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# Campers safe in Wunghnu



**Happy campers ...** Stranded in Victoria, these solo campers have taken up temporary residence in Wunghnu. See story page 9.

# Drought funding projects announced

COMMUNITIES across Moira Shire are celebrating this week following the announcement of a list of projects set to benefit from the \$1 million in Federal Government funding that has been allocated to Moira Shire, to support infrastructure upgrades and other projects, through the Drought Communities Program.

The \$1 million will contribute to a range of projects across the shire, with a total price tag of \$2.34 million, with council and community groups contributing the remaining funds to complete the projects.

Projects being delivered with the assistance of the funding include:

- Replacement of change rooms at Tungamah Recreation Reserve and Community Gym;
- Construction of an accessible bathroom with toi-

let/shower facilities and baby change table at Yarroweyah Football Netball Club;

- Addition of a storage room and accessible toilet to Picola Hall;
- Replacement of toilets, showers and change room at Wunghnu Recreation Reserve;
- Installation of irrigation system, storage tank and boost pump at Victoria Park, Yarrowonga;
- Expansion and upgrade of existing irrigation system at Nathalia Recreation Reserve;
- Extension to the Numurkah Skate Park;
- Installation of permanent outdoor gym at Nathalia parklands; and
- Installation of playground including play equipment, re-circulation system and rubber surface at Federation Park, Cobram.

Tungamah Football Netball Club president Josh Buerckner told the *Leader* that the funding announcing was particularly sweet for the club as it had missed out on funding during the controversial 'sports rorts' scandal at the start of this year.

"We were extremely disappointed to miss out on that grant because this project has been in the planning process since the damage was done to the facility during the 2012 floods," he said.

"We're really excited about getting the funding over the line and finally being in sight of getting the new rooms we desperately need.

"The community has to contribute \$50,000 towards the project, and we'll be working feverishly to raise that money."

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## POLICE BEAT

### Driver injured in truck rollover

A TRUCK driver has been issued with a penalty notice for careless driving after his B double, which was carrying milk waste, rolled when he failed to take the right hand bend at Shepparton Katamatite Road and Drumanure Road on July 13.

The driver was admitted to GV hospital with minor injuries.

Police have reported more thefts which occurred in Nathalia district early this month, including the ongoing theft of fire wood from private property on Horners Road, Nathalia.

Additionally, a Stihl chainsaw was stolen from the locked cabin of a tractor on a rural property off Barmah East Road, Barmah, between July 6 and 7, and solar panels and electric farm fencing equipment were stolen from a rural property at Picola between July 10 and 12.

Last Friday, an unknown offender fled a premises on Katamatite-Nathalia Road, Naring, which he had entered via an unlocked door, when he was disturbed by the home's occupant. Nothing was stolen.

## Should Melbourne lockdown mean 'hard' lockdown?

RESIDENTS of Melbourne and Mitchell Shires are now entering their third week of a six week lockdown, with just four reasons for them to leave home.

The fact that one of those reasons is work - if it can't be done from home - has been brought into question, following 16 Shepparton police officers being forced into self-isolation after com-

ing into contact with an officer from Melbourne who tested positive for COVID-19 following a visit to the Shepparton police complex.

With this in mind, the Leader took to Melville Street this week to ask if local people thought people from lockdown areas should be allowed to leave those locations for any reason.



**Michael Alexander**

If it's for work, then yes, but not just for general travel. We're trying to stop the spread of this, and we can't do that if people from areas with a lot of cases are moving around unnecessarily.



**Sheryl Mills**

No, they shouldn't be allowed out for any reason - including work. We're from Shepparton and we've been hearing stories of people coming to Shepparton to shop, and, if it's true, that's just so wrong.



**Tracy Bradbury**

No, they need to stay put and stop spreading their germs around. It might be harsh, but they shouldn't be allowed to leave their areas, even for work.



**Bill Werner**

No, I don't think they should be able to leave at all. To keep it from spreading, they need to stay where they are. I'm content to stay here, and they should be content to stay there for now.



**John Mills**

Definitely not. Lockdown should mean lockdown, otherwise we'll never stop the spread and the whole state will be back in lockdown and that's not fair.



**Joyce Bradbury**

Maybe if everyone was wearing masks it wouldn't be so bad, but, for now, I think it's better that they just stay where they are.

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## FIRE WATCH

AT 8.50pm on Saturday, Katunga, Waaia and Strathmerton fire brigades, along with the SES, police and ambulance, were called to a motor vehicle accident at the corner of Goulburn Valley Highway and Spences Road, Katunga.

A car had side-swiped a B-double truck, and the female driver was trapped in her vehicle.

The driver was freed by the SES and checked by paramedics who determined she did not require hospitalisation. The fire brigade hosed down the road once the car had been removed.

Three other turn outs by local brigades in the past week amounted to false alarms.

At 8.05am last Wednesday, Numurkah, Strathmerton and Cobram and brigades were called to an alarm at the Bega Cheese factory on the

### Driver freed after side-swiping truck

Murray Valley Highway at Strathmerton. Maintenance workers working on ducts had set off a detector. Numurkah and Cobram were not required.

On Friday, at 4.10am, Numurkah, Katunga and Wunghnu brigades turned out to a report of a car smoking at the corner of Numurkah Road and Naring Road, Numurkah. The fire brigades checked the roads in all directions but could not find a vehicle anywhere.

Yesterday morning at 6.40am, Strathmerton and Yarroweyah brigades were turned out to support Cobram at an alarm at the Woolworths store on Punt Road, Cobram. There was no fire and Strathmerton and Yarroweyah were not required.

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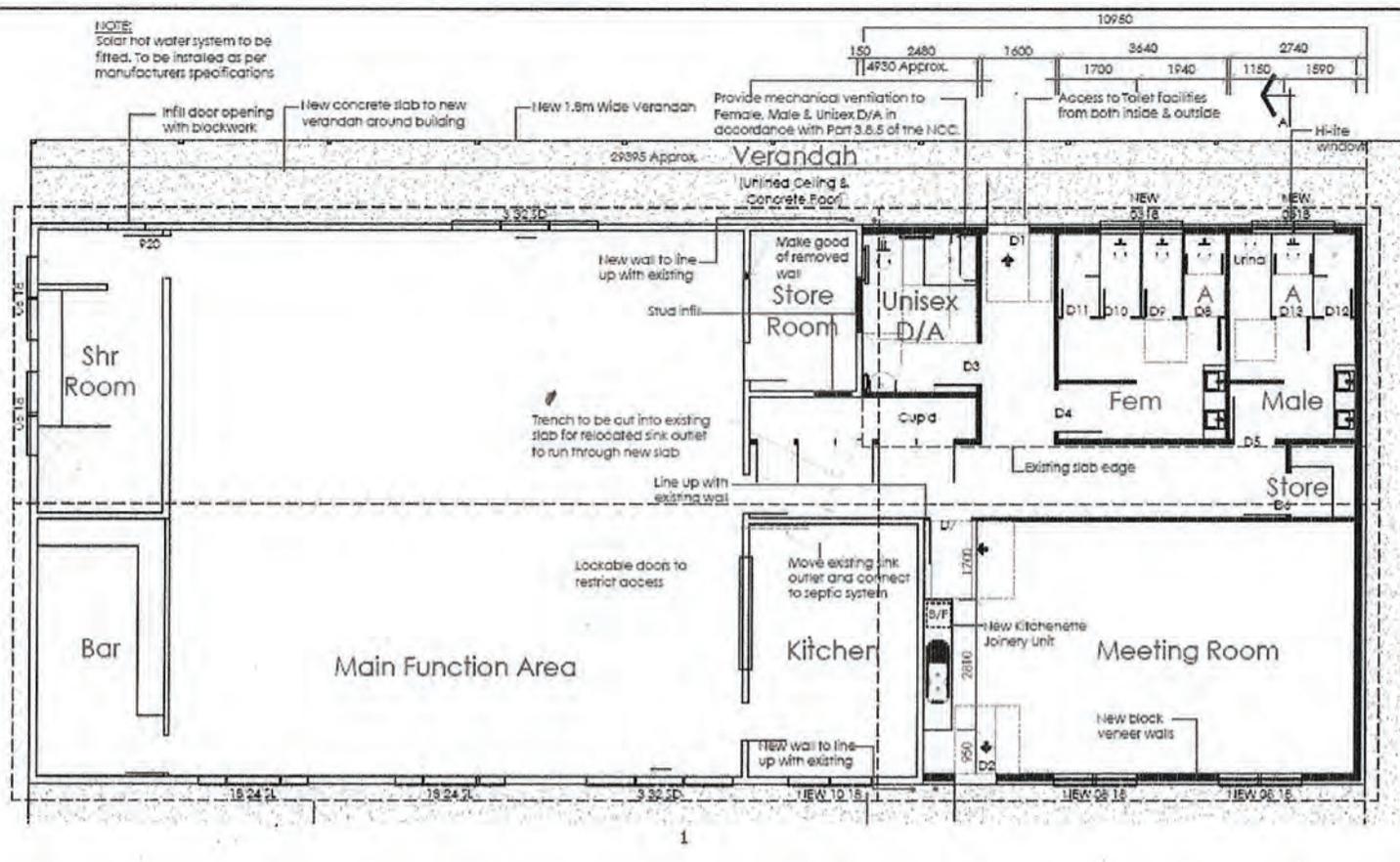
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## Drought funding in Moira: the background

Moira Shire's eligibility - or otherwise - for the funding became something of a saga in late 2019/early 2020, with the funding being off, and then on, and then off again, before it was finally secured.

In late October 2019, Moira was deemed ineligible, having been calculated as having 16.9% of its population employed in the agriculture industry; 0.1% short of the 17% eligibility threshold.

Then, at the start of November, the shire's fortunes appeared to change when Federal Member for Nicholls Damian Drum announced that then Minister for Water Resources David Littleproud had used his ministerial discretion to award the funding to Moira after all.

However, Mr Drum had spoken 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.

In a final twist, it was announced in late January that Moira Shire was among a number of shires which had been allocated the funding in a new round.

