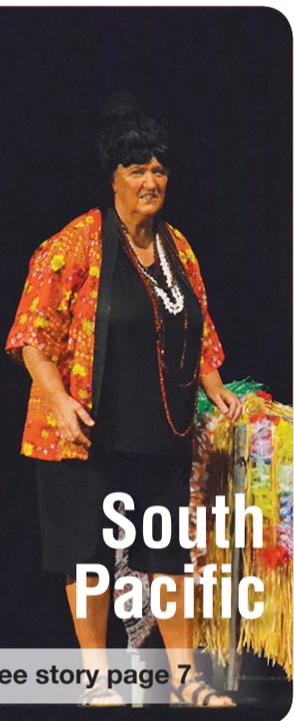


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Major incident ... Two occupants of the silver Holden Commodore (left) died at the scene, with another airlifted to Melbourne with serious injuries. See story below.

Tragedy on GV Highway

THE Goulburn Valley Highway, between Gillespies Rd and Wunghnu Rd, was the scene of a fatal accident on Friday afternoon, in which two people died and three others were injured.

The two car collision, between a Holden Commodore and a Kia, occurred at 2.40pm, around the same time as a brief, localised hail storm swept through the area.

The two people who died at the scene, both of whom were passengers in the Commodore, were 23 year-old Strathmerton woman Eloise Rigby, and her partner Adam Boland, aged 39, from Shepparton.

Ms Rigby's four year-old niece, who was in the back seat of the Commodore, suffered serious injuries and had to be extricated from the vehicle by SES volunteers before being airlifted to the Royal

Children's Hospital. She remains in RCH in a stable condition.

The driver of the Commodore, a 28 year-old Katunga woman who is the mother of the injured child, was taken to GV Health with minor injuries and has since been discharged.

The driver of the Kia, a 46 year-old Numurkah woman, was also taken to GV Health with minor injuries.

Police said the incident occurred when the north-bound commodore veered into the south bound lane into oncoming traffic, and collided with the Kia.

Senior Sergeant Steven Hill from the Major Collision Investigation Unit, which is investigating the incident, told the *Leader* that the weather is one of the possible contributing factors they are investigating.

"We are appealing for anybody who witnessed the collision, saw the Commodore driving north between 2.30 and 2.40pm, or has dash-cam footage of, or information regarding, the vehicle, road or weather at around that time to contact Crimestoppers," he said.

The accident scene was attended by the Numurkah SES unit as well as CFA brigades from Wunghnu, Numurkah and Tallygaroopna, as well as Numurkah police and Cobram Highway Patrol units, and ambulances from Numurkah and Shepparton.

The highway was closed between Gillespies Rd and Wunghnu Rd, with traffic diverted onto other routes, until the early hours of Saturday morning.

Police are yet to speak to the driver of the Commodore.

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Local irrigators say enough is enough

THE level of discontent irrigators in the Murray region feel towards the Murray Darling Basin Plan (MDBP) was on full display last Thursday when up to 3,000 people gathered in Tocumwal for a rally that was expected to attract around 500.

The Enough is Enough Fix the Basin Plan Communities Crisis Rally was a show of strength from a consortium of local groups determined to have their voices heard.

Organisations involved included Upper Goulburn River Catchment Association, Southern Riverina Irrigators, Speak Up Campaign, Central Murray Environmental Floodplains Group, North Victoria Irrigation Communities Inc, Murray Valley Private Diverters, and Murray Regional Strategy Group.

Waia dairy farmer Mark Bryant, who is a member of North Victoria Irrigation Communities Inc, attended the rally and told the *Leader* that it was appropriately named.

"The plan was drawn up on flawed science and it's not working," he said.

"It's been terribly mismanaged and it's gone on too long. It's destroying communities and that has to stop.

"You've got so many different states and so many different authorities involved and they all seem to play by different rules, and here in the middle of the system we're losing.

"The environmental focus has been on the lower lakes and the mouth of the Murray in South Aus-

tralia and they've been destroying the Barmah Forest to get water there, but they don't seem to care about that. It doesn't make any sense."

Mr Bryant said that the make up of the crowd in Tocumwal last week was telling. Though it was organised by NSW groups, there was strong Victorian representation as well.

"The amount of people I saw in the crowd who were from our local area was incredible - not just farmers either, but people from businesses who deal with farmers and rely on their business.

"NSW and Victoria are dealing with slightly different issues because we have different systems, but we've got a very similar fight on our hands and it made sense for them to invite us along because it makes sense for us to fight together."

Mr Bryant said that, although the MDBP affects irrigators from Queensland all the way through to South Australia, Victoria and NSW have borne the brunt of the water being taken from irrigators to put back into the system.

"Something like 80% of the water that has been put back into the environment has come from Victoria. That's from Numurkah, Nathalia, Kyabram, Cobram and communities just like them. That's why we're suffering so badly.

"I 100% believe that the environment has to have water, I don't just think irrigators should have all the water, but it has to be fair.

"There seems to be completely different rules up in the Darling system where they seem to be allowed to take as much water as they want off the Darling and build monstrous dams that store water and then no water flows into the river, which is why they've had so many fish kills along that part of the system," he said.

Mr Bryant believes that most people in the community who don't have a close connection to farming don't appreciate the scale of the problem and how it's going to affect our communities.

"I think most people in the community don't realise how bad things are already and how much worse they are going to get if nothing's done," he said.

"In the past 12 to 18 months more than 80 dairy farmers within a 40km radius of Numurkah have walked away from the business.

"They say that if a dairy farmer has a million dollars he will spend \$950,000 of it within 30km of his farm. So much money has already left this district and more will follow because more and more farmers will have no choice but to walk away. I think within the next 12 to 18 months our local towns are going to get a very big reality check."

Mr Bryant does see a way out though, but it's going to take political will.

"I definitely think it can be fixed," he said.

"If they go back to the drawing board and redraw it using the correct science behind it, I think they

could do it in a way that is fair and everybody gets what they need."

As for the effigy of Federal Water Minister David Littleproud getting turfed into the Murray from the Tocumwal bridge last Thursday, Mr Bryant said that fair's fair.

"He is the top dog and he is ultimately responsible for this mess," he said.

"In response to the rally, he said that we are a noisy minority, but I don't think we are a minority at all.

"The Murray region is a huge region and we're the voice of it. There were so many groups from Victoria and NSW at that rally representing the majority of a huge region and they need to start listening to us.

"Enough's enough."



Show of strength ... 3,000 people from across the southern basin attended last Thursday's rally.

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The Murray Darling Basin Plan: a brief history

YOU'D have to have been living under a rock not to have heard of the Murray Darling Basin Plan (MDBP) - it's been a near-constant feature of news bulletins since the agreement that brought it into existence was signed in 2012.

However, chances are unless you're an irrigator within the system, or closely related to one, you don't have more than a basic understanding of what it is, what it entails, and why you're still hearing about it on the news on a weekly basis.

The Murray Darling Basin covers one-seventh of the Australian continent, accounts for one-third of its agricultural production and is home to two million people.

It includes 77,000km of rivers and more than 25,000 wetlands.

A combination of natural droughts and increasing human use for agriculture, manufacturing and communities had led to a decline in the basin's health, prompting the plan to manage the system as a whole connected system, in order to restore its health and manage it sustainably.

The plan has its roots in the millennium drought, which ran from approximately 2002-2009, and led to the passage of the Howard Government's Water Act in 2007.

The Water Act committed \$10billion towards a decade-long effort to reach a national agreement on water use in the Murray-Darling, to redress the over-allocation of water licences and to return water to the environment.

The Murray-Darling Basin Plan resulted from that process and, broadly speaking, was designed to return 2,750 gigalitres of water from irrigated agriculture to the river system.

In return for making their farms more water-efficient, farmers surrender the water they save to the Commonwealth.

Signed in 2012, the MDBP is a landmark bipartisan agreement reached between the Federal Government and the Victorian, NSW, South Australian, Queensland and ACT governments to manage the water in a system made up of the Murray and Darling rivers and associated tributaries.

However, in order to get all of the states to sign the agreement, several contentious issues were put in the 'too-hard' basket to be dealt with later.

Not surprisingly, when the time came to address those issues, which was supposed to happen before the end of 2017, they had not become any less contentious.

The issues centre on an adjustment mechanism included in the plan which could be used to change the 2,750 gigalitre water recovery target for the environment.

As of the end of June 2017, a little over 2,080 gigalitres had been recovered through a mix of government purchases of water licences, and taxpayer-funded infrastructure improvements.

In July 2018, the NSW, Queensland and Federal governments agreed to reduce the water recovery target in the Northern Basin by 70 gigalitres.

The governments agreed the environmental outcomes would be met through other measures, including the management of water flows and addressing constraints in the Gwydir River, which is part of the Murray Darling system in northern NSW.

The second decision was for the states to finalise a list of major infrastructure projects designed to deliver environmental water more effectively and efficiently in the southern end of the basin.

In May 2018, the Federal Liberal Government came to an agreement with Labor that

605 gigalitres of the environmental water target would be met through 37 infrastructure projects in Victoria, Queensland and NSW, instead of through further water buybacks.

The third, and most contentious, decision, was whether the basin governments agreed it would be possible to use the adjustment mechanism to deliver an additional 450 gigalitres of environmental water on top of the original 2,750 gigalitre target.

The plan says the additional water can only be delivered if it would have a 'neutral or improved' socio-economic impact on basin communities.

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Naturally, there has been plenty of argument of what the definitions of neutral and improved are in that context.

So, seven years since the plan was signed by the federal and state governments, the whole thing could reasonably be described as a bit of a mess.

At least three of the signatory states have threatened to pull out altogether at least once, and it has been the subject of ongoing allegations of mismanagement, corruption and wide-scale theft, and a Royal Commission in South Australia.

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Booth finalists in sustainability awards

STRATHMERTON'S Booth Transport has been announced as a finalist in the Environmental Protection category of the 2019 Premier's Sustainability Awards.

Given that transport companies aren't normally associated with environmental sustainability, Booth project manager Brendan Edwards said the company was extremely proud to be included in the awards.

"It's a prestigious award, so it's a fantastic achievement to be nominated," he said.

The finals berth recognises Booth's commitment to decreasing its environmental impact via the use of a worm farm as the 'engine' of their waste and water treatment plant, which is an Australian-first.

Referring to the waste system at the Strathmerton depot, Mr Edwards said necessity is the mother of invention.

"There is no sewer connection there, so we were looking at a massive infrastructure project to connect to the local sewerage system. We looked at different options and took them to head office and they said 'is this what everyone else does?'"

"When we said yes, they told us to go and find something new, so we did. We looked at some fairly weird and wonderful ideas, but worm beds were a really good fit for the site and the project, so we went with those."

The project commenced in 2016, and involved a bit of a learning process to get it right with the use of a test-bed of worms, but is now fully operational.

The Strathmerton site now features four worm beds covering about 4,500 square metres and capable of processing 300,000 litres of waste water per day.

Predictions are for a reduction of 3,000 tonnes of carbon emission and an additional 121,000 kilolitres of recycled water put into the irrigation system each year.

"We just put the water out there and let the



worms do their thing," Mr Edwards said.

The worm beds act as a massive filter, with the worms themselves working with the bacteria, fungi and micro-organisms from their excrement to remove dairy proteins from the waste water by consuming them.

The process takes around four hours, and pro-

duces water that exceeds EPA standards.

