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Sun shines on Colbinabbin Silo Picnic

– Wilbur Wilde performs at Silo Art Picnic & Wine Festival

Wilbur Wilde and The Troublemakers' spectacular performance entertained a crowd of 400 people at this year's picnic and wine event.

Guests danced and sang to tunes from the 70's surrounded by an arena of twelve stunning local vineyards on show, food trucks, BBQ, bars, water cafe and Meander Designs stalls.

Additionally, the weather was perfect for guest to mingle and gather, making this an incredibly successful united community event.

Silo Art thanks their many sponsors: Colbinabbin Country Hotel, Campaspe Shire Council, Kanangra, Goulburn Valley Water, Colbinabbin Football Netball Club and Browns Stockfeed, and to the volunteers who assisted in setting up, working on the day and the clean up - all greatly appreciated.



The famous painted silos provided a wonderful setting for Colbinabbin's Silo Art Picnic and Wine Festival showcasing some of the best the region has to offer - wine, art and hospitality. The current Colbinabbin Picnic event was inspired by the early town picnics (as depicted on the silo on the left). These were held on the hill just above the current township on Rathjen land in the 1880s.

Photo by Lynton Targett



Photo by Robyn Ryan

ANZAC creation

Rushworth Kindergarten children worked together to create their own wreath to lay at the memorial on ANZAC Day. The children joined in the march to pay their respect for the servicemen and women who had lost their lives in previous wars. Pictured with their wreath are Evelyn Cusac, Madeline Cleary, Taylah Jamieson, Noah Perry and Jasper Cusac.



Picnic time at Colbinabbin



Photos by Robyn Ryan

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Business awards nominations open now New face at Community Bank

Applications are now open for the 2024 Campaspe Murray Business Awards.

Now in their 23rd year, the Awards showcase excellence and innovation across a range of business and industry categories.

Campaspe Shire Mayor, Cr Rob Amos said the awards are a great opportunity to recognise and reward the region's most outstanding businesses.

"These awards are an opportunity to shine a light on the incredible businesses that drive our local economy; from businesses who have operated in the area for many years to newcomers who are making their mark on our communities."

Applications are now open to businesses operating within the Campaspe Shire and Murray River Council areas, with fifteen business categories to choose from. Applications close 27 June. Full details, including link to the online application form, are available at the awards website: www.campaspemurraybusinessawards.com

Community Bank Rushworth & District welcomed new staff member Bridie Baker to the branch in February.

Bridie grew up in the small community of Lockington and loves all things community including her sport. Playing netball for Lockington Bamawm United FNC, she knows exactly the importance of having a Community Bank in town, supporting the sporting community and various other community groups.

Since joining the branch, Bridie says "I have enjoyed getting to know the community and all of the friendly faces."

Bridie was front and centre at the recent Rushworth Heritage Easter Festival proudly displaying the community contribution cheque in the parade and says she was amazed at just how many people came to Rushworth for the event.

"It was astounding to see so many people in the streets when it's usually pretty quiet. It was a fabulous event that I'm so glad I got to attend," Bridie said.



You can find Bridie at Community Bank Rushworth & District to assist you with all of your general account enquiries, deposits and withdrawals.

Library community outreach showcased

Campaspe Library Service has launched a two-part podcast as part of a research project undertaken by Nerida Dye, the Campaspe Library's Community Outreach Coordinator. The podcast explores the concept of social prescribing and how library services can improve the health and wellbeing of residents.

Mrs Dye's research was funded under the State Library Victoria's Barrett Reid Scholarship program. It focused on gathering local perspectives, working with allied health personnel from across Campaspe, and consulting residents who have been supported through Campaspe Library Service's social and recreational support programs. The Social Prescribing Library aims to link people to social and support services within their community.

Mrs Dye said that social prescribing aims to identify ways to encourage and enable individuals to take up opportunities to socialise and get

involved in things that interest them.

"The program is for people who need assistance with their mental health, have social needs which affect their wellbeing, or feel lonely or isolated.

"We work with these individuals to provide home or community-based services which support social, mental and emotional wellbeing," Mrs Dye said.

Campaspe Library Services Manager, Jenny Mustey said she was very proud of the work that had gone into the project and the podcast.

"Nerida has been recognised as a leader in the social

prescribing field on a national level and will be presenting at the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) Conference in Adelaide next month."

Campaspe Shire Council Mayor, Cr Rob Amos said the podcast was a wonderful culmination of Mrs Dye's work and was a further demonstration of how libraries are important social hubs, not just a place to borrow books.

For more information and to listen to the podcast visit the About Us section of the library website: www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library



Nerida Dye with a copy of RM Williams Outback Magazine which recently featured her Social Prescribing Library project in the April/May edition. The article is titled *Bush Libraries: a new chapter.*




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ANZAC Day and the future

Though not able to make the dawn service on ANZAC Day in Rushworth as my eyes were resting, I was most impressed with the mid-morning ceremony.

It was anchored down by local RSL branch President, Bill Barlow. The combination of the poppies positioned by Mary Beck and colleagues, the input from the local band, the National Anthem by Rhonda Risstrom (both verses), the wonderful wreaths presented by various organisations including the youngsters from the schools, and the impressive presentation by Rhyland McNamara who summarised the wartime roles of various ancestors, made for an event of which the town could be justly proud. Congratulations to all involved.

I share Bill's concern about the future of the RSL branch, and I know he would be pleased to hear from anyone capable and younger than him for preference, who may like to become "affiliate members" of the branch. This is just \$25 per year. The major participation would be the arranging of ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day (11 November), but there would be additional opportunity to learn about parts of Australian service by our armed forces.

If interested, please track down Bill, Ian Riley or Ian Rogerson. They are not hard to find!

As an aside, the gathering had dispersed from High Street, when out from Parker Street bounded a big kangaroo. He crossed the west side of High Street, turned right onto the median strip lawn, up past the war memorial (not even a nod to the occasion), past the fire-bell tower and the Coyle memorial. Seeing the lane beside the Campaspe Shire office, it raced across the street again and up that path.

Had it visited a short time earlier, the course it took would have seen the band members scatter, and several people in danger. It is long overdue for a humane cull, both for public safety and the roo population.

Alan McLean
Queenscliff



Joan Baumber still keeping track of world affairs

Spending a few days in Murchison recently, en route to Brisbane, where he will conduct some workshops in the field of Geology, Graham Begg found time to call on Joan Baumber at Park Villa Aged Care, Tatura.

Joan recently celebrated her 102nd birthday. The conversation was lively as world affairs and the latest trends in agriculture were discussed at length. Despite her age, Joan is articulate and well informed on such matters and comfortable in exchanging views with Graham, a Doctor of Geology and sought-after keynote speaker at conferences around the world.

Graham grew up in Murchison and has a PhD in epithermal gold systems and tectonics from Monash University. He now lives in Perth and keeps in touch with Murchison affairs, is a member of the Historical Society and of course has a great interest in the Murchison Meteorite as he understands how important it is to science. He loves to come back home to catch up with friends and family, especially his mother, Marianne Begg who is 91 and resides at Waranga Aged Care in Rushworth.

The Begg family have strong connections to Rushworth as ancestor William Begg was



Cam Begg was pleased to be able to catch up for some quality conversation with his friend Joan Baumber.

a successful businessman in Rushworth from the mid 1870's and established the eucalyptus oil distillery at Parramatta Dam when he was granted a licence in 1893.

After William's death about ten years later, the eucalyptus oil business was taken over by Phil Jones and remains in the Jones family today.

Kay Ball,
*Murchison & District
Historical Society Inc*

Gendered causes of violence

With respect to the increasing violence against women, which has occurred over the last 1-2 months, it would seem that there are similarities to the violence that occurred in Ciudad Juárez in México in the years 1993-1999. In those years the deaths occurred of thousands of women and young girls, through the actions of a man known to them, whether it be husband, partner, lover, boyfriend, or other family member.

My recent research, for a Uni project, into the causes of the violence in Ciudad Juárez, in México, has pointed up beliefs which I believe may also be valid in the rise of crimes against women in Australia.

These beliefs are :-

- 1) that women are owned by men
- 2) that men can do as they wish to women because they believe they have ownership over women
- 3) that men are physically stronger than women.
- 4) in the crimes of Juárez, a high percentage of perpetrators were found to be using drugs
- 5) sexual assaults had occurred prior to

many of the fatalities.

6) unemployment was rife, and attacked women were economically vulnerable, and in the lower socioeconomic demographic.

It is evident to me that in Australia there exist similar attitudes and situations to those in Juárez.

The present cost of living pressures, and lack of employment are affecting men, who have been bread winners and carers of the family. Their inability to fulfil these roles leads to a growing frustration which puts the man in a vulnerable position which he shares with his female victim who is the nearest one for him to attack physically, resulting in severe injuries, or her death.

In Juárez, there was much trafficking of drugs-the same may apply here!

As I write this letter, the ABC program, Q and A, is discussing this problem of the rate of rising crimes against women. It is evident that Australia needs to consider its position and seek solutions to the issue.

Leonie Lewington
Colbinabbin

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Shearing for Kids with Cancer funds contribute to valuable research

It takes a rare kind of commitment to conquer children’s cancers, and that is exactly what’s been made by My Room Children’s Cancer Charity, with the establishment of an Australian first for childhood cancer research. And our own Rushworth ‘Shearing for Kids’ team has contributed to the charity’s ability to make such a commitment.

Thanks to an extraordinary funding commitment by the charity My Room, the Hudson Institute of Medical Research will be home to a new Children’s cancer research fellowship and laboratory.

My Room has been one of the valuable childhood cancer support charities that has benefitted from the local fund-raising efforts Shearing for Kids with Cancer.

The five-year, \$2.25 million children’s cancer research fellowship will fund the establishment of a dedicated My Room Children’s Cancer Charity Laboratory at Hudson Institute, with childhood cancer specialist Assoc. Prof Jason Cain the inaugural My Room Children’s Cancer Charity Fellow.

My Room’s CEO, Margaret Zita OAM, said the organisation was proud to be able to create something new in the fight against childhood cancer.

Ms Zito acknowledged the efforts of the Rushworth fund-raising team, saying “they have been incredible supporters of My Room Children’s Cancer Charity.”

Explaining the origin

of the 30 year old charity, she said “Having a child diagnosed with cancer is a gut-wrenching experience. It’s especially tough when you’re stuck in a hospital room that doesn’t feel like home.”

Three families in this situation decided to make a difference by creating a more homely setting for families dealing with childhood cancer.

“So, in 1993, they started raising money to renovate the Royal Children’s Hospitals’ cancer ward. They reached their goal, but they knew they couldn’t stop there. That’s why they created My Room.

The name was inspired by the idea of making hospital rooms feel just like home – a warm, comfortable, safe space for families in difficult times.

“Over the past 30 years, we’ve raised over \$33 million to improve the quality of life for children and families affected by childhood cancer across Australia,” said Ms Zito.

“While our impact has increased significantly, our passion, commitment, and mission to beat childhood

cancer remain unchanged.”

The charity supports a wide range of causes, ranging from their Samaritan Fund to high-quality clinical care and innovative medical research, trials and equipment, all with the aim to give children the best possible chance of beating cancer.

My Room holds a deductible gift recipient status (DGR1) and is also registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

About Hudson Institute of Medical Research

A global bioscience medical research leader, Hudson Institute’s sole focus is on powering breakthrough scientific discoveries into improved health care that will transform lives. We strive to improve human health through groundbreaking, collaborative, medical research discoveries and the translation of these to real world impact. Hudson Institute scientists research five areas of medical need

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- Reproductive health and pregnancy
- Infant and child health
- Cancer
- Hormones and health

Shearing for Kids with Cancer message

It was pleasing for our group, Shearing for Kids with Cancer, to see the recent My Room Children’s Cancer Charity announcement of its \$2.25 million commitment to funding childhood cancer research.

My Room has been a significant beneficiary of our group’s fund-raising activities over the last nine years, which currently sits at \$ 300,000.

My Room, who support and work closely with the Royal Children’s Hospital, have a well balanced volunteer-based business model with a clear vision for the present and the future which certainly aligns with the endeavours of our group.

Our group and our support network, who have mostly been touched by childhood disease in some way, understand the importance of government research funding .

We also understand that without support from philanthropy, business and volunteer groups such as ours, scientists and their research partners would be under-funded. Australia would then not have world class research status and would under-achieve in this vital area..

