to win best overall craft piece, and pretty excited because it's probably not what you'd really think of as craft," Joshua said.

Di said that it also wasn't quite what she had anticipated when she and Heather created the award, but they were more than happy with the outcome.

"It isn't what we had in mind, but it's wonderful," she said.

"The boys have obviously worked hard on it, and they've done a great job. If awards like this encourage kids to take part and display their creativity in different ways, then that's great.

"We couldn't be prouder of the rosette and the award and the fact that these boys are the first winners.

"We're looking forward to seeing what wins in the future."

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Numurkah Show

All the fun of the show

THE Numurkah show has been hailed a huge success once again, with a great time had by one and all.

Under a beautiful blue sky, the year-long efforts of the hard working committee paid off in spades, with strong entries in almost all categories, and smiles on all faces - which Numurkah Agricultural and Pastoral Society secretary Sue Aldridge said is the true mark of a good show.

"Everybody had fun, and that's what we really judge it by," Ms Aldridge said.

"The committee members all agree that it went very well, and we were all very, very happy with it."

Though, given the popularity of family passes, the number of attendees is impossible to pinpoint, the committee believe it's safe to say that numbers were at least equal to recent years.

"We don't have access to exact gate numbers, but it was a very good gate and we are more than happy with the attendance," Ms Aldridge said.

Competitors were also happy with the show, with some of the state's best show jumpers competing and complimenting the committee on the

quality of the arena, which they agreed was the best show jumping ring in country Victoria.

Entry numbers in the dog show were also excellent, with those who entered their canine companions for the judges' scrutiny praising it as the best Victorian dog show outside of Melbourne.

Ms Aldridge said that the number and quality of entries in the floral section was especially good this year, and the committee were pleased to see so many entries paying homage to the theme of shoes and boots.

Other categories were also well patronised.

"The cooking and craft sections attracted a good amount of entries, and the quality was excellent as well, so we were very pleased," Ms Aldridge said.

Local artist Geoff Lugg, who coordinates the art category, told the *Leader* that the standard of entries this year was excellent.

"There are some terrific stand-out pieces and the overall standard is very high," he said.

"It's really pleasing to see artists of all ages, most of them local, taking the opportunity to enter their work."



Ready to ride ... Breanna and Charlie practise their form as they wait to be spun on one of the rides at the show.



Bouncing around ... Aiden Manfield couldn't get enough of the bouncy castle.



Curiouser and curiouser ... Peter Wright from Adelaide waits in the shade with his Irish Wolfhounds Bradley and Hogan until it's their time to shine.



Family fun ... Damian, Tegan and Dail (front) Hommes were enjoying show day.



Fancy ladies ... Johnny Reid entered his chickens Whoopi Goldberg and Kate Middleton in the poultry competition.

Numurkah Show

The Numurkah Leader
GOULBURN VALLEY FARMERS AND FRUIT GROWERS GAZETTE

100

years ago

This week in 1919 ...

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

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

DEATH OF MR. JOHN COOPER ROCKLIFF. AN ESTIMABLE GENTLEMAN PASSES.

A wave of very deepest regret passed over a wide district on Thursday morning last when it became known that Mr J. C. Rockliff, of "Melrose" Numurkah, had passed away suddenly about 4 o'clock that morning.

The deceased gentleman was one of the best known figures in the Valley, and on all sides he was highly esteemed for his undeviating honesty of purpose, his sympathetic nature, and a dry humour that robbed many a caustic comment of its sting.

Born in Chudleigh, Tasmania, 67 years ago, John Cooper Rockliff came to Victoria about 46 years ago, and accepted work felling timber at Toolamba for Mr Craven, at the time when that district was just being opened up. Mr Craven took a delight in boasting that young Rockliff was the best man with the axe that he had ever employed, and the boast was justified, for Mr Rockliff was a sturdy young fellow, and even just before his death was possessed of a muscular, vigorous frame. After three years "bush-whacking," John Rockliff and his brother Reuben came to the Numurkah district, where they selected the property on which "Melrose" now stands.

A trip to Benalla by the brothers, where their application for 640 acres was successful, preceded a term as partners, but a couple of years later each took up 320 acres on his own account. John some eight years later purchased Reuben's property, and retained it ever since.

About 1883 Mr Rockliff married Miss Eliza Hall (whose father was an old settler in Tasmania), and from this union there still survives three daughters—Leila (Mrs K. Pearn), Ethel (also Mrs Pearn), and Florence (Mrs Frank Thornton; —and one son (Mr Clem Rockliff).

A Good Suggestion—A suggestion that we are sure would be given effect to if placed promptly before the authorities was made us yesterday.

Owing to in the dry season many, many farmers are faced with the problem of what to do with (in many cases) their meagre crops. A great number of these would be cut for hay in ordinary circumstances, on account of the high price that commodity is bringing just now, but if this were done many farmers would be at a loss for seed wheat for next sowing season.

The suggestion made is that those farmers who have wheat in the wheat pool should be allowed to re-claim sufficient to meet their wants for next season at the price they have been paid for it, plus the expenses the Government has been put to in storing the wheat, etc. The proposal seems a perfectly reasonable one, but if anything is to be done it must be done quickly, in order that farmers will know exactly what to do with their crops this season.

Richmond House.—Richmond house, Swanstreet, Richmond, was recently opened by General Brand, C.B., D.S.O., as a hostel for returned soldiers and sailors.

It has been organised by the Returned Soldiers' Committee of the Presbyterian Church for the purpose of providing accommodation for soldiers whose homes are in the country and who are detained in Melbourne either for out-patient treatment or on repatriation business. Richmond House provides accommodation for upwards of 70 men; it has been furnished comfortably, and a returned soldier, Staff-Sergt. Kingsford, with his wife, manages the hostel. Bed and breakfast can be obtained for 2/6. The building has only lately been thoroughly renovated, and it will be found to offer suitable accommodation to soldiers in the City, the locality being handy to Melbourne.

Mechanics' Pictures. — For years the name of "Caruso" has signified the very best in singing, and it is a quite natural desire to see and hear the great artist. Unfortunately the journey to New York and a visit to the famous opera house, the "Metropolitan," would prove too expensive for most of us. Such is the marvel of the screen, however, that we are able to see these famous men as they appear in their work and at their play. In "My Cousin" there is a series of scenes in which Caruso is shown singing in his best role, "Pagliacci." Much of the famous tenor's life history is given in this beautiful love story.

Furry friends ... Emily Peck with Quest (left) and Carlie McKelmann with Nigella kept the competition friendly in the beef ring.



Winning big ... Dot Harrison from Pioneers Lodge won a special award as well as first prize in the special open section with her floral shoe display.



Joy ride ... It was a beautiful day to compete for both horse and rider in the show-jumping.



Well deserved recognition ... Sue Aldridge, Bev Patrick and Graeme Padgett presented showjumper Debbie Jackson with a certificate of appreciation for over two decades service.



Date with a razor for a good cause

THERE are few things more refreshing than a good haircut, and last Friday two St Mary of the Angels students got very good haircuts indeed, benefiting a good cause in the process.

Year 11 students James Kam and Rhys Cason had their heads shaved in front of students, teachers and family members as part of the Leukaemia Foundation's Shave for a Cure fundraiser, raising almost \$1,250 for medical research in the process.

The journey to the great shave started in May, after Rhys turned on the TV whilst he was getting ready for school one morning.

"They were talking about blood cancer and there was a family on there who had lost someone to it and they were devastated," he said.

"They mentioned Shave for a Cure and I thought 'I could do that'. I don't care about my hair, so if I can help someone by shaving it off then I'm happy to do it."

Rhys mentioned it to his mate James, who immediately agreed to take part as well - and both boys started raising funds and growing their hair.

James told the *Leader* that growing his hair long was the hardest part of the experience.

"I haven't had a haircut since January," he said

"I don't like long hair, it's uncomfortable, so I'm really glad to get rid of it."

As their hair has been quietly growing in the background, the boys have been busy fundraising; mostly around Numurkah where they are both from.

With generous donations from the football club and other groups and individuals, their combined total had reached \$1,135 by Friday, with an ice cream container being passed around whilst the shaving took place netting another \$100.

Both boys' parents said they had no qualms about the boys having their heads shaved, though James' mum Jayne said she was surprised by the choice of fundraiser.

"I know he doesn't like long hair, so it was a bit of a shock, but if he was happy to do it, I was happy to let him," she said.

Rhys' mum Nicole Cason said she was impressed by the boys' initiative.

"I'm really proud about how they've gone about it," she said.

"It's been completely them driving it the whole time and being proactive about raising the funds."

By shave-time on Friday, both boys had developed quite an impressive mop for family friend Chloe Miles to take the clippers to.

As a bonus donation, the hair the boys had so patiently grown was saved and donated to be used in the creation of wigs for those undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

Once the deed was done and James and Rhys were both sporting a 'number one', there were zero regrets.

"It feels great," they said in unison.



After ... James and Rhys both agreed that they were happy with the outcome.



Before ... James Kam and Rhys Cason sporting their resplendent manes pre-shave.



During ... Chloe Mills donated her time and expertise to shave the boys' heads.



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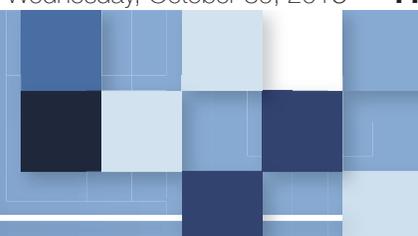
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Halloween 3638

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Mark Henderson
Chief Executive Officer

THANKS

Thank You Numurkah

AMOS (Australian Mechanical Organ Society) members would like to thank all businesses, organisations, community members and members of the Moira Shire Council for your support and encouragement in staging our Annual Rally in Numurkah on 18-20 October, 2019.

