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POLLIES ON TOUR



Senator Bridget McKenzie, Member for Mallee, Dr Anne Webster and Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia, Keith Pitt.

By Lloyd Polkinghorne

Last week the stars aligned, the heavens opened and upon rays of golden light came a contingent of politicians and bureaucrats to witness what the current water policy decisions are doing to our economy, food producers and environment.

The attendance of such dignitaries was less to do with heavenly intervention, but mainly blood, sweat and tears by those who tirelessly advocate to end the government sanctioned destruction.

Central Murray Environmental Floodplain Group hosted Federal Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia, Keith Pitt, Senator Bridget McKenzie and Member for Mallee, Dr Anne Webster. Along for the day was also Andrew Reyn-

olds, Executive Director of River Management at the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and Lyn O'Connell, Deputy Secretary Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

After the initial introduction in Gunbower, the party, flanked by Australian Federal Police officers, travelled to the property of John Toll. John runs a mixed sheep and cropping enterprise on 800 hectares and takes an integrated approach to agriculture and the environment. Planting over 40,000 trees over the past 20 years, not only are they a source of feed and shelter for the sheep but they also provide a wonderful habitat for native wildlife including birds, snakes, lizards, ants and bugs. Bird watchers have docu-

mented 45 different species of birds.

John spoke of the important role water plays to the whole farm, from production to ecosystem function.

Second stop was the historic Gunbower Estate homestead. Mal Johnson led the group along the majestic Gunbower Creek. Mal grew up on the property and has seen many changes over the years. Under the current management, Mal has witnessed the creek eroding, taking areas that had been revegetated. Silt, aquatic weeds, tree poisoning and a lack of listening to local wisdom was also conveyed.

An educational look at the factors affecting dairy farmers was next. Jodie Hay presented a powerful message on how water reform has impacted the dairy industry and the

toll it has on community and the broader environment. Jody's crystal-clear communication was reinforced by a look at the wastewater settling ponds behind the dairy, the ponds were teeming with birdlife. Five species of ducks, swans, and spoonbills all happily enjoying the broader 'environment'.

The tour then headed downstream following the Gunbower Creek to the Hipwell Regulator. The regulator is utilised in delivering environmental water to the Gunbower Forest. Geoff Wakeman raised questions regarding the literature and objectives for the water programs. Information released by departments appear at odds with the historical and geographical realities of the area. Other factors including

the water delivery limitations, explosion of the weed burden in the forest, lack of fish connectivity and water quality were also raised.

Fish trapping conducted on the site during environmental water events caught 5,000 young carp every hour entering the Gunbower Creek from the forest.

After a quick stop at the Gateway Information Centre for morning tea the group headed out to Reedy Lagoon. Aunty Esther Kirby spoke of the values the forest held for the Barapa Barapa people. From burial grounds, food sources and spiritual significance, Aunty Esther spoke passionately about water being for the land and the people, not for trading by foreign investors.

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Clear Message from Minister Visit

Dear Editor,

There was one very clear message that I took from the visit to our region this week by Water Minister, Keith Pitt, and his entourage – either the Federal Government is not listening, or it doesn't care.

Tossing a few crumbs to 'development' projects in the region is not going to return the prosperity that has been taken away through lost water. While \$34 million in grants might sound impressive – and is a clever political way to divert attention from the real problems – it is chicken feed compared to the economic value that has been removed.

The problem we face is there is no longer reliable water availability in our region, despite it being the closest to the water storages and therefore the most efficient to deliver and use productively. This is exacerbated by an inability to address unintended and adverse consequences

of the Basin Plan, along with the problems we have around water trading. How can we compete against foreign traders who have no interest in growing the food needed for our nation and the world, yet are not even required to pay capital gains tax on their earnings (unlike Australian investors)?

What chance, when our government is unwilling or unable to address numerous fundamental flaws which it has allowed to develop in water management and policy, yet what we saw from Mr Pitt this week suggests there is no desire for change?

This is occurring even though, as a nation, we are jeopardising our staple food security as we have seen during the COVID-19 pandemic. This time last year we were importing wheat, now we are importing rice and dairy products after Australia ran out of domestically produced rice. (Don't forget, Australian rice farmers are recognised as the most ef-

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ficient in the world. Yet our government won't even develop policy that supports reliability for this essential food.)

Is this the nation we want into the future, where we expose ourselves to world markets through an inability to be self-sustainable? A key problem that Mr Pitt and his government colleagues (including our own Senator Davey and Sussan Ley) will not acknowledge and fix are issues around the huge volumes of water that are being wasted because, with questionable science and a failure to account for the impacts of climate change, we have

legislative requirements to send huge volumes to the lower ends of the system. This cannot be done without damaging riverbanks and unnecessarily flooding forests, which not only causes immense environmental damage but also wastes precious water that could be used to grow food.

This all makes one thing glaringly obvious from Minister Pitt's visit this week – in the political game of winning seats and votes, we are dispensable. The government believes it will retain the seat of Farer despite local protests, while at the same time not risking political damage in

South Australia or losing important environmental votes in capital cities.

It has no intention of addressing the real problems that have been created by a Basin Plan built on poor science, nor the unintended consequences of water trading and investing. Our government does not care that policy developed to protect the environment is in fact destroying it.

All that matters is political survival, and if there has to be sacrificial lambs along the way, then so be it.

Yours faithfully,

Laurie Beer

Mayrung, NSW

Moovin' on up

Has the Bridge Newspaper closed? Is Lloyd now homeless? Or was the pressure of rural journalism just too great? No, we were long overdue for a renovation!

The hammers are in full demolition mode to turn this caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly, or at least a moth? Time will tell... Now, how to put this thing back together...

In the meantime, you can find us at 35 Mellool Street, or, depending on your vintage, the Rechabite Hall, or the former Jehovah's Witnesses Church, or even 145m NNE up the street.



Sunday, March 14
Ride/Run/Walk

AWMA Water Control Solutions
Cohuna Bridge to Bridge
Island Road, Cohuna
www.bridgetobridge.org.au

If the Bridge to Bridge is cancelled, all events will revert to virtual events.

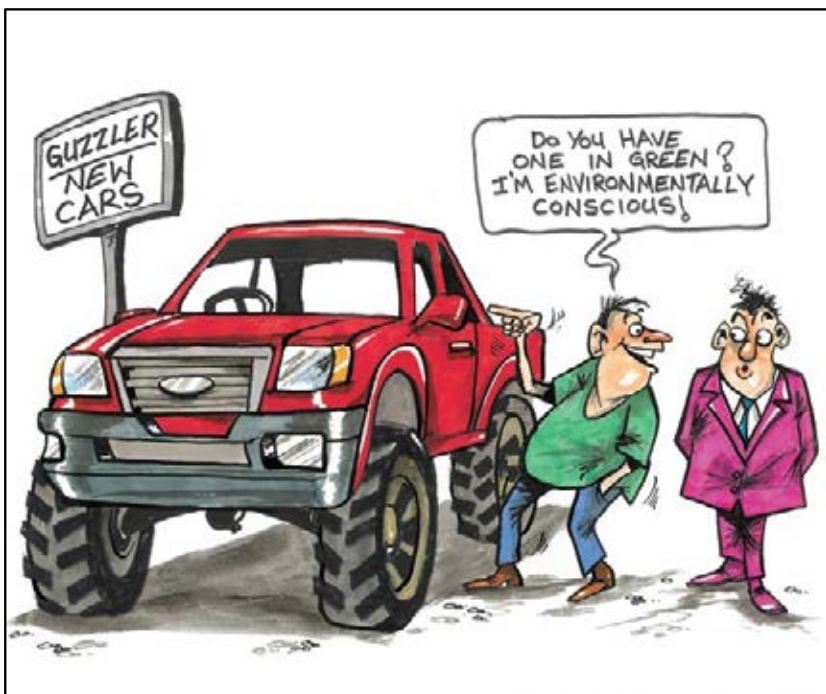
- Mawson's Mini Miller
- H2H Digital 6.5km Fun Run/Walk
- Gannawarra Shire Council 12.5km Trail Run
- Cohuna Auto Electrical 21.1km Trail Run
- Riverine Herald 6.5km Junior Cycle
- 25km Cycle
- 50km Cycle
- Virtual Options for Each Event

A major fundraiser for the



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KOONDROOK GENERAL STORE



Mal Johnson.

Pollies on Tour

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Frank Trezise, local farmer, also echoed the significance of Reedy Lagoon, Gunbower Forest, the Murray and the Gunbower Creek. Frank spoke of his family history in the region and the importance of watching nature for signals or indicators of health. Frank had a collection of photographs to show of the changes to the area.

It was sadly at this point Minister Pitt had to leave the tour to take part in parliamentary duties, as the bus tour headed for Koondrook. Then Senator McKenzie's car followed Minister Pitt instead of the bus, leaving the tour two politicians down.

The bus wound its way through Gunbower Forest showing Black Swamp, where saplings have taken over, and the five ways intersection where there is a stark comparison between the artificial flooded and non-flooded forest areas, with non-flooded having significantly more life.

The final destination of the day was the entrance to the Guttrum Forest. Here Skeeta Verhey and Steve Thomas spoke of the importance

the forest had to them. Steve described the forest as their backyard and something that locals were passionate about protecting and wanted it managed holistically. Weeds, fire risk, salinity, access, and the Victorian Floodplain Restoration Project were all flagged as concerns.

The Murray and the current erosion crisis were the final talking points; a \$13 billion plan to 'save the Murray' destroying the river, erosion at a rate far greater than the last 100 years of river regulation. A river is a living, breathing ecosystem, not a drain, a water plan that dries out our mid Murray Floodplains and forces more water downstream at any cost.

The messages on the day were powerful and authentic, from a broad cross section of the community.

To fix this mess will take more than money and grandstanding, it will take leadership, wisdom, humility, common sense and working for the betterment of all Australians, not always qualities associated with politics.

BARHAM RSL SUB BRANCH NOTES



The RSL AGM was attended by 16 members on Sunday, February 28. The President, Greg Hall, gave his verbal report for 2020. RSL members have been invited to join with other members for camaraderie in attending the Billy Joel concert at the Club on Saturday, May 1. The painting of the water tower was discussed regarding when it might happen, and the artwork. Financial support is being sought to as-

sist with costs. The RSL will be having a Dawn Service on Anzac Day this year.

The Riverina District Council of RSL NSW held its AGM at Tocumwal on February 13. A veteran of Coleambally, who is turning 100 years old on April 2, is aiming to march in Sydney on Anzac Day. He is the last WW2 member remaining of his unit. Woolworths are selling tokens prior to Anzac and Remembrance Days in

some districts. Community members are encouraged to purchase tokens from RSL members which, in turn, support the veterans, the local RSL and the local community. Petrol cards are now available to NSW residents, so members are encouraged to take up this generous offer from the NSW Government. Apply by visiting the Murray River Council office, by phone or online.

Gannawarra NEWS

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The next edition of Council's bimonthly newsletter, *Gannawarra Connect*, will be delivered to homes throughout the Gannawarra this week. This newsletter is one of the many ways Council promotes major initiatives, services, projects and programs to our residents. To view past editions of *Gannawarra Connect*, visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/newsletters
Kind regards,
Mayor Charlie Gillingham



IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, 17 MARCH

COHUNA (10.30am - 12 noon)

KERANG (4pm - 5.30pm)

NOTE: Bookings must be made prior to attending any of Council's immunisation sessions, which can be done by phoning (03) 5450 9333. It is encouraged that only one parent/guardian attend with the child to be vaccinated. Anyone showing any COVID-19 symptoms, or those who are in isolation, should not attend. For more details, please visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/immunisation

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting of Council will be held at the Kerang Senior Citizens Clubrooms on Wednesday, 17 March 2021 at 6.30pm. This meeting will be livestreamed at

www.gsc.vic.gov.au/livestream

Residents can submit questions to Council for consideration during Question Time. Forms, which must be submitted by 5pm the day before each meeting, are available online at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/QuestionTime or from Council's Customer Service Centres.

TENDERS

- Morton Garner Pavilion – Cohuna Recreation Reserve

For more information and to submit a tender, please visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/tenders



YOUNG ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

Council congratulates Aquatics Officer, Kieran Schneider on being presented the 2021 LGPro Young Citizen of the Year.

The award, which recognises high achieving Victorian local government staff aged 30 years and under, acknowledges Kieran's work in leading a significant change program with aquatic services within the Gannawarra.

OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL SEASON ENDS 14 MARCH

The Cohuna and Kerang swimming pools will close for the 2020/21 season at 7pm Sunday, 14 March. Council thanks residents for their support of both venues during the 2020/21 season.

For those wanting to continue water activities after 14 March, the Kerang Exercise Pool, located at Patchell Plaza, is open 7am-2pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, as well as 11am-2pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. For bookings, phone (03) 5450 9345 during business hours.

For more information on public swimming pools located within the Gannawarra, visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/pools



KERANG CBD REDEVELOPMENT

Council released the design of the Kerang CBD Redevelopment – Stage 2 last week, with the project focusing on improving Scoresby Street between Fitzroy and Victoria streets.

Developed following discussions with the community in September 2020, the works will provide a link between the Kerang Railway Station, the Victoria Square precinct and the Kerang Open Space Precinct.

Key features of the design include the planting of extra trees along Scoresby Street, increased seating, bicycle racks and dedicated outdoor dining spaces.

These works complement improvements occurring along Scoresby Street between Albert and Boundary streets.

To view the design, please visit

www.gsc.vic.gov.au/KerangCBD

The \$1.317 million Kerang CBD Redevelopment – Stage 2 is funded by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

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From the Lions Den



We all know it's autumn, a few beautiful trees really showing their colours, leaves everywhere, the gum trees along the river and the trees in the streets are really making a display of dry leaves and dust. If only the wind would stop blowing, the roly pollys around the roads will soon be taking off.

Lion's members gathered for our business meeting. Lion Garry was in the chair, with apologies from President Rob and several members. Secretary John had a quiet night of funds requests letters and handed out our bulletins. It appears the head office won't be posting them anymore, probably cost of postage is becoming excessive. I know I can't count the letters that arrive in my box on my fingers, cheaper to phone my small group of friends and relations than write.

A reminder to members that the dinner meeting is being catered for, but no students entered in Youth of the

Year, pity. Note that Greg Gin of Kerang Lions is to be the speaker. Greg is a fifth generation Australian. Daniel Burbury tells me his son is a sixth generation Australian, family settling in Tasmania a long time ago.

This weekend, Lions will be catering for a men's breakfast. The menu is organised, we only need some folk to turn up Friday afternoon to set up, and Saturday morning to cook and wash up. I know nothing about this function, so might have to turn up to find out about it.

Lions Allan and Rose attended this year's Convention; only one day but usual events. Allan was very impressed with one speaker and told us she started at a very young age with junior school public speaking, then Youth of the Year and still going on with all things she can take part in.

Lion Graham spoke on the skateboard event held last weekend, highly successful. Also in aid of the appeal

for James Lang, a Show and Shine at the show grounds. For our members on April 18, Club Development Day. We are to supply snacks 10am to 4pm. We are also expected to attend.

Nice to hear that Cohuna is having their annual show, I think only one day.

Some clubs are getting back into activities. Janet's bindi harvesting must have stirred the shire. I see a shire man spraying weeds where the primary school kids get on the buses. They will soon be able to go a lot further east along Wakool Street and spray the roly pollys. Shows what happens when you don't stop them blowing around the streets.

