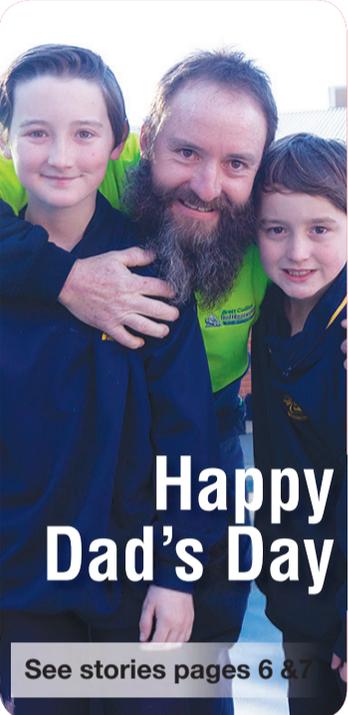


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Popular spot ... Josh McKenzie and his children Addison and Levi, centre, surrounded by skate park regulars.

More space needed

Numurkah skate park regulars are seeking community support for an expansion of the park so that people of all ages can enjoy the facility together. See story page 4

Thefts from utes all over

POLICE are urging local motorists and trades people to ensure their vehicles are secure, after a series of recent thefts from unlocked vehicles and ute trays.

Senior Sergeant Darren McGrillen from Cobram Criminal Investigation Unit told the *Leader* there were a number of precautions people could take to avoid becoming victims of theft from motor vehicles.

"Firstly, we implore people to lock their vehicles. It is a very simple, but very effective, deterrent," Sen Sgt McGrillen said.

"For tradespeople, if you have a tradies' trailer, or a built-in tool box in the tray of your ute, make sure it is lockable.

"Sensor lights in areas like driveways and carports, and even back yards, are also a good deterrent, as is CCTV."

Sen Sgt McGrillen also said people need to be alert to online sales deals that seem too good to be true.

"If you see tools for sale cheaply online - on a buy, swap and sell site or similar - generally there will be a reason for that. If you

come across something and you have concerns that it may be the proceeds of crime, you should contact the police."

These warnings come after a couple of weeks in which vehicles across the district have been targeted.

Two vehicles were targeted in Katamatite overnight on August 29.

One incident occurred on Foy St, when thieves unzipped the canopy of a ute and stole a bag containing a CFA uniform and other equipment valued in excess of \$3,000.

On the same date, offenders have entered another unlocked vehicle parked under a carport and stolen an 18 volt Ryobi blower vac valued at \$200.

Over in Nathalia, an Engel brand car fridge valued at \$900 was stolen from the rear of a utility parked in Robertson St. The fridge was secured by ropes. No other property was stolen from the vehicle.

Overnight on August 30, a blue 2003 Nissan Patrol wagon - registration number SHQ682 - was

stolen from a property in Newby St Numurkah. Anybody who has seen the vehicle is urged to contact Numurkah police.

An unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a property at Walsh's Bridge South Road Muddoona was entered by thieves, who stole a small amount of change.

Cash and a laptop, with a total value of \$1,100, was stolen from the CWA hall on McCaskill St, Numurkah when thieves gained entry by forcing a sliding door on August 25.

Once inside, the offenders have smashed a small safe before leaving with the goods.

Police are also seeking a white Holden Commodore with NSW registration BP67CU, which has been sighted acting suspiciously in various locations across the district in recent weeks, and is believed to have been involved in a theft from a Meiklejohn St property.

Anybody who sees the vehicle is urged to contact police immediately.

Council's Italy trip

MOIRA Shire mayor Libro Mustica has expressed his disappointment that a trip to Italy by four councillors has been criticised in the *Numurkah Leader*.

The *Leader* published a front page article on August 7, which clearly stated that the cost for just one councillor had been paid for by council, at a cost of approximately \$5,400, whilst the other three attendees, including the mayor, had funded their trips themselves.

In two subsequent letters to the editor, writers called the trip a 'junket'.

The *Leader* does not necessarily endorse or agree with the sentiment expressed in those letters to the editor and did not intend to convey the view that we endorsed those comments in any way.

The four councillors visited Cobram's twin city of Varapodio in the Calabria region of Italy, at the invitation of the Varapodio council.

Delegations from Varapodio have visited Moira Shire on six occasions, most recently sending a delegation in 2015.

The *Numurkah Leader* apologises for any embarrassment caused to Cr Mustica, his family, Moira Shire councillors and staff, by the publication of these letters.

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New blood ... (Front, from left): LOL President Ron Baker, Treasurer Duncan McPherson, Vice-President Tracey Bannon and Secretary Nicole Henderson with fellow committee members in the background.

Love our Lifestyle lives on

NUMURKAH'S annual Foodbowl Festival, and other local initiatives, may live to see another day, with Love Our Lifestyle attracting new committee members at its AGM on Monday.

Following a call to action in last week's *Leader*, the meeting was attended by 17 people, 16 of whom agreed to join the committee.

Once all office positions were vacated, as per usual AGM procedure, a new president, Ron Baker, and vice president, Tracey Bannon, were elected. Duncan McPherson will return to his long-time post as treasurer, and Nicole Henderson returns as secretary.

Returning committee member Chris Matthews said the new, strengthened committee provides the opportunity for LOL to gain new momentum.

"With a strong committee that is committed to working hard for the town and its businesses, we can move forward with projects that will benefit Numurkah," she said.

Ms Matthews said that one of the most important functions in keeping LOL alive, is that it keeps the door open for Numurkah to continue receiving funding from Moira Shire for initiatives and events.

"A lot of people don't realise that the shire needs an established group like LOL to channel funding through, and that we need to meet key performance indicators in order to keep receiving funding."

The Foodbowl Festival, the committee for which is auspiced by LOL, still has a question mark over its head, but the continuation of LOL means it is still a possibility for the future.

"We had hoped to run it in February, but we don't have time now to organise it by then," Ms Matthews said.

"We will be holding a meeting of the foodbowl committee next month and hopefully we can attract new members and discuss different options for how to move forward with the event."

For now, the new LOL committee has plenty

to keep it busy - starting with a business membership drive.

Business membership has dropped sharply in recent years and getting it back up is essential to making other initiatives possible - namely the 'Why Leave Town' card.

"Why Leave Town is a new concept to replace the Eazy\$ vouchers," Ms Matthews said.

"It's an eftpos card gift voucher that can only be used in Numurkah, but without business support we don't have the resources to get it started.

"We have had people interested in buying them, because they want to support local businesses, so we know there is a market for the program if we can get it started.

"Love Our Lifestyle is all about supporting local businesses. Now that people have put their hands up to be an active part of the committee we have a whole new chance to do that. If other people can get behind us as well, there is so much we can do."

Carrs Rd car fire under police investigation

NUMURKAH and Katunga brigades responded to a car fire in Carrs Road Katunga, near the corner of Numurkah Road, just after am last Thursday.

The car had been stolen from a property further west along Carrs Road before being driven off the road into a small sapling and then set alight.

The fire posed a risk for the fire brigade as the car was fuelled by gas; fire trucks were kept a good distance away from the fire while the car was cooled down with water. The boot was then forced open so that the gas could be turned off.

Police also attended and an investigation into the in-

cident by Cobram Criminal Investigation Unit is ongoing.

In the only other call-out of the week, Katunga, Strathmerton and Waaia brigades were called to a burn-off that had gotten out of control on the corner of Katunga/Picola Road and Boothroyds Road, Katunga at 6.05pm on Saturday.

A farmer had been burning out a delver on the property when the fire got out of the delver and burnt around 100 metres along the roadside.

A reminder to anyone who is going to burn off, to phone Vicfire on 1800 668 511, before you start.

Local schools to benefit from maintenance blitz

LOCAL primary and secondary schools will soon benefit from an unprecedented State Government schools maintenance program.

Every one of Victoria's 1,500 government schools will get a share of \$515 million investment, with schools in Moira Shire to benefit to the tune of \$1.47 million in addition to maintenance funding already allocated to them.

The investment will more than double funding for maintenance at Victoria's state schools over the next two financial years, with more than \$300 million to be invested in 2019/20 and \$288 million in 2020/21.

It will enable schools to do essential works such as painting, replacing carpet and windows, landscaping, tree inspections and maintenance of infrastructure like septic systems and water services.

Schools in some of the state's high-

est-risk bushfire areas will also have access to more funds to ensure they are 'bushfire ready', with \$44.2 million allocated over five years for fire preparedness activities like vegetation removal.

Local schools are due to receive the following amounts:

- Numurkah Primary School - \$51,270
- Numurkah Secondary College - \$388,570
- Katamatite Primary School - \$60,593
- Wunghnu Primary School - \$34,946
- Katunga South Primary School - \$38,412
- Strathmerton Primary School - \$64,557
- Katunga Primary School - \$64,002
- Waaia Yalca South Primary School - \$31,039
- Nathalia Primary School - \$44,643
- Nathalia Secondary College - \$78,586

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Still going strong ... Lions members (From left): Doug McKeown, Rex Wellington, Jack Fischer, Alf Seiter and Keith Nicoll.

Local Lions roaring for half a century

NEXT time you pass a 'driver reviver' stop anywhere in Australia on a long weekend, consider this: the program was first held in Numurkah in 1970 as an initiative of the Numurkah Lions Club.

Rex Wellington, who, along with Alf Seiter was a charter member of the club, remembers it well. "That was before the bypass went in and we knew a lot of traffic would be coming through on the Easter weekend, and we wanted to encourage people to take a break from driving and get refreshed, so we set up in front of the train park," he said.

The club was then newly minted, having been formed in 1969 under sponsorship of the Shepparton Lions club. Fifty years on, having sponsored the formation of the Nathalia and Tallygaroopna Lions clubs, Numurkah Lions is still going strong, and making a valuable contribution to the local community.

In the past half-century, the Numurkah Lions Club has literally changed the face of the town, building park benches, as well as the first fountain in the Broken Creek and the toilet and shower block at the netball courts, and contributing to countless other community projects.

Since it was formed, the club has distributed over half a million dollars to both local and national causes, with members never shy of working hard - and thinking outside the box - to raise those funds.

Fund-raising activities have ranged from the tame, such as selling Christmas cakes, to the sweat-inducing, such as tomato picking and wood-cutting, to the unexpected and outlandish such as sponsored pole sitting.

For 30 years they ran an annual bowls day at Wunghnu, ran the Civic Cinema on Saturday nights for many years, and for 12 years they conducted four wheel drive tours through state forests.

They've raffled cars to raise funds for Pioneers Lodge and joined with the local Apex and Rotary clubs to donate the first district nursing car for the local area.

They've run boxing tournaments, bonfire nights, snooker nights, bike engraving sessions and countless barbecues and raffles to support other local organisations.

Every October they can be found manning the gates at the Numurkah show as well as running fleece shows at the event.

These days the club's members are as busy as

they've ever been running events for the benefit of the local community.

The monthly Lions markets on the banks of the creek are strongly attended, and the annual Carols by Candlelight event in Newman Square, which the club works tirelessly to present, is a highlight of the year for many local families.

The club members also take their turn on the Meals on Wheels roster.

Voice of Youth junior public speaking, which the club has run for the past 10 years, and Youth of the Year which it has run for 30 years, provide opportunities for local young people to challenge themselves and gain confidence in speaking in front of an audience.

Lions youth exchange has opened up the world for young people, with the club both sponsoring local teenagers to take part in exchange trips to Europe, and hosting students from Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the US.

Doug McKeown, a Lions member for 47 years, said the youth exchange program had allowed his family to forge powerful bonds of friendship.

"Our daughter went on exchange to Germany in 1989, the year the Berlin wall came down," he said.

"Her host family came to Australia in 1993 to visit the families of the young people they had hosted, including ours, and we became great friends.

"We have visited Germany eight times over the years, and their family members have been here many times as well. We have been to two of their family weddings, and I was given the honour of giving the bride away at one.

