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LOCAL CRICKET SUCCESS

The Cricket season ended on a high for local teams Rushworth Tigers and Colbinabbin Ducks with both enjoying some successes in last weekend's grand final events.

The Tigers celebrated at their club rooms concluding with their presentation night whilst the Ducks headed to the Colbinabbin Hotel for a few ales.

For details and scores turn to pages 32-33.



(Above) Rushworth D Grade champions - Back Row - (l-r) Peter Francis, Peter Raglus, Brett Pateman, Jak McMillan, Brodie Shepherd, Dean Shepherd. Front Row - Josh Francis, Charlie McLean, Thomas Ogden, Heath Ogden, Jac Barrett, Bryce Shepherd and Regan Hanson.

(Below) The Colbo Ducks celebrate in traditional manner at Colbinabbin Country Hotel.



Community BBQ Lunch



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We are thrilled to invite you to a free community event and BBQ lunch to celebrate the completion of the nbn's fibre network in Rushworth. The fibre network is more than just cables and connections; it's about bridging gaps, empowering businesses, and bringing people closer together. Please join us as we take the opportunity to thank everyone that has contributed to the success of this project.

DATE: Friday 22 March 2024

TIME: 12pm-2pm

LOCATION: Rushworth Village Green

DETAILS: Come down, grab a slice of BBQ and speak to your **nbn** Local team, the Regional Tech Hub or a Retail Service provider about the upgrade or how to connect.

nbn's fibre network is live in Rushworth

Residents and businesses in Rushworth can now benefit from the fastest and most reliable **nbn** internet technology following the completion of fibre upgrades. Under the Regional Connectivity Program, Rushworth was upgraded from fixed wireless technology to fibre to the premises, giving about 575 homes and businesses access to fixed fibre internet.

You can check your address at **nbn's** website www.nbnco.com.au for a full list of internet and phone providers available in the area.

This project is supported by funding from the Australian Government's Regional Connectivity Program & the Victorian State Government

For more information contact Charlene on charlenedonovans@nbnco.com.au or 0418 372 762

nbn® Local

Colbinabbin Community Store reopens!



The renovations include a ‘private’ office and staff room.

There has been a lot of action over the last two weeks with the Colbinabbin General Store undergoing renovations. Many faithful locals were on hand to help move everything into storage and again to move everything back. The staff gave up their time to organise the process. How great are small communities!

The ‘new look’ store has reopened and is ready for business, welcoming back the locals, the regulars who drive through and stop at the Store and the many visitors to Colbo. The Store now sports not only a new revamped look but a new counter, cold food display and a designated café area. Thanks to Jarrod Kelly, Nick Ryan and Dean Wallace for working so well with our Manager, Nat Baird, to get it up and running.

The post office facade also has a new look. Be patient as the staff iron out any hiccups - it may take a few days to get things running smoothly. Won't it be good to have our Store open again!

At left: The same friendly staff will still be there to serve you (L–R) Claire, Natalie and Maree.

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Have your say!

Readers are invited to contribute their letters, opinion pieces and ideas to these pages.

Please sign this petition

The Mayor of Campaspe, Rob Amos, has requested a petition from local residents to demonstrate the need for sealing of the last 500m of the Rushworth-Whroo Road. This unsealed section turns to dust every year and is dangerous and should be sealed. We have put petitions at the following shops in town; Hardware, Butcher, Chemist, Bakery, Bank, Gus & Ollies, Petrol station, IGA, Waranga Aged Hostel. So far we have received a good response but every signature is required. Next year the council is giving away Wards and Rushworth may lose political clout to get funding. Can you please sign this petition to support a much needed small infrastructure project, which will save lives?

Maurice J Clarke
Concerned Ratepayer
Rushworth

Thank you

Recently my family found ourselves caught in a storm unable to get home and unable to reach my husband who had found himself in an accident and the car undrivable. The road home was blocked and the road to him was blocked. Before I had a chance to get out of the car, local farmers with tractors were already out clearing branches from across the road.

Once home, we then had to try and make our way through some tree-blocked roads, and the same locals then drove in front of my son's car to help clear the road for him to get through, to pick his dad up.

Once we got to him the roads were covered in leaves but no branches. The police informed us that the farmers had already been out and cleared the road within 30 minutes of the storms.

Thank you to all those who work behind the scenes and do these jobs that I assume the council or VicRoads would eventually clear. But as the police officer said, 'we would be waiting days for them to get to all the debris'. So between the police, SES, CFA and local farmers it was all done. Special thanks also to the Ambulance who came out to check on John. It was an awesome effort by many volunteers.

I would like to say a massive thank you to Tim Walker, David McLean and Mandy and Andrew McLean. Your assistance and support was greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Vicki Arnel
Gobarup

Creative challenge

To create a sense of belonging and acceptance for creativity can be challenging within ourselves and within communities at times. We can come up against our own critical thoughts and fears, whilst trying to give ourselves space to 'play', be ourselves, make mistakes and explore what is meaningful personally and collectively.

My small part in the Rushworth ART Depot has been focussed on helping to create an environment that fostered and nurtured creativity within us all. As with many Arts groups and organisations around the world, we are often on the move after having shone some light into a facility or precinct that then becomes appealing and occupied by others.

I bid farewell and send courage to those willing to play, make mistakes and create something magnificent!

Eloise Mitchell
Rushworth

Palm tree age debate

In response to the article in the last Waranga News re the palm tree removal at 65-67 High St. Rushworth. I would like to correct some facts about the said palm tree.

The units at that address were built by registered builder Hopeworth Constructions in 1988-89, of which I was sole proprietor

I agree the palm trees on the site were of concern to me for the very same reason as The Owners' Corporation. However, the expense to have them removed at the time was rather extreme, as I was paying in the vicinity of 17% interest on borrowed money in those days.

I was rather amused to read the Shire of Campaspe informed the corporation their records showed the palm tree in question was planted following the construction of the units on the site. For the information of the corporation, and the Shire, the palm tree was

well and truly in place and my estimate at the time was, it could have been in place for more than fifty years.

It is a pity the Corporation approached the Shire direct, rather than through our local councillor Adrian Weston, as he was the actual bricklayer who was hired by me to carry out all the brickwork on the units and the retaining wall around the said palm tree. I'm sure he would agree with me regarding the palm tree.

The original building on the site (now the Community House) has a history of considerable interest and I would be pleased to meet with the Owners' Corporation, at their and my convenience, to pass on some of the knowledge I still remember.

Bob Holschier OAM
Stanhope

Rushworth Community Hub

I refer to the article on page 8 of the Waranga News 29 February edition, which talks about future activities at Rushworth Art Depot. The article reproduces a story and photos about the old council depot precinct which I prepared for the edition of the paper published on 30 July, 2020 - nearly four years ago.

Much has happened since then, and the most recent events have only just become public knowledge.

As detailed below, Rushworth ART Depot no longer exists as an entity*, although artistic and other community activities will continue aplenty at the site, which we now refer to as Rushworth Community Hub.

Rushworth Community House holds Committee of Management status over the old council depot in Horne Street, Rushworth. The House is an Incorporated Association which is governed by its Committee of Management for the benefit of the Rushworth community as a whole.

Rushworth Art Depot was originally established in 2019/20 as a satellite activity of the Community House by a previous House Committee of Management. The facility would operate under the policies and procedures of the Community House, with management oversight resting with the Community House Coordinator.

What transpired between mid-2020 and the present largely remains the private business of the Community House, and it would be improper to discuss it in great detail. However, the following factual summary will hopefully put things in context.

It is public knowledge that members of the ART Depot soon tried to secede from Community House and become an autonomous body with sole management rights and responsibilities for the old council depot.

A mediator was appointed to help resolve matters, resulting in the creation of a written Terms of Agreement document to define future relationships and governance arrangements between the Community House and the ART Depot.

Sadly, those arrangements also broke down over time as RAD continued to seek independence from the Community House.

Finally, on Wednesday, 14 February, Rushworth Community House's Committee of Management agreed unanimously to return full control of the old council depot to the House Manager.

The RAD group representative was then advised that future use of the facility by the group would be through simple hiring agreements.

Such hiring arrangements are used by many Committees of Management, including Rushworth Public Park Reserve and Rushworth Shire Hall.

Other regular users of the old depot site were also advised of the change, which were similar to hire arrangements that they already have with the Community House.

Before making the community at large aware of the changes, as a courtesy I elected to advise the members of the Community House collectively at the House's Annual General Meeting on Wed 28 February. Communication with House members is important, and those in attendance supported the changes wholeheartedly.

As RCH President, I am legally obliged to act in the best interests of the House ahead of all other considerations, and at all costs I wanted to avoid the "I knew nothing about it until I read it the paper" scenario that may otherwise have occurred.

As a Committee, we now look forward to the use of Rushworth Community Hub by the widest possible range of groups and individuals, and the Community House will continue facility upgrades at the site as funds become available to ensure it is truly fit for many purposes.

Cass Alexander
President,
Rushworth Community House.

* ASIC records indicate Rushworth ART Depot (RAD) is actually an entity with a registered business name and ABN.

Ed.

Letters to the Editor are welcome, but must be accompanied by the sender's name and residential address (address not for publication). Anonymous letters will not be accepted. Longer letters may be subject to editing.

Tertiary Scholarships funded by our local Bank

Community Bank Rushworth & District has awarded tertiary scholarships to four lucky local teens under the Community Bank Tertiary Scholarship program.

Denni Bathman, Paige Billing, Elleina Suarez and Jack Arnel will each receive \$3,500 towards the costs associated with their study.

Paige Billing, a Stanhope local, will be heading to Monash University to study a Bachelor of Paramedicine. Miss Billing said the “scholarship will take a great amount of pressure off me financially and allow me to put more time into my studies”.

Denni Bathman, who will be attending La Trobe University said that she is looking forward to the change of scenery and meeting new people that attending university will bring. Miss Bathman begins her Bachelor of Business in early March.

Elleina Suarez said the “scholarship will lift some of the financial burden that I will come across and will let me have more freedom to focus on putting my best self forward for my studies and the newfound environment around me.” Mr Suarez will be undertaking a Bachelor of Psychology at Monash University.



Scholarship recipient Denni Bathman is congratulated by Bank manager Alek Stokes.

The Community Bank Rushworth & District Tertiary Scholarship program opens each year and offers high school leavers entering higher education assistance with their education costs. Branch Manager, Alek Stokes, said “we believe it is important to

support our youth attending university and TAFE. Sometimes these kids may be the first in their family to seek higher education and we want to encourage them to strive for this and relieve some of the associated financial burden.”

Campaspe to measure community satisfaction

Campaspe Shire Council is about to commence its annual Community Satisfaction Survey.

During the month of March, independent market research agency, Metropolis Research Pty Ltd will be conducting a phone survey to assist Council to assess performance across a range of measures, identifying ways to provide improvement and more effective service delivery to residents.

Council’s Chief Executive Officer Pauline Gordon said that this is an important opportunity for residents to provide feedback.

“We appreciate that people are busy, but it is really important to us to be able to glean information about how residents feel we are performing by conducting a survey of this nature.

“Metropolis Research will be calling both residential landline and mobile phone numbers and so we want to make the community aware that this survey is underway so that they know these

calls are legitimate,” Ms Gordon added.

The survey will focus on value for money in service and infrastructure, community consultation and engagement, council decisions made in the interest of the community and customer service, local infrastructure, facilities, services and overall Council direction.

Ms Gordon emphasised that the phone numbers are independently sourced, and that individual responses are anonymous and compiled into overall results by Metropolis Research.

Results will be provided as a report back

to Councillors and will be publicised for the community to read. They will also be used to inform Council’s future strategies and plans.

Council is required to survey the community every year to seek feedback on the performance of Council. The survey sample set is randomised and based on people who live in Campaspe Shire. It is aimed to get responses across a representative section of the community encompassing gender, age and locality.

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Rushworth rail trail now heritage listed

After detailed historical and site investigations, Heritage Victoria has placed the former Rushworth Railway Station on the Victorian Heritage Inventory.