**Big plans ...** The Wunghnu community rooms are getting a much needed upgrade thanks, in part, to the Federal Government drought funding.

# Drought funding projects announced

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"The community has to contribute \$50,000 towards the project, and we'll be working feverishly to raise that money."

The Wunghnu community has long since secured its portion of the funding towards the upgrade of the Wunghnu Community Rooms at the town's recreation reserve, with \$100,000 having sat in trust for a community hall since the sale of the town's Institute Tavern in the late 1980s.

Moira Shire Council also allocated \$125,000 to the project in the last budget, and \$100,000

of the Federal Government drought package will make up the balance of the project's cost.

The project will see the eastern end of the current building, which is approximately 70 years old, demolished, with new toilets to replace the current outdoor toilets constructed, along with a meeting room with a kitchenette.

Wunghnu recreation reserve committee of management secretary and treasurer Laurie Kennedy told the *Leader* the upgraded facility will be a great asset, and not just for the local community.

"During the 2014 bushfires they used the recreation reserve as a staging area, and they had

around 5,000 personnel from different agencies using the facility for about 10 days," he said.

"It will be great for the community for events and private functions, but it will also be a much better facility if it ever needs to be used as a staging area for emergency services again.

"It's been a long time coming."

Moira Shire Mayor Libro Mustica said the \$1 million drought aid package will allow the shire to undertake and complete projects now, instead of them being put onto a 'wish list'.

"The nominated projects are spread the length and breadth of the shire with the townships of

Numurkah, Nathalia, Cobram, Yarrawonga, Piccola, Yarraweyah, Wunghnu and Tungamah all receiving funding for much needed projects," he said.

"Even though Moira Shire has received some much needed recent rainfall, we have experienced multiple disappointing growing seasons in a row. Hopefully this year will be a bumper crop for our dryland farmers," Cr Mustica said.

"For every job on-farm, there are at least four off-farm, for example in processing, transport and even finance and banking, so when our agriculture sector suffers there is a flow on effect to all areas of business."

## Tip of the hat to businesses backing farmers

DURING July, which is Rural Aid's month of thanks, the charity is shining a spotlight on the brands and businesses that quietly donate to Australian farmers throughout the year.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said there are a large number of ways everyday Australians can support primary producers via organisations who donate a percentage of each sale to Rural Aid.

"Day in day out, these businesses support Aussie farmers, so we like to make sure that Australians support these businesses in return," Mr Warlters said.

Due for a new work kit? King Gee will kick in \$5 to Rural Aid for each pair of tradie utility cargo pants purchased.

Need new sunnies? Ugly Fish Eyewear see to it that Rural Aid receives \$2 for each pair sold.

For the keen cook, Mr Warlters said you can help by buying flour and pasta through Good Harvest Co.

City-based residents can support by purchasing their fresh produce boxes from The Original Organic Co.

Truth by Nature's skincare and body products come with a donation to either rural counselling or hay distribution.

Rural Aid is one of Australia's largest rural charities. Well known for

the highly successful 'Buy a Bale' campaign, the charity also provides financial assistance, water and counselling to farmers in times of drought, flood or fire.

Other initiatives support its vision that farming and rural communities are safeguarded to ensure their sustainability both during and after these natural disasters.

"At Rural Aid, we are fortunate to have had so many brands and businesses supporting us. Knowing who they are is a simple way you can make your next shop count," Mr Warlters said.

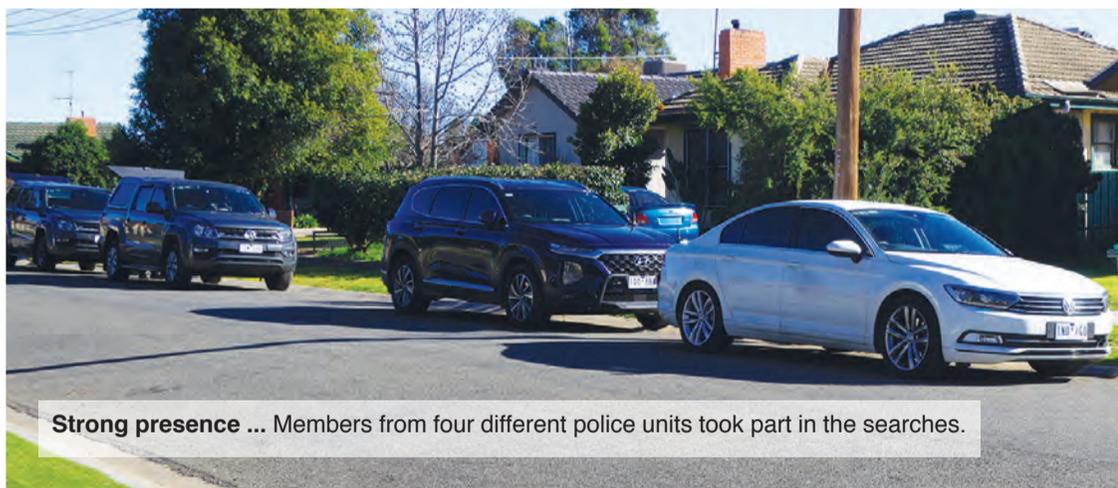
"Whether it's five cents or five dollars donated, we thank you for supporting these brands."

Purchases of Woolworth's Spring Water 24 packs, Nudie Fruit Juices, Capilano Honey's Hive and Wellness packs, bottles dropped at TOR-MA recycling centres, wedding specialists Bush Registry, and country designer Bandicute's bee earrings all include a donation to Rural Aid.

"Especially at a time when financial uncertainty is very real, our donors and followers can continue to support our farmers just by doing their normal shopping, without having to commit a monetary donation that may not be feasible for many at this time," Mr Warlters said.

Get involved or find the list of Rural Aid's supporters at: [www.ruralaid.org.au/retail](http://www.ruralaid.org.au/retail).

# Wunghnu raid leads to drug charges



**Strong presence ...** Members from four different police units took part in the searches.

A WUNGHNU man fronted Shepparton magistrates court late yesterday facing a range of drug and other charges following a search of a Wunghnu property yesterday morning.

Police from the divisional tasking unit, based in Wangaratta and Wodonga, the canine unit, Cobram criminal investigation unit and Numurkah police seized a quantity of drugs and cash from the property.

The 31-year-old man was taken to Numurkah police station for questioning before being charged with possessing a drug of dependence, three counts of dealing in property suspected of being the proceeds of crime and committing an indictable offence while on bail.

The final charge relates to serious driving offences which occurred in March this year, in which the man and another offender led police on a high speed chase around the district's roads between Wunghnu and Echuca.

A search of a property at Pinnucks Road Numurkah later yesterday morning did not yield any drugs or other illegal goods.



**Search ...** The canine unit found drugs in Wunghnu, but not in this Numurkah house.

# Tree power pirates leave Les unhappy

LES Addison got a nasty shock when he walked out his front door last Friday morning - somebody had 'pruned' the bottle-brush tree in his front garden, with zero consideration for aesthetics.

Les assumed the pruning had occurred the previous afternoon when he was out of the house, and he hadn't noticed it on his return home.

"I'd received no notice that it was going to happen, and nothing was left to tell me who had done it or why," he said.

"I planted the tree 35 years ago, and I have pruned it a couple of times over the years when it was getting a bit big, so if someone had concerns about it they could have talked to me instead of just butchering it.

"If they'd at least been a bit more circumspect and considered the aesthetics I wouldn't have minded so much, but it looks absolutely shocking."

Whilst Les assumed the careless work had been conducted by workers from the shire, an investigation by the *Leader* revealed that the work had been carried out on behalf of Powercor.

After being notified by the *Leader* of Les' displeasure, a representative from Powercor visited the Quinn Street site with the pruning contractor yesterday morning.

A Powercor spokesperson told the *Leader* they would be contacting Les to discuss his concerns.

"While we must keep plants and trees away from powerlines to ensure we are operating a safe and reliable network, in this case the cutting does not meet our standards," they said.

As for Les, who is a Collingwood supporter, he has a theory about why somebody would attack his tree with such vehemence.

"I reckon they barrack for Geelong," he said.



Not happy ... Les Addison is unimpressed with the careless pruning of his bottle-brush tree.



## Mayor's Message Moira receives \$1 million drought funding

Moira Shire Council has received confirmation of \$1 million in drought funding to undertake some much needed projects throughout the shire.

I welcome the news of this drought aid package from the Federal Government.

This funding will make an enormous amount of difference and allow us to undertake and complete projects now, instead of them being put into our 'wish list'.

The nominated projects are spread the length and breadth of the shire with the townships of Nathalia, Numurkah, Cobram, Yarrawonga, Picola, Yarroweyah, Wunghnu and Tungamah all receiving funding for much needed projects.

It is in these times that our local businesses, community and council unite to support each other.

I would like to thank our Federal Member Damian Drum, who continues to work with us and advocate on our behalf.

Even though Moira Shire has received some much needed recent rainfall, we have experienced multiple disappointing growing seasons in a row, hopefully this year will be a bumper crop for our dryland farmers.

For every job on-farm, there are at least four off-farm, for example in processing, transport and even finance and banking, so when our agriculture sector suffers there is a flow on effect to all areas of business.

The \$1 million funding would assist the delivery of \$2.34 million in projects including –

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- Addition of a storage room and accessible toilet to the Picola Hall;
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- Installation of irrigation system, storage tank and boost pump at Victoria Park, Yarrawonga;
- Expansion and upgrade of the existing irrigation system at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve;
- The extension of the Numurkah Skate Park;
- Installation of a permanent outdoor gym at the Nathalia parklands;
- Installation of a playground including play equipment and rubber surfacing at Federation Park, Cobram.

Councillors were keen to see the funding spread across the shire and I think we have been able to achieve that and link the federal funding into Council budgets to deliver some larger projects than would have been possible through Council funds.

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# Adult learners back in the classroom

WHILE Numurkah's school kids made a welcome return to classrooms last term, our adult learners have only just celebrated the same milestone.