The one thing the worms can't remove from the waste water is salt, and the next phase of the project, to add a desalination plant to the facility, is now underway.

The technology used at Booth's Strathmerton depot uses worm beds where water is filtered for

dairy proteins to be ingested by worms.

"It's turned out to be a perfect solution for us," Mr Edwards said.

"It has low operating costs, is environmentally friendly and easy to use. There's no downside, and we're definitely looking at how we can replicate it at other sites."

First people's assembly candidates named

THE candidates for the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria have been announced.

The nine candidates announced for the north east region of Victoria are:

- Geraldine Atkinson
- Professor Henry Atkinson
- Matthew Atkinson
- Natarsha Bamblett
- Michael Harding
- Gregory James
- Damien Kindred/Saunders
- Leanne Miller
- Stephen J Walsh

Australia is the only developed Commonwealth nation without treaties with its first peo-

ples.

The First Peoples' Assembly, which will be independent of government, will act as the voice of aboriginal people in Victoria in the future treaty process.

The assembly's role includes working with the State of Victoria to set up the framework for negotiations; it is not being set up to negotiate treaties, but to prepare for treaty negotiations.

The assembly will be made up of traditional owners, elected by Aboriginal people in Victoria, and Victorian traditional owners living outside the state.

Details of all candidates who have nominated can be found at www.firstpeoplesvic.org/

your-candidates, and events are being held across Victoria in the lead-up to the voting period, where people can meet the candidates and enrol to vote.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to enrol and vote if they are aged 16 or above and are a Victorian traditional owner, or are an aboriginal person not from Victoria but live in Victoria, and have done so for at least three of the past five years.

People can also enrol to vote up until the final date of voting via www.firstpeoplesvic.org/enrol.

Voting is open from September 16 to 20.

A meet the candidates event will be held in

Shepparton tomorrow night from 6pm to 8pm at Aldara Yenara 207-217 Wyndham Street.

Treaty Advancement Commissioner, Jill Gallagher described electing a group of Victorian Aboriginal leaders to be the voice of Aboriginal people in Victoria to prepare for treaty negotiations, as a monumental occasion.

"It's great to see so many Victorian Aboriginal community leaders nominate for these important positions," she said.

"An election like this ensures the treaty process includes everyone in the Aboriginal community. This way, everyone can have their say."

A full list of candidates can be found at <https://www.firstpeoplesvic.org/your-candidates>.

Letter to the Editor

Sham sham basin plan

WELL, here we are many years on from the start of the extremely biased and destructive Murray Darling Basin Plan, and man-o-man what a disgusting and horrible ride for farmers and communities in the basin.

Through my Facebook page: "Murray Darling Basin Connection", I have connected with thousands of people across the basin and Aus-

tralia, the majority of them can't believe the position we are in now.

That is:

1. Tens of thousands of hectares of once productive irrigation country now lying dry.
2. Tens of thousands of hectares of new irrigation development, mostly to irrigate almonds which are very heavy water users.
3. A thoroughly, totally and completely destroyed river system – the Darling River and Menindee Lakes.
4. A 500km pipeline to supposedly supply Broken Hill.
5. River systems being thoroughly destroyed

– the balance of the rivers in the basin.

6. Once again we are seeing far too much water being pushed down the Murray River and the Mulwala Canal running a banker, right past desperate irrigation farmers to supply the huge nut farms on the lower Murray River and the once saline lower lakes in South Australia.

7. The river forests being flooded every year which would have never happened in bygone years prior to dams being built.

What we have witnessed over these years is complete greed by a powerful few and absolutely and shockingly poor government at all levels.

I wonder how many pumps on our rivers are still unmetered?

Quite simply, we are not going to get effective change out of the Federal Government any time soon.

By the time this letter is published another water rally will have been held at Tocumwal NSW, we just have to keep fighting, our farmers and communities depend on it.

Unfortunately, there is no quick fix. We must have a royal commission.

Peter Gilmour
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Tasty visit grows kids' enthusiasm

NUMURKAH pre-school students got a taste of the gardening bug recently, when staff from Bunnings paid a visit to get the kinder's vegetable garden ready for spring.

The pre-school's Cockatoos and Pelicans groups were more than happy to help as Bunnings staff members Jillian and Kylie got stuck into cleaning up the herb garden and vegetable patches and preparing them for new plantings.

Numurkah Pre-School Service Coordinator Jayne Kam said the kitchen garden program was a great opportunity for children to learn about their environment.

"It gives the kids a chance to learn how to care for the garden, and to see how it needs to be maintained with watering and weeding," she said.

"It's also a living example to the kids that food doesn't start out life on the supermarket shelf - you can grow it yourself, and that can be a very satisfying thing to do."

The kids helped plant tomatoes and establish a strawberry patch, the produce from which will be used in the pre-school's kitchen. If it makes it that far.

"We've been growing a few things in the garden, including celery, which the kids like to pick straight out of the garden and eat while they play outside, and I expect the strawberries will probably go the same way once they grow and ripen," Jayne said.

"The silverbeet we've been growing always seems to make it into the kitchen though."

Excess herbs, which include rosemary, parsley and mint, and vegetables, are always available for parents to take home with them, where students can proudly boast that they grew the ingredients for dinner themselves.

Whilst they were at the pre-school, Kylie and Jillian also took the time to plant some hardy grass varieties around the edges of the digging patch, to add an extra element to the students' outdoor play.

"It's just another thing to fire the kids' imagination and encourage them to think that they're in a dinosaur garden or something like that," Jayne said.

"It's fun, and it helps the kids to see that you can create your own environment outside that can really add something to your life."



Growing enthusiasm ... The Cockatoos (in yellow hats) and the Pelicans say an enthusiastic thank you to Kylie (left) and Jillian from Bunnings.



Community Update



Annual General Meetings for Committees of Management

Come along to your local Committee of Management's AGM to discover more about how the various facilities are going and what their future looks like.

Committee of Management	Annual General Meeting Date	Time	Location
Yarrowonga Eastern Foreshore Koonoomoo Recreation Reserve	Tue 24 Sept Thur 3 Oct	5pm 7pm	Yarrowonga Yacht Club Koonoomoo Recreation Reserve
St James Recreation Reserve	Mon 7 Oct	7pm	St James Recreation Reserve
Cobram Showgrounds Apex Reserve	Mon 7 Oct	6pm	Cobram Cricket Clubrooms, Cobram Showgrounds
Yarroweyah Memorial Hall	Mon 7 Oct	7.30pm	Yarroweyah Memorial Hall
Bundalong Dan Cronin Recreation Reserve and Public Hall	Tue 8 Oct	7pm	Bundalong Dan Cronin Recreation Reserve and Public Hall
Invergordon Recreation Reserve and Community Hall	Tue 8 Oct	7.30pm	Invergordon Recreation Reserve and Community Hall
Katamatite Recreation Reserve	Tue 8 Oct	7.30pm	Katamatite Recreation Reserve
Picola Recreation Reserve Nathalia Historical Precinct	Tue 8 Oct Tue 8 Oct	7.30pm 8pm	Picola Recreation Reserve Muntz Room, Nathalia Historical Precinct

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

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Applications close **4pm Friday 22 November 2019.**

Nominate your hero – Australia Day Awards

Show your appreciation for our local community heroes by nominating them for a 2020 Australia Day Award.

Nominations are now open for five categories – Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Community Organisation of the Year and Arts, Culture and/or Environment Project of the Year.

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

Nominations close **Friday 8 November.**

Council Meeting – 25 September – Nathalia

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Webby finally gets his medal

AN historic sporting wrong has been righted, with former Strathmerton footballer Peter Webb being awarded a best and fairest medal from 1977.

Mr Webb drew with Tocumwal's Brian Herbert for the honour in the reserves count at the end of the 1977 home and away season, but in those days, league rules stated that only one medal could be awarded and Mr Webb was beaten on a count-back.

Current Murray league president Dale Norman said he was happy to have been able to help finally recognise Mr Webb's achievement.

"He was a deserving winner, but unfortunately those were the rules at the time," Mr Norman said.

"It was a pleasure to present the medal to Peter, especially in the presence of his son and grandchildren."

Peter told the *Leader* it was a great thrill to receive the medal, even if it had been a long time coming.

"I wasn't disappointed at the time, back in 1977, because that was just how footy was then, but it is very special to have the medal now," he said.

The medal is all the more special for Peter as it now joins the senior best and fairest medal his father was awarded in the Tallangatta league when Peter was just a baby.

"It's quite special to have them both and I am going to frame them and give one each to my two grandsons who both love their footy."

Mr Webb was beaten on a count-back again in 1978, or so it seemed at first.

"I drew with Adi Bennett from Cobram and was beaten on count-back but I didn't mind at all because Adi was the best player I ever played against in my seconds career, so I was happy for him," Mr Webb said.

"But as it turned out, they realised the next day that two votes that were meant for Peter Todd had been allocated to Pat Tubb who hadn't played a reserves game that season.

"That put Peter Todd a point ahead of both Adi and me, so they took the medal off Adi and gave it to Peter.

"I know it was the right decision, but I felt really disappointed for Adi - much more disappointed than I ever felt about missing out myself."



A long time coming ... Peter Webb has finally received the best and fairest medal he earned in 1977.

Sheed welcomes Goulburn River transfer limits

INDEPENDENT Member for Shepparton District Suzanna Sheed welcomed the recent announcement from Minister for Water Lisa Neville seeking to protect Victorian waterways by limiting high river flows resulting from inter valley transfers.

Ms Sheed said community members have contacted her on many occasions about this issue, and have sent her videos of riverbank damage captured from boats on the river.

"This evidence clearly showed the significant damage caused by slumping banks, large trees falling into the river and the failure of riverbank reeds and grasses to grow," Ms Sheed said.

Ms Sheed said that, while it is widely acknowledged that this damage has been occurring for some time, both on the Goulburn River and in the Barmah Choke, Minister Neville is to be commended for her recent visit to see the damage for herself ahead of the announcement.

"The key actions that the government announced yesterday are welcome, as was Minister

Neville's earlier announcement to call in further applications for water licences below the choke while the issue of deliverability is being investigated", she said.

The Victorian Government announced changes to tagged accounts to make sure that the same rules apply to all water users. This comes on the back of high volumes of tagged water moving from the Goulburn to the Murray outside the limits of the inter valley transfer trade rules.

Following an initial review of the current trading rules, it was found that they were not protecting the environment of the lower Goulburn River and that they did not provide a level playing field for all water users to trade water.

"Deliverability is becoming a critical issue and I am pleased by the fact that both Victoria and New South Wales agreed at the recent ministerial council meeting of water ministers that they will go it alone to investigate this issue more broadly," Ms Sheed said.

Lovell calls for rate relief for farmers

MEMBER for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell has challenged the State Government to provide more assistance to drought-affected Victorian farmers in the form of municipal rate relief.

Speaking in state parliament during an adjournment debate directed to Agriculture Minister Jaclyn Symes, Ms Lovell called on the State Government to commit funding to provide municipal rate relief to Victoria's drought affected farmers, including those in Northern Victoria.

Ms Lovell described the current situation faced by farmers of scarce and highly priced feed, together with the current exorbitant price of water as a 'perfect storm of adversity', and the recent arrival of the dreaded 2019/20 municipal rate notice as yet another challenge for Victorian farmers.