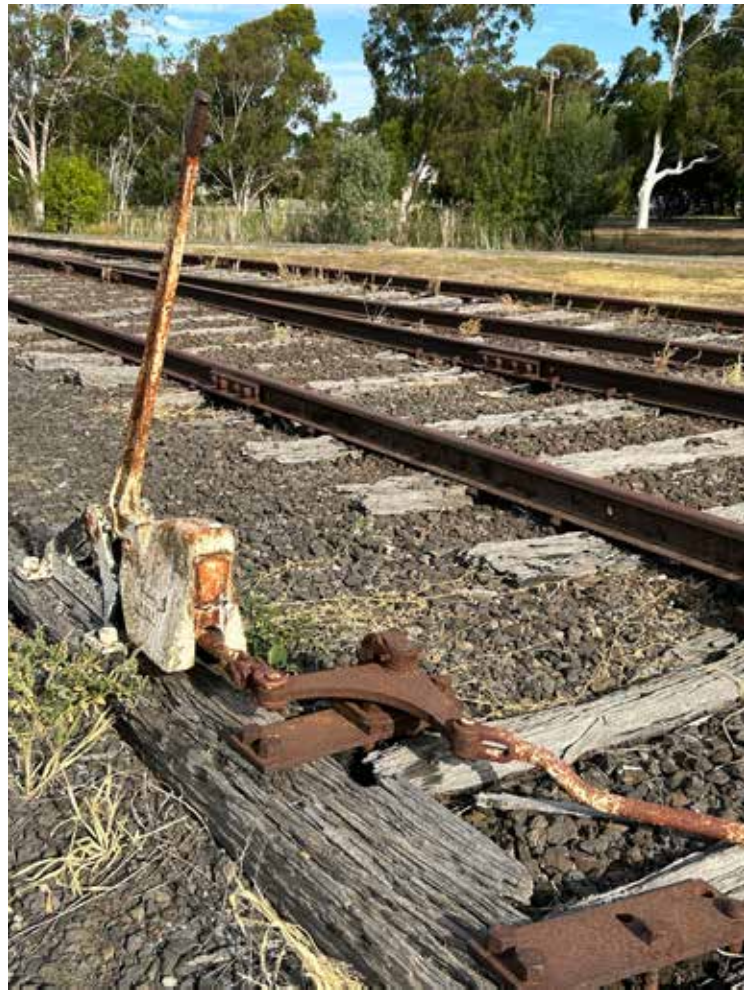
Significant aspects of the former railway station include the remains of a turntable, ash pit and water supply, five switch point levers, four lines of broad gauge track through the main station area, a dead-end siding, a brick-lined drain, timber goods shed, goods shed platform, passenger platform and a weighbridge and shed.

Campaspe Shire Council and Heritage Victoria have been working together to achieve the listing. Mayor, Cr Rob Amos said it will keep the historic charm of

Rushworth at the forefront of the Rail Trail project.

“By placing the former Rushworth Railway Station on the Victorian Heritage Inventory, its archaeological features are protected from development. Any future construction works will require approval from Heritage Victoria,” Cr Rob Amos said.

Council was given approval from Heritage Victoria in February to begin construction on the Rail Trail. Campaspe Shire Council, Acting Director Infrastructure, Mark Dibsedale



Traces of Rushworth’s railway era to be preserved.

said the design for the upcoming Rail Trail demonstrates Council’s desire to minimise impacts to the existing historic features and will highlight important features for users along the trail.

Impact on the Rail Trail construction will include minimising the track removal to one line on the High Street end and diverting around the existing tracks where possible.

The aim is also to include the installation of interpretive signage along the trail, providing information and photos of

historical features.

“The former Rushworth Railway Station joins many other historically important sites in Rushworth on the Victorian Heritage Inventory including Main Gully Chinese Camp, Specimen Hill Open Cut Mine, Rushworth Police Camp, Growlers Hill and Cockatoo Mine,” Mr Dibsedale added.

A copy of the Victorian Heritage Inventory listing (number H7924-0100) can be found on the Heritage Victoria website .

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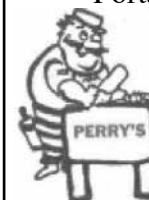
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Service Centre opens with new look

The newly refurbished Rushworth Service Centre and Library has reopened at 33 High Street after many months of extensive renovations.

The newly designed space offers a one-stop location for Rushworth residents to access both Council-related support services and library hub.

Mayor, Cr Rob Amos said he's excited to see the build finished and for community to begin using the refurbished space.

"It's great to see the new Rushworth Service Centre and Library finished for the community to enjoy. I'd like to extend thanks to our community who were so patient and understanding through construction," said Cr Amos.

"As many of you may know, there were a few delays in the construction period. We appreciate your patience as contractors have worked to complete works as quickly as possible," he added.

Waranga Ward Cr Adrian Weston said it's great to see the project finished and another win for the Ward.

"There are so many wonderful projects near completion, and some exciting projects in development. All of these works help increase the livability of the town."

The new Rushworth Service Centre and Library is open 8.30 am to 4.30 pm (closed from 12 noon to 1pm) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Australian authors showcased during March

Award winning author, Fiona Lowe will be appearing at Kyabram Library at 10.30 am on Monday 18 March.

Drawing on her lived experiences as a midwife, counsellor and family support worker, Fiona writes novels about family and relationships which are set in small country towns and feature real people facing tough choices, and explores how family ties impact on their decisions.

Glenna Thomson will appear at Echuca Library on Thursday 21 March at 12.30 pm. After a successful career overseas, Ms Thomson and her husband spent almost twenty years living and working on their cattle property in rural Victoria. Now based in Melbourne, her time in the country enables authentic writing about life in remote locations as well as the city.



Early adopters: first in to explore the new library space, Pauline Perry peruses the book offerings while Christine Hardie and Librarian Robyn try out the sunny window seat spot.

Community grants open

Applications are now open for Round One of the 2024/25 Community Grants Program.

The Community Grants Program offers financial support to not-for-profit organisations to deliver a range of initiatives that will improve the lives of people within the community.

Campaspe Shire Mayor, Cr Rob Amos said the grant program is a great way to help provide funding to support community groups, clubs and associations with a broad range of projects to enhance Campaspe's strong, supportive, vibrant and sustainable community.

"A maximum of \$4,000 can be applied for to support the delivery of programs, projects and activities that encourage locals to get

more involved in the community.

"Applications will be assessed against set criteria and funding recommendations will be based on the outcome of each application in terms of improving the quality of life for our residents and making our shire more vibrant and stimulating," Cr Amos said.

Applications for the grant program close at 5pm on Friday 12 April.

Applicants needing assistance with their application are encouraged to contact Council's Community Partnership's Team on 1300 666 535.

For full funding criteria, or to apply visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/communitygrants

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Kez R Arts workshops 2024 proving very popular

As Waranga News readers discovered in the last paper Kez R Arts workshops for children and adults are up and running again on the first Sunday of the month.

The first kids' workshop was well supported by the community and Kez was blown away by the results of the sixteen students who attended!

Space was squishy at the Rushworth ART Depot, and if the numbers remain high Kez will be on the lookout for a bigger space to accommodate the demand!

How very humbling that this is the case, but Kez also believes this highlight's the importance of arts and cultural activities needed in our community.

Kez is very proud of the fact that her workshops also bring families from outside our community to participate and who then go and explore or experience what else Rushworth's got on offer on a Sunday afternoon. Cafes and shops are often their next stop after class has finished.

Everyone enjoyed creating some very colourful collage chickens as you can see.

The next workshop scheduled for Sunday 7 April is receiving some great interest again and Kez is looking forward to creating with all those in attendance.

If you are interested in joining the fun, get in touch with Kez R Art via her social media page or by calling 0413351276.



Preview Shepparton Festival 2024



Visual artist, Dr Shiromali Ekanayake 'Shiro' was the 2023 Call to Create winner, so her work features at the 2024 Shepparton Festival.

As a believer in the power of art as a therapeutic refuge, Shiro invites you to immerse yourself in her self-titled exhibition, curated by Festival Director Kristen Retallick and located at Goulburn Valley Hospice, an organisation that explores creative ways to support those at a difficult time of their and their loved ones' lives. Shiro is a General



Tolly Gleeson with his impressive rooster. Right: Mia and Freya Ellis of Colibinabbin



Practitioner in Shepparton and her paintings and collages present art as care, as a vessel for mediation and as an escape into a realm of uplifting emotions. Her portraits, mostly of people instrumental in her life, are created with energetic layers of paint that unravel the depths of human senses, offering both vibrancy and mysterious darkness. When you visit her exhibition prepare to be enticed by touch, sight and the intangible sense of emotion.

Shepparton Festival dates 5 - 21 April

Kyabram Town Hall Gallery Exhibitions

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

- LESLIE EDWARDS Textile Art - COLOUR & FORM Experimenting in fabric dyeing - closes 4 April
- SPLINTER CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS - 'A' is for Animal
- BASKETRY & BEYOND Northern Plains Basket Makers closes 30 March

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**Kennedy Shiraz 2019, Kennedy Cambria (Reserve) 2014, Kennedy Pink Hills Rosé 2021, Henrietta Shiraz 2020
Henrietta Rose 2022 - all available online and being served at Colbinabbin Country Hotel.**

Get ready for Easter Festival competitions

Easter is nearly here so now is the time to think about your entries for the Rushworth Easter Heritage Festival competitions.

Colouring competition entry forms are available from Rushworth Community House and copies have also been delivered to both of our local schools. Entries can be popped into the entry box at the Rushworth Easter Heritage stand at the Festival on Easter Saturday.

The Dog Competition will be on again at 10 am on Easter Saturday near the old railway line. Bring your pooch along for a bit of fun and the chance to win a prize in the Best Dressed, Best Jump or Most Obedient categories. All dogs must be on a lead at all times.



A successful jump for this pooch in the Dog Competition.

At 12 midday, near the old railway line, the fabulous Easter bonnet competition is back with separate judging for children and adults. There have been some great creations over the last two years and look forward to more inventive entries this year.



Entry to all competitions is free and prizes are awarded for each category.

See the back page of this issue of Waranga News for more information on what's happening on Easter Weekend in and around Rushworth or pick up a flyer from one of our local stores.

Cycling Without Age (Waranga) back on the road

by Graeme Hanigan

*"On the road again
Just can't wait to get on the road again
The life I love is making music with my friends
And I can't wait to get on the road again"*

Willie Nelson

As the weather cools, we can't wait to get the TrioBike back on the road again. Piloted by the very capable staff, ensuring that the residents of the Waranga Hostel not only get the wind in their hair, but also smiles on their faces.

If you happen to see them passing by, give them a holler, a hoot, and a wave.

What We Do

Our mission is to build bridges between generations and help prevent loneliness: we

provide anyone unable to ride for themselves with an opportunity to avoid social isolation and remain active in their community by taking them out on trike rides!

Rides are available free of charge to anyone who is unable to ride for themselves, and we are in constant need of more volunteers so that we are able to offer more rides.

If you would like a ride on the Triobike (it's like an armchair on wheels) or know someone that would, or if you wish to volunteer as a pilot or support rider, please make contact with Graeme Hanigan via email cycling.without.age.waranga@gmail.com or via mobile 0438 359 600.



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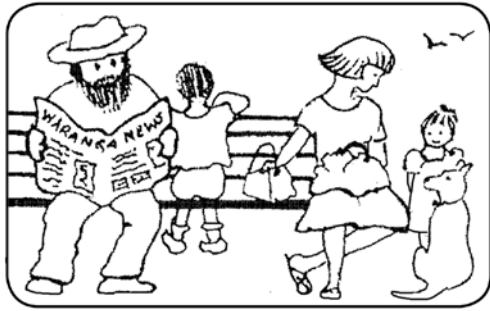
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Around Rushworth

Smooth travelling in High St

Rushworth residents are pretty pleased with the reopening of the newly paved northbound side of High Street, after a couple weeks of detouring and extra steps to reach the shops. With the opening of the refurbished Service Centre and Library, as well as the Food Bank’s move back ‘home’, there’s lots to explore in downtown Rushworth!

Beware - the detour sign is now on the other side of the street making access to IGA, Waranga Health and P.O. challenging.

Garden club birthday

The last Rushworth Garden Club meeting was well attended, the club’s birthday celebration with a High Tea. You don’t know what you missed if you weren’t there!

Next meeting is on Thursday 21 March. Meet in the Shire car park at 1.15 pm for directions to Carol McMillan’s garden walk, leaving at 1.30 pm and returning at 2.30 pm for a quick meeting and afternoon tea.

Competitions and trading table as usual.
Ethel Borger

International Womens Day celebrated in Rushworth

“Breaking Barriers: Women Making it in a Man’s Domain” was the title of an inspiring talk presented by Louise Costa for International Women’s Day in Rushworth.

Louise spoke of the challenges and triumphs (and the sheer hard work) involved in establishing her landscape design and construction business, Design By Nature.

Supplementing an entertaining account of the evolution of the business, the presentation included a pictorial record as it progressed over time. This ranged from the early days of creative paving and garden design (especially evident today in many school grounds around the region) to the engineering feats of installations at public venues such as Shepparton Botanic Gardens, Winton Wetlands and the Euroa Arboretum.

Louise paid special tribute to fellow paver Carol McMillan who was an integral part of her workforce for some years, as well as husband Les Pelle whose invaluable engineering skills have helped her more recent innovative designs come to reality.

While Louise’s creativity and expertise is well recognised around the region, those attending were in awe of the scale of her achievements - both the size and originality of the installations and the spread of her work across the region.

Louise’s talk was a fitting presentation for IWD which has traditionally focused on women’s work conditions and challenged the gendered nature of workplaces.



Louise and fellow paver Carol enjoyed sharing the memories of their work together.

Police Beat

Greetings and welcome to your local police report for the Rushworth Police Service Area, for the month of February 2024.

The following is a list of reported crimes. Any information in relation to these crimes can be reported to the Rushworth Police Station on 58561000, or by calling Crime Stoppers on 1800333000 if you wish to remain anonymous. Any information is greatly appreciated by both victims and police.

A theft of motor vehicle occurred at a High Street Rushworth property between 8.00 p.m. on 01/02/24 and 8.00 a.m. on 02/02/24. A Subaru Impreza was stolen from the driveway, and later recovered in Mason Road Waranga Shores.