Now in our tenth year and with the addition of the Easter wood auction, we look to a positive future and maybe one day a cure.

Thank you to all who support our groups fund-raising efforts. Together we can make a difference..

Jeff Perry
for Shearing for Kids with Cancer team.



Trailer loads of wood of all shapes and sizes were received as welcome donations for the revived Easter Saturday wood auction. The auction was originally conducted to raise money for the local hospital, and it’s fitting that the tradition continues now for such a worthy cause as childhood cancer research.



A dynamic Shearing for Kids trio integral to the success of the fund-raiser - Katrina and the two Bills.



Perfect weather for GV Pride's walk in the bush

Sunday 28 April provided a glorious Autumn day for being outdoors, and participants of GV Pride's 'Brunch and Bushwalk in Rushworth' soaked it all up.

Starting with a delicious brunch at Gus and Ollies, the group headed onwards to Whroo Cemetery to walk the loop track guided by Waranga Catchment Landcare Cooperative President Lou Costa and Secretary Al Trethowan.

The beautiful Box-Ironbark forest didn't disappoint, with many magnificent grass trees providing a highlight, along with checking out and learning about the rock well. Participants are already keen to visit again, and we'll likely organise another walk during wildflower season.



Rushworth weather was at its best for GV Pride's 'Brunch and Bushwalk' in the forest.

"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." - Robert Swan

2024 IDAHOBIT celebrations in Campaspe

Campaspe Shire Council is inviting the community to its collaborative event with Echuca Moama Pride Inc. to honour the 2024 International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), observed annually on May 17.

Council and the Echuca Moama Pride will host a community event at Hopwood Gardens in Echuca on Friday, 17 May from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., featuring a flag raising ceremony and speeches.

Louise Arnott, Chairperson, from the Echuca

Moama Pride Group, emphasised the event's importance as an opportunity for residents to demonstrate solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community.

"We welcome everyone to Hopwood Gardens to celebrate the spirit of inclusion and acceptance," she said.

In celebration of IDAHOBIT, Council will raise the pride flag in front of its Echuca offices and illuminate its Echuca offices with rainbow colours on the evenings of 16 and 17 May.

Police Beat

Greetings and welcome to your local police report for the Rushworth Police Service Area, for the month of April 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 burglary to a business in High Street Rushworth occurred in the early hours on 02/04/24. A window at the front of the premises was smashed to gain entry. A small quantity of cigarettes were stolen.

- On 03/04/2024 police executed a search warrant at a property along the Rushworth-Tatura Rd in Waranga Shores. A grow tent was located containing cannabis plants and a large quantity of drying cannabis. A 43 year old male was interviewed and charged with numerous drug related offences. He will appear at the

Shepparton Magistrates Court at a later date.

- A theft of sheep was reported from an Orchard Road Wanalta property. Approximately 30 sheep went missing between 09/10/2023 and 09/04/2024.

- On 17/04/2024 police executed a search warrant at a property along Nine Mile Road in Rushworth. Police located cannabis plants growing in a bedroom. Two males were charged and will appear at court at a later date.

- A theft of motor vehicle has occurred at a Harriman Road Waranga Shores property on 22/04/24. A Ford XR6 sedan was stolen. The vehicle was located in Girgarre at 9.30 a.m. Two males were arrested at the scene and later charged.

- Local members attended 3 family violence incidents during the month.

That is our list of reported crimes. Please continue to report any suspicious

activity at the time. We are more than happy to attend and check people or premises when these incidents are occurring. Now on to other matters of local interest. Local members issued 41 infringement notices for the month. The majority were speeding offences. The most common excuse is a lack of concentration. Please pay attention when you are out driving, to avoid a hefty fine.

The one-way bridge along the Rushworth-Tatura Road will be getting extra attention this month. We have been tasked to sit at the bridge to enforce the 30 kph speed zone.

Well, that about wraps up another police report. Please stay safe and continue to look after each other. Until we chat again.

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

Local and independent news publishers gather for annual summit

Waranga News delegates joined local and independent news publishers gathering in Port Douglas last week for the second annual LINA Summit, which was launched on Wednesday with an address from the Minister for Communications the Hon Michelle Rowland MP.

The Summit brought over 75 delegates together from across the country, representing more than 50 news-making organisations and industry stakeholders. Among topics of the week were sessions related to revenue and sustainability for newsrooms, audience trust and engagement, public interest journalism, and how journalists and publishers can support their work by harnessing new technology, including AI.

One common challenge shared by all local news delegates was financial sustainability in a climate where social media has eroded potential advertising revenue, the traditional source of funding to keep publications alive.

The 2024 LINA Summit comes as the government considers how best to respond to the threat of rising misinformation and disinformation, and other recent developments including Meta's announcement that they would not be renewing deals with publishers made under the news media bargaining code.

Last month LINA called on the government to provide support to small publishers who would be disproportionately impacted should Meta remove news publishers from Facebook and Instagram.

In her opening address Minister Rowland thanked LINA and its member publishers for their submissions informing the government's approach to the News Media Assistance Program (News MAP), currently in development.

"I am focused on ways to enable a diverse and sustainable media landscape to support a strong and healthy democracy. Local, hyper-local, digital and independent news is key to this," Minister Rowland said.

"We are also preparing to introduce a bill for an Australian content obligation on streaming services as well as legislation to empower the ACMA to hold digital platforms to account for seriously harmful



More than 75 delegates represented 50 local digital and print local news publications at the 2024 LINA Summit.

misinformation and disinformation online.

"All Australians – regardless of where they live – want, and deserve, access to local news that they can rely upon. LINA's members provide precisely that."

LINA Executive Director Claire Stuchbery said the Summit, which was co-hosted by Port Douglas' local news service Newsport, offered an opportunity for publishers to connect with one another while workshopping new strategies and receiving training and insights from expert leaders in the media.

"It's important that we support news publishers through this turbulent time of industry transition by providing them with resources to diversify income streams, connect with new audiences, and continue to produce high quality news within their communities," she said.

"The value of local news is demonstrated here in Port Douglas through Newsport's role over the past few months in covering the impacts and recovery operation for the

Severe Tropical Cyclone Jasper.

"Local newsrooms play a critical role delivering information and connecting communities in a media landscape that is becoming increasingly impacted by news deserts and content syndication."

Beyond fostering industry collaboration, LINA's annual Summit set the agenda for the industry association's work moving forward, with a focus on practical support for newsrooms and building awareness of the contribution journalism makes in communities.

Waranga News Office Manager Vicki Arnel said the Summit was especially valuable in bringing local community news producers together to share stories, learn from other's experiences and pick up new ideas.

"There are also a lot of technological tools available to support independent publishers, and the week has demystified some of those tools and given us ideas and confidence to try some new processes."

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Before and After by Splinter Contemporary Artists

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Maybe the changes from the past or into the future. Then there are the emotions in human experience - love, hate, loss and healing, youth and old age, the dawning of a new day to the fading of the evening.

An artist's idea of what they see, feel, and wish to interpret is in the hands of the artist. See the exhibition during May and June at Kyabram Town Hall Gallery.

Artworks by Sue Reid and Lyn Weeks



Kids enjoy Kez R Art workshop at new venue



Kez R Art held her first round of workshops at the new Rushworth ART Depot on Sunday.

Participants enjoyed the new space and the central location in the former Senior Citizens building.

Kez R said it was even nice to have a couple of visitors pop in to see what was happening.

Rushworth ART Depot

Drop in to the same venue for Rushworth ART Depot art practise on Saturday 18 May 10am - 1pm to see the new space.

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The Junkestra Wows at Girgarre!

By Irene Labbett

A perfect autumn day greeted the large crowd gathered at the Girgarre Soundshell on Sunday 28 April to hear the latest performance by the Girgarre Junkestra. Six years ago, the Junkestra performed at the opening of the Girgarre soundshell, and later to great acclaim, in the Deakin Edge Theatre in Melbourne. Since then, the orchestra's reputation, along with Girgarre as a destination, has grown exponentially.

When it became known the orchestra was re-forming for a one-off concert, would-be musicians from as far away as Albury, Bendigo, Gunbower and Echuca came forward to join. In no time the orchestra grew from the original twenty-one musicians to forty-three, necessitating some quick work manufacturing more of the one-string can instruments by composer and producer, Graeme Leak and his volunteer instrument makers. Five weeks of intense rehearsal and the orchestra presented a polished performance of 'Spirit Re-visited,' a composition written and produced for them by Graeme.

The concert opened with selections from

the Rushworth and District Concert Band's repertoire followed by two local groups the Jigarre Ukuleles (the Jukes), and the Pure Drop Celtic Australiana Band before the orchestra made its way to the stage. Together, the innovative Junkestra instruments, made from empty olive oil cans, four-gallon drums and various other cast-off objects, created a mesmerising soundscape. Individual items within the performance by locals, Peter Berner and Sharon Davis on piano accordion and tin whistle, a lovely harp and mandolin piece by Lyn Cosham and Pete Gibson, and an acapella rendition of 'What a Wonderful World' by Wallace Williams, added colour and ambience to the composition.

The highlight of the day was a solo on didgeridoo by eleven year old Joseph Possum-Fox. Joseph (pictured in front of his grandfather, David Fulton), mastered the art of circular breathing, a unique feature of that difficult instrument, in a very short time especially for the performance. The didgeridoo, accompanied by the sounds of the forest from the shaking leaves, carolling magpies and the orchestral instrumentation,



The talented Joseph Possum-Fox with grandfather David.

gave an authentic bush sound to the work – quite beautiful and evocative of the countryside. It was a stunning performance by an orchestra of largely non-musicians whose ages ranged from eleven to eighty-eight years.

The reaction from the audience at the conclusion of the concert and hearing the comments from the players about their experience in the orchestra was gratifying:

'...I am enjoying being here for the concert part of it, but it's not for me, the prime focus...'

'It was easy for me to pick up an instrument with one string...'

'...it was really fun. Quite different. Something I've never experienced before...'

'I had the best time...'

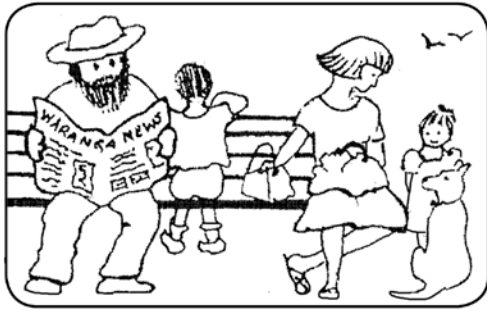


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Around Rushworth

On the grape vine . . .

- Gayle and Trevor Wotton are celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary. Happy anniversary.
- Happy 50th birthday to Mandy McLean. We hope you had a lovely day celebrating.
- Congratulations to Harriet East, Kerrie Raglus' grand daughter. She was selected in the HDFNL Interleague as representative. Congratulations and good luck Harriet.
- Safe arrival of Alarah Jean Armstrong. Congratulations to Lori and Lauchlan Armstrong. Alarah is the grand daughter of Norita and Shane Clark and Rob and Liz Armstrong.

Garden Lovers in Rochy

A social lunch was enjoyed by eighteen members at the Shamrock Hotel in Rochester for their latest meeting. Local garden nurseries were visited, including coffee and cake at one venue.

On 16 May members are meeting in the Shire car park before visiting Angie Russi's garden and pottery studio next door. After the garden tour there will be a meeting in the Seniors' rooms with the usual competitions and afternoon tea.



Pansies are one of those flowers that seem to keep on giving! These provided a colourful welcome to members on their nursery visit (which at least our online subscribers can enjoy!)

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Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Stanhope is joining with the rest of Australia for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 23 May at 10 am at Stanhope Seniors Rooms. Funds raised go to the Cancer Council.

Guest speaker will be Tracee Spiby (pictured), a local author, who has written her first book "One Hell at a Time" which is the story of her grandfather's military history in WW1.

Tracee is a passionate speaker who is very easy to listen to, most interesting and provides an insight into WW1 and how she researched and wrote the book.

So come along and enjoy a lovely morning tea, prizes and raffles and a great guest speaker. If you could bring a plate of morning tea, that would be lovely.



Biggest Morning Tea to find Rushworth's greatest baker

Rushworth Community House is taking a new approach to the national fund-raising event for cancer with an invitation to enter its morning tea's ultimate baking challenge.