Members enjoyed playing their organs to people in Numurkah and District and feedback suggests that the event was well-received. The hospitality and friendship of the local community was much appreciated

I'm sure individual members of AMOS would be happy to play their organs in the future if invited. Thank you again for your wonderful support.

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MEETINGS

9th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF Providing All Living Supports (PALS) Inc

6.00pm Wednesday, October 30th 2019
Shamrock Hotel Numurkah

Business:

- Item 1.** Welcome. Attendances. Apologies.
- Item 2.** To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any special meeting.
- Item 3.** To receive the reports of Committee and audited statement of accounts.
- Item 4.** To elect members of the Committee of Management in accordance with Rules (51) and (52) of the Constitution. One (1) COM member is to retire due to cessation of time and is eligible for re-election. There are two (2) further positions vacant in this year's election cycle.
- Item 5.** To confirm or vary the amounts of the annual subscription and joining fee.
- Item 6.** To elect an Auditor.
- Item 7.** To transact any other business of which 7 days' notice has been given to the Secretary in writing.
- Item 8.** Presentation: Orr Street staff and customers.
- Item 9.** Other Business.

Official forms for nomination to positions of office as described above are available from the Secretary. Formal nominations/applications close on 23rd October 2019.

Please note annual subscriptions are now due.

The Secretary
PALS Inc

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All financial reports will be mailed out to current Financial Association Members prior to Annual General Meeting.

DEATHS

CANTWELL — Danny.
8.7.1949 – 25.10.2019
Late of Numurkah. Loving husband of Mary. Father and Father-in-law of Janine and Marcus, Leigh and Jessica. Adored gramps to Chelsea, Riley, Blake, Brennen and Connor and their partners. Cherished Great Gramps to Isla and Sienna.
*Weep not that he has gone.
But smile that he has been.*

CANTWELL — Danny.
Danny, you will be in our hearts forever and we will treasure happy memories that we have of you, our dear friend.
Kev and Jenny

CHRISTIENSEN — Remedios "Remy" Benologa
Late of Echuca, formerly of Strathmerton.
Passed away peacefully on 27th October, 2019, aged 74 years, at Glanville Village, Echuca. Dearly loved wife of Maurice (dec.).

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DEATHS

GRINTER — Richard.
Thank you to all who have passed on their condolences to the family of Richard Grinter.

Richard passed away on 21st October.

A private ceremony has been held and a memorial will take place in the next couple of weeks.



GRINTER — Richard. The Assistant Chief Officers, Staff and Volunteers of the North East Region regret the passing of member Richard Grinter. Deepest Sympathy to his family and all the members of Numurkah Fire Brigade.

LEAF — Beverley Joan 'Bev'
19.9.1939–20.10.2019
Late of Nathalia, passed away unexpectedly at G.V. Health Shepparton. Dearly loved eldest child of Ivy and George Leaf (both dec.).
Loved and loving sister of Neville (dec.) and Maureen; sister-in-law of Marion (dec.) and Michael O'Neill (dec.); Aunty of Maree O'Neill.
Loving Memories
Rest in Peace

Aunty Bev,
Loving memories, you will be sadly missed.
Your loving niece
Maree

FUNERAL NOTICES

CANTWELL — Funeral prayers for the repose of the soul of Mr Danny Cantwell will be offered at the Numurkah Town Hall, Knox Street, Numurkah, on Friday November 8, 2019, commencing at 1:30pm, followed by interment at the Numurkah Lawn Cemetery.



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LEAF — A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Miss. Beverley Joan 'Bev' Leaf will be held at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Robertson Street, Nathalia on Friday November 1, 2019 commencing at 11am, after which the cortege will leave for the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery.

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Another close finish

LAST Tuesday saw another good roll up of golf croquet players to the Numurkah courts, and another extremely tight finish, with the day's winner being decided by hoops against.

Faye Miller, Glenys Londey, Lyn Hughes and Joan I. Hansen all came in with three wins and 21 hoops, with Faye Miller being announced winner with 3/21/7 and Joan I. Hansen runner-up with 3/21/10.

It was obviously not a good day for jump shots with only one successful

one, played by Kevin Hansen.

After the previous week's three wins from three pennant matches, club members were disappointed to finish with no team winning last week.

The association team played at Shepparton last Wednesday against Shepparton Green, with the final score being Green 3/72 to Numurkah 3/69. Conditions were very warm and the games very close, but Numurkah lost the match by just three hoops.

Jennifer Sprunt and Chris Sharp

won their doubles 10-9, and the two singles game winners were Lea Grant 10-4 and Jennifer Sprunt 13-8.

Golf croquet White played at home last Wednesday, against second on the ladder Shepparton Green, while the temperature reached the mid 30s, in a hint of what is to come, and a huge shock after the cold of recent weeks.

White only won three of the eight singles, and losing the first two doubles put paid to their chances of a win, even though the total of doubles hoops was level at 24 each.

Graham Tyack continues to be Mr Consistent, winning three games, 7-5, 7-6 in the singles and 7-3 in the only doubles win for White, with partner Ian Londey.

Final scores for the match, saw Numurkah White 4/62 to Shepparton Green 8/73.

Golf croquet Blue played at Kyabram last Thursday, also going down 3-5 in the singles and only managing to win two of the doubles, leaving them with a 5/64 to Kyabram 7/68 loss.

Joan I. Hansen won three from four,

7-5 in the singles, 7-2 with David Geddes and 7-4 with Rhonda Geddes in the doubles.

Blue is still in third place on the ladder but will need to win two of the last three matches to be sure of a place in the finals, as only 17 points separate third from seventh on the ladder.

This week, the association team travels to Rich River on Wednesday, on Thursday golf croquet White will be at home to Echuca Moama, and Blue will play at Shepparton against, now top of the ladder team, Shepp Green.

Summer SPORT scoreboard



Cricket

CRICKET SHEPPARTON

One day game

A GRADE

WAAIA It NUMURKAH

Toss won by Numurkah, batted first

1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

D Grandell c BG Carey b J Trower.....	5
J Smith lbw b J Cleeland.....	7
W Amel c G Meyland b J Trower.....	5
SE Downie st BG Carey b J Cleeland.....	53
J Lau not out.....	64
M Eckard c J Trower b MJ Cleeland.....	30
Extras (nb 0, w 10, b 2, lb 3).....	15
Total.....	5/179 (cc)
Overs 45.0	
FOW: 7 (D Grandell) 17 (W Amel) 34 (J Smith) 113 (SE Downie) 179 (M Eckard)	
Bowling: MJ Cleeland 9.0 0 1 48; J Trower 9.0 1 2 34; J Cleeland 9.0 0 2 34; G Meyland 9.0 0 0 20; S Moore 7.0 0 0 32; K Tatt 2.0 0 0 6.	

1ST INNINGS - WAAIA

BG Carey b L Gledhill.....	19
G Meyland c M Price b M Cline.....	8
R Knight lbw b M Grandell.....	11
S Moore run out.....	4
MJ Cleeland c J Smith b M Grandell.....	6
J Cleeland c L Gledhill b M Grandell.....	0
D Booth c D Grandell b M Grandell.....	1
K Tatt b M Grandell.....	4
J Trower run out (D Grandell).....	3
S Trower not out.....	21
M Stuart b M Cline.....	21
Extras (nb 0, w 14, b 2, lb 5).....	21
Total.....	119
Overs 38.1	
FOW: 26 (G Meyland) 49 (BG Carey) 50 (R Knight) 61 (MJ Cleeland) 63 (J Cleeland) 63 (S Moore) 64 (D Booth) 70 (K Tatt) 76 (J Trower) 119 (M Stuart)	
Bowling: M Cline 6.1 0 2 15; T Braybon 5.0 0 0 28; SE Downie 5.0 1 0 11; L Gledhill 4.0 2 1 12; M Grandell 9.0 3 5 24; M Eckard 9.0 1 0 22.	

TATURA It KATANDRA

Toss won by Katandra, batted first

1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA

B Clurey c & b S McAllister.....	58
B Black b M Archer.....	44
L Patel lbw b M Archer.....	2
JM Wright c & b S McAllister.....	33
S Richardson run out.....	49
H Sirett c & b S McAllister.....	8
A Riordan c & b B Armstrong.....	32
JG Wright not out.....	8
P Inglis not out.....	0
Extras (nb 0, w 9, b 2, lb 8).....	19
Total.....	7/253 (cc)
Overs 45.0	
FOW: 92 (B Black) 94 (L Patel) 147 (B Clurey) 150 (JM Wright) 166 (H Sirett) 241 (A Riordan) 252 (S Richardson)	
Bowling: J Armstrong 9.0 0 0 48; B Archer 4.0 1 0 23; C Davies 6.0 0 0 38; M Archer 9.0 0 2 48; L Worm 4.0 0 0 33; S McAllister 9.0 2 3 36; B Armstrong 4.0 1 1 17.	

1ST INNINGS - TATURA

R Singh c & b H Sirett.....	0
L Worm run out.....	11
D Miller c & b H Sirett.....	0
J Armstrong c & b H Sirett.....	3
C Davies c & b S Dickson.....	2
M Archer not out.....	74
B Armstrong c & b RW Shannon.....	8
W Pyke lbw b S Richardson.....	8
N Watt run out.....	0
S McAllister c JG Wright b RW Shannon.....	10
B Archer lbw b S Dickson.....	2
Extras (nb 1, w 7, b 1, lb 2).....	11
Total.....	129
Overs 37.1	
FOW: 0 (R Singh) 4 (D Miller) 9 (J Armstrong) 14 (C Davies) 25 (L Worm) 44 (B Armstrong) 93 (W Pyke) 102 (N Watt) 126 (S McAllister) 129 (B Archer)	
Bowling: H Sirett 6.0 3 3 10; S Dickson 6.1 0 2 27; RW Shannon 6.0 1 1 30; P Inglis 6.0 2 1 9; S Richardson 6.0 1 1 16; JM Wright 1.0 0 0 8; A Riordan 3.0 0 0 22; L Patel 3.0 0 0 4.	