A burglary occurred at a holiday home along Girgarre-Rushworth Road in the early hours of 04/02/24. Locks were cut to gates and a shipping container. A drop saw and radio valued at \$600 were stolen.

Police executed a drugs search warrant at a property in Sayers Lane Waranga Shores on 11/02/24. Ten mature cannabis plants and a quantity of dried cannabis was located.

A male was charged with cultivating and possessing cannabis. He will appear at the Echuca Magistrates Court.

A fence was damaged at a property along Frenchmans Road Waranga Shores during the day on 20/02/24. Wooden fence palings worth \$300 were damaged.

A 52 year old male was interviewed for lighting a fire during a prohibited period on 21/02/24. A burn off was conducted at a property along Nine Mile Road in Rushworth. He will also appear at the Echuca Magistrates Court.

That is our list of reported crimes. Please continue to report any suspicious activity. Now on to other matters of local interest. Local members *only* issued 66 infringement notices for the month. Yep, that’s right it’s not a typo. This is the highest number I have ever put in a police report. The offences were mainly due to an operation along the Northern Highway targeting speed on weekends. With Easter approaching fast,

please remain vigilant when driving. A zero tolerance approach to any offence will be in place. We are also still receiving complaints about people speeding across the one-way bridge along the Rushworth-Tatura Road. Expect to see the patrol car more regularly in the coming weeks at the bridge.

I had another coffee with Julie during the week at the Colbinabbin Hotel. With the General Store undergoing renovations, Julie is still open for business to grab a coffee or snack. I must say, it’s still one of the best coffees around. It’s great to see the support continuing for our local businesses.

Well, that about wraps up another police report. Please stay safe out on the roads and look after each other. Until we chat again.

*All the best,
Ldg. Sen. Cons Steve Thomson
Rushworth Police*



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Colbo Group meeting

Colbinabbin Group meeting will be held on Monday 18 March at 5pm at the Colbinabbin Hall

Agenda; Distribution of money raised from working at the Elmore Field Days.

Any organisation wanting funds are invited to send a letter or email Shane Ryan at snarlyryan@gmail.com

It would be great to see a few new faces at this meeting as our numbers are dwindling. We have only one meeting a year. For more information, ring Shane Ryan 0409 820 854.

Updating the phone book

The Colbo phone book is currently being updated to release the 2024 version at Colbo PS Market Day: ...

To add or remove details or make any changes, contact Carlie Ryan via messenger or text 0417 351 918 by 20 March.

The phone book is part of Colbo school's fundraising and is updated every two years.

Save the dates

- Hope you have the date circled on your calendar for the Colbinabbin Primary School Market Day - Sunday 24 March - 10am to 3pm. It's always a good day of stalls, food, fun and catching up with the people you haven't seen for a while. And it supports our local Primary School.
- Colbinabbin Silo Art Picnic and Wine Festival – Sunday 5 May 11am to 3pm.

Outdoor Mass at Elmore

Elmore Parish is planning an outdoor Mass on the riverbank at 2.30pm on Wednesday 20 March. And everyone's invited. Just BYO chair and hat.

Cemetery Trust

Mowing Roster (lawn section only)
March - Ray McEvoy

FIRE BRIGADE ROSTER

March 17 Leo McEvoy, Tim Hill
March 24 Christopher Ryan, Steve Tuohey
If unable to attend for duty, call Chris/Leo.

Siren, radio and test pager at 9am. Crew member should ensure the siren and radio tests are carried out. Vehicles should be checked for fuel and taken for a road test.

Colbo Diary

Tuesdays - Colbo Pub Choir 5pm
Thursdays - Men's Community Shed

March

Mon 18 Colbinabbin Group 5pm
Sun 24 Colbo PS Market Day

May

Sun 5 Silo Art Picnic and Wine festival 11am-3pm.

A Gin Sling at Raffles, Singapore

Reporting in from Hannah Price - now living in Singapore:

It has been a busy couple of months getting settled in to our new Singapore life.

We are renting a small apartment in Serangoon, in the North-East region of Singapore. The apartment is a part of a 'condo' complex which has shared facilities like swimming pool, basketball court, gym, barbecue area etc. With Singapore being a very small city state measuring 50km from east to west and 27 kilometres from north to

south and having a population of just over six million people, it is small and easy to get to any part of the country in a short time.

We're fortunate to have a train station right at our doorstep, making use of Singapore's highly efficient public transport system to reach any part of the city in about twenty-five minutes.

We are walking distance from the Australian International School, which is where Dave is teaching, and Stevie and Lucy are attending school and preschool. So far everyone is enjoying and embracing their new roles and have settled in well. The school has a very active community group and school events which has provided me lots of opportunities to connect with other parents. I have also joined a netball club and have been playing evening games at the Singapore Cricket Club which is rather surreal! Dave is having fun playing touch rugby with a group of teachers.

Weekends are mainly spent exploring different areas of the city, with plenty of activities to do, meeting up with new friends, and lots of swimming to cool down.

There isn't too much need to check the weather apps here as it is pretty much always 32°, 80% humidity and a chance of rain every day, with a low of 25° overnight!

We enjoyed catching up and showing Mum and Dad (Jim and Janine Morgan) around for a week in early February and have



A must-do: time for a Gin Sling at Raffles Hotel for Janine and Jim Morgan and daughter, Hannah Price.



Everyone's off to school: Stevie, Dave and Lucy.

just last week caught up with Ray and Mitch McEvoy, and Tait and Annette Hamilton. Great to see some friendly faces from home.

We are certainly missing the community and hope everyone is doing well!

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We're sticking with wicking at the House

The weather gods blessed us recently as we launched the first session of our wicking beds program. How lovely it was to be out in the sunshine on a quiet Saturday morning, learning about sustainable growing and assembling the Community Garden's first ever wicking bed! With minimal water and minimal fuss we expect to grow a variety of plants in the coming months.

Thank you to *Very Edible Gardens* for supplying their products and holding an introductory information session.

We look forward to assembling the second wicking bed this week and planting our goodies! Feel free to pop into the Community Garden to have a look at our hard work.

Thanks Paul Timmers

Speaking of hard work, this is an opportune time to thank our volunteer, Paul Timmers for the tireless work he has lately put into both the Community Garden and the Community House in general.

Paul was also a pivotal member of the wicking bed team, putting together the timber frame of the first wicking bed and then assisting with the work that followed. Our team learned a lot from Paul!

Incidentally our wicking bed crew talked a lot about the benefits of spending time in the garden. It's so interesting to hear what people are growing and the joy it brings them.

If your garden is your passion too, sign up for our April propagation course. We will head back to the Community Garden to learn more about propagating and growing plants - and enjoy a barbeque lunch as well!



Members of the wicking bed team begin assembling the layered structure of growth materials in the new wicking bed.

Intereach Aged Care Volunteering Visitors Service

Have you seen our recent Facebook post about volunteering with Intereach?

Intereach is a not-for-profit community organisation committed to developing community infrastructure and supporting rural, regional and remote communities.

The service currently has a need for people to fill its social support role.

The role involves visiting elderly people in their homes and assisting them with their shopping. The role may also require helping them to attend medical appointments and social functions.

Rushworth Community House is always happy to support endeavours that support our community so if this sounds like something you would enjoy doing please contact Intereach on 1300 488 226.

Easter egg hunt preparations underway

The Community House's hugely popular annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held as part of Rushworth's Easter Heritage Festival on Saturday 30 March.

Bring your basket, bring your hat, bring your water bottle, bring a gold coin donation and bring your best chocolate hunting skills. It promises to be another fun morning!



Youngsters from our 2015 Easter Egg hunt - see if you can identify them today.

NEWS FROM THE OP-SHOP AND FOODBANK

BROUGHT TO YOU BY RUSHWORTH COMMUNITY SUPPORT INC.

There was much excitement and flurry at the Foodbank last week as it was on the move again!

At quite short notice (a few days) the move from the Shire Hall back to the previous premises at 33 High Street had to be arranged. The Shire of Campaspe informed the management that the refurbished rooms were ready, and they wanted to facilitate the move on 6 March.

It's been nearly a year since the Foodbank was relocated to allow for the works on the Shire Offices. Foodbank workers has settled well into the Shire Hall, but knew this day was coming - although just not quite so immediate!

However, thanks to the exceptional efforts of Jacinta Addamo, Shire of Campaspe Community Development Officer for Rushworth, the logistics came together. Knowing that the Foodbank volunteers were unable to move all the stock, furniture and fittings themselves, Jacinta organised a removalist to empty the Shire Hall and deliver everything down the road.

Due to roadworks, all access had to be via Esmonde Street and the Kindergartens Car Park with trolleys, with the volunteers on

hand to direct operations.

Since it was a 'foodbank day', a temporary stock of food was laid out at the hall while the move took place. Staff worked hard to ensure that all was ready for 9 am Friday, and were open for business back in their old home.

The Committee and Management of the Rushworth Foodbank wish to express their utmost gratitude to the Shire Hall Committee of Management for allowing the Foodbank to overrun the hall for the last nine months. It was only meant to be temporary and short term, but everyone knows that renovation works always take longer than planned. The Shire Hall Committee were endlessly patient and accommodating, ensuring that the precious foodbank service for Rushworth was never disrupted.

Thanks also to the Market Committee who put up with disruption to their craft fair, and the P-12 College who worked around us for the VCE Exams and their Presentation Night. From all of us to all of you - thank you!

HEAT

I hate the heat, the heat hates me
When I'm this hot I can't be free
I can't dance, I can't sing
I can't do a bloody thing.
I'm like a melted jelly - a great big blob
And the only thing enjoyable is an ice block in my gob!
My wording now is not polite,
My brain won't make the words come right.
So - very sorry, very sad
To write so grumpy is so bad
So smack my hand with teacher's ruler
I'll be back to normal when it's cooler!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Heather Wellington



The Big Reveal: anticipation as the door is unlocked on the renewed space.

Rushworth Foodbank is now open for business in its own new home.

We love our Op-Shop donations. But remember - please bring them into the shop - don't dump!

**Op-Shop - 9 High Street Rushworth
Open: Mon Wed Fri - 9 am to 2 pm :
Saturday - 9 am to 12 noon**

**Foodbank - 33 High St Rushworth
Open : Wed & Fri - 9 am to 12 noon**

Fifty Years ago in our district...

Looking through the pages of past 'Rushworth Chronicles'
.....compiled by former district resident Alan McLean



Locusts a pest in March 1974

District sporting clubs and motorists were feeling the impact of a locust plague in March of 1974. Bowling greens were destroyed within hours and lawn tennis courts were littered with the pests, so the Rushworth Tennis Club wondered whether the big upcoming Easter tournament could proceed.

Motorists had to drive through swarms of locusts, which clogged radiators and caused overheating to engines. Many drivers fitted fine mesh screens to front bumper bars, to trap locusts before they could enter the radiator.

Stanhope was featured in a double-page spread with Ibis Milk Products the subject of several photos. In action in the cheese production was Rushworth's Ken Miller. Only the left shoulder of Les Hoyling could be seen, hidden behind Ken in the photo.

Shire

Notice was given of the intention to apply to the Department of Public Health for the operation of a garage depot (flash name for a tip) at Colbinabbin. (*Today it would probably be a waste transfer station.*)

Hospital

Waranga Memorial Hospital advertised for a part-time gardener. The ten-hours-per-week appointment came with a salary of \$25.70.

Rushworth barber Peter Radanov had a long stint in hospital, handing over his scissors and razor to Bruce Dowell of Mooroopna.

Schools

The only news came from the Mothers' Clubs, Doreen McArdle chairing a meeting at St Mary's, as secretary Lucy Caygill read the minutes of the previous meeting.

At Murchison Primary, new club members were Sandy Hammond, Helen Newton, Mrs B. Murray and Mrs L. Catani.

Community

Attempts to form a committee of management for the Rushworth Park were a failure. At the second meeting called to create a committee was brief. Only two people turned up.

Rushworth CWA was more successful, with 23 members (*a doubling from 12 months earlier*), as Mrs Munsey was appointed as the hospital visitor and Miss Lucy Munsey won two competitions at a meeting. Mrs Fenton, branch president, led a full busload of 43 members and friends on a visit to the Ballarat

Begonia Festival. A grainy photograph was on the front page of the Chronicle.

Personal

Passing were Mr Walter Lloyd of Rushworth, father of Mrs Audrey Clarke and Mrs Dorothy Todd. Mr Lloyd was 73.

Lorraine and Peter Toohey welcomed second son, John Patrick, a brother for Matthew.

Murchison Bakery had new owners George and Denise Downard from Ferntree Gully as Caspar Boerkamp swapped his oven for the frying pan at a Kentucky Fried Chicken Shop.

Hepples of Stanhope announced a store clearance of stock worth \$45,000, to be gone in ten weeks. News there was the leasing of the store's drapery section by Val Lupton.

A farewell was arranged for retiring Murchison policeman Bernie Robins, who had two last cases placing two local lads in the dock. They left without driving licences when speeding charges were proven.

There was better news for other Murchison boys emerging from Shepp High School as Malcolm Sheppard joined staff at Murchison CBC bank branch, David O'Mahoney starting at the Tatura branch and Murray Burls commencing at the Shepparton branch. Michael Stone was accepted as a cadet trainee with Victoria Police.

