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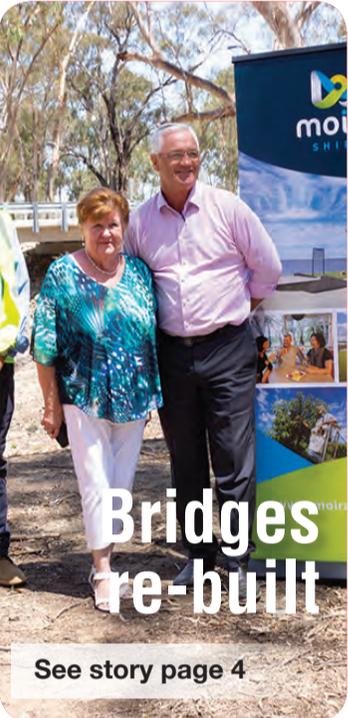
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Ground breaking

Chris Smith, AgBioEn Chairman Charles Hunting, Mayor Libro Mustica, AgBioEn Program Director Lubey Lozevski, AgBioEn Managing Director Energy Peter Holmgren, Pete Vandengoor and Kris Lee are ready to break ground on the Katunga biofuel project. See story page 3.

Moira misses out in sports grants scandal

IT has been confirmed that one of the funding applications overlooked in the Federal Government sports funding scandal was made by Moira Shire for the benefit of the Tungamah Football Netball Club.

A list obtained by the ABC showed that the Tungamah project, which was an application of \$500,000 for the replacement of change rooms damaged in the 2012 floods, received a score of 86 out of 100.

By measure of household income, Tungamah has the lowest socioeconomic profile in Moira Shire.

Sport Australia ranked applications on a points system out of 100, setting a threshold of 74 or higher for grant approval.

The scandal erupted last month when it was revealed that former Sports Minister and deputy Nationals leader Bridget McKenzie ignored Sports

Australia's recommendations to award the grants to clubs in marginal seats - many of whom attracted scores in the 50s - prior to last year's federal election.

Seventy three percent of projects given funding were not recommended by Sport Australia.

Talking to the *Leader* last week, Federal Member for Nicholls Damian Drum said that deciding where funds should be allocated was one of the privileges of being in government.

"It's part and parcel of the political process, and one of the great things about being in government," he said.

Senator McKenzie resigned on Sunday after an investigation by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet found that, though she had not broken

any ministerial rules, by awarding a grant of \$36,000 to a shooting club of which she was a member she was guilty of a conflict of interest.

Moira Shire CEO Mark Henderson told the *Leader* that, although the shire was disappointed to have missed out on the funding for Tungamah, the project was still on their agenda.

"The project has merit, and though we would like to snag a grant to help pay for it if possible, we are looking at other ways to fund it. It is certainly something we are still committed to," he said.

"It is not unusual to miss out on funding in the first round of applications, however the Yarrowonga Tennis Club did receive \$77,000 in that funding round, so I think Moira shire has done pretty well."

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Moira misses out in sports rorts scandal

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Former Tungamah Football Netball Club president Troy Costigan, who held the role for 10 years before recently stepping down, told the *Leader* that the change rooms were almost condemned following the 2012 floods.
"We had people from the shire come out and look at them and they were in such a bad state that they were originally going to condemn them, but they did a bit of a patch up job to make them usable instead," he said.
"They're still very old and we desperately need

new ones. It's very disappointing to have missed out."
Mr Costigan said that, between its football and netball teams, it needs rooms to accommodate around 150 players, and the current rooms just aren't up to scratch.
"Especially playing in the Murray League; you go to places like Numurkah where their facilities are fantastic and then they come here and our facilities really aren't good."
"We do a great job for a little town, to accom-

modate so many players, and we want to provide the best facilities we can."
Mr Costigan said that new facilities at the club were important not just for club members, but for the entire town.
"We don't have a community hall here any more so the club gets used as a venue for all sorts of events by the town and it needs to be up to scratch."
"We're going to keep trying, because it needs to happen and we're still hopeful that we can get there."

POLICE BEAT

A week of drugs and thefts

A WAAIA man was remanded in police custody to appear before Wangaratta Magistrates court yesterday after a 'significant' quantity of methylamphetamine was found in his vehicle during a search by Cobram police in the early hours of February 1.

Seventeen medium to large cannabis plants were seized during the execution of a search warrant at a residence on Lawford St, Barmah on January 25.

The male resident was charged with cultivation of narcotic plants and will appear at the Shepparton Magistrates court in May.

Two more sunshine gates were stolen on the weekend, this time being removed from a property on Katunga Picola Road on Sunday.

A caravan was taken from an address on Gray Street Numurkah overnight on Saturday.

The registration of the caravan is X78 549, and anybody who has seen the van is encouraged to contact their local police.

The vehicle that collided with a power pole on the GV Highway overnight on January 26 has been confirmed as stolen.

The dark blue 2018 Holden Captiva was stolen from a Walters Street Wunghnu address shortly before the collision at around 4am.



Stolen ... This caravan, rego X78 549 was stolen from a Gray Street address on Saturday night.



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Moira gets drought funding - for real

THE are we or aren't we game of whether Moira Shire will receive \$1 million worth of federal funding to complete local infrastructure and other drought-relief projects has finally been concluded - and the answer is yes, we are.

Moira Shire residents first learned that the shire had been deemed ineligible for the funding in late October 2019, with Moira having been calculated as having 16.9% of its population employed in the agriculture industry - 0.1% short of the 17% eligibility threshold.

The decision was met with disbelief at the time, but the disappointment lasted barely a week, with Federal Member for Nicholls Damian Drum announcing at the start of November that Minister for Water

Resources David Littleproud had used his ministerial discretion to award the funding to Moira after all.

However, Mr Drum spoke too soon, and within days he was forced to eat his words and tell bitterly disappointed locals that Moira Shire would not be receiving the funding after all.

Last week though, it was announced that Moira Shire was among a number of shires which had been allocated the funding in a new round.

For real this time.

Mr Drum told those gathered for the official reopening of a number of bridges in lower Moira last week that, when he 'shot his mouth off' by announcing the funding in early November, he had been

assured that Moira had been awarded it.

"I had been told in the last weeks of parliament that Moira had been given the okay, and that was the basis on which I made the announcement," he said.

"Unfortunately, there was a review of the grants that I wasn't aware of, and that prevented the funding being awarded at the time.

"I'm delighted to be able to confirm now though that Moira will definitely be receiving the funding."

The \$1 million drought relief funding is intended to provide short-term support, including by boosting local employment and procurement, and addressing social and community needs.

Stolen goods and plates located

STOLEN goods were found in a vehicle in the car park of the Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club on Sunday, after an incident involving a number of individuals who were not members of the club.

Police were called by the manager on duty, after a Numurkah woman, known to golf club staff, entered the premises with two men, at around 10.30am and refused to leave after failing to produce identification when requested.

It is believed that one of the men was involved in an altercation with one of two men, who arrived at the venue at around the same time.

After arriving at the club, Numurkah police members ran a check of the number plates of the Holden Commodore station wagon the woman and men were believed to be travelling in, which revealed the number plates to be stolen.

A search of the vehicle, which is also suspected to be stolen, was conducted and a range of goods, mainly power tools, were located. The goods are believed to be stolen, and investigations are ongoing.

Letter to the Editor

Drummy's defence

I'VE just heard Damian Drum on ABC Radio tell Patricia Karvelas that Bridget McKenzie simply tried to 'maximise the performance' of the Sports Grants scheme, on behalf of the Coalition.

I can't decide which I admire more -

Drummy's near-Orwellian terminology for 'pork-barrelling' or his willingness to defend the National Party, despite them delaying and/or denying his (read: our) electorate much-needed drought funding, sports funding and water policy reform.

Andrew Bock
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Breaking ground ... AgBioEn Chairman Charles Hunting, AgBioEn Program Director Lubey Lozevski, AgBioEn Managing Director Energy Peter Holmgren and Pete Vandengoor watch as Mayor Libro Mustica performs the official ground breaking on the biofuel project.

Ground breaking project gets started at Katunga

THE AgBioEn renewable project officially got under way at Katunga yesterday.

Once fully operational, the \$2 billion dollar project will employ 350 people at the Numurkah Road site and will produce biofuels that will save the equivalent of 450,000 tonnes of CO2.