"It has been a wonderful international friendship for both of our families, and it all came about through Lions."

For Doug though, before Lions brought him friends on the other side of the world, it brought him friends in the local area, which changed his life as a new member of the local community.

"We were new here and living on the farm and I would see cars drive past but I didn't know anybody," he said.

"Then I joined Lions and suddenly we knew 30 other families and I felt an immediate sense of companionship. It's been wonderful being part of Lions."

The older club members say they have always been fortunate to have the 'tremendous support' of their partners, many of whom became members of Lions Ladies after it was formed,

and worked tirelessly to raise funds in their own capacity.

Lions Numurkah officially welcomed female members around 10 years ago, and last year welcomed its first 'Lion cub' Billie Lee, daughter of Ash Lee who is a regular on the Meals on Wheels roster.

The club continues to thrive, welcoming new members like 22 year-old Jack Fischer, who says the club has provided him with a whole new view of the community.

"To see how many people work to produce projects and events and how much work goes into those things has been a real eye-opener," he said.

"Lions has given me a great opportunity to meet new people and be part of helping the community and I would definitely recommend it to anyone."

Current president of Lions Numurkah Keith Nicoll said he is equally grateful to members old and new for making the club what it is.

"It's great to have young blokes like Jack joining, and to still have members like Rex and Alf who have been the backbone of the club for so long," he said.

"It's a real credit to both of them that they have been with the club for so long and are still active members."

Perhaps the last word should go to one of those original members.

"I've really enjoyed my years with Lions, it's been a good little club," Rex Wellington said.

"We only had a few members at first, but once people saw what we were about it grew, and it's done a lot for the community. Numurkah's a good little town, and the Lions have always been happy to help it out."



Lion cub ... Ash and Billie Lee like to help out with the club's contribution to Meals on Wheels.

Locals call for skate park expansion

A COMMUNITY campaign has been launched to expand Numurkah's skate park.

Numurkah man Josh McKenzie, who regularly attends the park with his two young children, put out a call for support for the idea on the Numurkah Facebook page last week, which immediately attracted a strong - and supportive - response.

Mr McKenzie told the *Leader* that while the current skate park is good, it's popularity with skateboarders, BMX bike riders and scooter riders of all ages makes it hazardous for younger kids.

"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.

"Strathy has some three to four foot ramps which are ideal for the smaller kids."

Twelve year-old Oakley Austin, another skate park regular, agreed.

"On a nice day there are heaps of people here and you can hardly skate," he said.

With skate boarding making its debut as an Olympic sport at the 2020 Tokyo games, it's popularity is undeniable.

Mr McKenzie points out that the skate park is a valuable community resource, used by a range of demographics.

"It's an outlet for a lot of kids of all ages who don't play team sports, as well as older BMX riders who come along after the kids have gone home for the evening," he said.

"It's great exercise for kids, they get a chance to practise and challenge themselves to develop new skills and they're out in the fresh air."

Mr McKenzie said, despite concerns from some parents of younger kids about possible bullying by older users, the skate park regulars are a pretty good bunch.

"They can get a bit boisterous when it's busy because it is crowded and hard to navigate, but that's one of the reasons we need an extension.

"Learning etiquette and navigating those kind of social situations is part of life and this is part

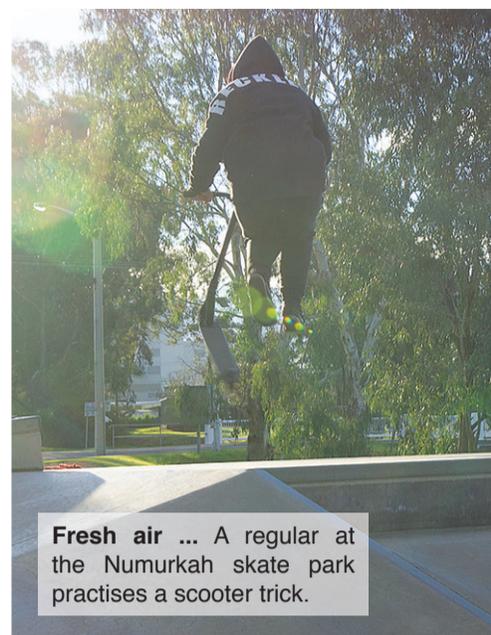
of them learning that.

"This is a good spot for them to be because it is a community space and they are part of the community. There is also space here for it to be extended and there is parking as well."

The Numurkah skate park was constructed in 2008 at a cost of \$125,000 - which did not include design, and was paid for by funding from Moira Shire, a business donation and community fundraising. No government grants, either state or federal, were received.

Strathmerton skate park was constructed in 2009 at a cost of \$135,000, not including design, and was paid for with funding from Moira Shire, the Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development, a Federal Government grant, a business donation and community fundraising.

Mr McKenzie has been in touch with a member of Moira Shire's youth team to discuss the process of working with council on an extension of the skate park, and has started a closed Facebook group for those interested in being part of a community action.



Fresh air ... A regular at the Numurkah skate park practises a scooter trick.

Help spot platypus in local rivers

A CALL is going out for people to get involved in a citizen science project to keep track of platypus numbers in rivers across the Goulburn Broken Catchment.

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) is working on the project with the Australian Platypus Conservancy (APC).

GBCMA project officer Jo Deretic said the conservation status of the platypus had now been recognised as 'Near Threatened' by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

"Despite being a much-loved Australian animal, surprisingly little is known about how platypus populations are currently faring," she said. "It is vital that we get a good idea of how this special species is faring in our region so that we can plan appropriate conservation action.

"The platypus is also an excellent indicator of the environmental qualities of our waterways, so monitoring its numbers also helps with assessing changes in the health of our rivers and creeks."

APC Biologist Geoff Williams said platypus numbers had declined over many decades as a result of environmental degradation and altered flows.

"Human activities also had an impact, especially through the use of opera house yabby traps and other fishing nets that kill platypus," he said.

"Fortunately, there is now a huge opportunity to bring the platypus back.

"Considerable work is being done by CMAs and other agencies to rehabilitate river habitats and improve environmental flows. There is a growing public awareness of the risks to platypus posed by litter and illegal fishing activities. The Victorian Government's ban on enclosed yabby traps from mid-2019 will also save the lives of many platypus."

The APC has launched the Australian Platypus Monitoring Network (APMN), a dedicated website and app that allows for sightings of platypus to be uploaded immediately.

Mr Williams said monitoring platypus numbers was a key part of future planning.

"Getting the local community involved in recording sightings with the APMN will be a great way of helping the species. By tracking population trends, conservation action can be taken sooner rather than later to help ensure this remarkable animal's survival," Mr Williams said.

"Monitoring doesn't take a huge time com-

mitment - once or twice a week is fine on average, though you can also certainly look more often if you want. Similarly, a standard monitoring session requires just 5-10 minutes of observation time at each site.

"Many APMN participants fit their platypus scanning sessions into other day-to-day activities, such as taking a walk or checking a stock pump. Volunteers who are able to monitor on their private land are particularly welcome and they are able to specify that their site is restricted and not open to use by other observers."

APC platypus experts will be presenting free information and training sessions on the following days:

- Nathalia: Barmah Heritage Centre, 73 Blake St - 3pm Saturday, September 7 (talk); followed by monitoring training.
- Shepparton: GB CMA office, 168 Welsford St - 6pm Friday, September 6 (talk); monitoring training 7am Saturday, September 7.

The sessions are free but registration is essential. Please RSVP to Andrea Muskee on 5822 7707 or andream@gbcma.vic.gov.au by noon Wednesday, September 4.

This project is funded through the Victorian Government's Environmental Water Program.

GV Highway roadworks due to take weeks

IF you've taken a drive south of Numurkah on the GV Highway this week you'll be well aware there are road works underway.

The works in question are to reseal the road surface between Wunghnu and Koonoomoo, and are projected to take until Wednesday, September 18.

This projection is weather dependent, with the possibility of an extension if works are delayed due to rain.

The works will take place between 7am and 6pm weekdays, with one lane closed during these times and traffic management on site.

For the latest traffic information around the state visit traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au or download the VicTraffic app via your app store.



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Do you need funding for an event or to improve facilities or services for your local community?

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You can apply online and if you require assistance in either planning your project or completing your application form please contact council.

If you require access to a computer, libraries and community houses across the shire have computers available for public use by appointment.

Applications close at **4pm on Wednesday 16 October 2019.**



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There are five categories – Citizen, Young Citizen, Community Event, Community Organisation and Arts, Culture and/or Environment Project.

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Nominations close **Friday 8 November** and can be made online via our website. If you require assistance in completing your application form please contact us.

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Wonderful afternoon ... (From left): Cobram Nocturnal CWA president Helen Christie, guest speaker Leigh Giffard OAM, Central Murray CWA group president Marie Martin and group secretary Margaret Cobbledick.

CWA holds spring conference

CENTRAL Murray Country Women's Association gave spring an early welcome recently, holding its annual spring conference in Cobram on Saturday, August 24.

The group, which encompasses the Tallygaroopna, Baulkamaugh, Youanmite, Nathalia Night Watch and Cobram Nocturnal CWA branches, enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of public speaking, performing arts and creative arts, fuelled by delicious soups and casseroles provided by host Cobram Nocturnal.

The conference was officially opened by Leigh Giffard, who was awarded an OAM for services to nursing in this year's Queen's Birthday honours.

As guest speaker, Leigh told of her work as former director of nursing at Nathalia hospital, and her efforts to ensure a strong and stable health

workforce for local communities by ensuring delivery of relevant courses in the district.

Through a cross-border collaboration with Charles Sturt University, health staff from personal care assistants to division one nurses were provided with opportunities to train and upskill.

Group president Marie Martin said that Leigh was an inspiring speaker.

"Her determination to ensure that local people had local access to health training, and that the local district had trained health staff, was really admirable, and it was so interesting to hear how she overcame the obstacles to achieving that," Mrs Martin said.

The rest of the afternoon passed with practice in public speaking and creative arts, as well as some highly entertaining performances by members.

Founded in 1928, the Country Women's Association is Australia's largest women's organisation, and is also part of a global organisation comprised of rural women's groups from around the world.

Now in its 90th year, the CWA has remained relevant through its ability to adapt to the times. The organisation, which is open to all women, all ages, all places, is involved with community service, social issues, advocacy, personal development, creative arts, performing arts, and linking up in friendship.

If you would like to become a part of a network dedicated to supporting local communities, helping to improve conditions for all women and children, and lobbying for change, call CWA's Victorian headquarters on 9827 8971, to be directed to your nearest branch.

Numurkah's bats flee the cold

OH, to be a bat.

Numurkah's flying fox colony is looking significantly smaller at the moment, with over two thirds of the group, which roosts by day on the bend of the Broken Creek opposite the train park, having fled the wintry local weather for warmer climes.

A regular quarterly count of the colony performed by DELWP at the end of August has shown that numbers have dropped dramatically since the last count in May.

DELWP coordinates quarterly surveys, with the community's help, of all the known flying fox camps in the north east region.

DELWP Natural Environment Program Officer Glen Johnson said that 1,900 grey-headed flying foxes were recorded in the Numurkah area in the recent count, which is a decrease of 5,000 since May.

"These results are not uncommon given colonies fluctuate due to climate and weather conditions and they are known to move long distances in search of food, including nectar and pollen from gum trees and fruit trees," Mr Johnson said.

"Flying foxes are an important native species and most camps are seasonal, with the species known to migrate north during the winter months."

Anecdotally, locals believe that bat numbers, though clearly down on the warmer months, began to fall significantly around the time of the polar blasts experienced locally since the start of August.

The August 2018 count recorded just over 3,000 bats present, making the current numbers a third down on this time last year.

The grey-headed flying fox is listed as threatened under the Victorian Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988, and vulnerable under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

Both the grey and little red flying foxes are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975.



Fleeing the polar blasts ... This photo taken a few weeks ago shows Numurkah's bat colony looking much smaller since the arctic weather hit.