Numurkah Community Learning Centre's (NCLC) Certificate III in Education Support Class of 2020 had its first class back after lockdown, last week and it was safe to say that students and teacher alike couldn't have been happier to be there.

In fact, when asked to rate their satisfaction at being back on a scale of one to 10, the answer was a unanimous and resounding "10!"

The one year course started in February, and whilst term one was spent in the classroom, Victoria's stage three pandemic restrictions necessitated the class being conducted remotely throughout term two.

Teacher Alex Ahmet said that, initially at least, she was pleased about being able to deliver the class online.

"It's actually something I'd been wanting to do for a while, because I think it opens it up to a lot more people," she said.

"Overall, the experience has been really positive, and it has opened up a lot of future possibilities, but I did find the experience got quite lonely after a while, and I'm really glad to be back."

Unlike Alex, most of her students didn't get a chance to be lonely, as they were juggling their own studies with home-schooling children.

Amy Meyland said that was by far the biggest challenge of studying remotely. "I've got four kids so it was pretty difficult to get

my work done in between home-schooling them and having them around all of the time generally," she said.

"I'm very, very glad we're all back at school and day care now."

Amy Leavold said that, despite having young children at home, her own home-learning experience was much better than she originally feared.

"I almost had a bit of a meltdown when I first realised we'd all be learning from home," she said.

"It was a challenge trying to do my work from home while home-schooling the kids as well, but it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be, and we all got through it."

For Sarah Burkitt, the experience, though challenging at times, was overwhelmingly positive.

"Alex and the learning centre ladies did such a good job delivering the course remotely," she said.

"The resources were excellent and we were really well supported."

Another NCLC feature made a return last week, with the re-opening of the court house craft shop.

The not for profit shop, which sells locally produced items, re-opened last Monday, with hours, for the next little while at least, being 11am-2pm Monday to Friday.

Shop volunteer Lyn Cline told the *Leader* yesterday that it was good to be out of the house.

"It's been quiet, but the weather's lovely and I'm sure it will pick up a bit once people realise we're open again."



Back in the classroom ... (Clockwise from left): Teacher Alex Ahmet and students Sarah Burkitt, Amy Meyland, Megan Leavold, Leah Laidlaw and Sharon Mitchell are thrilled to get back to on-site learning.



Open for business ... Court house craft shop volunteer Lyn Cline is pleased to be back behind the counter.

## Disability Royal Commission to investigate COVID-19 impact

THE Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability has announced a public hearing to examine the experiences of people with disability during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Chair Ronald Sackville AO QC said subject to any significant changes in circumstances, the hearing will take place in Sydney during the week com-

mencing August 17, 2020.

"The hearing is expected to gather evidence from people with disability, peak advocacy groups, public health and disability experts as well as government representatives," he said.

"We will examine whether, in preparing for and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments, and other entities,

adequately considered measures to prevent violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability.

"It is proposed that the hearing will also examine any systemic issues that may have arisen, or been exacerbated, during the pandemic."

In April, the Royal Commission released an issues paper on emergency planning and response which explored how people with disability

can be severely affected by emergency situations like the COVID-19 pandemic.

The issues paper sought information from people with disability, their families, advocates and experts about their experiences. It also asked for feedback about what can be done to improve the safety and wellbeing of people with disability during emergencies like the pandemic.

The responses so far cover a range of issues including accessibility of information, safeguarding and oversight practices, access to services and supports and the impacts of restrictions throughout the pandemic on people with disability.

The hearing will be livestreamed on the Royal Commission website and will feature live captioning and Auslan-English interpreters.

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# GrainCorp hopes bio-filter expansion will prevent odour

GRAINCORP'S Numurkah operation held a community consultation session last Thursday to spread what it is hoping will be good news for the community.

GrainCorp is expanding its bio-filter, which processes air from inside the plant to remove odour causing organisms before it is expelled from the factory, in hopes of decreasing offensive odour emissions.

GrainCorp's national operations manager for oilseeds, Troy Knox, who is based at the Numurkah facility, told the meeting that he is committed to keeping the community informed of what's going on at the site.

"We are in a little town, so there must always be recognition that we must be cognisant of our neighbours in the community, and do what we can to minimise impact on their amenity and lives," he said.

"That is always the aim, but it is not always easy to achieve."

Mr Knox said that the bio-filter had not been expanded as part of the site's \$65 million dollar expansion, which equipped the site for solvent processing, and was completed in September 2018, because GrainCorp had been advised that its current capacity would be sufficient to serve the expanded facility.

"A lot of money was spent during the upgrade to minimise noise and odour, however, and we do have evidence to support that there has been significant improvement around both those elements," he said.

Nonetheless, Mr Knox freely admit-

ted that some local residents do experience adverse effects from both the noise and odour of the plant.

"Noise can be measured, odour is far more subjective and will affect people differently, some people can tolerate it much better than others," he said.

"We operate under an EPA licence which has a number of conditions that have to be complied with - one is not to permit offensive odours beyond our boundary.

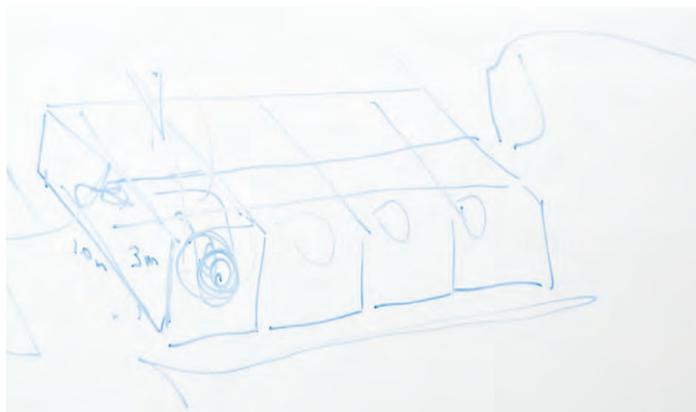
"The challenging part is that odour and offensive odour are two different things.

"No matter how hard one tries, despite our best efforts, we'll never stop odour completely, at times, getting beyond our boundary. Our ultimate goal is no odour, but the reality is that at times there will be some. The issue that we are trying to mitigate, is that it's not offensive."

Mr Knox said that a required twice-yearly inspection of the bio-filter, which he described as 'a pretty nifty bit of equipment', conducted earlier this year showed that it was not operating as expected.

"That inspection recognised there were concerns with the temperature of the airstream coming into the bio-filter from the solvent plant, in that it was around two degrees higher than we thought," he said.

"Volume and temperature of airflow affect the bio-filter's performance. A higher temperature speeds up destruction of the bio-material in the filter - which is like chip bark, specially treated to consume living organisms



**A nifty bit of equipment ...**  
Troy Knox shows a rough technical drawing of the bio-filter.



which produce odour.

"The biomaterial should last three to five years, but the higher temperatures had degraded it faster than we expected in one of the bio-filter's eight cells.

Based on engineering design, the current bio-filter should be sufficient, but it is being pushed to maximum. Biomaterial for the bio-filter costs

\$100,000 per cell.

"If the plant isn't operating smoothly, the biofilter is pushed to the limit and may emit offensive odours, so we need a buffer," Mr Knox said.

\$517,000 had been allocated in October 2019 to construct one new bio-filter cell, with provision for a second if necessary.

Mr Knox said that GrainCorp had

been doing extremely well during the COVID-19 crisis, with suppliers including KFC and McDonalds doubling their oil orders to expand their 'safety stocks'.

GrainCorp was issued with a pollution abatement notice by the EPA on May 14 this year, which is a formal directive by EPA arising from odour detected by EPA officers on site.

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# A CUPPA WITH DOM

# A cuppa with Shona

**Full name:** Shona Marie Madeleine Spokes

**Age:** 42

**Marital status:** Married with two sons aged 13 and 17

**Schools attended:** Hampton Park Primary School, Hampton Park Secondary College, RMIT Brunswick.

**Summer or winter?** Summer

**Beach or mountains?** Mountains. When I was younger, I would have said the beach, because I'd learned to scuba dive and I loved it.

**Oscar the Grouch or Cookie Monster?** Elmo  
**Crunchie or Violet Crumble?** I like dark chocolate, especially the Cadbury one with the almonds.

**Elvis or The Beatles?** The Beatles, but they're both a bit before my time to be honest. My favourite band is the Foo Fighters.

**AC/DC or INXS?** INXS

**Favourite colour?** Purple

**Favourite song?** Plush by the Stone Temple Pilots

**Favourite TV show?** Game of Thrones - but not the last season. While they were going along with the books you had the beautiful lushness that came from the writing, but once they got past the books they just sprinted to the end, and you lost the beauty of the storytelling. And there are so many questions left unanswered.

**Favourite movie?** Kill Bill 1 and 2

**Favourite book?**

The writer that got me into reading in the first place was David Eddings. He has the Belgariad series and the Malloreon, and two prequels that came afterwards, I discovered them when I was in grade six, and I was never really a reader beforehand. It just had such a rich world, but it eased you into this magical place.

**Do you make lists?** If I do, I forget to take the list, and I forget something that should be on the list, and it's usually something my husband needs.

**What football team do you support?**

The Numurkah Blues. I don't really have an AFL team.

**Who do you admire?**

Dave Grohl, the lead singer of the Foo Fighters. He's so successful, but he doesn't seem to have any sort of ego, and he's always striving for something more and something better.

**What kind of kid were you?**

I'm an only child, so I probably questioned a lot, and probably tried to get my own way a lot. I wasn't destructive but I suppose I was quite forceful, and probably a bit too much. I think as I grew up I mellowed out, and found what worked for me as I got older.

**When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up. It's such a big, wide world and there's too much to choose just one thing, and I haven't discovered it yet.

**If you could have one superpower what would you choose?**

Especially being at Vinnies, it would be to help people see an alternative that might help them. I think so many people are out there, stressed, and not being able to see a different pathway, that if you could just ease somebody's mind to see that they might turn a corner and things are better the next day, that would be something I'd like to be able to do.

**If you could have one talent what would you choose?**

To be more creative. I really look up to people who have that creative flair, and to be able to look at something and see something else inside it, and its potential, I'd love to be able to do that.