Stage one of the project received planning approval from Moira Shire in late 2019, with planning for stage two still undergoing the approval process.

AgBioEn Program Director Lubey Lozevski told the *Leader* yesterday that they are excited to finally get started on the project, which the company has been working on for over two years.

"We are optimistic that we will receive approval for stage two from Moira Shire in the near future, and that we will receive works approval from the EPA later this year, so in the meantime we are preparing the ground in anticipation of that," he said.

AgBioEn will complete its emissions modelling for submission to the EPA in coming months, and once submitted, it is expected that the authority's approval process will take around four months.

Mr Lozevski said that gaining EPA approval

was a matter of proving that its production process - which will use pyrolysis technology and Fischer-Tropsch to convert agricultural waste products into renewable diesel, jet fuel, fertiliser, LPG and food grade carbon dioxide - can be performed with emissions levels below European standards.

Although the company is yet to receive planning permission for stage two, civil works and production, it is keen to get works under way for both stages.

"We can't install any production or operating equipment until we have EPA approval, but we are confident that we will meet their standards, and we'd like to be ready to start that phase once approval is received," Mr Lozevski said.

"The first step is completing the earth works, which we are commencing today. Chris Smith and Associates engineering consultancy from Shepparton will be managing the earth works, which will be carried out by Kris Lee Earthworks from Katunga."

Initial works will involve clearing an eight hectare site to a depth of 100mm, with a four hectare site in the centre, on which the plant will be built.

The earthworks process is expected to take around two months.

If there are no major obstacles encountered in the planning approvals process, it is anticipated that the first biofuel will be produced at the plant in the first half of 2021.

AgBioEn Managing Director Energy Peter Holmgren, who has worked in the energy industry for 30 years, said that he had already had engagement from major corporate players in the energy sector who were interested in what the project can produce.

"Renewable energy sources are increasingly at the top of the agenda for fuel companies and they are keen to get on board," he said.

"This project will allow us to address the desire for renewable energy sources in the marketplace."

AgBioEn has been in talks with GOTAFE, and the local campuses of LaTrobe and Melbourne universities about the creation or augmentation of courses that will deliver a workforce with the skills the project will need.

"We've discussed the creation of engineering courses that will equip people with the skills specifically needed for this project, which don't

exist in Australia at the moment," Mr Lozevski said.

"As well as the higher end roles, there are a lot of other roles such as data analytics, IT, IOT, and production operators and supervisors where there are existing courses that can be tailored to provide skills specific to this industry."

"We want to grow the talent we need in this region."

Katunga Fresh owner Pete Vandengoor has been the local sponsor of the project, and said yesterday that he is excited to see it getting under way.

"As our greenhouse business has expanded we've encountered issues with being able to access enough natural gas to supply the expansions we'd like to do," he said.

"AgBioEn will not only allow us to expand, it will allow us to be even greener than we already are, by providing a supply of renewable energy."

"We're looking forward to being their first customer."

Katunga Fresh is currently in the process of establishing an additional 40 hectares of greenhouses which will supply waste to the AgBioEn plant, creating an extra 400 jobs.

Double double delight at St Joe's

THE very first day of school is a little nerve-wracking for even the most confident child, but four lucky St Joe's preps started their school careers off last week with the comfort of a very familiar face by their side.

For the first time in quite a few years, St Joseph's Primary School has welcomed two sets of twins among their new students.

While clearly a little nervous, Maya and Bella Curtis and Zara and Jobe Morris all told the *Leader* that they were excited to start school, and though they differed on whether inside or outside was better, they all had one favourite thing in common - playing.

With St Joe's newly extended prep area in use for the new school year, thanks to the new open room team teaching format, though each set of

twins has been separated into different classes, they are never far away from each other.

Principal Paul Arnel said that, as with all families, the school had worked with the twins' parents to find the best arrangement for the individual students.

"This allows each child to develop a bit of independence and pursue their own interests as their personalities develop," he said.

Though each set of twins is physically unique enough to make them easily identifiable - and put the nix on any seat swapping shenanigans - Mr Arnel said that it was never long before teachers could tell even the most identical of twins apart.

"You quickly get to know them as individuals, and their unique traits and personalities always shine through."



Double double delight ... Maya and Bella Curtis and Zara and Jobe Morris are excited about starting school.

Bridge rebuilds restore access in lower Moira

EMERGENCY services vehicles and heavy vehicles now have year-round access to lower Moira, with major works completed on a trio of bridges on Stewart's Bridge Road.

Stewart's Bridge Road provides access between Echuca and Barmah-Shepparton Road, serving a large area of western Moira, creating a vital link between Moira and Campaspe shires and allowing access to large sections of the Murray and Goulburn rivers.

Shackell's Folly, Wallala and Mahoney's bridges provided passage across a network of creeks that criss-cross the road, but had fallen into disrepair.

Heavy vehicle access on the route had become dependent on earthen bypasses which were only accessible in dry conditions, effectively leaving around 25 properties within Moira Shire cut off from heavy vehicles - including fire trucks - for months at a time.

With a load limit of 20 tonnes for Shackell's Folly Bridge, and only 10 tonnes for Wallala and Mahoney's bridges prior to the upgrade, an inability to transport grain, stock and supplies along Stewart's Bridge Road to the main freight routes also made expansion in the agriculture industry prohibitive.

Officially reopening the bridges last week, Federal Member for Nicholls Damian Drum said that, as well as providing emergency service access, the bridges would allow local producers to get their goods to market in a more efficient, effective and safe manner.

The \$1.85 million upgrade project was jointly funded by the Federal Government, which provided \$950,000 through its Bridges Renewal Programme, \$300,000 was also received from the Victorian Government from its Local Roads to Market Program, with Moira Shire, paying \$600,000.

Mayor Libro Mustica said it would have been unlikely council could have contemplated completing this much needed project without state and federal support.

"The demand for state and federal grant funding is extremely competitive, particularly now with the constraints of rate capping," he said.

"We will continue to put forward quality applications to assist with the repair and upgrade



Bridges rebuilt ... Cr Libro Mustica, Cr Kevin Bourke, Jean Golding and Damian Drum MP in front of the rebuilt Wallala bridge.

of our extensive road and bridge network that underpins our economy and community connectivity."

"We have seen only too well these past few weeks how important it is for emergency services to gain access to rural properties, and the bridge upgrades now make this necessary safety requirement possible.

Cr Mustica said that, in addition to emergency

vehicle access, the bridges provided a vital route to market for local primary producers, as well as an anticipated increase in tourists, with upgraded all-weather access to the nearby state forest and Murray River now available.

Records show that bridges were first built in those locations in 1877, and were rebuilt in the 1930s - without the benefit of heavy machinery - by the Golding brothers from Kotupna.

The official opening of the bridges last Thursday was attended by Jean Golding, the daughter-in-law of one of the brothers, Arthur Golding.

"Arthur was a very clever man who could turn his hand to anything," she said.

"Later on, he bought a dozer to put crops in and he started doing earth works and did a lot of work in the area for the Nathalia Shire, building levy banks and bridge approaches."

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Firies use special skills to keep comrades safe

THE horrific events of this summer have given Australians a renewed admiration for the courage and tenacity of our volunteer fire fighters, but whilst news footage is dominated by images of fire personnel holding hoses or riding in trucks, that merely shows the tip of the iceberg of what goes into fighting a fire.

Without the vital work done by those in a myriad of supporting roles, fire fighters on the fire ground couldn't hope to do their jobs

safely and effectively.

Numurkah's CFA brigade has 30 members, around a third of whom solely fill roles such as administration, whilst some of the 'active' members also have additional skills that allow them to fulfil specialised roles. Two such members are Peter Bilston, who is a member of the rehab team, and Ian Hannaford who has been spending a lot of time above the ground this summer as an air attack supervisor.



Eyes in the sky vital to the fight

FEW of us can now imagine the battle against our country's summer fires being made without the assistance of water bombing aircraft, making the role of air attack supervisor absolutely vital in modern firefighting.

It is a role Numurkah CFA member Ian Hannaford has been filling for five years.

Before that, Ian had been an air attack observer for two decades, having taken up the role when aerial fire fighting was in its early days.