Participants are invited to put their baking skills or secret family recipe forward - it

doesn't matter if you're a keen cook or just entering for fun, every dollar raised helps support those impacted by cancer.

Where: Rushworth Community Garden
When: Thursday 23 May, 10 am
Prizes: Too many to mention!

'Friends' early start for Cuppa for Cancer

For those who can't make the designated 23 May date, Friends of the Hostel are holding a Cuppa for Cancer on Monday 20 May at the Waranga Hostel at 10 am - another opportunity to come along and support this great cause.

(And if you are tied up for all of that week - you get another chance at St Mary's School on 29 May! See page 23 for details.)

St Mary's parents triumph



The competition was fierce at the annual egg and spoon race at St Mary's Community Cross Country day. Parents, teachers and Grade 6s compete in the event. Showing a dedicated focus on the task at hand, the parents' team took out the honours and were proclaimed egg and spoon champions for 2024.



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Green Waste to Wine field day in May

Planning has been finalised regarding a field day due to be held on 15 May.

The field day, which has been organised by *Heathcote Wine Association* and *Wine Victoria*, will be held at *Vinea Marson* with a mix of local and interstate speakers. The featured speaker will be the head viticulturalist, Nigel Biescke, from Torbreck. The theme is - sustainability into the future.

Community Hub meeting

A Community forum will be held TODAY, Thursday 9 May 2024 at 5.30-6pm. at the Bowls pavilion. The forum will outline the potential for a new Colbinabbin Recreation Reserve Community Hub

A key feature of the Colbinabbin Place Based Plan is the development of a Recreation Reserve Hub.

A small group of locals, Dean Wallace, Anne McEvoy, Tim Hill and Tait Hamilton have been investigating options and have some preliminary concept draft designs for consideration. Come along and listen to the story thus far, visualise the plans and provide your feedback.

Solar farm meeting

A meeting of the Colbinabbin Renewable Action Group (CRAG) will be held on Monday 13 May at 7pm at the Colbinabbin hall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about one of Australia's largest solar and battery storage infrastructures which has been marked to be built in Colbinabbin. If you want to know more you can attend the meeting or contact Claire Tuohey (for CRAG) on 0418 586 838.

No more ANZAC visits from Joyce



Joyce Hammond is pictured with her son Buster and daughter Dee Nicholls one ANZAC Day at Colbinabbin. Joyce passed away in April this year ending many years of organising Colbo's service with her husband George and with Buster raising and lowering the flag. Joyce had been living at Murray Haven Homes, Barham.



The Colbo Pub Choir sang at the 2024 ANZAC Day service at the Colbinabbin Hall.

Colbo Diary


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

May

Thurs 9 Community Forum 5.30-6pm
 Mon 13 Solar Farm meeting 7 pm
 Wed 15 Field Day (Green Waste to Wine)
 Thurs 23 Cuppa for Cancer 10 am at Avars

LIBRARY

Wed 15 May Janice Tait
 Wed 22 May Margery West



Cemetery Trust

Mowing Roster (lawn section only)
 May - Carmel Turner

FIRE BRIGADE ROSTER

May 12 Robert and Sam Brown
 May 12 Paul Tait and Oliver Rathjen
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.



Ruth Woodman and Madison West represented the Colbinabbin Primary School when they laid a wreath at the Memorial in Colbinabbin.



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Expressions of interest sought for future classes

Working out what local people would like their Community House to host for them is a challenge faced by Manager Anita Pirie on a regular basis.

At the moment, future activities being considered by Anita include:

- **Meditation and Healing Art** - a \$6 weekly session that uses art as a relaxation medium followed by a different visual mediation journey each session.
- **Shibashi** - a \$6 weekly session that uses a flowing form of Tai Chi and other gentle exercises to enhance well being. Sessions include Shibashi with Ten Cho, a standing meditative activity. Shibashi competence takes about four weeks.
- **Memory Gardens** - create a healing garden to help deal with the grief associated with the loss of a pet or someone close to you through illness or a painful relationship change. Session cost would again be just \$6.
- **Electroculture** - those who believe in such things can learn from practitioners about how electroculture rods are made, how they are used and how they can (allegedly) work miracles in gardens. Cost and materials are to be advised.

If any of these proposed Community House activities piques your curiosity, please call 5856 1295 and register your interest.

With sufficient interest, these activities may be scheduled for later this year.

Garden gurus of the future

Rushworth Kindergarten and Childcare Centre is partnering with the Community House's nearby Community Garden to introduce the youngsters to the wonderful world of growing flowers, fruit and vegetables in a garden setting.



Accompanied by Rushworth Kindergarten staff members Tammy and Laura, the children were able to explore the Community Garden and plant seedlings including broccoli, cauliflower and lettuce in our Vegepod.

The enthusiastic youngsters then turned to sowing seeds, planting both carrot and beetroot seeds into a well prepared bed.

The children will pay a return visit in a few weeks to see how their plants have progressed.



(Top) Team leader Tammy demonstrates several types of raised beds to the youngsters in the Community Garden. (Above) The kindergarten kids had a great time in the Garden.

Nuisance palm tree is no longer a nuisance

Thanks to the wonderful professionalism of Jones Brothers Tree Services, the gigantic palm tree that had created numerous safety and nuisance issues to the Community House and adjacent units has finally been cut up and removed.

The tree was lopped, segmented and carted away within the space of two hours. Several low profile indigenous shrubs will be planted where the palm once stood.

Thanks also go to Campaspe Shire for granting a permit to remove the tree.



With the tree gone, resident David Barton took great delight in showing Jake Jones how he had swept up hordes of slippery palm nuts from his driveway each morning for years.

NEWS FROM THE OP-SHOP AND FOODBANK

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The colder days are coming

Colder days are coming and in the refurbished Foodbank lots of new things are going on. Soup day is Friday, 10am to 12 noon. Please join us for a lovely warm bowl of soup complete with bread to dunk! Portions are available to take away if you don't feel like cooking. Bulk canola oil is available. Bring a suitable container and we will fill it for you.

The Op shop has a new look. Thanks to a Tatura business we have a new counter and shelves for linens. The shop is constantly expanding into our limited space with many goodies, so it was great to acquire a new glass counter, display cabinet and shelves. Winter stock is now on the racks with sweaters and warm nightwear available for all ages. Call in and take a look.



Lots happening at the op shop



Bring your own container to the foodbank and stock up on Canola Oil



Soup available every Friday at the foodbank, 10am to noon. Pop in and join us for a bowl and a chat or take some away.

New Furniture

Well, aren't we all just spic and span, the Op Shop looks so chic.

We've now new counters and new shelves, come in and take a peek.

Our bedding is all sorted neat with sizes clearly marked.

No need to wrestle with muddled sheets, the sheets are neatly parked.

Our big old counter (like myself) is past it's time of youth

Our counter now is slick and sleek, all gleaming glass forsooth.

(Well, you find a word that rhymes with youth!)

We rival shops in London, New York and gay Paree

We don't cost as much as them plus we're home in time for tea.

No bank loans, planes or trains for us – our best shop's very near

It's here – in Rushworth – down the street. We'll see you soon my dear.

Furniture available



Fifty years ago in our district....

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



Fire and floods in May 1974

Murchison Bakery caught fire around 4 a.m. on Saturday 4 May. Virtually all of the premises except the oven was destroyed, and a great setback for new owners George and Mrs Downard, having taken over from Caspar Boerkamp. Concerns were held for old timber stores nearby, a grocery operated by O'Mahoneys and a shop owned by Vin Hare. Murchison Fire Brigade saved the day.

Flood levels of 37 feet (11.3 metres) were recorded in the Goulburn at Murchison. All roads into Rushworth were cut, and Chinamen's Bridge camping ground at Nagambie was submerged. Mooroopna shops were flooded and Shepparton completely marooned.

Flooding caused road hazards, with two deaths near Murchison East. Ken Bowman of Stanhope ran his motor-bike into the rear of a front-end loader driven by John Moylan of Rushworth, and was hospitalised with a broken arm and cuts. Many district tractors sat bogged in paddocks.

McMillan's old building, adjacent to the Caledonian Hotel at Murchison, was demolished to create a car-park for the pub. It was the third historic building to fall in a few months, and each had its history summarised in the Chronicle.

Courts

Three men faced Rushworth Court on duck killing charges near the Little Wallenjoe swamp, well out of season. The men told the inspector they found the ducks in a trap, and had wrung their necks to humanely destroy them. Inspector plucked the ducks, and found bullet holes! Magistrate lightened their wallets by \$15.

Band AGM was poorly attended and the band's future was in doubt due to lack of players, though Bert Hawking remained the enthusiastic bandmaster.

Schools

Elizabeth Hart was the lady for tickets to the Murchison Mothers' Club smorgasboard Dinner Dance. \$9 a double, with music by The Tonants.

Grade 6 at Rushworth drew pictures of each other, to create a "rogues gallery". Grade 4 student Sherry (Nurse?) took wrigglers and pupae to school in a jar "and they rose to the surface to breathe".

Personal

Mrs Hutchinson, 88, of Murchison, died at Mooroopna after fracturing a hip in a fall.

In a section of the former Hepples' Store at Stanhope, Val Lupton opened her drapery

shop.

Iddles Footwear of Rochester opened a shop in opposition to Dick O'Donnell in Rushworth. (*This was in the building now the General Store Rushworth, operated by Jasmin Le Deux.*)

Dick advertised 390 pairs of "fashion shoes at pre-war (1938) prices"! This most impressive pitch in 1974 included "men's leather and suede shoes for \$2". All leather shoes for women were also \$2. (*Check! \$2. Imagine, two shoe shops in Rushworth!*)

Whitehead's Drapery Store had a mannequin parade, a term you don't hear these days. Models were Pat Cleary, Ann Anderson, Margaret Richards, Heather Hawking, Norma Hamilton, June Whitehead and Miss Lynette Perry. The compere was Mrs Nina Clyde; ticket secretary Miss Lucy Munsey, on behalf of the CWA. One week's holiday for six at a beach house at Rye was the raffle. (*My mother won it, though I have absolutely no recollection. As one of five children, I was excluded, though I had left home at that time!*)

Advertising his carpentry and painting business at Colbinabbin was Barry Duke.

Former Rushworth lad Malcolm Potter kicked five goals and was named in best players for Carlton Reserves.

Football

Girgarre were on fire in the footy, beating Nagambie 15-17 to 14-11, with mentions to Ross McDonald, Colin Scripps, S. Scripps and K. Hewitt.

Murchison fielded an Under-13 team in a winning game against Euroa. The enthusiastic reporter named M. Dwyer, N. Tonizzo, G. Watson, G. Guilfoyle, J. Burls, B. Seymour, S. Bell, P. Hicks, K. Hicks and D. Hicks as best, being more than half the team! Murchison Seniors were badly beaten by Tallygaroopna.

Colbo's 15-16 proved too much for Elmore's 9.15, thanks to three goals from Buster Hammond and Dave Pinniger. Nine players named best were John McEvoy (father of Ben), Albiston, Slimmons, McCubbery, Gerry Brown, Paul Tuohey, Brian Ellis, Pinniger and McCormack. On the bench were Glens, McTaggart and Rathjen.

Ken Wilson was dominant in John Brown's Seconds team as 5-12 was better than Elmore's 1-5. Bryon McIntosh booted three majors, with singles to Brown and Gerrard Stewart.

The following week it was Colbo 19-20 to Heathcote's 10-14, Pinniger with five goals, McEvoy named as best.

Rushworth's 13-9 was no match for Tooborac's 21-12. Roger Barnes put six

through the tall timber but the best players could not be read as a paragraph in the paper was completely blurred!

Against Mount Pleasant, Rushworth notched the first win of the season, 25-19 to 15-16. Starring was Herbie Barlow (father of Michael) while Bob Hurley kicked four goals, after coming on to replace Alec Horne in the third quarter. (Alec must have been near death, to go off injured! Former teacher Bob is battling ill health these days, retired at Queenscliff.) Barney Nihill was shown as best for Mounts, as Frank Tuohey and Terry Frawley each booted three goals.

Netball

Rushworth's three teams had wins over Tooborac, with mentions to usual suspects Pauline Wootton, Kerryn Beck, Julie Pearce, Leayne Hawking, Karen Oliveiri, Bev Draper, Margaret Potter and Gwen Kealy. C-grade named five as best: Debbie Cruz, Denise Jones, Louise Poulson, Dianne Allen and Isabel McLean.