Mooroopna	3	1	0	2	0	1	0	18	1.47
Kyabram	4	0	0	3	0	1	0	18	1.19
Northerners	4	0	0	3	0	1	0	18	1.14
Waaia	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	12	0.94
Old Students	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	12	0.85
Karramomus	4	0	0	1	0	3	0	6	0.97
CP/St Bs	4	0	0	1	0	3	0	6	0.69
Shepp United	4	0	0	1	0	3	0	6	0.58
Tatura	4	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	0.36
Euroa	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0.41

B GRADE

NUMURKAH def WAAIA

Toss won by Waaia, batted first

1ST INNINGS - WAAIA

D Wilson lbw b B Roberts.....	5
BJ Daniel c S Spicer b M Martin.....	10
K Allen b M Martin.....	0
M Daniel c J Pruden b M Martin.....	1
H Hixon b M Martin.....	6
G Hopkins c J Pruden b H Verhoeven.....	10
H Platfuss c S Dawson b RL Lacuin.....	1
b RL Lacuin.....	3
X Daniel c S Dawson b RL Lacuin.....	7
L Newman not out.....	12
P Stammers b RL Lacuin.....	2
Extras (nb 0, w 17, b 2, lb 0).....	19
Total.....	76
Overs 29.3	
Bowling: B Smith 4.0 1 0 14; B Roberts 6.0 3 1 12; M Martin 9.0 2 4 17; H Verhoeven 3.0 1 1 15; RL Lacuin 5.3 0 4 13; J Pruden 2.0 1 0 3.	

1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

D Ebborn c & b D Wilson.....	26
J Morris c P Stammers b D Wilson.....	5
J Pruden not out.....	14
K Jackson c P Stammers b D Wilson.....	4
B Smith b H Hixon.....	1
S Spicer not out.....	10
Extras (nb 0, w 17, b 0, lb 4).....	21
Total.....	4/81 (cc)
Overs 12.0	
FOW: 25 (J Morris) 50 (D Ebborn) 55 (K Jackson) 64 (B Smith)	
Bowling: K Allen 1.0 0 0 14 0 5; H Hixon 6.0 0 1 34 5 5; D Wilson 5.0 0 3 29 1 3.	

KATANDRA def TATURA

Toss won by Katandra, bowled first

1ST INNINGS - TATURA

G Walker c & b SW Wright.....	52
P Mahoney lbw b C Hickford.....	2
C Dealy lbw b C Hickford.....	0
W Russell c & b K Rosevear.....	42
XA Hutchison c & b C Hickford.....	12
D Burls c & b C Hickford.....	11
J Collett c & b RJ Ireland.....	15
R Forster c & b RJ Ireland.....	6
Z Langlands c & b NJ Hickey.....	0
+K Walker c & b C Simpson.....	1
J Kealey not out.....	1
Extras (nb 0, w 22, b 6, lb 5).....	33
Total.....	175
Overs 44.3	
FOW: 13 (P Mahoney) 17 (C Dealy) 118 (G Walker) 118 (W Russell) 146 (XA Hutchison) 166 (J Collett) 168 (R Forster) 174 (K Walker) 175 (Z Langlands)	
Bowling: C Hickford 9.0 3 4 30; RJ Ireland 9.0 2 2 21; NJ Hickey 5.3 1 1 23; C Simpson 8.0 1 1 24; CD Dudgeon 3.0 0 0 19; SW Wright 4.0 0 1 22; K Rosevear 6.0 1 1 25.	

1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA

J McKinnon b J Collett.....	40
M Black c & b W Russell.....	52
RJ Ireland b W Russell.....	40
C Simpson not out.....	10
SW Wright not out.....	25
Extras (nb 0, w 10, b 0, lb 3).....	13
Total.....	3/180
Overs 32.5	
FOW: 64 (J McKinnon) 135 (M Black) 146 (RJ Ireland)	
Bowling: C Dealy 4.0 0 0 21; Z Langlands 4.0 0 0 25; P Mahoney 5.0 0 0 26; J Collett 5.0 0 1 27; J Kealey 7.0 0 0 39; XA Hutchison 2.0 0 0 10; W Russell 5.0 0 2 19; D Burls 5.0 0 0 10.	

LADDER	P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	PTS	%
Kyabram	4	0	4	0	0	0	24	2.36
Shepp United	4	0	3	0	1	0	18	2.04
Katandra	4	0	3	0	1	0	18	1.32
Mooroopna	4	0	3	0	1	0	18	1.27
Northerners	4	0	3	0	1	0	18	1.00
Numurkah	4	0	2	0	2	0	12	1.33
Karramomus	4	0	2	0	2	0	12	1.17

Udera	4	0	2	0	2	0	12	1.16
Pine Lodge	4	0	2	0	2	0	12	0.86
CP/St Bs	4	0	1	0	3	0	6	0.82
Waaia	4	0	1	0	3	0	6	0.72
Euroa	4	0	1	0	3	0	6	0.64
Tatura	4	0	1	0	3	0	6	0.61
Old Students	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0.39

C GRADE

NUMURKAH def TOOLAMBA

Toss won by Numurkah, bowled first

1ST INNINGS - TOOLAMBA

A Callegari c D Hughes b H Lambert.....	7
J Scholes lbw b B O'Dwyer.....	1
S Makalio c S Boswell b H Lambert.....	3
N Baldwin c & b B O'Dwyer.....	51
G Watts b R Dawson.....	9
J Hawkins c S Boswell b J Verhoeven.....	3
M Turner b D Roberts.....	0
L Thurston c D Hughes b.....	7
XM Dowell not out.....	12
C Goodrum not out.....	4
Extras (nb 3, w 20, b 1, lb 9).....	33
Total.....	8/130 (cc)
Overs 37.0	
FOW: 11 (J Scholes) 14 (A Callegari) 14 (S Makalio) 37 (G Watts) 95 (J Hawkins) 96 (N Baldwin) 96 (M Turner) 117 (L Thurston)	
Bowling: H Lambert 7.0 0 0 0; B O'Dwyer 8.0 1 2 35; S Boswell 8.0 4 0 19; R Dawson 4.0 0 1 18; J Verhoeven 6.0 1 1 24; D Roberts 5.0 0 2 11; ***** 2.0 0 1 10.	

1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

D Hughes b G Watts.....	39
T Woods b XM Dowell.....	17
c C Goodrum b N Williamson.....	0
B O'Dwyer c & b J Hawkins.....	24
D Roberts not out.....	17
J Verhoeven b G Watts.....	9
C Sessions b G Watts.....	0
S Morris not out.....	9
Extras (nb 1, w 20, b 2, lb 3).....	26
Total.....	6/141
Overs 40.0	
FOW: 30 (T Woods) 31 (***** 99 (B O'Dwyer) 103 (D Hughes) 116 (J Verhoeven) 116 (C Sessions)	
Bowling: G Watts 8.0 1 3 7; T Parker 7.0 0 0 37; XM Dowell 7.0 2 1 17; N Williamson 5.0 2 1 12; L Thurston 3.0 0 0 16; A Callegari 4.0 1 0 24; J Hawkins 4.0 0 1 23.	

LADDER	P	B	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	PTS	%
Murchison	4	0	0	3	0	1	0	18	1.71
Toolamba	4	0	0	3	0	1	0	18	1.58
Shepp United	4	0	0	3	0	1	0	18	0.37
Numurkah	4	0	0	3	0	1	0	18	-0.08
Mpna White	4	0	0	3	0	1	0	18	-0.43
Nagambie	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	12	0.11
Mpna Blue	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	12	0.00
Karramomus	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	12	-0.69
Tatura	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	12	-1.17
Euroa	3	1	0	0	0	3	0	6	-1.26
Pine Lodge	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	-0.72

D GRADE

WAAIA It KARRAMOMUS on forfeit

LADDER	P	B	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	PTS	%
Udera	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	18	0.67
Karramomus	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	12	0.45
Northerners	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	12	-0.08
CP/St Bs	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	12	-1.86
Kyabram	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	6	1.34
Invergordon	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	6	0.25
Waaia	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	6	-0.79

MURRAY VALLEY CRICKET ASSOCIATION

PREMIER DIVISION

NATHALIA It KATAMATITE

Toss won by Katamatite, bowled first

1ST INNINGS - NATHALIA

A Jorgensen c A Erickson b B Beaton.....	7
CP Congues c J Magowan b A Saunders.....	6
CJ Stevens c A Saunders b B Beaton.....	3
L Quinn c J Magowan b B Beaton.....	0
S Young c J Dickie b S Dorsey.....	34
A Harding c S Pool b S Dorsey.....	26
P Carroll not out.....	37
H Congues c J Magowan b S Dorsey.....	1
H Hawks not out.....	19
Extras (nb 3, w 20, b 0, lb 1).....	24
Total.....	7/157 (cc)
Overs 45.0	
FOW: 24 (CP Congues) 24 (A Jorgensen) 25 (L	

Quinn) 30 (CJ Stevens) 86 (S Young) 106 (A Harding) 110 (H Congues)	
Bowling: A Saunders 8.0 0 1 26; B Beaton 9.0 0 3 33; T Casha 6.0 2 0 13; JO Van Zuyden 5.0 0 0 15; S Dorsey 9.0 0 3 27; J Dickie 6.0 1 0 23; B Lukies 2.0 0 0 19.	