As air attack supervisor, Ian is in the middle of three tiers of aircraft in the air - in between the water bombers below, which drop the water or fire retardant, and the supervisors above, who relay intelligence on the fires to the control centres.

Ian, who took the role due to his love of being in the air, said although air support is vital, it is just one tool in the fire fighting arsenal.

"Water bombing aircraft can't put out fires, they are there to support the ground crews to make it possible for them to fight the fires more effectively," he said.

"Fire fighters can't go in front of the fires, and sometimes there is so much dust and smoke, or the fires are so large, that the ground towers just don't have visibility. From the air we can see where the ground crews are and where the fires are and how they're moving, so we can direct the water bombers so they can make the fire accessible for the fire fighters on the ground."

As an air attack supervisor, Ian observes what is happening on the ground and uses that information to manage the aircraft below.

"No two fires are the same, so you have to

combine your knowledge of fire fighting with what you're observing on the ground to decide what methods to use to support the ground crews. You need to protect the ground crews at all times, so you have to make sure the bombers are aware of their locations, and you need to let the ground crews know what the bombers are going to do. You also need to make sure you know where all of the aircraft are."

Ian uses four radios to communicate with the water bombers, ground crews and incident controllers.

In recent years, Ian has been in the air directing aircraft above fires at Albury, Mansfield, Ovens, Bendigo, Stawell, Ballarat and Bairnsdale.

This summer he made his first foray into NSW, where he describes the scale of the fires as shocking.

"You don't understand how big the fires really are until you're up there. You'll be looking at fire lines 70 kilometres long some days, and when you see the scale of it you really wonder where to start sometimes.

"In New South Wales, the fires were so large that the aim really had to be asset protection and township protection."

In the early days, Ian completed an unofficial course which allowed him to work as an air attack observer, and by the time he was offered the opportunity to become an air attack supervisor, there was an Australian standard course.

Ian has just renewed his accreditation, which he is required to do every five years.

"It's a fairly unique role, and very satisfying. I'm glad I get the opportunity to do it."

Peter keeps a life-saving lookout

As a long term qualified first aider and first aid trainer, Peter Bilston was a perfect candidate for the district 22 rehab team which is based out of Mooropna.

Peter told the *Leader* the team is responsible for monitoring the health of fire fighters on the fire ground.

"We work out of a converted pumper that has been fitted out with medical equipment which allows us to perform the same kind of observations they do in hospitals," he said.

"We monitor vital signs such as blood pressure, pulse rate, oxygen levels, carbon monoxide levels, sugar levels and infusion levels - which indicates the body's ability to hydrate.

"Obviously being on the fire ground, especially for extended periods, is stressful on the body, so our role is to make sure the health of those members is monitored, that they receive adequate breaks and that they are fit to remain on, or return to, the fire ground."

Though there are no hard and fast rules about which incidents the rehab crew is despatched to, they generally attend larger fires, and larger incidents where members are required to wear

breathing apparatus - meaning the rehab team has had a busy summer already.

"The gear members wear for structure fires, with breathing apparatus on their backs and face masks and hoods, is heavy, and you could easily expire one and a half litres of sweat into the suit in a 20 minute period on a hot day.

"On any fire ground your carbon monoxide levels can get quite high after a couple of hours, so for incidents like the large grass fire at Strathmoreton on new years eve, or the gas leak in Cobram in January - both of which were also very hot days - the rehab team needs to be there to monitor the fire fighters' health and make sure they are taking adequate breaks.

Due to a foot issue which prevents him from wearing the regulation boots, Peter's role on the fire ground is otherwise restricted to the forward control vehicle, so he said he finds working on the rehab team extremely satisfying.

"The role of the rehab team is vital, and it means I get to use my skills in that field to support those on the fire ground, and make sure they are not at unnecessary risk."

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Council urges residents to recycle, despite disruption

DESPITE news from waste contractor Veolia Environmental Services that processing of recyclable materials is temporarily on hold, Moira Shire Council is urging residents to continue recycling as normal.

CEO Mark Henderson said council had been notified by Veolia that, due to recent bushfires, Tumut Paper Mill is unable to accept mixed paper supply and as such, Veolia has made the decision to temporarily suspend processing of commingled material until further notice.

“Household waste collection will continue as usual, including the fortnightly collection of the recycling bin,” Mr Henderson said.

“We are encouraging residents to wait until recycling bins are full before putting them out, as commingled materials may be sent to our landfill in the short-term.

“However, council is looking to find an alternative solution to using our landfill; this is a last resort option only.

“We want to stress this issue does not affect our fantastic organic waste collection, which will continue as normal, and we would like to thank the community for their continued support and efforts in this environmental initiative.

“We are committed to responsible waste management and will continue to work with Veolia to investigate alternatives within the terms of our contract.

“Residents can continue to drop off sorted recyclables such as paper and cardboard, glass bottles and jars, and steel and aluminium based materials like tins, cans and empty aerosol containers at transfer stations around the shire for free.

“Under our waste management contract, commingled recyclables are usually transported to the materials recovery facility operated by Veolia in Echuca, where items like paper, cardboard, metals and hard plastics are sorted and processed for recycling,” he said.

“We encourage everyone to continue to reduce, reuse and recycle, as we all have a role to play in reducing the amount of waste we produce in the first instance.

“We will continue to keep the community informed as we work our way through this recycling interruption.”



Warm welcome ... Councillors Libro Mustica, Peter Mansfield and Gary Cleveland approve of the new welcome signage.

Fresh welcome to Moira Shire

IF you've driven into - or out of - Moira Shire recently, you've most likely noticed bright and shiny new 'Welcome' signs popping up on main roads into the shire.

Mayor Libro Mustica said over the past few years the community had made it clear the shire's tired and dated signage needed to be updated with a fresh and contemporary look.

“These new signs build on the energy and

impact of our logo and reinforce our vision of working together to be a vibrant and prosperous rural community,” Cr Mustica said.

“Considerable work has been done to ensure a cost effective production and installation process, including working closely with VicRoads and other agencies to confirm site specific requirements.”

There are four 'grand' entrance signs on shire

entrances along the Murray Valley Highway and the Goulburn Valley Highway, plus another six smaller signs along roads including the Katamatite-Shepparton Road.

“The next stage to this project will be the installation of town entrance signage and we will be notifying communities in coming months as the roll out of the installation process continues,” Cr Mustica said.

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Compulsory Parade. — The first compulsory parade of the local senior cadets in this town is on the 4th February (to-day) at 1 pm., the duration of which will be three hours. Absentees will be prosecuted. A board or examination will sit on 25th March to examine senior cadets, officers, N.C.O's., and cadets for promotion. All senior cadets are to be issued with military boots within the next quarter for use on parades only.

**DISTRICT NEWS
WAAIA**

Irrigation for this district is again being discussed, and everyone is wondering if any move is being made to see that we are not passed over altogether in any projected schemes and the water taken past our lands to be used away up in the Mallee country. If we do not move in the matter early it may be too late later on. (We understand Cr. Moss is keeping a watchful eye on this matter, on behalf of the various district leagues. —Ed. "L.")

NATHALIA

At the monthly meeting of the Agricultural Society (President H. Hooper in the chair), it was decided to call a public meeting re the amalgamation of the show grounds and recreation reserve.

The appointment of trustees was held over. Regarding the curtailment of the mail service between Numurkah and Nathalia and Numurkah and Picola, it was pointed out that letters sometimes took two or three days to reach Numurkah from Picola, and a motion was agreed to that the attention of the Postmaster-General be called to the disabilities under which the people were labouring.

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At the Numurkah Court of Petty Sessions on Wednesday, before Messrs C. J. Rogers (P.M.), H. J. Glenny and E. Coxon (J.S.P.), a young man named Richard Brown was charged with shooting at his step-brother (Christopher Brown) with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Christopher Brown deposed that on the evening of January 15, about 8.30 o'clock, he and accused had "a bit of a row" and "a bit of a scuffle" at the house of their mother. After a time they went outside and he was shot. There were two shots fired. When accused fired the first time, witness said, "You missed: have another," and he "didn't forget to have another."

**CRICKET
NUMURKAH V. KATANDRA**

With nine men only, Katandra suffered defeat at the hands of Numurkah on the latter's ground on Saturday. Katandra batted first and made 82, of which McDonald scored 35, O. Sutherland 16, and S. Sutherland 10. Numurkah replied with 162, the chief of the double figure scorers being Lowe (43), Davis, who abandoned his usual tactics and scored six 4s (30), and Dudley (23).

