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# CLASS ACTION?



By Lloyd Polkinghorne

As the erosion of the natural constraints continues unabated, locals are left wondering what options they have left. The river that supports towns, ecosystems, irrigation, and life seems to be collateral damage of, ironically, a plan to 'Save the Murray'.

Dairy and avocado producers, Phill and Pam O'Neill, are one of hundreds, if not thousands, of affected parties. The O'Neills, as dairy farmers, have faced numerous challenges resulting from the Murray Darling Basin Plan and corresponding water policy changes. From sky-rocketing water prices and huge reduction in allocation reliability, the O'Neills, like many, adapted, choosing to grow avo-

cados. Now as their core infrastructure is on the brink of being eroded away, who wears the cost?

Our environment is not fairing any better – Ramsar listed forest eroding, platypus, Azure kingfisher and fish habitat affected, and water quality issues. In speaking with scientists and ecologists they estimate there are as many as nine federal environment laws being broken in our region alone.

The Murray Darling Basin Plan was a \$13 billion political plan, starting with protection criteria of environment, economy and community. Now they represent more of a target list. Mid-Murray communities, food producers and our environment and ecosystems seem to be blind spots,

much like Menindee and the Lower Darling.

How does this continue, where is the press conference or even a press release by Federal Water Minister, Keith Pitt, or the Federal Environment Minister and Member for Farrer, Sussan Ley?

Does our political system actually work? Should something as precious as water be a political football kicked between lobbyists, traders and securing votes?

We will continue to expose the huge failing. The recent NSW ICAC report is nothing but damning, the most recent Productivity Commission report actually celebrates trading and expansion of permanent plantings with

no consideration for land suitability, water delivery, market stability or food security.

Maybe a class action is in order? Southern Riverina Irrigators (SRI) has proven the effectiveness of such a step. SRI has repeatedly held government to account on the regular flouting of laws and the manipulation of data and reform implementation.

Basically, there appears no other choice to seek justice. Government cannot be held accountable for breaking the rules, environmental or otherwise, they are immune, untouchable.

If political governance is allowed to continue in its current form, we are teaching the leaders of tomorrow all the wrong things to be effective. Eth-

ics, honesty, wisdom and understanding have been modernised into a non-contact form of the 'Hunger Games'. No blood, political survival is the objective and if you can get away with it, you can do it. If you can't get away with it, you and your colleagues adjust the legislation.

Parting thought: what percentage of time do water bureaucracy employees spend in an office, as opposed to looking at the problem they are trying to fix or even understand? Try it out next time your mower won't start, ring a mechanic in Canberra and ask them what's wrong.



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# Pavey, can you hear their cries!?

By Geoff Kendell

Can you hear the rivers cry for help  
They're sick and dying and so are their people  
I live close to the Murray all my life close enough to  
hear her heartbeat  
I've visited the Darling Baaka many times  
Now I watch in distraught seeing their destruction

I hear the Murray's cries  
Once an iconic River now turned into a government  
run Water canal  
Trees and vegetation drowning, banks eroding metres  
at a time  
Delicate ecosystems developed over millions of years  
Now being destroyed right before my eyes

I hear the farmer's cry as he plants his seeds

I watched parched ground spring to life as farmers ir-  
rigated nurtured land  
Bountiful food produced by long hours of toil  
For our nation to enjoy  
Now a land uncontrolled by vermin and noxious weeds

Can you hear the cries of the Darling Baaka  
The beautiful River where dreamtime stories unfold  
Now being crushed into oblivion by greed and cor-  
ruption  
The crystal-clear water that tasted so nice  
Now a horrid toxic grey green slug unfit for even mice

I can hear the cries of its people  
We can no longer feed our mob  
Who lived on fresh fish and kangaroo  
As our River she dies many of our people do too  
Lucky to make it past the age of forty-two



The Government comes many times to consult  
They listen to our stories  
But they don't hear us; nothing changes  
Their mismanaged Murray Darling River Plan  
Sucking the lifeblood from this land

As a farmer I sit quietly by livelihood gone I hear their  
cries  
My dog bounds to me tail wagging in anticipation of  
work  
I turned to him and say "It's all gone mate it's been  
taken away".  
He lays his head in my lap in despair faithful to both  
our ends  
As we ponder once what had been. Do you hear our  
cries?

# The Bridge

## Letters to the Editor

e: [admin@thebridgenews.com.au](mailto:admin@thebridgenews.com.au)

PO Box 138, Barham, NSW 2732

Dear Editor,

Back on 2nd February 2021, I forwarded the following enquiry to the Gannawarra Shire.

'As a family member of an elderly citizen of the Shire who attends the Cohuna Activities Centre located adjacent to the Shire Hall, I would like some information as to why the landline telephone to that facility has been disconnected.

I feel that it is necessary that the centre has a landline operational to allow fast and reliable access to emergency services should they be required. As the facilitator of the Activities Program the Shire surely has a duty of care to provide a reliable contact service to both emergency services and families of those attending the centre.

I would welcome a plausible explanation as to why the service has

been discontinued.'

I have now received the following reply via mail – 'Thank you for your letter raising concerns about the phone connection at the Cohuna Memorial Hall Senior Rooms.

The Social Support Group is ran by the Cohuna Hospital and their staff. Council has a lease agreement in place with Cohuna Hospital for the use of the Cohuna Memorial Hall – seniors room for the Social Support Group.

If you have any concerns about safety of your family member I suggest that you contact Cohuna Hospital Staff to discuss access to mobile phones in case of emergency.'

This response has still failed to clarify any reason as to why the landline has not been reconnected.

I fail to see where the Cohuna District Hospital or any other organisation or group hiring Shire amenities are responsible for the telephone landline at the premises.

I wish to make other us-

ers aware of this as several groups use the amenities, some with elderly members, and may be unaware that the telephone service has been discon-

nected and, it appears, will not be reinstated by the Gannawarra Shire.

Yours sincerely,  
Donald Forbes  
Cohuna

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28th annual

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AWMA Water Control Solutions  
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If the Bridge to Bridge is cancelled, all events will revert to virtual events.

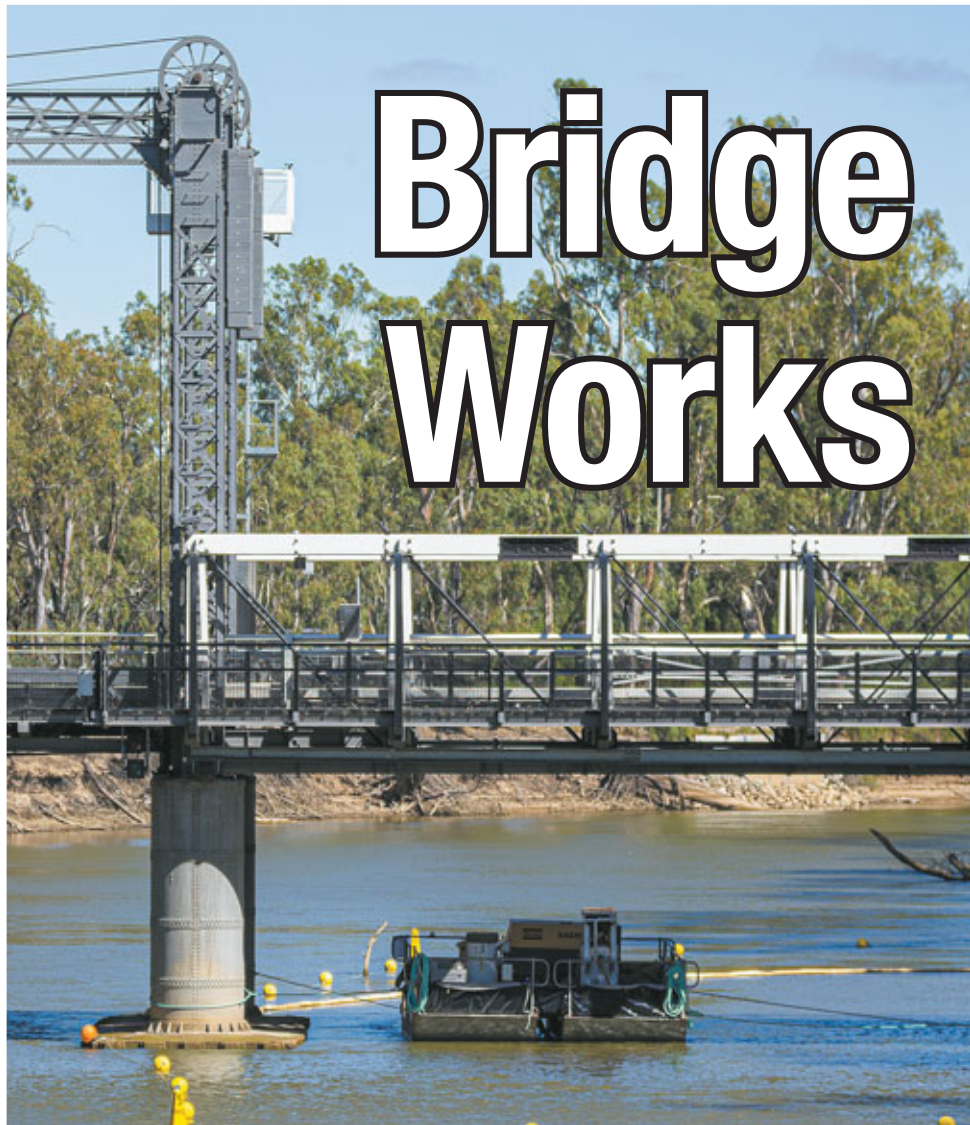
- Mawson's Mini Miler
- H2H Digital 6.5km Fun Run/Walk
- Gannawarra Shire Council 12.5km Trail Run
- Cohuna Auto Electrical 21.1km Trail Run
- Riverine Herald 6.5km Junior Cycle
- 25km Cycle
- 50km Cycle
- Virtual Options for Each Event

A major fundraiser for the  
Cohuna District Hospital  
with proceeds going towards the maternity facility.

Organised by  
the Bridge to Bridge  
Committee and the



# Bridge Works



Transport New South Wales has begun maintenance works on the Barham-Koondrook Bridge which should be completed in early April. The \$1.5 million project involves repairing watertight metal retaining structures around the bridge piers to address corrosion. Work is carried out between 7am and 6pm on weekdays (weather permitting).

Reduced speed limits, including 20km/h

speed restrictions across the bridge, with an occasional delay of up to 20 minutes can be expected. There will be a maritime speed limit of four knots on the Murray River. The lift span and main travel channel will remain operational.

The works are to ensure that the bridge remains efficient and safe for current and future vehicle loads.

## Gannawarra NEWS

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Council's COVID-19 Hardship Policy continues to support those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Residents and business owners who cannot pay any outstanding bills they have with Council at this time should contact Council to request this support and discuss their situation with our friendly staff.

Respectfully yours,  
**Mayor Charlie Gillingham**



### IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

**WEDNESDAY, 3 MARCH**

KERANG (10.30am - 12 noon)

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/tenders)

### HAVE YOUR SAY

- Cohuna Waterfront Connection Project
- For more information, visit [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay)

### PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Council's services will be closed on Monday, 8 March 2021 for the Labour Day public holiday. For after-hours animal/livestock emergencies, please call the Local Laws Officer on duty on 0428 500 212.

### RATES INSTALMENT REMINDER

Ratepayers are reminded that if you choose to pay your rates by instalments, the third instalment payment is due by Monday, 1 March 2021. For more information, visit [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au) or phone (03) 5450 9333.

### OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL OPENING HOURS CHANGING

From Monday, 1 March, the Cohuna and Kerang swimming pools will be open between 3pm and 7pm daily until the end of the 2020/21 season on Sunday, 14 March.



### COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025

Thank you to all residents who took the time to help shape the latest version of the Gannawarra Shire Council Plan and the Gannawarra's longer-term Community Vision. Council undertook an extensive 25-day community engagement program, which included 15 community sessions where residents engaged with Councillors and staff, conversation boards at eight locations and a discussion forum on Council's website. All feedback received will assist with the development of the Draft Gannawarra Shire Council Plan 2021-2025, which Council will seek further community feedback on later this year.

### COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY CONTINUES

Independent market research agency National Field Services is conducting the 2021 Community Satisfaction Survey, with participants asked to provide their feedback on Council's overall performance, community engagement, sealed local road network, customer service, decision making and overall Council performance.

All responses received will be confidential, with only the overall summary results shared with Council.

Anyone who has any queries about the Community Satisfaction Survey is encouraged to contact Council on (03) 5450 9333.

### KEEP UP TO DATE

If you would like to keep up to date with the latest Council news, please email [media@gannawarra.vic.gov.au](mailto:media@gannawarra.vic.gov.au) to be added to Council's news distribution list.

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## BARHAM SKATE PARK

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Sat 27th Feb

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**Skate Sessions - 2pm & 3pm**

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1:30PM SKATE

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## EDITORIAL – Southern Connected Basin Communities

By Sophie Baldwin, SCBC

Muriel Riley has lived through more than her fair share of heartache.

As a child of the stolen generation, Muriel was ripped away from her family and her beloved Baaka River when she was just five years old.

And now, 63 years later, the river is being ripped away from Muriel.

The Baaka River is in crisis and so too are the Barkandji.

The Barkandji belong to the river – it is in their name, it is their culture, their heritage and their life.

But water has stopped flowing down the river as the insatiable greed from floodplain harvesting in the northern basin has sucked the river dry.

In the last 20 years storages in the north have increased by 152 per cent. This is not climate change – this is greed on such a massive and incomprehensible scale it has stopped a river flowing and forced a community into poverty.

The delicate eco system of the Darling-Baaka River is imploding, taking with it a community so entrenched with the cycle of the river, they are lost without it.

The fish are long gone, as are the kangaroos, the emus, the yabbies and the mussels – the food source and the totems of the Barkandji have all disappeared into the dust.

There are times when the water quality is so poor, contact

results in an angry red rash, while other times it is stagnant and putrid – often there is no water at all.

It is hard to believe the people of Wilcannia in 2021 have to live below the poverty line - their life expectancy is just 38 years for men and 42 for women.

It is a well-known fact when there is water in the river, crime rates are down and the community's mental and physical well-being is much improved.