That's all, folks. Hope to see you all at the next dinner.

— Ev. McC

Wakool Show News

Despite the odds, the Wakool Show is going ahead this weekend, and organisers are confident they have ticked most of the boxes required to make a great family fun evening.

Gates will open to the public at 3pm but pavilion items will need to be on hand for processing and judging no later than 12 noon. This year's pavilion entries have been limited to Edward and Murray River Shires and the committee apologises to anyone disappointed by this decision.

If you have put your COVID-19 time to good use and decluttered your life, a trash and treasure market will commence at 5pm. Sites can be secured at \$10 and you'll need to bring your own trestle table and chair by about 4.30pm to set yourself up.

There will be no equestrian events on Saturday, but novelties will take place on Friday evening from 5pm.

Following the official opening at 6pm, Miss and Master Tiny Tot will kick off, closely followed by Miss Junior Showgirl and Miss Autumn. Whilst the young ladies are wowing the judges, a Lego challenge will be available for the young men: teams of two, with five minutes of planning time and 30 minutes of construction time. Prizes for the winners have been donated by Trend of Barham.

The Ginger Lowry Shearing Challenge is on again following last year's success and the Aussie guys will be keen to wrest back the trophy from the Kiwis. Both teams will be led off by the female shearers, with the males of each team to follow.

To give organisers time to present awards and load up the shorn sheep, there will be the opportunity to finally find out the answer to that question you've been pondering, 'Which would win

a barrel race – a single runner, a horse and rider or a motorcycle and rider?' Three young locals will pit their skills against each other in this gruelling event.

Jo and Don from Restdown Wines have been invited to share their expertise and produce and can be found at the rear of the licenced bar.

The canteen will be providing everything your family will need to sustain them through the evening's line up of entertainment. Music will be provided by 'Endangered Species', and a few surprises within.

Please be patient when coming through the gates as we are required to sign everyone in and issue wristbands. If you don't have a wristband inside the showground, you will be required to undergo additional COVID-19 checks.

Hoping to see a huge turn up!

FOOD NETWORK GROUP

Come along and explore opportunities to innovate and collaborate with other local producers

On the 10th Feb 2021, Western Murray Land Improvement Group (WMLIG) and *Regionality* facilitated an initial meeting of local food producers to scope if there was interest in establishing a regional food network.

The attendees were very keen to see a regional food group established with our support. The opportunity to build the region's reputation as a high quality and diverse food region was one of the aims identified.

Those attending were keen to explore how regional producers could work together to share knowledge and collectively solve some other business challenges such as joint marketing and distribution.

We are currently planning our next steps, so it's important to ensure we are meeting the needs of local producers. We welcome all local producers and brands involvement at our next meeting on 18th March at Murray Connect where we will work towards identifying what the industry needs from a food group and how to go about achieving it.

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by 16th March to admin@westernmurraylig.org for catering purposes. For more information call Leigh Fletcher 0429 144 743.

For further information about this program please visit www.westernmurraylig.org/wakool-agri-innovation



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Water and the Environment



Western Murray
Land Improvement Group **regionality**

This project was funded by the Australian Government under the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program.



**Murray Connect
Thursday 18th March
11am -1pm**



Your Wellness
By Monique Gibson

Body Work to Manage Stress

It is not uncommon for people to be stressed. Your stress response is triggered the same way it was once triggered when you had to run away from a tiger about to eat you. Therefore, it fuels you with a surge of energy to help you. You can use movement soon after the stressful event to bring the body back to hormonal balance.

Dr Joe Dispenza talks about how, on average, people are spending 70% of their life in stress. There are different ways to tackle your stress levels. This week I am going to go over seven different ways of implementing body work to manage your stress.

- Exercise: consider if you prefer low or high intensity and choose a form of exercise that is going to put you into the 'flow state'. This is when you are absorbed in the activity and being challenged enough to keep you engaged. Choose activities that allow you to fall into a rhythm of breath and movement to help engage your relaxation response.
- Yoga: this is great because it incorporates physical exertion and breath focus and requires you to slow your breath, which is going to calm your nervous system, as well as incorporating 'stilling' the mind.
- Movement: this is something gentler in comparison to vigorous exercise; walking, gentle dancing, tai-chi or qigong are a few examples. Like yoga, they can involve moving the body and incorporating breath focus.
- Walking meditation: this can be easier than sitting meditation and involves creating

a stronger level of awareness of your surroundings as you walk. Walk with a meditator focus and pay attention to the physical feeling of the surface on your feet, the sun on your face, the sounds of nature, and the sight of your feet stepping.

- Breath: bringing your attention back to your breath can be one of the keys to reduce your stress response. Always remember to come back to the breath, and to taking in slow deep breaths until you feel yourself relaxing.
- Massage: this is a great way to help with relaxation. It is also a great way to get physical touch, which is helpful for our nervous system to relax.
- Sleep: sleep and stress are very correlated. High stress leads to poor sleep and poor sleep can lead to feeling stressed. It is so important when you are trying to reach optimal health and wellness that you factor in your quality of sleep and sleeping habits. Try different techniques for yourself and allow yourself permission to gravitate towards what feels most comfortable for you. Sometimes there can be a larger discomfort when you are first starting out because you are allowing yourself the space to stop and pay attention to the stress in an effort to remove it. Do not resist this discomfort and try to avoid it, it is only going to be pushed down and added to the stress sitting right under the surface of what you are already feeling. What is one thing you can incorporate this week to reduce your stress levels?

MOULAMEIN CWA NEWS

The members of the Moulamein CWA would like to thank everybody that purchased a ticket in their recent Tattsлото Competition.

The major prizes of \$100 were won by Dennis Stevens from Barham, Lola Russ and Nicole Russell from

Moulamein and Kirsty O'Grady.

The numbers were all above twenty four except for one lonely two.

The demand has been very strong to have another competition so keep your ears open and watch Facebook for developments please.

Lions Easter Mardi Gras set to Return

The Mardi Gras is definitely on this Easter Saturday. It will be held in the Riverside Park from 4pm till dark. We did not get to celebrate Christmas Eve this year so this is a chance to get together again for Easter. It is a great chance to catch up with friends and a chance for those who are coming back for the weekend to renew old friendships. Come along and help us celebrate autumn in Barham. Definitely the best time of the year.

This year we have the spinning wheel, fairy floss, snow cones, jumping castle and a barbecue run by the boys from the Support Langy group. As with tradition, we are offering local organisations a chance to run a stall or a raffle to be drawn on the night. If you want your organisation to be involved, please let John Boyd know in advanced so that we can organise tables for you if you need them. We are making room available for anyone who wants to set up a car boot sale as well. Remember that there will be lots of visitors around with

money to spend so this is a chance to relieve them of some of that cash. Lions will be drawing their major raffle on the night as well.

There may not be an Easter bunny but there will be someone to give out Easter eggs during the afternoon, just to make sure the kids get started on their sugar high ready for Easter Sunday.

Local star, Kate Giorfi (Kathy Mitchell), will be performing on the day. We are very lucky to have such a talented person to entertain us with her top class singing and music.

We are inviting locals with a car or a motor bike to show off to come to a show and shine on the afternoon. There are a number of great motorbikes around the district and we would love to get a chance to see them up close.

If anyone has any ideas of other activities please let us know and if it is possible to organise we will look at including your ideas.

Come along and bring your family for a good afternoon out.

COHUNA & DISTRICT ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

COHUNA: Cranmer the Martyr 32 Channel St, Cohuna

Sunday 11am Holy Communion with Rev Sue Allen; 2.30pm prayers.

GUNBOWER: Christ Church – Cnr M.V. Highway and Church St, Gunbower

Sunday 11am morning prayer with UCA.

LEITCHVILLE: Latimer the Martyr – 23 Findlay Ave, Leitchville

Sunday 9.30am Morning Prayer.

KERANG: St Johns Anglican Church – 60 Wyndham St, Kerang.

Sunday 9am Holy Communion with Rev Sue Allen

Gastro bug hits Childcare Centres

Cases of viral gastroenteritis have increased in Victorian childcare centres so far this year, with the number of outbreaks more than four times higher than the five-year average.

And good old-fashioned handwashing with soap and water is still the best defence against spreading the bug.

There have been 246 outbreaks of gastro notified from Victorian childcare centres so far this year.

Victoria's Executive Director for Communicable Disease, Dr Bruce Bolam, said the best way to prevent the gastro spreading is to keep children home until after they recover.

"Gastroenteritis can spread quickly

through settings such as childcare centres, where children play and interact closely with each other and can readily spread their bugs," he said.

"It is important for childcare centres to have good hygiene practices in place and to respond quickly with thorough cleaning if any children become ill.

"Handwashing with soap and water is still the best personal hygiene method to minimize the chance of spreading the virus.

"A good old-fashioned scrub with soap and warm water is the best way to remove the norovirus from our hands and prevent passing it on to infect others.

"Alcohol-based sanitizer is not very effective against bugs such as norovirus, which is the predominant cause of the current childcare outbreaks."

Dr Bolam said some illnesses such as norovirus had been relatively dormant over the last year but had increased in prevalence as restrictions eased – a trend seen in other jurisdictions across the country.

Viral gastroenteritis is highly infectious. Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, fever, abdominal pain, headache and muscle aches. They can take up to three days to develop and usually last between one or two days, sometimes longer.

Infants or children in childcare or school as well as staff who develop vomiting or diarrhoea should stay at home for at least 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped. If symptoms are severe or they persist, people should see a GP for advice and testing.

Anyone recovering from gastroenteritis should avoid visiting hospitals, childcare centres and aged care facilities to avoid spreading the infection to those most vulnerable.

Any person living in a household with someone who has gastroenteritis should refrain from visiting these high-risk facilities until at least 48 hours after the last person in the household has recovered.





AUSTRALIA'S COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY.

COVID-19 vaccines will keep Australia safe and protect our way of life. The people most at risk of serious illness and those most likely to be exposed to the virus in our communities will be vaccinated first, including:

- Quarantine and border workers
- Frontline health care, disability and aged care workers
- People living in aged and disability care accommodation

Vaccination offers the best protection from COVID-19, but it's also important we all continue to remain COVIDSafe.

To find out when it's your turn, visit australia.gov.au or call the National coronavirus and COVID-19 vaccine helpline **1800 020 080**.

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SHOW AND SHINE FOR LANGY

Hundreds of people turned out to look over the impressive collection of over 100 cars and bikes that gathered for a Show and Shine to raise money for James Lang, 19. The community was thrilled that James and family were able to travel from Melbourne where James has been receiving rehabilitation after a motorcycle accident left him paralysed.

Entrants had travelled from far and wide for the event organised by friends of James through a 'Beers For Langy' fundraising initiative.

Nev and Kathy Hird donated their time providing live music for the event. The Red Rose Diner from Deniliquin had a coffee van on hand with 50 cents from each coffee going to Langy.

The Swan Hill Motorcycle Club, part of the Vintage car club, raised \$300 passing the hat

around, Beers for Langy stubby holder sales on the day were \$400 and a combined total of \$3,914 raised for the Lang Family.

The visitors then flooded the town enjoying local eateries and watering holes.

Raffle winners of the day
1st prize: Rick Bilton; 2nd prize: Greg Southern; 3rd prize: Brian Critten; 4th prize: Marie Keating.

Winners of Show:
Major prize, donated by Barham Bridge Motor Inn and Barham Hotel: Two nights accommodation for two in a king deluxe room and two meals at Barham Hotel, value \$370

Langy's Pick (Vehicle of the Day) – selected by James: Darren and Katrina Henson – Swan Hill, 1978 Holden HZ – Blue.

Other prizes, donated by APM Employment Services valued at \$300. APM Employment Services work with people with disabilities find employment.

Prizes awarded were:
Furtherest Car Travelled – Strathmerton.
Furtherest Bike Travelled – Mt Evelyn.
Best Vintage Car – 1927 Buick 27-27X blue.
Best Bike – Harley black and white (Bill Norris).
Oldest Car – 1927 Buick 27-27X blue.
Oldest Bike – R50 BMW 1955.
Best Chevy – Chev Belair Maroon 1955 2 door sports coupe.
Best Ford – Ford Fairlane Blue & White.
Best Holden – 2 door maroon Monaro.



Barham/Koondrook Show News

Yes, we are hoping to run a show this year. It does depend on our old friend COVID-19, but hopefully many people will be vaccinated by October and it will be safe to run a full show. Several local shows are running but on a restricted basis. Our show in the springtime should be okay to run as a full show.

Of course, as always, a show does not happen by itself. We need people to do the planning and work up until the time and also to work during the show as well. This work can be a very big load for a few people or a series of small jobs for a lot of people. The last few shows have been the former position, where a

dedicated few have had a very big job, but the committee is getting older and tired and we need fresh faces and ideas to make a successful Show. This is the chance to not only entertain, but to show off our local community skills and produce. It is after all, the Pastoral, Agricultural and Horticultural Show. We do need support from the farming and business community to run the show. The Annual General Meeting of the Show Committee will be held next Tuesday, March 16 at the show office at 8pm. Please come along and help us in some small way to get the show on the road.

Barham Kinder Class of 2021

Better late than never, but finally, here it is! Ready to join the big kids, the new group of kinder students for 2021 are very excited to be starting school at Barham Primary School.



Cluster Swimming Sports 2021



Murrabit Group School's Leah Simmonds and Xavier Murray were named the Girl and Boy Champion for the Day.

It was a cooler than expected day for the cluster swimming sports for 2021, with participants from Koondrook, Leitchville, Gunbower and Murrabit respectively, doing their schools proud.

In between freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly, backstroke and relay, kids were huddled under their towels as they waited for the next race, some reluctant to get back into the water but adapted to the temperature once they were in!

Although Koondrook Primary put in a stellar effort, along with Gunbower and Leitchville, it was Murrabit Group School who came out in front at the end of the day.

Principals from all four schools were exceptionally proud of the effort and performance as well as sportsmanship displayed by all students.



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TOWN HAPPENINGS

It was great to see the town buzzing with tourists over the weekend, all enjoying perfect weather, the Murrabit market, plenty of food venues and what our fantastic towns had on offer. The Show and Shine was a great success raising \$3,914.40 for James Lang and his family.

I managed to get stuck on the Victorian side of the bridge after the Show and Shine finished but I wasn't complaining as I watched some well-loved and beautiful cars pass by.

A few huge days of cricket played over the weekend for Barham/Koondrook. A Grade has found themselves a spot in the grand final against Leitchville/Gunbower next weekend and B Grade was unfortunately put out on the Sunday.

Koondrook has two tennis teams heading into the finals, Divisions One and Three.

The Bridge office has temporarily moved further down the street while their office undergoes a makeover.

Ainsley sold her last pair of shoes at Shoosh last week and now handed the keys over to new owner, Breanne.

If you have any new or unused junior footy boots from last season send them on down to the Raiders footy club, they are getting a collection and planning to have a secondhand boot sale.

BUSINESS STREET TALK

This week it is Yogi, better known as Lee Miller, from our local Caltex in Murray street, Barham. Lee took over the Caltex store mid-December 2020 and is kicking goals. A very community minded, ambitious and all-round top Aussie bloke!

Name: Lee Miller

Nickname: Yogi, Leroy

Family members: Sons, Matt and Ben, and partner, Angela.

What's your business? Border Service Station Caltex Barham.