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Dads gather for brekkie and bonding

IT was Dad's turn to be waited on last Thursday, as Numurkah Primary School hosted its annual Father's Day breakfast.

A record number of fathers, grandfathers and other important males attended the event this year, with the queue for sausage and bacon rolls stretching around to the front of the school.

Principal Deb Oliver told the *Leader* the event is a great opportunity for fathers to be part of school life.

"For some dads it's the first chance they get to be part of a school event because they are usually at work during school hours, but they make a real effort to come to Father's Day breakfast" she said.

"It's great to see so many dads here and to get to meet them, especially the dads of prep students."

One prep dad Ms Oliver got to meet on Thursday was Kevin Cavallaro, father of Sophia. Kevin said that it was both his first Father's Day breakfast, and a step back in time for him.

"I was a student here myself years ago, so it's really interesting to be here as a parent," he said.

"A lot has changed, but Miss Robinson and Miss Young are still here, which is pretty amazing.

"Usually, I'd well and truly be at work by now but I wouldn't have missed this for the world."

Whilst Edan Cockerell told the *Leader* it was a good chance to bond with his son Jordan in a different setting, Josh Tetley said the fact his son Cooper always came to him to ask if he could attend the event showed how important it was to him.

"I come every year because I know it matters to the kids to have me here," he said.

Gavin Parkinson, who has three children at the school, said it was great to be there with the kids, and also provided an opportunity to catch up with some of the other dads.

However, Gavin's youngest child Angus was a little sceptical about the way in which the event inverted the usual family roles.

"It's weird that we have to serve Dad and be like his slaves," he said.

One dad who had been at work the whole time, was teacher David Jenner, who had been busily manning the barbecue to make sure everybody got some breakfast.

"This is always one of the best attended events of the year, and I think this is one of the best turn-outs we've ever had, which is really great," he said.

"It's about celebrating and promoting the role of fathers and father-figures and how important they are."

Although his barbecue skills were in demand, David did manage to spend some time with his three sons.

"Even though I'm at school with the boys a lot of the time, this is my last Father's Day breakfast with all three of them before Jackson starts high school next year so I've made sure we had some time to eat together and that was great."



Dad's day ... Breakfast at school gave (from left) Angus, Ella and Bayden Parkinson the chance to serve dad for a change.



My three sons ... Teacher David Jenner enjoyed his last primary school Father's Day breakfast with sons Jackson, Charlie and Brock.



Welcome Dad ... Kevin Cavallaro gets a warm welcome to school from daughter Sophia and principal Deb Oliver.



Three generations ... (Back to front): Anthony Tetley was happy to have time for breakfast with son Josh and grandsons Cooper and Kayden.



Friends and family ... Holly, Mia and Bronson Piacentini (left) enjoy some breakfast with Emilia and Ashley Lewis.



Bonding ... Father's day breakfast is a chance for some bonding time for Jordan and Edan Cockerell.

St Joseph's celebrates dads

FATHER'S Day got off to an early start at St Joseph's Primary School on Friday with the special male role models in students' lives gathering before school for their time to shine.

Principal Paul Arnel said the annual Father's Day breakfast is a chance to recognise the role of male role models in children's lives.

"All families are different; some dads live at home, some live away and some have passed away, but Father's day is a chance to celebrate them all, as well as the other special males students have in their lives," he said.

Jamie Ponting, who attended with daughter Macie-Jaye, told the *Leader* it was a chance for

them to make memories together.

"It means a lot to her for me to come to the breakfast, and it's a chance for me to be involved with her life at school," he said.

Grandfather Jim Stedman, who attended with his son Ben and Ben's children Hannah and Lucas, summed up the purpose of attending the event in one word.

"Family," he said.

Meanwhile, the Laidlaw family mustered up no less than three generations of fathers for the breakfast.

Adam Laidlaw, who attended the event for his daughters Jess, Ruby and Eva, who all attend St

Joseph's, was accompanied by both his father Allan and his grandfather Ron.

Allan, who was attending for the first time, said getting together as a group wasn't something they got to do very often.

"It's good to all be together and to see the girls all together at their school."

After everybody had the chance to enjoy some bacon and egg muffins and a cuppa, the senior students read a Father's Day prayer honouring and giving thanks for fathers.

The prayer was followed by the event's highlight, the senior class's rendition of the song 'The man in the picture', while family photos of

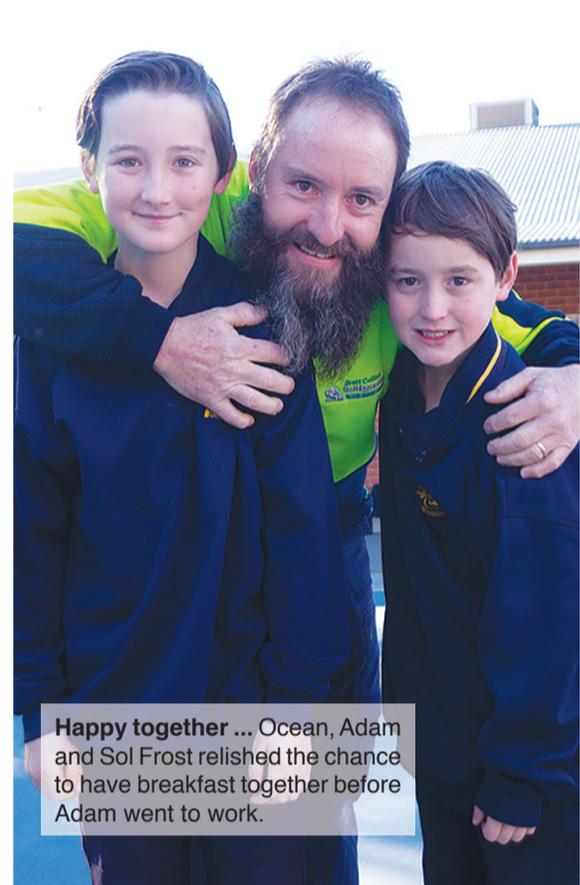
students with their dads appeared on the screen behind them.

The song is a tribute to ordinary dads and the simple ways in which they enhance the lives of their children.

"The man in the picture didn't fly through the air, he's no superhero, he's sure no millionaire. He didn't walk on the moon, he didn't save the world today, but he's my hero anyway."

We couldn't possibly have said it any better.

We hope all the dads out there had a great Father's Day.



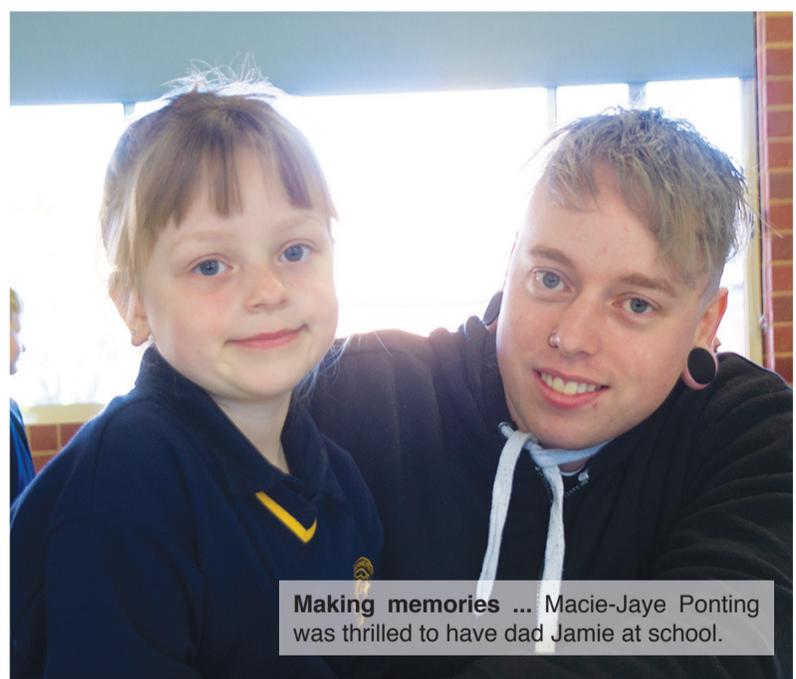
Happy together ... Ocean, Adam and Sol Frost relished the chance to have breakfast together before Adam went to work.



Four generations ... Allan, Jess, Ron, Ruby, Eva and Adam Laidlaw enjoyed the rare chance to get together at the girls' school.



Family ... Hannah, Jim, Lucas and Ben Stedman wouldn't miss Father's Day breakfast.



Making memories ... Macie-Jaye Ponting was thrilled to have dad Jamie at school.

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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/S91.

**THE SHOW SPORTS.
ALMOST SUCCESSFUL DAY
A CROWD OF FINE WORKERS.**

If proof of the enthusiasm animating members of the Agricultural society in the task of placing that body in the position it should occupy were asked for, it was given in abundant measure at the sports meeting held on Wednesday afternoon last. A recapitulation of the events leading up to the decision of the old committee to wind up, the society's chairs and the reconstruction of the organisation is unnecessary: the main thing is that the society has been reconstructed, and on such a solid foundation that nothing short of sheer inertia or gross mismanagement will allow of it falling back into the old condition of affairs. The men now conducting the society are for the most part young and enthusiastic, and they possess what was organisation without which no body can hope to permanently succeed. The people are the same as they have always been: all they needed was a strong lead, and that having been given, they have rallied round the society and already have placed it in a condition it has not enjoyed for many years. True, the commitments of the society are large, but these are a mere bagatelle when the resources of the district are considered, and there is no shadow of reason to suppose that the undertakings given by the executive committee of the society will not be redeemed.

**ECHUCA BY-ELECTION.
SELECTING A NATIONALIST CANDIDATE.**

A conference of representatives of branches of the National Federation was held at Shepparton on Friday afternoon last for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the Echuca electorate by-election. The candidates for pre-selection were Messrs D. C. Morrison, barrister and solicitor. Tatura; J. Burt Stewart, solicitor, Rushworth; and Major F. G. Purcell, landholder and journalist, Yea.

Mr F. G. Moss presided. Each of the candidates was given 20 minutes in which to address the meeting, and at the conclusion of the addresses a vote was taken under the preferential system, Major Purcell obtaining a majority on the first count.

Major Purcell is thus the selected candidate of the National Federation, but it is not too much to say that a great deal of dissatisfaction exists at the manner in which the selection was made. There were only 15 branches represented at the conference, we understand, and if all the delegates were on the same footing as the Numurkah delegates, then the whole proceedings were a farce. This branch was represented by Mr T. F. Lyons, together with Mr Moss. Mr Lyons lives at Essendon, and though an estimable gentleman in every respect and holding large interests in the electorate, he can scarcely claim to be able to represent the opinion of the whole district covered by the Numurkah branch of the federation.

Mr Lyons was appointed at a regularly convened meeting of the branch, we are informed, but as far as we are aware, a representative of this paper at tended every meeting advertised, and certainly no delegates were appointed at these meetings. In any case, it is admitted that the delegates did not receive instructions as to which candidate they should support, and members of the Numurkah branch are taking exception to their votes being disposed of in such a loose manner.

A Heavy Loss.—Messrs A. Dunning and W. Urquhart sustained a heavy loss yesterday afternoon when their Clydesdale stallion, Irwell Hero, died from an attack of colic.

Horse Parade.—The horse parade held under the auspices of the Agricultural Society on Wednesday last was a sorry affair, only four horses putting in an appearance, and of these one was too late to take part in the "parade."

Victorian Producers.—A general meeting of shareholders of the above society will be held in the Shire Hall on Friday afternoon next, at 3 o'clock, when a decision will be come to regarding a proposal to establish an office in the main street. Mr Gregson managing director will be present



Gas cylinders ... Fire fighters used a fog stream to make the cylinders cool enough to approach.



Useful prop ... A converted shipping container allowed fire fighters to safely practise domestic fire scenarios.