In her contribution, Ms Lovell noted that in previous responses on the issue Ms Symes had not ruled out providing rate subsidies

for Victoria's farmers and reiterated that now was the perfect time for funding to provide municipal rate relief.

Ms Lovell said the time is right for the State Government to commit funding that will provide municipal rate relief to Victoria's drought affected farmers, including those in the electorate of Northern Victoria.

"The potential loss of a generation of young farmers will be devastating for the fabric of Victoria's agricultural sector and the support previously offered of a one off cash payment of up to \$3,500 is far from adequate, with most farmers facing an annual rates bill in excess of \$20,000," Ms Lovell said.

"The Minister has previously indicated that rate subsidies for Victorian farmers may be considered in the future and I call on her to put her money where her mouth is and give our wonderful farmers the support they need."

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Numurkah Transfer Station
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Visit www.ewaste.vic.gov.au or contact your local council to find your nearest e-waste drop-off point.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY UNWANTED E-WASTE?

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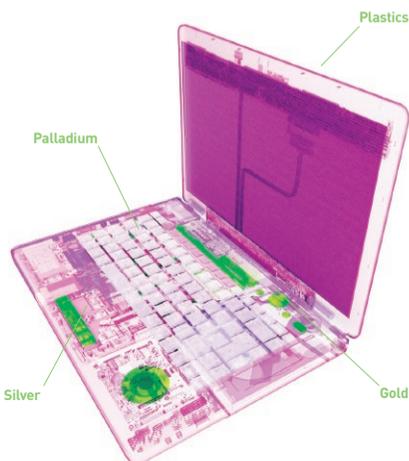
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- Reducing greenhouse gases created in the production of new materials and products

WHAT IS E-WASTE?

Examples of e-waste include:

- Large and small household electrical appliances
- IT telecommunication and TV equipment
- LEDs and fluorescent lights
- Power tools
- Electrical toys



Your old electrical items have plenty left to give when they're recycled properly



Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group



Taking care of themselves ... Judy Ormond, Brenda Pruden and Lyn Cooper had a lovely time at the Nathalia women's health event.

Nathalia ladies take good care

IN honour of women's health week last week, the women of Nathalia were gifted a few hours on Sunday to relax and remember the importance of looking after themselves.

The event was hosted by Nathalia Women's Health Group and Nathalia Nightwatch CWA, with sponsorship from the Jean Hailes Foundation and Breast Screen Victoria.

Nathalia Nightwatch CWA secretary Kerrie-anne Rappell told the *Leader* that rather than focus on a single health issue, the event was about taking care of the whole woman.

"It was about looking after all facets of yourself - physically, emotionally and spiritually," she said.

"It was a chance for local women to step away from their busy days and think about how they can take care of themselves in general, and to have a bit of fun while they were at it."

The event featured two speakers from Nathalia hospital who gave information about screening

for various types of cancers, followed by a bit of fun and relaxation.

The ladies enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea, were introduced to the relaxation potential of mindful colouring, and made felt hearts as part of 1,000 Hearts - a kindness project started in Tasmania in 2016 to spread love and compassion.

While a keyboardist played in the background, laughs were shared as ladies of all shapes, sizes and ages decorated a mannequin with bling in celebration of the female form.

Philippa Schapper, who attended the event, described it as a good mix of serious and playful.

"It was a great initiative and great mix of women of all ages," she said.

"The information presented was serious but useful, and because the atmosphere was relaxed, we were able to have conversations and share stories across the whole group."

Community grants now open

APPLICATIONS are now open for the latest round of Moira Shire community strengthening grants.

The grant program, which aims to provide funding for art and culture projects, community events, equipment, health promotion, environmental sustainability, tourism and infrastructure, offers major grants up to \$10,000, and minor grants up to \$5,000.

Mayor Libro Mustica said the community strengthening program was a great way to kick start a community initiative.

"Community grants are a vital function of Moira Shire Council," Cr Mustica said.

"They help facilitate projects which enrich the whole community and can assist in the development of service, management of facilities, coordination of events and promotion of tourism, environmental sustainability and health in the community."

Art and culture projects or events could include holding skills development workshops, hosting music or art events and exhibitions, or workshops with community public art outcomes.

Health promotion ideas include projects supporting active and healthy lifestyles or opportunities to educate the community about mental

health, drug and alcohol issues.

Previous examples of equipment and infrastructure projects which have been funded through the community strengthening grants program include; fencing/bollards, sporting club equipment, sound systems and defibrillators.

"Under the environmental sustainability category you can submit applications for projects that save water, energy or emissions such as the purchase of water saving fixtures and appliances, rooftop solar systems and energy efficient heating, cooling and lighting," Cr Mustica said.

"You can apply online by visiting our website and if you require assistance in either planning your project or completing your application form, council officers are here to help.

"Applicants are encouraged to read the community strengthening grants guidelines which include information on eligibility, exclusions and terms and conditions prior to applying."

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, October 16, 2019.

Shepp still waiting for rail waiting room

CONSTRUCTION of an enclosed waiting area for Shepparton railway station is almost a year overdue, with work not having commenced, despite a promise it would be completed by November 2018.

Last year, the Victorian State Government and VicTrack undertook to complete the enclosed waiting area by November, 2018.

Independent Member for Shepparton District Suzanna Sheed has asked the Public Transport Minister Melissa Horne to investigate why the upgrade was yet to occur.

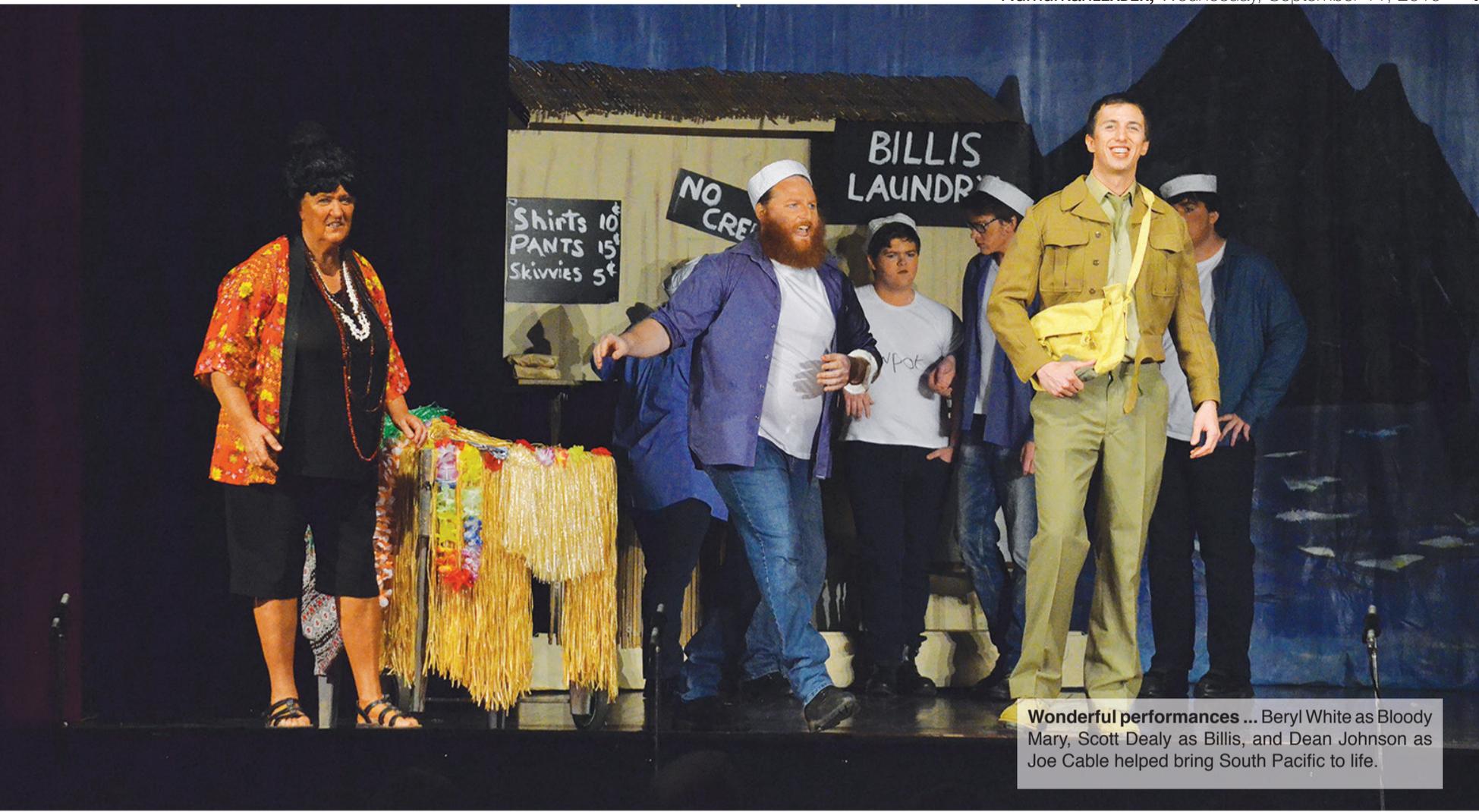
"Where is the Shepparton Railway Station waiting-area upgrade?" Ms Sheed asked from the floor of the Victorian Parliament two weeks ago. "The project was meant to deliver a sealed wait-

ing area to protect commuters from the elements and realign the ticketing window to make for easier access. Over 12 months later and the waiting room is yet to materialise.

"My constituents would like to know why," she said.

These works are a small part of what will be a major upgrade resulting from an injection of \$43 million in the 17/18 Victorian State Budget, and \$313 million in the 18/19 Victorian State Budget, to greatly improve rail services for the Shepparton District.

"I, and many others, want to see the roll-out of all these projects and to see them completed as part of our campaign for better rail services in the Shepparton region," Ms Sheed said.



Wonderful performances ... Beryl White as Bloody Mary, Scott Dealy as Billis, and Dean Johnson as Joe Cable helped bring South Pacific to life.

A truly enchanted evening in the South Pacific

Review by Marie Martin
 What a stunning production by Numurkah Singers!
 Nellie Forbush, a young naive nurse from Kansas (Annabeth Dickie), and Emile De Beque, a mature, wealthy, expat French plantation owner (Simon Rennie), are strongly attracted to each other after meeting at an officer's club dance.
 Annabeth is new to the stage and her performance was simply stunning, playing her role of a young girl falling in love, with such a sense of wonderment and breathtaking excitement. Her exhilaration is for all to witness in *I'm In Love with a Wonderful Guy*, with its literally breathtaking ending. Her acting and singing flowed seamlessly.
 Partnered with Emile, their story is convincingly told.
 To hear such wonderful melodies with meaningful lyrics by Rodgers and Hammerstein - *Cock-Eyed Optimist*, *Some Enchanted Evening*, *I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy*, *Younger than Springtime*, to name a few - so beautifully executed, was music to the ears.
 Emile's two children of mixed race Leala (Alice Trimble) and Naeve (Ruby Guilline), sang their song *Dites Moi*, beautifully with actions, to Nelly.
 Emile's *This Nearly Was Mine*, was sung with a feeling of such haunted longing for what might have been, when he realises that Nellie is not going to marry him after all because of her racial prejudice towards his children.
 While waiting for action in the arena of war,

Petty Officer Luther Billis (Scott Dealy) - always looking for a bit of action - provides the necessary comic relief and connects the characters in the story. With great stage presence, strong acting and singing, coupled with great humour, he keeps the show moving. His and Nellie's burlesque rendition of *Honey Bun* was hilarious and brought the house down.
 The extremely well educated, wealthy and socially connected Lt Joseph Cable's (Dean Johnson) heart-rending performance of *You've Got To Be Carefully Taught*, succinctly tells of how racism and hatred is a learnt behaviour. We are not born with it.
 His love affair with the beautiful Tonkinese woman, Liat (Ruby Carter) is one of intense passion, yet it is constantly overshadowed by his thoughts of the negative reactions they would receive if they returned home to Philadelphia as man and wife.
 Liat's stage presence evoked a sense of beauty, gentleness, peace and tranquillity through her beautiful hand gestures.
 With a face stained with red betel juice, and appearing almost toothless, Bloody Mary (Beryl White), has captured a sassiness, that is liberally sprinkled with profanities learnt from being around the GIs.
Stingy Bastard, and *Fo Dollar*, ring throughout, as she connects with the characters selling her grass skirts and shrunken heads, all the while looking for a suitable husband to make a better life for her beautiful daughter Liat.

