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Together, we've not only met but more than doubled our goal!

Then, thanks to LINA, your donated dollars have been doubled again. (Your donations X 2 = \$14, 510!)

Thank you all for your incredible support!



Who is LINA? Read about the organisation that doubled your dollars on page 5.

Colbo Kinder kids brave the cold

A community newspaper

staffed by volunteers

Thursday 20 June 2024



The chilly weather doesn't deter the Colbinabbin Bush Kinder children who enjoy their time in the outdoors no matter how challenging the elements are. Whether you're climbing in tree branches or fishing with sticks, fun makes you warm and toasty anyway! Read all about it on Page 21.



GVHealth Waranga Health News June 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING



La Trobe university second year students just finished up a round of placement this month at Waranga Health.

Waranga Health thanks Kamaljit Shergill and Evelyne Mwangi (pictured) as well as all the other students and wishes them the best of luck with their futures!

BOWEL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

June is bowel cancer awareness month. The Australian Government introduced the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) to reduce the number of deaths from bowel cancer in Australia.

People with cancer diagnosed through the program had a 40% lower risk of dying than people who had not been screened. From July 1, the eligible screening age for the NBCSP will be lowered from 50 to 45. Eligible people aged 45-49 can request their first bowel cancer screening test mailed to them.

Eligible people aged 50-74 will continue to receive a bowel cancer screening in the mail every two years.

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK



To celebrate and promote Men's Health Week, Waranga Community Health, in partnership with the Murchison Men's Shed, (where the event was held) hosted a health and wellbeing event on Wednesday, June 12.

Hearing Australia provided free hearing checks during the afternoon, followed by a BBQ dinner at 5pm and then informative guest speakers. Topics included prostate cancer and the role of the Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse at GV Health and a Strokesafe presentation by a stroke survivor.

The local community supported this event well, with 30 attendees—all of whom received a resource pack with more detailed health information.

Men's Shed members Con Scarvelis and Dennis Mc Cullagh are pictured manning the barbecue.

THANK YOU



Thank you, Friends of the Hostel.

Our residents and their families have been enjoying the recently purchased outdoor gazebo, generously donated by the Friends of the Hostel.

Our facility is very fortunate to have this small group of people volunteer to raise money to purchase items for our residents.

WARANGA HEALTH - COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE PHONE (03) 5851 8000 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON:

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NOTICEBOARD

Community Walking Group

When: Thursday Where: Meet out the front of Waranga Health, 14 High Street, Rushworth Time: 8am -9am Cost: No cost All abilities welcome.

Rushworth AA Group

When: Thursday Where: Waranga Health Time: 7pm Cost: No cost Phone Jenny 0430 103 145 for more information.

Carer Support Group

When: Thursday, July 4 Christmas in July lunch Where: Rushworth Community House Time: 2pm - 4pm

When: Thursday, August 1 Time: 2pm - 4pm Where: Rushworth Community House. New members welcome Phone: (03) 5851 8026 for more information.

Women's Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, August 21 Where: Waranga Health Time: 2pm - 5pm Cost: No cost Phone: (03) 5851 8000 to make an appointment.

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Health Information Night

Thursday, September 5 Rushworth Community House Guest speakers: Cardiologist- Dr Jennifer Coller Breast Cancer Nurse- Michelle Parish Bowel Cancer Support Nurse- Lynda Morrison

Skin Cancer Checks

Wednesday, November 6 9am-1pm GV Skin & Specialist Centre, Shepparton Bookings essential Call (03) 5851 8000 for more information or to book an appointment. Free transport leaving Rushworth 8am and Stanhope 8.15am.



You can keep up to date with what's happening at Waranga Health on Facebook. Like our page at facebook. com/warangahealth



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Campaspe adopts 2024 - 2025 Budget \$1.92 million surplus

Campaspe Shire Council, adopted the 2024-25 Budget, reporting a \$1.92 million surplus, a notable improvement from the previous year's deficit budget.

The Budget, which includes a general rate increase of 2.75 per cent, allocates \$32.60 million for capital works and \$500,000 for selected community projects.

Mayor Rob Amos said that the positive result will allow the Council to address key community priorities.

"Over the past few years, we have faced significant challenges, particularly following the October 2022 floods. This year, the focus has been on balancing the community's immediate needs with long-term financial sustainability."