1ST INNINGS - KATAMATITE

A Erickson lbw b A Harding.....	35
J Magowan c H Congues b A Jorgensen.....	37
S Dorsey c L Quinn b A Congues.....	29
A Saunders b A Harding.....	0
B Beaton c H Congues b L Quinn.....	26
JO Van Zuyden lbw b H Congues.....	0
T Casha not out.....	15
S Pool not out.....	7
Extras (nb 0, w 7, b 2, lb 3).....	12
Total.....	6/161 (cc)
Overs 42.5	
FOW: 74 (A Erickson) 80 (J Magowan) 85 (A Saunders) 127 (B Beaton) 128 (JO Van Zuyden) 154 (S Dorsey)	
Bowling: CP Congues 5.5 0 0 27; A Jorgensen 9.0 1 1 33; A Harding 7.0 0 2 40;	

Mixed results at Town

ROUND five of Murray Bowls Division pennant again saw mixed results for Numurkah Bowls Club teams.

In Saturday Pennant, the division one side secured its second win for the season, winning by two shots at home against Strathmerton.

Alan Rogers (s), Jim Cline, Col Jensen and Russell Morris won by two shots, as did Paul Rees (s), Noel Newham, Geoff Shaw and Don Woolley, 26-24.

The defining rink for Numurkah was Ross Henderson (s), Rod Seen, Bill Werner and Geoff Jorgensen, who secured the overall win for Numurkah in their last two ends, scoring six shots for a 31-15 victory.

The division two side put in a much better performance than the past two weeks, but went down to Nathalia by 15 shots.

Sieg Seiter (s), Hugh Henderson, Ken Moffatt and Noel Boschetti continued their sound form, this time being in the winner's circle 27-19 to give them the Telegraph Hotel best winning rink for the round, while Neil Barnes (s), Carmel Sutcliffe, Gordon Gilmour and Tony Morris were pipped at the post by one shot. Barooga took home the

points over Numurkah in division four, winning by seven shots. A large number of lady bowlers filled in for the teams on Saturday, covering unavailable men players, thus ensuring that all Numurkah teams fulfilled their obligations in both divisions two and four.

This coming Friday night, in possibly a first for Murray Bowls Division, a division two Saturday pennant game will be played under lights at Numurkah, against Katandra.

Spectators are invited to go along and watch, with the club's facilities open for refreshments. The game will start at 6pm.

In Friday pennant, Numurkah's division one side travelled to Tocumwal and came away with a solid six shot win, having two rinks up.

Pam Smith(s), John Wright, Jim Cline and Viv Morris held on for a three shot win, while Ann Dealy (s), Peter Dealy, Liz Rees and Robyn Aumann put in a very good team effort to win 30-16.

Division two had a bye. The ladies' 100 up semi finals have been played, with Viv Morris winning over Jenny Rogers and Pam Smith defeating Robyn Aumann.



Handy shot ... Geoff Shaw sends his bowl on its way in the Town's division one clash against Strathmerton on Saturday.

One up, one down



Good bowl ... Merren Carr applauds a good bowl from one of her team.

NUMURKAH Golf's two Friday pennant teams had mixed results last week, with division one going down and the division two side having a good win.

Playing at home to Barooga, the Twos won on two rinks to win by nine shots overall, 73-64.

Merren Carr's rink just scraped home, 24-23, while Marie Ryan won 32-15. Helen Eddy's rink went down 17-26.

The division one game was also a close one, the Golfers going down to Cobram, at Cobram, by

seven shots.

Jan Niven's rink had a big win, 28-10, but was still not quite enough to cover the two losing rinks. Robyn Hodgkin's team went down 14-30, and Loris Houlihan's 18-27.

Loris Houlihan played the regional final of the 60 and over singles at Katandra on Monday, going down to Goulburn Valley's Jean Sprague in a very close match.

With the score even at 20-20 at the end of the game, Sprague went on to win an extra end, and move onto the next step.

Clean sweep for Wunghnu bowlers

WUNGHNU'S division one side scored its best win of the season with a 23 shot victory over Cobram in round three of the 2019/20 pennant season.

The division three side also performed well, securing a 15 shot win against the Tigers.

Playing at home, in windy and wet conditions, the top side won on all rinks to remain undefeated at the top of the table.

Russell Smith (s), John McKenzie, Damian "Damo" Hommes and Peter Revell made up the best performed rink, scoring a strong 27-15 win over Mark Baldwin's quartet. It was Damo's first game in the top side and he held his own in the tricky conditions.

In what is a great sign for the future of the club, there are a number of younger bowlers like Damo coming up through the ranks and performing well.

Barry Cosgrove (s), Doug Larkin, Rob Rodda and Jim Brown proved too good for Ron Dougherty's rink, winning 29-23, whilst Andrew Henderson (s), Nick Davies, Wendy Coles and Lynton Stephens bounced back from a heavy loss in round two to defeat Greg Dunn's rink 24-20.

Trevor Hosie (s), Ray Hill, Graeme King and Alan Jones had a nail-biting finish in their game against Stephen Tatnall's foursome, scoring a single shot on the last end to win 22-21.

The win sees Wunghnu maintain its position at the top of the ladder, setting up a big match against reigning premier Barooga Sports this Saturday.

The division three side also hosted Cobram and secured a 15 shot win, with two of its three rinks getting the chocolates.

Rob Robison, Russell Burkitt, Jack Rigoni and Paul Richardson had a day out, crushing T. Bray's rink 36-14, whilst Elisa Rigoni (s), Ian Gray, Peter Graham and Dean Graham defeated G. Mynard's quartet 23-19. Ivan Newby (s), Mark Shelton, Dave Dixon and Leo Shannon fought hard all day but found Jeff Beasley's rink a little too good, going down 18-29.

The win moved the Magpies into the top four on the ladder, setting up a crucial clash against third placed Barooga Sports this Saturday.

Triple treat for Wunghnu/Golf combo

WUNGHNU'S Barry Cosgrove (s) and John "Macca" McKenzie combined with Numurkah Golf's Joe Luci to win the Murray Bowls Division state triples final at Strathmerton recently.

The composite rink won its way into the final with a strong 21-9 victory over Paul Rees' Numurkah rink on Strathy's free running greens.

The final saw Cosgrove and his men take on Strathmerton's Kevin Dunn (s), Wayne McGregor and Steve Koopman, with the result decided by the last bowl of the match.

The Strathy boys jumped out of the blocks and led 11-0 after six ends of the 18 end final, but it didn't take long for Macca, Joe and Barry to find their range, pegging back the deficit and hitting the front by the 12th end.

With a four shot lead heading in to the last end, it looked like the Cosgrove rink had done enough to take the title but the match was far from over.

When Barry stepped on the mat to play his last bowl, the Strathy trio held four shots and it looked like an extra end would be needed. Cosgrove drew fourth shot and his rink snuck home to win 18-17.

The win secured Cosgrove, Luci and McKenzie a place in the Central Goulburn Murray Region finals to be hosted by the Murray Bowls Division in February 2020.



Winning trio ... John McKenzie, Barry Cosgrove and Joe Luci after their Murray Bowls triples victory.

Warriors and Raiders blow away opposition

by "Gale Force"

FOR the first time this season, all four teams were in action at the home of tennis in Numurkah on Saturday.

Challenging conditions greeted all players. Gale-force winds were consistent throughout the day, with the occasional shower of horizontal rain and the odd surprise of blinding sunshine just to add into the mix.

GM1 WARRIORS

Mark Mills and the Warriors chalked up their first win of the season, proving that there is no such thing as a premiership hang-over for them.

Team members witnessed an impressive debut from Ash Andrews, claiming all three of her sets for the day. Ash is a friend of Helene Steward's and made the trek down the Hume Highway from Melbourne.

Matt Cason also had a clean sweep with three from three, on the Warriors' way to a 6/67 to 4/43 win over the Shepparton Lakers.

GM2 RAIDERS

It was ladies day out on courts 11 & 12, with Raiders Lisa Niglia, Caitlyn Price and Catherine Church only dropping five games in their four ladies' sets against Nathalia.

The gentlemen got off to a very slow start, with Rhys Cason taking a while to adapt to his new aerodynamic haircut, and Elliott Small took a while to find his feet in the higher grade. Both boys were well beaten in their singles.

Andrew Storer and Elliott managed to wrangle back some control in the second doubles with a strong 8-1 win over Ned Nihill and Jack Wilson.

Wins in the mixed sets meant that Caitlyn and Lisa both finished with three sets each for the day.

The Raiders won seven sets to take victory 7/64 to Nathalia's 4/41.

GM3 PENGUINS

The Penguins tried a tactical ploy at the selection table, picking two Cols (Stone and Mackay), two Chrises (Deitch and Kris Walker) in a bid to bamboozle the opposition. However, this wasn't enough to get the Penguins across the line.

Kris and Billi both claimed two sets, with a dominant 8-2 win together. "Colin Squared" (the two Colins) managed to also sneak in an 8-4 win.

Rumours were circulating throughout the clubrooms after the day's play, with people trying to get to the bottom of the Penguins' lacklustre start to the year.

There are question marks surrounding their leadership: "Has the captain jumped off the sinking ship?"

But I think the key question on everyone's mind is regarding the recent trade period - "No Small, no Penguins?", in reference to Elliott Small, who played in the team last year, but has moved up into GM2 competition this season.

GM3 RAVENS

Forget 'The Backstreet Boys'. On Saturday local tennis players witnessed 'The Backcourt Boys' with Graham Henderson and the lads fighting it out down on the back croquet courts all afternoon.

They had a consistent day out but unfortunately fell 11 games short of taking the chocolates.