They live on the mystical Island of Bali Hai, of which she evocatively sings, tempting the sailors to visit.
 Capt. George Brackett (Ashley Cartledge), William Harrison (Andrew Skinner), Lt Buzz Adams (Sophie Guy) carried out their official war time duties with great authority, efficiency and officiousness.
 The supporting cast did a great job. *There Ain't Nothing Like A Dame*, captured that sense of frustration from not being allowed to fraternise with the officers of the opposite sex, while waiting for Operation Alligator to commence.

Nellie and the supporting nurses' chorus rendition of *I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair* and *I'm In Love With A Wonderful Guy*, was outstanding, and Emile's version of hair washing was humorous.
 Numurkah Singers have done a marvellous job bringing this much loved production, with its drama and many popular musical standards, to fruition. A great night of theatre was had.
 Congratulations to Director Jane Willis, Producers Glennys Walker and Shell Towe, and the entire cast and crew.



Acting like a family ... Simon Rennie, Alice Trimble and Ruby Guilline contribute to the tropical enchantment.

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NATIONAL FEDERATION.

On Friday afternoon last G. McDonald, who is in the district organising on behalf of the National Federation, delivered a short address in the Shire Hall.

There was a small attendance on account of the lateness of the hour at, which the Victorian Producers' Association meeting closed.

Mr McDonald delivered a vigorous address. He said a great responsibility would rest on the people on Saturday 20th September, when they would be called upon to elect a representative to the Federal House. The need for care in that selection was manifest. At the meeting just closed the Federal Government had been severely criticised, but it must be remembered that Parliament was what the people made it, so that the speaker was criticising the Government not so much as the people who were responsible for it being in power. He urged his hearers to return to Parliament none but men holding lofty national ideals. Bolshevism and disloyalty were rampant before the war, and when war broke out the time had arrived when the community had to declare itself.

The Farmers' Arms. — Mr Stanly Lowe, who made himself extremely popular in this district whilst in charge of recruiting campaigns during war, has taken over the Farmers' Arms hotel, in which future his many friends wish him well. The hotel has been re-furnished throughout, even to the floor coverings, and Mr Lowe and his good wife are in a position to cater for the public in the very best style.

District News PICOLA

On Thursday last Mr R. Murray sustained a very severe loss. Two fine cows in full profit, got on to the railway line and were run down by the engine. It is a moot point whether, under the circumstances, the folk in charge of the train, could not have averted the mishap, while at the same time folks' lives should not be endangered by straying stock, granting that the danger is very slight.

The recent rains and general moist weather have had a wonderfully cheering effect on crops and pastures, and it is reflected in the hearts of folk generally.

To Button Collectors. — During the war many people made it a point of purchasing one of each of the 27 sets of buttons that, were issued, and Mrs Cohen would like to receive the names of all such, in order that application might be made for commemoration buttons to be given free to all who hold the complete set!

Golf. — This afternoon the first round of a match between players from the Numurkah and Nathalia golf clubs will be played on the Numurkah links. The second round will be played at Nathalia on Saturday. We understand there's a dinner at stake.

NUMURKAH BOWLING CLUB. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Numurkah Bowling Club was held on Thursday night last, when there was a good attendance of enthusiasts, the President (Mr R. J. Watters) presiding.

In opening the meeting the President referred in regretful terms to the recent demise of Mr J. S. Goldsworthy, who was one of the leading members of the club. Mr Goldsworthy was mainly responsible, the President said - for the very enjoyable season the club had experienced last year. He moved that a letter of condolence to be sent to Mrs Goldsworthy.

Office-bearers were elected as under :- President, Mr R. J. Watters ; Vice-Presidents/Messrs R. Kilpatrick and A. McPherson; secretary, Mr J. M. Treacy; treasurer, Mr T. F. Tymms; committee, Messrs P. O'Donnell G. Bitcon, J. C. Martin, T. A. Morris, W. G. Fitzwater, J. Callander, and C. Baker; match committee, Messrs S. Callander, P. O'Donnell and H. J. Pearson; tournament manager, Mr O'Donnell; ground committee, President. Dr Spence, and Mr W. J. Teare. The matter of engaging a caretaker was left with the ground committee, The subscription was fixed at £2/2, honorary members £1/1/- returned soldiers half fee.



Leap into the unknown ... NSC students Kate Kelly (left) and Tenille Kneebone (right) are pleased to be helping Carla Cornu, Mathis Dalrounay and Tinja Nakki settle in to life in Australia.

Exchange of kindness

If you have a keen ear for accents, you might notice a French or Finnish lilt floating through the halls of Numurkah Secondary College (NSC) these days.

The school has recently welcomed three European exchange students, Carla Cornu and Mathis Dalrounay from France, and Tinja Nakki from Finland, all of whom confess to being a little surprised by the recent cold temperatures Numurkah has been experiencing.

Tinja told the *Leader* that although Australia's winter is more akin to a Finnish autumn, she was still surprised by recent temperatures.

"Where I am from it can get to -30°C, so this is a much warmer winter than I am used to, but I

was expecting it to be very warm in Australia, not 0°C," she said.

Each of the three students requested Australia as their cultural exchange country, and though they have only been here a few weeks so far, they say they have no regrets and have found much to enjoy in their temporary home.

Both Tinja and Mathis agreed when Carla said she had always been told that Australians are very warm people, and she has been pleased to find that to be true.

"Everybody has been very kind and I am enjoying meeting Australians very much, as they are always positive and very friendly," she said.

With the three students staying with different

families, their experiences are bound to be different, but there are things they all agree on - all citing the food and the school system as being very different to what they are used to.

Whilst all three students are slightly disappointed that kangaroos aren't quite as prevalent as many foreigners believe them to be, they have all found things that they enjoy that are in abundance.

Whilst Mathis has been pleased to be able to watch, and play, quite a bit of rugby, Tinja's standouts echo those of many Australian teenagers.

"Milo and Tim Tams," she said.

"I like those a lot."

New safety campaign to help truckies and caravanners co-exist

A QUARTER of caravan and RV users have stayed overnight in truck rest areas according to research released by the Caravan Industry Association of Australia last week as part of a new safety campaign.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the research was part of a new information campaign, funded under the NHVR's Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative (HVS), supported by the Federal Government.

"The co-exist campaign is a road safety initiative of the Caravan Industry Association of Australia designed to inform and educate campers about interacting with trucks safely while on the road," Mr McCormack said.

"It highlights the importance of ensuring our truck drivers can manage their fatigue and legal responsibilities, with a particular focus on truck rest stops and improved com-

munication.

"These are two major groups that use Australian highways so information about sharing roads and rest facilities respectfully is critical to keeping everyone safe."

Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport Scott Buchholz said he would encourage all caravanners to visit the co-exist website before they start their trip.

"Jump online, have a read and pass it on to friends because more informed and responsible drivers will contribute to safer roads and less accidents," Mr Buchholz said.

"I urge caravanners to take advantage of the great facilities at camping grounds and caravan parks and give truck drivers the space to stop at roadside rest areas to ensure they have their proper break."

The Caravan Industry Association of Australia's research of 554 caravanners or RV drivers who had used a rest stop in the past 12 months showed:

- 60% had used a rest stop more than once;
- More than three-quarters made the decision to use a rest stop when their trip was underway;
- More than a quarter spent more than nine hours at the rest stop.

Caravan Industry Association of Australia CEO Stuart Lamont said all road users had equal responsibility for road safety.

"Caravan and RV users value safety, so this information will help them to understand how to share the road with heavy vehicles, particularly in understanding how such a large vehicle behaves," Mr Lamont said.

"Our campaign promotes simple information that can reduce frustration, such as the use of UHF's for improved communication between drivers, maintaining speed and road position when being overtaken.

"When stopping for the night make sure you're aware that truck drivers may need to use the dedi-

cated stops to manage their fatigue hours, so plan your stops and use the appropriate areas to park and not use designated truck parking."

NHVR CEO Sal Petrocchio said the partnership between the Caravan Industry Association of Australia and the heavy vehicle industry would save lives.

"Long haul heavy vehicle drivers are often managing fatigue, and getting good quality rest is critical to keeping all road users safe," Mr Petrocchio said.

"I'm pleased that we've been able to work with the caravan industry on ways to reduce risk for holiday makers and supporting our truckies who keep Australia moving."

The Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative funding supports implementable, value-for-money projects that will deliver significant heavy vehicle safety benefits.

To find out more about the co-exist campaign head to <https://coexist.org.au>.

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Dog Whisperers ... (From left): Vet Diane Brennan, Ash Noonan with Missy, and Alicia Jones are excited to offer basic training to puppies and their people.

A polite pup is a happy pup

THERE are few things more simply rewarding than the relationship between humans and their dogs, and a new puppy school has opened in Numurkah to help dogs and their people get the most out of life together.

The new school is being run by Brennan's Vet Services for dogs aged eight weeks to six months, and owners of all ages.

Alicia Jones, who is certified with the National Dog Training Federation and will be running the classes, said the lessons will centre on basic obedience and socialisation, and are designed to instil confidence in owners and puppies alike.

"A confident puppy has less anxiety and fear and is far less likely to display reactive behaviours like aggression and biting," she said.

"A confident dog owner, who has learned the

handling skills we will be teaching, is able to take care of their dog properly and keep them healthy by doing things like grooming, and have the dog be comfortable with the handling involved in that."

Alicia said that being able to set boundaries and establish structure creates the foundation for a truly satisfying and rewarding human-canine relationship.

Alicia has been working with dogs her whole life and said she gets a lot of joy out of seeing them learn and grow in confidence.

"They are such fun and forgiving animals and it is such a pleasure to see them develop the skills they need," she said.

"I enjoy working with the owners as well and seeing them build that relationship with their

dogs, and experience the triumphs of mastering training milestones."

The lessons will take place at 33 Melville St, running for four weeks, on Friday evenings from 5.30 - 6.30, and all breeds are welcome.

There are plans to also run a series of classes for older dogs, as well as an intermediate class for dogs of all ages who have undergone basic training.

"Owning a dog should be a pleasurable experience and I love helping people achieve that and have a fulfilling and trusting relationship with their dog. There's no better feeling."