The following week, against Mounts, C-grade drew their match and Vicki Durstan was added to the best players. The Mountain girls beat Rushworth comfortably in A-grade and B-grade.

Golf

Rushworth Ladies had a team in C-grade pennant. A match at Echuca "in pouring rain and mud" was won 3/2 over Murchison. (*Why would both teams drive to Echuca?*) Jean Jessup, daughter-in-law Nan, Florence Perry, Shirley Raglus and Alice Brown brought home the bacon. (*It's a figure of speech.*)

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STORIES OF CHINESE IMMIGRANTS TO THE
WARANGA AREA

Fraternal societies

Many of the Chinese men who came to the Waranga area during the gold rush era were members of fraternal societies. Westerners who did not understand the nature of the groups tended to refer to them as “secret” societies and hinted at links to organised crime. Even today, the feared Chinese triads are sometimes seen as spin-offs from these groups.

In fact, the societies were more about the mutual well-being and advancement of the members. Some commentators have suggested that they had similarities to the lodges that proliferated in Australia until comparatively recently. In those lodges, there were also elements of secrecy and a high detail of ritual in the performance of ceremonies, but at the time, people tended not to see the similarities. Later, some local societies of Chinese men morphed into European style lodges, some of which have survived to this day. The name “Chinese Masonic Society” was adopted locally early in the 20th century.

Parochial base

The membership of a particular Chinese society was usually associated with a geographic area of China. Many of the men who came to the Waranga area were members of Hung League or Heaven-Earth-League. The one Chinese headstone in the Rushworth cemetery indicates that Ah Chou, the person commemorated there, was a member of this group.

Hung League members mainly came from the south-eastern Chinese province of Guangdong (Cantonese people) and to a lesser extent, Fujian (Amoy people). More specifically, a large number of people came from the Pearl River delta – the See Yap area (which comprised four districts of Hoi Ping, San Wei, Toi Shan and Yian Ping) and the Sam Yap area (which included the districts of Nam Hoi, Poon Yee and Soon Tuk).¹

Role of the league

One commentator has described the role of the league as follows - “Large numbers of Chinese labourers, finding themselves now in a foreign land, without relatives or acquaintances to turn to in times of need, swore oaths of brotherhood and joined the Hung League in order to undertake mutual aid activities to protect the economic rights and common interests of the Chinese and to oppose

the oppression and discrimination of both the Western colonial government and the European settlers. Under normal circumstances, the Hung League arranged jobs for them, mediated their disputes, and assisted with the everyday difficulties of birth, old age, sickness and death and so on.”²

In other words, the Chinese immigrants were very good at looking after their mates, a concept very familiar within Australia given the emphasis placed on it by the Anzac legend. Way before Anzac, the Chinese were organised in such a way that it was less likely that individuals would slip through the net. There was care and compassion for all, especially those deemed to be most in need of assistance.

Co-operation between groups

In China at the time of the Australian gold rushes, there was political turmoil. Sometimes the secret societies were operating in direct competition with each other politically. This could lead to violent clashes. In Australia, however, the different groups were more likely to co-operate to face dual threats from governments and from the wider community. As well, the local groups were less culturally and linguistically diverse than their counterparts in China.

With regard to dealing with government, the societies were a cohesive force and an avenue through which complaints could be made to government about legislation that discriminated against Chinese immigrants. However, they were also a way to express support for wider movements such as the campaign to remove the hated miner’s licence.

Political activities could be channelled through the headmen who were appointed in each Chinese camp. They in turn had contact with some of the wealthy individuals in Melbourne who were Hung League leaders and who had the ear of government. The highly respected businessman Kong Meng, mentioned in an earlier story, was one such person. (Incidentally, two of Kong Meng’s sons were keen to enlist in the AIF in World War 1)

Sources: 1 *Golden Dragon Museum, Bendigo, leaflet (1991)*; 2 *Shaoqing, Cai, On the Overseas Chinese Secret Societies of Australia, in NZ Journal of Asian Studies (June 2002) p40*;

A Name from the Past

William Colliver’s siblings moved across Victoria

I often reflect how one generation of a family became scattered far and wide, usually by the girls marrying and relocating, sometimes with the lads moving away. Such is the case with the well-known name of Colliver, with William’s life summarised in Rushworth Chronicle just 100 years ago. The edition of 7 March 1924 reported:

“COLLIVER. – On the 29th February, at his residence, A’Beckett street, Rushworth, William Henry, the dearly beloved husband of Agnes Ethel Colliver, and loved father of Ethel, Will, Keith, Stanley, Gladys, dear little Coral and Hume. Sadly Missed.

Death has claimed an esteemed townsman in the person of Mr. W. H. Colliver, who passed away at his residence, A’Beckett street, Rushworth, on Friday morning last. He had been in bad health for the past few years, suffering from asthma. The complaint gradually grew worse, and he died as stated.

The late Mr. Colliver, who was born at Tatura, came to Waranga in 1900, where he took up land, and resided there for three or four years. He then came to Rushworth, and in conjunction with Mr. W. Anderson, of Bailieston, he purchased the late Mr. W. Skate’s wood mill. He continued in the saw-milling business until June last, when his health failing him he sold out to Mr. W. Berry.

The late Mr. Colliver was known as a “straight dealer” and a man of the highest integrity and thereby was much esteemed by all with whom he came in contact and his untimely death at the age of 47 years has deprived Rushworth of a good townsman and of those who knew him as a good and honest friend.

He leaves a widow and a family of seven – four sons and three daughters – to whom the deepest sympathy is felt in their sad loss. [Son Keith became a star footballer at Rushworth.]

The funeral took place on Saturday last, the remains being interred in the Rushworth cemetery, the cortege being a lengthy one, the woodworkers especially being largely represented. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. F. Grist (Church of England), Mr E. F. Anderson carrying out the funeral arrangements.”

William Colliver’s family

Tributes were published in The Argus on 1 March, 1924, making clear how William’s siblings had found themselves far distant from Tatura.

“COLLIVER.— On the 29th February, 1924, at his residence, A’Beckett Street, Rushworth, William Henry, dearly beloved eldest son of the late Richard and Elizabeth Colliver, of Tatura, loving brother of Mrs. Vance (North Melbourne), Mrs. Guthrie (Coburg), Ernest (North Melbourne), Herbert (Narre Warren North), Mrs. Hutchinson (Murchison East), Mrs. Reddrop (Gillieston), Edward (North Melbourne), Mrs. Ford (Kensington), and Annie Colliver (Kensington), aged 47 years. Deeply mourned.”

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.

Educating about Flying Foxes

I saw a comment on social media a couple of days ago regarding the flying fox colony in Numurkah. ‘Stinking damn things’ and ‘they were never this far south, they were only ever associated with Queensland’, was their first comment.

I replied that grey-headed flying foxes have been recorded as south as Melbourne for 100 years or more and they are a protected, endangered species in Victoria. The reply this prompted continued the obligatory rant about flying foxes being disgusting creatures, they can kill us with lyssavirus and Hendra so should not be protected at all.

I view education an important part of our role here at Bohollow and sometimes that can be a tough gig when faced with people who have opinions such as the ones mentioned. It doesn’t matter what facts I present, they believe they are right and shall not be swayed. For every person who refuses to be educated, there are those of us who never stop learning and for that, I am grateful.

Australian lyssavirus is basically our strain of rabies. It is carried by less than 1 % of healthy bats and it’s thought maybe between 5 to 10 % of sick bats. This is why wildlife rescuers and carers who specialise in bats should be vaccinated.

Roughly 12 years ago, we actually had a little red flying fox come into care after being found on the ground in Kyabram. Deb got bitten. The bat died the following morning. Although she was already vaccinated, Deb still went to get post-bite booster shots just

in case, as the bat was displaying symptoms which could have been lyssa so we couldn’t rule it out. We sent the bat to pathology testing in Melbourne and got word back the following day that the bat did in fact have lyssavirus which was the cause of its death.

Little red and grey-headed flying foxes as well as the yellow-bellied Sheathtail bat are species found in Victoria which have been found to carry the virus. Lyssa can only be transmitted through saliva of an infected bat entering the bloodstream through an open cut or wound. This is why you should never pick up an injured or sick bat directly, just in case. Chances are many times higher that you may get killed in a vehicle accident than ever die of lyssavirus from a bat.

Hendra has never been transmitted from a bat to a person. Flying foxes are believed to be the vectors of Hendra. This means when a horse ingests urine or faeces of a bat infected with Hendra, the horse then can become a transmitter to humans. I do not know of any Victorian cases of Hendra to date.

Interestingly, Hendra does not appear to make bats sick. The benefits of bats in our environment far outweigh the extremely small risk of ever contracting either Lyssa or Hendra Virus.

Flying foxes are an important pollinator of our native forests, distributing seeds quite long distances as they can fly distances of 50 km in a night and are highly mobile during their foraging activities.

Our microbats are roughly mouse size



and we have many different species in this area. They eat up to half their bodyweight in insects during a single night and are important in controlling insect numbers such as mosquitoes.

We are much more likely to contract a nasty virus such as Ross River virus from a mosquito than catching something from a bat. These creatures have been in the Australian environment for longer than humans have and have always moved around the continent, altering roost sites depending on food and climate.

Since the first population surveys ever done in the 1920’s, Flying fox numbers Australia wide have radically declined predominantly due to habitat loss.

Bats are the only mammal which have evolved independent flight like birds, which I think makes them unique and pretty special.

We need to live alongside our native wildlife and stop vilifying them whenever they inconvenience our lives . . . after all, if you look at the big picture, it is really us who have inconvenienced wildlife a lot more by destroying and altering their natural homes.



Endangered Grey-headed flying fox entangled high up in a palm tree in Rushworth.



Little Red Flying Fox entangled on barbed wire fence.

For injured wildlife contact Kirsty at Bohollow on: 0447 636 953

ON THE BRINK *by Neil Laurie*

Looking at endangered or extinct flora and fauna.

A few updates:

The last edition's On the Brink featured the southern brown bandicoot, with an emphasis on the population in the Botanic Garden Cranbourne. Some of the bandicoot habitat that fell outside of the Garden's grounds was awaiting planning approval for its development from the federal Minister for the Environment and Water, Tanya Plibersek. Since writing the article, the Minister has approved the development of the land in spite of it being the habitat of an endangered species.

For the first time in five years northern corroboree frogs have been sighted in Namadgi National Park in the ACT. The ACT government and its ecologists have been working for the last ten years to re-establish the frogs in the wild by releasing frogs and eggs at sites that are beyond the reach of the chytrid fungus that has decimated Australian frog populations. Thirty-seven frogs were sighted across two sites. The number of frogs actually is probably higher. Frogs are usually found by homing-in on their croaking and only the males croak, so there will also be uncounted females.

Corals are a 'canary' species for rising sea temperatures. Corals are actually tiny marine creatures called polyps. They grow in colonies. Some colonies are soft and pliable (soft corals). Others grow on the calcium carbonate 'skeletons' of previous generations and are called hard corals. Corals have developed a mutually beneficial symbiotic relationship with some species of algae. A rise of only a few degrees will cause the coral polyps to expel the algae. This results in the disintegration of the soft corals while the hard corals will turn white, surviving for a time but with a very high risk of mortality. This is known as coral

Coral



bleaching. Presently over half the world's coral is being affected by a coral bleaching event. Satellite data indicates the bleaching is due to rising in ocean temperatures. It is not yet known what the mortality rate of the corals will be, but it likely to be very high if the sea temperatures remain at present levels.

The warmer sea temperatures and meandering ocean currents are continuing to weaken Antarctic ice shelves with more of them set to lose vast areas of ice once thought to be permanent. Ice shelves also slow down the breaking-off of icebergs from glaciers. The loss of ice shelves speeds up glacier recession. The warmer temperatures have also meant that the extent of the annual winter sea ice over the last three years has been the smallest since records began 46 years ago.

Glaciers have not only continued to recede. The rate of their recession has been found to be accelerating.

Interestingly, the climate change nay-sayers seem to have fallen silent over the last couple of years. With so much scientific research being done that proves that the climate is changing, perhaps the nay-sayers are finding it difficult to get the media to support broadcast their views.