Kynan Bethall handled the conditions well, claiming two of his three sets, while Deiter and Nathan Page continued their winning ways with a tight 8-7 victory. The Storer brothers, Eamon and Hudson, battled hard together, going down 8-4, however I'm sure we will see plenty more of this pairing in the future.

The Ravens went down to the Kyabram Bombers 4/47 to 5/58.



Just for fun ... Caitlyn Price serves it up for the Raiders on Saturday.

Purples lose to Raiders

WITH a number of its regular GM2 players missing through injury and illness, Nathalia suffered a heavy, 23-game away loss to arch rival the Numurkah Raiders on Saturday.

Nathalia won three out of four men's sets but failed to win any others.

Numurkah won all four women's sets, the remaining men's set and all three mixed sets, to take the win 7/64 to 3/41.

Captain Alex Bakogianis was the best performed player for his team in the horribly windy conditions. He won the number one doubles 8-3, alongside Jack Wilson, and his number one singles 6-2.

The loss sees Nathalia slip to fourth in the standings among GM2 mixed sides.

There will be a league wide bye this weekend, following which Nathalia will play a home game against the Shepparton Pelicans.

GM3 EAST

Nathalia trounced the Cobram Cobras by seven sets and 30 games in a monster home win, led by David

Scadden, John Nihill and Helen Ginnivan, who each won three sets.

The home team took a healthy 22 game lead into the mixed doubles after dropping just one women's doubles and one men's singles. Nathalia made no mistake from there, winning three of the four mixed doubles sets.

The big win lifts Nathalia to third in the standings and it will now face fourth placed Kyabram following the long weekend bye.

GM3 OPEN

For the second time in three weeks, Nathalia's GM3 Open team missed out on a contest, this time due to a hail storm in Tongala just before the players took to the court.

Nathalia is in the middle of the road in fifth place, after barely taking to the court. The next game will be a home fixture against Tatura following the bye for the Melbourne Cup weekend.

All six Nathalia players escaped the wild weather unscathed and spent the afternoon well sheltered at the pub instead.

Deja Vu for Golf bowlers

by "Nipper"

FOR the second time so far this season, Numurkah Golf bowlers managed to take three rinks off their opponents, but still not manage a win.

The Golfers travelled to Finley RSC on Saturday, and came home disappointed, with a 12 shot loss.

The bright side of the ledger is that they got three rinks up, against a side that they have struggled to beat on their home greens, and this should give the side a bit of a confidence boost.

Brian "Chops" Stanger, Jack Dell, Syd Roughsedge and Lidija Patching, got back on the winners' list with a five shot victory over Ian Smethurst, while Rob Glover, Geoff Sutcliffe, Jan Niven and Gavin Parkinson kept their winning streak going, recording a three shot win.

The third winning rink was that of Joe Luci, Ian Hocking, Neil Macklin and Butch Browning, who got over the line by four shots.

The only rink to fall short on the day was that of Mark Jones, Frank Houlihan, Des Staggard and Brian "Groover" Gentle, who found the extremely windy conditions just bit too much to handle.

Jack Dell seemed to be feeling the pressure of being club secretary on Saturday. Jack handed over the scorecards to the team manager, but when the en-

velope was opened in Finley, it was discovered that the cards were in fact the third division's, who were back in Numurkah.

The division three side also struggled in the wind and went down by three shots overall, with two rinks up and one down.

The winners were Alan Newby, Robyn Hodgkin, Alf Harrison and Yvonne Clark, by four shots, and Ron Pickersgill, Gary Edis, Col "Doc" Hicks and Linda Isted, who managed a six shot victory.

The rink of Steve Patching, Ken Hodgson, David "Wiggy" Miller and Adam Bugeya also fell victim to the wind and just let victory slip from their grasp.

The division four side came horribly close to a victory, but went down by the narrowest of margins overall, on the last bowl of the day.

John Pickersgill, Helen Pickersgill, Marion Tobin and Mike Fayers had a very good eight shot win, but Lynne Browning, Lorraine Milner, Mark Smith and Bayden Parkinson couldn't quite get their noses in front at the end of the day.

The first round of the club singles was played on Sunday in much better conditions than the previous day.

Mark Jones defeated John Pickersgill, Ron Pickersgill defeated Jack Dell, Bayden Parkinson clearly displayed who

the best bowler is in the Parkinson household by beating his dad, Gavin, Geoff Sutcliffe defeated Joe Luci, Ian Hocking defeated Des Staggard, Rob Glover defeated Syd Roughsedge in an epic battle, Ken Hodgson defeated Neil Macklin, and the final result saw Butch Browning defeat Gary Edis.

THIS WEEK'S TEAMS

Division one - at Numurkah: M. Jones (s), D. Staggard, F. Houlihan, B. Gentle; B. Stanger (s), L. Houlihan, S. Roughsedge, L. Patching; J. Dell (s), I. Hocking, G. Parkinson, B. Browning; R. Glover (s), G. Sutcliffe, J. Niven, N. Macklin.

Division three - at home to Finley RS: S. Patching (s), D. Miller, K. Hodgson, A. Bugeya; R. Pickersgill (s), G. Edis, C. Hicks, L. Isted; A. Newby (s), R. Hodgkin, A. Harrison, Y. Clark.

Division four - at home to Katandra: L. Browning (s), M. Nordbye, M. Smith, B. Parkinson; J. Pickersgill (s), H. Pickersgill, M. Tobin, M. Fayers.

Entries for the remaining club events - Silver Shoes Pairs, 21 up, 100 up and mixed pairs are open and will close on Sunday, November 17. Entry envelopes are available adjacent to the men's bowls noticeboard, while conditions of play and on-or-before dates are on the board.

Great scores on golf course

by "The Shankster"
NORMA Crowe has been tripping her way around the country, avoiding the winter chills in Victoria, and seemed to have benefitted by the time away from the golf course, coming in with a terrific score of 70 nett to win last Wednesday's monthly medal competition.

A small field enjoyed the almost summer-like conditions and the scores showed a keen improvement. Runner-up to Norma was Kath Hepworth with 71 nett, and balls went to Helen Schmedje, Bev McIntosh and Merren Carr, all with 73s.

Merren won nearest the pin on the seventh hole, and Tracey had the best shot to the 18th, as well as having the best scratch score of the day with 80 shots.

Saturday's golf was a rare fourball multiplier event, and the winners obviously combined very well to come in with an incredible score of 82 points.

Norma Cullum and Lorraine Craig headed out with a pair of men and stunned their playing partners with their chipping and putting, on one of those days when everything 'just works'.

They finished with 82 points, finishing well clear of Nola Dalton and Bev Hutchins on 68, and Jeanette Adams and Rosemary Rutledge on 63.

Bev also won nearest the pin on the fourth hole, Merren Carr had the best shot to the seventh hole, and Jeanette Adams played a beauty to the 18th.

The nine hole chick run competitions finally started last Thursday, with enough players out first up to have two divisions.

Merren Carr continued her good form from the previous day to win division two with a very nice 34 nett, two shots ahead of Norma Cul-

lum on 36.

Nola Dalton took out division one with 35 nett, just one shot ahead of Bev Hutchins on 36, and Bev also won nearest the pin on the seventh hole, just pipping Nola's shot.

The pennant team faced a tough challenge, meeting Shepparton Navy at Shepparton on Monday, and failed dismally, going down 0.5 to 4.5.

Only Nola Dalton and Di Davies could manage to square their match, while the other pairs all suffered losses.

There will be no pennant this Monday, before the Melbourne Cup. Numurkah will next play Tocumwal at Barooga on November 11.

Pauline Davies enjoyed a most profitable evening at the club's annual presentation night on the weekend, taking home a swag of trophies.

In addition to those events that had already been announced as they happened during the season, of which Pauline had won the star medal, she was also awarded the eclectic and the stableford trophy.

Helen Schmedje also capped off a good season, being announced as the winner of the captain's putter.

With presentation night now out of the way, the winter season has really finished, and it's full on into summer golf.

Today's golf will be a stableford round, with the women hitting off a bit earlier than they have been, in an attempt to beat the forecast heat. Saturday will be a Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal round, followed by dinner in the club bistro, and next Wednesday will be the November monthly medal.

Of course, there's also the nine hole chick run on Thursday, with both morning and afternoon tee times.



Big load ... Pauline Davies went home with a swag of trophies from presentation night on the weekend.

Barry's birthday blitz

by "Rufus T. Firefly"
AN in-form Barry Schmedje celebrated his recent birthday by not only purchasing his first golf cart, but also laying waste to the rest of the playing field in last Thursday's stableford event at Numurkah Golf Club.

Scoring an impressive 45 points, Barry finished five points clear of runner-up Ron Grandell on 40.

Others in the 37-strong field whose scores earned them a pro ball were: Wayne Ferguson and Geoff Partington 39, Ron Smith and Bill Padgett 38, Ray Falla, Neville Smith and Adam Farrell 37, John Smith and John Trimble 36, Bill Green, Pete Cowan, Col Stone and Dennis Prosser all 35.

Kerry Collins went from MacRobertson's Old Gold chocolates last Thursday to a tin of boiled German lollies this week by coming in with the lowest score of 25 points.

John Smith won the GMCU sponsored ball for being nearest the pin with his tee shot on the fourth hole, while Geoff Partington picked up the players' sweep money for doing the same on the seventh.

Ron Smith added to his Titleist collection by winning the ball offered by Roy and Dennis for being closest to the pin on the two shot 14th hole, and Matt Ebborn scored a yellow Titleist from sponsor Graeme Sprunt for his accurate tee shot on the 15th.

Adam Farrell won the ball for nearest the

pin on the 18th hole sponsored by Pruden's Carpentry.