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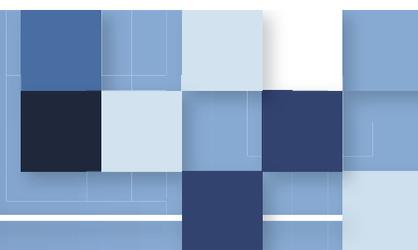
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DEATHS

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Loving Memories

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Richard Graham
"Dick"

Passed away
peacefully at home in
Mildura surrounded
by his loving
family and good
friend Rosemary on
September 4, 2019,
aged 82 years. Loved
husband of Ollie
(dec.) and former
husband of Marie.
Loving father and
father-in-law of Vicki
and Kim; Carolyn
and John; Julie and
Mel; Michael and
Sandy; Max and
Sue. Devoted Poppy
Dick of Chris, Adam,
Ashleigh, Molly,
Matilda, Clancy,
Nicole, Mick, David
and their families.

*"Collins Cabarita
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continue in Dick's
honour"*

DEATHS

NOTA (nee Carroll)
— Anne. Passed
away peacefully on
September 8, 2019,
aged 81 years. Dearly
loved sister and sister-
in-law of Carmel and
Erle Allert. Treasured
Aunt of Gary, Ray,
Pete, Andy, Cam,
Sonia and Gavin
Many wonderful
family times shared.

YOUNGER —

Bruce

7.8.1926 – 2.9.2019
Former husband of
Coral (dec). Father of
Rossleigh (dec.),
David, Lorraine,
Jonathon, Vincent
and families.

Friend of Faye and
Ron; Sally; Peter and
Sarah; and families.

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Richard Graham
"Dick"

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of the late Mr. Dick
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TOMORROW
Thursday September
12, 2019 at 11.30am.

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Bruce Younger will
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PRELIMINARY FINALS A GRADE
Deniliquin 44 def Cobram 37
Echuca United 65 def Finley 29

B GRADE
Mulwala 43 def Nathalia 11
Echuca United 38 def Tongala 29

C GRADE
Cobram 45 def Moama 33
Deniliquin 45 def by Nathalia 48

C RESERVE
Moama 20 def Barooga 17
Deniliquin 32 def by Nathalia 45

17 & UNDER
Moama 31 def Nathalia 19
Deniliquin 41 def by Rumbalara 47

15 & UNDER
Rumbalara 24 def by Nathalia 29
Echuca United 37 def Moama 19

13 & UNDER
Echuca United 26 def Cobram 23
Deniliquin 38 def Rumbalara 23

NEXT WEEK PRELIMINARY FINALS SATURDAY AT KATANDRA
A grade: Rumbalara v Echuca United
B grade: Moama v Echuca United
C grade: Echuca United v Nathalia
C Reserve: Echuca United v Nathalia
17 under: Echuca United v Rumbalara
15 under: Deniliquin v Echuca United
13 under: Tongala v Deniliquin

SUNDAY AT BAROOGA
A grade: Moama v Deniliquin
B grade: Deniliquin v Mulwala
C grade: Mulwala v Cobram
C Reserve: Mulwala v Moama
17 under: Tongala v Moama
15 under: Tongala v Nathalia
13 under: Finley v Echuca United

PNL

PRELIMINARY FINALS A GRADE
Deni Rovers 47 def by Picola United 53
Katunga 33 def by Strathmerton 46

B GRADE
Katunga 54 def Rennie 29
Waaia 44 def Berrigan 40

C GRADE
Berrigan 70 def Deni Rovers 18
Waaia 46 def Katunga 31

C RESERVE
Rennie 29 def by Deni Rovers 30
Katunga 37 def Berrigan 24

17 & UNDER
Deni Rovers 38 def by Picola United 41
Waaia 42 def by Strathmerton 51

15 & UNDER
Rennie 48 def Tocumwal 15
Blighty 44 def Deni Rovers 25

13 & UNDER
Deni Rovers 16 def by Blighty 20
Tocumwal 20 def Rennie 17

NEXT WEEK Saturday, September 14 Grand final at Berrigan
A grade: Picola United v Strathmerton
B grade: Katunga v Waaia
C grade: Berrigan v Waaia
C reserve: Deni Rovers v Katunga
Under 17: Picola United v Strathmerton
Under 15: Rennie v Blighty
Under 13: Blighty v Tocumwal

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MFL

SEMI FINALS Saturday at Cobram SENIORS

Tongala 3.2, 5.5, 6.6, 10.9 (69)
Mulwala 4.0, 5.3, 7.8, 9.8 (62)

GOALS, Tongala: Makenzie Ryan 4, Nicholas Woods 1, Jayden Tucker 1, Jordan Souter 1. Mulwala: Beau Clarke 3, Adam Rouel 2, Leigh Howroyd 1, Harrison Crossley 1, Dylan Flanagan 1, Sean Robinson 1.

BEST, Tongala: Cameron Ilett, Makenzie Ryan, Jack Hammond, Corey Nexhip, Adam Lovison, Jordan Souter. Mulwala: William Barden, Reece Geary, Beau Clarke, Glenn Dominick, Jackson Gash, Sean Robinson.

RESERVES

Nathalia 1.1, 3.2, 3.8, 4.8 (32)
Moama 0.2, 1.3, 2.4, 2.6 (18)

GOALS, Nathalia: Matt Davies 2, Dean Limbrick 1, Jack Bell 1. Moama: Clay McGregor 1, Matthew Veitch 1.

BEST, Nathalia: Jarrod Maskell, Matt Carroll, Christopher Brown, Cameron Hickey, Josh Gemmill, Matthew Smith. Moama: Matthew Palmer, Clay McGregor, Justin Smith, Layton McCann, Jack Duggan, Dylan Wright.

UNDER 17

Numurkah 3.0, 4.3, 6.4, 7.5 (47)
Finley 1.0, 1.1, 3.3, 4.4 (28)

GOALS, Numurkah: Joshua Shanahan 2, Matthew Mansfield 1, Dustan Eborn 1, Hunter Verhoeven 1, Jayden Hollands 1, Bailey Roberts 1. Finley: Archibald Mason 1, Nicholas Gray 1, Edward Haynes 1, Bailey Coombs 1.

BEST, Numurkah: Joshua Shanahan, Bailey Roberts, Matthew Mansfield, Rhys Cason, James Kam, Dakota Pellegrino. Finley: Bailey Coombs, Shadeau Brain, Lachlan Osborne, Benjamin Ashley-Cooper, Jacob Boyd, Nichollas Lunn.

UNDER 14

Tongala 0.2, 2.4, 3.5, 5.9 (39)
Cobram 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 2.10 (22)

GOALS, Tongala: Tristan Watson 3, Luke Carroll 2. Cobram: Levy Tejones 1, Kevin Griffin 1.

BEST, Tongala: Dylan Scoble, Jesse Jackman, Harley Reid, Dylan Moore, Hudson Kellett, Matthew Di Petta. Cobram: Callum Hulley, Levy Tejones, Ned Higgins, Kevin Griffin, Thomas Corso, Nash Molton.

Sunday at Nathalia SENIORS

Congupna 4.4, 5.10, 7.10, 8.11 (59)
Echuca United 0.1, 1.2, 2.3, 3.6 (24)

GOALS, Congupna: Jak Trewin 2, Daniel Campbell 2, Daniel Schaper 1, Bryden Squire 1, Nathan Cole 1, Tate Mifka 1. Echuca United: Ben Fulford 1, Joshua Mellington 1, Peter Quanchi 1.

BEST, Congupna: Lachlan Baldwin, Tate Mifka, Bryden Squire, Patrick Jacobson, Dion Gleeson, Sam Ferguson. Echuca United: Liam Gundry, Kyle Armstrong, Lachlan Carmody, Dean Moon, Bradley Anderson, Kyle Coates.

RESERVES

Rumbalara 2.5, 4.5, 5.5, 8.7 (55)
Tungamah 3.1, 5.2, 7.3, 7.6 (48)

GOALS, Rumbalara: Blade Larkins 2, Brad Fowler 1, Jamie Michael 1, Graham Weston 1, Marlon Johnstone 1, Kane Atkinson 1. Tungamah: Adam Dodd 2, Travis Hayes 1, Jack Besley 1, Jacob Sampson 1, Matthew Powell 1, Alan Richardson 1.

BEST, Rumbalara: Lachlan Armstrong, Alanance Hexter, Kane Atkinson, Jonathon Henderson, Michael Clarke, Bradley Ponting. Tungamah: Christopher Johnstone, Jarrod O'Shea, Jack Besley, Shaun Hawking, Hayden Kelly, Alan Richardson.

UNDER 17

Cobram 1.3, 3.7, 3.9, 6.11 (47)
Tongala 1.0, 1.2, 1.3, 2.4 (16)

GOALS, Cobram: Luca Allen 1, Noah Sneddon 1, Liam Hayes 1, James Curtin 1, Will Slatterie 1, Lewis McShane 1. Tongala: Harley Reid 1, Jack Nevill 1.

BEST, Cobram: Lewis McShane, Liam Hayes, Matteo Allen, James Curtin, Will Slatterie, Noah Sneddon. Tongala: Blake Ohara, Harley Reid, Jack Nevill, Sam Cipriani, Ryan Hatch, Thomas Morphett.

UNDER 14

Deniliquin Rams 2.0, 5.3, 7.5, 10.6 (66)
Moama 1.0, 1.0, 1.1, 4.2 (26)

GOALS, Deniliquin Rams: Charlie Hillier 4, Noah Bradley 3, Luke Todd 1, William McCartney 1, Angus Wright 1. Moama: Zac McKenzie 1, Jesse Bringans 1, Lachlan Hogan 1, Noah Langborne 1.

BEST, Deniliquin Rams: Charlie Hillier, Harley Hicks, William McCartney, Zac Free, Noah Bradley, Jake Herbert. Moama: Noah Langborne, Zac McKenzie, Grant Hope, Lachlan Hogan, Ben Paterson, Jonte Grubb.

NEXT WEEK PRELIMINARY FINAL 1, SATURDAY AT KATANDRA

Seniors: Nathalia v Congupna
Reserves: Echuca v Rumbalara
Under 17s: Echuca v Cobram

PRELIMINARY FINAL 2, SUNDAY AT BAROOGA

Seniors: Numurkah v Tongala
Reserves: Tongala v Nathalia
Under 17s: Rumbalara v Numurkah
Under 14s: Nathalia v Tongala

PFL

PRELIMINARY FINALS Saturday at Strathmerton SENIORS

Waaia 3.1, 6.7, 7.10, 9.16 (70)
Deniliquin Rovers 2.0, 3.4, 5.4, 5.7 (37)

GOALS, Waaia: Matthew Brown 3, Charlie Burrows 2, Daniel Clarke 1, Connor Brown 1, Lachlan Henderson 1, Dylan Cornick 1. Deniliquin Rovers: Joshua Flight 2, Alex Hay 1, Joseph Hay 1, Terry Lumbar 1.

BEST, Waaia: Samuel Richardson, Mitchell Cleeland, Charlie Burrows, Anthony Bergamin, Ashley Thomp-

son, Jesse Trower. Deniliquin Rovers: James Kirby, Desmond Morgan, Rhys McCulloch, Alex Hay, Aaron Purcell.