And yet, the sadness within Muriel is palpable as she gazes out across a once mighty Baaka River that today is a dirty, muddy streak in the riverbed.

As a young child she can remember a river so clear she could see fish swimming around the bottom.

"Before I got stolen we used to see catfish and now we don't see them no more, they are all gone," Muriel said.

Muriel knows what it is like to live without her river. She was forced to spend 13 long years away from it.

"Badger and my oldest brother were the lucky ones because Granny used to take them and put them in her canoe and take them up river to get away, but me and my three other brothers were all taken.

"They reckon I was uncontrollable because I broke out of all of them places but I just wanted to get home, back to the river."

Muriel carried with her an old black and white picture of the



bridge at Wilcannia and when she was released at eighteen she only had one destination in mind.

"I just asked them people which way to get to that town and that's how I found my way back – the river is my life," Muriel said.

And now, six decades later, Muriel is losing her river again.

The Baaka River is no longer the mighty and majestic river of Muriel's childhood full of fish, mussels, yabbies and ducks, while the reeds she used to

weave her baskets with disappeared a long time ago.

"We lost the reeds when they buggered up the river years ago. We have a big hole in our hearts when we see the river like this, we just want the river to be natural like it used to be."

A recent pulse of 26,000 megalitres has put water into the system, however, it pales into insignificance after two million megalitres were taken by unlicensed and unmetered irrigators in the north.

And the Barkandji are meant

to be grateful for what is nothing more than a token gesture and a mere scrap of water.

"This is our mother river and she is our life and we feel really happy when water is here, but how long is the water going to stay this time?" Muriel said.

## Summer Reading Club

Barham Library, in conjunction with Swan Hill Regional Library, recently held the Summer Reading Club. There were some great incentives for children who were reading throughout the summer break with prizes such as a 32GB iPad, a mini Sphero kit, and Toyworld, EB Games and Showbiz Cinema gift vouchers in the major draw.

For every completed log

page that the children handed into the library, they received a free meal voucher from either McDonald's or Subway. A log page consisted of either 10 books read or 10 hours of reading. The more logs read, the more a chance of winning a major prize.

One mum said, "It was great during the school holidays. When the children started to get tired and grumpy, I would

say, 'hey, have you done your hour reading today?' and off they would go to their rooms to read."

The major draw was held at Swan Hill Library on Friday, February 5. All Barham participants received their meal vouchers and participation certificates and look forward to joining in the fun next time when Summer Reading Club is held.



Tara Jameson 8, Kieran Jameson 9 and Maddi Chapman 7. Absent Frederick Phillips and Tommie Gleeson

### COHUNA & DISTRICT ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

**COHUNA: Cranmer the Martyr 32 Channel St, Cohuna**

Sunday 9am Holy Communion Rev. Sue Allen. 2.30pm Hot Spot Prayers

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

Sunday 11am with Uniting Church.

**LEITCHVILLE: Latimer the Martyr – 23 Findlay Ave, Leitchville**

Sunday 9.30am Morning Prayer.

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

Sunday 11am Holy Communion Rev. Sue Allen

### KOONDROOK PERRICOOTA FOREST COMMUNITY VISION WORKSHOP

**FRIDAY 26 FEB  
10-3PM  
BARHAM RSL**

All are welcome to help form a bottom-up community led vision for the Koondrook Perricoota Forest. Lunch will be provided. RSVP essential [www.westernmurraylig.org](http://www.westernmurraylig.org) or call 03 5453 1577 for help to register.

We would appreciate you taking a preliminary survey via our website. Hard copies available from WMLIG offices at 27 Thule Street Barham.

This workshop is funded by Forestry Corporation NSW's Intervention Monitoring Project



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# 'Apprehensive' Approach to Draft Water Strategy

An "apprehensive approach" is being taken to the draft NSW Water Strategy, released this week.

Speak Up Campaign chair Lachlan Marshall said developing a clearly defined strategy was "a step in the right direction," but there remained a high level of mistrust in communities around the NSW Government's water management.

"The first priority in the draft strategy is to 'build community confidence and capacity through engagement, transparency and accountability'. While that would be very much welcomed, it will take a significantly different approach to what we have seen in the past decade," Mr Marshall said.

He added "words in a glossy document" is not what communities want or need.

"We need action to improve water management and repair the damage that has occurred to our agricultural sector, our communities and the environment," Mr Marshall said.

"Water policy decisions over the past two decades have seen the reliability of General Security Entitlements in the NSW Murray plummet from above 80 per cent in the mid 1980s, to a yield of now sub 50 per cent.

"This cannot all be attributed to climate change; policy decisions have had a major impact on water availability to food producers in one of the most diverse food bowls in the nation. And it is wreaking havoc."

Mr Marshall said removing policy makers out of regional centres and locating them in city offices has resulted in isolated decision making, where local knowledge is disregarded.

He described the Snowy Hydro Scheme as "a great example of the disconnect between the southern food bowl and the city decision-makers",



and is concerned that under the latest water strategy the NSW Murray would "miss out again".

"Proceeds from the sale of Snowy Hydro are going to fund water infrastructure projects in six valleys across our state, all outside the Murrumbidgee and Murray Valleys.

"The Snowy Hydro Scheme was designed to not only generate electricity, but also open up our irrigation regions and provide food security. Meanwhile, we have seen our reliability slashed yet no effort to use funds from the Snowy Hydro sale to protect or shore up our water supply.

"Over two years ago we discussed ways the sale funds could be used with Deputy Premier John Barilaro, but it seems he left town and lost interest. This is another example of why we get frustrated and lose faith in the state government and its bureaucracy – there doesn't seem to be any desire to fix the problems which have been created in our region."

Mr Marshall therefore encouraged NSW DPIE to look beyond its own bureaucracy and local government for advice on water planning issues, and start engaging effectively with stakeholder leaders who have holistic knowledge of water issues and the impacts of decision making.

"This is the key to a successful strategy. We need key departmental staff returned to our region and genuine efforts to collaborate and develop solutions," Mr Marshall said.

"Writing a fluffy document is not enough."



## How to Develop a New Habit

Building new habits can feel impossible to navigate. It is a common belief that a new habit takes 21 days to develop. While this is somewhat true, it really does depend on what the habit is you are wanting to change. Building a new habit can take anywhere from three weeks to six or more months. Some things can be very ingrained in your natural routine.

In this article I am going to give you eight steps to take to get the ball rolling – this is the same process I take each client through for any new habit they are wanting to create.

**Step 1.** Get super clear. You need to know exactly what it is you want to do. The clearer it is in your mind, the easier it is to create. Break it down into clear, simple terms of what it is you want.

**Step 2.** Know your why. You need to know, at least 10 reasons 'deep', why you

want that new habit. Keep digging into each reason to eventually find the real reason. This creates a strong reason for you to stick to it.

**Step 3.** Make a commitment. You need to commit 100% for at least the next 30 days to this new habit; a nice trackable number for you to follow.

**Step 4.** Make yourself accountable. Get someone else involved or find someone to support you with your habit change.

**Step 5.** Associate the new habit with an old habit. When you connect it to an already established habit, it makes it easier for you to continuously do it. For example, as soon as you have completed a habit you already have daily, you will then do your new habit.

**Step 6.** Plan for obstacles. This one is important; setbacks are very common and having a plan to get around them makes a big difference. What can you see

getting in the way of you accomplishing your new habit? What strategies can you put in place to overcome those obstacles?

**Step 7.** Master the mindset. Picture the person you are wanting to become by creating this new habit. Learn to step into that role before you have even mastered the habit. Create a whole persona for the person you aspire to be. That way, when you get stuck, you ask yourself, "what would my future self, who already has this consistent habit, do in this moment?"

**Step 8.** Reward yourself. Make the rewards in alignment with the lifestyle you are trying to create with your new habit.

It is always important to start slow and build one habit at a time. Once the habit feels like it is consistent and requires little thought, add in another new habit.

## GRIFFITH INDUSTRY TOUR

Join us on a tour of some of the most interesting agricultural industry businesses with a focus on value adding in the Griffith, Whitton and Coleambally areas.

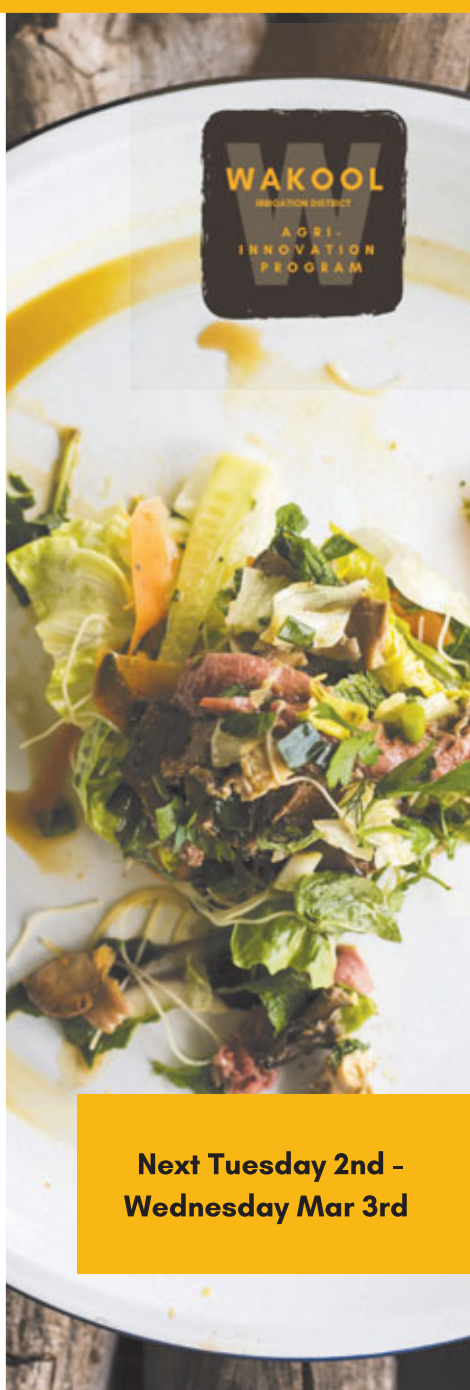
We will be visiting Whitton Malt House, Voyager Craft Malt, Southern Cotton, Murray Cod Australia, Coleambally Community Farm, just to name just a few. It will be a busy couple of days but there will be plenty of time to sample the local produce! A full itinerary is available on our website.

**Wakool Landholders - Free**  
**Non-Wakool landholders - \$200pp**

Accommodation additional

RSVP essential by 26th Feb. Spaces are limited. Please book your spot via our website [www.westernmurraylig.org](http://www.westernmurraylig.org) or call 03 5453 1577 for help to register. Refer to our website for the official boundaries of the Wakool district.

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



**Next Tuesday 2nd -  
Wednesday Mar 3rd**

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**SATURDAY, 6TH MARCH 2021**

**SUNDAY, 7TH MARCH 2021**

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- DEMOLITION DERBY
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# COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS NOW OPEN

Traditional Owner and community groups across Northern Victoria are invited to help protect the environment – with grants of up to \$50,000 now available for conservation projects or habitat restoration.

Member for Northern Victoria, Mark Gepp MP has welcomed the \$7.4 million Community Environment Grants package, which will fund small and large-scale projects dedicated to preserving Victoria's biodiversity and waterways.

Community and Traditional Owners groups, volunteer organisations and schools from across Northern Victoria are welcome to apply for grants through three different streams, which include:

- Community Volunteer Action Grants – to protect and enhance the natural environment, boost volunteer participation and address threats to biodiversity on public and private land.

• Aboriginal Community Caring for Country Grants – to support Aboriginal communities and organisations to access and care for Country.

A further two streams will open later this year, including the Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants – opening in March – which supports the next generation of Victorians to protect biodiversity through action that improves and restores habitat for native plants and animals.

The Victorian Landcare Grants will open in April to support groups to undertake on-ground and natural environment improvement works.

For more information and to apply, visit: [www.environment.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.environment.vic.gov.au/grants)

## Bad News

By Ali Bohn

“SHHHH! The news is on, be quiet, I’m trying to listen!”

I can still hear Dad’s abrupt voice as the 6 o’clock news came on of an evening, my brothers and I running around making a racket.

In our family home when I was a kid, it was an unwritten rule that as soon as the news came on, we were to sit in silence as a family as we had our lesson in current affairs and world news.

As Dad sat in his chair with a glass of beer, Mum would catch glimpses of the stories in between preparing the dinner. We could not wait for the commercial breaks to come on so we could speak!

The news bulletin went for 30 minutes, stories were brief and direct, and I always remember the weatherman pointing out all the cities on the massive cardboard map being the most exciting part of the bulletin. When the news finished, we ate dinner, had our showers and got our pyjamas on, ready to watch *A Country Practice*, *Family Ties* or *The Flying Doctors* – as a family. It was what most families did back then. We ate together and watched the TV together. There was usually just one television set per household. (Who would have thought we could survive with just one?)

Now let’s fast forward a generation.

We now have a news update at least every hour, on the hour, on free-to-air viewing, that’s on the television and does not include the continuous updates online. Then there are the stations that run news only for 24 hours a day. More and more breaking news constantly shoved in our faces, has made the 6 o’clock ‘family time’ a thing of the past at least in my household.

Is that because I am too busy to sit and watch the news? Well, partly, but more importantly it is due to me wanting to avoid all of the ‘bad news’ that seems to be infiltrating through the entire bulletin. Recently I have found myself flicking the television off as soon as the news comes on due to the anxiety the stories are causing my children. I had not realised what was causing all of the questions I was being asked each night when I put them to bed. When



I would go in and say goodnight to them, I would be getting all the questions – “why did that man murder his family?” “How often do earthquakes kill people and are we going to die from them?” “Will you and Dad die from COVID-19?” “Do kids get cancer or just old people and will I die from cancer?” So here I was, instead of looking forward to the snuggles goodnight, I was dreading going in to tuck my children in because of the difficult questions that were keeping them from falling asleep in peace.

How things have changed. Where my parents used to make us sit down and watch the news for educational purposes, I now, as a

parent myself, avoid the news at all costs, not only for my own sanity but for the protection of my children. These days I feel that the only thing they are learning from the news is that awful feeling in their tummies called ‘anxiety.’