NARING V. BUNBARTHA

The two teams now leading in the local competition met at Naring on Saturday. Bunbartha sent Naring in to bat, and the latter compiled a moderate 99, the most helpful contributors being Ad. Gray (19), Ryan (15) Donald (14), Sidebottom and Barnes (13 each). Tom Burgess did the damage—7 for 30.

Bunbartha met trouble at the very outset. Jensen was disposed of for 0, F. Burgess for 8, W. Burgess for 3, and Tom Burgess for 4. The "big Bunnies" had come to a bad end, thanks to Allan Gray, but the kittens had still to be mopped up. From 4 for 44 the score rose to 10 for 168. Bowey made 84 Owen 33, Jim Burgess 18, Billingham 17. Gray bowled like a hero—3 for 23 at the early heavy stage, and 5 for 55 for the afternoon. Heyme also bowled well. Sidebottom and Barnes in the field gave the bowlers lots of encouragement, Sidebottom's fielding in particular being excellent.

The other fieldsmen nullified the fine feats of their four mates; their fielding was ghastly. Naring committee should now get to work and, sinking neighborly ties, do what is best for the club whose welfare they are supposed to enhance. The secret of Bunbartha's success lies in the committee's resolve to take hold of their own lads and develop them to the dizzy limit. That is right; all else is not right—from a cricketing viewpoint. By their win on Saturday Bunbartha run out minor premiers.

Onward and upward for James



Moving on up ... Eighteen year-old James Miller led the field in the under 20 class of the Victorian country championships on the recent long weekend.

tioning to new coaching with Sandro Bisetto, an IAAF level five athletics coach, who is off to the Tokyo Olympics this year with Joel Baden, a young high jumper from Geelong.

"I'll be training with the Melbourne University Athletics Club high jumpers at the Melbourne Uni track."

James will also have opportunities to experience life on the other side of the training dynamic, having completed a level one coaching course with Athletics Victoria, which qualifies

him to teach athletics in primary schools across Australia.

As well as training, possibly teaching, and doing other part time work, James will be doing an internship with Exercise Research Australia which will equip him with a Certificate IV in Allied Health.

"I'm going to be busy, but it's all good," he said.

"It's all coming together, I've just got to keep training and working and I'll keep getting better."

ASPIRING local athlete James Miller continues to reach new heights - literally.

In the past 12 months, the young track and field athlete, whose signature events are the high jump and 100 metres sprint, has added height where needed, and shaved off seconds where it counts.

Next month, James, who competes in the under 20 category, will represent Victoria at the Australian Athletics Championships for the second year running, having qualified by jumping two metres in the high jump, and running the 100 metres in a time of 10.99 seconds.

This is a dramatic improvement on James' personal bests at the start of 2019 when he jumped 1.9 metres and ran the 100 metres in 11.22 seconds.

James said that he was excited to be going to the national championships again, but it was his progress that meant the most to him.

"I've definitely come a long way in the past year and that's what you train for," he said.

"The qualifying height in my age group is 1.94 metres so I was thrilled to jump two metres, and to get my first sub 11 second time in the 100 metres was amazing."

In the driven world of athletics, there is no resting on your laurels, and James continues to push himself.

On the Australia Day long weekend, James earned medals in gold for high jump, silver for the 100 metres and bronze as a member of the Bendigo Harriers U/20 4 x 100 metre relay team at the Victorian Country Championships in Geelong.

James also now has an international ranking which puts him equal 113th in the world for high jump.

"If I add another 5cm height to my jump I'll be in the top 25 in the world, and if I jump 210cm I'll be in the top 10, and those are things I see as achievable," he said.

Having finished VCE at St Mary of the Angels at the end of last year, James' future plans are all about making that happen.

"I'm moving to Melbourne soon and transi-

Never too old to be a master

AS coaches at the Nathalia Little Athletics Club, Amy Cooper and Doug Cobbleddick believe that you're never too young to get involved in athletics - and they've both recently proved that you're never too old either.

Amy and Doug, who are members of the Sheparton Athletics Club and Victorian Masters Athletics, both competed at the Australian Masters Decathlon and Heptathlon Championships hosted by Bendigo Athletics in January.

Masters events are for athletes aged 30 and over, and Amy and Doug both more than did themselves and their club proud by walking away from the event with silver medals.

No mean feat at all given that it involved Amy competing in eight disciplines and Doug in 10 - one of which, the pole vault, he had never done before the day of competition.

The decathlon and heptathlon events work on an amalgamation point system, where ability over all events is required to keep a constant high score.

The competition was made all the more challenging for competitors given the weather conditions, which could best be described as 'trying' - temperatures in the high 30s on Saturday, followed by blustery rain and eight degrees on the Sunday.

Across the weekend of competition, Amy was required to compete in 100 metre hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot put, javelin, 800 metres run and 200 metres sprint.

Doug competed in the same field events, plus pole-vault and discus, but competed in the 400 metres and 1500 metres instead of the 200 and 800, and also did the 100 metres sprint.

Whilst it was Doug's first year in the competition, it was Amy's second - albeit the first she had actually told anyone she was competing.

"Last year I only decided that I was going to register a couple of weeks before and I had very little training, and hadn't competed for around 16 years, and I really didn't think I'd go well at all," she said.

"I was so nervous that I just didn't want to tell anyone in case I was terrible.



Masters of the art ... Amy Cooper and Doug Cobbleddick with their Masters medals.

"I really enjoyed it though because, at the Masters, everyone really encourages each other, so even though you're competing against each other, it's a supportive environment."

Far from doing terribly, Amy walked away with a bronze medal, giving her the confidence to stay in the game.

As for Doug, though he didn't feel too badly about his own fitness and skill, competing had a big question mark over it.

"How you're going to compare to other people is a real unknown the first time out, so it really could have gone either way," he said.

They both agree that with so many different, and varied, events involved, being little athletics coaches gave them an advantage.

"You're self-training by training the kids," Doug said.

"You're constantly helping them refine their

technique, so your own technical knowledge is pretty good."

Except for the pole-vault - they don't do that at little aths.

Doug laughs.

"I didn't know what the hell I was doing!" he said.

"I'd only watched a few videos online before my first attempt, but something must have sunk in, because I cleared 2.1 metres on my second attempt, which is pretty good."

The January competition doubled as both the Victorian and Australian Masters, and with silver medals, both Doug and Amy qualified to compete at the Australian Masters Track and Field competition in Melbourne in March.

As it won't be held in Victoria again for another eight years after this year, they are both looking forward to giving it a go.

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60 years of commitment celebrated

MUCH has changed in the 60 years since Bill and Margaret Fuller celebrated their wedding day, but as they celebrated their anniversary last Thursday, two things were exactly the same - their love for each other, and the outside temperature.

"It was 114 degrees fahrenheit on our wedding day," Margaret told the Leader.

"I'm not sure why I went ahead and wore my long sleeved satin dress, but Bill said I looked beautiful and he always looked so handsome."

Bill and Margaret met at a dance in Rochester where she lived with her parents. Bill, who was from Tongala, had made the trip over with some mates.

Margaret, whose maiden name was McDonald, was at the dance with her parents, and Bill made the smart move of having a good chat to them and gaining their approval from the get-go.

"I always got along well with Mrs Mac and old Jack," Bill said.

"We also realised that Jack and my dad had been in the light horse together so we had a bit of a connection there as well."

Bill and Margaret shared several dances that night and, having gotten along well, Bill thought he should try and make a date.

The couple went out for several months before drifting apart when Bill went travelling with his mates; in the pre-mobile phone era, they didn't keep in touch.

Having lost touch with Bill, Margaret also went away with her sister, but their romance was rekindled with a little help from Mrs Mac and old Jack.

"I was in Rochester one day and I ran into them and they invited me around for tea," Bill said.

"They told me that Margaret was away, but that when she got back I should come and visit again, so I did."

After dating for a year, the couple became engaged, and although Margaret remembers the proposal as being a little underwhelming, she says it didn't matter.