Cr Amos said that community engagement had played a critical role in shaping this budget.

Following six weeks from December 2023 to February 2024 seeking community input, 222 project ideas were submitted for funding. Of these, seventeen community projects have been funded to a total of \$500,000. These include shade structures, public art installations, sporting infrastructure and the design and costings for splash parks proposed as part of aquatic services.

Further community engagement was undertaken regarding fees and charges.

"We have tried to balance what is appropriate for the community and what is financially sustainable for the organisation," Cr Amos said.

The mayor acknowledged concerns from the recent Community Satisfaction Survey,

that focused on road maintenance, parks and recreational facilities, adding that the Budget has addressed many of these.

"Council's commitment to maintaining and renewing its road infrastructure is supported by the recent announcement of \$23 million over the next five years from the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery program will help us address the concerns that the community has voiced to us about roads, drains and footpaths," he said.

Sporting facilities have also been benefited from federal government grants, with \$11.3 million going to the Echuca Vic Park Multi-Purpose development (\$4.01 million of which is included in the current budget).

"We are also awaiting a grant outcome for the Kyabram Wilf Cox upgrade," said the mayor.

Projects and services outlined in the Council Plan 2021-2025 have also been a focus, including \$2.29 million for ongoing community recovery post-floods, completion of the Breen Ave shared walking path in Kyabram and upgrades to the Rushworth waste facility.

"On behalf of all Councillors I would like to thank all the teams at Council who carefully prepared this budget. It is the result of extensive consultation and review, and we thank everyone who contributed," Cr Amos said.

Capital works allocations Major works proposed are:

- \$13.15 million for road infrastructure renewal
- \$6.31 million for new and replacement plant equipment, including portable flood pumps
- \$4.01 million for the Victoria Park Multi-Purpose development
- \$2.00 million for the continuation of the Echuca Holiday Park master plan
- \$1.64 million for the completion of Echuca Aerodrome upgrade
- \$1.28 million for the Echuca Victoria Park boat ramp and dock upgrades
- \$1.14 million for public buildings renewal
- \$0.68 million for playgrounds, parks, and recreational facilities
- \$0.63 million for the Stanhope Two Tree Road floodway bridge deck renewal
- \$0.58 million for public amenities
- \$0.55 million for dog park infrastructure in Kyabram, Tongala, and Echuca East
- \$0.05 million for swimming pool maintenance in Lockington and Colbinabbin

Residents can read the full budget document to learn more about the planned investments and services for the coming year on Council's website.





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Batteries, ewaste, vapes, – they don't belong in bins

A fire inside a kerbside collection truck in Kyabram recently has prompted a call for correct disposal of flammable items, including vapes and batteries.

Campaspe Shire Council's Director Sustainability, Michael Sharp said it's a timely reminder that there are items that simply cannot go in any of your kerbside bins.

"On Thursday morning, a kerbside collection truck in Kyabram had to drop its contents on Allan Street as they had caught fire in the truck," he said.

"The CFA promptly attended the scene and extinguished the fire. Thankfully no one was injured and there was no damage to property."

While the exact cause of the fire is unknown, it's thought that it was likely caused by several vapes and lead acid batteries found amongst the dumped materials.

"It's important that residents remember that there are items that cannot be disposed of in any bin and need to be recycled at one of Council's Resource Recovery Centres," Mr Sharp said.

Council's Waste and Environment team urges residents to dispose of flammable items correctly to keep the wider community safe. It warns that batteries and vapes are items that can start fires and can't be disposed of in any kerbside bin. They an be recycled free at any of Council's Resource Recovery Centres.

E-waste (anything with a cord or battery) also should not be disposed of in any of your kerbside bins as these are a major cause for kerbside collection truck and other waste facility fires. All e-waste can be disposed of free at any Resource Recovery Centre.

Another tip is that aerosol cans should be empty before being disposed of in your recycling bin.

"These are small steps we can take each day to reduce the risk of fires in kerbside bins and dispose of waste correctly," Mr Sharp said.

"Doing all of this will help make sure waste is sorted correctly and prevent future kerbside issues."

For more information on what goes in what bin, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/ whatgoesinwhatbin.