Brigades train ahead of fire season

NUMURKAH fire brigade group conducted its annual group training exercise last Wednesday, braving the rain to ensure their skills are as sharp as possible heading into the upcoming fire season.

Brigades from Drumanure, Kaarimba, Katunga, Numurkah, Strathmerton, Waaia, Wunghnu and Yarroweyah took part, along with Nathalia and Picola from the Nathalia group, with a total of 54 firefighters in attendance.

Eleven tankers were involved in the exercise, along with Numurkah's pumper and Wunghnu's field operation vehicle; Shepparton's hazardous materials van and Cobram's new pumper were also available for members to familiarise themselves with.

The training event was run in the same way a major fire involving multiple brigades operating from a

staging area would be.

As the vehicles arrived, they handed in their T-cards - a card shaped like a T that lists information such as the type of vehicle, where it is from and the names of the crew - at the staging area, which in this case was Wunghnu's field operations vehicle.

The evening started off at 5.30pm, with members enjoying a barbecue, followed by a briefing by group officer George Brown-Shepherd before they set off to the different activities.

The event featured three activities, which all members had a chance to take part in.

Two of the activities involved domestic fire scenarios, and used gas-fired props to simulate situations that fire fighters may be faced with.

The first domestic based scenario centred on gas cylinders on fire, and

featured a simulated incident where two gas cylinders had vented and ignited.

The fire fighters' aim was to move towards the ignited gas cylinders with a fog stream that would cool the cylinders. When the temperature was lowered sufficiently, the vents would close and the fire would be extinguished.

Depending on the situation, fire-fighters would continue towards the cylinders and turn off the taps before slowly backing out.

While the fire fighters were fighting the fire, another tanker had a hose out as backup in case something went wrong, such as a loss of water at the fire attack tanker.

Two training officers from Wangaratta training ground operated the fire, controlling the gas supply to the cylinders which would be switched off instantly if anything

went wrong.

The second exercise utilised the domestic training prop, which is a specially converted shipping container, that uses gas for three simulated fires - a television fire, a couch fire, and a stove top fire.

These fires were also controlled by operators, with one, two or all three of the scenarios on fire. Firefighters were trained in safe methods to attack these types of fire.

In both of the gas-fired training props, firefighters could feel the heat from the fires and experience the advantage of a fog stream in protecting them from the heat

The third training opportunity available related to hazardous trees. All fire fighters must complete this training, which involves watching a video and passing an assessment, every three years in order to be eligible to be on a fire ground.

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BIRTHDAYS



Mona Turns 100

The family of Mona Kelly wish to extend a warm welcome to all of her friends to celebrate her special birthday with us. Her birthday is 23rd September.

Open house will be Sunday, 22nd September 2.00-5.00pm at Mona's home at 25 Tocumwal Road, Numurkah

DEATHS

COLLINS (McKenzie) — Steven James "Huggy" Late of Numurkah, formerly of too many places to list. Passed away peacefully in his 60th year on August 21, 2019 at Karinya, Numurkah. Cherished son of Trevor McKenzie (dec.), Elaine and Dave (dec.) Collins. Loving friend to Joy French and Step-Dad to Peter, Elise and Mark and HumPa to his 5 grandchildren.

Reunited With His 2 Dads

My precious Son, Your time has come to run with the wolves and to fly with the eagles and soar high above watching over us forever.

Love Mum xxx

DEATHS

HEAP — Earnie. 26.2.1926 - 26.8.2019 Much loved father and father-in-law of David and Hellen. Proud and loving pop of Daniel and Rebecca Remembered always

Go Dees!

HEAP — Ernie. Passed away August 26th 2019, at Karinya Numurkah.

Brother and brother-in-law of June and George (dec.) Simmons. Uncle to Judy and Doug (dec.) Grenness, Garry and Leanne, Lindsay and Alana, Ian and Tricia and their families.

Rest in peace

MANLEY — Thomas Richard James (Tom) 29.9.1948~30.8.2019 In his 71st Year Late of Wunghnu. Passed away quietly at St. Vincent's Melbourne.

Remembered with love by his daughter Carolanne, son-in-law Ian (Ainsworth) and grandsons Austin and Kristian.

In God's Care

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HEAP — Ernest John (Ernie). 26.2.1926 - 26.8.2019 Peacefully at Karinya, Numurkah. Loved husband and friend to Barbara.

A lifetime together So blessed.

Father of David and Hellen, Richard and Jo, Andrew and Anne.

Loved Poppy to Daniel, Rebecca, Will, Jimmy and Grace.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Friends of Karinya Fathers Day Raffle Winners

1st - Bob Fyfe
2nd - Sue McKellar
3rd - Dot Brown
Thank you to everyone for your support

THANKS

Thank you

Mangles — Betty. Gavin and family would like to thank all those who attended Betty's funeral, sent cards, food and messages of condolences.

We would also like to thank the Doctors and nurses in ICU at GV Health for their care of Betty, and Ivan at Heritage Park Funeral Services for his guidance and care at this time.

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EOI: NCN HEALTH IRVIN HOUSE STAGE 1 ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS

NCN Health is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified building contractors for inclusion on a selected tender list for the alterations and additions to the existing Irvin House Nursing Home at the Cobram Campus.

EOI documentation is available by contacting James Seymour Architecture 0428 066 655, js@jamesseymourarchitecture.com

EOI closes on 25 September 2019

TENDERS



C033/19

Gilmore Street, Yarrawonga - Reconstruction

C046/19

Kerb and Channel Reconstruction and Associated Pavement Works, Wadeson Street Cobram

Tenders closing 4pm Wednesday 25 September 2019

Specification documents can be obtained by visiting www.moira.vic.gov.au/our-council/tenders

All submissions are to be lodged electronically. Late, hard copy, e-mailed or facsimile submissions will not be accepted. *Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.*

Mark Henderson
Chief Executive Officer

FUNERAL NOTICES

COLLINS (McKenzie) — The Funeral for Mr. Steven James "Huggy" Collins (late of Numurkah) will be arriving at the Numurkah Rose Garden Rotunda on Friday, September 6, 2019 for a Service to Celebrate his life commencing at 2 p.m. followed by a Private Cremation.

No flowers by request. Donations in lieu to Friends of Karinya. Envelopes available at the Service.

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HEAP — A service to celebrate the life of Mr Ernest (Ernie) Heap

CHANGE OF VENUE will be held at the RSL Hall Saxton Street, Numurkah, on Saturday, September 7, 2019, commencing at 2pm, followed by a private family committal service.

Ex-service personnel are respectfully invited to attend.

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MANLEY — Prayers for the repose of the soul of Mr. Thomas Richard James (Tom) Manley will be offered at St. Johns Catholic Church, Tocumwal Road, Numurkah on Monday, September 9, 2019 commencing at 11 a.m. followed by a Private Cremation.

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GMW Reference No: BGW0653-19

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Closing Date for Applications - Thursday, September 12, 2019

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Alan bowls up a winner

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

BETTER known for his lawn bowling prowess, Alan Rogers had a tight win in last Thursday's stableford event at Numurkah Golf Club.

Scoring 36 points, Alan narrowly held off six other players who finished with a total of 35. Of these, Steve Wilson and Frank Houlihan finished second and third respectively in a count-back.

In a pleasing field of 47 competitors, the following players' scores earned them a club ball: Bruce Collins, John McHale, Ron Smith and Col McMinn all 35, Bill Green, Alf Patman, Gary Blackburn, Steve Thornton and Ray Falla 34, Neil Hutchins and Barry Pruden 33, Fred Barton 32.

In what has become a common place occurrence, the NAGA winner, Neil Parker with a lowly total of 20 points, was also awarded the Mickey Mouse ears for picking his ball up early on the 12th hole.

"I've had three putts already and I can't be

bothered having another one," he was rumoured to have brusquely uttered.

The nearest the pin awards all went off this week. Nev Smith was closest on the fourth hole, taking the GMCU sponsored ball, while club captain Ron Smith gleefully pocketed the money filled envelope on offer for being the most accurate on the seventh hole.

Visitor Jimmy Joe Deleo won Dennis and Roy's sponsored ball on the 14th hole, and fellow visitor Fred Barton finally forced Graeme Sprunt to part with a Titleist by landing closest to the 15th pin.

Gary Blackburn had a smug smile on his face after winning the Pruden Carpentry ball on the 18th hole. Wonder why?

Now that spring is officially here, why not join us this Thursday? Assemble at 9.30am for a 10 o'clock hit off. Visitors and guests are most welcome.

On the croquet courts

LAST Tuesday dawned a perfect day, weather-wise, for golf croquet social play, with 17 players taking the opportunity to get out on the Numurkah courts in the warm conditions.

David Geddes, Graham Tyack and Lois Lowe all finished with three wins and 21 hoops but, on a countback, Lois was the winner. Graham was runner-up and David a close third place.

Ian Londey, in his usual style, cleared two great jump shots, one of which seemed almost impossible, but proved no problem at all to Ian.

Although Lois Lowe and Barb McKeown man-

aged a hoop-in-one each, they were clearly outshone by Lynne Hughes, who made two hoops with one shot.

The Numurkah association team played its first pennant match of the season, at Mooroopna last Wednesday against a very strong team. Mooroopna won 5/82 to Numurkah's 1/63.

Louise Vale won her singles game against Reg Coleman and, even though the rest of the team made a respectable amount of hoops, they couldn't manage another win.

The team has a bye today and next week will play at home against a Shepparton team.

Miles always willing

GLEN Miles was awarded the Aldridge Trophy when the Numurkah Small Bore Club held its annual presentation night recently.

The trophy is presented to a club member who is always willing to help around the club during the year.

The member can't have won it in the past five years. Members were also recognised for their achievements in various disciplines throughout the past year.

Benchrest champion - 1st Louis Cook 3883.113; 2nd Colin Saxton 3864.99; 3rd Derek Bradshaw 3825.97.

20m prone champions - A grade: Lindsay Braybon 1970.81; B grade: Angela Gibbon 1913.47; C grade: Hannah O'Brien 1813.27.

Best 14 nights 20m prone scratch - A grade: L. Braybon 2745.118; B grade: A. Gibbon 2649.58; C grade: H. O'Brien 2477.32.

Best 14 nights 20m prone handicap: A grade: G. Braybon 2772.94; B grade: A. Gibbon 2901.55; C grade: H O'Brien 2689.40.

Best 14 Nights 50m Prone - A grade: L. Braybon 2727.131; B grade: B. Sneddon 2654.76; C grade: A. Lee 2575.50.

Best 14 nights 50m prone handicap - A grade: T. Braybon 2778.92; B grade: B. Sneddon 2747.112; C grade: A. Lee 2809.88.

50m prone champions - A grade: Lindsay Braybon 1969.103; B grade: Bradley Sneddon 1921.62; C grade: Adam Lee 1865.43.

Fritz Schmidt Handicap - Benchrest: Colin Saxton 1178.17; Prone: Lindsay Braybon 1389.57.

LAST THURSDAY

Last Thursday night's match top scores saw Colin Saxton with 194.2 in 20 metre benchrest, Tim Braybon with 197.9 for 20 metre prone, Derek Bradshaw with 186.1 out of 200 in 50 metre benchrest and Hannah O'Brien with 185.1 in 50 metre prone.

Scores

20 metre benchrest: C. Saxton 95.1 99.1 194.2, E. Ryan 95.0 98.2 193.2.

20 metre prone: T. Braybon 98.4 99.5 197.9, G. Braybon 97.5 98.5 195.10, L. Braybon 97.4 98.6 195.10, R. Hill 96.3 96.4 192.7, S. Rosemeier 93.3 93.3 186.6, G. Miles 93.2 92.3 185.5, J. Matys 91.1 93.2 184.3, A. Gibbon 93.1 90.1 184.1, D. Cook 91.2 91.2 182.4, A. Gibbon 87.2 91.1 178.3, J. Matys 87.1 85.0 172.1.