RESERVES

Waaia 4.1, 7.3, 10.4, 11.7 (73)
Deniliquin Rovers 1.1, 2.1, 2.1, 2.1 (13)

GOALS, Waaia: Brayden Carey 5, Ryan Sprunt 2, Robert Bradbury 1, Ryan Bergamin 1, Adam Bell 1. Deniliquin Rovers: Lachlan Holschier 1, Rhys Thommers 1. BEST, Waaia: Mark Bergamin, Brendan Harris, Brayden Carey, Ryan Bergamin, Damian Hommes, Sean Carey. Deniliquin Rovers: Jordan Treble, Jamie Thorpe, Boddie Arthur, Caleb Weir, Blake Marchant, James Star.

UNDER 17

Strathmerton 3.1, 5.4, 6.8, 8.10 (58)
Rennie 1.1, 2.1, 2.1, 3.3 (21)

GOALS, Strathmerton: Haydn Wyatt 3, Matthew Price 2, Mitchel Payne 1, Bailey Ebborn 1, William Large 1. Rennie: Max Williams 1, Josh Soutter 1, Oscar Elliott 1. BEST, Strathmerton: Aaron Macfadyen, Matthew Price, Beau Hall, Mitchel Payne, William Large, Zack Cunningham. Rennie: James Shaw, Thomas Elliott, Joshua McInness, Tully Woodward, William Bott, Thomas Hicks.

UNDER 14

Rennie 5.4, 11.7, 17.9, 20.11 (131)
Blighty 0.0, 0.0, 0.1, 0.1 (1)

GOALS, Rennie: Axel Doherty 10, Cooper Lonergan 4, Luke Slattery 2, Callum Deoleveira 1, Marcus VanMaanen 1, Jack Bassett 1.

BEST, Rennie: Axel Doherty, Cooper Lonergan, Luke Slattery, Cooper Milbourne, Lochie Forge, Fraser Bennett. Blighty: Dean Macdonald, Henry Michael, Seth Morris, Jack Murray, Max Caruso, William Dudley.

Sunday at Deniliquin SENIORS

Strathmerton 2.1, 2.5, 5.6, 9.7 (61)
Rennie 2.4, 2.7, 4.10, 4.11 (35)

GOALS, Strathmerton: L. Oswald 3, T. Down 2, M. Laidlaw, C. Hargreaves, S. Russell, Z. Betson. Rennie: D. Mangon 2, J. Porter, C. Sudholz.

BEST, Strathmerton: S. Emmett, L. Oswald, M. Shannon, A. Crestani, S. Lewis, N. McNair. Rennie: J. Kennedy, D. Mangon, C. Eadie, L. Wolfe, D. Bigger, C. Sudholz.

RESERVES

Blighty 2.3, 3.3, 6.6, 9.11 (65)
Rennie 1.1, 3.2, 6.2, 9.2 (56)

GOALS, Blighty: T. Amor-Beale 2, D. Kirchen 2, L. Hay, A. Bain, B. Napier, B. Littmann, T. Wilson. Rennie: D. Bruce 3, A. Smith 2, C. Pearn 2, D. Boulton, S. Ferguson. BEST, Blighty: T. Amor-Beale, J. Peers, B. Mitchell, T. Wilson, A. Litchfield, L. Charlton. Rennie: L. Connell, D. Bruce, C. Pearn, B. Welsh.

UNDER 17

Katunga 4.0, 6.3, 9.5, 11.9 (75)
Deniliquin Rovers 3.1, 4.2, 4.3, 7.3 (45)

GOALS, Katunga: S. Arho 3, D. Baker 2, L. O'Brien 2, L. O'Hara 2, H. Hill 2. Deniliquin Rovers: H. Mowat 2, L. Hillier, R. Murphy, H. Gardiner, B. Caruso, T. McDonnell.

BEST, Katunga: M. Hendy, L. O'Brien, L. Bosse, L. Daniel, S. Arho. Deniliquin Rovers: R. Murphy, B. Wade, T. Banks, L. Hillier, K. Joss, H. Mowat.

UNDER 14

Strathmerton 3.1, 5.2, 7.3, 9.4 (58)
Deniliquin Rovers 2.1, 2.1, 3.4, 3.4 (22)

GOALS, Strathmerton: R. Wyatt 3, M. Easden, J. Webb, J. Edgar, B. Lee-Madgwick, C. Graham, J. Payne. Deniliquin Rovers: D. Rogers, A. Cooper, L. East. BEST, Strathmerton: C. Wilson, J. Payne, R. Wyatt, B. Wren, W. Almond, C. Edgar. Deniliquin Rovers: A. Cooper, J. Cooper, C. Diddcock, L. East, N. Stubbings, C. Buckley.

NEXT WEEK GRAND FINALS Saturday at Berrigan

2.05pm: Seniors: Waaia v Strathmerton
12.30pm: Reserves: Waaia v Blighty
Under 17s: Strathmerton v Katunga
Under 14s: Rennie v Strathmerton

Sid chooses the right clubs

by "Archie Bunker"

SOME people don't use all their clubs when they play golf, but stick mainly to their favourites, and on Saturday those Numurkah golfers got a chance to get back at the others, when the club held a three club event.

It seemed that Sid Roughsedge chose the right three clubs, along with his trusty putter, coming in with a great score that he would have been proud of, even if he had all his clubs in his bag.

Sid's 39 points saw him finish just one point ahead of runner-up Alf Patman, which turned out to be a day for the more senior golfers to feature amongst the winners.

Alf doesn't hit the ball all that far, but he is always in the middle of the fairway, and is good on the greens.

Hugh Gunn was next in line, with 37 points, followed by Roy Peterson and Kerry Collins with 36, Bob I'Anson, Bruce Collins and Geoff Partington on 34, and Robbie Sutton was the youngest of the

ball winners, with 33 points.

All of the nearest the pin winners also featured in the winners' list. Hugh Gunn was on the seventh, Alf Patman on the 15th, and Robbie Sutton had the best shot to the 18th green.

The ears were awarded to Charlie Walsh, who had accepted a lift with Neil 'Bugs' Hutchins, in his white golf cart. After a mere seven holes, Charlie jumped into the black golf cart of their playing partner, and questioned Bugs as to why he wasn't hopping in.

To add to his deeds for the day, for being one of the only players anyone can remember, who has ended up in two dams on the par three 18th hole.

A contingent of brave Numurkah souls travelled to Chiltern on Sunday, for round one of the Numurkah/Chiltern challenge.

Pierre Klaessen managed to win the B grade nett with a score of 65, Alan Dalton won two nearest the pins, and Mark Hegarty won the B grade long-term drive.

Numurkah sits in a better



Any three will do ... Sid Roughsedge only needed three clubs to record a great score on Saturday.

position in the challenge than it ever has in previous years, and will be hoping to hold the trophy in Numurkah after the Chiltern boys come to Numur-

kah for the annual tournament. Saturday's golf will be a two person ambrose event, so find your self a partner.

Girls have fun on golf course



Who needs a full set? ... Lorraine Craig managed her club selection well to win Saturday's three club event.

by "The Shankster"

GOLFERS didn't know who they would be paired up with last Wednesday, when they turned up to play an ambrose event, that depended on how many players turned up, but turned out to be a two person game.

Nola Dalton continued her good form, teaming up with Mavis Birrell, to take another Wednesday golf win.

The pair had a terrific score of 66.25 to finish ahead of the next best pairing, Helen Schmedje and Pauline Davies, with 68.25.

Pauline and Mavis won the nearest the pin balls, which were given for the best shots to the seventh green.

After the greens were given their annual renovation early in the week, no-one got too serious about their golf, playing a couple of novelty events.

Saturday's event was one such round, where players were only able to head out with three clubs and their putter, and Lorraine Craig proved the most adept at choosing her three weapons.

Lorraine finished the day with a pretty good score of 34 stableford points, especially considering the gusty winds blowing. Nola Dalton was the other ball winner, just one point behind with 33.

Julie Hannaford obviously picked the correct club for playing the par threes, picking up nearest the pin on both the seventh and 15th, and Kath Hepworth had the best shot to the 18th.

From a lighthearted event, to the most serious of all, today's golf will be a par round. Saturday will be a two person ambrose, and next Wednesday will be stableford.

Veterans golf

VETERANS' golf returned to Deniliquin Golf Club on Monday with a well supported field of 99 players.

Despite some recent ordinary weather, the day turned out windy, but fine.

John Radeski (Deniliquin) proved to be the best player on the day, taking out A grade with 42 stableford points, from David Cornwall (Hill Top) on 38 points.

B grade winner was Jack Peacock with 39 points from Peter Beckton, both from Deniliquin, who survived the countback on 36 points.

C grade winner was Peter Lahiff (Mooroopna) on 36 points from Ken Pearce (Deniliquin) on 34 points.

Nearest the pin was contested on the ninth hole and the winners in A, B and C grades, respectively, were John Radeski (Deniliquin), Lloyd Freer (Mooroopna) and Bill Murphy (Mooroopna).

Balls down the line were awarded to Ron Wilkinson, Mark Hegarty, John Bray, William Green, Graham Peat, Graeme Willoughby Ron Smith, William Wright, Geoff Hamill, John Irwin, Norm Purtill, Cory Liefing, John Trimble, Alan Williams, Denis Prosser, Clive Merrigum, Geoffrey Partington, David Shiels, Rex Howell, Gavon Armstrong, Gerald Pennefarther, Roden Brady, Robert Frame, Ian Campbell, Ray Moye and Bill McKenzie.

The next event will be the first round of the championship at Rich River, on Monday, September 30, 2019.

Hill Top Golf Club is staging a memorial event for Terry White, a past distinguished committee man of GVVGA, on Friday, September 27.

Les takes the challenge

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

LES Summerville won a three way countback to take first place in last Thursday's "Bear Challenge" at Numurkah Golf Club.

With all three place getters scoring 40 stableford point totals, Les' score on the back nine was higher than either of his closest opponents, Alan Newby and Sid Roughsedge, who finished second and third respectively.

Average scores were higher than the previous few months and reflected the greater amount of run available on the drying spring course.

Players whose scores won them a pro ball were: Ron Smith and Barry Pruden 39, Alf Patman 38, Ray Falla and Geoff Partington 37, Barry Schmedje, Darryl Sheridan and Matt Ebborn 36, John Trimble, Hugh Gunn and Steve Mackay all 35.

Once again the player with the lowest total of 18 points, John McHale, doubled up as the winner of not only the tin of boiled lollies for coming last but also the Mickey Mouse ears for the greatest display of incompetence seen on the day.

In John's case it included: hitting three trees on his first hole then a further 19 around the length of the course; in the water on holes six and nine; out of bounds on holes 16 and 17. Quite an eventful day!

Four out of five nearest the pins went off this week. John Smith placed his tee shot closest to the flag on the 169 metre fourth hole to win the GMCU sponsored Titleist, while Matt Ebborn speared his eight iron nearest on the seventh hole to take home the players' sweep money.

"Gentleman" John Trimble placed two clean shots closest on the 14th to take Dennis and Roy's ball, and Dennis Prosser won the Pruden Carpentry sponsored ball on the 18th hole.

In an instance of deja vu nobody landed on the 15th hole, leaving a happy sponsor, namely Graeme Sprunt.

To join the 'in-crowd' this Thursday, assemble at the clubhouse at 9.30am for a 10 o'clock hit off. Visitors and guests are most welcome.

Tim cards two 100s

TIM Braybon outdid all comers at last week's Numurkah Small Bore Club competition, scoring two cards of 100.

While there is an occasional 100 seen in this weekly report, a 200 would seem very rare.