A kitchen tea notice was published telling the date of 27 March, asking ladies to "bring a plate". Gifts were to be coloured brown and yellow. Only things missing were the venue and the name of the lass getting married!

Bowls Championship for Stanhope

The Goulburn Valley Bowls Association's A1 Pennant was won by Stanhope. One rink recovered from being down 9/32, but the team were victorious overall by four shots. The report failed to mention which club were the opponents.

The rink of Aub Downing, Arch Currie, Bernie Dreher and Bill Malins lost by 12 shots. Norm Hadfield, Ron Roulston, Neil Buzza and Bruce Emmett won by 12. Merv Emmett, John My, Arch Gibbs and Roy Barrett went under by 18 shots, but the match was won when Syd Linford, Mick Linford, Rupe Haw and John Meadowcroft won handsomely, 38/16.

The Masters Fours event for the GVBA Associates was won by Mrs Borger, Mrs Jessup, Mrs Furphy and Mrs Pearce, of the

Rushworth Club, each player presented with a silver tray and a bottle of champagne.

Mary Furphy became ladies champion, defeating Kath Heath in the final. Mary's run in the Champion of Champions ended when she lost a semi-final to the eventual winner, Freda Lawton of Mooroopna.

Massey Ferguson sponsored a tournament at Shepparton, with fours event taken out by Murchison's Jim Hammond, Ern Hammond, Bill Hammond and Ern Darby. (*Pity another Hammond could not be found on the day!*)

Tennis

Captains at Rushworth as the season wound down were John Brown and Alan Curnick (A-grade teams), Ray Cheatly (B-grade) and Peter Davidson (C-grade).

Football

Training was beginning in March, with Rushworth adding school-teacher David Roberts to its playing squad.

Murchison were yet to appoint a coach, with training supervised by Doug Sloper.

Rushing to Whroo, 1853 to 1880



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STORIES OF CHINESE IMMIGRANTS TO THE

WARANGA AREA

Compiled by Tony Ford

Death far from home

In Chinese culture, most people wished to eventually return, or at least have their bodily remains returned to their home village. Of course, when you were nearly 6000 nautical miles from home in Australia, this was not always going to be possible. As a result, some of the Chinese immigrants to the local area in the 19th century ended up being cremated and/or buried here.

Rushworth, Whroo and Murchison cemeteries all have Chinese burials. At Rushworth, some Chinese burials may have taken place in the old cemetery off the Whroo road between 1853-61, but there are no records to confirm this. That cemetery was close to the Chinese camps in Main Gully.

The Cemetery Trust allocated some ground on the eastern boundary of the new cemetery, which was established in 1861. The Chinese section is the lowest point in the cemetery and subject to flooding, which says something about attitudes to the Chinese at the time. There is only one headstone, but a number of burial mounds. It is virtually impossible to say how many Chinese and their descendants are buried in the cemetery, as there are almost certainly unrecorded graves. There are possibly between 20 and 30 Chinese burials there.

By the names on the cemetery register, Whroo cemetery records suggest there are at least 25 people with Chinese ancestry buried there. Others might not have been recorded. Like Rushworth, Murchison cemetery has just one Chinese headstone. The only information in the cemetery records is the name Toylock. There are Chinese characters on the headstone which reveal some of the secrets behind the life and death of the grave's occupant.

Other deaths are recorded in newspapers, including in the excellent set of obituaries collected by Alan McLean and available on the Rushworth Cemetery Trust website. However, some of the names do not appear in cemetery records. This could be partly because there was so much variation in how names were recorded by different people.

Causes of death

There have been at least sixteen inquests into the deaths of Chinese people in the Waranga area since 1856. The reports contain a wealth of information. Sometimes, interpreters were used to gain information from Chinese witnesses who knew the deceased.

Causes of death were many and varied. There was one apparent suicide, with four others dying in accidents. Of those, two died in horse and cart related accidents, which were fairly common in the 19th century. Another was killed in a mine cave-in. His name was A Yea, and the death was unusual in that he had been working with European miners at the time. Generally, the Chinese worked with their own countrymen. A fourth Chinese man, who was probably in his 60s, died of burns in 1882. He had multiple existing health problems before he died.

Most of the others died of various health problems. Often a doctor was sent for to confirm the cause of death, and more often than not, this was the mercurial Dr J V Heily. Sometimes Dr Heily went into great detail in his report, especially where there was evidence of opium use. In one case, he concluded the cause of death was opium poisoning i.e. an overdose. The question of opium use by the Chinese and others will be the subject of a later story.

Quite a few of the men who died from health problems were elderly. For instance, Cheong Hong was 89 when he died in 1910 with multiple health issues. He had been in Victoria for 55 years, placing his arrival around 1855. He was still living in the Chinese camp in Main Gully, Rushworth when he died. Some of the men appear to have been quite destitute when they died. Witnesses gave accounts of trying to be of assistance e.g. by providing food and seeking medical help for people when they were incapacitated. It was a sad and often lonely way to die, so far from home and kin.

Sources: Websites - Public Records Office Victoria - VPRS 24 Inquest Deposition Files, Whroo Cemetery Trust, Rushworth Cemetery Trust.

A Name from the Past **Rodsted family history** **chapters found**

Recently a local community website had a posting from an Ebony Rodsted, who was seeking any information about Rodsted ancestors in this district. One of those ancestors was Mary Rodsted, her death reported in the Rushworth Chronicle of 6 November, 1896.

“DEATH. RODSTED. —On the 2nd November, at her residence. Rushworth, Mary Rodsted, native of Kerry, Ireland, aged 58 years.

Many residents of this district, especially those who have been living in Rushworth for a number of years, will be sorry to learn that Mrs Rodsted expired at her residence, Nicholson street, on Monday last, after a short illness.

The deceased, who was very highly respected for her many good qualities, was 58 years of age. The remains were followed to their last resting place on Tuesday afternoon by a large number of residents.

The Rev. Father O’Connell, P.P., read the service at the grave. Mr Anderson carried out the mortuary arrangements.”

Widow from 1884

Mary had been a widow for 12 years, as explained in the Waranga Chronicle of 15 February, 1884. Husband James died and was buried on the same day.

“We have to report the death of James Rodsted, another old Rushworth identity, who expired at his residence on the Murchison road on Wednesday last, after a long and painful illness. The remains were interred in the local cemetery during the afternoon.”

Earlier loss of children in 1874

Mary had suffered more great sadness in her life over twenty years before her death, firstly losing a daughter, also named Mary. The Waranga Chronicle of 1 October, 1874, reported:

“Death: - RODSTED — On 25th September, Mary Rodsted, beloved daughter of Mary and James Rodsted, aged 8 years and 4 months.

We are sorry to have to record the death of one of Mr Rodsted’s children. The girl was taken ill with scarlatina a short time since, and, although she survived the malady, it left her in such an exhausted condition that she could not withstand other attacks that supervened, and she died on Friday last. The funeral took place on Sunday.

Scarlatina is making great strides amongst us, and a large number of children have been attacked. In some families as many as four are now suffering from the epidemic, but up to the present, as far as we have been able to learn, only one death has occurred through it.”

Another child death

As was common back at this time, when an illness swept through a district, it often took away several children. Such was the Case for Mary (senior) and husband James, as reported in Waranga Chronicle on 23 October of the same year.

“It is our melancholy duty this week to have to record the death of a fine lad, the son of Mr James Rodsted of the Whroo road.

It appears that the little fellow had suffered severely from scarlatina, which reduced him so much that he was unable to rally, and died on Tuesday morning. This is the second child that Rodsted has lost from the same cause within the month.”

Alan McLean



All about wildlife

Kirsty Ramadan from BoHollow Wildlife is a wildlife rescue expert. Here she shares some of her knowledge about our very familiar wildlife neighbours.

As always with wildlife rescue, the last fortnight has been filled with highs and lows. Bohollow has received a number of calls for injured kangaroos and I have moved just as many deceased ones off our roads during the many places I traverse in my course of attending rescues. We always see a higher number of all nocturnal species being hit on the roads leading up to and following the full moon. Although they may be nocturnal, most of these critters require some amount of light to move around freely and carry out their nightly activities which means when the night is lit up with moonlight, more creatures are on the move.

be hit as well. Raptors, Ravens, Magpies, Kookaburras and numerous other species can all fall victim to collisions with vehicles while scavenging on roadkill. Marsupials which are hit such as kangaroos and possums may be female and carrying a precious joey in their pouch. Please always check. Stopping to check can save a life, stopping to check can save an animal much more unnecessary pain and suffering. On Saturday night near Colbinabbin I stopped to remove what I thought was a dead kangaroo off the middle of the road. When I approached it I realised the roo was not dead at all. I removed him from the road and I was about to load him into my van when his breathing suddenly changed and I knew he was dying. He died with his head in my hands. Leaving a roo like this wounded on the road after you have hit it is not only an act of animal cruelty, it is also a hazard for other vehicles. Whoever had just hit this kangaroo did not stop but kept driving.

On Sunday night I was awoken by my phone at 1am. Someone had found an injured Tawny Frogmouth on a road. They picked it up and removed it from the road and placed it on the roadside under a tree. If it is safe to do so, please pick critters up and do not leave them on the road or on a roadside. The location was out the other side of Shepparton towards Euroa and luckily the Tawny was still there when I got to it. Often when we are called to injured birds who are left on the roadside, when we get there they have been hit again by another vehicle and died. A towel kept handy in the car, a pillowcase and a flat packed cardboard box are items easily stored in your vehicle and come in handy if you come across injured wildlife on the road. If a bird is not able to fly it is usually pretty easy to use a towel to put over them and bundle them up, taking care not to get bitten or scratched and place them into a cardboard box. At least they are then safe until they get to a shelter.

I have had a few calls lately for birds stuck in buildings. A magpie in a school stadium in Shepparton and a Barn owl in a Glass and Aluminium Warehouse in Echuca. Both birds I was able to successfully catch with the help of my son, Daniel. Catching birds in buildings can be hard work, particularly due to the height and areas we are usually working in. Monday night I attended a magpie stuck in a Coles store in Kangaroo Flat and while there had another call for two galahs stuck in the Latrobe Medical Training Centre, also in Bendigo. The Latrobe building was three



One of the lucky ones. Eastern Grey Kangaroo Joey currently in care at Bohollow's Kotupna shelter who was saved by someone stopping to check a pouch.

stories high and they had access to all floors yet I caught the birds quickly on the third floor. The magpie on the other hand proved a lot more difficult due to the number of obstacles to manoeuvre around in the Coles supermarket and myself and a fellow wildlife carer, Vicki, failed to get him which means travelling back to Kangaroo Flat today to have another attempt. I never know how easy or difficult a case is going to be until I arrive.

Another rescue yesterday was an interesting one. An RSPCA officer in the area hit a snake at Barmah. She thought the snake was dead but as it still had some slight movement she managed to use a dog capture pole to somehow scoop it up and place it in the back of her ute. When she called she was heading towards Numurkah so I arranged to meet her on the road. When I asked where she put the snake, I was told it was put in a pet carrier. I voiced my concern about this and informed her that if a snake is just badly concussed it can actually make a full recovery within a short time and a pet carrier wasn't going to contain a snake. Sure enough, when she pulled up beside me and she opened the back of her ute, I immediately saw the snake was no longer in the pet carrier. I warned her it was free and that it was an Eastern Brown Snake. She stood back a healthy distance while I tailed the good sized Brown and placed it in a secure bin. The snake had certainly come back to life! She was astounded that a snake that size could fit through the mesh at the front of the pet carrier when I told her that was how it got out and she said she would never do that again! She was also thankful that I was around to remove it from her ute. The snake has had 24 hours of rest, is fully functional, alert and lively so was released the following day. I am sure that is one animal experience she will not forget in a hurry!



Eastern Brown Snake safely secured after a close encounter with a vehicle. The snake suffered a few grazes and concussion but has been lucky to live another day.

Something which always saddens me is that the majority of people who call us to help injured wildlife on roads are not actually the people who have hit them. Some people who collide with wildlife do the right thing by stopping and call us for help immediately but it astounds me how many people just keep on driving, leaving an injured animal behind them. Wildlife may not show how much they are hurting in the same way we do but they certainly do hurt, feel pain and suffer horrendously when they are left injured on a roadside. I understand that some collisions with wildlife cannot be avoided but if you do hit something, please always stop, even if you are sure the animal would surely have died because many do not die but suffer for hours before someone else sees them and has the heart to call for help. Deceased animals should always be removed from the road as roadkill in turn causes other wildlife to

ON THE BRINK *by Neil Laurie*

Looking at endangered or extinct flora and fauna.

The Goulds and their finch

The Gouldian finch (*Aethopygia gouldiae*) was named by the renowned ornithologist, John Gould, in memory of his wife, Elizabeth, who died in 1841 at age 37 due to complications following childbirth. Elizabeth was John's main illustrator for his folios of bird lithographs (she also did illustrations for Charles Darwin). Early in her career she worked alongside Edward Lear who was for a time employed by John as an illustrator. Elizabeth has left us with many wonderful illustrations and John created in many the love of birds. The Gould League of Bird Lovers (now the Gould League) formed in 1909 was named in their honour.