50 metre benchrest: D. Bradshaw 186.1, B. Braybon 184.6, G Miles 175.2, L. Cook 170.0

50 metre prone: H. O'Brien 88.0 97.1 185.1, J. Smith 85.0 87.0 172.0

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

Black and blue

UNDER 10s soccer saw Numurkah Knights Black take on Numurkah Knights Blue that resulted in a four all draw on the weekend.

The first half saw the Oswald brothers, Timmy and Harry, showing great skill for the Blues, powering home four impressive goals between them.

This was thanks to great teamwork and passing from Zoe Hawthorn, Bailey Power and Lacy Schultz.

The Blacks' Caleb Lewis was able to score two goals prior to half time, on the end of terrific footwork from Jade Hester, Ella Carlisle and Bella Wayman.

The Blues found the second half a little tougher with Timmy Oswald being contained by the Blacks' Will Robin.

Ella Carlisle and Caleb Lewis found the gaps and were both able to score, tying the match four all.

UNDER 8s

Numurkah Knights U8 played Bouchier Eagles in the penultimate match of the season and went down fighting.

Converting an excellent corner kick, the Eagles were the first to score.

The Knights regrouped, with Zavier Archer breaking through the Eagles' defence crossing to Declan Stockwin who slotted the ball into the net for a great goal.

The midfield of Harry Oswald, Elijah Tonkin and Dakota Schultz continued to hold the play in the centre, however late in the first half the Eagles struck again with another goal to take the lead into the break.

The second half saw the Eagles keep Numurkah's strikers out of effective range, only allowing futile long range shots.

In return, the Eagles' speed saw them break through the Knights' defence to score again and win the match.

Nola's from boiled lollies to chocolates



Choc-aholic ... Nola Dalton won last Wednesday's monthly medal round at Numurkah.

by "The Shankster"

NOLA Dalton proved that you can go from boiled lollies to chocolates in just a few days on the golf course when she won last Wednesday's monthly medal round at Numurkah Golf Club with a nice score of 73 nett.

The day started off beautifully, but the wind soon picked up and the women finished in cool, cloudy conditions, but were thankful that the forecast rain held off until much later.

Nola had scored poorly in the previous Saturday's round, but showed that every day is a new day in golf. Her 73 nett was good enough to finish two shots clear of Bev Peacock, who filled the runner-up placing with 75 nett.

Lorraine Craig and Julie Daniel both finished with 77 netts, Lozza winning the countback, while Helen Schmedje and Liz Dell finished ahead in a three-way countback on 78, knocking Lor-

raine Milner out of the winnings.

The day proved to be all about Nola, when she also pocketed balls for having the best scratch score of 84 shots, a nearest the pin on the 18th hole, and another for paring all five of the par threes.

Pauline Davies won the cake hole voucher for her shot to the seventh green, and will be heading to the Telegraph Hotel for a delicious lunch.

Of the division two golfers, Merren Carr won the division two ball for nearest the pin on the 18th, Lorraine Milner was closest to the pin after two shots on the second.

After several weeks of ordinary scores, the scores started to show some improvement on Saturday, with two players playing to better than their handicaps.

Julie Daniel won the day's stableford competition with 38 points, ahead of Jeanette Adams on 37.

Nola Dalton completed a good week with 36 points, finishing ahead of Karen Harper on 35, and Rosemary Rutledge and Norma Cullum on 33s.

For the first time in a long while, players hit all four of the nearest the pin greens. Julie Daniel won both the 15th and 18th, Julie Hannaford won the fourth, and Felicity Booth had the best shot to the seventh green.

The greens have just undergone their annual renovation, so there are some less serious events planned for the next week.

Today's golf will be a two person ambrose event, with a draw for playing partners at 9am, for a 9.15am hit off.

Saturday will be a three club plus putter event, which always has some players wondering why they carry around a full bag of 13 clubs.

Next Wednesday's event will be a par round.

Booth holds off strong field

by "Archie Bunker"

DAVID Booth held off a strong field to win Saturday's stableford event at Numurkah Golf Club with a great round of 41 points.

Playing off a handicap of just three, David shot two under par, in a great round of golf, hitting the ball long and straight, and putting well to provide a great spectacle for his playing partners.

It was a day for the low markers, with runner-up Col McMinn, also a three marker, finishing with 40 points.

McMinn played an early round and was the clubhouse leader for most of the day.

Peter 'Bullant' Cowan took out B grade with 39 points, on a day when everything worked for him. He finished just one point ahead of Kerry Collins, on 38, which was a much better effort than he had in last Thursday's competition.

Steve Wilson won a countback to take the first of the down the line balls with

36 points, ahead of Glen Thompson, Rod Campbell, Ian Clark and Grant Duffy. With 35 points were Bill Green, Andrew Nicholls, Hugh Gunn and Mark Hegarty, and the last of the balls went to Alan Dalton with 34 points.

Matt Campbell won nearest the pin on the fourth hole, John Smith was closest on the 15th, and David Scott had the best shot to the 18th. Neil Hutchins was surprised to even hit the 15th green, so was most happy to take home a ball for his efforts.

There was a long and convoluted story at presentations about Grant Duffy's efforts to win the Mickey Mouse ears this week. Grant seemed to get himself a bit disoriented on the course layout at one stage.

Grant's tee shot on the ninth hole struck a tree and finished in the garden bed adjacent to the ladies' sixth tee. After taking a drop, he hooked his next shot to the eighth fairway.

Saying, "I'll just hit this to the 150 metre mark and then onto the green," he pro-

ceeded to attempt the first part of the job, and was quite pleased with his effort, until his playing partner pointed out he had actually hit to the 150 mark on the sixth fairway.

A group of Numurkah members headed off to the Tallygaroopna tournament on Sunday, and recorded some pretty ordinary scores. Notably, one Jack Dell recorded a meritorious 12 on one hole, which I'm sure won't be forgotten by some club members, for a veeeeeeery long time.

But Nick Ludington, who came up from Melbourne to play the day with his father, David, held up the club's honour by winning the A grade scratch with a round of 74 shots.

Following up from this will be the Children tournament this Sunday. A bus will leave Numurkah at 7.30am, and there is still room for more players. Anyone wishing to go should contact David Ludington.

After the greens renovations earlier this week, Saturday's golf will be a three club plus putter event, so choose your weapons carefully.



Great golf ... David Booth shot a great two under par round on Saturday.

FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

MFL

QUALIFYING AND ELIMINATION FINALS
Saturday at Echuca United and Moama

SENIORS

Nathalia 5.3, 8.5, 14.6, 22.11 (143)
Mulwala 1.6, 6.9, 7.14, 7.15 (57)
GOALS, Nathalia: Liam Evans 7, Brodie Ross 3, Jason Limbrick 3, Adam Jorgensen 3, Drew Barnes 2, Malcolm Barnes 2, Adam Hickey 1, Bailey Bell 1. Mulwala: Sean Robinson 4, William Barden 1, Flynn Fletcher 1, Harrison Crossley 1.
BEST, Nathalia: Liam Evans, Rhys Shannon, Ryan Butler, Alistair Corry, Jason Limbrick, Ned Nihilil, Mulwala: Reece Geary, Sean Robinson, Eli Boyer, William Barden, Tom Dow, Jackson Gash.

Numurkah 5.2, 8.2, 11.3, 14.6 (90)
Echuca United 4.1, 8.3, 10.5, 11.6 (72)
GOALS, Numurkah: Michael Herlihy 6, Joshua Hoffmann 3, Nathan Hicks 2, Jarrod Holmes 1, Jamie Fulton 1, Mitchell Price 1. Echuca United: Joshua Mellington 4, Dean Moon 2, Ben Fulford 1, Justin Cantwell 1, Philip Hubbard 1, Nicholas Denahy 1, Peter Quanchi 1.
BEST, Numurkah: Michael Herlihy, Tim Arnel, Jamie Fulton, Mitchell Price, Grant Gallus, Zach McKeown. Echuca United: Clayton Zanella, Billy Barnes, Nicholas Denahy, Jeremy Hartigan, James Curnow, Luke Sanderson.

RESERVES

Echuca United 1.1, 3.1, 6.1, 7.2 (44)
Moama 2.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.6 (36)
GOALS, Echuca United: Anthony McMahon 2, James Deighton 2, Liam Gundry 1, Rhys Morgan 1, Kyle Armstrong 1. Moama: Benjamin Walker 2, Ash Dewinne 1, Bradley Steenbuck 1, Justin Smith 1.
BEST, Echuca United: Rhys Morgan, Daniel Barwick, Dean Haydon, Luke Schwencke, Andrew Pryde, Thomas Pitt. Moama: Matthew Palmer, Clay McGregor, Zach Stovell, Jack Duggan, Matt Lynch, Angus McKinclay.

Tongala

Tongala 3.2, 4.3, 6.10, 9.12 (66)
Rumbalara 1.2, 4.6, 5.9, 6.12 (48)
GOALS, Tongala: Samuel Tyler 2, Beau Joyce 1, Dominic Watt 1, Bradley Power 1, Matthew Ohlsen 1, Bryce Denham 1, Matthew Wild 1, Steven Phillips 1. Rumbalara: Graham Weston 2, Joshua Atkinson 1, Jamie Atkinson 1, Marlon Johnstone 1, Bradley Armstrong 1. BEST, Tongala: Beau Joyce, Jayden Vick, Bryce Denham, Tyler Vick, Daniel Maher, Samuel Tyler. Rumbalara: Kane Atkinson, Lachlan Armstrong, Blayne Briggs, Simon Hunter, Travis Morgan, Joshua Atkinson.

UNDER 17

Echuca United 1.6, 2.8, 5.8, 9.12 (66)
Numurkah 1.1, 1.1, 3.4, 3.5 (23)
GOALS, Echuca United: Jack Jansen 2, Corey Garner 2, Ned Osborne 2, Geanlo San Diego 1, Jye Smith 1, Jacob Russell 1. Numurkah: Rhys Cason 2, Bailey Roberts 1.
BEST, Echuca United: Ned Osborne, Tom Holmes,

Kynan Sharpe-Long, Darcy Ramage, Zakary Hard, Brady Simpson. Numurkah: Bailey Roberts, Jack Milen, Jayden Holmes, Dakota Pellegrino, Kade O'Dwyer, Kane Newby.

Tongala 5.5, 8.6, 10.6, 12.7 (79)
Moama 0.1, 1.4, 1.7, 1.9 (15)
GOALS, Tongala: Sam Cipriani 6, Harley Reid 3, Luke Smith 1, Joshua Murray 1, Jay Matthes 1. Moama: Luke Edwards 1.

BEST, Tongala: Talbot Varcoe, Sam Cipriani, Mackenzie Cowley, Jay Matthes, Riley Locke, Riley Souter. Moama: Levi Boys, Colbie Vredenburg, Aiden Mackenzie, Ethan Redwood, Darby Baldwin, Luke Edwards.

UNDER 14

Echuca United 3.3, 5.6, 7.10, 11.15 (81)
Cobram 1.0, 1.0, 2.1, 2.1 (13)
GOALS, Echuca United: Fayte Belmont-Wickliffe 3, Samuel Fisher 3, Oliver Poole 2, Noah Schmedje 2, Nash Ramage 1. Cobram: Kevin Griffin 1, Callum Hulley 1.
BEST, Echuca United: Oliver Poole, William Graham, Nash Ramage, Jacob Verhey-Taylor, Ryan Stobaas, Hunter Dixon. Cobram: Ned Higgins, Nash Motton, Callum Hulley, Thomas Corso, Levy Tejones, Kevin Griffin.