"There wasn't a lot of romance to



A happy family built together ... Back (from left): Michael King-Alexander, Louise Jager, Sid Jager, Bruce Fuller, Patrick Dillon. Front: Rachael King-Alexander, Bill Fuller, Tracey Dillon, Margaret Fuller and Dean Fuller.

it, he kind of just casually said that we should get married and I was ready to marry so I agreed," she said.

The couple moved onto a share farm at Cornelia Creek, then another at Tongala, before buying a dairy farm at Waaia where they lived for around 20 years before retiring at Nathalia around 24 years ago.

Along the way they raised two sons and two daughters.

"It was a great upbringing for the kids being on the farm, they had to help out, but they had a lot of freedom and yet they couldn't get into too much trouble," Margaret said.

"They all played sport and we would all go off to their sporting matches together. We went everywhere together as a family, and I think that has been an important part of life for all of us."

Eventually, Bill and Margaret moved into Gwandalan Court supported accommodation, before Bill suffered a stroke at bowls and became a resident of Pioneers Lodge after being released from hospital.

Although Margaret has recently been in NDHS as the result of a fall, she usually lives with the couple's son Dean at his home in Numurkah.

Margaret said waking up on the morning of their anniversary came with bitter-sweet feelings.

"It's a good day because it's our anniversary, but it's a sad day for me as well because we're not living together any more," she said.

Bill and Margaret celebrated their special day with an afternoon tea at Pioneers Lodge with their four children, extended family and friends.

With eight grandchildren, some

of whom are recently married, Bill and Margaret have simple advice for them about how to have a long and happy marriage.

"It's give and take," Margaret said. "You have to be prepared to compromise and to think of what the other person needs as well as what you need."

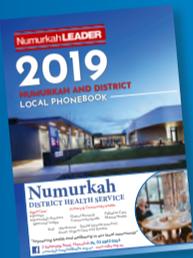
Bill's advice is equally practical - don't hold a grudge.

"You don't always have to agree if you don't want to, but you always have to be willing to make a truce."

"We had many an argument in the cow shed, and Margaret stormed off and left me to it a few times, but later on, even if we both still believed we were right, we would make up and agree to disagree and get along."

"You can't throw everything away just because the other person makes you mad."

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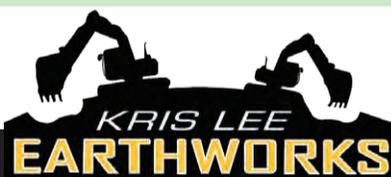
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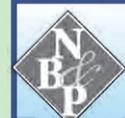


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Wellington family

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Sadly Missed and
Forever In Our
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and enthusiastic
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representative is
remembered and
appreciated by all.
The Society extends
sincere sympathy to
his family.

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Gayle picks up a shirt

by "The Shankster"

GAYLE Smith has really got her golf game on track at the moment, backing up a couple of recent wins by taking home a Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal shirt on Saturday.

A new golfer who has only been in town a relatively short time, Gayle thanked the members for welcoming her into the club so warmly, and is now on a mission to bring her handicap down.

Gayle finished with 73 nett, playing to her handicap in the extreme conditions on Saturday morning, finishing just ahead of Pauline Davies and Julie Daniel, both with 74 nett. Pauline won the countback to take second place and win the voucher.

Kath Hepworth, Lorraine Craig and Nola Dalton all came in with 75 nett, finishing in that order, to take the last of the balls.

Tracey Clouston had the best scratch score of 82 shots, Bev Hutchins was the one hit wonder for the day, managing to win nearest the pin on the seventh hole, in an otherwise ordinary round, and Nola Dalton played a great shot to the 18th hole.

There were some interesting pairings out on the course last Wednesday for a two person ambrose event, with only a couple of pairs teaming up with regular partners.

Nola Dalton and Helen Pickersgill played some terrific golf to come in with a nett score of 69.75 to win the day's event by the teeniest of margins from two other pairs.

Just 0.25 separated the first three pairs, with Bev McIntosh and Sandy Trimble winning the countback on 70 nett to relegate Tracey Clouston and Karen Harper into third place.

Jeanette Adams won nearest

the pin on the seventh hole, and Gayle Smith was ecstatic to hit her tee shot onto the 18th green, a fitting birthday present.

This was just the start of some good golf from Gayle for the week, as she also had a division two win in Thursday's chick run, with a nice round of 19 points.

Runner-up to Gayle was Pam Waldron with 15 points.

Nola Dalton also finished her nine holes with 19 points to take out division one, two shots ahead of Norma Crowe.

Chris Shannon won nearest the pin on the 18th hole.

Today's golf will be a monthly medal round. Saturday and next Wednesday will both be stablefords, and tomorrow's chick run will be back to stroke.

Collo fires in the heat

by "She Wolf"

THE weather was hot, hot, hot on Saturday and so were the scores brought in by the day's winners, with Paul Collins topping the field with a fantastic 67 nett.

Paul was lucky to play his best golf on a monthly day, to pick up the Mawsons Quarries and Concrete shirt, with the best score of the day.

Players all hit off before 10am, in accordance with the club's heat policy, but it was still very uncomfortable by the time the last players made it into the clubhouse after midday. Even so, there were enough players out to have two grades.

Ian 'Charlie' Walsh finished with the second best score of the day but, unfortunately for him, was in the same grade as Collins, so had to settle for a second placing.

Michael Eckard is proving that he is more than just a talented cricketer, taking to the golf course for an early morning round before taking a red ball in hand in Numurkah's win over Old Students, and winning A grade with 70 nett.

Bill Green was runner-up with 71, winning a countback from Darryl Sheridan.

Further balls went to Bob I'Anson, Glenn Edis, Roy Peterson and Col McMinn, all with 73 nett, and Dave Scan-

lan brought up the last of the ball winners, with 74 nett.

Col McMinn had the best scratch score of the day, with a terrific round of 74 shots.

The pennant team suffered another loss on Sunday, going down to Kialla, 2-3.

John Smith and Chris Hicks recorded a win, as did Garry Hosie and Jye Warren.

There is only one more pennant match to complete the season, and unfortunately Numurkah sits on the bottom of the ladder, with just a draw to its name from four games.

This Sunday, the Purple Haze will meet fourth-placed Shepparton.

Small Bore

LAST Thursday night's match top scores at Numurkah Small Bore club saw Tim Braybon head the 20 metre prone event with 193.8, Glen Miles with 186.7 out of 200 in 50 metre benchrest and Lindsay Braybon have the best score of 188.3 in 50 metre prone.

SCORES

20 metre prone: T. Braybon 97.4 96.4 193.8, G. Braybon 95.1 97.5 192.6, A. Gibbon 94.2 95.2 189.4, D. Cook 90.1 89.0 179.1, J. Matys 88.2 85.2 173.4, J. Matys 87.0 80.0 167.0, H. Reith 70.0 68.0 138.0.
50 metre benchrest: G.

Miles 186.7, C. Saxton 184.2, L. Cook 184.0.

50 metre prone: L. Braybon 94.1 94.2 188.3, H. O'Brien 90.1 88.1 178.2, G. Miles 84.1 87.1 171.2.

There will be shooting as usual at Numurkah tomorrow night.

Scores close as club battles nature

SCORES at Numurkah Croquet Club's golf croquet social mornings have been extremely close this year and, for the second consecutive week, the margin between winner and runner-up was only two hoops against.

Joan I. Hansen won the day with 3/21/-11, ahead of David Geddes with 3/21/-13.

Play was moved to Thursday and, with a hot day forecast, a not unexpectedly small field of 12 players braved the elements.

Hoops-in-one were scored by Lois Lowe (following on from her success last week), and Gordon Brown.

With the ban on jump shots lifted, David Geddes was the only player to achieve this feat, with not one, but two successful jumps.

Like all other sports clubs and residents of Nu-

murkah, the croquet club is having to deal with the invasion of destructive and disruptive flocks of corellas. As a deterrent, two grey hawks are now flying over courts one and two.

The intra-club golf croquet competition will hopefully start in mid February, with four teams competing for an as yet to be announced trophy, which should make for a fierce contest, and a lot of fun.

Due to the extreme heat last Friday, association croquet practice was cancelled. With considerably milder temperatures forecast for this week, the players will be back on the courts at 9am on Friday.

Golf croquet will return to Tuesday morning, with play starting at 8.30am, and names in no later than 8.15.

The Yak is back

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

MARK "Yak" Hegarty made a return to the winners podium after last Thursday's mid week stableford competition at Numurkah Golf Club.