John was an accomplished taxidermist in London before he became interested in producing scientific folios of birds. Elizabeth was originally employed by John to make drawings of his subjects to help him stuff them. Much of their early work involved illustrating and describing bird specimens sent to them by contacts around the world as skins or preserved in alcohol. At the time it was seen as quite acceptable to shoot specimens for this purpose (you need to remember that there was no photography and it took three months to receive specimens from Australia in the first half of the nineteenth century).

In 1838 the Goulds travelled to Australia on a two-year collecting expedition. In this time Elizabeth mainly drew botanical studies to be included in her bird illustrations, although she did manage to draw some birds from life. Elizabeth died shortly after returning to England and her work was taken over by Henry Constantine Richter who used Elizabeth's sketches and notes to complete the bulk of the illustrations for Gould's 'The Birds of Australia in Seven Volumes'. Richter emulated Elizabeth's style and technique, making it difficult to distinguish the two's work.

The Gouldian finch is one of the

most brightly coloured finches. There are three colour variations: 70-80% have black faces, 20-30% have scarlet faces and some extremely rare birds have gold faces.

The Gouldian finch's range extends across the northern regions of Western Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland. It inhabits tropical savannah woodland where it lives amongst the understorey of annual and perennial grasses. Once quite common throughout its range there are now thought to only be about 2,500 mature birds left in the wild. It is classed as endangered in NT and Qld.

There are two main causes for this decline in the Gouldian finch population. There has been a change in the fire regimes within its range with a decline in burning grassland by First Nations peoples and the changing climate. The current hot fires late in the dry season reduce the availability of grass seeds and the reduce suitable nesting hollows for the finches. The other contributing cause are feral grazing animals that eat off grasses before they can seed as well as trampling them underfoot. The practice of catching wild Gouldian Finches for the aviary trade was banned in the 1980s.

The main conservation focus for the Gouldian finch is the establishment of wildlife reserves where feral grazing animals have been removed and traditional fire regimes re-established.

Like most finch species, the Gouldian finch makes an excellent aviary bird. While the wild population has declined, the captive finches are doing well and are readily available in a variety of colours. This captive population is a valuable source of birds to be reintroduced into the wild as more reserves are created.

Students in Kaye Mackinder's class at the Rushworth State School were active members of the Gould League with students recording their various bird sightings in a class diary. It encouraged students to be more observant and appreciative of birds and nature in general.



WCLC events for 2024

Waranga Catchment Landcare Collective* has released its 2024 calendar of events, showcasing our catchment and raising awareness of the natural environment.

The calendar also includes some related activities that may be of interest.

WCLC would also like the community to know that it will be working with the new P-12 Junior Landcare Group every Thursday lunchtime during school terms.

Projects will include weeding, environmental literacy and plant identification.

Volunteers are welcome but will need a Working With Children safety check.

This calendar is subject to change with notification in the Waranga News.

2024 Calendar

March

21 - Weed Forum hosted by the Shire of Campaspe

24 - Colbinabbin Market Day - Primary School.

Landcare display, information and children's activities.

April

28 - Landcare partners with GV Pride for a 'Walk amongst the Grass Trees'

(This activity is open to members and allies of GV Pride)

May

4 - Biodiversity in your Backyard - Goulburn Valley Tree Group, 6 Kerferd St, Tatura

23 - Goulburn Murray Landcare Network at Colbinabbin Kindergarten and Primary School teaching 'Mini beasts' and environmental literacy

26 - Wetland Walk

June

15 - Stockyard Plain walk with Harston Landcare Group

July

Bush Clean up - Rushworth

August

Citizen Science Project commences

September

Rushworth Market Landcare stall will have displays, activities and information about the October Bushwalk

October

13 - Wildflower Walk with Rushworth P-12 Junior Landcare Group - Rushworth State Forest

Aussie Bird Count - Birdlife Australia (Date TBA)

November

'Find your feathers' biodegradable toy-making workshop for Christmas

(Date TBA)

December

Bush picnic for members (Date TBA)

* The Waranga Catchment Landcare Collective is a volunteer-run organisation that represents the micro-catchment of Waranga and its existing Landcare groups - Harston, Dhurringhile, Rushworth, Colbinabbin, Stanhope and Girgarre.



To join WCLC only requires a one off payment for however long you wish to be a member! Simply select your membership type: Individual \$5, Family \$15 or Group \$30. Email warangaclc@gmail.com

Cooks Column

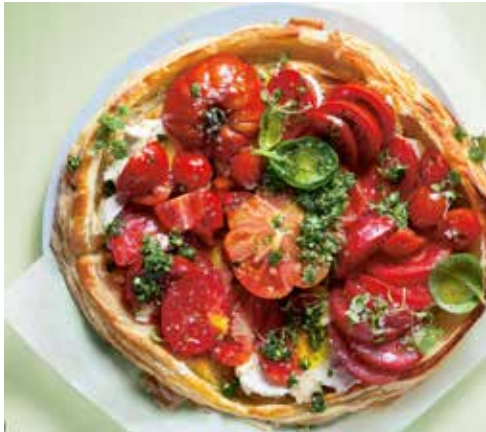
Tomato and ricotta tart

- 375g shortcrust pastry
- 200g firm ricotta
- 20g parmesan cheese
- 20g chopped mixed herbs, such as parsley, basil, mint
- Rind of a lemon, juice of half
- Egg lightly whisked
- Variety of sliced tomatoes
- 60mls olive oil
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar.

Method

Preheat oven to 200°, line a 26 x35 cm baking tray with baking paper, then with pastry, trimming edges to fit. Combine ricotta, parmesan, herbs, lemon rind and egg into a bowl. Season generously to taste and mix to combine. Spread mixture over pastry, then bake until golden brown.

Meanwhile combine sliced tomatoes, extra virgin olive oil, vinegar and lemon juice in a bowl and season to taste. Pile on top of baked ricotta tart with extra herbs and serve warm.



Beetroot Dip

Roast several beetroots and a whole bulb of garlic in a moderate oven for 45 minutes or until tender. Peel the beetroot and squeeze out the roasted garlic and place in a blender. Blend until smooth, and place into a bowl.

Add 1 cup of plain Greek yoghurt and juice from half a lemon. Add 1/4 teaspoon of ground coriander and ground cumin. Stir to combine.

Serve with flatbread or with grilled lamb.

Seasonal Kitchen



What a shame this column is in B&W for the print edition. It looks so red and delicious online! Make some.

Garden Hints & Tips

Lemon trees

A while back the subject of lemon trees came up for discussion during afternoon tea at the Waranga News. Specifically, the lack of lemons on some of our trees.

The consensus seemed to be to treat them mean...hack 'em back! Not only will this promote new and hopefully healthy growth, but will shock the offending tree into fruiting. The tree, thinking it is going to die, goes into a reproductive frenzy; flowering profusely and producing lemons. As a child, I remember one local who had enough of an unproductive lemon tree tied a rope around it, pulled it out of the ground with his truck, dragged it up his back yard and replanted it. It promptly started producing prolific crops of lemons!

Lemon trees are shallow rooted with a network of fine roots just under the surface of the soil. They need to be mulched and watered regularly. Make sure the mulch is not against the tree's trunk. My experience with a lemon 'twig' is not to water it with teapot dregs. They dry out to form a water-resistant layer. The idea of urinating around lemon trees also came up for discussion. A little research showed that lemon trees love the nitrogen in urine and prefer an acidic soil. If you are not up to semi-public urination, you can apply a little urea around the tree. A citrus-specific fertilizer can also be sprinkled around the tree and watered in.

There are several diseases that can infect lemon trees.

Citrus canker causes yellow and brown spots to appear on the bark, leaves and fruit, causing the leaves to drop and fruit to fall off the tree. There is no cure. Affected branches can be removed but if the tree is completely infected you will need to destroy the tree. It is best to burn the infected material or dispose of it into your red bin. Do not put into your green bin or your compost bin; this will spread the infection.

Sooty mould is a black mould that forms

on leaves making them appear sooty. It is a sign that there are also sap-suck insects on the infected tree. Treat the tree with a good quality horticultural oil spray. Other fungal issues can be controlled by opening up the tree by pruning to improve air circulation and spraying with a copper spray. Armarilla is a form of root rot. The infected tree's leaves will turn yellow and then brown before dropping. Sometimes a tree will simply fall over as its roots rot.

Aphids love lemon trees. The main issue is they spread diseases. Spray with a commercial spray.

If your lemon tree develops weird lumps and growths on its branches, it will have citrus gall wasps. The gall wasps lay their eggs under the bark and the developing larvae cause protective swellings. It is best to cut off the galls before spring and to burn them. Also, a horticultural glue can be lathered over galls to trap the emerging wasps. Trees can be sprayed with oil to prevent re-infestation.

Some lemon trees can actually produce too many lemons. It can be a sign it is dying, or it may simply be a prolific tree, either way the lemons will be undersized. A tree can be so laden with lemons that it may start breaking branches. Simply pick off many of the tiny green lemons as they start to form until there is a reasonable number left on the tree.

Don't forget to use fruit fly traps. Set them sooner rather than later. You can also bag the fruit on the tree to protect them. The whole tree can be covered with fruit fly mesh. I avoid this as it can entrap native bird species. Be quick to remove old or fallen lemons.

There are phone apps that are handy diagnostic tools for identifying plant diseases. They are easily downloaded and often free. Some work better than others so if one doesn't work well for you, delete it and try another (a bit like growing plants, really).

The Zen Gardener

Handy Hints - from Lyn Rumble

Feeding our families, looking after pets and keeping our homes safe and clean is always a big task to do – but hopefully these few hints and tips can help a bit this issue. Have a great fortnight, stay cool, safe and healthy!

Lyn Rumble

1. Don't throw away the plastic bag that most cereals come in. If it is fairly stiff and quite thick and transparent – that's the type you want! It has non-stick properties similar to baking paper and very handy for someone who does craft. I use it as a protector sheet when using adhesives. I tape it down to my cutting mat – and then just wipe it clean with a damp microfiber cloth or wet wipe and air dry till next time of use.

2. Baking – do your scones not rise or are too dry? It might not be you – it could be the equipment you're using! I measured everything perfectly, and followed the tested recipe to the letter, but the mix was dry, and although baked OK in the end – wasn't quite right! I checked the capacity of my SS measuring cups! The flour weight of my cups was far more than what it should have been according to Aust. national weight standards,

so that meant there was considerably more in my mix than should have been! So the moral to this is check your measuring equipment. I gauged mine on digital scales after I tested it for accuracy.

3. If your dog or cat has a flea collar – don't throw the cut off piece away after you have fitted a new one. Pop it in the vacuum cleaner bag to kill any insects or fleas that you may have sucked up during vacuuming!

4. Hot weather brings out the flies but you don't like constantly spraying with insecticide? One natural way to discourage them is to make up an essential oils spray of any combination of cinnamon, lemongrass, eucalyptus, peppermint or lavender – flies hate these smells. Spray it around the house liberally, and hopefully you will see considerable improvement.

Health and Wellbeing

New approach to support women through the menopause

Australian researchers have discovered new ways to support and empower women during menopause.

In a new study published in *The Lancet*, the experts from La Trobe University, University of Melbourne, Healthscope, and The Royal Women's Hospital, believe this new approach needs to go beyond medical treatments to include valuable information on symptoms and treatment options, as well as empathic clinical care and workplace adjustments.

La Trobe's Academic and Research Collaborative in Health's Executive Director Professor Meg Morris said it was vital for women to discuss menopause as part of a healthy ageing process.

"Being open about menopause reduces the stigma about it and makes it part of everyday life, which it is for millions of women every day," Professor Morris said.

"The study shows that women can be empowered to navigate this life stage if they have the acknowledgement and support of health professionals, researchers, their workplaces, and society as a whole.

"Menopause is not a medical condition or a decline in a woman's health, but is often seen as such by society, and this is the type of thinking we need to challenge.

Study lead author Dr Lydia Brown from the Healthscope ARCH, and The University of Melbourne said the research team showed that women needed accurate, consistent, and impartial information to make informed decisions that are right for them over the menopause transition.

"This may include taking hormone therapy and psychological therapies to reduce the symptoms," Dr Brown said.

"In Australia we are becoming more open to discussing menopause in our workplaces, in the media, and in politics.

Dr Lydia Brown said while some women had negative experiences of menopause and benefitted from hormone therapies, that was not the whole picture.

"The reality is much more complex and varied, with some women reporting neutral experiences and others highlighting good aspects, such as freedom from menstruation and menstrual pain," Dr Brown said.

Greater awareness, better understanding of mechanisms, new treatments, and additional support for people who experience early menopause, menopause after cancer treatment or who are at a higher risk of depression over the menopause transition, is urgently needed.

Rushworth Group Exercise Classes to commence in May

Rochester and Elmore District Health Service is pleased to announce that Group Exercise Classes will commence in Rushworth from Thursday 2 May 2024.

Under the supervision of our Accredited Exercise Physiologist, participants can enjoy exercising in a safe and supervised environment, learning specific exercises to maintain strength and function to remain as independent as possible.

Exercise sessions will focus on balance, lower and upper limb strengthening, range of motion and stretching.