**You did a diploma at RMIT to become a dry cleaner, what inspired that?**

I thought that a tertiary qualification in something would mean I would always have a job, so I studied for a diploma in dry cleaning. I worked as a dry cleaner for 15 years, and then left when I became pregnant with my oldest child, because they said there was a possibility that the chemicals could harm the baby, so I opted not to work for a while.



I went back to dry cleaning after my first child was born and did mostly deliveries, and then decided I wanted to change occupations.

I took weird and wonderful jobs - whatever opportunity came up at the time. I worked with racehorses at one stage, out in Officer, and then I worked at Cranbourne, behind the racetrack there, with horses. I worked in a plant nursery, and in an office booking temp medical staff.

Then we moved to Numurkah.

**How did a dry cleaner from Melbourne end up managing the Vinnies op shop in Numurkah?**

After we moved to Numurkah I fell into becoming a swim teacher at the indoor pool. I took my kids for lessons there and the ladies there said

I should become a swim teacher and I said, 'no way, that's ridiculous.' Then the primary school offered to pay for my course to get qualified if I helped with their swimming lessons. So, I did it, and I did a bit of life guarding as well.

Then I saw the Vinnies job advertised in the *Leader* and I thought 'that should be my job. I'll work well there.'

I wasn't necessarily looking for a job, but I saw it in the paper and it just shone out at me.

The first round I didn't even get an interview. The next time it came up I thought 'it has to be mine this time' so I tried again.

I believe the right things come to you at the right time, and if you've got your heart set on something and it doesn't happen, it's because

you're not quite ready yet. I just thought to do the right thing by my kids and family, it was just perfect, and obviously the universe helped out.

It worked perfectly for me with my kids at school, and I was in the community.

**What appealed to you about it?**

I don't think I knew; I didn't even really know what it entailed. I had done little bits of retail and working with customers at the dry cleaners and I thought it would be an easy job for me to do.

Not knowing enough about Vinnies themselves, I was completely oblivious to all the stuff that really went on.

**Have you had to do additional training for the role?**

Vinnies does some great training. There is

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some conflict resolution training, and sometimes it's more on the side of customers coming in and being upset. I'm lucky that we've got a great community and I haven't really had to use any of those skills.

I think we just have a nice community where everybody respects each other enough that that's never come up.

**How much fun is it being the local Vinnies manager?**

It can be really, really fun. I'm sure the regular customers that come in might sometimes hear uncontrollable laughter coming from the back room. We can be quite silly. Sometimes when costumes come in, you can see some of our volunteers parading around the store in costume, just to help people smile. Sometimes you don't know who comes in that needs that smile, and sometimes it's just us that need to laugh.

**Is it an easy job?**

Yes and no. The people are wonderful, so getting along with the people is really great. There are little challenges with every job, so this is no different. I definitely didn't realise how in-depth it was; I thought it was just an op shop, and it is so much more than that.

The people are both the easiest part and the most challenging. There are some days where I might not get the jobs I envisaged done for the day, because people need you. I didn't realise how much people needed community, and a listening ear and to be heard.

**Do you think that, as the manager of Vinnies, you are seen by default as someone who can fill that role, rather than just as a retail manager?**

Yes. Sometimes you get to have conversations with the community, because they feel comfortable with you. I actually think it's more that that's what the volunteers need. They're all such diverse people from different places and that's what makes it so great.

I like the diversity of people and how other people interact. I like how some people start out as not necessarily being friends, and you watch total opposites develop common things. It's really nice to see how something might have been a bit tense, but it develops into a friendship because they've found something in common that they can stand together with, and everything else sort of melts away to a certain degree. I really like that. And there's always great banter.

At the start of COVID, we did close for two weeks, then when we started back, the streets were deathly quiet, but we did have a few people coming in. Some of them didn't necessarily want to buy anything, they just needed to talk to somebody, and touch base and make sure the world was okay. The few volunteers that came in also needed to not be in their own four walls. Mental health is a really, really important thing at the moment, and if someone can just browse and feel normal, sometimes that's all we need to be there for, and if that makes people feel better, then that's important.

**Could an op shop work without community support?**

Never. We rely so much on the donations from the local community. I can ask for stuff from metro, which occasionally I do a little bit, but, really, 90% of the donated clothes in there are from the local community. My mum bought a scarf from us and she went to an appointment somewhere and the person there said, 'I really like your scarf, it looks familiar'. At mum's next appointment the lady said, 'I think I donated that, scarf, gee it looks really good on you, I'm glad it found the right home'.

**How important do you think op shops are in the community?**

Very; it's multi-levelled. There might be a little old lady or man who doesn't get much interaction because they don't want to join a group, but they're able to come in and get some interaction. Same goes with some of our volunteers, particularly older ones, because they are there to interact with the community so that they've got a purpose to get up every day, brush their teeth, get dressed and get out. We don't have an upper age limit on who can come in, and the volunteers and I are all looking out for the people that come in - both volunteers and customers. So, if they come in wearing the same clothing every single time, we know that there might be an issue that needs looking into.

New people who move into the area can also get a foothold into the community through Vinnies and find out what's happening in their com-

munity.

When I first started at Vinnies, I didn't know that conference existed; I just thought it was a low-priced shop. I didn't know that extra assistance was available, because I was lucky enough to never have had to search for help.

During the 2012 floods, my family and I were trapped out on the little island that our house had become. We needed assistance with getting food, because we didn't think that we were going to flood, so there seemed to be no reason to stock up on food.

The SES came and delivered food to us. It wasn't until I started at Vinnies that I thought 'where did that food come from?' and I'm assuming that it was Vinnies.

It was couple a of boxes of food, and I assumed they were delivering to other people as well, but the man said 'no, this all for you'. It was amazing, there was all sorts of food, and I never thought about where it came from at the time.

**Do customers ever haggle to get a better price?**

Yes, sometimes. If the product has been there for a while, I'm open to haggling, but if it's new on the shelf, I'm a little bit tough. There are always lower priced items, and there's always great quality higher priced items, so there is always something there for you. And every dollar goes back into the community.

Every dollar goes towards helping people through conference, so when I am being a little bit tough, it's because I know what value that money has. It might be to put shoes on a school kids' feet, or buy them books or give them breakfast. Sometimes I might be a little bit tough because in the back of my mind I know where the money goes and how important that is.

**What are your most popular items?**

Women's tops. It's a ratio of about four tops to one pair of pants, so we try to put out as many tops as possible. It's great because we get so many donated and they're very popular. In our store particularly, kitchen ware does really well. We have modelled our store more for clothing, because that seemed to be more of a need, and having a furniture store right next door, we haven't done much furniture so we don't accept furniture - though sometimes people still drop it off in the middle of the night.

**What's the weirdest thing you've ever had donated?**

I was opening up some donated Tupperware containers one day and inside one was someone's marijuana stash. I've got a feeling that grandpa had passed away and the family just brought a heap of his stuff in and dropped it off. Whether he was in pain, or whatever, that was his little stash. In a way I'm glad that we could take it and dispose of it, and his family didn't necessarily need to know about it and derive anything from it.

**What's the most valuable thing you've ever had donated?**

Sometimes clothing will come in new with tags and they will have prices of \$300 or \$400 dollars on them. We have a pair of jeans in at the moment that are a \$350 pair of jeans. You don't ever quite know the purchase price of jewellery, but you can guess that sometimes something might be quite valuable.

I think most things are valuable to a person, and a lot of times things that come in are more sentimentally valuable than anything else.

I had a gentleman that travelled from Finley to bring his late wife's items. He donated them to us because he couldn't have coped if he'd seen his wife's items around his town. You could see the pain of him giving them away, but he didn't need them any more and he needed them to go somewhere where he thought they were valued. Sometimes the money's not important, but the sentimental value is and I think that's why sometimes people don't just throw things away; because they value them enough not to throw them away.

**Do you ever have people come in and say they've donated something, but they want it back?**

Yes, sometimes people have three or four bags of items that are definitely coming to us, and they might have one or two bags that are going to a specific place or person, and they accidentally mix up the bags. Where we can, we will absolutely help them out, because we were helped out in the first place. It gets harder if it's been a couple of weeks, then we might not be able to help out.

Right now, we're quarantining items for 48

hours, so it's much easier.

**Are you, and the volunteers, allowed to buy stuff from Vinnies?**

Yes, but it must get into the store and be available for the general public before we can buy it. We see so many wonderful items, and because we have volunteers that each have their own area of expertise that they help with, you don't see everything that comes in, when it comes in.

**Do all good quality donated items go into the shop, or are some donated directly to people who might be in need?**

It all goes into the shop for sale. If people need assistance with clothing, they normally get given a gift card through conference, and they can shop on their own. They are welcome to choose, and if they don't find anything on that day they are welcome to come back and use the gift card another day, or at another Vinnies store.

We don't tell people 'just because you need a hand, you're forced to take a certain thing'.

**There used to be a lot of stigma around buying things from op shops, do you think that still exists?**

I don't think society is completely over that, but I think it's definitely changing. At the foodbowl festival one year, we had our racks out the front and we decided to put our 'new with tags' things out the front, so the people who don't normally walk in our doors could see that we do get new items; that you can come in and find something that hasn't been worn by somebody else, and it is worth coming into have a look.

I always say that you might come into an op shop with the intention to buy something, but the op shop decides what you're leaving with, and it's not necessarily what you were thinking. I also find that if a strange item comes in, that's often the first item to go, because you don't see it in every shop, and people go 'wow!'. Sometimes we don't even know what an item is necessarily, and some of the volunteers will go 'can we work out what this is?' and I'll say 'no, but the person who buys it, knows what it is and they love it'. Or they don't know what it is, and they still love it. That's all that matters.

**You have two teenage sons - are you in the 'can't wait for it to end' stage, or the 'loving every minute of it' stage, or somewhere in between, or a mixture of both?**

I think it's going really well; I have two lovely, respectful boys. Everybody has little niggles now and then, but I try to make sure that if I'm misunderstood by the boys, maybe we go back to it later when they can listen. I try not to be reactive, and remember that it's not usually my son talking back to me, it's hormones.