Sam BIRRELL MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR NICHOLLS **ENATIONALS** Jor Regional Australia

VOLUNTEERS GIVEN A HAND UP

Nearly \$60,000 has gone to local not-for-profit community organisations to support volunteer efforts. **Rushworth Community House** and **Murchison Neighbourhood House** were some of the 28 recipients.



The Federal funding will help train,

upskill and encourage participation in volunteering. While the grants are small they will have a much bigger impact on our community.

During the past few years local clubs and groups have suffered a lot of disruption and this money will help rebuild, reconnect and provide a much-needed boost. I want to thank volunteers for their ongoing work in helping drive the physical and social wellbeing of locals – without them, community projects, sporting groups, events and services would not be possible.

450 Buyback is Toxic for Our Communities

The release of new research and the announcement of a \$300 million fund for basin communities is just an admission that water buybacks to recover an additional 450GL in the Murray-Darling Basin will do social and economic damage.



The research makes it clear that under Labor's plan water will be more expensive, there will be less water for irrigated agriculture and productivity will take a hit. Under the original deal, the 450GL was only to be recovered if it could be done without impacting basin communities.

The Albanese government ripped up the 2018 agreement and removed all safeguards. Our communities deserve better than resorting to

the blunt instrument of water buybacks that smash agricultural productivity.

Don't hesitate to reach out to my office if you require help with Federal Government matters.

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Trust member positions

Are you interested in making a meaningful contribution to your community, learning new skills and preserving local history for future generations? The Whroo Cemetery Trust is seeking new volunteer trust members. In this role you will gain hands-on experience in managing a public cemetery and valuable governance skills as a member of a public board. Free governance training is provided.

Who should apply?

Applications are welcome from people with a range of skills and experiences including administration, committees, and groundskeeping. Women and people from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Current trust members whose terms of appointment are due to expire are welcome to apply for reappointment.

What it means to be a Victorian cemetery trust member

Cemetery trust members are appointed by the Governor in Council for a term of up to five years on the recommendation of the Minister for Health. Cemetery trusts are responsible for the management of public cemeteries, including planning for future cemetery services for their communities. More information about the role is available at https://www.health.vic.gov.au/cemeteries-and-crematoria/class-b-cemetery-trust-appointments-.

How to register your interest

Simply contact the Whroo Cemetery Trust within two weeks of this advertisement date:

The Whroo Cemetery Trust contact details: 5444 1113

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that government boards and committees reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community. We encourage applications from people of all ages, Aboriginal people, people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and from lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, gender diverse, intersex and queer people. The trust will provide adjustments to the recruitment process upon request.

LINA's campaign to champion grassroots journalism and save local media outlets

The Local & Independent News Association (LINA) is an industry association supporting digital, hyperlocal and independent news publishers. Their mission is to increase the diversity and relevance of news services in communities across Australia by providing "capacity building support, expert advice, access to critical third-party services, and more".

Part of the 'more' has been the fund-raising campaign 'Our News. Your Voice', which was launched by (LINA), not only encouraging and supporting members with their appeal, but also offering to match funds raised. The aim was to expand their members' revenue streams as they work to deliver public interest journalism for local communities.

LINA led the development of the nationwide fund-raising drive to ensure the survival of local community news. The campaign supported the local and independent news organisations that are a growing part of the media landscape and serving a vital function in their community. The organisation noted that the nation's media industry overall is confronted by a number of significant funding and resourcing challenges. LINA's members, who publish locally relevant news, operate with particularly limited resources — 35 percent have less than two staff members and 16 percent are purely volunteer-run.

With social media platforms constantly plagued by mis- and disinformation, LINA believes it is more important than ever to support grassroots journalism.

"These publications are 'green shoots' emerging in a difficult transition period for media in Australia," said LINA's Executive Director, Claire Stuchbery.

"It's critical that discussions around important events and issues in the public discourse are nuanced with as many different perspectives as possible. Independent and local media outlets produce this type of coverage for their communities.



Participating in the recent LINA Summit at Port Douglas: Vicki Arnel (Waranga News), Stella Yee (Manningham Life) and Mary Jo Fortuna (Waranga News).

It's therefore vital that these media organisations are supported to be sustainable and continue to thrive as an essential, functional part of our democratic society."