The exercise sessions will commence with an initial one-on-one assessment by our accredited Exercise Physiologist, followed by supervised fortnightly 60-minute group exercise classes tailored to suit your needs.

What improvements will the program make for me?

We can work with you to improve your:

- Balance
- Joint mobility
- Muscle strength
- Independence
- Confidence
- General health and wellbeing

Where: Waranga Health, Multi-Purpose Room, 14 High Street Rushworth

When: Thursdays, 9:30am fortnightly commencing 2 May 2024

Cost: \$6.40 per session

If you are interested in joining please call 03 5484 4465 to schedule your one-on-one initial appointment with an accredited Exercise Physiologist.

Support for Kin, Carers and Supporters

Are you currently supporting someone who is struggling?

Do you worry about what might happen to them if you become unwell?

We often consider that caring for a loved one is our duty and for that reason don't feel that we can or should ask for help.

Sometimes we feel guilty for feeling overwhelmed or wanting to cry and that can make us feel isolated and alone at times.

If this sounds familiar to you, you might find it helpful to talk to someone who understands the challenges that you face, in complete confidence.

At Loddon Mallee Mental Health and Wellbeing Connect you can speak with a qualified worker who has lived experience of supporting a loved one.

They can help with:

- Navigating health systems and advocating on your behalf
- Providing you respite when times are

challenging

- Practical supports
- Free counselling
- Lending an ear when you need to vent

You can call Loddon Mallee Mental Health and Wellbeing on 1800 979 730 -



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Kids Corner

- interesting things to know!

CHICKENS or CHOOKS

Hey Kids! Did you know?

It is estimated that there are more than 33 billion chickens worldwide! Outnumbering the human population, chickens are one of the most common farm animals. Read all about these eggs-traordinary birds here!

Dinosaur related

Chickens are the closest living relatives of dinosaurs! Scientific evidence has proven the shared common ancestry between chickens and the *Tyrannosaurus rex*.

Like humans, chickens have colour vision, and can see red, green and blue light. However, what makes chicken vision unique from ours is that they are also able to see ultraviolet light, which are the colours you see when using a black light!

Research has shown that chickens experience REM (rapid eye movement) while sleeping, meaning they can dream just like us! They also have a sleep phase that humans don't experience called unihemispheric slow-wave sleep, where one half of the brain is asleep, and the other is awake. This means that chickens can sleep with one eye open, which is especially useful for looking out for predators.

Chickens were domesticated about 8000 years ago, and evolved from the red junglefowl, which are tropical birds that live in the jungle. These wild birds fly to escape predators and to roost high up in trees. Today's domestic



chickens can fly, although not as effectively. Chickens can fly for short distances - enough to clear obstacles or reach a perch.

Chickens have over 30 unique vocalisations that they use to communicate a wide variety of messages to other chickens, including mating calls, stress signals, warnings of danger, how they are feeling and food discovery. Have you heard the very loud 'book berk' call after a chook has just laid an egg?

Chickens can recognise over 100 different faces, even after being separated for extended periods of time, highlighting their long-term memories. These faces don't just include chickens, they can recognise the faces of humans too!

Chickens bathe by covering

themselves in dirt. While this may seem strange, the dirt is essential to helping chickens stay clean! Chickens have an oil gland on their back that is used to spread oil over their feathers to make them waterproof. Over time, the oil goes stale, and chickens need to wash the old oil off through dust bathing. Dust bathing is when chickens crouch on the ground and spread dirt or another dusty material over their body. The stale oil sticks onto the particles of dirt and gets shaken off. Chickens can then spread fresh oil onto their feathers.

Chickens live in groups called flocks. The social structure of these flocks depends on a hierarchy called a pecking order, which is an order of dominance. All chickens know their place in this order, and it helps to maintain a stable, cohesive group.

Ever wondered what causes the difference between brown and white eggs? It depends on the breed of the hen, but it's not feather colour that tells you what colour the eggshell will be. It's the colour of the hen's earlobes! Generally, hens with red earlobes will lay brown eggs, and hens with white earlobes lay white eggs (with a few exceptions of course). Although the colour of the eggs may differ, the nutritional content or flavour does not.

Hopefully Easter Bunny will leave a delicious chocolate Easter egg for you to enjoy this month!



Happy Easter!

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Stanhope Primary 'Cleans Up Australia'



Stanhope Primary students proudly participated in Clean Up Australia Day activities on 1 March.

Students cleaned up around the school yard and around the entirety of the Stanhope Recreational Reserve. They worked very hard and filled their bags with rubbish and recycling.

Students made keen observations about the types of things they were finding as they walked around, and they also provided insights into why they thought that particular rubbish hadn't found its way into a bin.

After filling the bags, they then sorted through two of them and studied in more depth exactly what gets thrown away and what ends up becoming litter. Students completed a spreadsheet and tabled their findings. They were all very proud to be a part of cleaning up our beautiful town and country!

Our students really got into the spirit of Clean Up Day!



Daisy and Alexis tackled the Recreation Reserve.



Bonni and Spencer teamed up.



Oliver found a lot of rubbish around the tennis courts.



Students took pride in cleaning up the school grounds!



Diamond-Rose and Xyla made a great team.

Around our schools Around our schools Around our schools Around our schools Around our St Mary's Grade 6 - 'Leading with Love Retreat'

'Leading with Love' was the theme of the recent Grade 6 Retreat Day with Kylie Smith from the CES.

The students demonstrated their true potential as good listeners and were active in their responses to the questions posed by Kylie.

Pippa reflected "that a good leader keeps things to themselves."

Sofia spoke about "how we can all be good leaders, and to be a great leader you need to be willing to change and let go of old things in your life."

The students enjoyed a yummy hot lunch of chips with sauce. Thanks Mr Ryan for ordering and picking them up!

At the end they appreciated the quiet reflective time to make their prayer Mandalas.



'Leading with Love' Grade 6 Retreat - Ruby, Charlii, Pippa, Sofia, Amelia, Heath and Ethan.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer was celebrated on Friday 1 March with a Liturgy in the Amphitheatre led by F/1/2 and Mrs Parry.

The F/1/2's read beautifully and displayed great bravery when getting up in front of the whole school to read their part in the Liturgy - for some students this was for the very first time!

Right: Arwin, Ebony, Brylee and Jensen at World Day of Prayer service.



International Women's Day

International Women's Day (8 March) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.

The International Women's Day 2024 theme is 'Inspire Inclusion,' promoting recognition and appreciation for women's participation. This fosters empowerment and belonging, paving the way for a world where women feel fully valued and included.

At St Mary's we celebrated the day with Mr Ryan supporting his staff presenting a grazing platter for morning tea.

Thank you Mr Ryan, the staff appreciated your thoughtfulness and appreciation of our efforts.

Grades 3/4 Persuasive Writing

During the week our talented classroom teacher Mrs Brook inspired her students to write some wonderfully creative persuasive texts when their chairs went on strike! Here are a few examples:

Chairs On Strike!

"We need chairs because so we can do better work and our backs will not get cramps.

Firstly, we need chairs because. We are small. You can sit down on the chair. We are sorry.

Secondly, if you quit, I will quit sitting and I don't want to do that so come back please.

Lastly, I'm just sorry we will stop it nearly everyone agrees so can you come back?

I'm begging you to make your decision. Please come back".

By Archie C

Ice Cream Sundaes a P&F fund-raiser

Students have enjoyed having their ice-creams supplied by our wonderful Parents and Friends this summer. Money raised goes back into the school for resources used by the students.

Chairs On Strike!

"I don't want you anymore because you quit for some reason, for no reason just because we can't help running into you and I like rocking on my chair and I'm sorry we can't help farting on you!

Firstly, I'm sorry my chair is made for rocking on, well if you don't like that I rock on you shouldn't have gotten created!!!

Secondly, well I'm sorry you get in my way like why tell me why you get in my way. You shouldn't have gotten created if you can't handle being bumped into like 1000 times. I get bumped into like 1000 times too!

Lastly, it is a normal thing to fart anyway and anywhere. We sit on you and fart on you so get that in your mind! I like to sit on the ground and stand more!

In conclusion, that's why we don't need you anymore! Good riddance!

By Eleanor A



Eleanor with the striking chairs!

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St Mary's students enjoy Performing Arts

Students at St Mary's have been building drama skills with a variety of games.

In this activity, they created photos from an imaginary holiday where the characters flew on a plane, crashed into the ocean, and met a variety of underwater creatures!

Using body shapes and facial expressions to convey character and emotion is an important part of building characters and will be extremely useful later in the year for our School Production.

The students have been doing a fantastic job of showing a character's feelings, exploring the way our body language and movement changes in different situations, and have demonstrated excellent creativity in all the drama games and activities we've used! Well done.



Olivia, Heath, Amelia, Sofia and Karter in their Performing Arts lesson.



Archie, Thomas, Indi and Hunter in a Performing Arts lesson.

New Principal settling in

Buddy time



Jensen and Heath enjoy Buddy time.



Mr Vin Ryan is getting used to his new role as Principal of St Mary's School. He is pictured above taking his first class at the school.



Bendigo Churches, Rural Australians for Refugees, Amnesty International and Grandmothers for Refugees, invite you to join in their Palm Sunday Big Walk for Refugees at Lake Weeroona, Bendigo, on Palm Sunday

This year, the Combined Churches of Bendigo are doing things differently. In line with communities across Australia they are participating in the Big Walk 4 Refugees.

Palm Sunday, 24 March, is a day particularly remembered for how Jesus rode determinedly into Jerusalem to challenge authority with the demands of love.

For the Church it has become an opportunity to demonstrate our discipleship in doing the same.

This year the aim is to show support for the 10,000 refugees who have been living in Australia for more than ten years as part of our community. But they are still waiting for permanent visas.

By walking around the Lake - as many times as you like, your distance travelled will be recorded and added to that of people across Australia. You will contribute to a powerful show of support for refugees that will be hard for government leaders to ignore.

If you are unable to join on that day, you can sign up to the Big Walk app. Go to www.bigwalk4refugees.au/register and add distances as you go.

You can keep an eye on the virtual map as the Big Walk progresses around Australia.

Slavery-free Easter Eggs

Australians will purchase over \$200 million in chocolate this Easter. But some of this chocolate is tainted by slavery and comes at the cost of a child's health, education and sometimes his or her freedom.

Much of our chocolate is made using cocoa beans harvested by children, often in the West African region. Many of these children are forced into labour. We can help change this.

By buying chocolate with one of the three slavery-free labels (FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance or UTZ) you can be sure that the cocoa beans used in the chocolate's production have been sourced ethically, from farmers who engage in good labour practices.

As consumer awareness increases, some retailers such as Aldi, Coles and Woolworths have introduced their own certified chocolate and cocoa offerings.

It's all up to you: take time to read the label before you hand over your money for Easter Eggs this year. Buy slavery-free.



District Church Times and Contacts

Anglican

- St Paul's, Rushworth: 0419 512 632
- 9.30am 2nd Sunday of month - lay led service
- 9.30am 4th Sunday of month - Communion
- Christ Church, Murchison: Rev Andre du Plooy 0458 155 930
- 10.30 am Thursdays Holy Eucharist
- 11am service every Sunday
- St Matthews, Stanhope: 0419 855 964 (Church Warden)
- St John's, Colbinabbin: 0428 329 344 (Mick Clayton)

Presbyterian

- St Andrew's, Rushworth: Sunday 9am: Minister Kalpan Vasa 0477 241 042 or Elder Gary Dunstan 5856 1332.
- St Andrew's, Stanhope: 5831 6494 (Rev Kyung Rae Ee)

Catholic

St Mary's Parish. 1st and 3rd Sundays: Cornella 9am; Stanhope 10.30am. 2nd and 4th Sundays: Rushworth 9am; Murchison 10.30am. 5th Sunday: One Parish Mass - Rushworth. Contact a team member on the parish mobile phone: 0478 820 960. Sunday Mass continues online from St Kilian's Sundays 10am.

Shine Church, Stanhope

Sunday services at 10am at the Stanhope Community Hall. All COVID restrictions abided by. Kids church running as well during service. More info call Wal Sinapius 0408 393 398.

Living Waters Rushworth:

Sunday 3.30pm coffee: 4pm service 0428 323 631 (Pastor Peter Guerra)

Generations Church, Tatura

5824 3240 (Pastor Jeremy Burr)

Salvation Army: 5852 3875

Uniting Church

Waranga Uniting Churches - Rushworth, Colbinabbin, Murchison and Tatura. Service Times: Weekly at 9.30am (with the 'room' open for a chat at 9am)

Every congregation is open for services which will be streamed each week into all four of our church buildings.

Each week one congregation will host the service with people in other congregations participating in leading the readings, sharing news and fellowship via the magic of Zoom.

You are welcome to join us in person or from your lounge room via Zoom.

The link for the Zoom service can be found on our website warangaunitingchurches.net.au or can be emailed to you each week.

As you gather around the dinner table, join hands to give thanks to God for all his blessings.



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For every cup and plateful,
Lord, make us truly grateful.
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living the GOOD LIFE

“And let our ordered lives confess...”

Grape picking season can be bedlam. Just when I think I have a handle on what is happening in the vineyard regarding ripening and yield, I get confronted with facts! The grapes are riper than I thought they were, and are ripening quicker than I want them to, and I'm still not sure just how many tonnes of fruit is out there because every little patch of vines seems to have a different yield.