What do you sell? We sell fuel, fishing gear and convenience items.

If you could live anywhere besides here, where would it be? I honestly couldn't pick, I haven't travelled a whole lot. Too many choices.

What is your biggest fear? Confrontation.

What would you change about yourself if you could? I would have stayed at school longer, apart from that, the list is huge!

What motivates you to work hard? Gee, that's a hard one. Who told you I work hard? I look at most business people/farmers and see how much energy they have just to survive. I think about my son, Ben, and his karting and realise he needs to keep it up. I know he has a talent, so I

have to keep working. We all need to work to keep up our own personal lifestyles.

Proudest accomplishment? Being a dad to two awesome sons, they are growing up to be great men.

What did you aspire to be when you were little? A fireman/policeman.

If you could choose to do anything or be someone else for a day, what or who would it be? I'd love to be my dog, Noodles, she has the best life.

Karaoke machine has one song left, what do you pick? Trust me, you don't want me singing. Even the shower goes cold if I try.

Have you traveled, where? Memories? Bali twice, great place for a first overseas trip. The first was for our honeymoon, good memories there. The second time was taking the boys there in 2017. I've seen a little bit of Australia. I've mostly travelled with my kids; they make great memories and created a lot of funny moments.

If there was one thing you could change or develop in the community what would it be? I would love to fix the water and timer problems we have in our district, it's that simple.

Someone you admire in the community and why? There is no one person I admire in the area, however, I have met many people that inspire me.

Something positive you've seen in the community lately? The standout thing I have seen lately would have to be the fundraising for young James Lang.

There's an empty building in town, what would you fill it with? I would love to fill an empty building with old collectable cars and motorbikes.

If money was no object, what would you do all day? If money was no object, I would help out on friends' farms and other businesses during harvest times or just when I know they're struggling and need a hand. Oh, and I'd probably go on the odd holiday with close friends and family. And fill that shed in the last question.

You have three free wishes, what do you wish for? Wow, who hasn't had that thought. Well, I guess the first would be for enough money to be comfortable, not over rich or anything. The second one would be for our politicians to treat our farmers and small communities with respect and let them operate as they need to produce and survive as we should. The third wish would be for another three wishes, and here we go again, hahahaha. End political and money driven corruption.

Something we don't know about you? Nothing comes to mind. We live in a small town; some people probably know more about me than I do.

BLAST FROM THE PAST (25 years ago)

There was a spate of serious accidents in March 1996. A Murrabit man, William Sutherland, aged 73, was killed on a property at Teal Point. He was discovered at 2pm under a large square hay bale. Another farm tragedy involved an Ultima boy, Mitchell Donahue, who was holidaying in Quambatook. He was travelling on the back of a utility and is believed to have fallen from the utility and died on arrival at the Kerang Hospital. Nick Garner, aged 9, of Koondrook was airlifted to the Royal Children's Hospital with serious burns to his chest, abdomen and thigh. Mrs Alva Traverso of Barham had her right foot partially amputated when her foot was caught in a sprocket mechanism on a potato digger on a farm near Barham. And on a positive note, Wakool won the junior cricket premiership.

WHAT I LEARNT TODAY

Sheep have rectangular-shaped pupils which allows them to see danger approaching due to their almost 360-degree peripheral vision and excellent depth perception.



Police Presence Back in Town

We have a new police woman in town. This will be great as there is nothing like a police presence to keep the locals and visitors from doing stupid things in our little town. I met her the other night, her name is Jess, she is young and from Sydney. I asked her what brought her out to our town, and she was one of the many police that were deployed onto the border because of lock down. Evidently there have been a lot of country positions filled since the deployment to the bush as the Sydney and city-based coppers realise that we actually like police out here in the bush and we are not going to stab them.

Welcome to our town, Jess. Let's hope the locals behave themselves for you. I do not know much else about Jess, but in our brief meeting, I found out that she has cats. She also loves dogs and will have friends forever after patting my mixed crew on the back of the ute.

More Water

The water job cannot get better than this. Us privileged few on the Billabong Creek have 100% like my Crow Eating mates. But we are about to get three days of what the Crow Eaters cannot get. Us privileged few on the Billabong have got three days of supplementary water coming this week. This is a great time to get a bit of extra water, and it

is always a great time to get what my Crow Eating mates cannot get. I must ring Paul Fitzpatrick to talk water matters and off quota water. It has been a while. Our mates on the NSW Murray are still on 50% of what they own.

Cure for Swallows I had a problem when the swallows moved into the shearing shed in the off season. They shit everywhere. Because my young bloke was home, we had to delay the knocking down of the nests until the newborn could fly. After that, I went into the \$2 shop and bought a few plastic snakes and hung them off the roof rafters. At the moment, no swallows. Then, a few dozen swallows moved into one of my pump sheds. Shit everywhere, the dirty little buggers. It looked like someone had got a sauce bottle full of shit and stuff and sprayed my pump shed. I used one of the shearing shed snakes. The problem seems to be gone at the moment. Unfortunately, from past experience, plastic snakes do not work on sparrers.

River Levels

The Edward seems to be rising again at the moment at just over 1,500 megs a day and just over 1.7m. The rise I have been talking about is here and with over 2,600 megs coming past Stevens Weir, the fish will be back on the bite again. I have not been to town to get the results of our fishing comp as I have been too busy getting ready for the watering season. I think a 77cm cod took out the prize. More information next week.

Golfanza Report – 2021

2021 Champions – Andrew Spitty and Heather Harley

What a great weekend for golf in our area. The 48th Northern Victorian Triple Golfanza was played over the Labour Day weekend, at Cohuna on Saturday, Barham on Sunday and Kerang on Monday. Attracting capacity fields each day, this event was patronised with representatives from 37 different clubs, with large contingents from Goonawarra, Carrington Park, Mooropona, Belvoir Park, Cardinia-Beacon Hills and Neangar Park Golf Clubs. These visitors come to our area every year and support the local economy with their visit, many of them staying over after the event to enjoy the great things our area has to offer, as well as playing on our superbly presented golf courses. Playing numbers were 135 at Cohuna, 160 at Barham and 133 at Kerang, making for a successful weekend for all the clubs involved.

At the presentation ceremony at Kerang on Monday, Tournament Director, Howard McClelland congratulated the three clubs on the presentation of their courses and for the welcome that each club provides to the visiting players. The hospitality and professional conduct of the tournament is a credit to each club and is the reason the event is booked out each year, well in advance of the tournament dates.

The major winners were Andrew Spitty from Kerang in the men's event, with scores of 74 at Cohuna, 74

at Barham and a course record equalling 67 at his home course, for a total of 215. Andrew was six under par with three holes to play but bogeyed 16 and 18 to only equal his own course record. A great round of golf, Andrew – congratulations on your win. Heather Harley (Koorringal) continues her dominance of this event and her finishing round of 78 on Monday saw her win her ninth title with rounds of 84 at Cohuna, 91 at Barham and 78 at Kerang, for a 253 total.

Other major winners, Stephen Enright (Riverside - Mildura) with scores of 89, 86 and 77, for a total of 252

to be the B Grade Men's Champion and Garry Parker (Riverside also) with stableford scores of 38, 41 and 33, for a total of 112 points and the C Grade Championship. In the Ladies, Deanne Henderson from Kerang is the B Grade Champion with scores of 37, 35 and 38, for a 110 points total and the B Grade Champions prize, and Jenny Warren (Belvoir Park) is the C Grade Ladies Champion with 31, 30 and 38, for 99 points to win on a countback. In the handicap and runners-up sections, George Barnes (Belvoir Park) with 221 nett, won the A Grade Handicap, with Greg Horrocks (Buninyong) winning the B Grade Handicap with 223 nett, and John Mitchell (Carrington Park) with 98 points being the runner-up in C Grade. In the ladies, Noreen Mitchell from Carrington Park was the A Grade Handicap winner with 235 nett and Narelle Thorpe (Koorringal) was runner-up in B Grade with 103 points. The C Grade Ladies runner-up was Kathy Eiser (Goonawarra) with 99 points.

Overall, another very successful tournament, with players vowing to return again in the 2022 year to contest the 49th Golfanza at Cohuna, Barham and Kerang.



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MRC Quarterly Budget Review

Murray River Council was presented with the quarterly budget review at its ordinary meeting this week, which highlighted a reduction in the overall budget deficit.

Overall working capital has continued to improve on the 2020/21 original budget deficit of \$1,209,938 to a revised budget deficit of \$511,665 as at end of 31 December 2020.

The review has also revised the estimated operating surplus of \$10,162,413 to \$10,604,091.

This is predominantly due to an increase in capital grants, which has a corresponding increase in capital expenditure.

Murray River Council Mayor, Chris Bilkey said it's pleasing to see a decrease in the original bud-

get deficit at this most recent review.

"This latest review highlights the organisation's efforts to work towards a sensible and balanced budget."

"To see the budget deficit improve by \$698,273 is a great outcome."

Quarterly budget updates provide the opportunity for adjustments to be made to the existing budget based on actual financial performance during the year.

It provides analysis of Council's annual budget to better illustrate its financial position and help determine if any changes are needed for each period.

"The results for this quarter are certainly positive as we continue to implement measures to achieve financial sustainability for the longer term," Cr Bilkey said.

Pollies in the Pollack



By Lloyd Polkinghorne

Last week, Senator Perin Davey, Member for Mallee, Dr Anne Webster and Senator Bridgit McKenzie, toured parts of the Koondrook Pericoota Forest to meet with local stakeholders, including the Joint Indigenous Group and landholders.

The Forest is a Living Murray Icon Site and the project, as it currently stands, is not effective.

Now, local stakeholders are proposing an alternative management

strategy to government to improve the forest's health.

The group also toured the Pollack Swamp as an example of what collaboration with locals can achieve.

Senator Davey wrote "This cooperation project design is a fantastic example of what could be achieved throughout the basin."

Last week's tours coincided with an announcement by government to redirect funds from on-farm to off-farm water recovery projects.

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This information event is designed to give you an overview of

- consumer insights
- big picture trends and
- examples of others who have taken the step to change.

Why should I come?

Because this could be just the boost you need to help you innovate, start a new venture or take your existing venture to the next level. Meet other people trying to grow in the same way. Be part of a network of positive people who want to investigate possibilities and explore their potential to provide an alternative or additional income stream or succession planning opportunity to keep family members on the land.

Who can participate?

Farmers, producers, food innovators and rural land owners in the Wakool region and surrounds: whether you've never even considered value adding, farm to plate or you have an idea that you want to bring to life, apply for this program and we will help you decide if the program is right for you.

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For further information please contact Leigh at: leigh.fletcher@wmlig.org or 0429 144 743.

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Every second Monday of the month

Koondrook-Barham Garden Society at 1.30pm in the Barham Pavillion.

Every Tuesday

Tai Chi – cluBarham, 9am

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Community Exercise – cluBarham, 10am



10 QUICK ONES

1. Which fibre is often called HESSIAN?
2. Psoriasis affects which part of the body?
3. According to the fairy tale, what did Rip Van Winkle do for twenty years?
4. The Hutt River runs through the capital of which country?
5. Who was the lead singer for the 60s band The Jeff Beck Group?
6. What is the name of Homer Simpsons regular beer?
7. What was the name of Samantha's husband in Bewitched?
8. In the song by the group America, what had they been to the desert on?
9. Popular in The Netherlands, what type of food is a frikandel?
10. Endocrinology specialises in the study of WHAT?

ANSWERS:
1. Jute; 2. Skin; 3. Sleep; 4. New Zealand; 5. Rod Stewart; 6. Duff; 7. Dartin; 8. A horse with no name;
9. A sausage; 10. Glands and hormones

UNDER *The* BRIDGE by Scarlett Brandt Episode 251

"Don't you see? I can't go with you, son."

The soft and tender response from Terry's father was really tugging at the heart strings. He wasn't used to this gentle side of him, it was as though he was talking to someone else.

"But Dad, you have to come with me. I need to take care of you. I need to get you away from here, away from the smoke."

Terry tried to usher Norm away from the dam, but he wouldn't move, continuing to resist with every nudge.

"Dad. Dad. DAD! Come on!" Terry insisted.

The more he rose his voice, the more resistance. It was frustrating Terry and he almost felt himself getting angry.

"DAD, damn you. COME ON! I NEED YOU, I NEED YOU DAD! DAD!"

"Terry? TERRY! TERRY, WAKE UP!" "W-w-what?"

The smell of smoke lingered across Hayville, tracing its way through the cool night air, as Terry and Nellie lie there upon the hill that overlooked the carnage.

Terry sat up with a start.

"Where's Dad?" He said instantly.

Nellie touched his shoulder and reminded him of the terrible news.

"Terry, he's gone. He died in the fire. There was nothing we could do. I'm sorry."

Terry's face was ashen.

"But he was there, at the dam. Just over there, look..."

distance. He was angry at Nellie's ignorance.

"Don't talk rubbish. I was just with him. Why else would I say that Nellie? Do you think I'm crazy or something?"

Nellie didn't want to hurt his feelings or shatter his dream, but she had no choice.

"Terry. There was a fire, remember? We've just been sitting back here while everything was cleared. We did everything we could. You fell asleep and you must have been dreaming. Your dad is gone, he's not coming back."

Staring at Nellie, Terry finally broke down as he came to the realisation it was indeed only a dream.

"I don't know how to be without him. I know we had our moments, but he was still my dad, Nellie."

Nellie searched Terry's face for the right thing to say but the words just wouldn't come.

Terry stopped suddenly, wiping his tears, and recalling the odd comment his father made to him about Elsie.

"He told me Elsie is gone," he said, slightly confused.

"He said she died."

Nellie didn't know what he was talking about.

"Who is Elsie?"

Getting up to his feet, Terry continued.

"Elsie is, was, his partner. Actually, they were engaged. She's been off the radar for a bit, but I didn't think much of it. He said she had a heart attack at the hospital and died. It's so strange..."

To be continued...

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Shaniah's Highs and Lows

By Kirstin Nicholson

Leitchville local, Shaniah Dye, has been announced as a semi-finalist in the Small Business category of the 7News Young Achiever Awards. The 22-year-old is amongst eight other small business owners vying for a finalist positions, with the overall winner being announced at a gala dinner in April.

Shaniah was shocked about her placing, saying, "I am really proud of myself

to get there. It's a state-wide award so I was pretty excited that I got to that stage."

When I called Shaniah, I was expecting to chat about her business and the award, but I discovered a backstory that needs to be told, and with Shaniah's permission, it follows.

Her business, Blue Poppy Equines, was established in 2017 when Shaniah returned home from a short stint at university. She had fallen into a very deep depression

and lost a lot of weight. She needed to make a choice between continuing her education, and her health and well-being. Her health came first.

"I came home and I was stuck in a bubble – I didn't want to go out. I had a really bad mentality about putting myself out there after that experience," said Shaniah. She proposed her business idea to her parents, who were supportive, but had their concerns that Shaniah

might get stuck at home and become more confined than she already was. "I praise them immensely. With their support my business has grown. It pretty much came from me needing my little safety bubble, wanting to build my own confidence from myself and from horses which were healing me. I thought, what better thing to do than start my own business where I can work with the animals that I love the most and be able

to talk to people who have similar hobbies, instead of going out to a workplace where I didn't feel I could relate to people at that time. That was pretty much how Blue Poppy Equines started, it was my new opening into the world. I had to shut the old door and start fresh. That was how I wanted to start it and I haven't looked back since. I truly have no regrets; I think it was the best decision I could have made for myself."