I find car trips are very interesting because they are able to open up, and even if you're not hearing what you want to hear, they are willing to talk, so if you don't allow them to say what they need to, you might not get a chance to hear it ever again.

I'm working hard on my listening so that they will talk to me when I leave home.

**What do you think older generations don't understand about today's young people?**

That there's no free time for them to be bored. Kids nowadays are constantly being stimulated, and parents fill them up with activities, and if there is no activities they look for electronic devices to amuse them. That means there is no off button and they are probably highly stressed without knowing it, because they don't know any different.

Whenever one of my kids says 'I'm bored', which is rare, I say 'that's a good thing for you'. Psychologically, sometimes you need to be bored because that might breed creativity or lead to something new.

They are constantly with somebody, in some form, so it's hard for them to get to know themselves. Because they don't get much chance to be alone with their own thoughts, it's hard for them to grow like people could previously. The stresses that some kids are under are incredible. **What one issue do you feel humankind needs to resolve to ensure a positive future?**

Communication. Communication is listening as well as learning how to speak, because sometimes you might say words and the other person doesn't hear it the way you want to say it, or you haven't learnt how to say what you want the other person to hear. I think there are so many conflicts that happen because of perception and misunderstanding.

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**Wally Crozier's Gun.**—There is evidently a mistake somewhere regarding the location of the Lewis gun behind which Gunner Wally Crozier, of Numurkah, served with such distinction in France. It will be remembered that Gr. Gordon, at the June meeting of the shire council, asked that inquiries be made regarding this gun, with the object of securing it for Numurkah. The reply received by Mr A. Stringer stated that the gun had not been received in Australia. Mr Bruce Crozier has now advised us that the gun is in the Melbourne museum, and to it is attached its "history".

According to our informant, the gun was received in Melbourne five months before Gunner Crozier returned from the front.

NUMURKAH SHIRE COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, 13th JULY

Present: Crs. Schier (President), Ross, Garonne, Ball, Campbell, Thornton, Dudley, J. and G. Tuckett, Gordon, Moss.

**Ordinary Business.**

The matter of having sanitary conveniences provided at the pictures, Numurkah, was left to the riding members.

Cr. Moss moved that the arranging of ceremonies for the unveiling of the shire honor boards be left in the hands of riding members.—Carried.

Crs. Campbell and Thornton moved the necessary motion for the raising of a loan for the duplication of the Numurkah electric plant, and it was carried as was also a motion by the same councillors that the minimum rate for electric light be 2/- per month.

On the motion of Crs. G. Tuckett and Ball, it was agreed that when the office of President was held by a member of the Western or Moira riding the Revision Court be held at Nathalia. The court was fixed for July 27, at Nathalia.

Crs. Campbell and Ross moved that the telephone be installed in engineer's residence.—Carried.

Cr. Ross referred to the Barmah punt, the repair of which had not been undertaken by the owner owing to an understanding that it would be taken over by the State. It had been decided that this would not now be done. The people would be greatly put about if the punt were closed, and he moved that the President and Cr. Thornton, with ex-Cr. Maloney, wait on the Premier.—Cr. Garonne seconded.—The President said the punt would have been repaired had not the Government interfered.—Carried.

**Golf.**—Splendid entries were received by the Numurkah Golf Club for their first annual open meeting, which commenced yesterday morning, and will be concluded this afternoon. About thirty visiting players are taking part, and some very interesting play was witnessed yesterday. A full report of the event will appear in our next issue.

**The Salary Grab Protest.**—A supply of the petition forms for signature by those who are opposed to the recent advance in salaries for themselves passed by members of the Commonwealth Parliament has been received by Mr Stringer, shire secretary. Nearly all have been distributed to councillors and other citizens, and anyone desirous of signing should make it their business to do so at once, as the petitions have to be returned by Friday next.

**£10 Reward.**—It has come to the knowledge of Morris & Anderson, practical opticians, 283 Collins-street, Melbourne, that some persons canvassing from door to door in the Goulburn Valley district have been unlawfully using the name of Morris & Anderson, presenting a business card purporting to be Morris & Anderson's, representing themselves as members of the firm, and falsely stating that a representative for Morris & Anderson in this district had sent them. The firm of Morris & Anderson will pay a reward of £10 to anyone giving information that will lead to the conviction of such persons. Mr P. A. Morris, V.O.A., personally visits Numurkah on Friday every four weeks, as notified in our advertising columns and the firm employs no touts or canvassers whatsoever.

# Solo campers safe in Wunghnu

ONE of the many unfortunate outcomes of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in recent weeks, has been to make us all a little more suspicious of people from outside our own area.

So it was that the presence of a group of caravans and RVs in the carpark of Wunghnu's Institute Tavern raised a few eyebrows this week - but the *Leader* discovered that it was all good, they were just a group of solo campers who were meant to be in Western Australia.

The group had made a break from Ayson's Reserve, between Rochester and Elmore, where most of them had spent lockdown, to take in a bit of live music at the Tavern last weekend.

Publican Trish Milne said she had told the group they were welcome to stay in her carpark for a few days.

"They came to see Norm Price - the Willie Nelson impersonator - so it made sense for them to stay on site," she said.

"They all live in their vans, and none of them have come from hotspot areas - I wouldn't have them here if they had. They've all been following the rules and been very careful. And they're all lovely people," she said.

Whilst most of the visitors had moved on after the weekend, a few remained.

Glenn Watson, who is originally from Koonoomoo and has been living in his RV for three years, said every member of the group had planned to visit an RV rally in Alice Springs in May, but had been forced to stay in Victoria due to pandemic travel restrictions.

"We'd all be on the south coast of Western Australia right now if it wasn't for COVID," he said.

"As it is, we're all travelling around Victoria avoiding the lockdown areas."

Tammie, who declined to give her last name, said that she understood the large number of the mobile vehicles could have raised questions.

"We're all solo campers, so there is only one person in each vehicle, so it might look like a lot, but there's really only a few us," she said.

"We're a miscellaneous bunch. I quit my job and sold my house in Tasmania about six months ago and hit the road in my van, but I never expected to get stuck in Victoria for so long. I've been riding the winter out at my mum's house in Wangaratta for the past month or so.

"We've had a great weekend here. Everyone's been social distancing, and Trish has followed every rule to a tee."

Locals can expect to see the group around for a few more days yet, as they wait for some solar panels they have on order.

"It's nice here," Glenn said.

"But we like to be on the move."



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## Letter to the Editor



## Clearing fuzzy memories

IN an article in the June 17, 2020 edition of the *Numurkah Leader* headed 'Local Sporting Legends' featuring a former coach, Mr Eric Beitzel, the article states, 'Whilst the seniors and thirds walked away with the flag, the seconds didn't quite get there.'

In relation to the thirds, a check of the records should show that the Nathalia 3rd XVIII team, not Numurkah, won the 1962 premiership.

I trust that this correction can be made.

Colin Crane  
 Captain  
 Nathalia Football Club 3rd XVIII premiership team 1962

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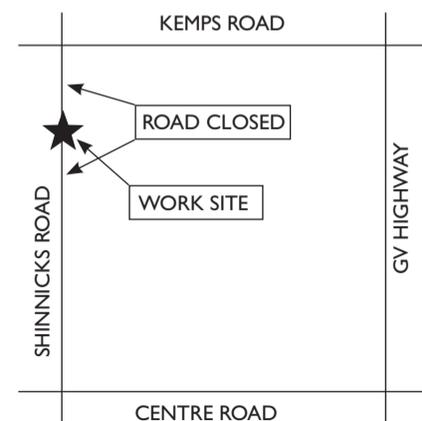
#### Shinnicks Road, NUMURKAH, Vic 3636

Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) will perform emergency work on the replacement of a road culvert on Shinnicks Road, NUMURKAH on Monday, 27 July 2020, weather permitting.

It will be necessary to close Shinnicks Road, between Kemps Road– Centre Road, to through traffic for up to 9 days. This period commences at **7.00am Monday, 27 July 2020 and concludes at 5.00pm Tuesday, 4 August 2020.** Local traffic access on Shinnicks Road will not be affected. Detour signage will be setup commencing at Kemps Road in the north and Centre Road in the south, to detour via the Goulburn Valley Highway Road.

Goulburn-Murray Water apologises for any inconvenience caused as a result of the works.

For further information please contact Mr. Ben Ross on 0437 367 400 during business hours.



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### DR THET NWE & SUSAN PATRICK

**The Medical Centre of Numurkah** is very pleased to announce that

#### Dr Thet Nwe (FRACGP)

will be joining our clinic as a general practitioner commencing

**Monday 3rd August, 2020**

Dr Thet has recently been working at Nathalia Medical Centre, previously at Wyndham House Clinic in Shepparton, and Alice Springs.

Dr Thet has a special interest in women's health, paediatrics and chronic disease management.

Dr Thet is available for appointments via phoning the clinic on 5862 2111 or online through HotDoc.

The Medical Centre of Numurkah would also like to extend a very warm welcome to

#### Susan Patrick

who has recently joined our team as a medical receptionist

## SITUATIONS VACANT



NCN Health has the following vacancies:

### Graduate Registered Nurse Program Across NCN Health

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### Palliative Care Nurse Numurkah Campus

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Visit our website for further information including position descriptions, contact details, closing dates and the application process.

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## DEATHS

### HAYLLAR – Ronald Leslie “Ron”

15-07-1933 ~ 14-07-2020

Late of Numurkah, formerly of Wagga Wagga, NSW. Passed away peacefully, aged 87 years, at Karinya, Numurkah.

Our loving Husband, Dad and Pop, dearly loved by his wife Eileen, his children and their partners Michelle and Ken (Howard); Jeff and Debbie; Lee-Arne and Brian (Davies); Danelle (McLean); Greg (Evans); Toni-Marie (Evans); Matthew and Sam; Rebecca and Kurt (Carmichael), his 18 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Gone to the Great Highway  
in the sky in his truck,  
Fishing here,  
Collecting rocks there,  
- Some of his favourite things

Ron,  
I remember the day I met you.  
I remember the day God made you mine.  
I'll remember the morning He took you.  
Until the end of time.