Tongala

Tongala 1.5, 2.6, 4.11, 5.13 (43)
Rumbalara 0.0, 2.3, 3.4, 5.5 (35)
GOALS, Tongala: Harley Reid 2, Kade Northausen 1, Joshua Murray 1, Dylan Moore 1. Rumbalara: Benjamin McGowan 2, Jyia Foster 1, Bailey Armstrong 1, Tyler Hoogsaad 1.
BEST, Tongala: Dylan Moore, Harley Reid, Jesse Jackman, Tristan Watson, Joshua Murray, Hudson Kellett. Rumbalara: Tanner Armstrong, Leon Johnson Walker, Jarell Morgan, Benjamin McGowan, Tyreese Briggs, Jaegen Briggs.

Sunday at Numurkah and Tungamah

SENIORS

Tongala 4.5, 9.8, 16.12, 21.15 (141)
Tungamah 5.2, 8.4, 10.5, 15.7 (97)
GOALS, Tongala: Coby McCarthy 5, Anthony Dennis 3, Jordan Souter 3, Jack Hammond 2, Michael Pryde 2, Mackenzie Ryan 2, Nicholas Woods 1, Ryley Cowley 1, Jayden Tucker 1, Sam Cipriani 1. Tungamah: Nick Lawless 5, Ashley Saunders 3, Benjamin Beaton 3, Duane Haebich 2, Timothy Cooper 1, Christopher Powell 1.
BEST, Tongala: Cameron Ilett, Anthony Dennis, Coby McCarthy, Riley Bacon, Kyle Fitzgerald, Michael Pryde. Tungamah: Nick Lawless, Angus Ford, William Sharp, Terence Jones, Jake Jones, Ashley Saunders.

Congupna

Congupna 2.3, 8.4, 13.6, 15.6 (96)
Cobram 3.2, 4.7, 5.8, 7.11 (53)
GOALS, Congupna: Daniel Campbell 5, Jak Trewin 4, Daniel Schaper 1, Mathew Cornwall 1, James Boyer 1, Sam Ferguson 1, Tate Mifka 1, Joshua Chapman 1. Cobram: Nicholas Hoban 3, Nicholas Dore 2, Adam De Cicco 1, Christopher George 1.
BEST, Congupna: Curtley Allen, Tate Mifka, James Boyer, Jak Trewin, Daniel Campbell, Sam Ferguson. Cobram: Samuel Beasley, Nicholas Dore, Daniel Clarke, Harry Beasley, Adam De Cicco, Sam Gemmill.

RESERVES

Nathalia 4.1, 7.3, 7.3, 11.8 (74)
Deniliquin Rams 2.2, 5.4, 6.6, 7.6 (48)
GOALS, Nathalia: Matt Davies 3, Lachlan Wigmore 2, Christopher Brown 2, Matthew Smith 1, Jamie Hardy 1, Henry Congues 1, Scott Morris 1. Deniliquin Rams: Hamish Ross 2, Ben Nisbet 2, Jackson Campbell 1, Blair Sartore 1, Scott Atley 1.
BEST, Nathalia: Henry Congues, Cameron Hickey, Scott Morris, Christopher Brown, Nathan Mckenna, Kodi Hicks. Deniliquin Rams: Joel Park, Scott Atley, Brady Trotman, Jake McManus, Hugh Landale, Jonathan Tubbs.

Tungamah

Tungamah 0.2, 4.6, 7.11, 11.15 (81)
Mulwala 4.2, 4.2, 4.3, 5.5 (35)
GOALS, Tungamah: Matthew Powell 2, Matthew Bourke 2, Alan Richardson 2, Adam Dodd 2, Angus Heslin 1, Nicholas Doyle 1, Jacob Sampson 1. Mulwala: Cam Nye 2, Andrew Maskell-dunsta 1, Sam Willett 1, Lachlan Orr 1.
BEST, Tungamah: Nicholas Doyle, James Reilly, Daniel Whykes, Jack Besley, Daniel Ellis, Corey Bourke. Mulwala: Joseph Bland, Sam Willett, Lachlan Wood, Christopher O'Neill, Wade Dennis, Cam Nye.

UNDER 17

Rumbalara 5.2, 7.5, 7.7, 10.7 (67)
Mulwala 1.0, 2.1, 5.2, 6.4 (40)
GOALS, Rumbalara: Ashtyn Atkinson 2, Jayden Armstrong 2, Lenard Weston 1, Tyler Hoogsaad 1, Gavin Handy 1, Djaidha Miller 1, Tommy Hargave 1, Anthony Miller 1. Cobram: Lewis McShane 4, Liam Hayes 1, James Curtin 1, Jack Beasley 1.
BEST, Rumbalara: Gavin Handy, Anthony Miller, Lenard Weston, Ashtyn Atkinson, Malachi Atkinson, Tommy Hargave. Cobram: Dylan Langshaw, Ryan Mele, James Curtin, John O'Neill, Jack Beasley, Lewis McShane.

Finley

Finley 3.1, 4.1, 9.1, 11.2 (68)
Mulwala 1.0, 2.1, 5.2, 6.4 (40)
GOALS, Finley: Benjamin Ashley-Cooper 3, Shaddeau Brain 2, Edward Haynes 2, Aidan Fennell 1, Nicholas Gray 1, Levi Webster 1, Cameron Lawler 1. Mulwala: Daniel Psaltiras 3, Kyle Abikhair 1, Thomas Adkins 1, Joshua Spain 1.
BEST, Finley: Christopher Wright, Benjamin Ashley-Cooper, Lachlan Osborne, Shaddeau Brain, Zye Treadway, Marlon Webster. Mulwala: Zach Scott, Sam Davis, Brock Conway, Joshua Ednie, Kane Fisher, Daniel Psaltiras.

UNDER 14

Nathalia 0.1, 0.2, 1.5, 3.5 (23)
Deniliquin Rams 0.1, 1.1, 1.3, 1.4 (10)
GOALS, Nathalia: Brandon Orton 2, Darcy Conroy 1. Deniliquin Rams: Charlie Hillier 1.
BEST, Nathalia: Charlie Dietrich, Darcy Conroy, Kai Lundberg, Brandon Orton, Ewan Congues, Oliver Sheehan. Deniliquin Rams: Charlie Hillier, William McCartney, Harley Hicks, Cooper King, Angus Wright, Ben Dunmore.
Moama 2.2, 3.3, 4.3, 4.4 (28)
Finley 0.0, 1.2, 1.4, 2.5 (17)

GOALS, Moama: Lachlan Hogan 2, Grant Hope 1, Noah Langborne 1. Finley: Zachariah Everingham 1, Harrison King 1.
BEST, Moama: Noah Langborne, Ben Paterson, Hudson Connelly, Grant Hope, Jye Jarrett, Zac McKenzie. Finley: Ethan Mcleish, Tristan Ogilvie, Jordan Sykes, Harry Taylor, Joc Brain, Jack Hay.

NEXT WEEK

SEMI FINAL 1, SATURDAY AT COBRAM

Seniors: Mulwala v Tongala
Reserves: Moama v Nathalia
Under 17s: Numurkah v Finley
Under 14s: Cobram v Tongala

SEMI FINAL 2, SUNDAY AT NATHALIA

Seniors: Echuca United v Congupna
Reserves: Rumbalara v Tungamah
Under 17s: Cobram v Tongala
Under 14s: Deniliquin v Moama

PFL

SEMI FINALS

Saturday at Mathoura

SENIORS

Rennie 5.2, 7.6, 9.11, 10.11 (71)
Katamatite 1.3, 2.4, 5.5, 9.8 (62)
GOALS, Rennie: Chase Strawhorn 3, Zack Smith 2, Daniel Mangan 1, Cameron Sudholz 1, Joel O'Dwyer 1, Jack Kennedy 1, Claye Runnalls 1. Katamatite: Brodie McDonald 4, Christopher McKay 1, Sam Fowles 1, Jedd Wright 1, Mathew Pelt 1.
BEST, Rennie: Joel O'Dwyer, Jack Kennedy, Craig Ednie, Alex Brooks, Zack Smith, Jarryd Fountain. Katamatite: Thomas Buzza, Trent Steers, Christopher McKay, Patrick Horschburgh, Patrick Riordan, Nicholas Clurey.

RESERVES

Blighty 3.2, 5.5, 5.8, 6.10 (46)
Berrigan 0.2, 2.3, 4.4, 6.7 (43)
GOALS, Blighty: Joshua Peers 2, Jordan Amor 1, Beau Close 1, Benjamin Littmann 1, Daniel Kirchen 1. Berrigan: Damon Ferguson 1, George Stevenson 1, Gerald Towler 1, Adam Fox 1, Matthew Heazlewood 1, Matthew Eales 1.
BEST, Blighty: not supplied. Berrigan: Cameron Hall, Matthew Eales, George Stevenson, Mason Peters, Ian Congdon, Matthew Heazlewood.

UNDER 17

Deniliquin Rovers 2.1, 2.4, 4.5, 8.8 (56)
Tocumwal 2.2, 2.4, 3.7, 7.10 (52)
GOALS, Deniliquin Rovers: Raymond Murphy 4, Patrick Westcott 1, Brandon Armstrong 1, Hayden Gardner 1, Bailey Caruso 1. Tocumwal: Baylee Morton 2, Zander Griffin 1, Blair Eddy 1, Harvey White 1, Chase Hardwidge 1, Bailey Mason 1.
BEST, Deniliquin Rovers: Raymond Murphy, Haydn Mowat, Tom Blake, William Martin 1, Jack Woodcock, Lugaidh Jennings-Gallagher. Tocumwal: Zander Griffin, Hayden Davis, Harvey White, Bailey Mason, Chase Hardwidge, Mitch Condon.

UNDER 14

Deniliquin Rovers 2.3, 2.4, 4.5, 7.6 (48)
Katunga 0.0, 1.4, 2.7, 4.15 (39)
GOALS, Deniliquin Rovers: Jordan Stafford 3, Alvin Cooper 2, Liam East 1, Deagan Purcell 1. Katunga: Lochie O'Brien 2, Ty Milne 1, Joseph Crisara 1.
BEST, Deniliquin Rovers: Alvin Cooper, Bryce Lea, Liam East, Austin Armytage, Jemika Cooper, Jackson Muldoon-Leatham. Katunga: Lochie O'Brien, Viv Russo, Jackson Harris, Harry McDonald, Benjamin Arho.

Sunday at Yarroweayah

SENIORS

Deniliquin Rovers 2.4, 3.5, 8.9, 10.9 (69)
Berrigan 2.2, 5.2, 6.2, 7.7 (49)
GOALS, Deniliquin Rovers: R. Waters 4, J. Flight 3, D. Whyman, T. Lumar, N. Kerr. Berrigan: L. Schmidt 3, A. Coldwell, T. Beams, K. McQualter, F. Haintz. BEST, Deniliquin Rovers: A. Hay, D. Morgan, J. Gilligan, A. May, R. McCulloch, R. Waters. Berrigan: G. Martin, K. McQualter, T. Beams, T. Walliss, F. Haintz, A. Way.

RESERVES

Waaia 1.7, 4.6, 7.8, 12.11 (83)
Katunga 4.1, 4.1, 5.2, 6.2 (38)
GOALS, Waaia: N. Cornick 3, B. Carey 3, R. Bergamin 2, S. Trower, S. Carey, H. Walker, J. Collins. Katunga: O. Small 3, T. Corby, M. John, B. Kimberley. BEST, Waaia: S. Carey, S. Trower, E. McDonald, S. Hixon, N. Cornick, D. Hommes. Katunga: T. Hinck, N. Few, S. Few, T. Miles, J. Baker, T. Corby.

UNDER 17

Rennie 1.1, 5.4, 9.7, 12.9 (81)
Jerilderie 2.0, 3.0, 3.1, 4.1 (25)
GOALS, Rennie: B. Droop 4, M. Williams 2, T. Kennedy 2, A. Slattery 2, F. Donovan, E. Stephens. Jerilderie: O. Knight 3, T. Lawton.
BEST, Rennie: T. Elliott, T. Hicks, J. McInness, T. Woodward, E. Stephens, M. Williams. Jerilderie: B. Aylett, B. Neessen, G. DiLullo, O. Knight, R. Knight, A. Mauger.