The word, 'depression', put Shaniah into a negative world. "That word, just that one word, made me feel like I wasn't good enough and that there was something wrong with me. It took me years to use that word, I thought it was something shameful. That was mainly because not many people openly talked about it with me when I was a young kid. If I heard about depression it was through a really bad story. Now, I'm proud of it. Yes, I've had depression, it is an evil monster, but the fact that I've come back, and I've come back stronger is just amazing to me. So, I would much rather go out and openly talk to you and other people about it so that others suffering with it can say, 'hey, you know what? It doesn't control my life. Look where Shaniah's got with it, so anyone can do it.' That's what I'm trying to get across now instead of it just being that dark, gloomy subject that not many people wanted to talk about."

Shaniah made halters and lead ropes to begin with and sold them in equine stores. A year in, she decided she would sell directly to the public. With queries about other products, jumps and cavalletti sets were added to the range. Everything

is made by Shaniah at her home near Kow Swamp.

In 2019, horse training and clinics were added to the business, and with a dressage arena, round yard, obstacle course, cross country course, trail riding tracks and some agistment paddocks, her facilities are well stocked.

It was COVID-19 that saw the business expand in a different direction, but one that Shaniah had toyed with, having had discussions about equine therapy with Dolly's Dream, a suicide prevention group. She had been wanting to expand in this direction, she just didn't know how to implement it. Knowing that people were struggling with their mental health during COVID-19, she decided to use her business to help people. It was time to branch out – just earlier than expected. She did have her doubts though, as she explains. "I was on the fence about it, it's a big thing. Helping other people, having time to myself and getting a good work-life balance were my big issues with it because of how high the demand was.

"I've actually found it has helped me too in being able to go out there and talk to people I can relate to. I'm more approachable in that manner too because I'm not just someone who's coming in trying to make them feel better when I don't have a clue how they actually feel. I can actually relate; I can open up about myself and what I've been through. Then I get a really good working relationship with them. So, COVID-19 was sort of that little bit of a push, an opportunity to get it out there in small amounts. Helping these people has been great for me."

Shaniah is happy to trial this with just a few clients and will expand if she feels she can do it justice. She is exploring the possibility of getting her horses certified as therapy animals so they can visit aged care facilities.

Blue Poppy Equines is now running full time. Shaniah and her family are of course proud of her achievements and semi-finalist status.

"Mum was really excited by it and Dad was blown away by it, they are both super supportive. I think I made my nan cry when I told her, and my mum's parents were super excited, there were hugs everywhere and a lot of excitement."

In her fourth year of business and with family proud that she stuck with it despite her hardships, she is starting to see the benefits of the business, not just financially, but in being able to help people. "It's showing that all of my hard work is paying off. We're all just proud that everything is coming together for me now."

Regardless of whether she progresses to the next round of the awards, Shaniah's eyes are on her business and continuing to help others during their time of need. Since she has opened up about her depression and experience, she is seeing a change in people's responses.

"Now people really understand, and they go, 'actually, no, she just found herself the right track and opened herself back up to everything instead of keeping herself enclosed.' So, I've really benefited myself, in that people actually really understand me now, rather than just thinking I was a bit stubborn and closed off from everyone."



Shaniah Dye.

Bridge to Bridge This Weekend

By Kirstin Nicholson

The organisers of the AWMA Water Control Solutions 28th Cohuna Bridge to Bridge are looking forward to holding an event that the whole community can be a part of. Whether it is participating in an event, volunteering your time, or enjoying the atmosphere of the Event Village, there is an opportunity for everyone to be involved.

Event Director, Jess Holgate, says, “the committee and I are so thrilled to be so close to our 28th annual Bridge to Bridge event. Despite COVID-19 lockdowns, road closures and loads of town works going on, this amazing weekend is almost here!”

Each year the event raises money for the Cohuna District Hospital, with proceeds over the last two years funding two dialysis chairs and an endoscopy camera. This year, proceeds will go towards the theatre and recovery refurbishment project.

For those with a spring in their step, the H2H Digital 6.5km fun run/walk offers an enjoyable run/walk from Daltons Bridge, along Island Road into the town bridge where the finish line is located. This has traditionally been the most popular event, attracting multiple generations of families to participate together.

The Gannawarra Shire Council 12.5km and Cohuna Auto Electrical 21.1km (half marathon distance) trail runs are recent additions to the event and are attracting entrants from across the state. With people having been ‘starved’ of events due to COVID-19, these events are particularly popular this year. Both trail runs start at Daltons Bridge and wind their way through the Gunbower State Forest and Gunbower National Park, before finishing at the town bridge. Participants are sure to be stunned by the beauty of the forests, and may even spot kangaroos, emus and koalas on their run.

For the cyclists, the 25km and 50km cycle events challenge riders to negotiate Island Road, starting at the town bridge and turning at Burkes Bridge. The 25km cyclists complete one lap with the 50km cyclists repeating the same route to complete two, and both finishing at the town bridge.

Youngsters are catered for with the Riverine Herald 6.5km junior cycle, open to children up to 14 years old. This event has also been a traditional favourite, with cyclists starting out at Daltons Bridge and riding into the finish line at the town bridge,



along Island Road. For the littlies who prefer two feet on the ground, there is the Mawson’s Mini-Miler, a 1.6km run/walk for children up to grade 6. Due to the fish screen works occurring in the creek, the course has been changed to the first oval.

With no entries taken on the day, organisers strongly encourage everyone to get their entries

in by the deadline Saturday. Go to www.bridgetobridge.org.au to register.

If you can’t make it to Cohuna, the option of virtual runs/rides has been offered for the first time. Participating virtually allows you to do your event at your choice of location, while still raising valuable funds for the hospital. Jess says, “we are

hoping this will provide excitement and relief for those who thought they may miss out participating this year.”

A ‘Lucky Duck’ competition is on offer with a \$5 duck potentially earning you an attractive \$100 prize.

The event village in Apex Park will keep you occupied munching on a snag in bread or chat-

ting with the Headspace team, while the kids have their faces painted.

Jess concludes, “raising funds for our local hospital, this event is just one of the highlights our town puts on and we encourage everyone to grab a friend or family member, pick an event and join us in the fun. See you there!”

Cleaning up Australia



Cohuna Freemasons members, Graeme Smith, Ray Crellin, Russell Sincock and Tony Rudland.

By Kirstin Nicholson

The roadside along the Cohuna-Koondrook Road is looking much cleaner after Sunday morning’s Clean Up Australia event.

St Mary’s students also participated in the clean up, picking up rubbish at the recreation reserve, Gilrue Park, Apex Park, Garden Park and the school yard on Friday.

Clean Up Australia has become an annual event with over 18.3 million people cleaning up Australia

since the event began 30 years ago.

Members of Cohuna Freemasons took part in Clean Up Australia, spending several hours picking up and sorting rubbish found alongside the road.

Cohuna Freemasons cleaned both sides of the road along a 1.1km section of the Cohuna-Koondrook Road, from the Koondrook turn off. They filled two 7x4 trailers but were forced to call it quits when

they no longer had anywhere to put rubbish.

Following the pick-up, they spent several hours sorting the rubbish, putting what they could into recycling bins and taking the rest to the tip. Alcoholic beverage bottles and cans were the most common item collected.

The Freemasons plan to participate in Clean Up Australia annually and welcome community members to join in.



St Mary’s student, Noah Mathers, cleans Gilrue Park.

Leitchville Bowls

Social bowls was attended by nine ladies on Tuesday, March 2. There were two teams that played fours and the winners were Jean Devitt, Bev Woods, Val Morris and Raylene Hore. Congratulations, ladies.

Please note new start time for Tuesday social bowls, arrive by 9.45am to start play at 10am. Next social day is Tuesday, March 9, 9.45am for 10am start.

Midweek Bowls Division 2 results – semi-final March 3.

Leitchville defeated Cohuna Gold 59 (6pts) to 31

(2pts).

Val Dehne was defeated by M. Mooney 22/24.

Jean Devitt defeated L. Bradley 37/7.

Congratulations to the team who now plays in the preliminary final on March 10 at Leitchville. Good luck and good bowling.

The Dye Brothers Triples were played on Sunday and the winning team was made up of Wally Fehring, Trevor Hore and Jon Henty, being the only three-game-winner out of 20 teams with 74pts. Runner up: Ken Dehne, Brian Bowles and Phil

lip Patterson with 60pts. Third place: Som Pascoe, Carol Mitchell and Barb Williams (Kerang) 58pts.

Thanks to the Dye family for its sponsorship, the ladies for a splendid afternoon tea, Graham Douglas for organising teams and to the green keeper, Tony Cantwell with Wally Fehring helping. The raffle winners were Ken Dehne, John Dickens, Tony Bennett, Ken Pay, John Pearson, Greg Lang and Tye Irvine. Thanks to members for this successful day.

The next committee meeting will be on April

13 at 7.30pm. The annual meeting will be on Tuesday, May 11 at 7pm. Nomination forms are available at the club, so put your nomination in if you would like the club to keep going. A reminder to all members that Ken Dehne is standing down as secretary and the club needs to find a replacement for the 21/22 bowls season.

The presentation night will be on Friday, March 26 at 7pm at the Leitchville Hotel. Please list names on sheet on noticeboard or contact Ken Dehne or Roma Opie as

names are required by Monday, March 22 for catering purposes. All members need to return their raffle books by the presentation night to Ken Dehne or Graham Douglas.

The Jakab Motors A/C Triples Tournament is on Monday, March 15 at 7pm. Entries to Roma Opie, Graham Douglas or Ken Dehne. Midweek Consistency Breakfast Tournament A/C Fours Wednesday, March 24 at 8am, contact Yvonne Dehne 0437 019 618 or Raylene Hore 0431 358 382.



COHUNA GOLF BOWLS CLUB

Getting right down to the business end of the season now and, with two sides progressing to their respective grand finals, there is an air of anticipation around the club.

First things first, and our Tuesday ladies enjoyed the kinder weather conditions for their games with Linda, Cheryle, Elizabeth and June winners on the day. In the Hundred Up matches played concurrently, Irene and Mary have made the final after two very close encounters. This event will be concluded his week.

Wednesday night bowlers were out in force for the first of their finals, with results in the top four seeing L.

Sutherland 17 d M. Simmonds 9, and R. Farrant 15 d M. McLoughlan 11. In the second four matches K. Hocking 25 d M. Appleby 6 and D. Turnour 14 d. A. Cooke 12. K. Robinson defeated G. Bowles in the pickup game. Preliminary final matches this week will involve M. Simmonds and R. Farrant, also M. Appleby versus D. Turnour. Trophies on the night went to K. Hocking, K. Currie and Y. Eckhardt.

With Division One already assured of a grand final berth, all eyes were on Golf White as they lined up against Barham Green. Kerang Golf was the venue, and their excellent presentation of the day must be

mentioned. The setting and provision facilities for players and spectators alike was a credit to their club and will be a hard act to follow.

Our Whites played their game in two halves, with Peter Bibby skipping out to a huge lead early, whilst Yvonne Eckhardt and Bruce Morrison were struggling to have an impact on their opponents. Overall scores were locked together, as late in the day Peter's lead was dramatically reduced. Bruce and team rallied, however, to finish very strongly, up by ten, whilst Yvonne clawed back her deficit to eight. Four shots was the final margin, with the Bower vouchers going the way of Bruce, Lee

Pennant Teams
Saturday, March 13, 2021
 (Skipper, Third, Second, Lead)
Division 1 Vs Kerang at Cohuna Golf
 H. Keely (S) R. Fletcher I. Coates C. Whittaker
 J. Hammond C. Barton R. Eckhardt F. Trezise
 J. McGillivray J. Keely G. Easton M. Carmody
 Manager I. Coates
Division 2 White Vs Barham Blue at Cohuna Golf
 Y. Eckhardt (S) P. Quinn J. Brown A. Dunne
 P. Bibby (S) Z. Mitchell G. Free W. Waters
 B. Morrison L. Sutherland D. Keely M. Appleby
 Emergency D. Easton D. Peace
 Manager Y. Eckhardt

Sutherland, Des Keely and Mal Appleby.

As we are hosting the final, and have 26 members involved in playing, all offers of assistance will be really appreciated, with score-board attendants, raffle sellers

and parking supervisors all needed during the day.

Good luck to all players and may our clubhouse be a happy and lively venue by day's end.

COHUNA BOWLS

Division One Midweek Bowls into the grand final with a 19 shot against Kerang.

On a sad note, all Cohuna bowlers wore black arm bands for Pam Crichton, one of our bowlers who lost her battle with a severe illness. Our sympathy to John and family.

Division One played Kerang and had two wins and one loss. Rhonda Ballard's rink was in top form with a 23-shot win against R. Gilbert. The last five rinks scored 15 shots to put out any chance of Kerang coming back.

Next rink that won was Mary Meridith against C. Pay, who saluted the judge by seven shots and was in front all day. Margaret Reade had a big battle against one of the best female bowlers, Helen McBain. They kept picking up ends to help

the other two rinks, but in the end got defeated by 11 shots.

Our Division Two Cohuna Gold came up against Leitchville and the Leitchville team was too good on the day. Marg Mooney had a great game against V. Dehne and got up by two shots. Lois Bradley came up against a strong rink and was beaten by a few shots. However, three bowlers who just started playing will benefit playing in the finals.

President Bryan Main would like to thank all who attended the working bee to get everything looking in top condition. Also to Rosemary, Bernie, Jeff, and Des, who did the scoreboards, well done.

Where, oh Where?



Where in Cohuna is this location?

Answer for March 4: Front of ANZ Bank

Cohuna Golf Club

The annual Golfanza's first round was held at Cohuna Golf Club on Saturday. Congratulations to all that were associated with the way the course was presented. Paul has the course looking it's best ever (so I am told by many a long standing member)! I have a huge list of names to thank but I'll try to condense! Thanks to those who assisted in presenting the course, helped in the bar, helped with catering both in and outside the club, assisted with tallying scores, preparing cards, decorating the club and to the members who provided their carts for hire.

On to some club results and for those that didn't realise, Sunday March 7th was Valentine's Day at CGC because Gary Valentine recorded a PB with 75 off the bat to record 41 points. Runner up was Graeme Appleby with 36 and a host on 35 including David Fotheringham, Brenton Smyth and Peter Toogood. NTP's went to Graeme Appleby, Gary Valentine, Peter Toogood and Scott Carmichael. For the Ladies, Viv Moylan had 38 points from Cindy McMillan with 37.

Monday saw a sprinkling of players and it was young Cooper Carmichael with the best score of +2. NTP's went to Brenton Smyth, John Resnick and Scott Carmichael.

Cohuna Golf Club Wednesday Results March 3, 2021

Event: 4BBB v Stableford

Sponsor: 3J'S Coffee Shack & Beer Garden. Thank you.

Winners: Di Woolhouse (18) and Linda Maloney (28) 40 pts.

Runners up: Marion Borneman (35) and Sue Goldsworthy (20) 38 pts c/b.

NTP's: 2nd Sandra Griffiths, 2nd on 3rd Linda Maloney, 8th Viv Moylan and 11th Cathy Brodie.

Next week: Stroke and Monthly Medal. Book duty: Di Woolhouse and Marg Winship.

Saturday: Golfanza Sunday: Stableford Monday: Par

Great weather for golf today. Playing in the 4B event were 24 ladies. We welcomed Sue Goldsworthy, a visitor from Robinvale. Hope you enjoyed our course, Sue.