Yes, I want my children to be resilient and aware, but I also want them to be children for as long as possible. How can we expect them to understand why someone murders, what their chances are of being killed by an earthquake or the likelihood of them getting cancer? Call me a helicopter parent, I don’t care, I just don’t want to expose my children to such tragedy and fear before their brains are mature enough to fully understand it.

They say too much exposure to gaming devices is bad for their health. I get that and definitely agree, but watching the daily news, I believe, is equally as bad or if not worse. Learning about how to be kind and respectful, carefree and confident, and to speak up when they are afraid. These are vital life lessons that no news bulletin will tell them about.

Already after just a few weeks of switching off the news, the anxiety and difficult questions have eased right off. I may not be able to protect them from schoolyard tales and of course kids will be kids in that regard, but switching off is helping my children to ‘switch off’ to the often sensationalised news stories that are trying to turn them into adults overnight.

## Anglican Parish News

By Ruth Arthur

Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, writes, “During Lent, we are invited to retreat and reflect, to mirror Jesus’ time in the wilderness before the celebrations of Easter. This year has been one which none of us could have imagined. If we’d been told in 2019 that we’d all be wearing face masks and staying home in 2020, and taking on a whole new way of life we’ve had to adopt, people would have found it difficult to believe.”

The Christian story requires us to step into an unbelievable account – a wild take of a virgin birth, miracles, healing, and resurrection from the dead. It invites us to believe in a totally new world; one where God has stepped in and shown us a new way to live. A whole new framework which challenges the realities we thought we knew – that we are on our own, that life is infinite and even that the dead stay dead.

Perhaps the most fantastic thing about

the Christian story is that it calls us to step into a world which is turned on its head. Fear becomes hope, hate turns to love, death is transformed into eternal life. We are pulled out of obscurity, isolation, and loneliness, into relationship – those who ostracised, marginalised, shunned and alone, become part of God’s story in the world, welcomed and accepted.

So, at LENT what do I give up? Forget chocolate and wine. This is harder.

Give up complaining, focus on Gratitude. Give up pessimism, become an Optimist. Give up worry, trust Divine providence. I did warn you it was hard. More next week.

FRIDAY 9.30am Murray Haven Holy Communion.

OPP. SHOP AGM Wednesday, March 3, 2pm at St John’s. Committee elections to be held.

BARHAM PARISH AGM Sunday, March 7, after the service.



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## Yanco Creek Modernisation Project Public Information Session

The NSW Government is hosting a face to face public information session on the proposed Yanco Creek Modernisation Project aimed at modernising infrastructure to enable smarter use of water in the Yanco Creek system including Yanco, Billabong, Colombo, Forest creeks.

Join us to find out more about the project as we work in collaboration with local communities to:

- improve community confidence over future water security;
- modernise infrastructure by upgrading old and inefficient structures;
- use the best available technology to modernise the system;
- develop ways to use water more efficiently across the Yanco Creek System;
- ensure town water supplies are secure, and
- improve environmental outcomes.

Attend the session:

Thursday, 25 February 2021  
8.30 am – 11.00 am  
Morundah Hall, Morundah

Registration is required. Register online at [dpie.nsw.gov.au/stakeholder-engagement](http://dpie.nsw.gov.au/stakeholder-engagement)

For more information on the Yanco Creek Modernisation Project, visit [industry.nsw.gov.au/water/plans-programs/sdlam/yanco-creek-system-project](http://industry.nsw.gov.au/water/plans-programs/sdlam/yanco-creek-system-project)

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# GEE GEE Gone...



**By Lloyd Polkinghorne**  
**PHOTOS: Linda Archard.**

The new Gee Gee Bridge over the Wakool River and flood approach have been utilised since their opening last year. The project's completion was a welcome relief to farmers and road transporters as load restrictions have been in place for some time.

The original Gee Gee Bridge's long and interesting history has now come to an end after removal of the bridge.

Gee Gee Bridge and surrounds were a vital part of the local redgum milling history. A sawmill operated on the banks of the Wakool River from the early 1920s to about 1940. At its peak, there were about 20 families and a multitude of single workmen living there. It resembled a small township.

Readers of The Bridge may remember the late James Lowe, whose story featured last year.

James' family arrived at Gee Gee,

travelling from Cohuna via unmade roads on a solid-tyred Leyland open to the elements, which was not the height of luxury, arriving about dusk to a house that was a large open-ended barn. James was six years old (1932).

James described growing up at Gee Gee as full of adventure but also of hardship. James recalled, "It was the norm in those days of the Depression. We had no phone or electricity and, in time, had a kerosene fridge."

"A trip to Swan Hill perhaps twice a year with two shillings and sixpence to spend was... WOW!" said James.

The steep cutting below the new bridge was evidently made for Cobb & Co. probably hence the name Gee Gee Crossing. I hear there is a change in name proposed for this new bridge, which is a pity because there will be much history lost.

Many memories remain to so many people, such as the farmers to whom the bridge meant so much. Gee Gee Crossing will always be known and remembered by our family by that name. I would petition to have the new bridge maintain the name that has had such meaning for so many for well over a century.



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## TOWN HAPPENINGS

Plenty of volunteers rolled up their sleeves for the footy club working bee on Sunday to help move the club's belongings into their new clubrooms. Raider raffle winners this week went to Jenny Hare, who took home the \$50 gift card, Shagga took home the meal voucher and six pack, and mystery, John, took home two bottles of wine. Fantastic to hear the donations for James Lang are expected to reach over \$60,000 in the coming weeks. What an outstanding effort.

## BUSINESS STREET TALK

This week it is Sonia from 'Barham Thule' at 26 Murray Street. What a beautiful shop she has to welcome you into, just like the lady herself. Her styling in store is eye-catching, and I can't forget to mention how beautiful the shop smells.

**Name:** Sonia Mills

**Family members:** Husband, Chris, three grown up children and one precious grandson, Wyld.

**What is your business?** Barham Thule. The business has been operating for five years and I have owned it for three years in March.

**What do you sell?** I stock and sell fashion, jewellery, aromas, occasional furniture, baskets, cushions, nursery, eco-friendly reusables, and lots more.

**If you could live anywhere besides here, where would it be?** In a villa in Northern Italy, just until I get my fill of home-made pasta, local vino rosso (red), and to converse in Italian until I'm fluent. It is my ultimate dream! Si! (Yes!)

**What is your biggest fear?** A fear of pecking chooks, swooping birds, feathers – you get the idea... BIRDS in general!

**What would you change about yourself if you could?** To be a better cook, especially vegan meals.

**What motivates you to work hard?** Life, love, and family. I love my workplace.

**Proudest accomplishment?** Family, pure and simple.

**Funniest thing that has happened this week/month?** Going to bed with wet hair and looking in the mirror the next morning (scary... but funny).

**What did you aspire to be when you were little?** An air hostess so I could travel the world.

**If you could choose to do anything or be someone else for a day, what or who would it be?** I would choose to hold and kiss my mother one more time.

**Karaoke machine has one song left, what do you pick?** 'Man, I Feel Like a Woman' by Shania Twain.

**Have you travelled? Where?** I have seen a lot of out-back Australia and love camping. Memorable overseas trip in 2015 with my two sisters visiting Sweden, England and then onto 12 European countries. Every day

was a highlight, it was an awesome trip. My son was married in 2018 on Vancouver Island so we travelled around the Canadian Rockies, cruised inside the passage to Alaska with 14 family members on board, then onto Seattle and San-Francisco. Amazing holiday!

**If there was one thing you could change in the community what would it be?** Let's beautify Barham. It's a tourist destination so let's light up our shopping precinct with fairy lights in the trees, add more garden beds and more seating in Murray Street. Oh, and what about the Barham Lakes. Such a beautiful site on the Murray. Let's get it going to its full potential.

**Someone you admire in the community and why?** Not one, but all the vibrant women in their 80s and 90s who are still so engaged in life through bowls, golf, card nights, coffee dates and shopping together. They inspire me to live life well.

**Something positive you've seen in the community lately?** The removal of the border police on both sides of the Murray. Also, there has been a big shift in shopping locally in 2020/21 and the community being supportive and openly proud that Barham has everything available to them.

**There is an empty building in town, what would you fill it with?** Not an aviary that's for sure!

**If money was no object, what would you do all day?** Buy that villa with a cellar door and Mario (the chef) cooking 'special' pasta for me. Buon appetit.

**You have three free wishes, what do you wish for?** Just the normal; world peace, no pandemics and longevity.

**Something we don't know about you?** Surprise! I'm Italian.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST (25 years ago)

Snr Constable Paul Margetts of Koondrook Police examined a large find of old unexploded munitions from the 1930s, found in a shed belonging to an elderly Koondrook resident. The Koondrook Cricket Club won the one-day cricket final easily against R.S.L. A young Diesel Laursen led the celebrations along with his crew from Bay 13, however, was finding it hard to stay on his feet. Christian Hill took out the junior boys' tennis championship, Scott Jackson won the B Grade men's, along with Michelle McNeil and Shawn Filo winning the A Grade singles.

## LAUGH OF THE WEEK

Why do fish live in saltwater? Because pepper water would make them sneeze.

## WHAT I LEARNT TODAY

Infants are born with approximately 300 bones, but as they grow some of these bones fuse together. By the time they reach adulthood, they only have 206 bones.



# Facebook Can't ban Local Newspapers

Dear readers,

Last week Facebook banned news outlets in Australia.

Facebook is abusing its global monopolistic powers in an attempt to bully Australian news outlets, and we support the ACCC and the Commonwealth Government's efforts to rein them in.

HOWEVER, FACEBOOK CAN'T BAN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS!

This is a very powerful reminder of the importance of local newspapers as a trusted and independent source of local news.

The Bridge is proudly committed to pub-

lishing and printing local news and being an independent voice for the local community.

We are happy for Facebook to be a platform for crazy cat videos, photos of food and fake unregulated news.

The Bridge remains committed to local journalism and is more relevant than ever before as the true source of local news and information.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Polkinghorne

Editor



## Sealed at Last

Well, almost. Our Moulamein-Hay Road has finally got the go ahead to be bitumen all the way. They are working on the first two-point-something-kilometres of the last seven or so kilometres. New roads do not come cheap. This is a three-year project that will cost close to \$3 million. The much-needed upgrade of

our Hay-Moulamein Road will be jointly funded by the Edward River Council, the New South Wales State Government's Fixing Country Roads program as well as the Australian Government's Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program. I know of one councillor on the Edward River Council that has been there for three name changes of his council. Now he can retire gracefully as he has been trying to get this project up for most of his council life. Well done to all involved. It will mean a lot more traffic through Moulamein in three years' time. Grey nomads do not like gravel.

## Cripple Run

This is a strange way to start an article, but our Moulamein Footy-Netball Club has found a market for those crippled sheep that you just do not know what to do with. Our club will still be abiding by the rules of what can and cannot be loaded, but if you have those mongrel bottoms of the mob that you do not know what to do with, please give Nick a ring on 0457 137 612 to arrange pick up. This could be a handy fundraiser for our club, and you can get rid of the crippled sheep that give us all the shits. We all think they will come good, but they never do.

## 'Cheese Man' Deal for Moulamein

A lot of us know the 'Cheese Man' that visits our Murrabit Market once a month. He has a bit to do with our town and he has decided at the next Murrabit Market, if you buy three bits of cheese from him, and you are from Moulamein, you get one for free. This is a great deal and we can

only hope that other towns do not take advantage of this and pretend they come from our great little town of Moulamein. I have heard on the grapevine that he may offer this deal to other towns in the future. If you are from Moulamein, get in quick at the next Murrabit Market.

## 'BredWell FedWell'

Our mates from 'BredWell FedWell' are able to run field days again after having to close down because of our mate COVID-19. There are two workshops coming up, one for merino breeders and one for terminal sires. These are both hands-on workshops about breeding and feeding to hopefully make more money. The first day for merino breeders will be held at Scotsburn, 3715 on the Moulamein-Swan Hill Road on Thursday, March 4. The terminal day will be held at the Lauridale White Suffolk Stud, 228 Jerry's Road, Wakool. Both days start at 8.30am and go until around 3.30pm. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. The best thing about these days is that they are free. Please RSVP by Monday, March 1 for both days on [www.mla.com.au/bredwellfedwell](http://www.mla.com.au/bredwellfedwell) or ring Rick on 0428 372 357.

## River Levels

The Edward is dropping very slowly at the moment at almost 1,600 megalitres a day and just under 1.8m. Let's hope it has levelled off for our Footy-Netball Club Swan Hill Truck Service Cash Classic on the long weekend of March 6 and 7. Fish are still biting okay, so it should be good.

# WAKOOL NEWS

By Greta Ryan | [gretaryan@bigpond.com](mailto:gretaryan@bigpond.com)

Our little village is grieving this week with the tragic loss of a good mate. Our thoughts and compassion go to the family and friends of Peter 'Cookie' Cook. You will be greatly missed and will live in our hearts and be remembered always. Rest in peace, my friend.

\* The pub raffles this week, and when Kitty Jackpot saw Bob Smith drawn out with the chance to win \$2,280, everyone in the room held their breath and crossed their fingers and toes. It wasn't meant to be, though, so the prize money jackpots next week. Toby won the \$15 voucher, Mick the \$10 voucher, the free pot went to F. & G. as well as the free tickets. Social Club, and Aidi took home a meat pack, as did a lovely Evelyn who was visiting, six-pack went to Graham, and Saz got the free pizza.

\* Birthday wishes go to Lyn Rogers and Lucy Anthony.

\* The Pub Punters, and Margaret was back looking to add to her nice tally from last week. She was joined by Mainy, who was hoping to recapture his form from many moons ago. Margaret went with five win bets, with Mainy trying trifectas and a multi on the tennis. Both tipsters were left wanting and not a penny from Saturday at the races, so it was the tennis that we held our hopes on. The women's final went our way

but the men's was not so kind, a total wipe-out for the weekend. Next week it's up to Des and newby, Rick, to select well. Saturday tipping, and it was a fairly tough day for most. Arthur was the standout and he won comfortably. He had four winners for the day and no placing with a nice end total. It was a closely fought battle for the placings and it was Barb sneaking into second with the last winner, just ahead of Jan. Overall, Bob takes the lead over Barb and Grant. Good luck and good punting.