To complicate my life further, I specialise in selling my grapes to home winemakers, who order (sometimes ridiculously) small quantities of grapes to make a little wine for themselves, family and friends. The smallest order I've received was for 20kg of grapes!

Consequently, I have about 180 customers who want to make some wine, but don't know exactly when this will happen. My surprise at the rapid ripening of grapes in turn becomes their surprise, triggering a scramble to adjust diaries, clean equipment, organise their friends and families and seize the moment. Meanwhile, I need to organise the logistics of grape pickers, deliveries, and pick-ups.

This year, having attained the age of 70 years, my knees have told me that, after 20 years of providing home delivery around metropolitan Melbourne, it's now too much for them. It's not the driving that's the problem but the climbing in and out of the truck and the unloading, box by box, of four or five tonnes of fruit in one day. The decision to stop doing that will spare my knees, but make the harvest logistics harder.

Fortunately, I have a few strategies for coping with the madness of harvest:

Firstly, I always take 30 or 40 minutes for myself first thing in the morning. A cup of hot milo, a few word puzzles, a little stillness.

Secondly, I have a system. Years before I began delivering grapes, I learnt the wonder of a good relational database, that is, one repository for all the data and information that I need to shape and re-shape for different

purposes. (If you don't understand what a relational database is, that's okay, but it really is one of the most important systems for dealing with complexity.)

Thirdly, I have good staff and a professional network, which includes not only Shiraz Republic staff, but also other grape growers, couriers and a reliable picking contractor.

Lastly, I am comfortable with chaos. In fact, I named my database 'Kaos'). To be comfortable with ambiguity, with not knowing everything, with not being in full control, with not knowing what is around the corner are some of the great gifts of my temperament, strengthened by my faith in a God who created order out of chaos and who walks with me in the chaos.

There is a hymn by the wonderful American Quaker poet and ardent abolitionist, John Greenleaf Whittier. It is one that I return to again and again, and which, I confess, is a useful "earworm" when my inner life is less than peaceful and quiet. Here are the words, well worth treasuring:

*Dear Father,
Lord of humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind:
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.
O Sabbath rest by Galilee!*

*O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!*

*Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.*

*Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.*

As we navigate the complexities of our lives, let's remember the wisdom encapsulated in Whittier's hymn.

Let's allow our lives to be ordered, not by our meticulous plans, but by a higher peace.

Let's take time to notice beauty and be awed by it.

As we do so, we will find, not only how to manage the chaos of our lives, but also, how to transcend it, embracing the grace and peace that we yearn for.

My experience of an ordered life, amidst the bedlam of grape picking season, bears witness to the Gospel's message of hope, resilience, and peace. It reminds us, that in every aspect of our lives, there is an opportunity to reflect on the divine, to embrace chaos with faith, and to find in it the beauty of a deeper order and peace.

This is the Gospel and it's good news.

**Brian Spencer, Minister
Waranga Uniting Churches.**

Good bye - and please come again!



The Fijian workers are coming to the end of their working holiday in Colbinabbin, but while here have taken their gift of song to Rushworth Masses at St Mary's Church as well as at Cornella. Pictured above on their last weekend at St Mary's Rushworth are (l-r) Ceciliar, Leo, John and Glen Avard, Lazarus, Ioane, Domi and Toby. It's certainly been great to have them singing a capella in harmony at the parish Masses - we do hope they will be back next season!

Project Compassion ~ a time for giving

St Mary's Parish is once again holding a raffle for Project Compassion with the prize of Dinner for Four at Colbinabbin Country Hotel (thank you, Julie Price) and two bottles of wine (thank you, John and Pat Kennedy). Tickets available at \$2/each from Cornella Care or Glen Avard 0429 329 215 or Maree Stewart 0413 029 012. Raffle drawn after 10.30am Easter Sunday Mass at Cornella.

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The plan is for the refund point to be at our Horne Street site; staffed by a minimum of 6 volunteers over the week.

Is this something you would appreciate having in town? If so, do you have time to spare to assist with this worthy enterprise?

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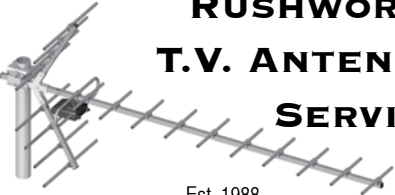
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Fri 22	Rushworth Community NBN information BBQ 12-2pm Village Green
Sun 24	Colbo Primary School Market Day 10am-3pm
Sat 30	Rushworth Easter Heritage Festival - High Street Rushworth, 8.30-2pm
Sun 31	Moora Working Draught Horse Muster- Moora R'course Rec/Reserve 9am

APRIL

Sat 13	Rushworth Speedway: Amca's, GV Open Saloons, GV Productions feature, GV Ladies feature, GV Junior feature
Sun 14	Stanhope Monster Garage Sale - from 8.30am
Sat 20	Rushworth Market, High Street - 8.30am to 1pm

MAY

Sun 5	Colbinabbin Silo Art Picnic & Wine Festival 11 am - 3 pm
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Meetings & Activities - around the district

- Rushworth SES training: Wednesday evenings at 7pm
- Rushworth CFA: Tuesday nights
- Rushworth Food bank: Wed 9am to 12pm and Friday 9am to 12pm
- #9 Op-Shop: (Summer hours) Mon, Wed and Fri - 9am - 2pm Saturday 9am to 12pm
- Rushworth Community Garden every Wednesday
- Rushworth Community House - Genealogy, every Friday from 9.30 to 12.30pm
- Colbinabbin Library: Wednesdays
- Colbinabbin Community Shed: most Thursdays (old Shire Depot), 10am
- Rushworth Band practice: 7.30pm every Monday night
- Stanhope Monster Garage Sale: 2nd Sunday of month - from 8.30am
- Rushworth Market: 3rd Saturday of month - 8.30am to 1pm
- Murchison CFA: Meeting 1st Monday 8pm - training on 3rd Monday 6.30pm
- Rushworth Museum: every Saturday 10am-12 noon, 1st and 4th Sunday 11am - 1pm
- Rushworth & District Community Bank Board: meets 1st Tuesday monthly, at 6pm
- Rushworth Events Inc: meets bi-monthly, third Wednesday at 7pm
- Community Walking Group: Thurs 8 - 9am meet at front of Waranga Health
- Stanhope Mens Shed: Mon - Wed - Fri 9am - 12 noon
- Murchison Mens Shed: Wednesdays 10am - 3pm
- Rushworth Garden Lovers Club meet 3rd Thursday Month 1.30pm at old Senior Citizen's building
- Friends of the Hostel: Third Monday 1.30pm monthly

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Project Update

Works at the Echuca Aerodrome are underway. The new site office facilities, clearance works and underground drainage have been completed. In the coming weeks the new helipad base concrete slab will be poured, and the runway has been closed for surface stripping.



Coming Up ▶ **Council meeting** | 6pm Tuesday, 20 February | Echuca Civic Centre

Meetings can be streamed live:
campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming



Rushworth Service Centre Reopened

Council is delighted to announce that the newly refurbished Rushworth Service Centre and Library is open. Visit 33 High Street to access Council support and services in Rushworth. The Service Centre and Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm (closed 12noon to 1pm and on Wednesdays).

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For all positions currently open and application details, visit Council's website.

Tender

C24015 - Campaspe Shire Public Amenity Replacement

Campaspe Shire Council is seeking to engage a contractor to replace one (1) existing council owned public amenity facility and supply a further one (1) public amenity facility (Greenfield) with new modular accessible facilities in Echuca and Colbinabbin respectively. A copy of the documents can be downloaded from Council's website. Tender closes at 2pm on Wednesday, 3 April.



Immunisation Sessions

By appointment only. Register at <https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au>.

If you are feeling unwell or have any cold or flu like symptoms, you must cancel or reschedule your appointment.

Wednesday, 20 March

- 9 – 9.45am | Kyabram Senior Citizens

- 11.30am – 12noon | Rushworth Service Centre

Thursday, 21 March

- 5.30 – 6.30pm | Echuca Library

Monday, 26 March

- 9 – 9.45am | Tongala Service Centre

- 11.30am – 12noon | Lockington Bush Nursing Centre

Having difficulty making an appointment?

Please call Council on 1300 666 535.

Echuca Moama Discovery Day

Campaspe Libraries will be hosting the Echuca Moama Discovery Day on Saturday, 16 March between 10am – 1pm outside the Echuca Library. There will be close to 50 different stalls for you to visit including local sports clubs, interest groups, service clubs, emergency services, craft groups, hobbies and volunteering opportunities. Come along to the Echuca Library and find out what this great region has to offer and how you can get involved. It's free and everyone is welcome.

Free Disaster Waste Disposal

The Victorian Government is providing free disaster waste disposal to Campaspe Shire residents until Tuesday, 30 April. Residents who were impacted by disaster, including fires, storms and energy emergencies from Tuesday, 13 February onwards are able to dispose of their excess disaster waste at any of the eight Resource Recovery Centres in the shire. For more information, scan the QR code.



Now Open

For all projects and applications open, visit campaspe.vic.gov.au/nowopen



Lake Eppalock Technical Assessment

The Lake Eppalock Technical Assessment investigated options for changing Lake Eppalock's infrastructure and operating arrangements to improve protection for downstream communities from future flooding. The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) is currently seeking feedback to better understand the benefits and negative impacts of the options investigated as part of the Lake Eppalock Technical Assessment. Members of the community including Traditional Owners, irrigators, downstream residents, recreational water users and upstream landholders are encouraged to read the report and provide feedback by scanning the QR code.



Community Grants Now Open

Round One of the 2024/25 Community Grants program is now open. The program offers up to \$4000 of financial support for community groups, organisations and associations with a broad range of projects to encourage participation in communities. Applications close 5pm, Friday, 12 April. Scan the QR code for more information.



Abilities Unleashed Sports Day

Campaspe Shire Council's recreation team is partnering with Disability Australia to bring the Abilities Unleashed Sports Day to Echuca on Friday, 15 March. The event will include sports such as wheelchair rugby, netball, dodgeball and cricket. For more information, scan the QR code.



Rushworth streetscape works update

Works on the Rushworth Streetscape project are progressing well, with road pavement works under way.

The stage 5 road pavement sealing took place from Wednesday, 6 to Friday, 8 March the road re-opened on Friday evening. On the long weekend, the temporary traffic barriers were removed, and the west side of High Street is open for use.

Campaspe Shire Mayor, Cr Rob Amos said the project is on track and he's glad to see plans to reopen prior to the long weekend.

"We're keen to see stage 5 of the project finished by the end of this week. I think residents will be happy to see High Street open to traffic on both sides over the long weekend.

On Tuesday, 12 March, the east side of High Street was closed to begin stage 6 of the road pavement works. There are access and parking detours in place, please contact businesses accordingly and obey all traffic changes.

The Mayor reminded residents, like the works on the western roadway, there won't be access for pedestrians and vehicles to cross

the street from one side to the other, except on Moora Road and Wigg Street, please be aware and park accordingly.

"We appreciate the community's support and patience as the last stage of the works take place.

"Importantly, works are on track and still expected to be practically complete prior to the Easter Heritage Festival, pending any major weather disruptions" Cr Amos added.

Please note, there will be no line marking on the redevelopment until after the Easter Heritage Festival, to allow the road to settle. Installation of bollards within disabled car parking areas will also take place after Easter.

The stages of the redevelopment have been updated based on the progress achieved to date and are now as follows:

• Stage 1 – Footpath and kerb works on the western side of High Street from Wigg Street to Bendigo Bank – Complete.

• Stage 2 – Footpath and kerb works on the western side of High Street from Bendigo

Bank to the north side of the Railway Line – Complete.

• Stage 3 – Footpath and kerb works on the eastern side of High Street adjacent to the Post Office – Complete.

• Stage 4 – Footpath and kerb works on the western side of High Street from the north side of the Railway Line to Moora Road – Complete.

• Stage 5 – Road pavement works on the western side of High Street – Expected to finish 8 March.

• Stage 6 – Road pavement works on the eastern side of High Street – complete.

To stay up-to-date with the Rushworth Streetscape visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/Plan-build/Works-projects/Rushworth-Streetscape-Stage-2

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VICSES Celebrate IWD - Women in Rescue

International Women’s Day (IWD) – a celebration of the contributions of women across communities and their incredible achievements.

It is important to take the opportunity to recognise the exceptional women across VICSES, for their commitment and dedication to the service and the safety of others.

This year’s theme of #InspireInclusion challenges the community to take steps towards a more gender inclusive world – whether that be in the workplace, socially, or at home.

VICSES is committed to building and maintaining a safe, inclusive, and diverse culture, including gender equality. This is demonstrated as part of a Gender Equality Action Plan, which outlines the obligations under the Gender Equality Act 2020 to help drive a truly inclusive and equitable workplace.

There are still challenges that are faced across the service and sector regarding gender inequality. It’s a sector historically dominated by men. Together, it’s important that this is recognised and to call out any barriers, to enable SES people to achieve their very best, regardless of gender.