But among my tears and heartache.

The thing that makes me glad,  
Is that you chose me to share with you,  
The precious years we had.

In God's care you rest above.

In my heart you rest with love.

- Your loving wife Eileen

How lucky we were and very proud too.

To have a Dad, Pop and Great Pop as wonderful as you.

The tears in our eyes we can wipe away,

But our love for you will always stay.

Today, tomorrow, our whole life through,

We will always love and remember you.

- Your loving children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

A Private Graveside Service for Ron will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2020 commencing at 1 pm.

Live streaming link: <https://iframe.dacast.com/b/160340/c/534810>

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A Memorial Service to celebrate Ron's life will be held at a later date.

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### HAYLLAR – Ron.

July 14, 2020

Great mate and fishing companion over many years. Condolences to Eileen and family. Russell and Marita, and the Harris family

HAYLLAR – Ron. Executive, committee and members of Numurkah Fishing Club wish to extend their condolences to Ron's family on his recent passing. Ron was a life member of the club and great mate to all and will be sadly missed.

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## DEATHS



**HAYLLAR** — Ronald (Ron). 2/5589 2RAR (Korea) The President and Members regret the passing of our long standing esteemed member and past president Ron.

*Stand Down Soldier Your Watch Is Over*  
Sincere condolences to Eileen and the Hayllar family.

**TREBILCO** — Trevor James. Passed away at Violet Town Nursing Home. Dearly loved brother of Joyce, great mate of Colin. Much loved uncle of Jenny and Sue.

*You left us with treasured memories.*

## IN MEMORIAM

**DICK** — Gwenneth Marjorie. 17.6.1929 - 20.7.2019 Mum/Nan, Our first year without you Since you had to go away Is like summer without sunshine And winter without rain. We wish that we could talk to you There's so much we would say Life has changed so much Since you went away. We miss the bond we shared And we miss your kind support. You're in our minds, our hearts And our everyday thoughts. We always feel you close to us And though you're far from sight We search for you among the stars That shine every night.

*Forever loved*  
Louise, grandchildren Nakita, Mathew, Talitha, Tayla, Nathan, Kaylem, their partners and 10 great grandchildren.

## THANKS

### Sincere Thanks

**Joyce Sargent**  
28.11.1922 - 1.7.2020

We would like to thank everyone for their kindness following our loss of Mum/Nana Joyce/Joycee. The cards, food, phone calls, visits and flowers meant so much to us all at this very sad time in our lives. Mum was an amazing woman, a tower of strength, a loving mother and a friend to all.

Kaye, Noela, Gail, Jan, Peter and Families

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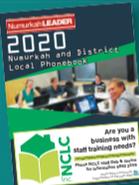
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# No letting up for Tracey

by "The Shankster"

IT'S no secret that Tracey Clouston is one of the best women golfers to have ever played the game at Numurkah, but Tracey keeps hammering home the point at the moment, taking her 10th club championship last Wednesday.

In terrific form since COVID-19 restrictions eased and the Premier allowed us back on the course again, Tracey has won a swag of events, including the Saturday nett championship just four days earlier.

Tracey held a 10 shot lead going into Wednesday's final round and increased that to take a 19 shot victory over Nola Dalton, with scores of 83, 86 and 84, for a three round total of 272 shots.

Tracey's 79 nett was also good enough to win the day's division one event, ahead of Julie Hannaford, who won a countback for runner-up with 81 nett.

Sue Plattfuss and Gayle Smith had the best nett score of the day with 78 nett, Sue winning the countback to win division two.

Balls went to Margot McGrath and Jenny Tom with 81, and Jeanette Adams, Nola Dalton, Robyn Hodgkin and Bev McIntosh, all with 82 nett.

While the battle for the club championship was going on, there was a much closer battle going on for the minor grades.

For the second consecutive year, Robyn Hodgkin took part in a playoff for the B grade title, and again failed to win, this year going down to Julie Hannaford.

Robyn and Julie were tied going into the final round, and Julie got off to a bad start, but pulled back late in the round to level the scores after 18 holes.

So it was back down the 10th hole again, which Julie played well to come off with a bogey five,

and the championship grade win.

Julie played three good rounds to also take out the nett championship.

Marie Ryan won what I believe is her first C grade championship title, but follows on from four B grade titles since 2009. Marie increased her eight shot lead by another six shots, with Norma Cullum and Sue Plattfuss finishing tied for second place.

The 20 women out on the course again on Saturday appreciated the course starting to show signs of drying out.

Di Davies had a terrific day, sinking some long putts and chipping in to come in with the best score of the day and take home the Agnews Plumbing Plus stableford trophy shirt, with 33 points.

Tracey Clouston continued her form to come in with 32 points, winning a three-way countback from Nola Dalton and Karen Harper. Margot McGrath won a countback from Rosemary Rutledge on 31 points, and Robyn Hodgkin won the last of the balls for her 27 points.

Di couldn't quite keep her weekend winning streak up, though, when she and Margot McGrath battled it out in their first round match in the Thelma McBride singles knockout.

After a great tussle that went the whole 18 holes, Margot moved into the next round with a one up win.

All four first round knockout matches have now been played. Bev McIntosh took a two up win over Julie Hannaford, and will now meet Margot in the semi final.

Bev Hutchins seems to only be able to play match-play at the moment, taking a good win over Tracey Clouston on Sunday, after holding up the field the day before.

This was a big ask for Tracey, having to give Bev



Ten and counting ... Tracey Clouston (right) with her 10th Numurkah Golf Club championship trophy, and minor winners Julie Hannaford and Marie Ryan.

a massive 13 shots, which is never easy in match-play.

Bev will now meet Robyn Hodgkin in the semi final, after Robyn delivered a golf lesson to Nola Dalton on Monday, finishing seven up with five

holes to play.

Today's golf will be a monthly medal round, Saturday will be the Numurkah Milk third round of the stableford trophy, and next Wednesday will be another stableford round.



Multi-talented ... Dylan Grandell played an almost par round of golf to win last Thursday's Numurkah competition.

## Dylan's no sporting dill

by "Rufus T. Firefly"

DYLAN Grandell, winner of last Thursday's mid-week competition at Numurkah Golf Club, is a multi-talented sporting competitor who has achieved success and renown in a variety of sports while representing the local community.

Playing off a handicap of two, Dylan amassed a total of 37 stableford points to not only win A grade, but to top the scores recorded in both divisions.

Dylan is an employee of Golf Australia and works locally with Goulburn Valley golf clubs to help establish their syllabi and junior tournaments.

Aside from being a member of Numurkah Golf Club's triple winning pennant team, Dylan has achieved further sporting success as a member of the Numurkah A grade 2019 and 2020 premierships winning cricket teams.

Runner-up to Dylan in A grade was the also multi-talented Jack Dell, on a

total of 35 points.

B grade went to an in-form Peter Malins with 36 stableford points, ahead of enigmatic Bill Padgett on 33.

Les Summerville just got under Barry Schmedje, on a countback, to win the tin of boiled lollies booby prize with a low total of 20 points.

All place getters received appropriate sporting paraphernalia as a reward for their fine endeavours and the following players earned club balls down the line: Steve Piggott and Ron Smith 34, John Smith and Tyson Woods 33, Alan Dalton, Sid Roughsedge, Mark Hegarty, Alan Rogers and Ian Clark all 32, Dennis Prosser, Hughie Gunn and Bill Green 31, Scott Hutchins 30.

Players of all grades and competitions are reminded that all bookings for club competitions can now be done online. Those without computers and/or unsure of their GolfLink numbers can check in with the kiosk for further explanation.

## Juniors jump back in

AFTER sport seasons everywhere have all been cancelled, only the very youngest future stars have been allowed to get back onto the sporting arena, with football and netball back on the agenda over the past weekend.

The Auskick and Netty programs began in very chilly conditions on Friday evening, when 35 young footballers and 15 netballers braved the conditions to learn the basic skills in their chosen sport.

Then Saturday saw the start of the under 10 and 12 competitions in the Shepparton District Junior Football League, with both local teams heading to Shepparton for their first games.

Numurkah Football Netball Club president John Beitzel said he was proud on the weekend to see so many families involved and happy to have their children out and active.

"It's been a long wait, but finally we have a chance to get our kids back out there to enjoy all the good things that team sport brings," he said.

The footballers were all presented with their new jumpers, in the reverse colours of the Numurkah seniors, after training on Wednesday night. The club has invested in new white jumpers to avoid a clash with many of the dark, Shepparton based teams' guernseys.

After four weeks training, including over the school holidays, the under 10s travelled to Kialla to play against the Southern Stars, and while no scores are kept in under 10s, the Stars definitely scored more goals than Numurkah.

Of the 16 players in the team, eight were one season veterans, while eight players made their debut for the

mighty Blues.

The boys were asked to keep to their positions - forwards not allowed past the middle, and backs to stay in their half - and, to their credit, not one player was seen crossing the line.

Goalkickers were Keyon Taylor-Wilton and Jaxson Stonehouse.

Awards: Pizza Hut: Keyon Taylor Wilson; Red Cherry Cafe: Charlie McDonald; Marie and Ron Martin socks: Mason Alexander.

Auskick and NetSetGo will continue on Friday afternoons through term two, while the under 10s and 12s will play for the next nine Saturdays.

The club is also hoping its under 14 footy team will begin playing in the Shepparton competition this weekend, while Andrea Dobson continues her Netty training and game sessions for the under 11s and 13s on Thursdays.



First one done and dusted ... Numurkah's under 10s after their game on Saturday.

Back row (from left): Xavier Hall, Mason Alexander, Keon, Daniel Schreenan, Tanner McKellar, Sole Frost, Peter Bau, Max Dudley, Angus Parkinson, Kade Rogers.

Front row: Jaxson Stonehouse, Lenny Gledhill, Toby Bell, Chase Rodda, Charlie McDonald, Marcus Rogers.



Ready to fire ... Auskick leader Rob Smith get the footballers going.