\* The club membership number was Marianne, not present. Raffle winners were Bob Calvert - meat tray, Dianne Benson - meat tray, Jason Mathers - screwdriver set, Rob Walker - meat tray, Gloria Pratt - veggie pack, Danielle Irving - petrol voucher, Sherie Dehne - plates. Thursday night seafood raffle on February 25, March 4 and 11. When you buy \$10 worth of raffle tickets you go into the draw for an Engel fridge. Good luck.

\* Please email me or call into the pub with any announcements. Take care.



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### COMMUNITY CARE NURSING SERVICES

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#### Community Nursing Team

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L-R Sonya Martin, Toni Lake and Kerry Stirling.



The Community Nurses can provide many care options including:

- Wound care
- Medication administration
- Catheter care
- Post-operative recovery care
- Clinical nursing support for aged care clients to continue to be independent at home
- Palliative care
- Referrals to allied and specialised health services

**New referrals to Community Nurses are made through the Community Care Intake Service (CCIS) on 1800 654 324.**

#### What is the Community Care Intake Service? (CCIS)

The CCIS is a telephone based referral service for community and allied health support.

#### What happens after a referral is made?

- A time and place for your first visit is arranged
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#### Child and Family Health

Toni Lake is the Child and Family Health Nurse in Barham. The Child and Family Health Nursing role supports families through the journey of early parenthood from birth to five years.

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# What's On THIS WEEK

Every Wednesday night

**Lions Bingo**, Barham Reception Centre at 8pm.

Every second Sunday of the month

**Bar-Rook Field and Game**, 1184 Gonn Rd, Barham at 10am.

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. What country has the longest coastline in the world?
2. Which country has a unicorn as its national animal?
3. What country was known as Ceylon until 1972?
4. Which country is home to the world's tallest building?
5. Officially, what is the coldest country in the world?
6. What African country has the largest population?
7. Which country celebrates the first arrival of British ships to their shores on the 26th January, 1788?
8. By size, what is the smallest country in the world?
9. In which country would you find the currency 'baht'?
10. The first modern Olympic Games were held in which country?

ANSWERS:  
1. Canada; 2. Scotland; 3. Sri Lanka; 4. United Arab Emirates – the Burj Khalifa in Dubai; 5. Russia is the coldest country in the world with temperatures hitting -67.8 °C; 6. Nigeria has a population of 201 million people; 7. Australia; 8. Vatican City is the smallest country in the world measuring just 0.2 square miles; 9. Thailand; 10. Greece

# UNDER *The* BRIDGE by Scarlett Brandt Episode 249

"Here it is, it was on top of her dresser!"

Paul handed his quarter filled glass of Scotch to Janiece, she was relieved that Paulette had not got her hands on the spiked drink.

"Thank goodness you found it," she said, Paul looked at her with a puzzled look on his face.

"Well, you know, we don't really want our daughter drinking alcohol!" Janiece laughed nervously.

Paul kissed Janiece on the cheek and sat at the dining table. Opening the bottle of Scotch to refill Paul's glass, she noticed that the pills had not dissolved properly. It was a close call.

Thinking quickly, Janiece offered a distraction to Paul.

"You had better go and wash your hands before we eat."

Paul was not bothered by the suggestion.

"They're clean, I just bathed Paulette!"

Janiece gave him a look that suddenly motivated him to indeed go and wash his hands.

Snatching the bottle of red wine from the table, she popped open 4 sleeping pills and poured the wine over the top, this time mixing the contents together with a teaspoon.

Moments later, Paul appeared back in the kitchen. Janiece took a long gulp of her wine and then kissed Paul passionately before they sat down ready to eat.

"Ah, finally we can relax," Paul sighed.

"I hope you like it. I haven't bothered much with cooking since you've been gone," Janiece was slightly nervous, but hoped her wine would take the edge off sooner rather than later.

At last, Paul had a mouthful from his glass.

"Nice drop, babe!" He placed the glass

down gently before him as Janiece dished up the plates.

Slicing through his steak, as Paul raised the fork up to his mouth he belched, holding his stomach at the same time.

"That wine is heavy! It's going straight to my head!" He announced.

Overcome with a case of second thoughts, Janiece quickly got Paul a drink of water.

"Here, have this," she suggested, Paul taking a gulp. It seemed to help.

After finishing their meal and Paul looking a little doe-eyed, Janiece decided it was time to start asking questions.

"So that place where you've been. Who else was living there? Was it a modern house or an old place?" She began.

The words had barely escaped her mouth before Paul happily answered.

"It was a stunning old place. More like a miner's cottage I'd say. It had the most ornate ceilings and smelled of freshly baked bread. Just like my mother used to make."

"How odd?" Janiece thought to herself. It was a well-known fact that Paul's mother, Felicity hated baking. She pondered the thought for a moment and wondered if Felicity become more partial to cooking now she was a resident at the intensive therapy house.

She returned her focus to Paul.

"I love the smell of fresh bread. Who else was there?" She continued.

"Mostly just me, but also my mother, I think. There were photos on the walls of my brother."

Janiece almost choked on her food. Paul did not have a brother.

*To be continued...*



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## A LITTLE CHUNK OF PARADISE



The Bishop family have moved to a 'chunk of paradise'.

**By Kirstin Nicholson**

Why are you here? Why are you living in this area? Some of you were born here and never moved, some moved here for work, some for love, some to be near family, and some moved purely for the lifestyle. That is just what two families have done recently – they chose the area for the lifestyle, the people and the surroundings.

It is a big step to pack up your family and make a new start, but for the Bishop and Knuckey families, who have recently relocated to Cohuna and Leitchville, they love their new communities. Over the next two weeks we will introduce you to these families and find out how they came to choose the area, and what changes in their lives enabled them to make a tree change.

This week we introduce you to Mark Bishop and Clancy Graham from Sunbury who, along with their four children, Isabella, Connor, Henry and Beau, aged four to ten, now call Cohuna home. Mark and Clancy purchased

a house on the edge of Cohuna and moved in last month.

For years, the family would escape Sunbury when the opportunity arose, enjoying the relaxed atmosphere of northern Victoria and the river in their camper. Despite having everything at their fingertips, life in Sunbury was hectic with both parents working and running the kids to school and other activities.

This time last year the family was thinking of moving but work commitments prevented it. While Mark was spending some time working from home, he also spent some days in the office, a 30-minute commute down the highway. "I started to inject a few more days from home, then COVID-19 hit, and it was every day from home," he said.

Since COVID-19 hit, employers like Mark's are increasingly realising that working from home is a viable option, and it was not long before he got a call from one of his executives saying, "if

this thing's done anything, it's taught us that everybody can work from anywhere, so you've got our blessing to do what you need to do." That was the 'permission' they needed to make the big move.

Growing ever concerned about the rising crime rate in Melbourne, Mark and Clancy were keen to find a location where they could safely raise their children. Mark said, "we want our kids to have good values, and grow up in safe, friendly communities, and that's what you get in places like Cohuna."

The search began, with locations on the New South Wales coast and Victoria explored. Mark explains, "we got to thinking of what we do in terms of what we enjoy – going camping, all the time we spend up on the Murray in various places. We thought, why don't we look for a little chunk of paradise in those areas that we actually love."

"The other thing is, what you can get for your dollar on the coast versus what you can get in the country, are entirely

different things. Then we started looking at the different border towns and river towns. A big factor for me was the impact of things like ice."

"It is just beautiful. Cohuna's just always been a beautiful town. Or 'Kyu-na'. I'm starting to learn that now," Mark says with a laugh.

"It's a nice little town. The reserve down there, Gunbower Creek and beyond that to the river itself, to the Murray. It's a nice little town. It's easy to fall in love."

So, how did the family come to settle on Cohuna? "We had all these searches set up on Real Estate [the website], across the board. We had saved searches, saved properties. This one. We just kept coming back to this place and this town. In the end we said, 'let's just do it'."

Their plans include establishing a veggie patch in the back yard and keeping chooks (in the chook shed Mark will build himself) so they can become a little self-sufficient. Until they buy their

own lawnmower, their new neighbour has offered his to use. "We've met all the neighbours, they've all just come in. 'How are ya?' It's great."

How has life changed for the Bishops? Mark says, "I haven't felt this distressed in a long time. Sitting out the back the other night and just breathing the fresh air, there's no noise, there's just birds. It's great. It's just been brilliant. We're very happy to be here. I think I've been walking around with a smile on my face." Clancy adds that even if they were to win Tattsлото, they wouldn't move because they are already in their little patch of paradise.

Welcome to the Bishops and all the newcomers to our neck of the woods. Neighbourhood House invites all new residents to a barbecue at Apex Park, Cohuna, at 6pm on March 26.

*Next week we will introduce you to Craig and Lauren Knuckey, who have made Leitchville their new home.*



# We Need You!

By Kirstin Nicholson

The Bridge to Bridge and the Cohuna Show will both go ahead in March, but they need your help. While COVID-19 regulations allow the events to be run, both committees are short on volunteers and have appealed to the wider community for assistance.

Anyone who can help the Bridge to Bridge committee between 6am and 2pm on Sunday, March 14 is asked to contact event director, Jess Holgate on 0409 509 826.

The Cohuna A. P. & H. Society welcomes anyone who can spare time on March 19 or 20 to help with the Cohuna Show. Contact the president, Tucker Peace, on 0417 341 142 to see how you can assist.

Both events attract an influx of visitors who not only attend the events, but also inject money into local businesses and it would be disappointing if neither could proceed, or went ahead in only a limited capacity.

# Lack of Childcare Frustrating

By Kirstin Nicholson

Lack of childcare in Cohuna is causing families to relocate and, in some cases, reconsider the number of children they have. The struggle has become so frustrating for one young family, they are now exploring the possibility of an independent childcare establishment.

Tenielle and Jye Edge both work full time, and with their two boys, 3-year-old Jax and 2-year-old Tex, have juggled a host of childcare options since the start of 2020. At one point they were between three family day-carers, and when COVID-19 hit, their main day-carer was forced to close, leaving them in the lurch.

In a bid to both keep their jobs, the couple moved to Echuca to access childcare there, securing

spots instantly and giving the boys a consistent routine. While the boys loved their new placements, Tenielle and Jye struggled with the daily work commute to Cohuna.

Tenielle explained, "The cost of living in Echuca and the two of us travelling every day, was just too high and we couldn't justify it. So, at the beginning of term four, 2020, we moved back to Cohuna and employed an au pair. She was fantastic; we loved her so much but after a term it was time for her to move on to explore the rest of Australia."

"In December last year I started ringing around trying to find care for the boys. There was nothing. We were on every wait list there was, but so were 10 other people or more. Jye and I had to start discussing who was going to quit

their job, and I just thought, surely in 2020, parents don't have to be having this conversation."

The Edges would like to have a third child but say the stress of childcare makes it impossible. In addition to putting the boys in family day-care once a week, they pay a private babysitter, the fees of which do not attract government assistance.

Tenielle believes that lack of childcare can lead to families leaving the area. "We are constantly considering leaving the area, just as many other families have [left], and will leave. So many businesses and companies in Cohuna struggle to find employees or keep employees because of this issue as well. It also affects the mental health of parents. It's okay in this day and age to admit that sometimes we

are better parents when we have a job and a different purpose every day. I know I am."

She continues, "The Shire has also gone and put so much money into Apex Park in Cohuna but doesn't realise that families will continue to move away, and there will be no one left to use the park or run the businesses that the tourists want."

Other parents facing the same challenges have thrown their support behind Tenielle. A petition attracted over 500 names and gained the attention of childcare franchises who have advised on next steps to take. An independent analysis has been arranged and discussions will follow on how to proceed from there.

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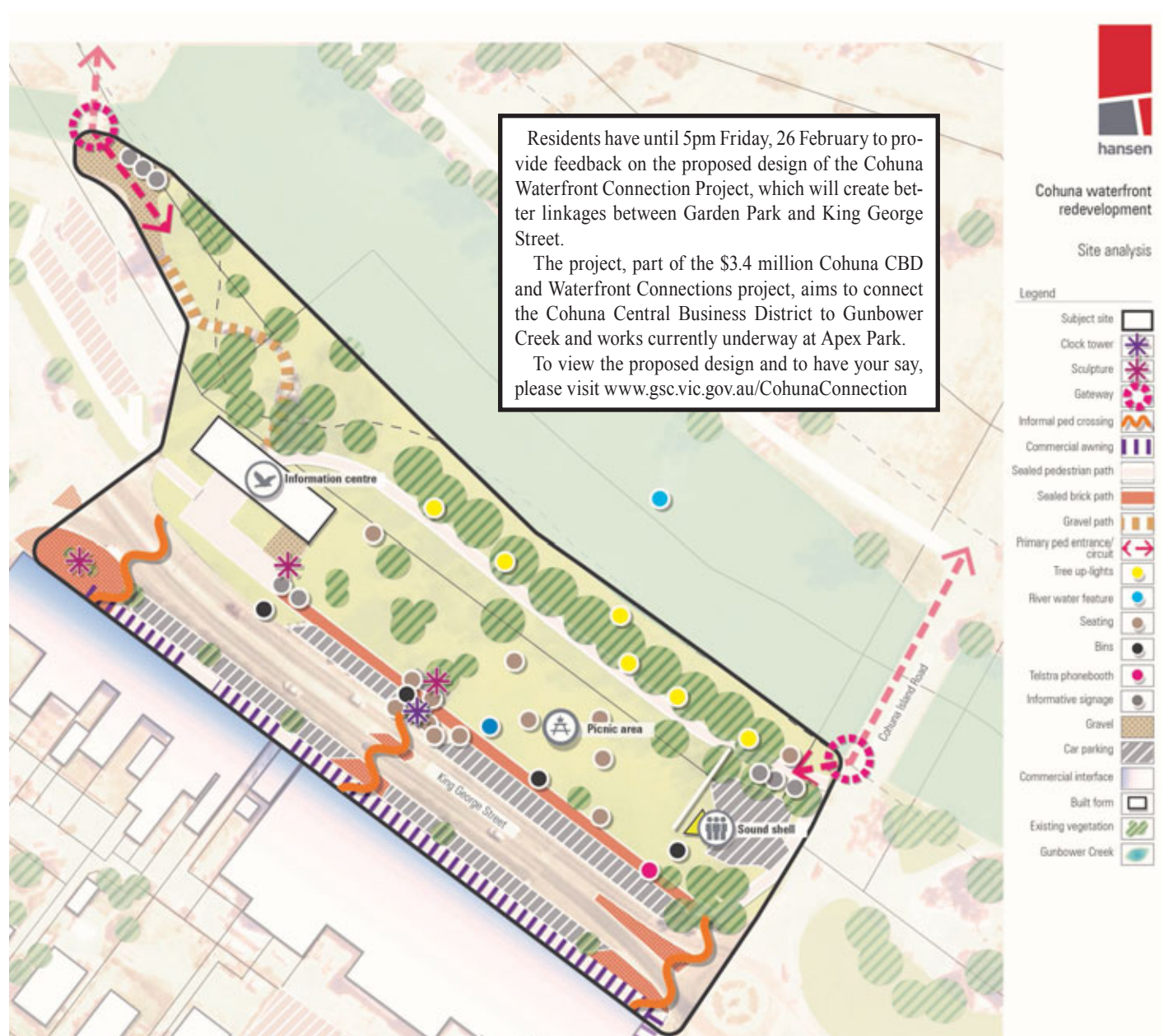
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# CCS Presentations

Cohuna Consolidated School recently held its presentation evening.