A big thank you to anyone who helped over the last few days to get the course ship-shape for the Golfanza on Saturday.

Any member not playing in the Golfanza is welcome to play at Barham on Saturday in their competition. Please ring the clubhouse to arrange a time. Comp fees to be paid.

Good golfing.



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COHUNA LAWN TENNIS

March 6, 2021

This was our last home and away round for the season and with some great conditions we headed down the highway to Gunbower. In the seniors, things ran smoothly; whilst in the juniors, both managed close wins against the two Gunbower teams.

Club Championships

Our annual Club Championships will be held on March 21 at the Cohuna courts at 3pm. This will be followed by presentations and barbecue tea.

Development Squad and Hotshots

The coaching programs will wind up on Saturday, March 13, with some small presentations to follow.

Twilight

The post-Christmas competition will wind up on March 23. We have seen some great sets played out on Tuesday nights over the summer. A big thank you to Mary who has been organising and coordinating the twilight program this year.

Round 16 – Seniors (Cohuna Vs Gunbower)

Cohuna Seniors played away for the second week in a row. Up against Gunbower this week the men's sets went one set to two in favour of Gunbower, with Cohuna only dropping two games. The ladies took all three sets with 18 games banked. Moving into the mixed, Cohuna held all three sets and banked a further 14 games. Up by 30 games; seven sets to two, Cohuna will take some momentum into next week after a big win.

Men's

H. Cleave & J. Hensley 8 vs S. Kingma & S. Lumsden 3
H. Cleave & P. Lacy 3 vs S. Kingma & X. McGillivray 8
J. Hensley & P. Lacy 6 vs S. Lumsden & X. McGillivray 8

Women's

S. Barker & M. Rodwell 8 vs M. Kingma & A. Kingma 3
S. Barker & L. Lacy 8 vs M. Kingma & A. Hore 1
M. Rodwell & L. Lacy 8 vs A. Kingma & A. Hore 2

Mixed

H. Cleave & S. Barker 8 vs S. Kingma & M. Kingma 4
J. Hensley & M. Rodwell 8 vs S. Lumsden & A. Kingma 2
P. Lacy & L. Lacy 8 vs X. McGillivray & A. Hore 4

Round 16 – Juniors Cohuna Gold vs Gunbower Blue
Cohuna Gold played Gunbower Blue at Cohuna this week winding up the round claiming victory by seven games. The singles played out two sets to two in favour of Cohuna by just one game. Moving into the doubles matches; these also went two sets to two; however, Cohuna managed a further six games resulting in the seven-game win. Well done kids and all the best for the finals next week.

Singles

C. Lacy 3 vs Y. Jones 6
L. Farrell 6 vs M. McGillivray 1
Sa Sajeev 6 vs A. McGillivray 4

Sh Sajeev 3 vs V. McGillivray 6

Doubles

C. Lacy & L. Farrell 6 vs Y. Jones & M. McGillivray 2
Sa Sajeev & Sh Sajeev 6 vs A. McGillivray & V. McGillivray 0
C. Lacy & Sa Sajeev 4 vs Y. Jones & A. McGillivray 6
L. Farrell & Sh Sajeev 4 vs M. McGillivray & V. McGillivray 6

Round 16 – Juniors Cohuna Blue vs Gunbower Red
Cohuna Blue headed to Gunbower and had some really interesting matches. The singles matches went three sets to one in favour of Cohuna with a four-game lead. Similar to last week, the doubles wound up with scores even; resulting in just the four games claimed in the singles matches the difference. Well done to Zephany Hensley for winning all his sets. All the best for the semi-finals next week kids.

Singles

Ze Hensley 6 vs L. Garner 3
T. Lacy 6 vs E. Kingma 5
R. van der Zande 6 vs A. Garner 1
Za Hensley 1 vs N. Fountain 6

Doubles

Ze Hensley & T. Lacy 6 vs L. Garner & E. Kingma 1
R. van der Zande & Za Hensley 3 vs A. Garner & N. Fountain 6
Ze Hensley & R. van der Zande 6 vs L. Garner & A. Garner 5
T. Lacy & Za Hensley 3 vs E. Kingma & N. Fountain 6

Next Week – Teams Semi-finals

All teams will play at Kerang on Saturday, note the early start time for finals. All the best for all teams playing on Saturday, happy hitting!

Division 1 – Seniors Cohuna v Murrabit (at Kerang)

1pm start

Harrison Cleave, Jason Hensley and Darren Gately.

Emergency: Paul Lacy.

Mary Rodwell, Shirlene Barker and Leah Lacy.

Juniors – Cohuna Gold v Kerang (at TBC) 1pm start

Cooper Lacy, Sarosh Sajeev, Lachlan Farrell and Sharon Sajeev.

Emergency: Angela Warren.

Duty: Farrell family.

Juniors – Cohuna Blue v Gunbower Red (at TBC) 1pm start

Zephany Hensley, Taylor Lacy, Broden Wishart and Zoe Pollock.

Emergency: Zara Hensley and Ryder van der Zande.

Duty: Hensley/Lacy family.

Ready to Roar



The Macorna Tigers' A Grade side are roaring for a season of netball. After a year out of the game due to the pandemic, the Tigers return under the leadership of A Grade coach, Tiff Bartram, in what the club expects to be a strong season.

"We've had a fantastic turnout," Bartram said. "People who have been around the club for a long time have never seen the numbers we have had on the court."

"After the year off, there was always concern numbers would be down, so to have such a strong turnout is fantastic for our club."

The club has added some new guns to the line-up, with defensive duo, Sammi Drover and Laura Bennie, joining from Leitchville/Gunbower. "We've also added some explosive goalers in Jasmine Williams and Madi Purvis from the Bombers as well," Bartram said.

Kara Farrell rejoins from Pyramid Hill, while Renee Deason and Sam Smith join the club after moving to the area. Crafty tall defender, Erin Delahunty, will also add to the side, fresh from Echuca United's 2019 A grade Murray League premiership team.

With the strong numbers on court during the pre-season, Bartram said the squad is now looking to strengthen their bond for the new season. "We're holding a bonding day for the squad

time to prepare and plan for the pre-season.

"The group is coming together beautifully; everyone is super excited for a season this year. Our new players bring us a mixture of young and old, experienced and up and coming talent, and with what the club already has in some up-and-coming talent like Hannah Dee, we are pumped to get out there and be competitive."

Macorna opens its season on April 17 against Hay.



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FINALS CRICKET

It was a weekend of finals cricket for the Northern District Cricket Association. 2021 will be the last time 'A' Grade division will be played for the Association, with clubs electing to leave the Association to join with either Echuca/Moama or Swan Hill leagues.

At the end of the regular B Grade season, Leitchville/Gunbower was on top of the ladder with 122.46 points. Nondescripts was in second with 106.36 points, Barham/Koondrook third with 91.38, Kerang fourth with 86.68, Wandella Warriors fifth with 76.58 points and Wandella sixth with 68.32 points. Cohuna United took the wooden spoon with 37.95 points.

Saturday, March 6, B Grade's elimination final was held at Koondrook Recreation Reserve. Barham/Koondrook batted first and scored 145 from 40 overs with four out. Kerang batted second, all out for 105, Barham/Koondrook winning by 40 runs.

Barham/Koondrook top batsman BJ Watts 53 runs from 47 balls, not out.

Kerang bowling, R. Keighran eight overs, one maiden, 18 runs, one wicket. DW Hogg eight overs, two maidens, 17 runs, one wicket. T. Schmidt eight overs, two maidens, 19 runs, one wicket. Fielding, R. Keighran one catch. T. Schmidt, J. Roberts one run out.

Kerang's top batsman, DW Hogg, scored 29 runs from 75 balls before being run out by M. McConnell.

Barham/Koondrook bowling, BJ Watts five overs four balls, two maidens, ten runs, two wickets. D. Bibby five overs, two maidens, five runs, two wickets. T. Uyanage six overs, 18 runs, one wicket. N. O'Toole, seven overs, 34 runs, one wicket. M. McConnell six overs, one maiden, 17 runs, two wickets.

Barham/Koondrook single catches N. O'Toole, JJ Valence, J. Barrington and MJ Turvey. Run outs, M. McConnell one and BJ Watts two.

The B Grade quarter final was also played on Saturday, March 6 at Leitchville Recreation Reserve. Leitchville/Gunbower hosted Nondescripts.

Leitchville/Gunbower (3/101) Vs Nondescripts (99) with Leitchville/Gunbower winning by seven wickets.

Leitchville/Gunbower top batsman, S. Lucas scored 30 runs before being caught by S. Spring bowled MJ Treacy. Best Nondescripts bowler, J. Mathers eight overs, three maidens, six runs, two wickets.

Nondescripts top batsmen, J. Mathers scored 27 runs before being bowled A. Windridge, and A. Thompson also scored 27 runs before being caught by K. Brereton from a ball bowled by Z. Ellwood.

Nondescripts bowlers, Z. Ellwood, six overs, three balls, two maidens, 18 runs, and three wickets. T. Gelletly seven overs, one maiden, 13 runs, and one wicket. A. Windridge eight overs, 18 runs and four wickets. M. Fergusson three overs, one maiden, seven runs and two wickets.

The B Grade preliminary final was held on Sunday, March 7 at Cohuna Recreation Reserve between the Nondescripts (4/130) and Barham/Koondrook (129). Nondescripts won by six wickets.

Nondescripts top batsman R. Wil-



A Grade W. Lolicato hitting a boundary for Barham/Koondrook.

liams scored 28 runs, from 36 balls, not out.

Barham/Koondrook bowling, D. Bibby seven overs, 13 runs and one wicket. N. O'Toole eight overs, one maiden, 20 runs and two wickets. In the fielding, J. Barrington had one catch and CJ Storm two catches.

Barham/Koondrook top batsman J. Barrington scored 35 runs from 38 balls before being caught by A. Moorhouse from J. Wilson's ball bowled.

Nondescripts bowling, J. Mathers eight overs, one maiden, 26 runs, and one wicket. J. Wilson seven overs, one maiden, 39 runs and one wicket. MJ Treacy eight overs, four maidens, 12 runs, and one wicket. S. Spring eight overs, three maidens, 13 runs and five wickets. JS Palmer two overs, 16 runs and one wicket. L. Douglas, five balls, seven runs, and one wicket. Nondescripts catches R. Williams, J. Mathers and A. Moorhouse.

J. Mathers eight overs, one maiden, 26 runs, and one wicket. J. Wilson seven overs, one maiden, 39 runs and one wicket. MJ Treacy eight overs, four maidens, 12 runs, one wicket. S. Spring eight overs, three maidens, 13 runs, five wickets. JS Palmer two overs, 16 runs and one wicket. L. Douglas five balls, seven runs and one wicket. Catches R. Williams, J. Mathers and A. Moorhouse.

Wandella ended the regular A Grade season on top of the Cohuna Sports Store Ladder with 102.46 points. Leitchville/Gunbower second with 96.92 points, Nondescripts third on 76.78 points, Barham/Koondrook fourth with 70.66 points. Cohuna United took the wooden

spoon with 57.81 points.

B Grade grand final Saturday Leitchville/Gunbower Vs Nondescripts at Leitchville Recreation Reserve.

In the A Grade, the elimination final was held on Saturday, March 6 at Cohuna Recreation Reserve, Nondescripts (141) Vs Barham/Koondrook (9/178). Barham/Koondrook won by 37 runs.

Nondescripts top batsman W. O'Shea scored 34 runs from 76 balls before being caught by W. Lolicato from a ball bowled by T. Guerra.

Barham/Koondrook bowling CB Akurugoda nine overs, two maidens, 31 runs, and one wicket. M. O'Neill four overs, three balls, 17 runs, and three wickets. T. Guerra eight overs, four maidens, 11 runs, and two wickets. J. Hall eight overs, one maiden, 31 runs, and two wickets. D. Cooper four overs, 15 runs, and two wickets. Single catches T. Millard, M. Baldissera and W. Lolicato. L. Laursen had two catches and CB Akurugoda three catches.

Barham/Koondrook top batsmen W. Lolicato scored 31 runs from 47 balls before being caught by W. O'Shea by a ball bowled by S. O'Shea. M. O'Neill scored 31 runs, not out.

Nondescripts bowling L. Holmes nine overs, two maidens, 33 runs, and two wickets. R. Bradley nine overs, 57 runs, and one wicket. S. O'Shea nine overs, one maiden, 24 runs, and one wicket. W. Thrum nine overs, three maidens, 14 runs, and one wicket. K. Ellery six overs, 32 runs, and four wickets. Single catches, W. O'Shea and S. O'Shea. W. Thrum two catches.

The qualifying final was held on Saturday, March 6 at Riverside Park, in a

nail biter Wandella (9-184) Vs Leitchville/Gunbower (9-186), with Leitchville/Gunbower winning by two runs and gaining a place in the grand final.

Wandella top batsman G. Dickson 83 runs from 82 ball, before being caught by J. Hawken bowled by L. Keath.

Leitchville/Gunbower bowling, L. Keath nine overs, two maidens, 33 runs, one wicket. A. Keath four overs, 32 runs, one wicket. J. Keath nine overs and one ball, one maiden, 22 runs, two wickets. S. Tatt nine overs, three maidens, 27 runs, two wickets. J. Wilson-Keir 2 overs, 12 runs, one wicket.

Leitchville/Gunbower fielding, single catch A. Keath, J. McEwen, and J. Hawken. J. Keath one catch, one run out. J. Lunghusen two catches. L. Keath one run out.

Leitchville/Gunbower top batsman J. Lunghusen 48 runs from 46 deliveries before being bowled by R. Barnes (2/67).

Wandella bowling P. Moore ten overs, two maidens, 34 runs, one wicket. R. Barnes nine overs, one maiden, 29 runs, five wickets. D. Higgs nine overs, 43 runs, one wicket. Ph Moore five overs, one maiden, 16 runs, one wicket. R. Oliver nine overs, one maiden, 45 runs, one wicket.

Wandella fielding, single catches R. Oliver, G. Dickson and M. Runciman. P. Moore two catches.

Advancing from the elimination final, Barham/Koondrook met Wandella, who had lost the qualifying final on Sunday for the preliminary final at Kerang on Sunday afternoon. Barham/Koondrook won the toss and elected to bat in the partly cloudy and light winds

of 31 degrees. Wandella (9/178) Vs Barham/Koondrook (7/182), winning by four runs.

Starting the innings as the second batsman, CB Akurigoda had a slow start breaking a bat. After requesting a replacement, CB Akurigoda made 41 runs from 34 deliveries before being caught by Ph Moore from a P. Moore ball.

Wandella's B. McKnight bowled six overs of pace, 26 runs and one wicket. D. Higgs bowled nine overs of spin, two maidens, 30 runs, and three wickets. R. Oliver nine overs of spin, two maidens, 22 runs, and one wicket. P. Moore nine overs of pace, one maiden, 44 runs, and one wicket. Ph Moore three overs, one maiden, nine runs, and one wicket. Fielding, single catches P. Moore, Ph Moore and R. Oliver. M. Runciman two catches.

Opening Wandella batsman M. Runciman made 74 runs from 122 deliveries, was bowled by W. Lolicato (4/150).