The Mickey Mouse ears recipient this week was a matter of some conjecture and resulted from a poorly completed score card. At presentations, club professional Anthony Sanders made an impassioned plea for players to be more careful when filling in their opponent's card.

Some suggestions that may be helpful: Use a pencil rather than a biro, only put the 'strokes taken' initially in the general column - leave the TAB style bubbles till later when you're checking the scores for each hole with your opponent, buy a gum eraser.

Newbies pair up for win

by "She Wolf"
AN occasional golfer and a new regular on the Numurkah golf scene paired up together to win a fourball multiplier event on Saturday.

Jye Warren and Sam McPherson combined well to score a terrific 79 points and finish two points ahead of Peter Cowan and Matt Ebborn.

This was a terrific effort, considering Warren failed to score on both the first and last par three holes they played which, in this format of the game, means no score for the pair.

Bob I'Anson and Peter Stonehouse finished with 73 points, followed by Jack Hepworth/Graham Ashton 69, Kerry Collins/Alf Patman 69, and Ron Smith/Neil Hutchins, who pocketed the last of

the balls with a 66.

Hutchins won a further ball for being nearest the pin on the fourth hole, Dave Scanlan put one very close on the seventh, Bill Padgett won the ball on the 15th, and Davin Scott had the best shot to the 18th green.

There was a good field out for last Wednesday's nine hole chicken run, and some pretty good scores.

Col Barrett blitzed the field with a terrific 33 nett to win B grade, ahead of Brad Naughton on 36 nett, and also won nearest the pin on the seventh hole.

A countback was required to separate John Smith and Andrew Nicholls for the A grade prizes, with Smith winning the most balls, while Glenn Thompson took out C grade with 35 nett, from Charlie

Hooker, 37.

The club's annual presentation night saw a great crowd in attendance to enjoy David Ludington's musical antics.

On top of the trophies that had already been announced during the season, there were also a couple of surprise winners.

Rob Sutton capped off a terrific winter season, being announced as the player of the year, and Mitch Grandell was named the pennant player of the year, not losing a match during the short season.

This Saturday's golf will be a Pierre Klaessen monthly medal round, followed by dinner in the club bistro for anyone who wishes to join the regular crowd.

Hot scores match the day

EVEN with three temporary greens on the Hill Top golf course, there were some excellent scores for the Goulburn Valley Veteran Golfers' Association's monthly event last Monday.

A good field of 119 players enjoyed the day's warm conditions, and it was suggested that perhaps the slightly shortened length of the holes with the temporary greens may have contributed to the good scores.

Winner in A grade was Sam Attadri from Kyabram Parkland, on a countback from Shepparton's Graham Scott, both with 67 nett.

Shane Pollock from Kialla had the equal best score of the day, 65 nett, to win B grade, with runner-up David Fullager, from Euroa, close behind on 66.

C grade was won by two Mooroopna golfers, with Robert Frame winning with 65 nett, ahead of Bruce Whebell with 67.

Nearest the pin was contested on the short ninth hole at about 125 metres, with Peter Curtis, Mooroopna, taking the honours in A grade, and Bob Wildes and Ross Kelly, both of Hill Top, successful in B and C grades.

Ball winners were: Graham Peat, Ron Wilkinson, Alan Dalton, Allan Newby, Alan Williams, Peter Mangan, Neville Werner, Geoff Hamill, Peter Curtis, Neville Larson, George Saynor, Tony Borrelli, Laurie Stewart, Robert Oliver, David Shiells, Bill Padgett, Anthony Tonta, Gary Hopcraft, Barry Spencer, John Bunn, Ray Gourlay, Bill Chilcott, Ross Kelly, Roden Brady, Maurice Webb, Tom Martin, Alan Curnow.

This was also the second round of the association's championship, which is still wide open, as the champions are decided from the best two out of three designated rounds.

The third and final round of the district championship will be contested at Numurkah on November 18.

Nathalia trounced by Barooga

NATHALIA was vanquished by 89 runs in its MVCA division one, third round match at Barooga on Saturday. Nathalia lost the toss and bowled first. Gerard Warren made the breakthrough with the score at 46 and struck again four runs later, removing the other opener. Barooga then put on a 113 run partnership before Dale James struck. Chasing quick runs, Barooga lost a further three wickets to set a score of 6/187 after its allocated 40 overs. The Purples' run chase started poorly, losing their first wicket before they had scored. Wickets continued to tumble, Gerard Warren played a lone hand to remain 43 not out, with the only other batsman

to reach double figures, Adam Zammit, who scored 17. Nathalia was all out for 98 runs. Nathalia will play Katunga next Saturday, November 9 after an association wide general bye this weekend. **DIVISION TWO** Nathalia's division two side played Cobram-Yarroweyah United at Yalca North on Saturday and was defeated by six wickets. Winning the toss and batting, Nathalia could not penetrate the field and lost wickets regularly scoring 9/87 off its 35 allocated overs. In reply, the home side batted well and overhauled Nathalia's score in 20 overs for the loss of only four wickets, ending its innings 4/88.

Kats bats blast Tat

KATANDRA's B grade side hosted Tatura on Saturday and blasted their way to a seven wicket win. The visitors lost their first two wickets for 17, claimed by Corey Hickford who returned to the side after being away. Some poor fielding with several dropped chances allowed a 101 run partnership to ensue before Sam Wright broke through. From there, the fielding intensified, and Katandra was happy to restrict Tatura to 175 all out. Corey Hickford 4/30 and Ray Ireland 2/21 were the pick of the bowlers. Katandra's run chase started well. They were on top of the bowling from the outset. Josh McKinnon was the first to fall with the score on 64, having scored 40 runs off 41 balls. Mitch Black, McKinnon's opening partner, made his first half century of the year with 52. Ray Ireland made a quick-fire 40 and Clayton Simpson (10no) and Sam Wright (25no) saw the home side reach its target in 32.5 overs. Katandra will host Central Park/St Brendans this Saturday. **E GRADE**

The Kats' E grade played Old Students at Kialla on Saturday, and in a high scoring game, ran out winners by 13 runs. Batting first, Katandra piled on an impressive 4/269 after its allocated 40 overs. Rex Wardle and James Woods starred with the bat, scoring 100 and 74 respectively. Rob Trewin scored a lusty 32, which included four fours and two sixes. In reply, the home side began well, losing its first wicket with the score on 42. The Old Students' batsmen continued to make good starts, however, the visitors were able to grab a wicket at the right time to slow down the scoring. Katandra restricted Old Students to 8/256 at the close of the innings to take their second straight win for the season. There are no matches scheduled for the weekend in the Whitelock Shield E grade competition, however a T20 match is scheduled for Saturday, which sees Katandra head off to Princess Park (Shepparton) to take on Shepparton United.

Waaia skittled

WAAIA travelled to Numurkah on Saturday and was comprehensively beaten in its Clyde Young Shield B grade cricket match by six wickets. Winning the toss and batting first, the visitors were off to a shaky start and lost Darcy Wilson for five. Waaia was unable to string any partnerships together, with Ben Daniel (10), Geoff Hopkins (10) and Lachlan Newman (12) the only batsmen to reach double figures. The Bombers were bowled out for a total score of 76 runs. In reply, Numurkah got off to a good start and lost its first wicket at 25 when Darcy Wilson made the breakthrough. Wilson took the next two

wickets to have the Blues at 3/55. Numurkah lost one further wicket in its run chase to overhaul Waaia's small target, finishing 4/81 off 12 overs. Darcy Wilson was the best of the bowlers with 3/29. This Saturday, Waaia plays at home to Pine Lodge. **D grade** Waaia's D grade team forfeited its match to Karamomus on Saturday. There are no matches scheduled for the weekend in the S J Perry Shield D grade competition, however a T20 match is scheduled for Saturday, with Waaia heading off to Invergordon Recreation Reserve to play Invergordon.



Overarm ... Ushantha Sooriarachchi in action for Katunga on Saturday.

Swans' feathers plucked

IN a replay of last season's MVCA division one grand final, Katunga played Finley at home, once again falling short of victory. With Finley winning the toss and choosing to bat on the wet surface, Katunga's opening bowler, Ushantha Sooriarachchi dismissed Murray Urquhart for just two runs. A 48 run partnership then ensued before Adam Holzhiemer claimed the second wicket. As the overs rolled by, Katunga could only manage a further two more wickets before the visitors set a defendable 157 run total. Best of the bowlers were Shaun McAllister 2/23, Ushantha Sooriarachchi 1/38

and Adam Holzhiemer 1/29. The Swans, in reply, lost opener Nick Thorp early, in what was the start of a disastrous innings. Mitch Doyle was next to go with the score on 25. When Brad Tweed was dismissed for 12, the score was 3/45, however Katunga capitulated, losing the next seven wickets for 14 runs. Jarrod Rankin was best with the bat scoring a respectable 27. There are no MVCA games scheduled for this weekend. Katunga will host Nathalia in the next round on November 9. **DIVISION TWO** The Swans travelled to Katamatite last Sunday and notched its first win of the

season. Katunga won the toss and bowled which paid handsome dividends as the home side were skittled for 76. Best of the bowlers, Oliver Small 4/13, Tony Harris 3/1, Robert Harris 2/6 and Adam Hicks (1/0) took a wicket with his first ever ball in cricket, to finish off the innings. Chasing a small target, Katunga's openers Ayden Youd and Spencer Small were never in trouble and made light work off the chase. The pair scoring 37 and 34 respectively before passing the home sides score in the eleventh over, in a good all round performance from the boys.