The Our news: Your voice'

campaign supported thirtythree independent local news print and digital publications across Australia. Between them they raised \$95,000 which will be doubled with LINA's contribution.





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

Say 'no' to barbed wire

Do we really need a wire that has sharp, spiky barbs all over it included in our fences?

Usually top wires in the fence but I have seen fences made with three or more barbed wires running through them. As a child who rode and owned horses, barbed wire was loathed even back then but the list of species which gets entangled and snared by this stuff is endless.

Sugar and Squirrel gliders, birds of all species including owls, hawks, kestrels, falcons, kites, Kookaburras, parrots, magpies, White-winged Choughs, Brolgas, flying foxes, kangaroos and wallabies. I have had to remove all of these species and more from the rotten stuff.

The purpose of barbed wire is to dissuade stock from leaning over and putting pressure on fences. With tightly strained, maintained fences, do we really need barbed wire? Most people use electric wires to keep stock from putting pressure on fences now, yet the barbs still remain.

I've removed five flying foxes from barbed wire in the last month, three of those in the previous two weeks. The last three were all endangered Grey-headed flying foxes.

Many critters who get caught on this horrid stuff are horrifically injured in their attempt to get free and die from their injuries or have to suffer long treatment in care to recover. The barbs usually only catch a feather or a bit of fur in just one place but when the animal cannot free itself, then it gets really caught up.

Barbed wire injury is one of the most confronting physical trauma injuries a wildlife carer witnesses and has to deal with. It's usually way worse or on a par with any



One of the lucky ones, a Grey-headed flying fox that survived being entangled on a barbed wire fence - some are not so lucky and must be euthanised.

other entanglement injuries caused by hooks, fishing line and string.

I once attended a rescue of a poor Tawny Frogmouth caught in the barbs of fence in an isolated farming area which was barely alive when finally noticed and called in. She was emaciated and the most disturbing thing was that one of her wings was laying, detached on the ground beneath her. She had obviously been struggling for days to free herself on a back roadside scarcely travelled by anyone. She struggled until her wing was severed right through and still could not free herself. The wing had not been severed that day. The amount of pain and suffering barbed wire causes to our wildlife is insurmountable.

If you have barbed wire in fences on your property, please consider removing it. Ask yourself, do you really need barbed wire? I don't believe any new fencing should have barbed wire and you can save many lives by removing it. Critters like kangaroos can still get caught in plain wire fencing but birds, gliders and bats usually do not and the injuries barbed wire sustains to our native wildlife is the stuff made of nightmares.

Three of the five flying foxes are currently still healing in care at Bohollow, the other two did not make it. A Nankeen kestrel yesterday survived barbed wire but suffered horrendous tissue and bone damage before I was called to help and did not make it.

Humanely euthanising a beautiful creature is often the only thing I can do to ease the suffering they've endured as the result of injury from these wires and it's never a pleasant experience. Nor is it pleasant treating the extensive injuries if an animal has the chance to survive this ordeal. Barbed wire cases can take a lot of time, extensive wound management and treatment in our care to save. Please say 'no' to barbed wire.

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



ON THE BRINK by Meil Laurie Looking at endangered or extinct flora and fauna.

Apex predators

Apex predators are exactly what the term implies -they are the predator at the top of its food chain that in turn has no predator. Some food chains are very short: zebras eat grass, lions eat zebras. Others are much longer: shrimp eat plankton, small fish eats shrimp, big fish eats small fish, seal eats big fish, orca eats seal. It is a pyramid with the apex predator at the apex. It is an easy concept to understand. What is harder to understand is how vital apex predators are to their ecosystems.

An ecosystem is finely tuned. Remove anything from it and it will become unbalanced, sometimes in unexpected, counter-intuitive ways. For example, the removal of wolves from Yellowstone National Park in the US had a dramatic effect upon its ecosystem. The elk population increased to the point where it verged upon being unsustainable. Without wolves forcing the elks to move around during the winter, they stayed along the verges of the forest and waterways where they browsed upon the young trees. The browsed trees did not regrow well. This in turn put stress upon the beaver population, which dropped. Without the beavers, water was no longer retained in the waterways by the beaver dams and the whole aquatic ecosystem crashed with more flow-on effects. In the absence of wolves, the harsh winters became the main killer of the elk and as the winters became milder fewer elk died. While bears killed some elk, the main cause of elk mortality had gone.