Badges and certificates were awarded to the school captains, house captains, junior school council representatives and bus captains.



Bus Captains.



Junior School Council Representatives.



Murray House Captains, Macey and Dylan.



Loddon House Captains, Indi and Caden.



Mallee House Captains, Briney and Jaxon.



School Captains, Evie (third from left) and Oliver (second from left). Vice Captains, Zoe (right) and Jack (left).



# Cohuna Golf Club

Cohuna's intrepid R&R crew took to the course last Thursday to see Alan Moloney bring home the bacon with 35 points to be the best score of the day. Bruce Matson and Bruce Winship shared the same score of 34 and had to be split on countback. B. Winship recorded as official runner up. NTP's went to Rob Wilson, Kevin Crane, Rabbit Bradley and Peter Richardson.

On Saturday the red-hot Adam Jackson scored 41 points off a seven handi-

cap to take the prize. A few are wondering when international travel will be back on the cards! Phillip Moore was runner up with 37 points from Dom Baxter on 36. Kevin Crane scored NTP on two and eight, along with Geoff Turner and Adam Jackson.

Sunday's 4BBB winners were Robyn McGraw and Dennis McGlone, with nett 59. Joe DeAngelis and Maurice Crespan were runners up, with nett 62. NTP's went to Tim Mitchell, Neil Bradley and Ted Jackson.

# COHUNA BOWLS

Divisions One, Two and Three are not playing in the finals. Division One was at home to Kerang Golf and from what I can gather, they had two losses and one winner. After ringing around, Brian Bowles played Howard McClland and won by five shots. Jeff Reade played Frank Ritchie and came up short by five shots. New-comer to the club, Wayne Brooks was against F. Boxall and lost by three shots, so a win to Kerang Golf by three shots.

Division Two had the bye and some bowlers came out to watch Division Three at Golf. Division Three went out to Cohuna Golf and played the much-improved team managed by Graeme Peace.

Trevor Allen played G. Musgrove and was coasting with five shots up playing the last end. H. Bos, leading, put one on kitty and I thought, 'well it is going to be hard now for the opposition,' but the kitty got moved. In my notes in the previous week, I kind of bagged them for doing a six on the last end. Well, it happened to us and lost the game by one shot.

Allison Ainger played Glen Miller and had a good game but came up short by six shots. Keith Hocking played Marty Halliday and was in front by eight shots but Golf picked up 12 shots in four ends and ended up losing by six shots.

Special thanks to Lois Bradley who made sure I got the score cards. It makes the job easier instead of chasing cards. Maybe it will improve next year with the new scribe. Starting this Friday we are having a social day, starting at 4pm sharp and going to about 5.30pm, with money to the winners and losers. You will draw for names.

So bowlers, we now have to follow the mid-week, and hopefully they can go one better than last year.

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# COHUNA LAWN TENNIS

**Cohuna Tennis Club – Notes February 20, 2021**

This week we had Cohuna and Koondrook match up against each other at Cohuna. With home court advantage, the Cohuna team snuck home with a set's loss but a one game win. The juniors had mixed results with the Blue team too strong for Gunbower and the Gold team going down to Kerang juniors. Whatever the results, it was good to get back out onto the courts after the 5-day lockdown.

Our Easter Tournament planning is progressing. Like our Facebook page to stay in touch with updates and registration details.

**Round 14 – Seniors (Cohuna Vs Koondrook)**

Cohuna Seniors played Koondrook at home this week. A very tight match with some very interesting results. Usually, the ladies manage to iron out the set losses from the men's games; this week, however, the men were able to return the favour, taking all three sets 24 games to 9 games. The ladies dropping three sets; 10 games to 24 games leaving it all up to the mixed matches to decide the result for the day. With only one mixed set going Cohuna's way, surely we were looking at a loss for the day! However, with a check of the score book, the games results in the mixed were even, meaning Cohuna got up by just one solitary game. Well done to Jason Hensley for winning all of his sets.

**Men's**  
H. Cleave & J. Hensley 8 vs G. Whelan & L. Whelan 2  
H. Cleave & D. Gately 8 vs G. Whelan & J. Coughlan 6  
J. Hensley & D. Gately 8 vs L. Whelan & J. Coughlan 1

**Women's**  
S. Barker & M. Rodwell 5 vs F. Jacobs & J. Hare 8  
S. Barker & H. Hensley 3 vs F. Jacobs & T. Lake 8  
M. Rodwell & H. Hensley 2 vs J. Hare & T. Lake 8

**Mixed**  
H. Cleave & S. Barker 6 vs G. Whelan & F. Jacobs 8  
J. Hensley & M. Rodwell 8 vs L. Whelan & J. Hare 3  
D. Gately & H. Hensley 5 vs J. Coughlan & T. Lake 8

**Round 14 – Juniors Cohuna Gold vs Kerang**

Cohuna Gold took the road trip to Kerang this week. The kids put in a great effort, however, Kerang was too strong. The singles matches went two sets each way, 17 games to 18 games. The doubles sets went all Kerang's way, four games to 24 games.

**Singles**  
L. Farrell 5 vs T. Meehan 6  
Sh Sajeev 0 vs J. Wise 6  
A. Warren 6 vs C. Meehan 5  
Sa Sajeev 6 vs C. Crelin 1

**Doubles**  
L. Farrell & Sh Sajeev 0 vs T. Meehan & J. Wise 6  
A. Warren & Sa Sajeev 2 vs C. Meehan & C. Crelin 6  
L. Farrell & A. Warren 1 vs T. Meehan & C. Meehan 6  
Sh Sajeev & Sa Sajeev 1 vs J. Wise & C. Crelin 6

**Round 14 – Juniors Cohuna Blue vs Gunbower Blue**

Cohuna Blue dominated the Gunbower side with an 8 sets to 0 win, 48 games to 13 games. Well done to all players.

**Singles**  
T. Lacy 6 vs M. McGillivray 4  
B. Wishart 6 vs Fe McGillivray 3  
R. Van der Zande 6 vs A. McGillivray 1  
Z. Pollock 6 vs Fy McGillivray 1

**Doubles**  
T. Lacy & B. Wishart 6 vs M. McGillivray & Fe McGillivray 2  
R. Van der Zande & Z. Pollock 6 vs A. McGillivray & Fy McGillivray 0  
T. Lacy & R. Van der Zande 6 vs M. McGillivray & A. McGillivray 2  
B. Wishart & Z. Pollock 6 vs Fe McGillivray & Fy McGillivray 0

**Next Week – Teams Round 15**

**Division 1 – Seniors Cohuna v Murrabit (at Murrabit)**  
Jason Hensley, Darren Gately and Paul Lacy. Emergency: Harrison Cleave  
Mary Rodwell, Shirlene Barker and Leah Lacy.

**Juniors – Cohuna Gold v Gunbower Red (at Cohuna)**  
Cooper Lacy, Sharon Sajeev, Angela Warren and Lachlan Farrell.  
Emergency: Sarosh Sajeev  
Duty: Warren family

**Juniors – Cohuna Blue v Murrabit (at Murrabit)**  
Zoe Pollock, Taylor Lacy, Zephane Hensley and Zara Hensley  
Emergency: Ryder van der Zande and Broden Wishart  
Duty: Hensley family

# Leitchville Bowls

**Saturday Pennant Bowls Results 19/02/21**

Division 1 defeated Gunbower 65 (10pts) to 59 (2pts). Ken Dehne defeated John Hogan 20/17.

Trevor Dehne defeated Graeme L'Huillier 25/13. This team of Trevor Dehne, Roma Opie, Don Opie and Val Dehne will be dining out at the Leitchville Hotel. Kevin Dehne lost to John Dickens 20/29.

Division 2 lost to Barham Green 44 (pts) to 92 (12pts). Laurie Crawford lost to Ken Lake 9/46.

Graham Wilson lost to Terry Keegan 18/24. Ray Opie lost to Peter Orr 17/22. This team of Ray Opie, Graham Douglas, Geoff Brown and Noel Woods was the best performing rink and will be dining out at the Leitchville Hotel.

No midweek bowls due to Victoria being shut down for five days. Ladies Social Bowls is on every Tuesday morning. Members and new members all welcome. For further enquiries contact Lady President Raylene Hore 0431 358 382.

Next committee meeting Tuesday, March 9 at 7.30pm. The annual meeting will be on Tuesday, May 11 at 7.00pm. Nomination forms are available at the club, so put your nomination in if you would like the club to keep going.

The presentation night will be on Friday, March 26 at 7.00pm 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 Club Championship Men's Fours final will be between Ken Dehne Team v Kevin Dehne Team on Wednesday, February 24 at 5.00pm and club uniform to be worn. C of C Men's Fours on Sunday, March 21 and 28.

Dye Brothers Triples on Sunday, March 7 at 12.30pm, entries to Roma Opie 5456 7587 / 0458 567 587, Graham Douglas 5456 7428 / 0409 567 428, Ken Dehne 5456 7555 / 0438 200 868 or team entries on club noticeboard.

Jakab Motors A/C Triples Tournament is on Monday, March 15 at 7.00pm. Entries to Roma Opie, Graham Douglas or Ken Dehne. Midweek Consistency Breakfast Tournament A/C Fours Wednesday, March 24 at 8.00am, contact Yvonne Dehne 0437 019 618 or Raylene Hore 0431 358 382.

Best of luck to all clubs who will be playing in the finals.

# COHUNA GOLF BOWLS CLUB

As Saturday's pennant matches wound up, so did the home and away season for Northern District bowlers. With COVID-19, heat-outs, washouts and shortened games it has certainly been an unusual year.

We are fortunate to have two sides continue into the finals, the Ones and Whites, whilst Navy is certainly a hard-luck story in just missing out.

Division One hosted Wakoal, always tough opponents, and had to battle all day to secure the points. Harrison Keely did best, up by twelve, with Jarred home by four and James finishing with a draw. They will meet traditional rivals, Kerang, in next week's second semi-final.

Division Two White travelled to Kerang and were under the pump right through to the final end. Peter and Bruce both led their rinks to wins, their combined totals just enough to offset Yvonne's loss, and seal second position. Home by two shots, with improvement needed when playing the super-strong Barham Blue combination next Saturday.

Navy met another finalist at Pyramid Hill and demonstrated just how strong a side they can be when on song. All rinks won, with the Ballard team demolishing Lionel Mann 37-7. Unfortunately, Barham Green, their rivals for fourth spot, also won, which dented all our finals hopes. A couple of losses earlier in the year against lesser ranked clubs proved very costly. The Bower vouchers went to Kerry Ballard, Des Easton, Len Mathers and Brian McLoughlan for their sterling effort.

The composite Division Three side had its final match on our greens and maintained its recent good form with an all-rinks victory over Cohuna. Thanks to the work put in by Tucker Peace and Mal Hogan from Golf and Gunbower respectively, this group, many of whom would have missed out on a game, were able to play competitive bowls each week.

Mid-week pennant could not be played, nor Wednesday night owing to the shutdown, but the curtain lifted to enable our Thursday pairs to continue. Winners on the day were Craig Whittaker and John Pearson, whilst scoring the repechage poultry was the pairing of Bill Waters and Yvonne Eckhardt. The jackpot number of plus 36 was not claimed this week, so moves out again to \$30. This popular event is taking a short recess until the finals and district tournament circuit is completed, so enter the predicted re-start date of March 25 on your calendar.

On Sunday we had great representation in the Regional Titles being played at Murray Downs. Michael Carmody had a firm grip on the first of his 60 and over singles matches, but somehow missed out against his Tyrell opponent after a thrilling finish.

Jarred Hammond won his first-round clash in the Champion of Champions, then met Swan Hill's Brody Harker in the final. After a memorable game, the local bowler triumphed 25-23. Jarred, however, can now look forward to the state singles matches at the same venue next Sunday.

A reminder to all participants at Barham next Saturday, that the finals now have staggered starting times. Divisions Two and Three roll up at 12.30 for a 12.45 start, whilst the Ones begin at 1.30. The aim is to ensure that the Division One match finishes last.

**Cohuna Golf Club Ladies Results 18.02.2021**

Event: Stableford  
Sponsor: Wendy Woods  
9 hole winner: Helen Hall (28) 17 pts

18 hole winner: Val Hoban (30) 31 pts  
NTP's 2nd Corrie Murchie 17th Viv Moylan  
Next week: Par Book duty: Liz Thynne & Jenny Dehne  
Sat: Stableford Sun: 4BBB v Stroke  
It was great to see that 12 ladies could reschedule from Wednesday to Thursday this week due to Covid restrictions  
Please note that until restrictions change all competitions will be a running start  
Good golfing



# U16's Friday Night Junior Grand Final

Last Friday night the Koondrook oval was host to the under 16's Friday night cricket competition between Koondrook and Murrabit. A fantastic following by both sides lined the fence to watch their teams battle out for the winning shield.