Initiatives such as Women in Rescue will be held the weekend of Saturday 16 March at

locations across state, with the aim to empower women to be leaders in the rescue space. It’s supportive initiatives like this that build confidence and pave the way for the sector. At VICSES, 60% of VICSES executive team are women and 70% of the VICSES Board of Directors are women. Diverse decision making that reflects communities is integral in ensuring SES achieve their vision of Safer Communities -Together.

Ongoing powerful discussions regarding gender equality across our emergency service agencies continues and SES looks forward to feedback from other services about the positive strides VICSES is taking in this space. There is more to do, but women in the service need to know that there are people who stand by them and thank them for what they do today and every day.

Deputy Controller of Training, Hailey Lemin (right) explains how to safely take the glass out of a window for a patient rescue at a Rushworth Road Rescue training session. Rushworth SES women will join with others in Bendigo on the 16 March Women in Rescue event.



Remain alert to autumn fire risk

Summer might be finished but the days are still heating up across the state. CFA is urging Victorians to be prepared for persistent fire risk as they embark on their travels over the coming Easter break.

Recent fires in February across the Grampians, Beaufort and Dereel serve as a reminder the fire season is not over yet and communities need to be prepared. Although the fires were brought under control, crews remained active on the fireground blacking out and working on hazardous trees.

“While the recent bushfires have been contained by our incredible firefighters, fire risk will continue to linger over the coming months,” CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said.

“With the lack of recent rain, fuel loads in our drier forested areas will increase, and our greener grasslands will continue to dry out.

“Victorians simply need to be in tune to the fire and weather conditions around them.”

CO Heffernan expects grassfire risk will persist throughout March and reminds all Victorians to download the VicEmergency app to remain alert to the fires in their region.

“Grassfires can move at speeds of up to 25km per hour and can jump highways, so you must be prepared to alter your route if required,” CO Heffernan said.

“Avoid driving through high-risk areas on hot, dry, windy days if you can, and monitor conditions through two or more sources of local information.

“We’re particularly asking those living

in the western part of the state, or those who plan on travelling in that direction to regularly check the Fire Danger Ratings.”

As the Fire Danger Period is still in place across all municipalities across the state, community members are reminded to visit CFA’s ‘Can I or Can’t I?’ webpage to understand what activities they can undertake.

Tips include:

- For travel safety tips, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/travel
- Check the Fire Danger Rating by visiting www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firedangerratings
- Download the VicEmergency app for real-time updates about emergencies across Victoria.
- Victorians should also make sure they have access to more than one source of information in the event of an emergency, including ABC local radio, commercial and designated community radio stations, VicEmergency App and website www.emergency.vic.gov.au, VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226

“Can I or Can’t I?” information can be found at cfa.vic.gov.au/can



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Rushworth Cricketers win D Grade Grand Final

The lead-up to the Grand Final was played on 2 March against Cooma which took the mighty Tigers into the Grand to play Echuca on 9 March.

Semi Final - Saturday 2 March
Rushworth hosted Cooma at Ironbark Stadium for the Semi Final on 2 March for their place in the Grand Final.

A welcoming crowd were there to cheer the Tigers on when Rushworth won the toss and sent Cooma in to bat.

Cooma were all out for 82 after 27.4 overs. This seemed a very achievable task and the Rushworth boys didn't let their supporters down.

Rushworth defeated Cooma scoring 2/83 from 23.1 overs.

Best batsmen: Peter Raglus 29 (no) and Josh Francis 20.

Best bowlers: Regan Hanson 5/18 from 7.4 overs and Brodie Shepherd 3/4 from 4 overs. This put Rushworth into the Grand Final!

Grand Final - Saturday, 9 March
On a sweltering 37 degree day, Rushworth played Echuca at Brose Oval, Tongala, in the Grand Final and for the Peter Raglus D Grade Shield and Cup.

Rushworth won the toss and decided to bat in very hot conditions. This was a good decision considering it would only get hotter for batsmen as the day drew on.

There was exceptional batting from one of the 'senior' players in the team, Peter Raglus, who mastered 47 runs and batted in the heat for all but three overs. A quick 50 not-out by Jak (Snapper) McMillan gave the team a great boost although a crowd supporter was not impressed when their windscreen was smashed by one of Jak's sixes!

Rushworth were 3/145(cc) after 36 overs.
A great score by all those who batted!



Bryce Shepherd fast in the field.

Moama went in to bat and the Rushy bowlers had them on their toes. Jac Barrett bowled brilliantly taking 3/19 from 4 overs and Jak McMillan 3/15 from his six overs.

The youngest member of the team, 11 year old Heath Ogden was outstanding on the field saving fours and taking the last two wickets of the game with brilliant bowling.

This was a fabulous team effort from all players on the day.

Rushworth defeating Echuca 109.

Congratulations not only goes to the D Grade players, but also to Jak McMillan who was named Player of the Match for his outstanding effort with the bat and the ball.

Rushworth Cricket Club would like to thank all their supporters who have come along to their games in both grades throughout the year, but especially on Saturday at the Grand Final, and back to the rooms for tea and their presentation. Go Tigers!



Above: Jak McMillan, Player of the Match, is congratulated by the opposition.

Below: One of his sixes unfortunate ending.



Above: Peter Raglus showed the opposition his strengths making 47 runs in the heat.



Heath Ogden bowled and fielded like a champion.

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Rushworth Cricket Club Presentation Night Trophy winners

The Presentation Night for the B Grade and the D Grade players was held on the night of the D Grade Grand Final at the Ironbark Stadium. Well done to Josh Francis for Club Champion this year. There are certainly a few young people coming up through the ranks guided by great senior rolemodels. Thank you to all who stayed and congratulations to all the players and award winners. It was another great year for the Tigers.



Club Champion

B Grade - Most Improved
D Grade - Batting Award
- Josh Francis -



B Grade

Batting Award - Liam Francis 356 runs
Bowling Award - Rhys Shepherd 21 wickets
Captains Award - Liam Francis
Most Improved - Josh Francis
Coaches Award - Charlie McLean



D Grade

Batting Award - Josh Francis 302 runs
Bowling Award - Dean Shepherd 18 wickets
Captains Award - Health Ogden
Improved Award - Brodie Shepherd

Below: Brodie Shepherd, Most Improved D Grade



Five wickets in a game

(L) Charlie McLean - 5/2 from 4 overs
 Rushworth v Tongala
 Round 13 - 20 January

(R) Regan Hanson - 5/18 from 7.4 overs
 Rushworth v Cooma
 Semi Final - 2 March



Rushworth bowlers - Three sides make finals

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Preliminary Final

Division 6

Sadly Rushworth was beaten by Mooroopna Blue, but a great effort from Rushworth to get to the Preliminary Final. Well done.

Mooroopna Blue 41 def Rushworth 24

Rink 1 - Kay (s), John, Christine O and Nicole

Mooroopna Blue 18 Rushworth 14

Rink 2 - Barb (s), Colleen, Suzie, Tracy Ferguson

Mooroopna Blue 23 Rushworth 10

Weekend Pennant

Division 3

Rushworth 93 def Mooroopna Golf 84

Rink 1 - Greg (s), Bruce, Noel, Karren

Rushworth 22 drew Mooroopna Golf 22

Rink 2 - Kevin (s), Lyn, Barry, David

Rushworth 16 It Mooroopna Golf 19

Rink 3 - Laurie (s) Geoff H, Geoff C, Neville

Rushworth 25 def Mooroopna 20

Rink 4 - Jean (s), Sue, Debbie, Vinnie

Rushworth 30 def Mooroopna 23

Division 7

Eildon 45 def Rushworth 41

Rink 1 - Kay (s), Mavis, Geoff D, John

Eildon 28 def Rushworth 16

Rink 2 - Wayne (s), Stephen, Ross, Tim

Eildon 17 def by Rushworth 25

Division 3

9 March - Grand Final

Seymour VRI 116 def Rushworth 65

Rink 1 - Bruce (s), Noel, Wayne, Karren

Seymour VRI 24 def Rushworth 18

Rink 2 - Kevin (s), Lyn, Barry, David

Seymour VRI 39 def Rushworth 8

Rink 3 - Laurie (s), Geoff H, Geoff C, Neville

Seymour VRI 39 def Rushworth 15

Rink 4 - Jean (s), Sue, Debbie, Vinnie

Seymour VRI 131t Rushworth 25

What a great effort by our club with three sides in the finals; one runner up, two made preliminary finals and one made the Grand Final. A great effort by a small club -always next year.



A quick cool off under the sprinklers after a hot day.



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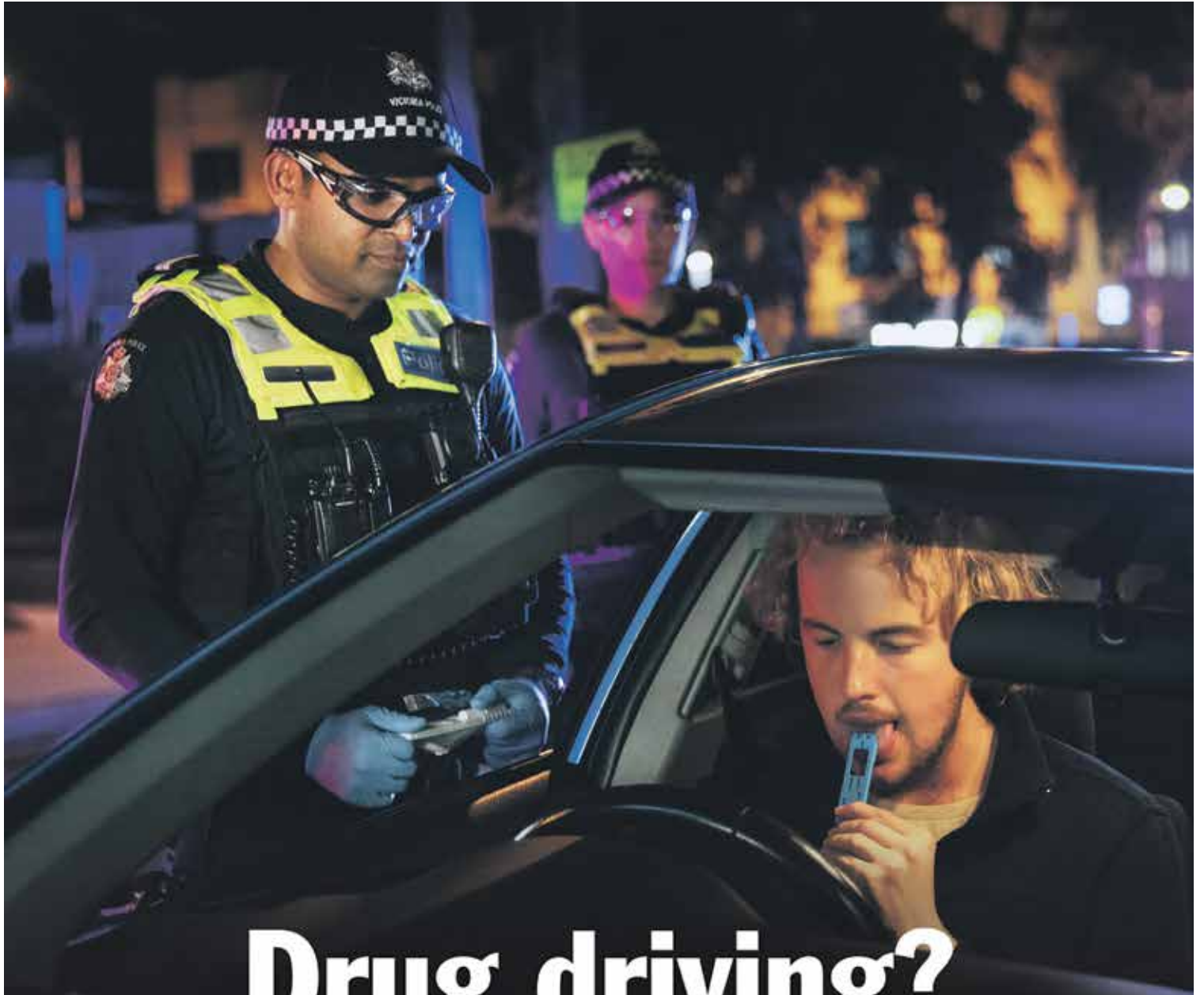
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Rushworth Easter Heritage Festival

Community Bank
Rushworth & District

 Bendigo Bank

30th & 31st March



Easter Saturday - Rushworth

8.30am – 2.00pm

Market Stalls and a huge Street Parade

Wood Auction

(for Shearing for Kids with Cancer)

Easter Egg Hunt

Free Children's Entertainment

Giant Dragon Maze, Animal Farm

Face Painting

Horse and Cart Rides

Easter Bonnet & Dog Competitions

Live Music by True Country

Food and Coffee available all day



Easter Sunday - Moora

Moora Racecourse & Recreation Reserve

Gates open from 9.00am

Teams of horses pulling vintage machinery working throughout the day.

Demonstrations include Obstacle Course, Long Reining, Loading Wool Bales and a 5-Horse Team

Blacksmithing, Horse-Shoeing, Rope-Making

Market Stalls

Face Painting

Music by Callum Gleeson

Food and Coffee all day

Entry by gold coin donation

Gates close approx. 4.30pm