So Tim easily won the night's 20 metre prone event, with a brilliant score of 200.12.

Other top scorers were Glen Miles with 196.2 in 20 metre benchrest, Bev Braybon with 188.4 in 50 metre benchrest, and Hannah O'Brien in 50 metre prone with 187.3.

SCORES

20 metre benchrest: G. Miles 97.1 99.1 196.2.

20 metre prone:

T. Braybon 100.6 100.6 200.12, G. Braybon 98.4 98.3 196.7, L. Braybon 96.3 97.3 193.6, R. Hill 97.4 93.1 190.5, G. Miles 91.2 96.3 187.5, D. Cook 91.2 94.1 185.3, M. Brown 90.1 95.1 185.2, A. Gibbon 90.1 84.0 174.1, J. Matys 81.0 79.0 160.0, S. Cogdell 46.0 67.1 113.1.

50 metre benchrest: B. Braybon 188.4, E Ryan 186.3, L. Cook 183.7, C. Saxton 183.6.

50 metre prone: H. O'Brien 91.0 96.3 187.3, R. Cogdell 83.0 87.1 170.1, E. Lee 67.0 82.0 149.0.

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

Knights lose final game

NUMURKAH Knights Black played Shepparton East Ravens in the final round of the junior soccer season and went down 2-4. The Knights were on the back foot, playing defensive all game. They were, however, able to break away on two occasions to score, but the Ravens replied to take out the win.

The Knights Blue team played Toolamba in their final match and it was a great game.

Zoe Hawthorn and Isaac Koeleman were great in defence, ably supported by Harrison Bannon and Lucas Stedman.

Bailey Power, Timothy Oswald and Samuel Brown showed great footwork throughout the game.

UNDER 8s

In chilly conditions, the Knights played Congupna Cruzers in their last match of the season.

Both teams fought hard to take the upper hand and had their chances, however great goal keeping from both goalies kept the ball out of the net.

In an evenly matched contest, the game ended in a draw.

The team, consisting of Bailey Hawthorn, Dakota Schultz, Zavier Archer, Angus Newham, Georgie Hall, Elijah Tonkin, Harry Oswald and Declan Stockwin, all played well.



Stepping-in-to-Spring ... Marg Brown, Graham Tyack, Barb McKeown and Ian Londey show off their "Spring" trophies.

Croquet players Step-in-to-Spring

THE arrival of spring was the theme for Numurkah golf croquet social play last Tuesday with 'Stepping-in-to-Spring' prizes on offer.

Winner of the gold spring trophy was Graham Tyack, Marg Brown won the silver, and the bronze went to a very excited Barb McKeown who was keen to get home to show the family her first croquet trophy.

The encouragement award was presented to Ian Londey. We are not sure how the judges decided the winner of this award as Ian went on to be the winner of the aggregate with three wins/+21/-8. Marg Brown also finished with three wins and +21, but with 13 hoops against, had to settle for second place.

Joan I. Hansen and Ian Londey each played one successful jump-shot, and Gordon Brown excelled with two.

Golf croquet is played each Tuesday morning, beginning at 9am, and visitors who would like to give croquet a try will always be made welcome.

The club also held a golf croquet social tournament yesterday. See next week's Leader for the winners.

The golf croquet pennant season will begin next Thursday, September 19.

Numurkah's association croquet players faced very trying conditions at last Friday morning's practice. Only two players lasted the distance, those who found the elements too difficult decided to support the local coffee shop instead.

Picola girls standing tall

Bulldogs bite Swans

PICOLA United netballers are looking a little like the giant killers in the Picola netball league, going into this weekend's decider, with both the A grade and under 17 sides making it into the grand final after finishing in sixth position on the ladder.

The A graders met fourth placed Deni Rovers on Saturday, in what turned out to be an absolute nail biter.

Level at the final whistle, the Picola girls stepped up in extra time to win by six goals, 53-47.

They will now meet Strathmerton in this Saturday's grand final, in what should be a terrific game, Strathmerton finishing just one place ahead of the Blues on the final ladder.

17 UNDER

The under 17s were also up against Deni Rovers on Saturday, and also played a thriller, coming out on top by just three goals, 41-38.

The girls played some fantastic netball to come away with the win and make their way into the grand final.

Having finished the season in sixth place, they will have a tough task ahead of them, against the undefeated ladder leader, Strathmerton, but will no doubt give their all and put up a great fight.



Crowded house ...
Things were tight in goal circle as Emily Atkinson takes a shot from in close.

STRATHMERTON made its way into this weekend's Picola netball league A grade grand final with a fighting preliminary final win over Katunga on Sunday.

The game was a fierce battle from start to finish, players having to fight for every ball, but the Bulldogs went on to take a 13 goal victory, 46-33.

The Strathmerton attackers worked tirelessly with their cut and drives, and were patient from the edge of the goal circle, to ensure the ball was direct and accurate into their goalers.

Their full defensive pressure was fantastic all day, and created many turnovers on which they were able to capitalise.

Kasey Baker was dominant in wing defence for the Bulldogs, playing a solid one-on-one game and making it hard for the opposition.

The Bulldogs will now meet Picola in Saturday's grand final.

The A grade grand final would be quite different to the one pictured at the start of the finals, with Strathmerton and Picola finishing the season in fifth and sixth places. Both have played terrific netball throughout the season, and should provide a terrific spectacle at Berrigan on Saturday.

Strathy girls

THE Strathmerton under 17 girls fought hard to win their way into the Picola netball league grand final with a terrific win over Waaia on Sunday.

After a slow start the previous weekend, the girls were switched on right from the first whistle, and never looked back, taking victory 51-42.

The defenders worked hard all game, creating a number of turnovers, while the goalers were accurate and rebounded well.

The Bulldogs will now meet Picola United in this Saturday's decider at Berrigan.

Strathy finished the season undefeated, on top of the ladder, well clear of sixth placed Picola, and will be hoping to continue its season form in Saturday's big one.

Top two sides to do battle

WAAIA and Katunga will fight out a battle of the top two sides on the Picola netball league B grade ladder when they meet in the grand final at Berrigan this Saturday.

The Bombers defeated Berrigan by four goals, 44-40, in a nail-biter at Deniliquin on Sunday to advance into the decider.

Waaia got off to a good start and held a small lead at the quarter time break, which it continued to add to at each change. With four minutes left to go in the game, Berrigan staged a fightback, but Waaia hung on to take victory in a great team game.

The Bombers will now meet the undefeated Swans in the grand final at Berrigan on Saturday.

C GRADE

Waaia's C graders got off to a slow start, and trailed Katunga by two goals at quarter time, but staged a big turnaround to take victory by 15 goals, 46-31.

A few changes at the first break had the Bombers up by five goals at half time, and then they really turned it on in the third term, with the goalers shooting brilliantly.

The defenders were outstanding again, getting plenty of turnovers and constantly getting their hands on the ball, and the mid court girls ran tirelessly all day.

The Bombers will now meet Berrigan, which finished one spot ahead of them in top spot on the ladder, in Saturday's grand final.

17 UNDER

The under 17 Bombers bowed out of the finals race with a nine goal loss to Strathmerton.

Strathmerton has not lost a game for the season, and the young Bombers put up a terrific fight to get where they did.

The final scores saw Strathmerton advance into the grand final with a 51-42 win.

Purples' three still in it

NATHALIA'S B grade netball side bowed out of the Murray netball league finals race on Saturday, going down to the undefeated Mulwala in their semi final match.

The Purples found it hard going in the blustery conditions, against a tough, slick Mulwala team, going down 11-43.

C GRADE

After trailing by 10 goals at half time, Nathalia's C graders turned their game around in the second and staged a fighting, come-from-behind win in the final term.

The Purples capitalised on turnovers and stuck to their game plan to take victory 48-45.

Kate Willock was Nathalia's best player on the day, starting at wing defence, and then moving into goal defence for the second half.

Ash Baker was also instrumental in attack and goals, while Anna Tinkler was again on fire in the centre in the second half.

They will have a tough game on their hands this

Saturday when they meet the undefeated Echuca United in a cut-throat preliminary final.

C RESERVE

The Purples' C reserve has played some terrific netball throughout the finals series, making the preliminary final from sixth place.

The girls were on fire on Sunday, knocking the second placed Deniliquin out of the finals race with a seven goal win, 45-32.

Tight defence, accurate shooting and great mid court play saw them advance into this Saturday's prelim, against the so far undefeated Echuca United.

17 UNDER

After only just making it into the finals, finishing the season in eighth position, the under 17 girls ended their season with a 12 goal loss to Moama on Saturday.

The Purples didn't adjust to the blustery conditions as quickly as Moama did, but put together some good passages of play, just not enough to win a semi final.

Bowlers' opening day

THE opening of the new bowls season was celebrated by the Numurkah Bowls Club with its open day last Sunday.

While the weather was cold and blustery, the competition was strong from the 38 bowlers taking part.

The traditional rolling of the kitty and first bowl was carried out by last year's club champions, Ann Dealy and Terry Brennan.

A special presentation was made to Noel and Hazel Boschetti prior to the commencement of play. Noel and Hazel have contributed enormously to the club. See separate story in today's Leader.

Some big improvements have been made to the clubhouse and surrounds over the winter months, and solar panels will soon be visible on the roof, providing a saving to the club on its electricity costs.



Officially open ... The Numurkah Bowls Club officially opened its season with a game of bowls last Sunday.

Clash of the titans

WAAIA and Strathmerton, the two ladder leaders, will play it out in the grand final of the Picola football league this Saturday. The best offensive team in the competition will tackle the best defensive team, in what appears to be an epic grand final. Both teams met only once through the regular season with Strathmerton the victor and Waaia will be looking to square the ledger in the most important match of the year.



Waaia profiles

- Aaron Shelton - 5"10" - 95kg. Fast and furious.
- Aden McCredie - 5"11" - 95kg. Former junior. Reliable Backman.
- Anthony Bergamin - 6"2" - 79 kg. Honest Backman.
- Ash Thompson - 5"6" - 65kg. Pearce Medallist, explosive mid fielder.
- Brayden Coates - 5"10" - 79 kg. Reliable skilled utility.
- Brendan Harris - 5"8" - 80 kg. Fast and tough.
- Charlie Burrows - 5"11" - 80kg. Strong forward with clean hands.
- Connor Brown - 6"0" - 87 kg. Versatile former Bushranger.
- Daniel Clark - 5"9" - 75 kg. Assistant coach. Reliable big game player.
- Dylan Cornick - 5"10" - 80 kg. Super-fast wing/halfback.
- Greg Meyland - 6"0" - 98kg. Loyal, highly skilled. Bleeds black and red.
- Jesse Trower - 5"9" - 70 kg. Utility with big motor.
- Jesse Webster - 6"4" - 107 kg. Hard physical ruckman.
- Jordan Cleeland - 5"11" - 88 kg. Great skill and hardness.
- Lachlan Henderson - 5"10" - 75kg. Pacey left footer.
- Mark Meyland - 5"11" - 85kg. Experienced forward.
- Mason Sprunt - 6"1" - 75 kg. Versatile ruckman/back.
- Matt Brown - 6"0" - 100 kg. Efficient big forward.
- Matt O'Dwyer - 5"8" - 65kg. Tough tackle machine.
- Miles Rowlands - 6"5" - 100 kg. Waaia junior. Reliable with big motor.
- Mitch Cleeland - 6"0" - 71 kg. High level of skill and judgement.
- Ryan Sprunt - 5"8" - 72kg. Loyal leftie.
- Sam Richardson - 5"8" - 72 kg. Gutsy assistant coach. Highly regarded.
- Sam Trower - 5"5" - 59 kg. Up and coming junior.
- Sean Carey - 5"6" - 75kg. Tough and loyal.
- Shayne Lynch - 5"10" - 80 kg. Former B&F, backline general.
- Tim Belford - 5"9" - 77 kg. Hard at it utility.
- Todd Davies - 5"8" - 60kg. Fast linkup player.