Murrabit headed into bat first with Archer McKnight opening, making a quick 12 before being caught. He was followed by Noah Shea and Fee Coulter, both retiring in their 20's. Murrabit scored a mammoth 107 runs.

Koondrook went into bat with Kynan Laursen and Ryder Laursen hitting plenty of balls around and both making it into their 20's to retire. Lachie Laursen reached a quick 9 before going out for LBW. Mason Laursen also made

a quick 20. Koondrook fell short by 12 runs with a total of 95 runs made and no overs left.

Joint coaches of Murrabit, Brad Hein and Peter McDonald, said the kids have done an amazing job all year and were proud of how far the players' skills had developed throughout the season, and for them to win was a real buzz.

Great sportsmanship was also shown from both sides throughout the match. It was also noted that there had been over 800 runs made on the Koondrook pitch over three days of cricket played, which ranged from juniors to seniors. An amazing effort and preparation goes on behind the scenes by Eric Lake each and every week to prepare the wicket for match days.



## Cohuna Leo of the Year

Chenoa Cutter has taken out the local level of the Leo of the Year. The 15-year-old chose the topic, 'Social standards and cyber bullying in the social media world, and how it can impact your mental health status' to speak about in the public speaking competition. She will go on to compete at the district level, to be held in Cohuna on Sunday, March 14.

Fellow Leo members, Georgia Smith and Fifi White, spoke about LGBTQIA+ and Anxiety, respectively.

**Chenoa Cutter (winner) with fellow contestants, Fifi White and Georgia Smith.**

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 For you, Pop. One year since  
you've gone.

*A million times I've needed  
you  
A million times I've cried,  
If love alone could have  
saved you,  
You never would have died.  
In life I loved you dearly,  
In death I love you still.  
In my heart you hold a place,  
No one else can ever fill  
It broke my heart to lose you  
But you didn't go alone  
Part of me went with you,  
The day God took you home.  
Love always, your  
granddaughter Kylie, Maka,  
Kallum and Aisea.*

### In Memoriam

#### O'FLAHERTY – Francis

**05-11-1940 to 24-02-2020**  
*My Dad... One year has  
gone*

*A father's touch, a daddy's  
kiss  
A grieving daughter  
The dad I will always miss  
An empty house, an empty  
chair  
A father's love, no longer  
there  
A broken heart, tear filled  
eyes  
Another soul in the sky  
The times we shared, the  
laughs we had  
Things I miss when I think of  
my dad  
I still can't believe you're  
gone dad  
Always in my heart  
Debbie xxx*

### In Memoriam

#### O'FLAHERTY – Francis

Dad today is your 1 year  
anniversary 24.2.2020

*I miss you in the morning  
and when the sunset fades  
away, the ache within my  
heart just won't go away. My  
heart fills with love for you  
when I think how much you  
just cared, you had a heart  
of gold! Our lives will never  
be the same without you  
not here! Rest in paradise  
Daddio  
– Loving you always  
and forever your darling  
daughter Kim, Adrian, Jake,  
Dominic, Tanisha, Mollie  
and Khloe.*

#### O'FLAHERTY – Frank

**24/2/2020**

A year has passed so quickly  
without you by my side,  
not a day goes by that I don't  
think about you.

*Loved always, never  
forgotten.*

Your loving wife Denise

Dad  
As long as there is love and  
memory,  
There is no true loss.  
Sending heavenly love and  
kisses  
– Your loving family.

#### WHITE – Robert

Died 26-02-2014

Seven Long Years!

*I never knew the meaning of  
true heartbreak  
I never knew I could be so  
lonely*

*I never knew my life could  
change so much*

*I never knew my heart could  
hurt this way*

*I never knew I'd still be here  
without you*

*I never knew such extreme  
emotional pain*

*I never knew until god took  
you*

*I do know I miss you so.*

*Much loved husband, dad  
and pop*

In heaven with Jayson

#### WHITE – Robert

**01/06/1953 – 26/2/2014**

Loving memories of my very  
special dad

*My heart still aches in sadness,  
My silent tears still flow,*

*For what it meant to lose you  
No one will ever know.*

*Although you can't be with me,  
We're truly not apart,*

*Until the final breath I take,  
You'll be living in my heart.*

*Dearest Dad to hear your  
voice and see your smile,*

*And just sit and talk to you,  
Would be my dearest wish.*

Dad, thinking of you today  
and always I will love you  
forever xxx

- Love your baby daughter  
Kylie, Maka, Kallum and  
Aisea



### Expressions Of Interest

#### Stakeholder Advisory Group Members Guttrum and Benwell State Forests and Gunbower National Park

Expressions of interest are sought  
from interested community  
members, forest user groups,  
Traditional Owners, and industry  
representatives to participate in two  
separate Stakeholder Advisory  
Groups to be established. The  
groups will facilitate community  
and key stakeholder input into  
two Victorian Murray Floodplain  
Restoration Projects (VMFRP)  
proposed for the Guttrum and  
Benwell State Forests and the  
Gunbower National Park.

These two projects involve works  
to efficiently and effectively deliver  
water to the water dependent  
understory of the River Red Gum  
forests' floodplains and wetlands,  
providing ecological benefits  
without buying back further water  
from irrigators. The project is being  
delivered collaboratively by a  
regional partnership, coordinated  
by Lower Murray Water.

To express interest, community  
members are requested to  
download and submit an  
Expression of Interest Form to  
Shaun Morgan – VMFRP Senior  
Engagement Officer via email to  
[shaun.morgan@vmfrp.vic.gov.au](mailto:shaun.morgan@vmfrp.vic.gov.au) or  
via post to PO Box 18 Huntly VIC 3551

**Expressions of interest close at  
5pm on Monday 8th March 2021**

Expressions of Interest will be  
evaluated by VMFRP and a diverse  
group of members will be invited to  
join. A copy of the Expression of  
Interest Form and a draft Terms of  
Reference for the group is available  
on our website [www.vmfrp.com.au](http://www.vmfrp.com.au)  
For enquiries or further information  
please contact Shaun Morgan on  
0439 554 186

[vmfrp.com.au](http://vmfrp.com.au)



## Pathology Collectors - Cohuna

**Australian Clinical Labs** was created through the merger of  
Healthscope, St John of God and Perth Pathology. Through the  
long term relationships with these organisations and our pub-  
lic hospital contacts, Clinical Labs is now the leading provider  
of Hospital/Specialist pathology services in Australia. We see  
our future in the industry as taking a leadership role in science,  
technology, people and process. With 88 accredited pathology  
laboratories and over 1020 collection centres, we have a strong  
footprint across Australia. Australian Clinical Labs recognises  
our primary responsibility is to the patients and practitioners in  
the communities we service. We are focused on continuously  
reviewing and improving our operations, IT systems, logistics,  
medical technologies/robotics and processes to ensure effec-  
tive and efficient service, and to sustain our long-term financial  
viability.

### About the role

We currently have vacancies for part time Pathology Collec-  
tors to join our Cohuna team. These positions will suit self-mo-  
tivated individuals wanting to work within in Collection Centres  
or a domiciliary setting, who can demonstrate an attention to  
detail, along with excellent communication skills and a strong  
focus on outstanding customer service.

### Specific duties include;

- Collection of blood and other samples from patients
- Attending to the care, storage and processing of pathol-  
ogy specimens
- Attend to paperwork and associated clerical duties to  
ensure all details are correct in a timely manner Skills  
and experience;
- Certificate III or IV in Pathology Collection or relevant  
industry experience
- Exceptional customer service skills both in person and  
over the telephone
- Exceptional time management skills
- Sound clinical knowledge
- A valid Driver's License
- Ability to communicate effectively with the collections  
team referring, doctors, patients and other stakeholders
- Computer skills
- Ability to work alone and participate in weekday and  
weekend shifts across any of our collection centres.

Please note, only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

**How to Apply:** Please send your Resume and Cover Let-  
ter to Amit Gandhi [Amit.Gandhi@clinicallabs.com.au](mailto:Amit.Gandhi@clinicallabs.com.au)

**Applications Close: 12 March 2021**

[www.clinicallabs.com.au](http://www.clinicallabs.com.au)



**Barham High School is looking for an office  
assistant in a part time casual capacity for 2021.**

### Duties include:

- Phone and office reception
- General Word Processing
- Digital and Physical document filing
- Other tasks defined by the Principal

Applicants should be competent in using  
computers in an office workplace, possess  
superior communication skills and phone manner,  
and be able to maintain discretion in a confidential  
environment.

For further enquiries, please contact Karen Dalley:  
03 5453 2322 during business hours.

**Please submit resume by Thursday 4th March.**

## 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](http://www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au)



# Mt Everest Spectacular

By Bruce Stewart

It is winter in the northern hemisphere. Parts of the Thames River in London have frozen over in the last few weeks for the first time in 26 years, and much of the United States has been affected by a 'polar vortex' producing some of its coldest temperatures in living memory. This reminds me of cold temperatures which Ted Endacott and myself experienced on a visit to Nepal years ago, when we trekked from the airport at Lukla to Mt Kalar Pattar, a 5,545m peak beside Mt Everest in the Himalayas. Temperatures on this 17-day trek dropped to minus 18 degrees Celsius according to the thermometer Ted carried. On the day we climbed Mt Kalar Pattar, the maximum day temperature reached minus 10 degrees centigrade.

Those of us who travel by air into this spectacular, but cold, location land at a small mountain town called Lukla. Lukla is regarded by some as having the most dangerous airfield in the

world. I remember that the Swiss pilot of the Pilatus Porter aircraft we travelled in landed us beautifully on the very steep runway – 12-degree slope. Its altitude is 2,860m. The thin air, highly changeable weather and steeply sloping, short airfield contributes to it being hazardous. It is the gateway to the high Himalayas and so is used extensively by trekkers – like Ted and myself – and also by the more serious expeditions hoping to summit Mt Everest.

On arrival at Lukla, some of the world-famous Sherpas of Nepal gathered around our plane. Soon we gained the services of Dadoge and his brother – two very capable Sherpas who acted as our guides, cooks and pack carriers. Soon we were trekking through breathtaking scenery on the way to Namche Bazaar – the main centre for the Khumbu area. Here was a place to buy supplies and acclimatise to the high altitude as we continued our slow journey to Everest base region. High altitude sickness is

caused by gaining altitude too quickly and not allowing the body enough time to adjust to reduced oxygen and changes in air pressure, thus causing hypobaric hypoxia – a lack of oxygen reaching the tissues of the body. If not careful, this can bring about debilitating symptoms and even cause death.

When our altitude reached 3,800m we had arrived at Tengboche. This town was the site for the world's highest altitude hotel – with spectacular views looking all the way up the valley to Mt Everest itself. The route up the Khumbu Valley was spectacular, with snow-covered peaks towering above us on both sides. Sometimes yaks squeezed past us on the main trekking track – it is important to get on the upper side of the track as, on the low side, one might be pushed off by one of these animals and risk falling into the deep ravine below. Some

trekkers have died this way.

Eventually we climb above the vegetation zone and onto Mt Kala Pattar –summitting at 5,545m. From the summit there is an amazing view of Mt Everest (8,848m) and other peaks such as Mt Lhotse and Nuptse. Interacting with the Nepalese people is a wonderful experience and the scenery all around is breathtaking. I am reminded of the Bible verse: For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see His invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. Romans 1:20. We live in a very damaged creation now but our Creator's 'fingerprints' are still around for us to see – its wonder, beauty, size and complexity.

Of course, our Creator has also revealed Himself



Eventually we climb above the vegetation zone and onto Mt Kala Pattar –summitting at 5,545m. From the summit there is an amazing view of Mt Everest (8,848m). Mt Everest is the black 'pyramid' shape on the upper right of the photo – fairly bereft of snow because of its steep slopes and penetration into the high altitude 'jet streams' – very high speed winds which blow much snow off the summit.

through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Word (Jesus) became flesh and dwelt amongst us, full of grace and truth. John 1:14. We can be very grateful for our Creator revealing Himself through the wonders and complexity of creation – including spectacular mountains – and more personally through His Son. For this we can be very grateful.

## 'In the Moment'

By Rosemary McCormick

Saturday... ahh... a chance to leave the Kathmandu valley floor and head up to the heights of 'Phulchowki' (place of flowers), at 2,700m it is the highest of the Kathmandu rim hills. The lower approach is over a rough, bouncy, pothole-riddled, dusty 'work in progress' road, congested with bikes, water trucks and micro vans... but then you enter an open, still birch forest, the air filled with birdsong. The track continues to wind upward, through Rhododendron forests, with the first of this season's brilliant red blooms just emerging, and then on up and up, through fern glades and tall trees, to the peak with its panoramic Himalayan vista.

Warm, sunny, sheltered bends reinforce thoughts of spring and then suddenly, around the next bend, we find snow! The road is covered with frozen snow, and a little stream glade off to the side is decorated with icy, patchy snow. Unexpected, such a contrast, a fast change, like moving from one season to a completely new one. So strange. Again, the path winds through bright and warm sunny bends, dry

ridges, damp gullies scattered with heavily perfumed flowering Daphne bushes... and as I breathe in their heady scent, listen to the birds, look up at the trees, and gaze at the immense snow-covered mountains on the northern horizon, I am thinking about living 'in the moment.'

I am not just talking about enjoying today, although of course that is a good thing, as each new day is a gift, and it is not only about counting our blessings, though that is a great life philosophy as well. I am thinking about living in the moment, really being present, active somehow, fully participating in life's precious moments. Like listening carefully to the person I am currently talking with or appreciating and receiving with joy the words of encouragement that come my way, or enjoying time with the ones I love, even if some of it is by phone or video link up; or marveling at the small milestones number one grandson makes each day, and the daily snapshots of his life that connect us even whilst we are living so far away.