W. Lolicato bowled nine overs of pace, 40 runs, and three wickets. CB Akurugoda bowled right overs and one ball of pace, one maiden, 25 runs, and one wicket. M. O'Neill bowled nine overs of spin, two maidens, 28 runs, and one wicket. D. Lolicato bowled seven overs of spin, two maidens, 18 runs, and two wickets. Fielding, J. Wishart one catch and one run out. D. Cooper one catch and CB Akurugoda one run out.

Cohuna Sports Store A Grade Grand Final Sunday, March 14, Leitchville/Gunbower Vs Barham/Koondrook at Gunbower Recreation Reserve.

Classifieds

The Bridge

PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF RABBIT BAITING PROGRAM: MOULAMEIN RACECOURSE

Residents are advised that Council will be baiting rabbits at the Moulamein Racecourse.

The baiting Program will run from **Monday 15 March** through to **Monday 3 May**.

The program will be managed in accordance with the Pesticide Control (Pindone Products) Order 2010 and aims to protect native flora and reduce the amount of damage to grassed areas, racetrack and surrounding buildings and assets.

Carrots baited with Pindone will be placed at the racecourse during the afternoons of the above dates. Any uneaten Pindone will be removed the following mornings.

This pesticide is lethal to dogs and cats and if consumed can cause illness to humans. Contact your local vet or seek medical advice in the case of suspected poisoning.

Pindone has an antidote (vitamin K1) and is safer to use in closer settled areas.

Please follow directions of on-site notification signs or contact Council's **Biosecurity Team** on **1300 087 004** for more details.

TERRY DODDS
CEO

For further information contact council on 1300 087 004 or visit www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au

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admin@thebridgenews.com.au



Fox and Rabbit Baiting Program

As part of a wider Local Land Services managed baiting program, Forestry Corporation will be carrying out a 1080 baiting and ejector program on three key sandhills, along the private property boundary/State Forest boundary and adjacent to selected main roads from **3 February 2021** to **31 March 2021**.

1080 baiting will occur along the boundary of Campbells Island, Perricoota and Koondrook State Forests, on Horseshoe, Boysons and Big Bonum sandhills as well as adjacent to selected roads in these areas, including River Road and the main access tracks to popular campsites in these forests.

Signage will be erected at all main entrances and campsites, as well as other strategic locations to advise people of the presence of the baits.

Adjoining property holders and visitors to the forest are advised to be aware of the presence of the baits and keep all animals under close supervision during this time. Children should also be closely supervised during this time.

Please contact **Andrew McCurdy, District Manager**, on **0428 288 618** should you require any further information regarding this program.

Cattanach Excavations

- CAT 320
- Tilt hitch
- All types of general excavation work
- 21 tonne
- Dam/channel cleaning

Phone Duncan 0427 018 962

LIONS EASTER MARDI GRAS

Where? Riverside Park

When? Saturday 3rd April (Easter Saturday)

Time? 4.00pm till dark

What's on? Lots of activities and fun. BBQ, Jumping Castle, Snow Cones, Fairy Floss, Singing and Music, Stalls Car Boot Sale, Show and Shine, Easter eggs, Spinning Wheel and more.

ATTENTION: ANYONE WITH AN INTEREST IN THE WAKOOL RIVER

Wakool River Association AGM

To be held on
Monday 15th March
cluBarham
Starting at 7pm
Special guest speakers
All welcome

AUCTIONS PLUS CLEARING SALE ONLINE AUCTION CATALOGUE, FARM MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND COLLECTABLES A/C P & P. GOUDIE

Sale opening: 9 March 2021

Sale closing: Timer will begin **Friday March 12, 2021 @ 1pm**. This will be a 60 second timer and auction will conclude when reaches zero.

PROPERTY: "KANOWNA ESTATE"

317 LILFORD LANE, BARHAM

Ultrashift cx 95 McCormick, Ford 6600, antique machinery, antiques, brick-a-brack, scrap, garden ornaments, household goods.

Payment terms: cash, card, D/D - prior to pickup arrangements.

Ph: Phil Goudie 0458 985 113
Lauren Polkinghorne 0437 176 322

INSPECTION TIMES

Today, Thursday, March 11, 2021 between 12-3pm



Golden Rivers
Real Estate

BARHAM | KOONDROOK | COHUNA
KERANG | MURRABIT | MOULAMEIN

Death Notice



COUGHLAN – Kevin Joseph

02/11/1940 - 27/02/2021
Beloved husband of Valerie (dec. 01/06/2020)

Loving father & father-in-law of Jimiece, Paula & Aaron.

Grandpa to Michael & Niamh. Cherished brother, uncle and friend to many.

You are loved and will be greatly missed.

Kevin passed at home with family present on Tralee farm Morawa, WA as he wished.

Rest In Peace



MANNERS (Nee: Windridge) – Norma Jean

8/12/1928 - 6/3/2021

Loved Wife of Vin (dec.)
Loved Mother and Mother in Law of Kelvin and Linley, Aiden and Marie, Paul and Teresa, Shane and Rohan. Loved Grandmother of 11 Grandchildren and 16 Great Grandchildren.



NEWELL – Kevin Andrew

08/06/1949 - 10/03/2021
Passed peacefully surrounded by family at Kerang District Hospital.

A true gentleman and devoted husband, father, brother, Pop, father-in-law and mate.

Rest in Peace.

Mary, Andrew, Rebecca, Olivia, Damien, Sarah, Luke & extended family.

Funeral Notice

NEWELL

A graveside funeral service for Mr Kevin Andrew Newell will be held at the Barham Lawn Cemetery on Wednesday 17th March commencing at 2pm.



MANNERS (Nee: Windridge)

A graveside funeral service for Mrs Norma Jean Manners will be held at the Barham Lawn Cemetery on Friday March 12, commencing at 2 PM.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

PROJECT OFFICER FULL-TIME 1 YEAR TERM \$62,000- \$78,000 PLUS 9.5% SUPER

WMLIG is an incorporated not-for-profit Landcare group based in Barham, NSW. We are looking for a full time Project Officer to join our dynamic team. The successful applicant would be responsible for planning, implementing and overseeing a diverse range of projects that meet the needs and expectations from the WMLIG from initial ideation through to completion. You would be required to coordinate people and processes to deliver projects on time, within budget and with the desired outcomes aligned to project objectives.

Key accountabilities include:

- Scope and develop funding and project proposals that meet the needs identified by the WMLIG membership base and management committee.
- Execute and manage a series of pre-scoped projects to a high standard within budget restrictions and within specified time frames.
- Communicate effectively with key stakeholders and coordinate working groups and committees associated with projects.
- Develop and maintain good working relationships with partner agencies, bodies, groups, and individuals.
- Prepare and maintain project documentation for reporting, monitoring and evaluation purposes to ensure accessibility of quality information and contribute to the achievement of project outcomes. Including the utilisation of WMLIG's internal database to maintain appropriate records of all active and completed projects.

Key selection criteria includes

- Demonstrated experience and/or qualifications in project management or similar role
- Financial and time management skills required to administer projects
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment and build partnerships with agencies, bodies, groups, and individuals
- High-level interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills with the ability to engage and communicate effectively with diverse stakeholder groups and write clear and coherent reports
- Ability to take initiative and work undirected
- High level of digital literacy and the ability to work within the framework of WMLIG's online project management system
- Has a valid Australian Driver's Licence

Additional desirable skills/qualifications:

- Experience or qualifications in Agricultural Science, Environmental Science, Urban/Town Planning or Engineering will be highly regarded

How to apply:

Send your resume, a cover letter and a key selection criteria response to admin@wmlig.org. A detailed position description and application details can be found on our website www.westernmurraylig.org

Applications close 5pm 18th March 2021

For more information contact Roger Knight by emailing admin@wmlig.org or call 03 5453 1577



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR/ COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER FULL-TIME 1 YEAR TERM \$60,000-\$68,000 PLUS 9.5% SUPER

WMLIG is an incorporated not-for-profit Landcare group based in Barham, NSW. We are looking to add to our dynamic team. The successful applicant will provide a broad range of administrative services to support project development, funding applications, project implementation, and reporting. Effectively develop and manage recordkeeping and digital systems to improve procedural efficiency and business operations. Support the digital literacy of WMLIG Staff, Murray Connect tenants, and the broader community.

Some key accountabilities include:

- Coordinate and manage records and databases
- Provide IT and digital literacy support as required.
- Support the Marketing Officer with websites and social media marketing.
- Assist in research, development, and correspondence for funding applications.
- Support the Executive Officer to prepare, coordinate, and review high level communication
- Develop, manage, and deliver stakeholder engagement processes, including the development of measured surveys to inform project design.
- Manage bookings, invoicing, project reporting, and communications relating to the Murray Connect co-working space
- Maintain and manage office OHS policies and Risk Management

Key selection criteria includes

- Experience in high-quality customer service.
- Demonstrated experience in the management of administration information and records.
- Demonstrated ability to remain engaged and manage relationships with key stakeholders, colleagues, and the broader community.
- A high-level of digital literacy with an ability to troubleshoot challenges, support digital skill-building, and work toward best-practice digital systems.
- High level written communication skills, including experience in the preparation of formal letters, reports, proposals, research summaries, public-facing project summaries.
- Ability to self-manage and work toward competing deadlines within independent and team environments.

Additional desirable skills/qualifications:

- Relevant qualification in Information Management or Business Administration. Applicants with vocational or tertiary experience in research and statistical analysis will be highly regarded.
- Experience working in a project-based environment.

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Rules for Life

By Bruce Stewart

I remember when my wife and I, and son, Paul, completed one of the most spectacular short walks in the world. The walk was around 4km return. The destination was the Franz Josef Glacier located on the South Island of New Zealand. Elsie Moreton wrote of the Franz Josef Glacier in 1929. “Nowhere else on earth may you see rivers of ice plunging down from a world of snow into sub-tropical forests... like a storm-tossed sea that has swept away its barriers and poured down onto dry land.” The walk is short, spectacular and potentially dangerous. We were reminded regularly of rules to be obeyed to mitigate the risk. What were some of the rules?

‘Stay behind the barriers,’ ‘Keep to the track.’ Why? We were told that ice falls – ice blocks larger than a campervan fall from the glacier daily. Rock fall – rocks fall from the glacier and valley walls regularly. ‘Stay



The Franz Josef glacier (top, middle, left) flows down at the rate of half a metre a day. Huge amounts of scree formed by the corrosive effects of ice moving over rock litter the landscape around the walking track.

on the track!’ Flooding – rain can cause streams to rise rapidly with little warning. All these instructions and warnings were for our safety and benefit.

The Franz Josef Glacier is indeed a spectacular place with the glacier descending from its origins high in the South-

ern Alps to deep into the lush rainforest of Westland’s National Park. The glacier moves at approximately half a metre a day and this helps create spectacular features like ice caves, tunnels, seracs and crevasses. Beside the track leading to the glacier are spectacular water-

falls falling from vast mountains above. One’s eyes feast on marvellous sights and cameras are busy. All the time, however, one must be aware of the terrain and stick to the track and obey the rules for the safety and well-being of all concerned.

Thousands of years ago our

Creator gave us rules and instructions to live by for our wellbeing and safety. Some of these rules are summarised in the ‘Ten Commandments’. Our post modernistic society tends to reject absolute rules like these but in fact they are the bedrock of western civilisation. They are the foundation on which our entire judicial and law system has been built. Why did God give the Ten Commandments? He gave them, not to hurt us, but to help us. Not to hamper us, but to release us. Not to punish us, but to protect us. When I tell a child, “Don’t touch the hot stove!” am I doing that for their good? Yes!

Our Creator provides us with instructions and rules contributing to a well-functioning society. The “Ten Commandments” are outlined in Exodus 20:1-17 and are summarised thus:

- God first (Jesus first)
- No idols
- Respect God’s name

- Keep God’s special day
- Honour your parents
- No murder
- No immorality
- No stealing
- No lying
- No wrong desires

Jesus’ summary of the Ten Commandments is – “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself;’” Mark 12:30,31. Two simple principles: Love God and love others. These rules are to be taught to each new generation of people. Listen carefully to instructions and warnings from earthly authorities and especially listen to instruction and warnings from Jesus – and heed them for our earthly and eternal benefit. Having caring and respectful relationships with those around us is vital for our own wellbeing and having a more healthy society and peaceful world.

'Graciousness'

By Rosemary McCormick

Graciousness... the art of becoming gracious... oh dear! Grace, an offer of undeserved kindness, a certain generosity of spirit. It seems that the hospitality business, by definition even, gives many, many opportunities to be gracious. To extend grace. Just today, for example, I spent some time ‘plating’ our lovely fresh strawberry cake for a couple of customers. A generous slice, served warm, lightly dusted with icing sugar, topped with fresh strawberry slices and a sprig of mint picked from our garden, with a side of whipped, pure cream. Feeling pleased with myself (!) away to the table it goes... their response, “Oh Bahini, this slice of cake is much too large.” Sigh... “This coffee is too cool, please re-heat.” “Can

you put on a fan; I can smell onions?!” “Give us some take-away containers so we can feed our dog!” “Make our cappuccino with chocolate please.” “This vegetable omelet has too many vegetables.” “You didn’t tell me the chicken and bacon pie had bacon in it! I don’t eat bacon.” Mmmm... a typical day in a café I guess, and I’m thinking about how much I’m lacking in grace. As I sit to write this article, another customer comes over for a chat, he has a ‘deep theological’ question to ask me! Help! Exactly where did grace go? Graciousness...

One old lady we have met, a foreigner, has lived here in Nepal for more than forty years, neat grey hair in a bun, elegant clothes, an air of patience, kindness and gentleness surrounds her. Her speech is

gracious. I want to be like that. Growing older gracefully, extending grace, being kind. This young brother in the café asks his question, and I find I need to take a deep breath. I try to really listen, encourage him, thank him, tell him what a blessing he is to his friends as they study together. Practicing grace. I need to get a grip, a grip on grace that is. After all, my gracious God continues to give me nothing but kindness, goodness, patience, peace, and gentleness. He

is generous in his love, slow to anger, quick to forgive. If I remember I’ve received grace from him, then I can freely give it away. I think I need my life to be a like a grace bank, continually receiving heavenly grace deposits, and then when I need a fast transaction, out will come some graciousness! Yes, I know, I’ve written on this topic before, I’m sorry, I’m such a slow learner.

Graciousness, a lifestyle, patterned after Jesus, grace in person. Fortu-

nately, he doesn’t merely give us his example, he also gives us his power, his practical help, his ability, simply for the asking. Now, that’s amazing grace! Okay, now, in the interests of honesty and balance, another late customer has just commented on how much she enjoyed her coffee today, and someone else has ordered lasagna because her friend said it’s so delicious and everyone else is loving it. I’m feeling quite gracious now... graciousness...

Anglican Parish News

By Ruth Arthur

Well Easter is fast approaching and it makes me think of this verse from “How Great Thou Art”

“But when I think that God, his son, not sparing, sent him to die - I scarce can take it in that on the cross, our burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away our sin”.

What a massive sacrifice Jesus made for us, one wonders given another chance would he do that again.

Our AGM was held after Sunday service and was well attended. My first aim as Priest’s Warden is to shorten Fr. Neale’s reports and sermons to a couple of chapters not an entire novel. I don’t give myself much chance but I won’t shirk at the challenge. Thanks to all those that put up their hands or were drafted to contribute to Parish Council. Especially Leanne who has taken on the Treasurer’s roll for the twenty sixth year in a row.