Numurkah perfect start

NUMURKAH's under 16's made it three wins from three games with an eight wicket win over Old Students/Notre Dame St Brendans at home on Saturday. Losing the toss and bowling first, Numurkah started off slowly, with some costly fielding errors, which allowed the visitors to capitalise. Hunter Verhoeven finally made the breakthrough with the score on 19. Dylan Craven then took a great catch and bowled chance to claim the second wicket. Old Students continued to chance themselves and took the score to 63 before Tom Hughes claimed the third wicket. From there, the home side tightened its bowling and fielding restricting the visitors to 8/90 off their 25 overs. Numurkah batted sensibly from the outset, with a number of batsmen retiring before losing its first wicket at 72. Dusty Ebborn (18), Bailey Smith (25) and Bailey Roberts (17) all retired and were the best of the Numurkah batsmen. The home side reached its target in 21 overs and finished 2/95. This Saturday, Numurkah plays Euroa at Euroa Memorial Oval. **Under 14** The Blues dominated Old Students at home on Saturday morning, winning by a whopping 68 runs. Batting first, Numurkah was off to a slow start, losing its first wicket with the score on four. Mitch O'Dwyer (9no) joined Reeve Verhoeven (25no) at the crease and together batted well to solidify the innings. The run feast continued, with inform batsman Riley Dawson (35no) and big bash specialist Lucas Roberts (21no) belting the visitors' attack to all parts of the ground.



Tippy-toes ... Kade O'Dwyer was surprised by this short ball.

At the end of its allocated overs, Numurkah had amassed 6/150. The home side looked to keep up its intensity and did so with good tight bowling and great efforts in the field. Harry McDonald collected the first wicket when the score was on seven. Riley Dawson and Jake Bell proved the team was on song when they both claimed run outs. Numurkah restricted the visitors to 6/82 at the close of the innings and remains undefeated. **Under 12** The Blues under 12s played Mooroopna

at Mooroopna last Friday night and were defeated by 46 runs. The home side got off to a good start, losing its first wicket with the score on 24. Numurkah rallied and claimed the next five wickets in fairly quick succession, however Mooroopna steadied, and some good batting saw the home side end its innings with the score of 6/124. In response, Numurkah batted well but was unable to crack a strong Mooroopna bowling attack only reaching 7/78 by the end of play. This Friday, the under 12s plays Tatura at Frank Howley Oval.

Numurkah bombs Waaia

NUMURKAH secured its third bonus point for the season, in its win against Waaia in their Haisman Shield A grade cricket match on Saturday, helped along with a five wicket haul from Mitch Grandell.

The Blues travelled out to Waaia to play the Bombers on their home soil, and Blues' captain Liam Gledhill won the toss and elected to bat.

Jesse Trower struck early for Waaia, grabbing the prize wicket of in form batsman Dylan Grandell for five and followed up with the wicket of Will Arnel.

When Jordy Cleeland broke through for his first wicket, Numurkah was struggling at 3/34.

"In our first three games our openers have had hundred run partnerships, we knew it could not be maintained," Gledhill said.

With high winds, rain and even some hail, conditions made it difficult to score, however Shaun Downie and Jahlan Lau showed their class and batted superbly to put on a 79 run partnership. Downie brought up his 50, before being dismissed shortly after for 53, with the score 4/113. Michael Eckard (30) joined Lau (64no), and together put on a batting powerplay, with the pair hitting some massive sixes.

"It was really pleasing to see the middle order rebuild the innings and get some time out in the middle," said

Gledhill.

This lifted the run rate and allowed the Blues to finish on a total of 179 off their allotted 45 overs.

Jesse Trower and Jordy Cleeland both finished with two wickets apiece.

The Waaia innings started solidly and the score reached 26, before Matt Cline struck with his first wicket for the day, dismissing Greg Meyland for eight.

Waaia kept the scoreboard ticking over, moving along to 49 before Liam Gledhill struck, bowling Brayden Carey, to have Waaia at 2/49.

Mitch Grandell then took centre stage. He had Rory Knight trapped LBW and quickly followed up with the dismissal of both Mitch and Jordy Cleeland, to have Waaia in trouble at 5/63.

A great run out by Tim Braybon and two more wickets to Grandell had Waaia reeling at 8/70.

A terrific piece of fielding by Dylan Grandell forced yet another run out to have the score at 9/76.

Some lusty hitting from final pairing Sam Trower (21no) and Matt Stuart (21) brought a little respectability to the score, however they were unable to bridge the gap and were all out for 119 runs.

In a magnificent bowling display, Mitch Grandell took his first A grade five wicket haul (5/24) and was well supported by Matt Cline (2/15), and



Toiling hard ...
Waaia's Seb Moore sends down another delivery without success.

Liam Gledhill (1/12).

"Mitch is a confidence bowler and he had that on Saturday," said Gledhill.

"He had great control of the ball into the breeze and got some great turn."

Numurkah plays Mooroopna at home this Saturday in the first two day match of the season.

"We have had a great start to the season, however we are up against

Mooroopna this week and this will be a good test for us, as they have recruited and played well this season," said Gledhill.

Waaia will play Nagambie at Nagambie.

Numurkah Blues rout Waaia Bombers



Great effort ... Reydan Lacuin shows great rhythm on his way to figures of 4/13

NUMURKAH's B grade cricketers made short work of their match against neighbouring Waaia to claim a six wicket win at home on Saturday.

Batting first, Waaia got off to a slow start when Bailey Roberts made the first breakthrough for the Blues.

From there, wickets began to tumble, with the Numurkah bowlers never allowing the visitors to get into any rhythm.

Myles Martin (4/17) and Reydan Lacuin (4/13) tore through the Waaia line up, and Hunter Verhoeven (1/15) also picked up a wicket in his first B grade game.

Waaia was bowled out for a paltry 76 off 29.3 overs.

In reply, Jacob Morris and Dusty Ebborn opened the batting and put on a solid 25 run partnership before Morris was dismissed for five.

James Pruden joined Ebborn to replicate another 25 run partnership, before Ebborn was out for a quickfire 26 with the score 2/50.

Kody Jackson and Bailey Smith went cheaply, then Sam Spicer (10no) joined Pruden (14no) to see the team over the line, chasing down Waaia's total in just 12 overs.

Numurkah travels to Mooroopna Recreation Reserve this Saturday to play Mooroopna in its first two day match of the season.

C Grade

Numurkah's C grade played Toolamba at home on Saturday and came away with a well earned four wicket win.

Numurkah won the toss and captain Jason Verhoeven elected to bowl first.

The opening bowlers, Hamish Lambert and Brett O'Dwyer, combined well to have Toolamba in trouble early at 3/14.

Riley Dawson, in his first senior game, claimed his first wicket to have Toolamba at 4/37.

The visitors consolidated before veteran Jason Verhoeven broke the 58 run partnership, followed by quick wickets to Brett O'Dwyer and David Roberts, to have Toolamba at 7/96.

Some late runs from the lower order saw Toolamba finish its innings on 8/130.

Brett O'Dwyer and Hamish Lambert both took two wickets, with Riley Dawson, Jason Verhoeven, Dave Roberts and Cal Morris capturing one wicket each.

Openers Daniel Hughes and Tyson Woods began solidly, before Woods was bowled for 17.

Kade O'Dwyer fell without scoring and Brett O'Dwyer joined Hughes, the pair taking the score to 99, before O'Dwyer was dismissed for 24.

Hughes followed soon after for a well compiled score of 39.

Veterans Steve Morris (9no) and Dave Roberts (17no) guided the team home for a great win after losing the wickets of Jason Verhoeven and Connor Sessions in quick succession.

The Blues play their first two day match at home against Euroa this Saturday.

NumurkahLEADER

Sport Scribes Melbourne Cup Weekend Deadlines

Sports scribes are asked to get their reports in as early as possible for next week's Leader.

Our office will be closing early on Tuesday for the Melbourne Cup so, in order to get all reports published, we would appreciate receiving them no later than 3pm Monday.

Kats too classy

KATANDRA proved far too strong in its A grade cricket match against Tatura on Saturday, winning by a massive 124 runs.

Katandra travelled to Tatura and Kats' captain Ben Clurey won the toss and batted on what he thought looked, and proved to be, a really good batting pitch.

Clurey (58) and his opening partner Brady Black piled on 92 runs before black was dismissed for 44.

The ground was rewarding shots played and the home side found itself on the back foot

pretty early.

A couple of quick wickets brought Jedd Wright (33) to the crease and the great start the openers had allowed him to play a very aggressive innings.

A late contribution from Scott Richardson (49) and Andrew Riordan (32) took the tally to 7/253 after 45 overs.

In the field, the Kats were on fire, with Hadleigh Sirrett claiming the first three wickets to have the home side reeling at 3/9.

Tatura was never allowed into the game. Ka-

tandra continued to take wickets at regular intervals before the home side's Michael Archer (74no) took to the bowling and showed some late hitting prowess to drag the total to 129 all out.

Hadleigh Sirrett was best of the bowlers with 3/10, well supported by Scott Dickson 2/27.

"It was good as we felt in control the whole innings," said Clurey.

Katandra will play Central Park/St Brendans in a two day match at Central Park Recreation Reserve this Saturday.



B grade ... Hayley Thorne.

C grade ... Olivia Deane.

C reserve ... Abbi Harris.

Waaia's best and Fairest

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Carey led young Bergamin by five votes with only the grand final card to be counted. Bergamin gained four votes, to leave Carey as the winner, with 44 votes to 43.

Both Carey and Bergamin were worthy winners, playing a number of senior games through the season.

Hayley Thorne, who had an out-

standing season and a terrific finals series, took out the B grade netball award, finishing on 46 votes.

Thorne finished 10 votes ahead of Marni Hicks, who was a key player through the mid court and, at times, in the goal circle.

The C grade top award was won by Olivia Deane, a very accurate goaler, winning with 39 votes, from young-

ster Holly Scott on 34 votes.