One of the first Brinks was about the plains wanderer. Since then, more reserves have been established across Victoria and the Riverina, largely under the Land for Wildlife program. The future of this goldilocks bird that requires everything to be just right seems to be assured. The multiple reserves will be a safeguard should some catastrophe befall a reserve and will guarantee genetic diversity. Land for Wildlife appears to be gaining more adherents. Interestingly, many who are taking up the scheme are from the older generation of landowners.

Northern corroboree frog



Waranga Landcare coming events

Waranga Catchment Landcare Collective (WLCL) will be hosting a 'Wetland Walk' at Adrian Weston's property in Rushworth on the 25 May.

This is an exciting opportunity to see how some targeted environmental water has transformed a landscape and now provides a home and refuge to wetland bird species including a growing population of brolga.

The walk leaves from the property on Middle Road at 10 am, guided by Simon Casanelia from the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority.

Numbers are strictly limited to keep our (human) impact low and places are filling fast. So if you are interested call Louise on 0437153203. (Address will be provided after confirmation of RSVP.)

You will need to bring a drink, snack and wear water-proof shoes (read 'gum-boots!').

Railway Reserve Planting success



WCLC work continues on the Rushworth rail reserve, with a row of *Eucalyptus tricarpa* (ironbark) doing well despite the dry conditions, thanks to a bit of TLC from Les Pelle.

More events planned for 2024

May

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

June

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

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

December

Bush picnic for members

Keep watching for dates to be confirmed for these events!

Cooks Column

Had to find a recipe for this edition as the rostered columnist has COVID! Thought you might like to try our daughter's Vietnamese Beef Salad.

Vietnamese Beef Salad

Ingredients for salad

Vermicelli noodles

Fried shallots

Crushed peanuts (or cashews if prefer)

Nice piece of beef marinated in some sweet chilli sauce or just garlic, chilli and ginger

Any combination of:

Snow peas – sliced

Red and green capsicum thinly sliced

Bean shoots

Snow pea tendrils

Cucumber, halved and then sliced

Shredded lettuce

Carrot sticks

A heap of (this is essential) coriander, mint and basil.

The dressing

1 finely chopped chilli (seeds removed) or use sweet chilli sauce if you don't like it too spicy.

Equal amounts of fish sauce and brown sugar (eg 7tbsp fish sauce, 7tbsp sugar, which seems a lot but it is fantastic and you don't use too much on your salad anyway)

Small amount of hot water to dissolve sugar.

Method

Put vermicelli in large bowl, add boiling water and leave to sit until noodles tender. Drain and allow to cool.

In one big bowl just combine all the salad items together and mix well.

Cook beef searing well on each side and then remove from pan and slice thinly.

In each serving bowl put a handful of noodles, then a handful of salad mix, a few pieces of beef, a sprinkle of fried shallots and crushed nuts and then a couple of spoonfuls of the dressing drizzled over top.

Glen



Garden Hints & Tips

Olive Harvesting....and more

No autumn rains have graced our gardens over the last few weeks. There are some brisk mornings and stunning autumn days, that's why it's my favourite time of year!

It's a busy time in the garden getting all those spring flowering bulbs in, planting trees and shrubs, getting as much manure and compost onto the beds for the next growing season and the raking and spreading of leaf mulch just to name a few jobs on the list.

The intense autumn colour is abound on our ornamental grapevines and deciduous trees are giving us an extended show this year.



With olives harvested over the last few weeks it's time to give them a hard prune to keep them in check and at a height that won't need a ladder to harvest in the future. If you have had an abundant crop (some haven't this year), try pickling with the salt and press method and the olives can go into some vacuum bags with olive oil and some herbs and then shared with family and friends.

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Quinces have been productive also this year with good yields so some quince paste is also on the list to do!

It's a good time to plant garlic, broad beans, broccoli, leeks, beetroot and other vegetable for winter/spring harvest giving them a good start while the ground still has some warmth in it, not forgetting to give them a fortnightly liquid feed through their growing season.



Prune salvias as they get tired looking to giving them a healthy burst of new growth, I also prune off all the long growth on my fruit trees keeping them within a manageable height and shape.

Enjoy the autumn days.....

Happy Gardening

Handy Hints - from Lyn Rumble

Sometimes it's the little nitty picky things that annoy you and everyday stains and maintenance hassles can be at the top of the list. Hope these few hints help you when the need arises.

Have a good week and stay safe,

Lyn Rumble

* **Garlic breath** – can be really overpowering even when loving the stuff! However, it will disappear easily if you chew on either whole cloves, fresh mint or parsley leaves. (I think I would prefer the parsley or mint leaves myself!)

* **To clean dentures** - place your denture in a mixture of half water, half-white vinegar and leave overnight. Rinse thoroughly in the morning.

* **Need to buy Pillow Protectors?** - They really are not necessary – just slip an old Pillowcase over the pillow initially to protect it, and then put a good Pillowcase over the top. The old Pillowcase would

need washing only occasionally – and is a good surface to spray with a Linen spray to freshen every now and again also.

* **Shoe Polish** - for those of you that still use shoe polish on your shoes – if you apply the polish and leave on the shoes overnight before buffing off – it will give you a much longer lasting shine for your shoes.

* **Trainer Shoes** - can smell a bit after wearing them for a while – but if when taking off your shoes at night – you slip in a bar of nice-smelling soap into each foot and leave there for at least 5 – 6 hours – by morning your shoes should smell a lot better!

Health and Wellbeing

Goulburn Valley Health celebrating 50 years of saving lives through vaccination

from Goulburn Valley Public Health Unit

World Immunization Week is here and the Goulburn Valley Public Health Unit (GVPHU) joins the global public health community in celebrating 50 years of the World Health Organization's Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI). This significant milestone marks decades of collective efforts to save and improve countless lives from vaccine-preventable diseases. While commemorating this achievement, the GVPHU also calls on our communities to once again prioritise vaccination ahead of the coming peak flu and winter virus season.

This season, as we navigate the challenges still posed by COVID-19, influenza and other respiratory illnesses, it is more important than ever to prioritise vaccination. The good news is, we know what to do to stay well. Getting your flu shot and staying up-to-date with your COVID-19 vaccinations will not only protect you but also the people around you. Vaccines continue to keep us all healthy and safe. Getting vaccinated helps save lives. Every person who gets vaccinated not only gets protected from a number of serious illnesses but also contributes to herd immunity, preventing the spread of illnesses to those who did not receive their immunizations, either because of compromised immune systems or lack of access to vaccines.

"We urge everyone to use World Immunization Week as a reminder to book in for flu or COVID-19 boosters. You can also take advantage of the opportunity to receive both vaccines at the same time," said Dr. Will Cross, GVPHU Public Health physician said.

Dr. Cross added: "The flu shot is free for people aged 65 and over, people who are pregnant, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, children aged 6 months to 5 years, and people with medical conditions that put them at increased risk of severe

flu. If you're worried about your symptoms or need more information on vaccination, speak to your doctor or pharmacist."

In addition to vaccination, the GVPHU encourages people to continue to practice protective measures against respiratory infections to keep everyone safe. Here are some essential tips:

- A) Wear a mask: Wear a well-fitted and high-quality mask in crowded places, hospitals, or aged care facilities.
- B) Let fresh air in: Increase ventilation by opening windows and doors, using air purifiers, or meeting outside where possible.
- C) Test: Anyone with cold or flu like symptoms should stay home and use a rapid antigen test (RAT). If you are COVID-19 positive, isolate for 5 days or until symptoms clear.
- D) Stay home if you are unwell: If you do have cold or flu like symptoms, stay home even if you are COVID-19 negative until you are well.

Book your COVID-19 or flu booster today online or contact your local pharmacy or trusted GP for more information.

Stanhope Men's Shed hosts diabetes talk

A speaker from Diabetes Victoria, Jason, will be hosting a talk on diabetes awareness at the Stanhope Men's Shed on Friday 10 May at 11am.

Everyone is welcome to come along and discover insights and perspectives at this diabetes awareness session. Find out what diabetes is and how Diabetes Victoria helps those living with type 1 and type 2 diabetes. A BBQ lunch will be enjoyed after the talk. A BBQ lunch will be enjoyed after the talk. If you can RSVP, it will assist with catering thank you. (042 753 9110.)

Now you can tell your own story

Research assistance is being sought by former Rushworth local, Dr Melanie Farlie (Schoenborn). She asks:

"Have you received healthcare from a health professional student? At Monash Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, we are eager to hear the stories of Australians aged 60 or older about their experiences. Sharing your stories can directly contribute to better educating our future healthcare professionals."

If you have a story to share, or know someone who does, please contact Melanie at: melanie.farlie@monash.edu (03) 9904 4524



Breast Screening

Wednesday 29 May 2024

BreastScreen Victoria is part of the national screening program for breast cancer and provides free mammograms to eligible Victorians. Waranga Community Health has secured a group booking in Shepparton for any person wishing to book a mammogram.

For bookings contact Waranga Community Health on 5851 8026

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Rushworth P-12 students busy with HOPE

The HOPE (Hands On Personalised Education) students have been busy outside in the College grounds under the watchful eyes of their new mentors, John and Grant.

Students have been busy relocating the old chook house, giving it a coat of paint, building a vermin proof fence around its perimeter, and also beginning to erect a second chook shed.

Students are certainly enjoying the variety of tasks they are acquiring, from painting, to concreting and all skills in between. Students have been able to utilise the maths theories they are learning about in their Maths classes to figure out lengths, volumes, area and more.

Grant was able to share his concreting skills with the boys last week as they laid a floor for the new chook shed.

This group of students is looking forward to moving onto other projects around the college once this set of jobs is complete.



Phil Carroll Archer, Will and Nasa work on straining up the support wires on the chook shed fence.



Grant watches over Ellis mixing the concrete, ensuring he had the formula right.

Foundation - Year 3 News



This last week has been a busy one and the Foundation - Year 3 students have been having fun learning and exploring number lines in Maths, blowing bubbles in investigation play, and exploring frog life cycles in Science and Investigation.

Jo Ireland

Year 7 Mambo art tote bags

In Art classes this term, Year 7 students have designed and painted a Mambo inspired composition onto a tote bag.

Students were inspired by Australian artist Reg Mombassa – who was one of the original creators of the surf label Mambo.

Ms Duthie



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Team Skills and Wellbeing at Stanhope Primary

Policeman Frank Scopelliti is a regular visitor to Stanhope Primary School. Students look forward to his down-ball sessions during lunchtimes.

Thank you to Frank who followed a down-ball session this month with a very engaging and informative talk to students about police work in our community. Over the years, Frank has also run many interactive programs, the highlight being a 'tour' of the police car.

Our Wellbeing Officer Simon continues to support our students through wellbeing-focussed activities and by providing them with strategies for dealing with life's issues.

*Mica Rosenberg
Stanhope Primary School*



Downball with Senior Constable Frank at Stanhope Primary School.



Wellbeing Officer Simon with Xyla (above) and Caleb (below).



Paying our respects on ANZAC Day

The children from the Rushworth Kindergarten and Childcare joined the ANZAC Day march to show their respects for our service men and women.

During the service Taylah Jamieson and Madeline Cleary laid a wreath that the children had created the previous day.



NOW OPEN: 2025 Council managed kinder registrations

Registrations for 3 and 4 year old kindergarten programs managed by Campaspe Shire are now open for the 2025 year and there have been some changes to the access and application processes.

Parents are encouraged to register over the next two months, noting the move to a new software provider to capture registrations, which will be easier and more user friendly for families.

Offers are made by applying state government and local priority of access criteria, meaning places are not allocated by date order of application.

First round offers for kindergarten registrations

are open between 1 May and 30 June, however, registrations can be made at any time throughout the year. If your child turns 3 or 4 before 30 April 2024, they are eligible to attend 3 or 4-year old kinder in 2025.

This year, Council has moved to an online system for capturing registrations. If families would like a hardcopy form, they can email kinder@campaspe.vic.gov.au or call the team on 1300 666 535.

Children are eligible for one year of 3-year old kinder and one year of 4-year old kinder before

they start school. Families with children born between January and April have a choice about when to start kindergarten which will determine whether they start school in the year they turn 5 or the year they turn 6.

Council managed kindergartens include Stanhope, Girgarre and Kyabram. For registration procedures for other kindergartens, their contact details can be found at <https://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/Our-services/Children-families/Kindergartens#section-3>

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Cross Country events

Over the past two weeks, St Mary's students have participated in the school's own community Cross Country and the Inter-School Cross Country.