What a mammoth effort, Congratulations and a huge thank you.

We have commenced pulling down the old hall, an expense that we were hoping to avoid but unfortunately the hall had to go. Because the building contained asbestos it required an experienced person to do the job. It’s a little bit sad to see the old girl go but we were left with little choice. We are still receiving donations towards the new hall and many thanks to those that have already contributed. It can be a terrific way to have your loved family member remembered well into the future.

Choir and evening prayer are both back in full swing. The choir will be front and centre for the Easter Sunday Service. If you haven’t heard our fabulous choir I welcome you to come along and treat your ears to some lovely harmonies from our Fijian ladies Una and Etta. They sing like angels.

Church Notices



ANGLICAN CHURCH

FRIDAY MARCH 12

9.30am Murray Haven Holy Communion.

SATURDAY MARCH 13

8.30am MENS BREAKFAST

Riverside Park Barham.

SUNDAY MARCH 14 -

MOTHERING SUNDAY

ST JOHNS: 10am Morning Prayer with Jeanette Walker

ST MARTINS: 10.30am Holy Communion

ST BARNABAS: 9am Morning Prayer.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 17

4pm - Choir Practice

5pm - Evening Prayer / Communion

7pm - Parish Council Meeting @ Ruths.

• Enquiries Fr Neale: 0497 359 576



BARHAM – WAKOOL UNITING PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Barham – 10am – L. & J. McKindlay.

Moulamein – In recess.

Wakool – 10:30am - Comb. with Anglicans.

• Enquiries: L. & J. McKindlay 5884

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C.C. = Children’s Church. SMT = Shared Ministry Team.



KOONDROOK – BARHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY 10AM

50 MELLOOL ST, BARHAM.

Enquiries: Rev Ross Barnes – 54530



BARHAM CATHOLIC CHURCH

Daily Mass: 9 am - Barham Presbytery chapel.

SUNDAY MASS:

Wakool: 8.30 am.

Barham: 10:30am.

Moulamein: every second week at 5:30pm.

Phone Fr Stan: 0413 311 598



Lions Bingo

Another good roll up, 31 bingo players in total. On behalf of the Lions club, thanks to all the players for making bingo such a good night. The numbers allow us to give bigger prizes and make a bit extra for the things we do.

Neither the wildcard or game 20 jackpots went off making them \$1,000 in 56 calls and \$80 in 53 calls. The game 30 jackpot of \$80 was shared by H. Lavery and E. Cam-boure.

Roster for Wednesday, March 17: R. Daws, P. Lloyd, B. Brookes and J. Griffin.

Barham Golf Club Weekly Roundup



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Golf & Sports

Ladies' Events:

Wednesday, March 3 was a Ladies 2 Person Ambrose.

Winners on the day were: 1st Kerrie James and Di Dominguz, 2nd Kath Mathers and Sue Richmond. Liz Storm won the day's Pro Pin.

Saturday, March 6 was a Ladies Stableford event, the Stevens Cup, played on a perfect Autumn day. The winners on the day were:

Overall: Kyra Laughlin (26) with a fantastic 41 points and winner of the Stevens Cup, runner up was Sue Thompson (27) also with a great score of 38 points. Ball run-down went to 31 points.

Men's Events:

Thursday, March 4 was the Men's Stableford. The winners on the day were as follows:

Div. 1: Paul Robinson (1) with 37

points on the countback from John Brunt (10) also with 37 points.

Div. 2: John Ficken (15) with a score of 36 points and runner up was Bruce Venn (18) with a close 35 points.

Div. 3: Graeme McDougall (23) with a fantastic 41 points, runner up was Neil Dutton (30) with a score of 37 points.

The ball rundown went to 33.

Doug McKnight won the Pro Pin.

Saturday, March 6 was a Stableford event, being the Hudson Cup, and the weather could not be more perfect for a great turnout of players.

The winners on the day were as follows:

Div. 1: Doug McKnight (5) with a score of 36 points on the count back from Scott Thompson (10)

also with a score of 36 points.

Div. 2: Bas De Bondt (17) with a terrific 41 points, runner up was Cam Morrison (13) with a score of 39 points.

Div. 3: Daniel Klimeck (21) with a score of 36 points, runner up was Russell Taylor (22) with a score of 35 points.

The ball rundown went to 31 points. The Pro Pin was won by

David Adam and the Hudson Cup was won by Bas De Bondt.

Sunday's event was the middle round of the Golfanza tournament, results will be in next week's round up.

Barham-Koondrook Cricket Club

SATURDAY A GRADE

ELIMINATION FINAL

Barham/Koondrook v Cohuna United

A Grade went into the elimination final on Saturday confident they could get the job done, and that they did, with a fantastic 37-run victory over Nondies.

Batting first Barham/Koondrook got away to a very good start on the back of 31 from Warren Lolicato, who was hitting them well. Some consolidation in the middle overs through Danny Lolicato, with 20, and Max Baldissera, 26, gave the visitors a good base to go hard in the latter overs allowing them to get the total to 9/178. Marc 'The Finisher' O'Neill was terrific at the end with 31no, showing you don't have to swing like a rusty gate to score at a run a ball.

Nondies made a solid start and at 0/38 were cruising along but then some very good bowling brought the game back to Barham/Koondrook's favour. While the bowling was good, the fielding was outstanding, with many runs saved by desperate fielding with Lachie Laursen leading the way.

Marc O'Neill finished a great day with three wickets, Tom Guerra bowled very well with 2/11 off eight overs while Dave Cooper and Jayden Hall grabbed two apiece, keeping the opposition to 10/141 and claiming a great win for the team.

BARHAM/KOONDROOK

W. Lolicato c W. O'Shea S. O'Shea.....31
C. Akurugoda c S. O'Shea L. Holmes..... 1
J. Wishart Bowled L. Holmes11
T. Millard Bowled W. Thrum.....13
D. Lolicato c W. Thrum K. Ellery..... 20
M. Baldissera Bowled K. Ellery 26
M. O'Neill not out.....31
D. Cooper LBW K. Ellery12
T. Guerra c W. Thrum K. Ellery 2
L. Laursen Bowled R. Bradley..... 2
J. Hall not out..... 2

Extras 27

Total 9/178

Bowling: L. Holmes 9/2/33/2; R. Bradley 9/0/57/1; L. Pascoe 3/0/12/0; S. O'Shea 9/1/24/1; W. Thrum 9/3/14/1; K. Ellery 6/0/32/4

NONDIES

W. O'Shea c W. Lolicato T. Guerra 34
S. O'Shea C&B C. Akurugoda19
P. Doyle c L. Laursen M. O'Neill 2
R. Thrum c L. Laursen T. Guerra10
R. Bradley c C. Akurugoda D. Cooper 30
J. Donat c M. Baldissera D. Cooper.....16
L. Pascoe Bowled M. O'Neill 5
W. Thrum LBW J. Hall 1
L. Holmes c T. Millard J. Hall 7
K. Ellery c C. Akurugoda M. O'Neill 2
A. Donat not out..... 0

Extras 15

Total 10/141

Bowling: W. Lolicato 6/0/19/0; C. Akurugoda 9/2/31/1; M. O'Neill 5/0/17/3; D. Lolicato 3/1/12/0; T. Guerra 8/4/11/2; J. Hall 8/1/31/2; D. Cooper 4/0/15/2

B GRADE

ELIMINATION FINAL

BARHAM/KOONDROOK V KERANG

B Grade went into their elimination final with good form against their opponent having beaten them recently and that continued with a 40-run victory.

Barham/Koondrook batted first and got away to a shaky start being 2/20 and then some very tight bowling from the opposition meant the scoreboard attendant had limited activity. Blake Watts with 53no and Dudley Bibby with 27no livened things up at the end, getting the score to 4/145 and a very defendable total.

Kerang was in trouble early with captain Dudley Bibby bowling beautifully for two wickets, putting pressure on the opposition from the outset. Blake Watts and Mick McConnell also grabbed a couple each as the boys cleaned them up for 105 in a very good win.

Barham/Koondrook

J. Barrington LBW R. Keighran 1
C. Storm c R. Keighran T. Schmidt 23
T. Uyanage LBW D. Hogg 9
S. Farrant run out.....17
B. Watts not out 53
D. Bibby not out27

Extras 15

Total 4/145

Bowling: R. Keighran 8/1/18/1; D. Hogg 8/2/17/1; T. Schmidt 8/2/19/1; R. Bright 8/0/18/0; J. Roberts 4/0/35/0; I. Boswell 3/0/35/0; L. Jardine 1/0/6/0

Kerang

A. Lloyd Bowled D. Bibby 1
D. Hogg run out..... 39
L. Jardine LBW D. Bibby..... 0
R. Bright c J. Barrington T. Uyanage.....18
D. Hartshorn Bowled B. Watts 0
I. Boswell not out 3
J. Whorwood c N. O'Toole M. McConnell..... 5
J. Roberts c M. Turvey B. Watts.....12
J. Teasdale c J. Vallence M. McConnell..... 9
T. Schmidt Bowled N. O'Toole..... 1
R. Keighran not out..... 3

Extras 9

Total 10/105

Bowling: B. Watts 6/2/10/2; D. Bibby 5/2/5/2; T. Uyanage 6/0/18/1; N. O'Toole 7/0/34/1; M. McConnell 6/1/17/2; B. D'Silva 5/0/17/0

SUNDAY

A GRADE

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Barham/Koondrook v Wandella

After a great win on Saturday the boys proceeded to the preliminary final on Sunday playing Wandella in Kerang, recording the biggest win in Barham/Koondrook history with a nail biting four-run victory.

Batting first, Barham/Koondrook got off to a flyer, thanks to a terrific innings from Chameera Akurugoda, who bludgeoned the attack early with 41 off 34 balls. That rate of scoring was never going to be maintained but consolidation was the next option with the boys ticking things over with Jaryd Wishart making 34, being the mainstay of the innings. A total of about 150 was the likely outcome with about 10 overs to go but a fantastic last wicket partnership of 43 between Dave Cooper 32no and Tom Guerra 15no got the total to what turned out to be a match winning 9/182.

Wandella started very well capitalising on anything loose, and at 1/71 it looked like Barham/Koondrook's long-time nemesis was heading for another grand final. Then the magic happened. Wickets started to tumble and while the run rate held at about five an over, the game was poised for what would be a tight finish. One big over for the Bombers or a couple of wickets to Barham/Koondrook would sway the game either way and it was our bowlers who took over. It was a combination of some horrible run outs and great bowling with Warren Lolicato taking three wickets, Danny Lolicato grabbing two while Chameera, with two scalps, bowled beautifully at the death.

Coming down to the last over Wandella needed seven to win with one wicket in hand and it was Chameera capping off a great game who sent the bails flying to record a wonderful win for the club, bowling them out for 178.

The boys now go into the grand final versing Leitchville/Gunbower next Saturday, which is A Grade's first ever grand final.

Barham/Koondrook

W. Lolicato C&B R. Oliver 21
C. Akurugoda c Ph. Moore Pe. Moore41
J. Wishart c Pe. Moore D. Higgs 34
T. Millard Bowled Ph. Moore 0
D. Lolicato LBW D. Higgs 4
M. Baldissera c M. Runciman D. Higgs..... 3
M. O'Neill c M. Runciman B. McKnight.....18
D. Cooper not out 32
T. Guerra not out15

Extras 14

Total 7/182

Bowling: R. Barnes 9/0/50/0; B. McKnight 6/0/26/1; D. Higgs 9/2/30/3; R. Oliver 9/2/22/1; Pe. Moore 9/1/44/1; Ph. Moore 3/1/9/1

Wandella

M. Runciman Bowled W. Lolicato74
Pe. Moore c D. Cooper M. O'Neill 7
N. Henry LBW D. Lolicato 26
B. Farley Bowled D. Lolicato 3
G. Dickson c J. Wishart C. Akurugoda 28
L. Murray run out 8
D. Higgs Bowled W. Lolicato 4
R. Oliver run out 0
Ph. Moore Bowled W. Lolicato 4
B. McKnight not out..... 4
R. Barnes Bowled C. Akurugoda 4

Extras 16

Total 10/178

Bowling: W. Lolicato 9/0/40/3; C. Akurugoda 8/1/25/2; M. O'Neill 9/2/28/1; T. Guerra 3/0/21/0; D. Lolicato 7/2/18/2; J. Hall 4/0/21/0; D. Cooper 4/0/19/0

B Grade

Preliminary final

Barham/Koondrook v Nondies

B Grade travelled to Cohuna on Sunday to take on Nondies in a preliminary final going down by six wickets.

Barham/Koondrook put the pads on first and just couldn't get going throughout the innings. Jacob Barrington led the way at the top of the order with 35 but just didn't get enough support through the middle. At 8/91 it looked like a sub 100 score which gets you no prize at the show but then Nathan O'Toole with 17 put on a little cameo at the end to get the score to a half respectable 129.

It was always a case of being up the creek in that barbed wire canoe for the Barham/Koondrook boys and they had a crack but just didn't have enough runs to defend. Nathan O'Toole got two wickets to finish a good game for him.

The B's keep giving themselves a chance each year. Well done to captains, Dudley Bibby and Jacob Barrington, on their efforts throughout the year.

Barham/Koondrook

J. Barrington c A. Moorhouse J. Wilson 35
C. Storm LBW J. Mathers 9
T. Uyanage Bowled S. Spring.....16
S. Farrant Bowled M. Treacy12
B. Watts Bowled S. Spring 0
D. Bibby LBW S. Spring..... 7
M. Turvey Bowled S. Spring 1
J. Vallence c R. Williams S. Spring..... 2
M. McConnell not out 7
N. O'Toole Bowled J. Palmer.....17
M. Laursen c J. Mathers L. Douglas 9

Extras 14

Total 10/129

Bowling: J. Mathers 8/1/26/1; J. Wilson 7/1/39/1; M. Treacy 8/4/12/1; S. Spring 8/3/13/5; L. Edge 3/1/10/0; J. Palmer 2/0/16/1; L. Douglas 1/0/7/1

Nondies

J. Mathers c C. Storm J. Vallence13
A. Moorhouse Bowled N. O'Toole 6
A. Thompson c C. Storm D. Bibby 22
D. Coates c J. Barrington N. O'Toole10
R. Williams not out..... 28
S. Spring not out..... 20

Extras 31

Total 4/130

Bowling: .B. Watts 8/1/40/0; D. Bibby 7/0/13/1; T. Uyanage 3/0/11/0; N. O'Toole 8/1/20/2; J. Vallence 6/0/12/1; M. Laursen 2/0/13/0; M. McConnell 1/0/9/0; C. Storm 1/0/10/0

The club would like to thank the kids who stood up as 12th man/hydration officers on the weekend in Mac Scoullar, Zav Boyd, Lachie Keane, Max Snowdon and Kynan Laursen who all did a great job.