Strathmerton profiles

- Mathew O'Kane - Captain. Ultra competitive and hard running half back.
- Zeke Bunge - Ruckman who uses his big frame to advantage.
- Brandon Duckworth - Young midfielder who puts his head over the ball.
- Mathew Shannon - Hard and skillful defender/midfielder.
- Zack Hardie-Betson - Elusive half forward with great skills.
- Adrian Crestani - Captain. Intercepting defender with penetrating kick.
- Theo Thomas - Key forward/ruckman with a good pair of hands.
- Simon Russell - Hard running mid who knows where the goals are.
- Lance Oswald - Classy midfielder/half forward.
- Tyron Hill - Tough and skillful midfielder.
- Travis Down - Exciting small forward with a big leap.
- Nathan McNair - Uncompromising key defender, good overhead.
- Zach Wagner - Highly skillful mid who can play anywhere.
- Shankus Ryan - In and under player who loves a contest.
- Shannon Emmett - Half back with great vision.
- Connor Hargreaves - Hard leading key forward.
- Trent Collyer - Talented young junior.
- Lewis O'Sullivan - Steady influence in the defensive half.
- Michael Keane - Experienced ruckman having a great year.
- Mark Luci - Silky defender and quiet achiever.
- Zack Connell - Talented young defender takes on the big jobs.
- Trent Craven - Young player with a big future.
- Sam Lewis - Inspirational young player who keeps getting better.
- Michael Laidlaw - Athletic big man, can play both ends.
- Tristan Lee-Madgwick - Talented young key forward.
- Brock Palmer - Hard running midfielder, keeps getting the footy.
- Haydn Wyatt - Talented junior who knows where the goals are.
- Mathew Price - Composed young defender with all the skills.

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Bulldogs through to grand final

STRATHMERTON will play cross town rival Waaia, in this Saturday's Picola football league grand final after defeating Rennie by 26 points on Sunday.

In trying conditions at Deniliquin, it was always going to be a hard fought game and it took until the last quarter for the Bulldogs to finally kick clear.

Sam Lewis was terrific all day, throwing his light frame into everything, whilst Shannon Emmett provided plenty of drive off half back.

Matt Shannon and Adrian Crestani repelled many Rennie forward thrusts.

Brandon Duckworth provided the midfield grunt, and Lance Oswald was the finisher around goals, kicking three.

The grand final will be held at Berrigan this coming Saturday starting at 2.05pm, with the Bulldogs holding the advantage over the Bombers, defeating them in their solitary match of the season.

THIRDS

The Bulldog thirds had a terrific 37 point win over Rennie on Saturday to set up an electrifying grand final clash against Katunga.

The Hoppers were never in the hunt against a strong Strathmerton side, which extended its lead at every change.

Strathmerton and Katunga finished the season first and second on the ladder, both losing one game each.

Coincidentally, both lost to each other, with the

Swans recording the most recent victory, in round 15.

The grand final starts at 10.35am, this Saturday at Berrigan.

FOURTHS

Strathmerton fourths will take on the undefeated Rennie side in this week's grand final after defeating Deniliquin by 36 points on Sunday.

Against the breeze, the Bulldogs came out firing in the first quarter, to take a six point lead into the quarter time huddle, thanks to some excellent work by Ryan Wyatt who kicked three goals. With the wind at their backs, the young Doggies capitalised.

Cody Edgar and Jackson Webb combined well to lock the ball in the forward half, and they ex-

tended their lead to 19 points at the main break, holding Deniliquin scoreless.

Strathmerton's midfield, consisting of Josh Payne, Ben Lee-Madgwick, Will Almond and Brodie Wren, started to dominate, closing down Deniliquin's forward advances.

With a grand final appearance ready for the taking, the Bulldogs continued to take their chances.

The third quarter saw Strathmerton outscore Deniliquin against the breeze, whilst once again holding them scoreless in the final term.

Caleb Wilson was terrific all game, with his leadership and marking interceptions.

Awards: Strathy Pizza; Caleb Wilson, Subway; Josh Payne, Terminus Hotel; Brodie Wren, Mac-cas; Will Almond, Coaches award, Cody Edgar.



Teamwork ... Rhys Cason gets high to take this mark, but Kane Newby has his back covered in case it spills.

Numurkah thirds into preliminary

ON a windy day at Cobram, the Numurkah thirds took advantage of the wind and defeated Finley by 19 points to gain a place in next week's preliminary final against Rumbalara.

The teams had not met each other since the first round of the season which saw Finley victorious.

Both teams had improved dramatically since that time and it showed, with both teams playing a hard and attacking style of game.

The Blues made the most of their opportunities in the first quarter, booting

three goals, led by forward Josh Shanahan and his continual pressure in the forward line.

Numurkah extended its lead in the second quarter, holding the Cats goalless. Dakota Pellegrino rucked beautifully, giving first use of the ball to his team. Bailey Roberts controlled the midfield, ably supported by Matt Mansfield. After the break, the Cats attacked more and continually moved the ball forward. The Blues' backline held strong, only allowing the Cats to cut back the margin by one point.

James Kam and Rhys Cason were pivotal in defence with their rebound work ensuring the Blues took home the win.

Rumbalara and Numurkah finished the season third and fourth on the ladder respectively and have a one all record this season.

Numurkah lost by 56 points in round three, then reversed the tables and took a 12 point win in round nine.

The game will be held at Barooga Recreation Reserve, commencing at 10.45am this Sunday.

Waaia pushes on

WAAIA was far too strong for Deniliquin on Saturday, to secure a grand final berth against rival Strathmerton, running out winners by 33 points. In windy conditions, the Bombers continued to extend their lead at every break.

Sam Richardson and Jesse Trower dominated in the middle, ably supported by Mitchell Cleeland and Ashley Thompson.

Anthony Bergamin was the backbone in defence and his ball movement forward allowed the likes of Charlie Burrows the luxury of scoring.

Waaia finished on top of the ladder at the end of the regular season, its only defeat at the hands of the Bulldogs in round eight.

They will be looking to level the ledger in the grand final this Saturday at Berrigan with the game starting at 2.05pm.

RESERVES

The Bomber reserves dominated Deniliquin from the start, recording a 60 point victory to earn a spot in this year's grand final against Blighty.

Deniliquin was never in the hunt, down by three goals at quarter time and Waaia taking a 33 point lead into the main break.

The Bombers then held Deni scoreless for the remainder of the match. Mark Bergamin was outstanding all day with his blistering pace and foot skills.

Brayden Carey finished the day with five goals thanks to the efforts of Sean Carey and Ryan Bergamin who continued to supply the forwards with scoring opportunities

Brendan Harris and Damian Hommes continued to play their roles for the team.

Waaia has defeated Blighty in both of their encounters this year and will be looking to get their club off to a good start, as the curtain raiser to the senior final involving the Bombers.

The game commences at 12.30pm, this Saturday at Berrigan.

Nathalia reserves still in the hunt

IN challenging conditions, the Nathalia reserves faced a strong Moama side in a tightly contested game that saw the Purples finally run out winners by 14 points.

The Purples had to dig deep early after losing Henry Congues with a game ending injury.

With an 11 point lead at the main break, Nathalia continued to get first use of the ball in the third quarter.

Jarrold Maskell was a presence at every contest and continually moved the ball forward.

Matt Carroll, Matt Davies and Chris Brown were in the thick of it all day, creating run and spread.

The conditions required level headed play in defence and Cam Hickey was once again a standout, well supported by Matt Smith.

Young players, Josh Gemmill and Nathan McKenna were both outstanding on their wings, providing the vital run that is required.

Nathalia now faces Tongala in the preliminary final at Barooga this Sunday at 12.20pm.

The Purples will have to be at their best as they have lost both encounters with the Blues this season, by 60 points and 46 points respectively

FOURTHS

The Nathalia fourths will also tackle Tongala in their preliminary final this Sunday at Barooga, commencing at 9.15am, in what appears to be a tight contest.

Both teams have played twice this season with the score one all, however Tongala had the most recent victory in the last game of the regular season by 10 points.

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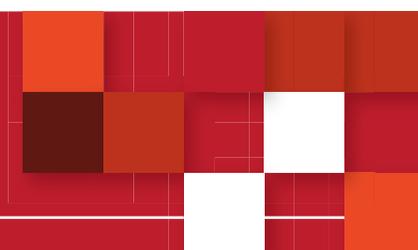
KATUNGA thirds have set up an epic grand final clash against Strathmerton after defeating Deniliquin by 30 points on Sunday.

The Swans led at every change and never allowed Deniliquin into the match. With the Swans and Bulldogs only losing one

match for the season, to each other, the grand final is sure to be a great contest.

The game will be played at Berrigan this Saturday.

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All set for the big one

A FIGHTING win by Waaia over Deniliquin has set the stage for a block buster local PDFNL grand final match this Saturday at Berrigan. See page 14 for player profiles.

No getting away ... Mason Sprunt and Ash Thompson put pressure on their Deni Rovers' opponents all day as the Bombers swept forward into this weekend's PDFNL grand final.

MFL preliminary finals ... Numurkah to face Blue day

IN what will be a blue match for one team, Numurkah will play Tongala on Sunday in a preliminary final, with the winner earning a spot in this year's grand final. The match is to be played at Barooga Recreation Reserve starting at 2pm. The Blues travelled to Cobram on Saturday to observe the game between Mulwala and Tongala and watched as Tongala came back from an eight point deficit at three quarter time to win by seven points. Numurkah has played Tongala only once through the regular season, coming away with a big win in round two. "We noticed a big personnel change from our earlier

game in the season," Numurkah coach, Jye Warren said. "It appears to be a different squad, and they have had a great month of footy. "It was great to get an insight into who's playing and where they're playing," said Warren. The Blues had a fairly light run on the training track last week, however, will be ramping it up this week, concentrating on getting touch. When asked if they have a full list available this week, Warren said, they will have a full list to choose from. "Michael Griffiths has made himself available after injuring his shoulder, and there are a number of players knocking on the door to get into the side."

Purples to hit The Road

NATHALIA will take on Congupna this Saturday in its Murray football league preliminary final match, with the winner proceeding to next week's grand final. The match will be held at Katandra, commencing at 2pm. Nathalia has played The Road twice throughout the season and have been victorious on both occasions, by 28 points and 17 points respectively. The Purps will need to ensure they are on top of their game, as Congupna appears to be peaking at the right end of the season, with a surprise win over Echuca United last

Sunday. "A couple of us went down to watch the game on Sunday," Nathalia coach, Mal Barnes said. "We weren't surprised by the result, as Congupna are a good young side and when we have played them, they have matched up pretty well." "We have a full list to choose from apart, from Joe Nihill who is out for the season," he said. Nathalia had a fairly light week on the training track last week, however this week will ramp up training and focus on how they intend to win against Congupna.

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