On Monday 22 April, all St Mary's students from Foundation to Grade 6 participated in the annual Cross Country. The students all tried their hardest and made themselves proud.

The popular annual egg and spoon race was also held – congratulations to the parents' team who were victorious.

On Wednesday 1 May, the Grade 4-6 students headed off to Shepparton to participate in the Inter-School Cross Country. It was a great day and some students will be moving through to the next level of competition.

Representing St Mary's at the Division level are:

- Pippa - 12/13 year old girls
- Karter - 11 year old boys
- Bodhi and Hunter - 9/10 year old boys.



Heath running at the Inter-School Cross Country.



Lucy running at the Inter-School Cross Country.

St Mary's celebrates Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week is celebrated annually and this year was celebrated from 28 April to 4 May. This is a time to celebrate all that Catholic Education has to offer.

At St Mary's there was a 'come and try' morning for four-year old kindergarten children. Children and parents were invited to come and participate in a Morning Investigation session. It was amazing to see how well the Kindergarten students joined in with the F/1/2 students. There were definitely smiles all round.

People were also invited to come and see the classes during specialist subjects on an Open Day.

If you were unable to come to the events during Catholic Education Week, but are interested in seeing what St Mary's has to offer for you and your child/ren, you can call the office and arrange a tour (5856 1347).



Alyssa and Sienna investigating at our come and try morning.

Responsible Pet ownership

Students recently took part in a Responsible Pet Ownership incursion.

This was an information session for all students about how to safely engage with pets, especially dogs. The students learnt about dog body language to determine how they are feeling and how to safely approach a dog and ask to pat it. They had the opportunity to apply these skills with Lexi the dog that joined the session.



(Above) Tannah safely meets Lexi at Responsible Pet Ownership.



(Left) Lexi meets Isaiah at Responsible Pet Ownership.

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Imaginative Prayer

St Mary's students had Carlie Anderson from Imaginative Prayer join each class to lead them through an Imaginative Prayer session recently.

This was very meaningful for the students and teachers, as they were able to engage in scripture and imagine what the events they heard about would be like.

Following the sessions, all staff participated in a background knowledge session which looked at the method of Imaginative Prayer and the context within which the Bible was written.

ANZAC Day

The students have learnt about ANZAC Day this term. They have had the opportunity to research ANZAC Day and to make ANZAC biscuits.

As part of ANZAC Day, some students attended the service. They respectfully represented the school well in their uniforms.

Heath, Ruby, Charlii, and Sofia represented the school in the laying of the wreath.



Hunter enjoying his ANZAC biscuits.



Makenzie, Liam, Ebony and Lylaa making ANZAC biscuits.

St Mary's School to host Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

St Mary's is hosting an "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" on Wednesday 29 May.

This will begin at 11.00 am and run through to 12.00 pm. Everyone come along and support this worthy cause.

Keep an eye out on the school's Facebook page for more information in the lead up to this event.

RSVP by Friday 24 May by calling the school office on 5856 1347 or via the QR code



Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa so we can support those impacted by cancer!

Project Compassion Fundraisers

St Mary's has been continuing to raise money for Project Compassion. The students have participated in two fundraisers over the last fortnight.

The students and staff expressed their creativity through our Crazy Hair Day. There were lots of colourful and crazy styles at school, which was a joy for everyone to see.

The students also participated in a C for Compassion/Caritas Dress Up Day. They came decked out in costumes that matched the letter C. Some examples were cowgirls/boys, chicken noodles, cats, clowns, and camo.



Sophie's crazy chicken noodle hair.



St Mary's C for Compassion/Caritas Dress Up Day.

Share your news with the Waranga News - and we will share it around!

Uniting Church Australia expresses deep concern for Holy Land

The Uniting Church in Australia Assembly has this week sought to highlight and communicate its deep concerns about the escalating conflict in Israel-Palestine and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Following a resolution of the Assembly Standing Committee (ASC) at its March meeting, President Rev Sharon Hollis has written to several members of the Australian government and other representatives in the Holy Land to share the Church's concerns, express support for measures taken and call for further action.

In particular, the ASC resolution:

- Commits the Uniting Church to support the Middle East Council of Churches in their advocacy.
- Condemns all atrocities and acts of brutality which make peace efforts impossible.
- Welcomes measures taken by the Australian Government to offer humanitarian assistance and advocate for an end to the conflict.
- Calls on the Australian Government to do all it can to facilitate a just peace in the Holy Land including supporting the International Court of Justice in its measures to prevent genocide, supporting peace-making organisations and imposing targeted sanctions.
- Calls on the Israeli Government to end

extrajudicial killings and impunity for members of the Israeli security forces and settlers that murder Palestinians and to abolish the practice of detaining Palestinians without charge.

The resolution was communicated to the Australian Prime Minister, the Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leader of the Australian Greens, the General Secretary of the Middle East Council of Churches, the Israeli Ambassador to Australia and the Head of the General Delegation of Palestine to Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

The letters express a deep concern for the catastrophic situation in Gaza, noting in particular the suffering of innocent civilians and the suffering of the Christian church in Gaza as they seek to offer ministry and care to the region.

The latest advocacy on Gaza is grounded in the Uniting Church's long-standing commitment to being a peacemaking church. This has included a commitment to supporting the right of both Israel and Palestine to exist in peace.

The resolution also called on Uniting Church congregations to offer support to those in the Australian community living with grief and fear due to the conflict and rising racial and religious hatred.

Cuppa for Cancer at Colbinabbin

Cornella Care will once again host a Cuppa for Cancer on Thursday 23 May, starting at 10 am at John and Glen Avards, 62 Mitchell Street, Colbinabbin.

All (men, women and others) are invited to join in a social morning tea around the open fire.

It's a painless and pleasant way to help raise money for cancer research. Entry by donation.

Laudato Si' Week coming soon

Laudato si' Week 2024 is fast approaching, the dates for Australia coinciding with the international dates May 19-26. The theme this year is Seeds of Hope - inspired by the symbol for Season of Creation 2024, "first fruits."

Laudato si' Week is a global celebration in the Catholic Church, which reflects on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* in which he urges people to "hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home.

The encyclical sets out seven goals to pursue in order to achieve 'ecological conversion'.

Significantly, Pope Francis promulgated *Laudato si'* in 2015 on the Feast of Pentecost (May 19 in 2024).

District Church Times and Contacts

Anglican

- St Paul's, Rushworth: 0419 512 632
- 9.30am 1st Sunday of month with Vicar
- 9.30am 3rd Sunday of month with Lay people
- 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)

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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.

Pope Francis speaks for the poor in Care for our Common Home



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A Time to Dance and a Time to Mourn

Life's journey weaves a labyrinth of trails, trials and celebrations, each one imbued with both personal significance and universal resonance. As we navigate these fluctuating seasons of joy, sorrow and the mundane in-between, it's vital to reflect on the profound connections that sustain and enrich us: our friendships and our faith.

Recent events have prompted me to ponder life's heavier existential questions, stirring up in me a mixture of emotions and uncertainties. Some life changes are sudden and unexpected; others are a slow burn, wearing us down like a chronic illness. I have been through twelve long months of professional transitions (still incomplete), with unwanted changes and complex interpersonal dynamics.

There have been sudden and contrasting events, revealing the stark dichotomy of life's joys and sorrows: the joy of welcoming a new grandchild immediately preceded by the grief of losing a loved family member and friends. These moments, sad or joyous, are visceral reminders of life's fragile beauty. They remind me to cherish every day, celebrate relationships and strengthen them while I can.

The biblical passage from the Book of Ecclesiastes resonates with me deeply now, reminding me there is "a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance." These words invite all of us to embrace the full spectrum of life, recognising that each season, whether of joy or sorrow, holds value and has something vital to teach us about human experience.

In times of trouble and grief, the value of good friends cannot be overstated. These are the people who stand by us, not merely in joyous celebrations, but more profoundly, during our darkest hours. True friends offer more than just a listening ear. They provide us a shoulder to cry on, a comforting presence who reassures us we are not alone in our struggles. They support us when we feel

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cannot be overstated.*

most vulnerable. They remind us, without the need for grand gestures or eloquent words, that love and support are enduring. They affirm the Biblical notion of Proverbs 17:17, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity." Our friends help us to navigate life's complexities and inevitable challenges. Through the lens of these relationships, we find solace and the strength to continue, renewed by the steadfast love and understanding our friends bring.

As we think about the way friendships shape our lives, we need to reclaim the significance of what it means to be a friend. In an age where social media often dilutes the meaning of friendship, turning profound bonds into mere acquaintances, we are reminded of the words of Jesus: "I do not call you servants any longer...but I have called you friends." (John 15:15). This declaration isn't about casual relationships but is a profound commitment to mutual understanding, trust and unconditional support. True friendship involves intentionality and skill. It's about cultivating and nurturing the bonds that help us withstand life's storms.

The friendly love of Jesus, as described in the Scriptures, is neither stingy nor superficial. It is generous, healing and steadfast, a model of how our relationships should be. It is in such relationships that we find a reflection of divine love, one that is honest, pure, and immensely attractive. The transformative power of love and friendship doesn't just offer us solace and strength in times of need. It also provides a framework for understanding the broader cycles of life and community.

We find similar cycles of nurturing and growth in our vibrant farming communities. Agricultural practices, ranging from the cultivation of orchards and vineyards to the raising of livestock, mirror the rhythm of our own lives. Each of these have their cycles of preparation, sowing, pruning, care and maintenance, and harvest.

As you think about these natural cycles, consider how you might use your own

experiences to mentor and support others, or to deepen your faith. Like the farmers who adapt their strategies according to the seasons, you too can adapt your roles and contributions based on the needs of your community and the stirrings of your heart. Just as crops are nurtured from beginning to end and land use can change as opportunity, interest or economics allow, this season might be calling you to nurture new dreams or revive dormant ones. How might you use your experiences to mentor and provide support to others or to deepen your faith? How can your faith act as both compass and comfort as you navigate complex periods of reflection and re-evaluation?

Perhaps we need to re-define our communities of faith, not according to past roles but by the current needs of our community and the passions that stir within us. We need to engage with Scripture, prayer, and the wisdom of our elders and community. While answers might not be immediate, we draw strength as we abide in the vine of Christ, our friend, through the cycles of pruning, new growth, and harvest.

So as we consider the next steps in our lives, our churches and our communities, whether they are marked by mourning or dancing, let's draw close to those who truly matter, our friends and our community. They are the ones who will stand by us through every season, bearing our burdens and sharing our joys, as we are also called to do for others.

In this inter-connected dance of life, let's remember that every moment, every encounter, every relationship is part of a larger, divine choreography which invites us to participate fully and with open hearts.

Oh, what a friend we have in Jesus, and what a journey we undertake with him and with each other in this dance of life.

Brian Spencer,

Minister, Waranga Uniting Churches

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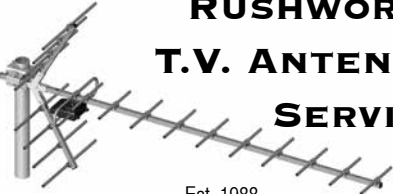
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Sun 12	Stanhope Monster Garage Sale - from 8.30am
Sun 12	Mothers Day at Days Mill, Day Road Murchison 10am - 4pm
Mon 13	Colbinabbin Renewable Action Group, Solar Farm meeting 7pm Colbinabbin Hall
Sat 18	Rushworth Market, High Street - 8.30am to 1pm
Sat 18	Rushworth ART Depot Drop In 10am - 1pm (Former Senior Citizens' building)
Mon 20	Cuppa for Cancer at Waranga Hostel hosted by Friends of the Hostel at 10am
Thu 23	Rushworth Community House, Cuppa for Cancer 10am at Rushworth Community Garden
Thu 23	Cuppa for Cancer at 10 am at Stanhope Seniors Rooms.
Thu 23	Goulburn Murray Landcare at Colbinabbin Kinder and Primary school teaching "Mini beasts".
Sat 25	Rushworth Speedway: Amca's, GP Midgets Master Series, VSC Mar Beattie Memorial, GV Open Saloons, GV Productions, GV Ladies, GV Juniors.
Wed 29	St Mary's Primary School, Cuppa for Cancer 11am, rsvp by Fri 24 May to the school.