Abbi Harris claimed the C reserve best and fairest award in a close count, by two votes over Makenzie Sprunt. The two played at opposite ends of the court, Harris having a strong year in the goal circle, and Sprunt being the Bombers' main defender.

OTHER AWARDS

Senior football - Most consistent,

Ashley Thompson; Most determined, Dylan Cornick; Coach's award, Glen Payne; Best finals series, Sam Richardson; Leading goal kicker Charlie Burrows; Best first year player, Tim Belford; Most improved, Todd Davies.

Reserves football - Coach's award, Steve Hixon; Most improved, Hayden Hixon; Most consistent, Ethan McDonald; Leading goal kicker, Brayden

Carey; Best team player, Glen Payne; Best finals series, Hayden Hixon.

A grade netball - Most dependable, Angela Thorne.

B grade netball - Most dependable, Maddi Cleeland.

C grade netball - Best finals player, Rachel Thorne.

C reserve netball - Most improved, Kim Daniel.

Trower and Wilson top juniors

A GREAT turnout of families were on hand on Sunday for the Waaia Football Netball Club's junior vote count and presentations.

Sam Trower and Aimee Wilson won the top awards for the under 17s' football and netball, respectively.

Trower had a very consistent season in the thirds, while also playing a number of senior games for the Bombers.

Runner-up Josh Plattfuss was a popular leader on the field, with his effort and encouragement, taking his team to the finals. Josh also received the most determined award.

Aimee Wilson polled 49 votes to win the under 17 netball best and fairest, 11 votes clear of her co-defender, Annie Holt.

Aimee also played a number of A and B grade games throughout the season.

In his first year with the Waaia fourths, Regan Collins won the closest of counts to be named the best and fairest player, polling 58 votes, with Bailey Plattfuss runner-up with 57.

Both boys played key roles in the team, when numbers were a challenge.

Eloise Walker had a terrific season, polling 61 votes to easily win the under 15 netball count. Ella Bryant was awarded runner-up with 31 votes.

Both girls played in the mid court and in goals, in a very versatile team.

Sash Daniel polled 54 votes in a great season in defence, to win the under 13s' best and fairest.

Joint runners-up were Claudia Plattfuss and Mary Caldwell, who both polled 29 votes.

All the under 11 netballers received a small gift and certificate from coach Leanne Halden, who has kept the girls engaged and enthused throughout the season.

OTHER AWARDS

Under 17s football - Most improved, AJ Sheppard; Best first year player, Ryan Cook; Most consistent, Jackson Collins; Leading goal kicker Darcy Wilson; Coach's award Aiden Bollard.

Under 14s football - Most improved, Lachlan Williams; Most consistent, Tom Daniel; Best team player, Aiden Bryant; Leading goal kicker, Will Trower; Coach's award, Oscar Binks.

Under 17 netball - Players award, Emily Seiter.

Under 15 netball - Coach's award, Elliott Binks.

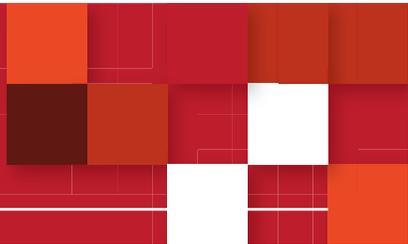
Under 13 netball - Coach's award, Jorja Kelly.



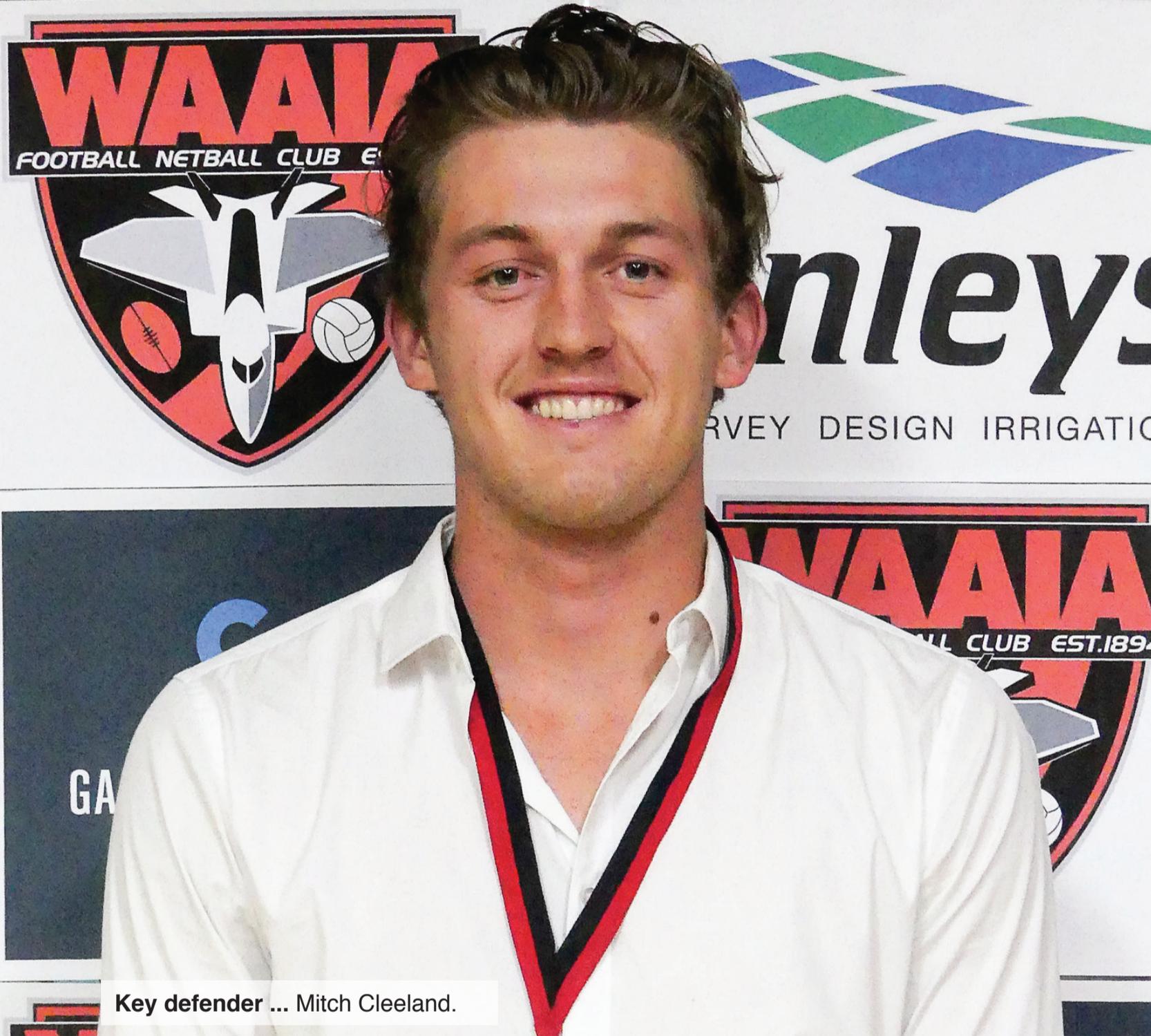
Good win ... Aimee Wilson won the Waaia under 17 netball best and fairest.



Consistent season ... Sam Trower took out the Bombers' under 17s' football B&F.



Cleeland and Foster Waaia's best



Key defender ... Mitch Cleeland.

KEY defenders took out the Waaia Football Netball Club's senior football and netball awards when the club counted its votes on Friday night.

Twenty year-old Mitch Cleeland won the Tom Thornton Medal, and Milly Foster was rewarded for a stellar season with the Julie Tyn-dall Medal.

Cleeland had a great season, rarely beaten against the premier forwards in the competition, and finished with 55 votes, eight ahead of runner-up Charlie Borrows.

Burrows had an outstanding season roaming the forward line, kicking 63 goals, the third time he has kicked more than 60 goals in a season.

A grade netball captain Milly Foster polled 48 votes for her key role in defence, combating the league's gun shooters each week.

Runner-up was Chloe Thorne on 40 votes, playing mostly mid court, but at times excelling as, although undersized, a very accomplished goal shooter.

The reserves football vote count came down to the last match of the season, with Sean Carey winning by a single vote over Mark Bergamin.

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Bushrangers announce under 16 squad

LOCAL boys, Matt Hodgson, Kade O'Dwyer and Flynn Penberthy from Numurkah Football Club and Bailey Smith from Katunga have been selected in the Murray Bushrangers' 2020 under 16 pre-season squad.

They will take part in the pre-season program which starts on Sunday, November 17, at the Norm Minns Oval in Wangaratta.

The under 16 team is a development pathway program into the under 18 competition and plays three matches in the AFL Victoria Country under 16 carnival which are held on the

weekends of:

- Round 1 – March 21/22 v Gippsland Power
- Round 2 – March 28/29 v Bendigo Pioneers
- Round 3 – Friday April 3 v Great Western Victorian Rebels.

Following the pre-season program and practice matches, a final squad of 25 players is selected to represent the Murray Bushrangers at the AFL Victorian Country under 16 carnival. The team will again be coached by Justin Mc-

Mahon, who is excited by the potential of the group.

"Last year's team won all the matches and we have two from that group Josh Rachele and Tom Brown selected for the under 18 Victorian Country Academy as bottom age members," said McMahan.

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.

"The players have an opportunity to really develop with some high level coaching and high performance support," said McMahan.

"The likes of Stephen Ash, Ben Hollands and Carl Norton will be joined by Jon Henry, Phil Guthrie and Craig Ednie in development coach roles."

Steele Sidebottom, Jack Ziebell and Jy Simpkin are some of the players to progress through to AFL senior ranks after impressing in the AFL Victorian Country under 16 carnival.

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