Acquiring a club polo shirt as his prize, Mark, with 38 points, just edged out runner-up Steve Thornton on 37.

A slew of competitors in the 34 strong field returned scores in the mid 30s which, perhaps, reflected the enervating effect of the post-midday sun.

Players whose score earned them a pro ball were: Ian Gray 36, Bill Green, Gary Blackburn and Graham Montgomery all 35, Dennis Prosser and Sam Robertson 34, Andrew McKeown, Darryl Sheridan, Ian Hannaford, Les Summer-ville, Roy Peterson, Steve Piggott, Col Stone and John Smith, all 33.

Leigh Robertson picked up the tin of boiled lollies as dodo of the day for scoring a measly 20 points and "The Coach" Barry Pruden earned the Mickey Mouse ears for forgetting to hand in his playing partners' cards after their round.

Darryl Sheridan took the ball for being closest to the pin with his second shot on the second hole thanks to sponsor Mike Duffett, while Sam Robertson scored a ball for his accuracy on the fourth from the GMCU.

Andrew McKeown won the players' sweep money for a sweet shot on the seventh hole and captain Ron Smith earned a ball from Roy and Dennis for two fine shots to the 14th pin.

Once again sponsor Graham Sprunt got away with a clean sheet on the 15th hole, while Pruden's Carpentry handed over its weekly offering on the 18th, this time to Neville Smith.

Visitors and guests are cordially invited to join us this Thursday. Assemble at the clubhouse at 8.30am for a 9 o'clock hit off.



Back on top ... Mark Hegarty beat the heat to win last Thursday's golf competition.

Summer SPORT scoreboard

Cricket

CRICKET SHEPPARTON
Two day game - Day two
A GRADE
OLD STUDENTS It NUMURKAH
Toss won by Old Students, bowled first
1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH 9/224
1ST INNINGS - OLD STUDENTS

B Crouch c J Smith b M Cline	0
F Odell c M Cline b L Gledhill	35
C McCabe c J Smith b L Gledhill	42
G Saracino b L Gledhill	47
N Breslin b SE Downie	5
L McPhillamy c J Lau b L Gledhill	34
T Looby st J Smith b L Gledhill	2
L Callegari st J Smith b L Gledhill	7
K Jones not out	4
J McNamara c T Braybon b L Gledhill	3
G Sabri c W Arnel b SE Downie	0
Extras (nb 2, w 0, b 3, lb 1)	6
Total	185
Overs	76.5
FOW: 0 (B Crouch) 70 (F Odell) 83 (C McCabe) 90 (N Breslin) 147 (G Saracino) 154 (T Looby) 179 (L McPhillamy) 179 (L Callegari) 185 (J McNamara) 185 (G Sabri)	

Bowling: M Cline 6.0 2 1 16; T Braybon 6.0 1 0 15; B Smith 3.0 1 0 12; M Eckard 12.0 6 0 31; SE Downie 22.5 9 2 36; L Gledhill 20.0 6 7 56; M Grandell 7.0 0 0 15.

KATANDRA It NAGAMBIE
Toss won by Nagambie, batted first
1ST INNINGS - NAGAMBIE 185
1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA

B Clurey c, b J Moore	18
M Black b B Biggs	0
L Patel c M Martin b MC Nolan	6
S Richardson c Z Winter-Irving b J Sanderson	20
JM Wright c LD Nolan b MC Nolan	82
A Riordan b MC Nolan	0
RJ Ireland lbw b MC Nolan	0
H Sirett c J Sanderson b MC Nolan	4
JG Wright c Z Winter-Irving b B Biggs	0
C Hickford not out	7
RW Shannon c, b B Biggs	4
Extras (nb 1, w 0, b 0, lb 6)	7
Total	148
Overs	61.1
FOW: 0 (B Black) 15 (L Patel) 25 (B Clurey) 97 (S Richardson) 104 (A Riordan) 104 (RJ Ireland) 122 (H Sirett) 137 (JM Wright) 143 (JG Wright) 148 (RW Shannon)	

Bowling: MC Nolan 25.0 12 5 37; B Biggs 15.1 5 3 35; J Moore 5.0 0 1 19; J Sanderson 16.0 3 1 51.

WAAIA def TATURA
Toss won by Tatura, batted first
1ST INNINGS - TATURA 50
1ST INNINGS - WAAIA

S Trower c R Singh b S McAllister	38
S Moore c R Singh b M Archer	8
MJ Cleeland c G Walker b M Archer	2
BG Carey c W Pyke b S McAllister	8
J Cleeland lbw b S McAllister	9
D Ebborn c, b J Carr	39
D Atkins lbw b S McAllister	3
JD Johnson lbw b M Archer	4
J Trower c B Archer b M Archer	12
L Henderson c H Murdoch b M Archer	7
SC Carey not out	23
Extras (nb 1, w 6, b 10, lb 2)	19
Total	137
Overs	44.3
FOW: 27 (S Moore) 35 (A Ciavarella) 48 (BG Carey) 64 (J Cleeland) 77 (MJ Cleeland) 79 (S Trower) 84 (D Atkins) 85 (JD Johnson) 102 (L Henderson) 137 (J Trower)	

Bowling: J Armstrong 8.0 1 0 32; B Archer 2.0 0 0 5; M Archer 20.3 5 6 41; S McAllister 14.0 2 4 47.

2ND INNINGS - TATURA

R Singh c S Trower b MJ Cleeland	2
D Miller c S Moore b J Cleeland	34
M Archer c SC Carey b J Cleeland	26
C Davies c, b J Cleeland	49
J Armstrong c, b J Cleeland	0
W Pyke c J Cleeland b L Henderson	5
B Armstrong not out	28
G Walker run out	5
S McAllister not out	10
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 5, lb 2)	8
Total	71/67
Overs	49.0
Bowling: J Trower 12.0 3 0 26; MJ Cleeland 10.0 0 1 48; D Atkins 4.0 0 0 19; L Henderson 7.0 2 1 21; J Cleeland 15.0 3 4 36; S Moore 1.0 0 0 10.	

LADDER

P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	PTS	%
Numurkah	10	0	9	0	1	60	2.01
Katandra	10	0	7	0	3	48	1.44
Kyabram	10	0	7	0	3	48	1.30
Nagambie	10	0	6	1	3	45	1.14
Mooroopna	10	0	6	0	4	42	1.30
Northerners	10	0	6	0	4	42	1.21
CP/St Bs	10	0	5	0	5	36	1.02
Shepp United	10	0	5	0	5	36	0.92
Old Students	10	0	4	0	6	30	0.97

Waaia 10 0 4 0 6 0 30 0.82
Euroa 11 0 4 0 7 0 24 0.72
Karramomus 11 0 2 0 9 0 12 0.60
Tatura 10 0 0 1 9 0 9 0.45

B GRADE
NUMURKAH def OLD STUDENTS
Toss won by Old Students, batted first
1ST INNINGS - OLD STUDENTS 78
1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH

M Price J Carr	8
S Spicer c D Delia b XM Lewis	9
K Jackson c D Fichera b T Janke	39
D Ebborn c, b J Carr	10
A Cline c J Carr b D Delia	28
S Dawson b J Busiello	44
B Roberts lbw b T Janke	7
S Lewis c D Earl b D Fichera	13
not out	19
Extras (nb 2, w 1, b 7, lb 5)	15
Total	8/187 (dec)
Overs	39.2
FOW: 18 (M Price) 18 (S Spicer) 46 (D Ebborn) 92 (A Cline) 102 (K Jackson) 116 (B Roberts) 144 (S Lewis) 187 (S Dawson)	

Bowling: XM Lewis 9.0 0 1 51; J Carr 11.0 1 2 43; N Mann 2.0 0 0 23; T Janke 5.0 0 2 23; D Delia 4.0 1 1 11; D Fichera 4.0 2 1 12; B Kumar 4.0 1 0 8; J Busiello 0.2 0 1 4.