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- 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

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Coming Up ▶ Council meeting | 6pm Tuesday, 21 May | Echuca Civic Centre

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



Immunisation Sessions

By appointment only. Register at campaspe.vic.gov.au/immunisations.

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Wednesday, 8 May - Flu only session
 • 9.30 - 11am | Kyabram Senior Citizens Centre

Tuesday, 14 May - Flu only session
 • 8.30 - 9.45am | Echuca Library

Wednesday, 15 May
 • 9-10am | Kyabram Senior Citizens Centre
 • 11.30-12noon | Rushworth Service Centre

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Council is calling on the community to provide feedback to improve the delivery of waste, environment, education and activities. Survey participants will go in the draw to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards. The online survey closes 5pm, Monday, 3 June. Visit the Now Open section of Council's website to complete the survey.

Urban Forest Plan

The Urban Forest Plan is now open for comment. The plan will establish a 10 year action plan for the urban trees council manages, including increasing the numbers of trees within townships for the community's benefit.

Kindergarten Registrations

Applications are now open for 3 and 4 year old kindergarten for 2025. Submit your application before 30 June to ensure your application is considered for first round offers. Offers will be emailed to families in mid-July and will be made by applying State Government and local priority of access criteria. For more information and to register your child for kinder in 2025, visit Council's website or call the Kindergarten Central Registration team.

2024-25 Aerodrome Fees and Charges

The community is invited to provide feedback on the proposed Echuca Aerodrome fees and charges for the 2024-25 Council budget. Complete submission online, visit our Service Centres or call our Customer Service Team on 1300 666 535 for a hard copy of the Fees and Charges submission form.

Expressions of Interest - Echuca District War Memorial Artwork

Council is seeking Expression of Interests (EOIs) from suitably qualified and experienced creative professionals/artists to design, develop and install a 3D creative piece/sculpture, to be located within the Echuca District War Memorial precinct (Hare Street, Echuca). Expressions of Interest close Friday, 14 June. Please direct any questions relating to the EOI to Kris Tito, Arts and Culture Coordinator on 03 5481 2818 or email k.tito@campaspe.vic.gov.au.

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Sports Report

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Colbinabbin Bowls presents champions

It was a great night for celebrations. Congratulations to those who achieved awards during the competition.



Left: 100 Up Colbinabbin Club Champion was Maurice Ryan with Runner-up Ray McEvoy.

Right: Colbinabbin Bowls Club Ladies Champion Rose McIntosh and Runner-up Barb Cheatly.



Below Left: Colbinabbin Bowls Club Pairs Champions are Kevin McTaggart and Arms McArdle.



Above: Colbinabbin Mens Bowls Club Champion is Bob McLean being congratulated by Shane Ryan.

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Monthly Medal hotly contested at Royal Rushworth

Sunday 24 April - Stableford

Winner - Rob Geisler 38 points
Runner-up - Tony Geisler 35 points
Nearest the pin - 'Bomber' Rathjen and Tony Geisler

Sunday 28 April - Stableford

Winner - Greg Muir 36 points
Runner-up - Kelly Cheong 32 points
Nearest the pin - Tony and Rob Geisler

Shot of the day - 'Bomber' Rathjen

After another poor drive on the 18th hole, Bomber was left with a daunting 240 meters to the green. He calmly lined up with his four-wood and with a mighty swing sent the ball rocketing towards the green. To everyone's amazement, the ball just seemed to go on and on until it rolled onto the green. He wasn't finished yet as he then strode up to the ball and sank the birdie putt. Amazing!

Friday 3 May - May Valley View Open 4 balls

Two members represented the Rushworth Club in this popular event. Kelly and Dennis got off to a flying start with two easy pars by Dennis, followed by a classy eagle from Kelly. Our boys were ten points up after just three holes and weren't they full of confidence! It simply looked a matter of by how far they would win.

However, they were rocked by a three-putt from just four feet on the 7th hole and slowly but surely lost their momentum. The easy pars dried up and they had to really scramble to post a score of 42 points. They were lucky to finish in a tie for second.

After such a good start this was a disappointing result for our experienced and ultra-competitive golfers. However they will soon be over it as they are both heading off on holiday. Kelly and Judy to Queensland and Dennis and Christine to Perth/Kalgoorlie. They are sure to get a game or two in before coming home.

Sunday 5 May - Monthly Medal

It was great to welcome a new member, Peter Stevens. Our Captain, Tony Geisler has started this season in very good form and is the one to beat each week.

Winner - Tony Geisler 35 Points
Runner-up - Slim Perry 34 points
Nearest the pin - Max Jenkins 7/16, Greg Muir 5/14 (and eagles nest), Tony Geisler 6/15



Tony Geisler winner of the Monthly Medal displays his winning towel.



(l-r) Tony Geisler, Greg Muir and Garrick Campbell.

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Young Colbo netballers shows great tenacity against Whites

Football - Seniors

Round 4: Colbo v White Hills

Colbinabbin 5.9. 39 It White Hills 16.15. 111

In what could have been one of the toughest days of football in recent Colbo memory, an extremely depleted senior side had the task of going head-to-head with the ladder leaders and the early display was exactly what the Colbo faithful wanted to see, a bit of fight.

Young Jimmy Duke and his older cousin Wilson Morrow were surprising yet exciting inclusions, and 'Cool Runnings' (Jamaica Isley) was welcomed back from injury.

A bit of grit and class had the boys in front at quarter time, and apart from a late flurry in the second quarter, were well and truly in the game at half time.

Captain Lowe decided to turn his entire body into a wrecking ball, using that theory to great effect and Alex Carr was a proper handful all over the ground.

The White Hills boys weren't too happy with how things were tracking and decided to keep the footy away from our prime movers, which definitely worked as they casually kicked 10.10 in the second half to our couple of goals, showing their class.

Nathan Basile continued to show us he is in a league of his own and an A Grade midfielder of the competition.

'Judge Judy' Ryan is playing above his age, making blokes older than him look rather slow. The 'Wrecking Ball' Lowe just bashed into everything all day, and Gus Martin is making the backline his own fortress down there - good luck getting through him.

For what the Hoppers had out on the ground, it was a commendable performance against one of the League's front runners. A very important positive was that no-one was taken off injured this week; maybe the tables have finally turned.

White Hills finished the game winning by 72 points.

Goal kickers: Alex Carr 2, Dutchy 1, Jed Brain 1, Samuel Coughlin 1

Best on ground: Nathan Basile, Jude Ryan, Alex Carr, William Lowe, Angus Martin, Alex Van Ruiswyk.

Reserves

Colbinabbin 3.4. 22 It White Hills 28.20. 188

The ongoing trend for the Seconds this year has a well and truly ongoing, very much a "between and a rock and a hard place" sort of flavour.

However, some serious determination and some sweet-talking coaches are providing the players we need to have a side on the ground each week.

Eighteen blokes took to the field against the always impressive White Hills boys. Eighteen blokes that featured a returning giant Hadleigh Sirett, a bloke who turned up ten minutes before start called Jordan, the 'President Tractors', and an up-and-coming young gun at the fresh age of 58, Toot Morgan.

Special shout out to Paul Morgan who turned up at quarter time although he lives five minutes from the ground!

Four tough quarters were played out by the lads. White Hills falways had the upper hand, but the lads continued to put in the effort.

Jack Palmer worked tirelessly in the ruck getting the ball down to the little rascals, Tyler

Howlett and Bodey Abbott, who would be getting sick of getting leather poisoning these days. 'Creative Man' Colbert was at his creative best, adding more creativity to an already extremely creative game style.

Wilza was thrown into defence to be the general and that's exactly what he was, giving that right hoof a license to go long on every occasion. Gizz "fake sore calf" Guinane actually brought his own footy and just played with it at half back. Even Toot got a kick, or ten. An almighty effort from the boys but not good enough unfortunately.

White Hills big winners by 166 points

Goal kickers: Gizza 1, Tim Hill 1, Hadleigh Sirett

Best on ground: Christopher Guinane, Tyler Howlett, Paul Morgan, Jack Palmer, Jack Colbert, William Hayes

Netball - A Grade

Colbinabbin 59 It White Hills 61

A grand final match that did not disappoint with high quality netball in display for 60 minutes. Despite not getting the win, going down by 2 - some would say 1, it was a terrific outing and one we can take a lot of positives from.

Another strong performance in defence from Elle, Tanzin and Ella and one that showed our versatility.

Well done to Grace who played four in the middle after a hectic morning and combined beautifully with Macy in attack. Our goalers were back to their best letting the ball go quickly and just knowing where the other is. Next time!

Best on court: Matilda McIntrye

A Reserve

Colbinabbin 38 It White Hills 58

With a score line that didn't reflect the game play, Colbo fought hard all day. The way everyone maintained composure and continued to fight throughout the four quarters was so pleasing.

Morghan ran so hard in the mid court and Charlotte had another great game in defence. Well done to Aggie coming back from her injury.

We took the opportunity to try a few things and will learn some lessons from the game.

Best on court: Dom Palmer

B Grade

Colbinabbin 28 It White Hills 38

B Grade was challenged this Saturday against White Hills. Defensively, pressure was great with Megan Fuller earning a well deserved best on court. Through the mid-court and attacking end the team had multiple new combinations and were able to adjust quickly and work well together all throughout the game.

The first half was Colbo's strongest, only trailing by one goal at halftime. Unfortunately, the second half was much tougher resulting in an end score of 28 to 38.

Although it may not be the result we were after, the B Grade side are consistently improving and are showing great potential going into future rounds.

Best on court: Megan Fuller

B Reserve

Colbo 30 It White Hills 60

The hillies hit us hard in the first quarter with some very quick goals and we struggled to make those back in the first quarter. Overwhelmed by

the opponent's strength, our girls continued to get around White Hills.

A huge congratulations to Sadie Martin on making her senior debut, she was significantly impactful for the rest of the game.

Third quarter saw the fitness and fatigue slow us down but the girls fought through to the end of the fourth quarter. A stand out game for Kate who well and truly deserved the best on!

Best on court: Kate Else

17 and Under

Colbo 50 def White Hills 49

Round four saw these young Hoppers gain their first win of the season. A result of some hard work at training and game plans implemented this week.

Colbo strongest quarter was the second, where some long bombs into the ring really paid off and the defensive pressure was impressive. Hillies took back control in the third, which left the last quarter highly contested... and long!

Mallee and Evie stepped up for their first U17 game and were influential to our win. Good to see Grace pulling some big intercepts out there and Maisy earning best on with a solid four quarter effort in GS.

Best on court: Maisy Pinniger and Evie Coghill

15 and Under

Colbo 21 It White Hills 39

U15s should be really proud of the fight they had playing this weekend. After a few minutes everyone settled and began to play some great netball.

Audrey ran through the mid court flying to take intercepts and provided lots of options down the court. Evie was strong in goals, rebounding any shooting from everyone in the circle.

Defenders Zac, Evie R and Abbey worked continuously to stick to their players and applied pressure on the court. Attackers Mallee, Ella and Harriet worked at creating space and bringing in the ball with strong hands. Go Hoppers.

Best on court: Evie Coghill and Audrey McFadzean

13 and Under

Colbo 18 def White Hills 6

What a game! The Under 13's came out raring to achieve their first win of the season against White Hills, with their goaling practice evident throughout the game.

We had many position changes and rotations on and off the bench which helped ensure fresh legs were always available.

The hunger for the ball pushed us over the line, with improvement seen as each quarter progressed.

Special mention to George McFadzean for his exception at goaling and emphasis on technique, and to Frankie Ryan who took intercept after intercept.

Each and every player put 110% effort in which is truly an asset to the team. With continual practice of set plays and movement across the court, this win certainly won't be our last.

Well done everyone!

Best on court: Frankie Ryan



Go Hoppers

CFNC - Senior Hoppers outplay Huntly

Round 5: Colbo v Huntly Seniors

Colbinabbin 11.13. 79 def Huntly 8.7. 55

The Seniors welcomed the return of one of its local sons, and a former player along with a couple of extras. Geordie McMurtrie, James Lawless, Nick Murnane and Nick McCann from the northern world of Queensland, all pulled the boots on to help the boys out.

The senior lads made a tough fist of it from the first whistle right through to the last. It was not the most flattering game you would ever see, but someone had to get the job done. Huntly were brave and threw as much as they could at the Hopper boys.