Northern District Lawn Tennis Association

ROUND 16 – March 6, 2021

Senior Div 1

Leitchville	49	lost to	Koondrook	64
Murrabit	48	lost to	Kerang	56
Gunbower	35	lost to	Cohuna	65

Senior Div 2

Koondrook	59	lost to	Murrabit	84
Kerang Green	66	lost to	Kerang Red	71
Gannawarra	74	defeated	Gunbower	64
Barham White	46	lost to	Barham Navy	95

Senior Div 3

Kerang Red	59	defeated	Kerang Green	83
Murrabit Blue	53	lost to	Barham Navy	86
Barham Black	79	defeated	Murrabit White	53
Koondrook	41	lost to	Kerang White	89
Barham White	BYE			

Junior Div 2

Cohuna Gold	38	defeated	Gunbower Blue	31
Murrabit	5	lost to	Kerang	48
Gunbower Red	33	lost to	Cohuna Blue	37

NDLTA LADDER TO ROUND 16

DIVISION 1	W	L	D	For	Agt	%	Pts
Cohuna	11	2	3	731	634	115.3	50
Kerang	10	4	2	768	572	134.27	44
Koondrook	9	5	2	769	597	128.81	40
Murrabit	9	5	2	769	732	105.05	40
Gunbower	1	12	3	590	722	81.72	10
Leitchville	1	13	2	401	771	52.01	8
DIVISION 2	W	L	D	For	Agt	%	Pts
Murrabit	12	2	2	1112	819	135.78	52
Barham Navy	11	2	3	1119	710	157.61	50
Kerang Red	9	4	3	1052	869	121.06	42
Gannawarra	8	5	3	965	957	100.84	38
Koondrook	7	7	2	907	943	96.18	32
Gunbower	3	11	2	850	1051	80.88	16
Kerang Green	2	11	3	770	1001	76.92	14
Barham White	2	12	2	594	1019	58.29	12
DIVISION 3	W	L	D	For	Agt	%	Pts
Kerang White	10	3	3	851	617	137.93	46
Barham Navy	10	3	3	874	718	121.73	46
Kerang Green	10	4	2	823	670	122.84	44
Koondrook	10	4	2	915	798	114.66	44
Barham White	8	5	3	738	606	121.78	38
Kerang Red	7	6	3	768	790	97.22	34
Murrabit White	5	8	3	694	886	78.33	26
Barham Black	4	9	3	638	850	75.06	22
Murrabit Blue	3	11	2	520	886	58.69	16
JUNIORS	W	L	D	For	Agt	%	Pts
Cohuna Blue	12	2	2	551	375	146.93	52
Cohuna Gold	8	5	3	462	392	117.86	38
Kerang	8	6	2	511	382	133.77	36
Gunbower Red	8	6	2	503	441	114.06	36
Gunbower Blue	5	8	3	387	454	85.24	26
Murrabit	0	14	2	261	631	41.36	4

NDLTA Preliminary Finals 2021

All to be played in Kerang

Saturday, March 13, 2021

Snr Division 1

Cohuna v Murrabit
Kerang v Koondrook

Snr Division 2

Murrabit v Gannawarra
Barham Navy v Kerang Red

Snr Division 3

Kerang White v Koondrook
Barham Navy v Kerang Green

Jnr Div 2

Cohuna Blue v Gunbower Red
Cohuna Gold v Kerang

Reminder: Players are encouraged to arrive at 12.30pm. COVIDSafe sign-in will be required for all attendees. All finals are to commence at 1pm sharp! All players to please bring a small plate of arvo tea. COVIDSafe rules apply.

Finals this season are again knockout finals! ie: The winner of the first listed final in each division will play the winner of the second listed final in the grand final to be held next Saturday, March 20 at Barham.



Barham Lawn Tennis Club

Round 16 was played on Saturday, March 6 and the home and away matches are now finished. Congratulations to Division Two Navy and Division Three Navy who have made finals. We wish them the best of luck in Kerang this week, so that we can cheer them on in the grand final at Barham on March 20.

Saturday, March 6:

Division Two Navy and Division Two White did battle. As always, a very fun match when two sides in the same club play each other. Lots of banter and you wish you were a fly on the wall. The Navy side was way too strong, with

their men claiming victory in all sets, the ladies only losing one, although to the White's credit, two of the losses were 7/5, and the mixed sealed the deal with four more wins to the Navy side.

Division Three Navy headed to Murrabit in a quest for a win to seal their position for finals and win, they did. The men had a great day dropping only two sets, the women and the mixed only dropped one. It was a wonderful, fun day.

Division Three White had the bye but unfortunately were two points too far out of the four for this to help them.

Division Three Black hosted Murrabit White and also had a good win. The men won all their sets, the women only got two but the mixed made sure of a win with four wins.

Last game of the season and a fabulous social barbecue was organised to follow it.

Mark and Kate, who had teamed up at the start of the season to help out with the juniors, were joking around and made comment that they had not played with or against each other all season, and the challenge was on. Mark and Wes played Matt and Kate, and beat them 7/6

with the tie break going to 9/7.

The celebrations from the winners were very over the top but provided great entertainment for the barbecue and ensured an amazing atmosphere.

Club Championship matches are still being played. A couple of results to hand are Andy E defeated Peter B, Matt L defeated Nick S, and Paige M defeated Tania P.

Watch this space next week for more results in Club Championships and reports on the two finals matches.

The Barham Curious Writer

Koondrook Tennis

Well, that's a wrap for the 2020-2021 home and away season. Great conditions for our last round.

Division One played Leitchville at Cohuna in what was a good hit out before finals. The boys had a good day only dropping one set and the girls had a tougher day at the office. Coming down to the mixed they needed something good, and they delivered, winning all three mixed and getting up by 15 games.

Division Two took on top of the table Murrabit in a must win to make it into finals. The boys had a tough day at the office, not quite winning a set. The girls on the other hand, had a good day, only dropping one set. A few down going into the mixed, unfortunately the news didn't get any better, winning only one mixed and going down by 25 games.

Division Three took on the particularly strong Kerang team

looking to finish their season on top. Unfortunately, due to Kerang playing a division one man, the boys had a very tough day and couldn't quite snag a set, and the girls had a bit of everything. Heading into the mixed it wasn't a good result not winning any sets and going down by 48 games.

'Player of the Day' this week went to out Division One traveller, Fiona, who has great results every week. Well done, Fiona.

Well, that's it. Semi-finals this week will be played at Kerang, Division One will take on Kerang and Division Three will take on Kerang White. Don't forget games start at 1pm for finals. Hopefully, we can get some good support there, so good luck to everyone.

See you next week (hopefully) for the granny – Bash Hearty.



Barham Bowling Club

Let me tell you a little story. I have heard that bowling arms are cheating sticks. Well, I'm here to tell you that all that talk is bull. Never have I been so embarrassed in my life as to the way that I'm bowling at the moment. Absolutely terrible. Just thought that I'd put that in, in case anyone has been watching. It's either the stick goes, or me!

Now to the nitty gritty. Division Two Green played Cohuna Golf White and in a competitive game only went down by four shots. Mo' Keegan was the unluckiest with an upshot, hit the target and still went

down, but a thrilling finish.

Division Three Green went down to a very strong Wakool side by 16 shots. Bad luck to all those players, and not one person in this club will hold you responsible. You are all very valued members. Just thought that Smythe and Carter could have done better. And can you believe it – we had the man in the hat trying to do the moon walk, with the glove?

This coming week is so important to our new club. We have Division Two Blue and Division Three Blue playing in the grand final at Cohuna Golf.

Division Two Blue will

play Cohuna Golf White and be assured, it will be an entertaining game.

Division Three will play Wakool and it will be interesting as well.

I would hope that we have as many spectators as possible from our club to support our teams.

Whatever the outcome, we will have a free pizza night at our club, and players and spectators will be most welcome.

Bar duty, Reginald Scott and John Cunningham. Thanks, again.

Our classic triples were a great success. Thank you to everyone that contributed. Without volunteers like you, it would be a shamble.

For the players, it was two days of magnificent sunshine, superb greens, thanks to our greenkeeper, 'Deano', who, for his sake, is going to greener pastures. Mate, what can I say? Thank you so much for your dedication. This club will end up like the can without the opener. Thank you for your service. We certainly will miss you.

Winners of the Country Triples Carnival were first Barry Perriman, Barry Ellis and Glen Britton from Bendigo East, second was Geoff Wilson, Bruce McClymont and Simon Chisolm from Inglewood. Third went to Stan Baker, Trevor Nagorka and Les

BARHAM SATURDAY FINAL

March 13, 2021

DIVISION 2 BLUE V COH GOLF WHITE

Skip	A THOMAS	J HOLLOWAY	R SCOTT
3rd	K ASHTON	C BAGG	W BOULTON
2nd	G LAKE	K RYE	M LAURSEN
Lead	L ASHTON	C HOPE	J LAURSEN
Manager:	M LAURSEN		
EMERGENCY:	W MCNEIL		

DIVISION 3 GREEN BLUE V WAKOOL

Skip	H ARCHARD	V MAJHROVSKI	G GOODWIN
3rd	B THEOBALD	R BAKER	L DURBRIDGE
2nd	G GRAEME	H MCCALLUM	D MCCALLUM
Lead	R HILLMAN	N NASH	J ORR
Manager:	V MAJHROVSKI		
EMERGENCY:	K LAKE		

ALL GAMES AT COHUNA GOLF AND BOWLS CLUB STARTING TIME FOR SATURDAY PENNANT FINALS ARE AS FOLLOWS DIV 2 AND DIV 3 ROLL UP AT 12.30PM START AT 12.45PM.

STARTING TIME FOR DIV 1 ROLL UP 1.15PM START AT 1.30PM NO EARLIER ALL GAMES TO BE 21 ENDS PLAYED STRAIGHT THROUGH. UNLESS THE RINK REQUIRES A 10 MIN BREAK

Saunders from Moama. Hopefully we will see all of these teams next year at our new venue.

LADIES' REPORT. Thank you to Robynne and her catering committee and all the ladies who put their hands up to help over the classic triples.

We even had a gentleman and his wife who came and helped. Well done, everyone.

Next Tuesday, March 16 at 10am there is a ladies' meeting. Looking forward to all your support.

ONE FOR THE ROAD. An old lady is standing at the railing of the cruise ship holding her hat on tightly so that it wouldn't blow off

in the wind.

A gentleman approached her and said, "Pardon me, Madam, I do not intend to be forward, but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this high wind?"

"Yes, I know," said the lady, "I need both hands to hang on to my hat."

"But, Madam, you must know that your private parts are exposed," said the gentleman in earnest.

The woman looked down, then back up at the man and replied. "Sir, anything you see down there is 85 years old, and I just bought this hat yesterday,"

See you on the green, WEARY.

WAKOOL BOWLING CLUB

A big congratulation to our Division Three side for making it to another grand final. They had a great day on Saturday with two rinks up and an overall win of 16 shots to have a convincing win over Barham Green in the preliminary finals held at Kerang Golf. This was a confidence booster going into the grand final on Saturday against Barham Blue – good luck!

The Wakool Hotel 'Kitty

Jackpot' is still going strong and is now up to \$2,440 this Friday. The draw for the Men's and Ladies' Club Championship Pairs has been drawn and it's good to see the first round completed on time to meet the deadline for ND CC Pairs on March 27. The winner of last Thursday's Twilight Bash was Greg Lang's side of Fay and Kim to take home the chooks.

Wakool Bowls Pennant Teams GRAND FINAL March 13, 2021

Division Three

Wakool vs Barham Blue (Cohuna Golf)

(s) C. Mills, K. Lolicato, W. Bourke, S. Mills
(s) S. Chalmers, R. Walker, F. Burmeister, G. Rowland
(s) R. Chalmers, S. McNaull, A. Hamilton, A. Stewart
Emergencies: S. Stewart, N. Free

12:30pm roll up – Good luck

Northern District Bowls Association

MIDWEEK PENNANT

Northern District Bowls Division

Midweek Results – Semi-Finals 3/3/2021

Division 1

1st Semi-final: Cohuna 70 V Kerang 51

2nd Semi-final: Barham Blue 58 V Pyramid Hill 54

Division 2

1st Semi-final: Kerang Golf 49 V Kerang 30

2nd Semi-final: Leitchville 59 V Cohuna Gold 31

Next week's preliminary finals will be played at Leitchville

Division 1 Kerang V Barham Blue

Division 2 Kerang V Leitchville

Congratulations to winners on the day and good bowling to all bowlers for the coming week.

Northern District Bowls Association

Results – Preliminary Finals

March 6, 2021

Division 1

Kerang 67 v Kerang Golf 52

Grand Final: Kerang v Cohuna Golf

Division 2

Barham 56 v Cohuna Golf White 60

Grand Final

Cohuna Golf White v Barham Blue

Division 3

Barham 48 v Wakool 64

Grand Final: Wakool v Barham Blue

Congratulations to Kerang Golf for a good preliminary grand final. All grand finals will be played at Cohuna Golf Bowling Club next Saturday 13-03-2021.

cluBarham Indoor Bowls

Where was Rockin Kitty? She will be back. A small gathering of bowlers, all so keen.

Blue team and yellow team saw kitty off the mat onto the dance floor. It is the green mat bowlers, really an easy game, so they say.

We will welcome any new bowlers to come and take up a new interest. 7pm Thursdays at cluBarham.

A gallery with some bowling advice. Blue team, you had to be a Margaret (three of them), won the first match, second match, new mat, can blue keep up

their concentration? Yellow bowling to kitty and adding to their score. Christine, Barbara and Kathleen all bowled well.

Lucky ticket went to Barbara Barnes. Winners were Maggie, Margaret Daffy and Skip Margaret Troy. Runner up was Yellow Team – Christine Pearson, Barbara Barnes and Skip Kathleen Wolfe. Table duty March, Val Reaper and Heather Pilcher.

New bowlers needed and welcomed, do come, and join us.

'Take more grass.'

Fishing Comp. “Refreshing”

It was an impressive sight to see the footy grounds full for the Koondrook Barham Fishing Competition. Held over February 27 and 28, the fishing comp was a refreshing change after a year littered with COVID-19 event cancellations.

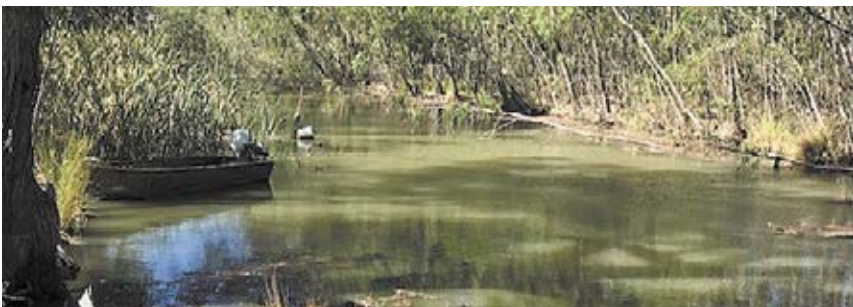
The weather was perfect and event organisers were grateful to all competitors for complying with COVID-19 guidelines. There were many fish caught, most still needing a bit of growing time.

Results:
 1st Prize - Boat won by Ashley Matush
 2nd Prize - Waeco fridge won by Simon Harrison
 3rd Prize - \$350 won by Madison Peters
 Juniors
 1st Prize - \$500 Ty Salter
 2nd Prize - \$200 Jake McGowan
 3rd Prize - \$150 Corey David
 Lure Board Raffle
 1st Prize - Ian Wilson
 2nd Prize - Greg Marshall
 3rd Prize - John Mibus
 Champion Angler
 Tony Free 156cm
 Largest Cod - Adult
 100cm Tony Free
 Largest Yellow Adult
 49cm Debra Rayner
 Largest Carp Adult
 69cm Shaun Trotter
 Largest Cod - Kids
 94cm Sid McGowan
 Largest Yellow - none caught, draw done, won by Ty Salter
 Largest Carp
 64cm Bailey Beach



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