Balanced ... NetSetGo facilitator Leanne Rawson works with some of the young netty stars.

# Good numbers | Fritz Schmidt and Sunday, too

COLD conditions on Saturday didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the 30 bowlers who turned up for the Numurkah Bowls Club's Saturday social day. Numbers were boosted with support from the Picola club. The day's winners were Linda Isted, Ron

Pickersgill and Geoff Shaw, finishing ahead of Ross Higgins, Geoff Jorgensen and Paul Jones. Bowls will continue this Saturday, and new bowlers are welcome to join in. Bowlers should register by 12 noon, either in person, or by phone on 5862 1308.

THE Numurkah Small Bore Rifle Club held its first Fritz Schmidt handicap event since its return to the range post COVID-19 restrictions, last Thursday evening, and then followed it up with a Sunday afternoon shoot on the weekend. Top scorers were Derek Bradshaw with 188.5 in 20 metre benchrest, Lauren Sneddon with 186.0 in 20 metre prone, Colin Saxton with 191.4 out of 200 in 50 metre benchrest, and Glenn Braybon with 199.5 in 50 metre prone.

**Thursday's scores:**  
 20 metre benchrest: D. Bradshaw 92.1 99.4 191.5.  
 20 metre prone: L. Sneddon 86.0 91.0 177.0.  
 50 metre benchrest: C. Saxton 191.4, G. Miles 184.3, J. Matys 179.4.  
 50 metre prone: L. Braybon 97.7 99.4 196.11, R. Hill 97.4 95.5 192.6, G. Braybon 96.3 95.2 191.5, T. Braybon 98.2 93.3 191.5, H. O'Brien 95.2 94.2 189.4, A. Gibbon 95.4 93.1 188.5, G. Miles 93.2 92.0 185.2, B. Sneddon 92.4 92.0 184.4, D. Cook 91.1 88.1 179.3, J. Smith 91.1 87.0 178.2.

**Sunday scores:**  
 20 metre prone: G. Miles 96.3 92.0 188.3, B. Sneddon 86.1 93.1 179.2, L. Sneddon 76.1 83.0 159.1.  
 50 metre prone: H. O'Brien 86.1 94.3 180.4, D. Cook 85.0 93.3 178.3, A. Gibbon 87.0 81.0 168.0.  
 10 metre air: L. Braybon 273/300, G. Braybon 266/300, D. Cook 228/300.  
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# LOCAL SPORTING LEGENDS

## Strathy man through and through

IF John Ryan had harboured any kind of desire to play football for any club other than Strathmerton, his name may well have ended up in the history books as one of the great centre half forwards of the 50s and 60s.

Nine out of the 12 VFL teams at the time - everyone bar Carlton, Richmond and Essendon - approached John, but he wasn't interested.

"I never had any desire to play in Melbourne, I didn't like Melbourne and I still don't," he said.

"I had a little parcel of farmland - each of me and my three brothers did and we had to get started on it - and I wanted to focus on that."

The campaign to get the handy Strathy centre half forward into the VFL started by chance when a talent scout from the city came to watch a game at Albury.

"Melbourne footy club was chasing this bloke, Jimmy Sandle, who came from Corowa. They sent a talent scout to watch him in the country championship at Albury and I was playing against him and the talent scout saw me," John said.

"Then we were playing at Deni one day soon after and the scout was there again to watch me. We were getting a bit of a hiding, and he was going to leave at half time, but thought he'd give it another quarter. In the second half I got put on the ball, and I got a few kicks and we made a comeback and almost caught them.

"He decided he'd come and talk to me back at Strathy, but he got there before me because we made a bit of a stop on the way home, so he didn't catch me that day. They came and saw me a few times, but I always said no."

Though other teams approached him, Melbourne chased John the hardest, and didn't give up easily.

"They won the premierships in 1955, '56 and '57, but they didn't have anyone settled into the centre half forward position, so they kept chasing me," John said.

"They offered to put a man on the farm for me so I could play for them, but I said no.

"In 1958, when I was 23, they still wanted me and they had us as guests to the grand final, but they were playing Collingwood and I was a Collingwood supporter so I was barracking for them and they won.

"In 1959, they said if I came down and trained on Tuesday and Thursday I'd get a game on the Saturday, but I said no. Then, a few weeks later, they'd lost a few games and still needed a centre half forward, and they said if I came and trained on the Thursday I'd get a game on the Saturday and again I said no."

Despite being sought after by VFL clubs, John is modest about his talent on the field, but he does have a theory about why he was seen as such a hot commodity.

"Bill Limbrick, who was secretary of the Murray league for years, said I was 10 or 15 years ahead of my time because of the way I played," he said.

"If I took a mark and there was half a chance of hand-balling it forward, I played it on. When I was a kid I saw old Frank Bourke play over at Nathalia, and it always struck me how he'd handball it 20 yards to someone who was out in the clear, where most blokes would stop and go back and take a kick.

"I always loved that play-on style of footy and that was how I played, and I think that was why they wanted me."

Even when Collingwood ap-

proached him, John wasn't tempted to change his position.

"I never even seriously considered playing in the VFL, even when Collingwood approached me. I was happy where I was, and I've never regretted it one bit."

It wasn't just John's aversion to the city that caused him to knock back offers; paid or not, he was a Strathy man through and through.

"A few teams in the Goulburn Valley league made me offers as well but I always said no," he said.

"Billy Stevens was the coach at Fitzroy when they approached me. Later he came up and coached Yarrowonga and one of the first things he did was try and get me over there."

No prizes for guessing what answer Billy got to that question.

This is all especially impressive given that John didn't even see an Aussie Rules football until he was around 10 years old, and didn't see a game for a couple of years after that.

"I was born in 1935 and by the time I started school the war had started, and there was no football played during the war," he said.

"I started primary school in 1940, at Ulupna, around 12km out of Strathy. We used to walk about a mile and a half across the paddocks to get there. Our teacher wasn't interested in sports, and our sport equipment consisted of one tennis ball which we kicked around for a game of rounders," he said.

"I had three brothers, and a family friend, Jim O'Brien, gave us four boys a football which we used to kick around at home and take to school as well. We had to milk the cows before we went to school, so someone would be kicking the footy while someone else was milking the cows.

"We didn't know any rules of football, so we just used to play kick to kick and run around with it.

"We wore it out every few weeks and dad used to take it into the shed and patch it up."

Not long after, John saw his first game of football.

"Strathy had a team made up of blokes from all over. We didn't get to see much footy because petrol was still rationed then, and dad usually wanted the car to go somewhere else. But mum and dad were quite keen on sport, so that was pretty handy.

"When I saw my first game I reckoned it was terrific, and I really wanted to play."

John's first proper game of football was still around five years away, but he did get to be part of the local competition through other means.

"When I was 13, I ran the boundary for Strathy and got paid £3.10 for the season and one final - it was the first cheque I ever got."

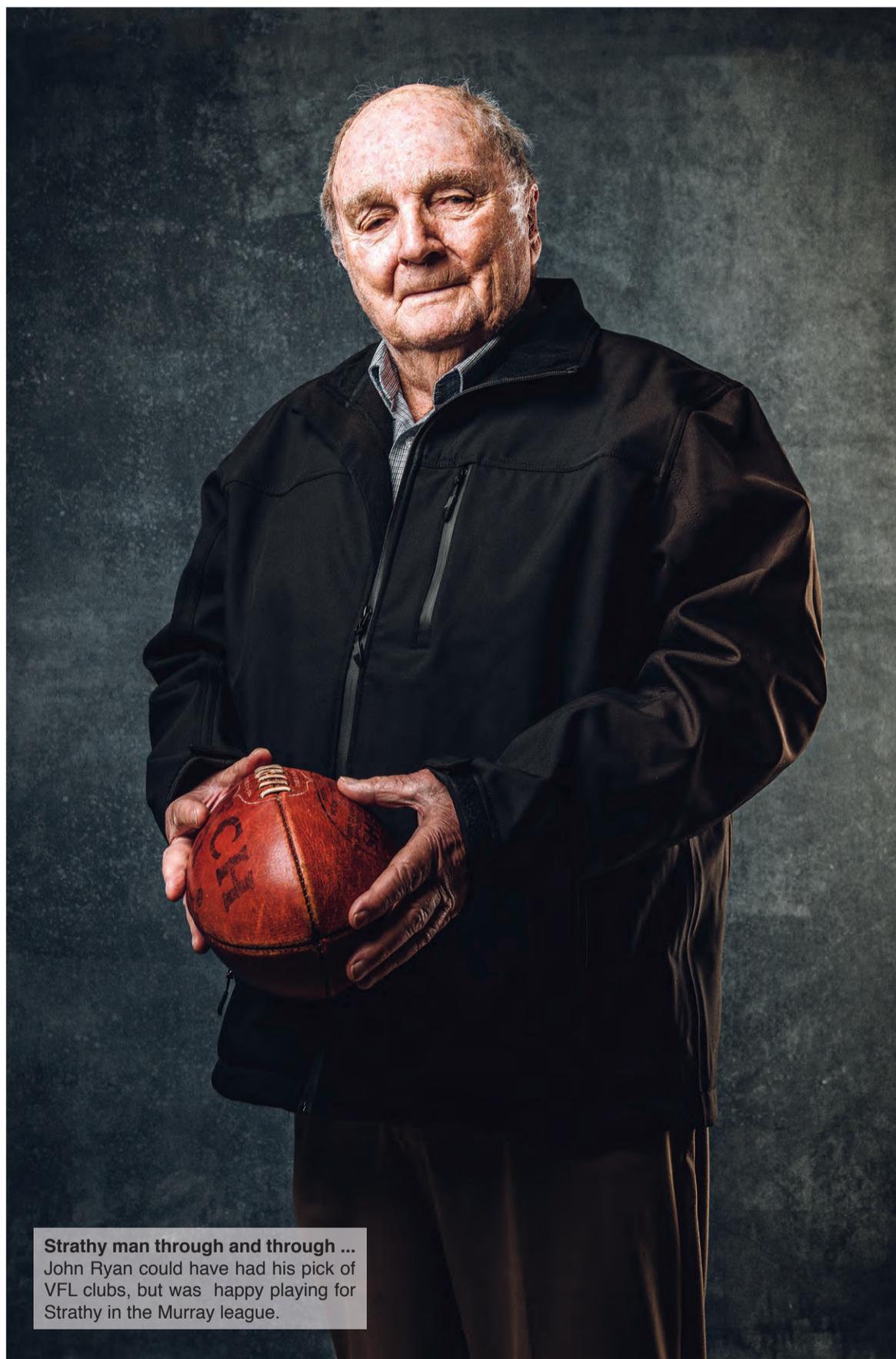
John started playing for Strathy in 1951, when he was 15, going straight into the seniors due to lack of numbers.