UNDER 14

Blighty 4.0, 6.3, 9.4, 11.7 (73)
Picola United 0.0, 0.1, 1.3, 2.3 (15)
GOALS, Blighty: not supplied. Picola United: M. Jorgensen, E. Bush.
BEST, Blighty: not supplied. Picola United: L. Daniel, M. Jorgensen, K. Atkinson, J. Underwood, M. Butterworth, C. Legge.

NEXT WEEK

PRELIMINARY FINALS

Saturday, September 7 at Strathmerton

Seniors: Waaia v Deniliquin Rovers
Reserves: Deniliquin Rovers v Waaia
Under 17s: Strathmerton v Rennie
Under 14s: Rennie v Blighty

Sunday, September 8 at Deniliquin

Seniors: Strathmerton v Rennie
Reserves: Rennie v Blighty
Under 17s: Katunga v Deniliquin Rovers
Under 14s: Strathmerton v Deniliquin Rovers



Patience ... Hayley Wigmore works herself closer to the goal post with a pass out to Mia Bell in their under 15s' one goal win on Sunday.

Exciting win for Nathalia

HAVING only just scraped into finals with an eighth placed finish, Nathalia's B grade netballers saw them move into this weekend's semi finals with a nail-biting finish to their game.

The Purples got off to a great start, settling early and taking control of the game, and continued this through to half time, going into the break with a comfortable lead.

A drop in their intensity in the second half, and some silly mistakes allowed Congupna back into the game, but some smart play in the dying minutes allowed Nathalia to hold on for a one goal win, 26-25.

The Purples will now meet Mulwala in a semi final clash at Cobram this Saturday.

An entire season has passed since these two teams met in their only encounter for 2019, in round one, where Cobram came out victorious by 10 goals, so the Purples really have a chance to make a fresh start against the Tigers, and will be hoping to reverse that result.

C GRADE

A strong start from Nathalia's C grade side took Tongala by surprise, and allowed the Purples to hold the lead right throughout

the game.

Steph Hayes and Jen Butler were amazing in defence, picking off passes and scoring opportunities. Chloe Armstrong and Anna Tinkler were strong in the centre position, and also standouts over the four quarters.

Fresh legs on court in the final term saw Nathalia finish a great game strongly, to take an elimination final victory by seven goals, 41-34.

The Purples will now meet Deniliquin, which finished in third spot on the ladder, at Nathalia this Sunday. These two teams only met in the penultimate game of the season, Deniliquin winning by just three goals, so this weekend's game is set to be another thriller.

Best players: Steph Hayes, Jen Butler, Chloe Armstrong.

C RESERVE

Nathalia's C reserve netballers also advanced into the semi finals, with a comfortable win over Congupna on Sunday.

Good use of space, and tight defence all over the court enabled the Purples to take a two goal lead at half time, then a great second half saw them increase this margin, eventually taking victory 40-27.

Nathalia will meet Deniliquin in a semi final clash at Nathalia on Sunday.

15 UNDER

A pressure game from Nathalia's under 15 netballers paid dividends for the young Purples, who took victory by a solitary goal in a tight last quarter.

Holly Boyd and Kaiya Cornell worked hard in defence, applying strong pressure to the accurate Barooga goalers in the final term to see their team move into the semi finals.

The defenders helped the attackers to reset and be patient to work the ball close to the post.

Turnovers all over the court were the Purples' strong point, allowing their goalers to capitalise well.

Mia Bell and Ebony James were strong in attack and set up the goalers with great feeding into the circle, while accurate shooting saw the score progress steadily.

Jenny Mason and Ella Dealy applied good pressure at wing defence, creating turnovers, and Nathalia was in front when the final whistle sounded, winning 32-31.

Best players: Holly Boyd, Mia Bell, Kaiya Cornell.

Bulldogs draw Blood

AFTER finishing in fifth place on the Picola netball league A grade ladder, Strathmerton has come good at the right end of the season, knocking the top team, Tocumwal, out of the finals race on Saturday.

There were plenty of nerves, but mostly excitement, amongst the Bulldogs after a week off, although their preparation leading into the weekend was kept the same as usual trying to keep things consistent.

Whatever made the difference, the Bulldogs were unstoppable in their semi final game, taking a 27 goal win over The Bloods, 61-34.

Tegan Sutton created plenty of turnovers from defence, her strong hands pulling in plenty of rebounds, which created opportunities for her attackers.

Kelley Laidlaw and Amy Carter worked tirelessly in the goal circle all game setting the standard high right from the start and never backing off.

On a warm day, it was important to have fresh legs when required, and the girls han-

dled all position changes very well.

Strathmerton will now meet Katunga in a preliminary final at Deniliquin this Sunday.

Katunga finished the season in third place on the ladder, and has had the wood on the Bulldogs in their two encounters this season but, as Strathy proved on Saturday, finals are a different ball game, and they will be keen to make their way into the grand final.

17 UNDER

After suffering their first loss of the season in their qualifying final, the Strathy under 17 girls knuckled down and they came away with a comfortable win over Blighty, 52-31.

Their task was to train hard, perfect the basics and support each other, and that's just what they did.

The Bulldogs adjusted to the conditions and team changes, and played to their strengths to bring home a fantastic win.

They will be aiming to continue this form when they meet Waaia in a preliminary final at Deniliquin on Sunday.



Like a bird ... Picola under 17 player Cody Power leaps to defend a Tocumwal pass. Photo: Cheryl Thorn,

Picola takes next step

ANOTHER good start set up Picola's A grade netball side for a terrific, 18 goal semi final win on Sunday, and the Blues will now move into a preliminary final berth this Saturday.

After finishing the season in sixth place on the Picola league ladder, Sunday's win over the second finishing Katamatite was a massive effort, especially given the 61-42 scoreline.

It would seem the girls are coming good at the right end of the season. Their defensive pressure was very impressive, and they worked the ball patiently into the goal circle.

They will face another big game at Strathmerton this Saturday, when they meet Deni Rovers, which finished the season in fourth position.

Picola won their round 10 clash during the season and, on current form, should go into Saturday's clash full of confidence.

C GRADE

Picola's C graders got off to a slow start, and were unable to keep up some great patches of play for the whole game, going down to Katunga by 11 goals.

Trailing by seven goals at the long break, the Blues battled hard in the third quarter to close the gap, but couldn't maintain their intensity, and the Swans took the victory, 42-31.

17 UNDER

The under 17s' scenario looks very similar to the A graders', with a terrific win over the second placed Tocumwal on Sunday.

The girls all put in terrific efforts to get over the line in an exciting game, 42-42.

They will also join the A graders at Strathmerton on Saturday, to meet the Strathy side that finished the season undefeated, atop the ladder.

The last time these two sides met, Strathmerton won by more than 30 goals, but the young Blues have found form at the right time, and finals are a whole different story.

Not Bombers' day

WAAIA'S C reserve netballers ended their season with an 11 goal loss to Berrigan on Saturday.

In a toughly fought match, Berrigan got off to a good start and amassed a 10 goal lead in the first three quarters.

The Waaia girls stepped up their game in the final term, but Berrigan went on to win 34-23.

The Bombers worked tirelessly in the warm conditions, but found themselves too often being pulled up for their poor footwork.

15 UNDER

After a very successful season in which the Waaia under 15 girls made, and won, two finals games, their season has now come to an end, after a nail-biting game of netball that ended in a draw.

Going into extra time, the young Bombers fought hard but Deniliquin took the momentum and ran away with a seven goal victory, 37-30.

The girls gave it their all, playing some of their best netball of the season, but there were some unfortunate turns that didn't go their way.

NETBALL SCOREBOARD 2019

MNL

QUALIFYING FINALS

A GRADE
Rumbalara 47 def Deniliquin 32
Echuca United 31 def by Moama 44

B GRADE
Echuca United 33 def by Deniliquin 40
Moama 47 def Mulwala 46

C GRADE
Mulwala 37 def Deniliquin 36
Echuca United 46 def Cobram 33

C RESERVE
Deniliquin 33 def by Mulwala 39
Echuca United 46 def Moama 22

17 & UNDER
Deniliquin 32 def by Tongala 47
Echuca United 42 def Moama 19

15 & UNDER
Deniliquin 45 def Rumbalara 19
Tongala 44 def Echuca United 18

13 & UNDER
Tongala 30 def Echuca United 20
Finley 48 def Deniliquin 44

ELIMINATION FINALS
A GRADE
Cobram 55 def Congupna 41
Mulwala 36 def by Finley 37

B GRADE
Cobram 23 def by Tongala 39
Congupna 25 def by Nathalia 26

C GRADE
Tongala 34 def by Nathalia 41
Moama 50 def Congupna 34

C RESERVE
Katandra 31 def by Barooga 45
Nathalia 40 def Congupna 27

17 & UNDER
Barooga 46 def by Rumbalara 51
Tungamah 28 def by Nathalia 31

15 & UNDER

Barooga 31 def by Nathalia 32
Mulwala 12 def by Moama 35

13 & UNDER

Cobram 45 def Numurkah 11
Barooga 31 def by Rumbalara 41

NEXT WEEK QUALIFYING AND ELIMINATION FINALS SATURDAY AT COBRAM

A grade: Deniliquin v Cobram
B grade: Mulwala v Nathalia
C grade: Cobram v Moama
C Reserve: Moama v Barooga
17 under: Moama v Nathalia
15 under: Rumbalara v Nathalia
13 under: Echuca United v Cobram

SUNDAY AT NATHALIA

A grade: Echuca United v Finley
B grade: Echuca United v Tongala
C grade: Deniliquin v Nathalia
C Reserve: Deniliquin v Nathalia
17 under: Deniliquin v Rumbalara
15 under: Echuca United v Moama
13 under: Deniliquin v Rumbalara

PNL

QUALIFYING FINALS

A GRADE
Tocumwal 34 def by Strathmerton 61
Katamatite 42 def by Picola United 61

B GRADE
Mathoura 32 def by Berrigan 42
Deni Rovers 32 def by Rennie 41

C GRADE
Picola United 31 def by Katunga 42
Deni Rovers 33 def Mathoura 30

C RESERVE
Berrigan 34 def Waaia 23
Mathoura 17 def by Deni Rovers 21

17 & UNDER
Blighty 32 def by Strathmerton 52
Picola United 45 def Tocumwal 42

15 & UNDER
Waaia 30 def by Deni Rovers 37

Katamatite 29 def by Tocumwal 41

13 & UNDER

Jerilderie 18 def by Rennie 34
Berrigan 15 def by Blighty 36

NEXT WEEK

Saturday, September 7, Preliminary final at Strathmerton

A grade: Deni Rovers v Picola United

B grade: Katunga v Rennie

C grade: Berrigan v Deni Rovers

C reserve: Rennie v Deni Rovers

Under 17: Deni Rovers v Picola United

Under 15: Rennie v Tocumwal

Under 13: Deni Rovers v Blighty

Sunday, September 8, Preliminary final at Deniliquin

A grade: Katunga v Strathmerton

B grade: Waaia v Berrigan

C grade: Waaia v Katunga

C reserve: Katunga v Berrigan

Under 17: Waaia v Strathmerton

Under 15: Blighty v Deni Rovers

Under 13: Tocumwal v Rennie



Under 17s ... Daisy Lester and Charli Dorrity (B&F).

Thirds ... Matt Mansfield (B&F) and Ben Millen.

Mansfield and Dorrity top Blues' lists

MATT Mansfield and Charli Dorrity took out the Numurkah Football Netball Club's top junior awards, when votes were counted recently.

Mansfield easily won the under 17 football best and fairest award with 162 votes, finishing well ahead of Ben Millen on 81. First year player Kade O'Dwyer finished third with 78 votes, and Jayden Hollands took fourth place with 75.

Dorrity finished first in the 17 and under netball count, whilst Daisy Lester was runner-up.