There are opportunities too, in the moment. As

someone said, if you are searching a certain type of car, or buy one of a particular colour, then suddenly it seems they are everywhere! It is like our eyes have become realigned to see possibilities, opportunities, that we did not seem to notice before. Becoming 'engaged', fully present, in the moment is a fluid thing. People, situations, circumstances, life itself changes, moves, flows through time and seasons. I am often amazed to find it is yet another Monday and time to write this small piece! I am told time continues to fly and is inclined to keep accelerating as we get older. This phenomenon is surely an extra reason to grab a hold of the moment we find ourselves in. Challenges abound in life, and at any time we can find ourselves surprised by the unexpected. God invites us to move our heart towards him, and he will come even nearer to us, his life touching ours... Living in the heavenly moment...

**GARAGE SALE**

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**PLANT, GARDENING TOOLS and BRIC-A-BRAC SALE.**

**12 Young Street MOULAMEIN (Sandra's house)**

**This Saturday, February 27 only, from 9am.**



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An exciting position exists to work within a small team that supports people to stay socially connected to others in the community and provides enjoyable and meaningful activities.

- Are you energetic, enthusiastic, proactive and a self-motivated person?
- Able to you work from 10.30 – 5pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday? (A total of 36 hours per fortnight.)
- Do you have excellent communication skills, computer literate and enjoy the company of older people?
- Do you have a certificate in Aged Care or Leisure & lifestyle? If not we can assist you to obtain a Cert III in Individual Support.

You will need a police check and First Aid Certificate, these can be organised prior to commencement.

For further information and a position description please contact Angela Clark-Grundy on 5456-5300

If this sounds like you, please apply, either in person, by email or mail by the 5th of March to;

Wendy Lunghusen  
Acting Director of Clinical Services  
Cohuna District Hospital PO Box 317, COHUNA Vic 3568  
Email: wlunghusen@cdh.vic.gov.au

## Church Notices



### ANGLICAN CHURCH

#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28

**ST JOHNS: 9am** Holy Communion  
**ST MARTINS: 11.15am** Holy Communion  
**ST BARNABAS: 9am** Morning Prayer

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 3

**2pm:** Anglican Opp. Shop AGM @ St Johns. All Welcome  
**4pm:** Choir Practice  
**5pm:** Evening prayer & communion.  
• Enquiries Fr Neale: 0497 359 576



### BARHAM – WAKOOL UNITING PARISH

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

**Barham – 10am:** Comb. with Baptist.  
**Moulamein – 10am:** In recess.  
**Wakool – 10:30am:** Comb. with Anglicans.  
**PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD AT BARHAM FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.**  
• Enquiries: L. & J. McKindlay 5884 2130



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

### KOONDROOK – BARHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

**SUNDAY 10AM**  
**50 MELLOOL ST, BARHAM.**

Enquiries: Colin Barnes – 0429 426 156



### 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**





# Barham Golf Club Weekly Roundup



## Ladies' Events:

Wednesday, February 17 was a Ladies Stableford event. Winners on the day were:

Division 1: Alexia Ewen (23), with a score of 36 points and runner up was Peta Grant (25), with a score of 32 points.

Division 2: Janine Bibby (29), with a score of 32 points and runner up was Joan Hobbs (30), with a score of 30 points.

The Ball Rundown went to 28, with Peta Grant winning the Pro Pin.

Saturday, February 20 was a Ladies Stableford event with many ladies taking to the course early to

beat the forecast heat. The winners on the day were Nancy Brunt (35) with 34 points on the countback from Liz Storm (18), also with 34 points. Ball rundown went to 31 points.

## Men's Events:

Thursday, February 18 was the Men's Stableford. The winners on the day were:

Division 1: Jason Campbell (7), with a great score of 40 points, in 2nd place was Colin James (5), with 35 points on the countback for 3rd place from Rex Suckling (3), also with 35 points.

Division 2: Bill Revill (18), with a fantastic 43 points, and in 2nd place was John McNeil (23), with 37 points and in 3rd place was Graham Archard (18), with 34 points.

The ball rundown went to 33 points and the Pro Pin was claimed by Colin James.

Saturday, February 20 was the Men's Monthly Medal (Stroke) round. The winners on the day were as follows:

Division 1: Ian Bennett (11), with a nett 71 on the countback from Geoff May (11), also with a nett 71.

Division 2: Rick McKenzie (18), with a nett 71 and runner up was Brett Whitman (17), with a nett 72.

Division 3: Phill Waller (22), with a net 74 and runner up was Ken Jones (21), with a nett 76.

The ball rundown went to nett 79. Doug McKnight won the Pro Pin and Ian Bennett won the Monthly Medal.

Sunday, February 21 was a Medley Stableford competition held on a hot and steamy summer's day. The winner was Danny Lolicato (17), with a great score of 38 points, and in second place was Chris Veldman (24), with 36 points, and in third place was Nathan Walle (19), with a close 35 points. The ball rundown went to 31 and Cameron Morrison won the Pro Pin.

# Woolworth Blasters



Friday, February 19 saw the wrap up for our local Junior Woolworth Cricket Blasters. The last training session for the season was held for the 25 enthusiastic young cricketers at the Koondrook cricket nets. Tim Millard, volunteer coordinator for the program said he was thrilled with how the season went for the youngsters. He said with such a high number of participants

this year, he was lucky to have some great helping hands like Des Hein, Luke Fulton, and help from senior cricketers. He also said it is very promising for the future of the club to see so much keenness towards junior cricket again. It is important for kids to get active and have fun with their mates.



# Barham Lawn Tennis Club

Well, after a week off due to COVID-19 lockdown, it was back to the grindstone to field five teams. You would not believe it, Wednesday morning we had five teams ready to go but by Thursday morning we had so many players who were no longer available for various reasons because lockdown had lifted, that we struggled to fill four teams.

By Friday afternoon we had three teams ready to host home games, one to swim across the border to Koondrook, and another team that would have loved to be swimming with them but unfortunately due to lack of players had to forfeit.

Division Two Navy hosted Kerang Green and had a very good day. Kerang players were heard saying it was a great day but unfortunately the Barham side was just too strong. The boys won all sets

bar two, the girls only missed one and created three ducks for Kerang. The mixed sealed the deal with two wins and two narrow losses. A healthy 33 game win. Congrats to Andy E, Tania and Kaye, who won all their sets.

Unfortunately, Division Two White was the team that had to forfeit to Koondrook.

Division Three Navy was the team to swim across the border to Koondrook. A magnificent display of some very closely contested sets and the result was so close, a one game victory to the Barham Navy side. The men had four narrow wins and two narrow losses, the girls copied the boys, and the mixed had two narrow wins and two halfway losses. Congratulations to George who won all his sets.

Division Three White hosted Kerang White in another display of good tennis and another nail-biting result but unfortunately this time it was a one-game loss to Barham White. The men managed to get three sets, the women scooped the pool winning all six, but the mixed was the downside with only one win

and three large losses. Still, lots of happy faces and a great attitude after the match. Congratulations to Brian and Taylah who both won all their sets.

Division Three Black hosted Kerang Green and had a fabulous day but went down by a few. The boys won five of their six sets, the girls met some very tough opposition and the mixed was also a bit of a struggle on the scorebook. Thanks to Anita and Emma, and Gary and Sarah for enabling this match to go ahead.

After all the match day tennis action and afternoon tea being shared outdoors in COVID-19 style, any stayers were entertained by a club championship match between Marky and Brayden. Marky, with four Ruskies in his system, showed that he is still a real contender with a 6/1 victory. Round two will be played this week with more results to follow.

This coming week we will hopefully have two teams at home and three away.

Stay safe and we will see you next week.

*The Barham Curious Writer.*

# Barham-Koondrook Cricket Club

## A Grade

### Barham/Koondrook V Cohuna United

A Grade went into its game on a three-game winning streak, but it ended there with a disappointing loss by 11 runs.

Cohuna batted first and consistently compiled the runs, eventually getting to 6/189 with Marc O'Neill and Chameera Akurugoda both getting three wickets.

Barham/Koondrook gave themselves every chance to get the runs, keeping up a good run rate with only wickets remaining going to stop them. In the end they were all out for 178 with Danny Lolicato top score with 41 n.o., Tim Millard with 30 and Jaryd Wishart 29 the best.

A Grade now have the bye to finish before what looks like a final versing Nondies in two weeks.

## COHUNA UNITED

B. Cooke c J. Hall M. O'Neill	13
O. Cooke c L. Laursen M. O'Neill	13
D. Cooke c T. Millard C. Akurugoda	58
R. Hird c D. Lolicato M. O'Neill	55
M. Robinson c W. Lolicato C. Akurugoda	15
D. Clements c W. Lolicato C. Akurugoda	0
P. Taylor not out	17
A. Robinson not out	11

Extras 7  
Total 6/189

Bowling: W. Lolicato 7/2/21/0; C. Akurugoda 7/2/31/3; M. O'Neill 8/1/38/3; B. Watts 5/0/16/0; J. Hall 4/0/25/0; L. Laursen 2/0/7/0; T. Guerra 7/0/23/0; D. Lolicato 5/0/27/0

## BARHAM/KOONDROOK

W. Lolicato c D. Cooke R. Hird	2
C. Akurugoda c M. Higgs M. Robinson	11

J. Wishart Bowled A. Robinson	29
T. Millard LBW R. Hird	30
L. Keane c B. Cooke A. Robinson	5
B. Watts c D. Clements R. Hird	4
D. Lolicato not out	41
L. Laursen Bowled M. Robinson	0
M. O'Neill Bowled P. Taylor	20
T. Guerra c A. Hore R. Hird	17
J. Hall c B. Cooke R. Hird	3

Extras 16  
Total 10/178

Bowling: R. Hird 8/0/31/5; M. Robinson 8/0/23/2; L. Higgs 3/0/17/0; M. Higgs 2/0/12/0; D. Clements 2/0/23/0; A. Robinson 9/2/24/2; A. Hore 4/0/18/0; P. Taylor 6/1/30/1

## B Grade

### Barham/Koondrook V Kerang

B Grade came up against Kerang and had another great win by 70 runs.

Batting first, the Barham/Koondrook boys were treated to a hitting show by Jacob Barrington, who smashed up 131 off 97 balls, endangering spectators and parked cars alike. The only other double-digit score was from Jake Vallence, who put on his own little encore after Jacob, with 47 quickfire runs to get the boys to 8/216.

It was always going to be tough for Kerang and while they got to 9/146, they were never in the hunt. Brian D'Silva bowled well for three wickets while Dudley Bibby and Nathan O'Toole each grabbed two scalps.

## BARHAM/KOONDROOK

J. Barrington c L. Jardine R. Bright	131
C. Storm Bowled R. Keighran	2
T. Uyanage c D. Hogg T. Schmidt	5

S. Farrant c D. Hogg R. Bright	2
S. Cruse LBW J. Roberts	0
D. Bibby Bowled J. Roberts	3
M. Turvey c R. Keighran J. Roberts	5
N. O'Toole c L. Jardine A. Peterson	5
J. Vallence not out	47
B. D'Silva not out	6

Extras 12  
Total 8/216

Bowling: R. Keighran 5/1/28/1; D. Hogg 8/1/32/0; T. Schmidt 8/1/47/1; R. Bright 8/1/36/2; J. Roberts 7/1/33/3; A. Peterson 4/1/36/1

## KERANG

A. Lloyd c D. Bibby N. O'Toole	16
D. Hogg run out	17
R. Bright c M. Laursen B. D'Silva	2
L. Jardine c C. Storm N. O'Toole	12
D. Hartshorn c S. Cruse D. Bibby	13
J. Roberts c N. O'Toole T. Uyanage	54
T. Schmidt Bowled B. D'Silva	8
A. Peterson Bowled B. D'Silva	0
R. Sutterby not out	10
R. Keighran Bowled D. Bibby	5
M. Dwyer not out	0

Extras 9  
Total 9/146

Bowling: D. Bibby 8/0/24/2; T. Uyanage 8/0/22/1; N. O'Toole 8/2/22/2; B. D'Silva 8/2/23/3; M. Laursen 2/0/19/0; J. Vallence 4/1/19/0; S. Cruse 2/0/15/0

A big thanks to Scott and Mick at BR&C in Barham for their organising and donation of fertiliser for the oval at the home of cricket in Koondrook. The club and the community rely heavily on these kinds of donations and we certainly appreciate it.

# cluBarham Indoor Bowls

## By Rockin' Kitty

Two mats down on a warmish night. Eight ends on each.

Barb, Heather and Margaret Troy found themselves up against Margaret D, Maggie, Kath and Christine. Jim O watched us from the sidelines. Good play by all.

Five-minute break to draw with lucky ticket won

by Barb, then we had another eight ends. Overall winners were Marg D and team.

We would welcome any new players on the mats. Come and have a go. We will give you a free night too.

Next week 25th Feb join us for a meal at 6.00 pm then bowls at 7.30 pm followed by a meeting.



## This week's games:

### Saturday and Sunday U16s

Cohuna/Nondies vs Barham/  
Koondrook at Cohuna

### B Grade

Barham/Koondrook vs Wandella at  
Koondrook

### A Grade – bye





# Barham Bowling Club

How about that? This coming Saturday we have five teams in the finals, all to be played at our club. A marvellous start to our amalgamated clubs.

What it means though is a lot of work for some, and we are pleading with all members to please put your hand up to help if you're not playing. We particularly want scoreboard attendants. Anyone who can spare the time please let Reg Scott know. Please don't leave us shorthanded.

On Thursday morning there will be a working bee at the club and, once again, if you have half an hour spare, please donate it to the club. Very soon

we will announce a date for our first AGM. If any member has anything that they think should be in the constitution, please say so. After that night it will be known as our constitution and be final. Good luck to everyone in finals.

Pennant last week. Division One played Kerang and unfortunately went down by 11 shots.

Division Two Blue played Kerang Golf and had a 16 shot win.

Division Two Green played our old foes, Leitchville, and got home by 48 shots.

Division Three Blue played Kerang Golf and had a 13-shot win.

Division Three Green had

a bye.

Division Three White played Kerang and, sad to say, went down by 27 shots.

Makes no difference, we are all one club and proud of it.

RESULTS. Division One: P. Goudie, 14/26-12. J. Lunghusen, 18/16-2. G. Faul, 22/23-1. 54/65-11.