"If they'd had a few more blokes around I probably wouldn't have gotten a game," he said.

"Just after the war though, a lot of the blokes who came back were getting to a fair age and had spent most of their best playing years at war, so they needed players, and a few young blokes like me got on the team."

By then, John was attending high school in Numurkah, riding his bike three miles before catching a bus the last half a mile to school.

"The Numurkah kids used to spend the week before we played Numurkah



**Strathy man through and through ...**  
John Ryan could have had his pick of VFL clubs, but was happy playing for Strathy in the Murray league.

telling us how much they were going to beat us by on the weekend, and we knew they were going to beat us, because for the first few years we got the hell beat out of us every game - we'd kick three goals and they'd kick 18 or 20," he said.

"Then we spent the week after hearing all about the hiding they'd given us.

"We didn't know what a decent player was, because we'd never really played with one."

Gradually, that started to change, under the guidance of a good coach.

"We got a bloke named Jimmy Edwards from Oakleigh who came and coached us, and he taught us how to look after ourselves and each other," John said.

"There were three or four old blokes, and half a dozen blokes in their early 20s, and then the rest of us were kids. Most of the older blokes had never really had much coaching, and us kids

didn't know much of anything really.

"Jimmy brought us together as a team, and we improved a fair bit and started winning."

Strathmerton's gradual improvement culminated in it winning the 1956 grand final.

"Winning that 1956 grand final was the highlight, and the greatest achievement, of my playing years. Nothing ever equalled that.

"My three brothers Tom, Jim and Des, played for Strathy as well, and the four of us played together in that 1956 premierships."

Once John had a taste for football, he played every chance he got.

"After a few years they introduced a seconds competition which played on Sunday, and I played about five games in that each season, as well as playing seniors," he said.

"I played inter-league games and country championships as well. A lot of locals reckoned you shouldn't play

in the inter-league games because you might get injured, but if I got offered a game I'd play; I'd play footy any chance I got.

"I loved playing footy with my mates; I loved the camaraderie of football. You got to meet a hell of a lot of people through football, and you knew them for the rest of your life.

"I was great mates with a lot of people who played on opposing teams, but that didn't matter when you were on the field; once it was on, it was on.

"The competition was one of the things I loved most about the game - it was no good being second, you had to win.

"When it was over you were all mates again, until next time.

"It's surprising where you see people you've met through football; a couple of years ago I was in Horsham and I saw someone who said they'd played footy against me when I was young. Football's got a big reach."

# LOCAL SPORTING LEGENDS

Though he'd repeatedly turned down offers to play in the VFL, John did get a taste of what it might be like, when he played, and beat, St Kilda as part of a combined Murray league team.

"They had a couple of blokes away, and they probably didn't bring their best team up, but they were still a good team," he said.

"I played centre half forward and had three different players on me throughout the course of the game, so I must have been doing alright and getting a kick."

Other highlights of John's playing years included winning the Murray league's best and fairest award, the O'Dwyer medal, five times.

Unlike today there was never a big ceremony or presentation for the O'Dwyer medal.

"They used to count the votes on a Sunday morning and I'd get a call from the Strathy secretary to tell me I'd won," he said.

"In my final year they broadcast the call on the radio from Deni. I'd had a late night the night before and I was still in bed, and my mum came in and told me I'd won. They made the presentation after the grand final each year."

John also won Strathy's own best and fairest award a number of times, but he doesn't know how many.

"I know my brothers beat me a few times, they were handy players as well and we all won it at least once."

Every sporting career has its disappointments though, and John's was no exception.

"The next time we played in the grand final was against Cobram, and we lost," he said.

"They had four or five paid players that they'd brought up from Melbourne - we didn't have any - and they'd been undefeated all year.

"Every game, you had to go in thinking positive, but in the back of our minds I dare say we were thinking that things were really going to have to crack our way for us to have a chance of beating them. We put the pressure on them, but they just had a bit more skill in their team."

John's third grand final, in 1964, would be his last - and his last game ever, at the age of 29.

"I knew before the '64 season started that there was a 90% chance it would be my last year," he said.

"I'd played 238 consecutive games; I played for three years before that and then missed one game for my sister's wedding.

"I wanted to go out while I was still playing good footy, and while I hadn't had any bad injuries. I had an uncle who finished up with a crook knee through footy and he was a big fella later on and that knee made it hard for him.

"I always said I'd rather get out a year or two too soon, than a day too late."

The events of John's last game suggest he chose the perfect time, as Strathy beat Numurkah in the grand final by 10 goals.

"To go out with a grand final win - and to beat Numurkah too after all the stick I'd taken from them at school - was the best way to go out.

"I won the O'Dwyer medal that year as well, so I couldn't have asked for a better way to go out. I walked away very happy."

Even as he left, knowing his love of the game, a lot of people told John he'd be back.

"I knew I wouldn't be," he said.

"A lot of people would retire for a year or two and then come back and they'd end up with an injury, and I wasn't going to let that happen."

John stayed at the club as a committee member and selector for at least another decade, as well as acting as a selector for the Murray league for a few years, and whilst he had played his last game of football, he still had more victories to claim in local sport.

"I also won the premiership in my last games of cricket and tennis as well, within a year or so of my last game of football," he said.

"I'd played both over the years, but I didn't play tennis and cricket in the same season, because you couldn't really, but I'd played them both while I was playing football.

John played his last game of tennis in the 1965 grand final for Strathy.

"Strathy had a pretty handy tennis team, and either they or Cobram were going to win it. They had a kid who'd just done his HSC and was going to university in Melbourne. People didn't go up and down to Melbourne then like they do now, so he left the team.

"They asked me to fill in from after Christmas through the finals, and we won."

John had played A grade cricket, but mostly played B grade.

"B grade played on a Sunday, so you could play one day games, and that suited me better.

John won both batting and bowling awards for Strathmer-ton, and for the league, in B grade, and played in the winning A grade grand final team in 1966/67 season.

"Lance Oswald wanted me to play in the Murray league team for the inter-league final in 1966/67, but I said no because I didn't have long whites and I wasn't going to buy a pair of pants for only one game," he said.

"Lance said 'don't worry about that, I'll get you a pair of strides.' We played in Nagambie and won on the Saturday, and I reckon those pants were returned to Kraft on the Monday."

John still enjoys going to the football.

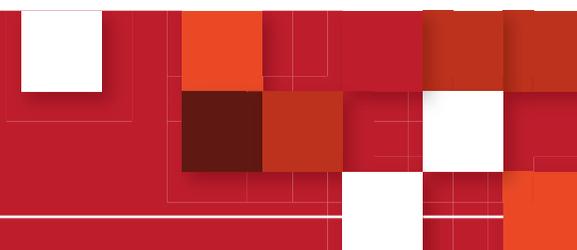
"I still enjoy going to the footy and seeing people. It's still a meeting place and you see people you know from town and from the opposition. That's what I enjoy about it," he said.

"Even if we're away, in Horsham or Warracknabeal or somewhere, I'll go to the footy if it's on. I love a game of country footy on a Saturday afternoon."



League best and fairest ... John Ryan being presented with two of his five O'Dwyer medals (above and below).





# Strathy man through and through

**IF John Ryan had harboured any kind of desire to play football for any club other than Strathmerton, his name may well have ended up in the history books as one of the great centre half forwards of the 50s and 60s... Story page 14**

## Jaydo emerges from hibernation

by "Archie Bunker"

JAHLAN Lau has not played a lot of golf in recent times, but he showed no signs of rust on Saturday when he won the Numurkah Golf Club's daily event and A grade with a magnificent score of 41 points.

We hear that Jaydo was a bit wayward on occasion, however his brute strength and some precision in his short game belied his time away from the game.

A fantastic field of 74 men slogged it out in the Agnews Plumbing Plus

second round of the stableford trophy, on a course which is starting to dry out nicely, which showed in the scores.

Runner up to Jaydo, with 38 points, was Nathalia youngster Brayden Summerville.

Alan Rogers has continued his good form and was the B grade winner with a nicely compiled 40 points, outscoring Tom Trewin by one point.

Neil Hutchins' practice on some dry courses around Mildura during the week held him in good stead, and

he topped the ball winners with 38 points, winning a countback from Hughie Gunn and Garry Hosie. Balls also went to Graeme Montgomery, Tyson Woods, Kevin Morland, Ian Clark and Scott Hutchins, all with 37 points, Peter Malins and Michael Eckard on 36, Geoff Stone, Mitch Grandell, Jack Dell and Ryan Sprunt on 35, and the last of the ball winners all scored 34 points, going to Mark Hegarty, Nick Fothergill, Andrew McKeown, Steve Piggott, Barry Pruden and captain Ron Smith tak-

ing home the last ball.

The final of the Jack Roche fourball event was played on Sunday between Steve Thornton and Pater Malins, and David Booth and Jordy Clelland. The match was a closely fought contest all day, requiring a 19th hole to be played before Steve and Peter could finally claim victory in this event for their first time.

The singles knockout final between David Ludington and Andy McKeown was played on Friday with David finally breaking his duck, after

four runner-up finishes, and securing his first win in this annual honour board event.

In another closely fought match-play contest, David needed to draw on all of his experience and guile to claim victory from Andy at the final hole.

This Saturday's golf will be the Numurkah Milk third round of the stableford trophy. Don't forget online booking is now available for Saturday and Thursday golf, so get your names down early

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