2ND INNINGS - OLD STUDENTS

D Delia lbw b RL Lacuin	0
T MacLaughlin c M Price b M Martin	8
D Earl c M Price b RL Lacuin	3
N Mann c & b RL Lacuin	0
CT Walton c J Pruden (sub) b B Roberts	2
J Busiello c S Lewis b M Martin	4
XM Lewis c S Dawson b S Spicer	5
T Janke c M Price b RL Lacuin	0
not out	0
D Fichera c K Jackson b S Lewis	10
B Kumar lbw b S Lewis	1
Extras (nb 1, w 1, b 6, lb 0)	8
Total	41
Overs	30.3
FOW: 10 (T MacLaughlin) 14 (CT Walton) 23 (XM Lewis) 25 (J Busiello) 35 (D Delia) 35 (D Earl) 35 (N Mann) 38 (T Janke) 40 (D Fichera) 41 (B Kumar)	

Bowling: B Roberts 6.0 3 1 4; S Lewis 6.3 1 2 12; M Martin 6.0 1 2 10; S Spicer 6.0 4 1 8; RL Lacuin 6.0 5 4 1.

PINE LODGE It KATANDRA
Toss won by Katandra, batted first
1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA 156
J McKinnon c H Cann b T Waters.....22

M Black c Z Clark-Lines b S Hayes.....32
T Wilson b S Hayes4
C Simpson c & b R Kearney28
NJ Hickey lbw b R Kearney11
S Dickson b R Kearney10
K Rosevear st LM Trevaskis b R Kearney.....2
A Nicholls not out.....13
RJ Hopkins lbw b R Kearney9
N Minogue c W Batey b D Singh15
DP Shelley c S Hayes b R Kearney.....0
Extras (nb 1, w 0, b 8, lb 1)10
Total.....156
Overs 72.2
FOW: 29 (J McKinnon) 42 (T Wilson) 82 (M Black) 104 (NJ Hickey) 105 (C Simpson) 109 (K Rosevear) 124 (S Dickson) 140 (RJ Hopkins) 155 (N Minogue) 156 (DP Shelley)

Bowling: S Hayes 15.0 3 2 41; T Waters 10.0 2 1 17; JD Nugent 6.0 2 0 8; W Batey 5.0 0 0 11; D Singh 20.0 9 1 27; R Kearney 16.2 6 6 43.
1ST INNINGS - PINE LODGE

H Cann b S Dickson	26
LM Trevaskis c & b S Dickson	5
T Waters b NJ Hickey	1
R Kearney lbw b S Dickson	0
S Van Taarling b N Minogue	22
JD Nugent c, b A Nicholls	4
Z Clark-Lines c & b RJ Hopkins	2
W Batey c, b A Nicholls	6
D Singh c & b RJ Hopkins	8
S Hayes c & b A Nicholls	2
HL Reynolds not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 0, lb 0)	0
Total	76
Overs	31.4
FOW: 11 (LM Trevaskis) 32 (H Cann) 32 (R Kearney) 52 (T Waters) 56 (S Van Taarling) 59 (Z Clark-Lines) 66 (W Batey) 67 (JD Nugent) 72 (S Hayes) 76 (D Singh)	

Bowling: S Dickson 9.0 4 3 19; C Simpson 5.0 2 0 8; NJ Hickey 6.0 2 1 19; N Minogue 3.0 0 1 11; RJ Hopkins 4.4 0 2 18; A Nicholls 4.0 3 3 1.
2ND INNINGS - KATANDRA

J McKinnon c LM Trevaskis b R Kearney	33
M Black c W Batey b JD Nugent	17
T Wilson not out	11
C Simpson b R Kearney	9
M Nolen c Z Clark-Lines b R Kearney	7
A Nicholls not out	0
Extras (nb 1, w 0, b 1, lb 2)	4
Total	4/81
Overs	18.4
FOW: 43 (M Black) 51 (J McKinnon) 69 (C Simpson) 81 (M Nolen)	

Bowling: S Hayes 4.0 0 0 26; T Waters 3.0 0 0 17; JD Nugent 5.0 2 1 6; R Kearney 5.4 0 3 24; W Batey 1.0 0 0 5.

TATURA def WAAIA
Toss won by Waaia, batted first
1ST INNINGS - WAAIA 203
1ST INNINGS - TATURA

R Forster c K Tatt b M Stuart	30
L Worm b C Walpole	72
W Russell c M Sunny b M Stuart	0
XA Hutchison b R Trimby	5
C Dealy c, b M Stuart	7
N Watt c, b M Stuart	1
P Watt not out	103
S Martin not out	55
Extras (nb 5, w 6, b 10, lb 5)	26
Total	6/319 (dec)
Overs	72.0
FOW: 75 (R Forster) 75 (W Russell) 86 (XA Hutchison) 131 (L Worm) 145 (C Dealy) 158 (N Watt)	

Bowling: K Allen 1.0 0 0 15; A Hatch 4.0 1 0 12; M Stuart 18.0 4 4 66; K Tatt 2.0 0 0 13; R Trimby 9.0 2 1 32; C Walpole 14.0 5 0 40; H Hixon 16.0 6 0 43; D Wilson 5.0 0 0 63; M Sunny 1.0 0 0 3; AJ Brooks 3.0 0 0 17.

LADDER

P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	PTS	%
Kyabram	11	0	9	1	1	57	1.99
Katandra	11	0	9	0	2	54	1.36
Mooroopna	11	1	7	0	3	52	1.48
Shepp United	11	0	8	1	2	51	1.47
Numurkah	11	1	6	0	4	46	1.50
Northerners	11	0	7	0	3	42	1.16
Karramomus	11	0	6	0	5	36	1.08
Undera	11	0	5	2	4	36	0.99
Tatura	11	0	5	0	6	30	0.95
Pine Lodge	11	0	4	0	7	24	0.74
Euroa	11	0	2	0	9	12	0.70
Old Students	11	0	2	0	8	12	0.52
Waaia	11	0	2	0	9	12	0.51
CP/St Bs	11	0	1	0	10	6	0.63

Tennis

GM1

P	W	L	RGD	PTS	
Numurkah Warriors	12	9	2	57.72	109
Shepparton Hornets	12	7	4	55.63	97
Shepparton Bulls	12	6	5	51.12	83
Shepparton Lakers	12	5	5	49.62	76
Rich River Rebels	12	3	7	43.35	57
Echuca/Rochester	12	2	9	41.26	40

Numurkah side spins its way to victory

ON a day which produced extremes opposites of weather, ranging from high temperatures and humidity to strong winds, dust storms and rain, Numurkah managed to complete its Haisman Shield A grade cricket match with a 39 run victory against Old Students at Congupna on Saturday. Numurkah's captain, Liam Gledhill showed the way with the ball, claiming a match winning 7/56 off 20 overs.

Defending 224, Matt Cline struck early with no score on the board.

Old Students put on 70 runs for the second wicket, before Gledhill broke through with his first wicket of the day, due to a good catch from Cline.

Gledhill soon struck with his second, and when Shaun Downie captured his first, the home team was 4/90.

Old Students offered resistance in the middle order, but once again Gledhill broke through, and Old Students were 5/147.

High winds and dust soon came upon the ground, followed by rain, and eventually the covers were

brought on and play was suspended for 55 minutes. When play was resumed, Old Students still required around 70 runs off 15 overs for victory, however Gledhill continued his fine form with the ball, capturing the next four wickets, which included two stumpings to Josh Smith, and Old Students had slumped to 9/185.

Downie picked up his second wicket to have Old Students bowled out for 185.

"We built the pressure up on them, tying them down before the rain break," said Gledhill.

"When they came back on the ground, they felt as if they had to go the big shot and that's when the wickets fell, it was nice to get the six points in the end."

Gledhill starred with the ball, claiming 7/56 off 20 overs, and was well supported by Shaun Downie 2/36 off 22.5 overs, and Matt Cline 1/16 off six overs.

This Saturday Numurkah plays fifth placed Kyabram at Kyabram, and will then meet Katandra in the one day final, which will begin at the Numurkah Showgrounds at 11am.



Debutante ... Bailey Smith was a winner in his A grade debut.



Brothers in arms ... Bailey and Josh Smith played their first A grade game together on Saturday.



Also in the wickets ... Shaun Downie made another solid contribution with two wickets.

A GRADE
One Day Grand Final

NUMURKAH v KATANDRA

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH
11AM START
NUMURKAH
SHOWGROUNDS

CATERING & BAR OPEN

Katandra bats collapse in heat

A MAGNIFICENT 82 runs from Katandra captain Jedd Wright was not enough to see his side over the line in its match against Nagambie on Saturday, losing by 34 runs.