Division Two Blue: A. Thomas, 17/23-6. J. Hol-laway, 27/14+13. R. Scott, 21/12+9. 65/49+16.

Division Two Green: T. Keegan, 24/18+6. P. Orr, 22/17+5. K. Lake, 46/9+37. 92/44+48.

Division Three Blue: H. Archard, 23/18+5. V. Majhrovski (birthday boy), 22/18+4. G. Goodwin, 18/14+4. 63/50+13.

Division Three White: B. Pringle, 12/22-10. E. Shelbert, 8/25-17. D. Carter 'Selector', 28/27+1. 48/75-2.

Dinner winners thanks to cluBarham, Brian Pippin, Geoff Walker (the hat man), W. McNeil, and Ken Lake, skipper.

STARTING TIMES for Saturday, February 27. Divisions Two and Three, roll up 12.30pm, start at 12.45pm. Division One, roll up at 1.15pm, start at 1.30pm, NO EARLIER. Bowls will be inspected so do yourself a favour and get new stickers, all free. BAR DUTY this week, Ian Ellis and Wes Hare. We will be flat out.

Congratulations to our relatively new bowler, Kerry Watts, for winning the 60 and over regional singles. A large reminder that LEGACY DAY has been MOVED to March 14. Please support this cause. ONE FOR THE ROAD. A

## BARHAM BOWLING CLUB SATURDAY PENNANT

### BARHAM SATURDAY FINAL 27/02/21 DIVISION 1 BARHAM V KERANG GOLF

Skip	D PATERSON	J LUNGHUSEN	G FAUL
3rd	R MAUD	KIM WATTS	E WHELAN
2nd	I FASHAM	KERRY WATTS	S MANNERS
Lead	P GOUDIE	G ARCHARD	E GRACO
Manager:	G FAUL		

### 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		

### DIVISION 2 GREEN V PYRAMID HILL

Skip	T KEEGAN	P ORR	B FRENCH
3rd	G COOK	R KENDALL	W MCNEIL
2nd	C CASSIDY	A LARPENT	G WALKER
Lead	J CUNNINGHAM	W WALLER	B PIPPIN
Manager:	W WALLER		

### DIVISION 3 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		

### DIVISION 3 GREEN V KERANG

Skip	L MUES	K SMITH	B BERRY
3rd	S BARNES	D CARTER	R FRASER
2nd	G MOXOM	G WISHART	I MUES
Lead	B FASHAM	G KENNEDY	K LOHNER
Manager:	G KENNEDY		

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

man has six children and is very proud of his achievement. He is so proud of himself, that he starts calling his wife 'Mother of Six', despite her objections.

One night, they go to a party. The man decides that it's time to go home and wants to find out if his wife is ready to leave as

well. He shouts at the top of his voice.

"Shall we go home Mother of Six?"

His wife, irritated by her husband's lack of discretion, shouts right back, "Anytime you're ready, Father of Four!"

*See you on the green. Weary.*

## WAKOOL BOWLING CLUB

Last round of home and away games for the year and Division One played away at Cohuna Golf; with three ends to play there was only one shot in it across the board. Those last three ends went against us again and we ended up 16 shots down. Guy Treweek managed a draw 20/20; Mainy 19/23 and Barry V. side down 16/28.

Division Three are our shining light again with a good win over Pyramid Hill, taking them to second on the ladder to secure the double chance.

With all rinks up, the results were: Chris Mills 30/9; Rod Chalmers 26/14 and Steve Chalmers 20/18. Congratulations on a very good season and good luck for the finals.

The Barham Royal Hotel meal voucher again goes to Chris, Kerri, Willie and Sonia for best performing

rink on the day. The Wakool Hotel 'Kitty Jackpot' didn't go off again and is now up to a whopping \$2,360 this Friday.

Twilight Bash is on again and eight teams were out for some fun last Thursday under our new lights. The winners of the chooks on a count back were Rose

Mullins, Norm Free and Graham Rowland. If anyone wants a game for next week, contact Bob Grant or just rock up to the bowling green at 7pm. Division Three, please note starting time for Saturday is earlier – roll up at 12:30 for 12:45 start.

## Wakool Bowls Pennant Teams

February 27, 2021

Division Three

Semi Finals, Held in Barham  
Wakool vs Barham Blue

(s) C. Mills, K. Lolicato, W. Bourke, S. Mills

(s) S. Chalmers, R. Walker, F. Burmeister, G. Rowland

(s) R. Chalmers, S. McNaul, A. Hamilton, A. Stewart

Emergencies: S. Stewart, N. Free, G. Lang, J. Amor

Please note: Roll up 12:30 for a  
12:45 start – Good Luck

## Northern District Bowls Association

## MIDWEEK PENNANT

As at February 10, 2021

### Division 1

	Pts	%
Cohuna	90	119.97
Kerang	81	104.83
Barham Blue	77	120.97
Pyramid Hill	74	94.97
Cohuna Golf	71	101.09
Barham Green	39	68.95

### Division 2

	Pts	%
Kerang Golf	72.6	148.94
Kerang	55.3	109.88
Cohuna Gold	53	109.80
Leitchville	44	103.49
Barham Blue	42	102.81
Barham Green	40.5	88.12
Cohuna Blue	37.21	88.64
Pyramid Hill	36	89.40
Cohuna Golf	32	77.83

## Northern District Bowls Association

### Results and Ladders

Round 14, February 20, 2021

### Division 1

Cohuna Golf	11-71	v	Wakool	1-55
Cohuna	2-55	v	Kerang Golf	10-5
Barham	2-54	v	Kerang	10-65
Leitchville	10-65	v	Gunbower	2-59

Division 1	Pts	%
Cohuna Golf	125	139.6
Kerang	110	117.3
Kerang Golf	109	105.2
Barham	86	96.6
Cohuna	79	106.7
Leitchville	67	86.9
Wakool	49	82.1
Gunbower	47	76.6

### Division 2

Barham Green	12-92	v	Leitchville	0-44
Kerang Golf	2-49	v	Barham Blue	10-65
Kerang	2-55	v	Cohuna Golf White	10-57
Pyramid Hill	0-46	v	Cohuna Golf Navy	12-79
Cohuna	4.7-0	v	BYE	
<b>Division 2</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>%</b>		
Barham Blue	109	134.2		
Cohuna Golf White	101	115.8		
Pyramid Hill	87	103.7		
Barham Green	85.5	114.3		
Cohuna Golf Navy	82	106.2		
Kerang Golf	67.9	95.4		
Cohuna	66.7	85.4		
Kerang	47.9	83.0		
Leitchville	47	76.9		

### Division 3

Pyramid Hill	0-41	v	Wakool	12-76
Kerang Golf	0-50	v	Barham Blue	12-63
Gunny Golf (Golf)	12-73	v	Cohuna	0-60
Barham White	2-48	v	Kerang	10-75
Barham Green	7.1-0	v	BYE	
<b>Division 1</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>%</b>		
Barham Blue	115.7	136.4		
Wakool	102	123.2		
Barham Green	101.1	117.4		
Kerang	77.1	104.3		
Kerang Golf	76.9	95.4		
Gunny Golf	70	93.2		
Barham White	60	85.6		
Cohuna	49	79.0		
Pyramid Hill	44.7	75.0		

### FINALS:

### Division 1

1st Semi-Final:

Kerang Golf v Barham

All Semi-Finals played at Barham B. C.

2nd Semi-Final: Cohuna Golf v Kerang

### Division 2

1st Semi-Final: Pyramid Hill v Barham Green

2nd Semi-Final: Barham Blue v Cohuna Golf White

### Division 3

1st Semi-Final: Barham Green v Kerang

2nd Semi-Final: Barham Blue v Wakool

## Northern District Lawn Tennis Association

### ROUND 14 – February 20, 2021

#### Senior Div 1

Gunbower	53	lost to	Murrabit	59
Kerang	45	won on forfeit from	Leitchville	0
Cohuna	53	defeated	Koondrook	52

#### Senior Div 2

Kerang Red	96	defeated	Gunbower	50
Murrabit	81	defeated	Gannawarra	62
Barham Navy	87	defeated	Kerang Green	54
Koondrook	45	won on forfeit from	Barham White	0

#### Senior Div 3

Barham Black	54	lost to	Kerang Green	85
Koondrook	84	lost to	Barham Navy	85
Barham White	68	lost to	Kerang White	69
Kerang Red	80	defeated	Murrabit Blue	57
Murrabit White	BYE			

#### Junior Div 2

Gunbower Red	46	defeated	Murrabit	20
Kerang	42	defeated	Cohuna Gold	21
Cohuna Blue	48	defeated	Gunbower Blue	13

### NDLTA LADDER TO ROUND 14 - 20/2/2021

DIVISION 1	W	L	D	For	Agt	%	Pts
Cohuna	10	1	3	606	537	112.85	46
Kerang	8	4	2	655	471	139.07	36
Koondrook	8	4	2	652	491	132.79	36
Murrabit	8	4	2	659	616	106.98	36
Gunbower	1	10	3	500	589	84.89	10
Leitchville	0	12	2	284	652	43.56	4

DIVISION 2	W	L	D	For	Agt	%	Pts
Murrabit	10	2	2	983	760	129.34	44
Barham Navy	9	2	3	931	626	148.72	42
Kerang Red	7	4	3	888	740	120	34
Gannawarra	7	4	3	828	800	103.5	34
Koondrook	7	5	2	810	766	105.74	32
Kerang Green	2	9	3	704	885	79.55	14
Gunbower	2	10	2	741	977	75.84	12
Barham White	2	10	2	548	879	62.34	12

DIVISION 3	W	L	D	For	Agt	%	Pts
Kerang Green	9	3	2	681	522	130.46	40
Koondrook	9	3	2	785	650	120.77	40
Kerang White	8	3	3	673	538	125.09	38
Barham Navy	8	3	3	703	602	116.78	38
Kerang Red	7	4	3	646	622	103.86	34
Barham White	6	5	3	647	568	113.91	30
Murrabit White	5	6	3	603	716	84.22	26
Barham Black	3	8	3	521	708	73.59	18
Murrabit Blue	2	10	2	467	800	58.38	12

JUNIORS	W	L	D	For	Agt	%	Pts
Cohuna Blue	10	2	2	477	308	154.87	44
Gunbower Red	8	4	2	434	367	118.26	36
Cohuna Gold	6	5	3	387	325	119.08	30
Kerang	6	6	2	416	344	120.93	28
Gunbower Blue	5	6	3	323	369	87.53	26
Murrabit	0	12	2	222	546	40.66	4



# T20 Cricket: Leitchville/Gunbower and Cohuna United Victorious

**By Kendall Jennings**

Both Cohuna ovals were in action Thursday evening, with the First Oval hosting Barham/Koondrook Vs Cohuna United, and the Second Oval, Nondescripts Vs Leitchville/Gunbower. Clear conditions, 30 degrees, with 20 to 30-kilometre winds.

Barham/Koondrook (9-92) Vs Cohuna United (8-94), Cohuna won by two wickets. Cohuna United top batter, M. Robinson, 26 runs off 21 balls not out. In the bowling, R. Hird, three overs, 11 runs and one wicket. M. Robinson, four overs, 13

runs and two wickets. T. Johnson, three overs, 13 runs and two wickets. L. Higgs, four overs, 21 runs and two wickets. D. Clements, two overs, 12 runs and one wicket. L. Johnson two overs, eight runs, one wicket. Fielding, P. Taylor one catch, M. Robinson two catches and BL Cooke two catches.

Barham/Koondrook top batter, CB Akurugoda, 16 runs, caught BL Cooke, bowled by D. Clements. T. Millard, golden duck, caught BL Cooke, bowled D. Clements. Bowling, J. Hall, four overs, 21 runs and one wicket. D. Bibby,

two overs, one maiden, two runs, one wicket. CB Akurugoda, 1.5 overs, 17 runs, one wicket and BJ Watts, three overs, ten runs, and two wickets. Fielding, D. Bibby, one catch, L. Laursen, one catch, CB Akurugoda, one catch.

Nondescripts (8/74) Vs Leitchville/Gunbower won by seven runs. Nondescripts top batter, L. Holmes, 38 runs from 37 balls, caught by J. Wilson-Keir, bowled O. O'Shea. K. Wilson, golden duck, bowled by J. Keath. Bowling, L. Holmes, three overs, one maiden, 16

runs, one wicket. K. Wilson, three overs, 19 runs, one wicket. J. Wilson, three overs, 14 runs, one wicket. S. O'Shea, four overs, two maidens, five runs and three wickets. JS Palmer, two overs, seven runs, one wicket. Feilding, D. Coates, three catches and one run out. K. Ellery, two runouts. J. Wilson, one runout. K. Wilson, one catch. C. Wright, two catches.

Leitchville/Gunbower top batter, O. O'Shea, 23 runs from 21 balls, caught K. Wilson, bowled J. Wilson. L. Keath, golden duck, caught D. Coates, bowled

K. Wilson. S. Tatt, golden duck, runout J. Wilson. J. Keath, four overs, nine runs, two wickets. S. Tatt, four overs, one maiden, seven runs, one wicket. J. Wilson-Keir, three overs, 15 runs and one wicket. L. Keath, four overs, 13 runs and one wicket. A. Keath, two overs, 17 runs and one wicket. O. O'Shea, three overs, 13 runs and one wicket. B. Hawken, one catch. H. Wright, one

catch, one runout and one stumping. J. Wilson-Keir, one catch. Z. Ellwood, one runout.

The ladder, Wandella 16 points, Leitchville/Gunbower eight points, Barham/Koondrook eight points, Nondescripts four points, and Cohuna United four points.

Barham/Koondrook finished third on the ladder. For the series, BJ Watts had the most catches at

four and the most wickets in the bowling, 16.1 overs, 117 runs scored, one maiden and 11 wickets. The best batsman for the series was CB Akurugoda 115 runs from 99 deliveries. T. Millard was the only player to be out for a golden duck for Barham/Koondrook.

The grand final sees Wandella Vs Leitchville/Gunbower, played at Kerang.



Cohuna United's R. Hird being bowled out by CB Akurugoda for 17 runs.




Barham/Koondrook's D. Bibby in action before being bowled by M. Robinson for 10 runs.

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