The return of Nick Knight from a quad injury was just what we needed in defence, he had the ball on a string and showed the young whippersnappers what to do with it. And if it wasn't Kinghta, it was Connor Aldous doing very much the same thing; not getting beaten in a one-on-one contest all day and driving the ball forward.

Clint Shields also had a welcomed return, slotting three goals after three weeks on the sidelines and big 'Buddha' Carr is proving to the competition that he's going to be a handful with another three goals taking him to fifteen for the year.

Nathan Basile played another blinder even with a busted nose (as we wish him a speedy recovery after he gets it operated on next week) and 'Judge Judy' Ryan is improving every game,

As I said, a pretty ugly game of footy, but the boys ran away 24-point winners, and will take that confidence into next week.

Goal kickers: Alex Carr 3, Clint Shields 3, Nicholas McCann 1, Charlie Ryan 1, Jed Brain 1, Jai Carn 1, Angus Martin 1

Best on ground: Nick Knight, Nathan Basile, Connor Aldous, Jude Ryan, Clint Shields, Aidan Basile

Reserves

Colbinabbin 13.4. 82 It Huntly 15.12. 102

Some are calling it "The Almost Miracle on Grass". However a miracle was already produced before the game. A full side with a full bench (not a typo) was assembled thanks to a few northern ring-ins and a few Sandhurst legends who were looking for a game.

Unfortunately Toot Morgan was dropped for the first time in his young 58 years of life, encouraged to keep training and improve his skills.

Anyway, the Reserves mustered up the energy of having a full squad and turned that into team footy energy. As usual, it wasn't all pretty, but they were well and truly up for the contest. You could say they controlled the game for the best part of three quarters, leading at quarter time and three-quarter time, with a goal Huntly's way at half time evening out the contest.

Sammy 'The Chin' Coughlin was back from senior duties, and his solid frame was everywhere in the middle and around the ground, and Bevo provided the run and dash and erratic behaviour we needed.

Dukey and Jack Palmer in the ruck were

providing headaches for the Hawkers, and Darcy Brown could've been mistaken for Darcy Moore the way he was clunking them.

Pauly Morgan was again at his best at full back getting the prune out of defence regularly, and even Ned Morgan found the ball and kicked a few goals.

The fitness lacked a bit in the dying stages, as Huntly got on a roll and snagged eight goals straight in the last quarter to run over the top of the Hopper brigade, who were gallant in defeat. Huntly went on to win by twenty points in a pretty good game.

Goal kickers: Ned Morgan 4, Hugh Barlow 2, Joseph Fiske-Kealy 2, Stephen Tuohey 1, Conor O'Farrell 1, Harrison Lewis 1, Samuel Coughlin 1, James Duke 1

Best on ground: Samuel Coughlin, Stephen Tuohey, Darcy Brown, Paul Morgan, Jack Palmer, Ned Morgan

Netball - A Grade

Colbinabbin 61 def Huntly 28

It was a strong win against Huntly with a line up including a Colbo debutant and a familiar face back on court. Congratulations to Kasey for a successful return to the court after considerable time out with injury. It was great to see you in action.

Our defence was on good form again with the back end having a terrific start to 2024. The mid court and attack end working through new combinations and consolidating option.

Best on court: Kasey Conder

A Reserve

Colbinabbin 47 It Huntly 51

The match was close all day and an entertaining game to watch. A Reserve remained calm and composed throughout the game and Charlotte had another ripping game in defence with so many rebounds. Lily worked tirelessly swinging to the front in GA and Dom had another strong shooting performance. Macy was strong on the centre phase receive and fed the circle well.

In what ended up being a close loss - we will be looking forward to a rematch.

Best on court: Macy McCaig

B Grade

Colbinabbin 22 It Huntly 50

It was a tough match coming up against the consistent and stable line up of Huntly. All players worked tirelessly winning ball over throughout the court. We saw some great passages of play, with everyone working well to bring the ball through the court. Unfortunately, Huntly proved too strong, converting their chances that bit more often. Keep building girls.

Best on court: Corrie Seabrook and Kaitlyn Morgan

B Reserve

Colbo 35 lost to Huntly 63

The team welcomed Tash Easton to the side and a big shout out to Shan Hill who stepped back on court for the team on Saturday; it was great having you there! Another tough opponent at home this weekend against Huntly. Who again came out with determination and a goaler who didn't miss! This set the scene for most of the game but certainly not without a fight

Mardi Ryan

100 Games

Congratulations to Mardi Ryan on her 100th game for Colbo.

Mardi is one of the best club people you can find; coaching juniors, running extra fitness sessions, assisting with senior training, umpiring – you name it, she gets involved.

What a huge contribution she makes off the netball court, not to mention her competitiveness and contribution to any team she is playing on.

from our girls, who all stepped up and worked consistently to shut the hawks down. An amazing game by Sarah McIntyre who worked her belly off all game.

Best on court: Sarah McIntyre

17 and Under

Colbo 39 lost to Huntly 41

This week against Huntly, our girls started off strong with our midcourt controlling the court well. Our shooters worked great in the ring to put up some difficult shots, our mid court getting some lovely intercepts and our defenders having tight defence all game. The first half we had a comfortable lead, we slipped away in the third quarter but fighting hard in the last and only losing by two goals.

Best on court: Grace McIntyre and Sadie Martin

15 and Under

Colbo 26 lost to Huntly 49

Another tough game again this week for the 15s. Our defence worked tirelessly all game to slow up Huntly's attack. Abbey was strong leading the ball down the court in WD, while Macey continuously provided tips and intercepts all game. Audrey was strong providing leads in the midcourt and feeding into the goalers. Keep up the great effort. Go Hoppers!

Best on court: Macey Ryan and Audrey McFadzean

13 and Under

Colbo 18 lost to Huntly 45

The Colbo under 13's had a fantastic start in the first quarter, with swift momentum keeping the scores within reach. Consecutive rebounds at both ends of the court gave us an opportunity to score against Huntly, however their very polished passages of play were hard to match. We implemented many rolling sub changes which asserted our versatility, which is a valuable asset to the game, particularly against teams like Huntly. Fresh legs helped us consistently score, which prevented Huntly from escaping our reach to a large extent, despite the score not reflecting the play. To the blind eye, you wouldn't be able to tell where players usually play compared to their allocated position, which allowed for swift transitions between changes within the quarter. Each player implemented learnt skills from training, which is mainly evident through our shooting accuracy and technique. We will keep working hard at trainings and there is no doubt that we will be a force to be reckoned with in the coming weeks. Well done everyone!

Best on court: Gracie Cox and Chelsea Griffiths

Rushworth Tigers show their dedication

A really positive round for the Seniors this week against Longwood.

27 April vs Lancaster

Football - Reserves

Having said that, unfortunately we endure the ups and the downs. Reserves had to forfeit and that's something as a club we don't stand for and will look to correct.

Seniors

Lancaster 30.17.197 def Rushworth 5.3.33

This game is what we want to build upon from here. The challenge ahead was something that we looked to take head on. The lads battled away, working all day against a well drilled side.

Super-coach Captain Ethan Arnold stood up and gathered possessions all day and lead from the front earning himself Best on ground.

Another Best on ground went to the skipper big Shaun 'Scrubba' Young in one of the most inspiring games I've seen in some time. Taking everything into account I'm sure our fellas will follow 'Scrubbas' lead.

Other bests include Dylan (family) Arnold and the old head Riley (John Oscar) Cusack.

Netball - 11/U - No Game

13/U

A fantastic game this week from the girls who held their lead the entire game. Billie, Eryn, Ruby and Charlie worked excellently in defence. Willow, Pippa and Sofia were strong in goals while Stella, Kaley and Katilyn were amazing in the mid court.

Incentives: Eryn, Ruby and Sofia.

15/U

Lancaster 27 def Rushworth 19

17/U

Rushworth 48 def Lancaster 21

The girls were quiet up until half time. The coach then gave them a rev-up, which is what they needed. It pepped them up, with the girls hungrier for the ball. They came together with lots of talking and encouragement. This was fabulous to see. The defence end and mid court were strong and passes into the goal ring were well timed for the shooters in their positioning. Again girls, you should all be proud of yourselves. Another win for the Tigers.

1st incentive: Ella Johnstone

2nd incentive: Grace Barlow

3rd incentive: Maddy Knight

C Grade

Rushworth 16 It Lancaster 50

A new week, a new team and the girls adapted brilliantly! Five new faces on the court on Saturday which brings along some challenges but nothing our C Grade can't handle.

The girls made Lancaster work for each goal and supported each other for the entire four quarters. A great game of netball to watch.

1st incentive: Sarah Lang Richards

2nd incentive: Montana

3rd incentive: Heidi



Matt Caton collects the ball during his Reserves match against Girgarre.



**Photos from Reserves match
4 May against Girgarre**

B Grade

B Grade came out for a slow start but really picked their heads up to play out a much more even second half of the game.

1st incentive: Maya

2nd incentive: Jess

3rd incentive: Anita

A Grade

A Grade had a rough day against one of the top contenders this year. The girls didn't drop their heads and played a good, fun game. Good luck to Lanky with their season ahead.

1st incentive: 'Beef' Hanson who had a big job in the mid court and moved the ball well down the court, keeping up defensive pressure as well.

2nd incentive: Kayla "runner trackstar" Shep who gave 220% all game and did not give up.

3rd incentive: Shanae who is having such a consistent season and continues to dominate in defence.



Rushworth 17U netballers too strong for Girgarre

Round 4 - 4 May

Netball - 11/U

Rushworth 11 def Girgarre 3

Incentives: Mason, Taya and Taylah

13/U

Rushworth 16 It Girgarre 23

This week we came up against top of the ladder Girgarre. Willow and Pippa had a great day in goals moving well around the ring. Stella, Kaitlyn, Kaley and Charlie played strong in the mid court forcing some fantastic turnovers. Billie, Ruby and Eryn were kept busy down in defence.

Overall, a great game by the girls.

15/U

Rushworth 16 It Girgarre 37

Incentives: Kaley, Makayla and Emily

17/U

Rushworth 58 def Girgarre 26

The girls got off to a slow start. They finally found their groove, with many great passages of play down the court and well timed passes into the ring. The defence end kept tight to their opponents and many intercepts were taken. Rushy came through with another win.

1st incentive: Maddy Knight

2nd incentive: Bella O'Dwyer

3rd incentive: Zahley Francis

Happy Mothers Day (or that special someone) next Sunday 12 May.

C Grade

Rushworth 11 It Girgarre 38

The C Grade girls fought out another tough defensive game on Saturday, not dropping their heads until the final whistle.

1st incentive: Sarah Roberts

2nd incentive: Tori Pierce

3rd incentive: Sarah Lange-Richards



Pippa Lockwood intercepts the ball in her 13U match against Girgarre.

B Grade

Rushworth 30 It Girgarre 49

B Grade came out all guns blazing and are playing some really great netball. It will be really exciting to see where the rest of the season leads.

1st incentive: Maya Barlow

2nd incentive: Montana Mylon

3rd incentive: Kiarrah Lehmann,

A Grade

Rushworth 18 It Girgarre 86

A Grade had a tough game, riddled with injuries, thanks to Jess and Shan for stepping up and slotting in so seamlessly.



17U - Ella Johnstone throwing to Bella O'Dwyer in their winning game against Girgarre.

1st incentive: 'Mary'

2nd incentive: Kayla Shep

3rd incentive: Crystal



Madalen Knight shows her defensive style against Girgarre in 17U.



Shanae Baldwin shows her aggressive defensive style in a well fought A Grade game.

Rushworth KDFL draw

Round 5 – 19 May vs Dookie

Round 6 – 25 May vs Avenel

Round 7 – 1 June vs Undera

8 June – General Bye

Round 8 – 16 June vs Tally

Round 9 – 22 June vs Stanhope

Round 10 – 29 June vs Shep East

Round 11 – 13 July vs Violet Town

Round 12 – 20 July vs Nagambie

Round 13 – 27 July vs Murch/Tool

Round 14 – 3 August Girgarre

Round 15 – 10 August vs Merrigum

Round 16 – 17 August vs Longwood

Social Calendar

25 May

Round 6 - Reverse Draw

1 June

Round 7- Junior Ball

22 June

RFNC Annual Ball

13 July

Goods and Services Auction

17 August

Pub Crawl



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