The loss sees the Eagles remain second on the ladder, however only by percentage, with only six points separating second to sixth. Chasing 186 runs for victory, Katandra was off to a poor start, losing Brady Black before a run had been scored.

Luke Patel went quickly and, when Ben Clurey was dismissed for a hard fought 18, Katandra was 3/25.

The Eagles batsmen were finding it difficult to score off some tight Nagambie bowling.

Scott Richardson and Jedd Wright knuckled down and were batting beautifully for a 72 run fourth wicket partnership, when Richardson was dismissed for a grinding 20.

This sparked a lower order collapse that saw the home side lose its last seven wickets for 51 runs. This Saturday Katandra takes on sixth placed Northerners at Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve, before meeting Numurkah in the one day final at Numurkah on Sunday.

One day final on Sunday

NUMURKAH and Katandra will face off in the Cricket Shepparton one day final this Sunday at the Numurkah showgrounds.

The game, between the top two sides of the competition, should be a ripper, with both teams having players in scintillating form.

Numurkah currently has the edge over Katandra, defeating it in their only clash of the season two weeks ago, in what was also a one day match.

"We are looking forward to the match on Sunday, Katandra are a

good quality side," Numurkah captain Liam Gledhill said.

"It's great to be playing at home, and we are hoping for a good crowd to be there and support us."

The match will also be well publicised, with a live stream on Facebook and also on radio.

Locals shine in Bush Bash League

THE final round of the Crane Aid GV Bush Bash League was held on Sunday, with local cricketers playing well in their respective teams.

Playing for Hurleys Hotel Hounds, Jedd Wright was once again in the runs, scoring 34 runs off 25 balls and also claiming 1/16 in his side's win over Cobram Panel Works Panthers. Michael Eckard top scored for the

Panthers with 37, also snaring 1/26 with the ball, with Luke Quinn run out for 23 and Jordy Cleeland scoring a run a ball five and also picking up one wicket.

In the other match, SRP Mud Dogs played Jarvis Delahey Crushers, with the Mud Dogs' Scott Richardson and Hadleigh Sirett scoring two and three runs respectively and Richardson pick-

ing up one wicket in their first loss of the season.

Corey Hickford picked up one wicket for the Crushers, and Luke Patel and Ash Quinn scored two and none respectively.

The grand final between SRP Mud Dogs and Hurleys Hotel Hounds will be held at Deakin Reserve on Sunday, February 16, commencing at 11am.

Numurkah outright win



NUMURKAH'S B grade cricketers claimed their first outright win of the season, which has propelled them into sixth place on the Clyde Young Shield B grade ladder with only two rounds left of the regular season.

The Blues resumed their innings at 7/144, with captain Sean Dawson and young Kade O'Dwyer batting well, and batted for a further nine overs until Dawson was dismissed for 44. Dawson declared with the score on 8/187 leaving O'Dwyer not out on 19, a handy 109 runs in front of the opposition.

The Blues had 68 overs left in the day to bowl out Old Students and achieve an outright win. Bailey Roberts and Sam Lewis opened the bowling, Roberts with the first breakthrough to have Old Students

1/10.

Sam Spicer captured the second wicket, and from there, wickets fell continuously for Old Students, being bowled out for 41 runs.

Reydan Lacuin again tore through the batting line up with 4/1 off six overs, whilst the remaining wickets were shared amongst Myles Martin 2/10 off six overs, Sam Lewis 2/12 off 6.3 overs, Bailey Roberts 1/4 off six overs, and Sam Spicer 1/8 off six overs.

This Saturday, Numurkah plays host to Kyabram.

C GRADE

Due to the high temperatures forecast, the C grade game, together with the junior games, were abandoned.

Numurkah plays Nagambie this Saturday at Nagambie in its C grade match.

Hard work ... Myles Martin delivers again in the heat, on his way to another two wickets.

Tatura too good in the heat

WAAIA succumbed to the heat and the Tatura batting line up, in its Clyde Young Shield B grade cricket match on Saturday, losing by four wickets.

The match was in the balance from the previous week, with Tatura requiring another 103 runs and Waaia needing another seven wickets for victory.

With temperatures in the 40s, the Waaia bowlers struggled in the heat, however still found themselves in the game when Matt Stuart claimed his fourth wicket and the opposition was 6/158.

That was where the joy ended for Waaia, as Tatura batted until the end of the day, declaring at 6/319. Matt Stuart was the pick of the bowlers, snaring 4/66 off 18 grueling overs, with Ryan Trimby and Corey Walpole picking up one wicket each.

This Saturday, Waaia plays host to Central Park/St Brendans.

D GRADE

Waaia's D grade match against Karramomus was abandoned due to extreme heat.

This Saturday, Waaia plays Northerners at Bunbartha Recreation Reserve.

Katandra rips through Pine Lodge

A TERRIFIC bowling and fielding display by Katandra saw it tear through the Pine Lodge batting line up and win comfortably by 80 runs in its Clyde Young Shield B grade cricket match on Saturday.

Defending 156, Katandra was never in trouble, snaring the first wicket with the score on 11.

With the score on 32, Scott Dickson claimed a double breakthrough to have Pine Lodge at 3/32, Dickson with all three wickets.

Pine Lodge settled again and took the score to 52, when Nathan Hickey struck with his first wicket. That dismissal proved the catalyst for Katan-

dra, tearing through the remaining batting line up to take the last six wickets for 24 runs.

Wicket takers for Katandra were Andrew Nicholls 3/1 off four overs, Scott Dickson, 3/19 off nine overs, Ross Hopkins 2/18, Nick Minogue 1/11 and Nathan Hickey 1/19.

This Saturday, Katandra plays host to Northerners.

E GRADE

Katandra's E grade game was cancelled due to the extreme heat policy.

This Saturday, Katandra plays Shepparton United at Princess Park.

NumurkahLEADER Sports



WAAIA was too good for Tatura in its Haisman Shield A grade cricket match on Saturday, winning by 87 runs to take its second consecutive victory.

After bowling Tatura out the previous week for 50, the Bombers would have been hoping for an outright victory, however that never eventuated and Waaia was happy with its fourth win of the season.

Resuming at 8/94, a lead of 44 runs, Waaia's tail wagged, with the last three batsmen combining to put on 52 runs for the final two wickets.

The home side was bowled out for 137, a lead of 87 runs, with Sean Carey 23 not out and Jesse Trower 12, scoring the runs at the end of the

innings.

Tatura's second innings started similarly to its first, with Mitch Cleeland grabbing the first wicket, and the opposition finding itself 1/7 off four overs.

From there, it was in stark contrast to the previous week as the Tatura batsmen started to bat well and Waaia was unable to capitalize.

At the close of play, Tatura in its second innings, was 7/167 with Jordy Cleeland the pick of the Waaia bowlers, claiming 4/36 off 15 overs. Mitch Cleeland and Lachlan Henderson also claimed a wicket each.

This Saturday, Waaia will travel to Deakin Reserve to take on Central Park/St Brendans.

WAAIA GETS JOB DONE

Downtown ... Jessie Trower in action with the bat.

Handy rescheduling

SATURDAY'S sweltering heat forced the cancellation of all local tennis games, however, in a very rare occurrence, Numurkah's GM1 Warriors faced the third placed Shepp Bulls in a marquee Sunday afternoon fixture at the Shepparton courts.

This rescheduling proved a great decision

for the Numurkah club, as the Warriors came home with a great win 7/70 to 3/56.

It's taken until February, but finally the Warriors' men won all of their sets. Mark Mills got on the right side of two close tiebreakers, Harley McCarthy was clinical as expected, and Nick Fenaughty once again reinstated

himself as the number one player in the competition with a big 8-0 win in his singles.

The ladies had a tough day at the office in their doubles matches, their closest result being a narrow loss in a tiebreaker, 8-7. Helene Steward lost her singles 8-2 to Eliza Long, and Lisa Niglia went down 8-5. Both Helene

and Lisa were able to bounce back with wins in their mixed doubles.

This Saturday there will be three teams on home soil, with the Warriors facing Shepparton Lakers, the Penguins up against the Tatura Chargers, and the Ravens doing battle with Dhurringile. The Cobram Crocs will host the Raiders.

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INSIDE SPORT

Seven wicket haul

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