In an exciting finish to the fourths' count, Nick Hughes and Reeve Verhoeven finished in a tie after Verhoeven scored a second best 12 votes in the final round. Both players polled 95 votes, and Ollie Masters was next on 92.

Michelle Rore won the 15 and un-

der netball award, and Neive O'Dwyer showed her promise as a netballer, winning the 13 and under title.

AWARDS

Under 17 football

Best and fairest: Matt Mansfield
 Runner-up: Ben Millen
 Most improved; Kane Newby
 Most determined; Kade O'Dwyer
 Most consistent; Jayden Hollands
 Leading goal kicker: Dustan Ebborn

Coaches' award: Sam Kelly
 Clubman award: James Kam

Under 14 football

Best and fairest: Nick Hughes and Reeve Verhoeven (tie)
 Most consistent: Oliver Masters
 Most determined: Jaxon McKellar
 Leading goal kicker: Lucas Roberts
 Coaches' award: Georgia Sessions

17 and under netball

Best and fairest: Charli Dorrity

Runner-up: Daisy Lester
 Most improved: Tammy Stone

Coach's award: Tiara Kelly

15 and under netball
 Best and fairest: Michelle Rore
 Runner-up: Georgia Carkeek
 Most improved: Teea Brattle
 Coach's award: Kate Kelly

13 and under netball

Best and fairest: Neive O'Dwyer
 Runner-up: Jemma Carkeek



Under 15s ... Georgia Carkeek and Michelle Rore (B&F).



Under 13s ... Neive O'Dwyer (B&F) and Georgia Carkeek.



Fourths ... Oliver Masters, Nick Hughes (Equal B&F) and Reeve Verhoeven (Equal B&F).



Blue tackle ... Jamie Fulton, Mike Herlihy and Mitch Price get in amongst the action at Echuca on Saturday.



Big man ... Mitch Price brings the ball to ground.



Moving forward ... Mike Herlihy gets away another handball.



Tippy toes ... Tim Arnel shows nice style getting his kick away.

Numurkah sings the Blues

NUMURKAH came out firing this week and completed a 13 goal turnaround against last week's nemesis, Echuca United, to head straight into the preliminary final. Looking to atone for last week's 10 goal drubbing by the Eagles, the Blues re-evaluated and, in a see-sawing match, reversed their fortunes, proving too good for the Eagles and running out winners by 18 points. The Blues learnt a lot from the previous week's loss, and it was clear from the first bounce that the intensity had risen across the board. The first quarter saw a combined nine goals kicked, with the Blues' midfield looking to take the upper hand. Jamie Fulton and Tim Arnel were imposing figures at the stoppages, continually winning clearances and sending the ball forward, which saw

the Blues take a seven point lead into the first break. With the aid of the breeze, the Eagles lifted in the second quarter. Josh Hoffman provided an impact off the bench to help the Blues keep pace with the Eagles as they took the lead into the main break by the narrowest of margins. "It was a nail biter at half time, the game was in the balance, however the boys dug really deep and capitalised in front of goal this week," Numurkah coach, Jye Warren said. The third quarter proved just as tight, with League MVP Beau McKeown continuing his terrific form in the centre and breaking down the Eagles' possession. Michael Herlihy was proving to be a threat in front of goal, both as a marking target and in play.

Grant Gallus once again took the job on the league's leading goal kicker Josh Mellington, and with great support from fellow defender Matt Smyth, put in an outstanding performance. "Grant came up to me through the week and said he was confident going into the final, having worked out how Mellington plays his game. "He played to his height and put a lot of pressure on him when the ball was coming into the forward 50, and the midfield helped out a lot as well," Warren said. Mellington had four goals to half time, however, had no further impact, remaining goalless for the second half due to Gallus' strength in the air and on the ground. "I put it to the guys at three quarter time that they could either curl over and think the job's done, or put some pressure on them into the

wind. "We definitely wanted to run the footy into the wind, making sure someone was open before kicking and not bomb it into the air as it was holding up in the breeze," said Warren. With Numurkah leading by four points going into the final quarter, they dug deep, limiting Echuca to a solitary goal in the final term and kicking a further three of their own. Herlihy finished with six goals for the day and Josh Hoffmann three goals, to open up the margin. "We went in with some sore bodies this week, so the week off will be a blessing," said Warren. Numurkah will play the preliminary final Sunday week at 2pm at Barooga Recreation Reserve against a team that is yet to be decided.

Blues' thirds still in it

IN a replay of last week's match, the Numurkah thirds travelled back to Echuca for their qualifying final, succumbing to the Eagles by 43 points. Out to redeem their effort last week, Numurkah started strongly with ex-

cellent tackling pressure resulting in scoring opportunities up forward and the first goal of the day, but the Eagles hit back to take a five point lead at quarter time. Numurkah was held scoreless in the

second quarter, however its continued pressure only allowed Echuca to extend its margin to 13 points at the main break. The second half of the match saw the Eagles take control, as injuries to the

Blues started to take their toll. Bailey Roberts played an outstanding game in the middle, along with Jayden Holmes and Rhys Cason. Jack Millen was terrific in the backline with his rebound, and was ably

supported by Kade O'Dwyer, Dakota Pellegrino and Kane Newby. Numurkah will now take on Finley this Saturday at Scott Oval, Cobram at 10.45am in a must win game to keep its season alive.

Nathalia reserves move into semi

IN a cut throat contest, where there was no tomorrow, the Nathalia reserves played accordingly and ran out winners to the tune of 26 points over Deniliquin on Sunday. After blowing their double chance last week, the Purples sought redemption against Deniliquin in their elimination final.

The warm and windy conditions played their part in the game, keeping the teams to a tight contest.

The Purples placed scoreboard pressure on early, taking an 11 point break at the first change.

Chris Brown was lively in the first quarter, booting two crucial goals.

The Rams fought back in the second quarter edging slightly closer to be down by 10 points at half time.

The third quarter saw Deniliquin continue to keep the pressure on, holding the Purples scoreless and going into the final quarter three points adrift.

With the threat of their season being over, the Purples rallied in the last quarter.

Jarrold Maskell rucked well, giving Chris Brown and Scott Morris first use of the ball.

Henry Congues broke away from stoppages and ran the lines to be a stand out.

Cam Hickey stood tall in defence, and was ably assisted by Kodi Hicks and Nathan McKenna.

Nathalia will take on Moama this Saturday at 12:20pm in another do or die final at Cobram.

Best Players: Henry Congues, Cam Hickey, Scott Morris, Chris Brown, Nathan McKenna, Kodi Hicks

FOURTHS

The Nathalia Fourths fought out a tough 13 point win against Deniliquin in a low scoring qualifying final at Numurkah on Sunday.

The boys got off to a good start and the scores were level at quarter time.

Oliver Sheehan, Ned Bramwell and Max Frostick gave the Rams little joy.

At the other end of the ground, Brandon Orton, Ryan Dealy, and Jack Hutchins were attacking hard at the footy.

Deniliquin kicked the only goal of the second quarter to take a five point lead at half time.

The third quarter saw the team rally and Brandon Orton lifted his team with a great goal, giving the Purples a two point lead at the final change.

Charlie Dietrich was outstanding at half back, as were the two wings, Jerry Amery and Connor Peachey.

The last quarter saw some of the best footy, the boys have played this season.

Charlie Sheehan, Ewan Congues and Kai Lundberg were huge influences in the middle, thanks to the ruck work of Gus Bramwell, and Darcy Conroy played a terrific captain's game.

With the only two goals scored for the quarter, the Purples came away with a hard fought victory.

The win now sees Nathalia straight into the preliminary final which will be held at Barroga Recreation Reserve at 9.15am Sunday week, against a team yet to be decided.

Best Players: Charlie Dietrich, Darcy Conroy, Kai Lundberg, Brandon Orton, Ewan Congues, Oliver Sheehan.

Feeling the heat ... Connor Peachey gets away a handball under pressure from his opposition.



Teamwork ... A great shepherd from Oliver Sheehan allows Tom Dohnt enough clearance to get his kick away in Nathalia's fourths game at Numurkah on Sunday morning.

Swans' season over

KATUNGA reserves played its last football game of the season when it was defeated by Waaia at Yarroweyah on Sunday, with the Swans going down by 45 points.

The Swans came out all guns blazing in the first quarter to take an 18 point lead. The Bombers' coach fired up his team with some strong words at the break.

The second quarter saw Waaia chip away at the margin and gain a five point lead going into the main break, after holding Katunga scoreless.

The Swans' backline found themselves under enormous pressure after the break, with the Bombers' continued

forward entries snaring them another three goals to take an 18 point lead going into the final quarter.

Waaia's Ethan McDonald and Sam Trower were able to continually move the ball forward to the likes of Nathan Cornick and Brayden Carey, who both finished with three goals.

Unfortunately, the Swans were unable to find that something special the coach asked for in the final quarter as the Bombers ran away with the win.

Best Players Waaia: E. McDonald, S. Trower, N. Cornick, B. Carey, D. Hommes, S. Hixon, S. Carey.

Best Players Katunga: T. Hinck, N. Few,

S. Few, T. Miles, J. Baker, T. Corby.

FOURTHS

In an exciting game that went to extra time, Katunga's fourths went down fighting, defeated by nine points against Deniliquin.

After trailing all game, the Swans managed to find something extra in the final quarter to tie the game as the final siren sounded.

Katunga was unable to continue its pressure in extra time and Deniliquin capitalised, thereby ending the Swans' season.

Best Players: L. O'Brien, V. Russo, J. Harris, H. McDonald, B. Arho.

Picola fourths out of hunt

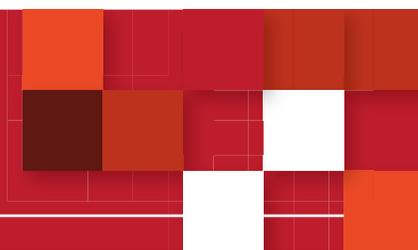
THE Picola fourths faced Blighty in their semi final clash at Yarroweyah on Sunday and were soundly beaten by 58 points.

The Blues had beaten Blighty on both occasions during the regular season, however, were unable to make it three from three.

Blighty thwarted the young Blues' game plan from the outset.

Four goals in the first quarter to Blighty, together with holding Picola scoreless, had the Blues on the back foot and spirits low. Picola continued to try hard, however Blighty controlled the game until the final siren.

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PURPLES MARCH ON

Defence starts here ... Ryan Butler stops another foray forward with an intercept mark in front of Lions' forward Sean Robinson.

NATHALIA has advanced into the preliminary final after Liam Evans led the Purples to an 86-point victory over Mulwala with a brilliant seven goal performance on Saturday. The Nathalia forward was at his creative best as the Purples controlled most of the match, despite being outscored in the second quarter. The Purples started strongly with a

five goal to one goal first quarter and led by 19 points, thanks in part to some poor conversion from the Lions in front of goal. "Mulwala was very good early again, which we expected," Nathalia coach, Mal Barnes said. Mulwala's midfield lifted in the second term and started to get on top at the stoppages, feeding the ball backwards

with handball. This pattern of play allowed the Lions to move the ball forward more efficiently, placing pressure on the Nathalia defenders. Nathalia's defence, consisting of Rhys Shannon, Ryan Butler, Al Corry and Ned Nihill continued to work hard to nullify the Lions' attack, however they still managed to narrow the margin to

eight points at the main break. "It was a real credit to our backs, as the ball was coming in quite regularly and pretty fast," Barnes said. Both teams exchanged early third quarter goals before Nathalia started to get on top and boot the next five goals to take a lead of 35 points into the final quarter. The final quarter saw the Nathalia midfield back on top, pushing forward

at every opportunity to kick away with eight unanswered goals. Jason Limbrick was again impressive rucking well and kicking three goals. "It was a very even contribution once again around the ground, which was really pleasing," said Barnes. Nathalia will now play the winner of Echuca United and Congupna at Kattandra, Saturday week at 2pm.

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Monthly medal win

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Blues win close one

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