The re-introduction of wolves into the park was initially quite controversial but has proven to be of a great benefit to the park's ecology. With the wolves keeping the elk constantly on the move, the overgrazed areas are recovering and allowing other species to return. The elk population has actually increased with the elk moving about to avoid the wolves. The wolves are again the prime cause of elk mortality. With a steady supply of elk remains scattered throughout the Park, scavenging species are also doing well.

Removing an apex predator from an ecosystem will often allow a secondary predator to usurp its position, especially if they eat much the same food. For example, the removal of badgers from an English wood will cause the hedgehog population to increase. The increase in the secondary predator's biomass will be about that of the removed apex predator. It takes a lot of hedgehogs to weigh the same as a population of badgers, a plague of them in fact.

Apex predators play a major role in keeping prey populations healthy. A predator will single out the easiest prey, usually the old, sick, or injured. They effectively cull these weak animals. This has the added benefit of freeing up more food and territory for the fit and healthy.

A long-term effect of predator species is that they drive evolution. In the Darwinian world of the survival of the fittest, even the tiniest advantage in the life and death battle of becoming prey and making a kill makes a difference.

It is the apex predators that are often the most vulnerable to habitat loss. An apex predator usually needs the biggest range of any species within its ecosystem -enough for the prey it needs to support itself, its mate and its juvenile offspring. Anything less and it cannot survive. Sometimes the loss of habitat will force an apex predator into contact with humans as it may stray onto farmland looking for prey, often ending badly for the predator.

Some of the land-based apex predators native to Australia are the saltwater crocodile, dingo, and wedge-tailed eagle. Around Rushworth the goanna may be considered an apex predator. They all have a role to play. The addition of foxes, feral cats and dogs complicates the balance of ecosystems.

Many apex predators are seen as being a danger to humans, and indeed they often are. In Australia it is usually a lack of common sense or just plain ignorance that puts humans at risk. Going swimming in a nice cool river in far north Australia has resulted in more than one tourist being taken by a saltwater crocodile. Handfeeding dingos at Uluru and on Fraser Island desensitises them to humans and has resulted in deaths at both tourist spots. Attacks on humans by apex predators are usually followed by public outcries and calls for a cull of the predator species. The fact that the humans have gone into the predators' territories and presented themselves as easy meals is largely overlooked and the importance of apex predators is not understood. As a species, we are used of being the apex predator. It comes as a shock to learn that in some places it is another species and that we are prey.



Benefits set to flow for Goulburn River this winter

A delivery of water for the environment into the Goulburn River this month will sustain the health of the waterway and benefit platypus, native fish and waterbugs.

Known as a winter fresh, water released from Lake Eildon will increase the height of the mid Goulburn River for a short period as it flows through Alexandra, Molesworth, Seymour, Murchison, Shepparton and further downstream.

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority environmental water manager, Simon Casanelia, said the water delivery would help maintain the health and functioning of the Goulburn River through increasing habitat by moving sediment out of deep pools and putting it on the banks.

"While it's occurring, the fresh will increase the habitat available for native fish, platypus and water bugs by inundating connected anabranches and wetlands," Mr Casanelia said.

"Winter is when platypus forage for food and build their nests. The winter fresh reminds the platypus to build their nests nice and high to keep their eggs and young from drowning if the river rises later in the year."

Mr Casanelia said water for the environment, which is water allocated and managed to improve the health of rivers, wetlands and floodplains, was designed to mimic natural flows that would have occurred before the river was dammed and regulated.

"By providing this water we can do our bit to help replicate natural flows," he said.

As the water flows out of the Goulburn River it will benefit the Murray River downstream by improving water quality and helping to flush a blue-green algae problem, coinciding with a delivery of water for the environment from the Lower-Darling.

The fresh is planned for delivery from 21 June with flows exceeding 8000ML/day. It will peak in July at approximately 9,500ML/day (a river height of 5.6m at Shepparton) before slowly dropping back to approximately 1000ML/day (a river height of 2.7m at Shepparton) in late July. Peak flows are well below minor flood levels (9.5m at Shepparton). In the case of forecast rain, environmental flow releases may be reduced or stopped.

Environmental flows are planned by the Goulburn Broken CMA in consultation with the CEWH and the Victorian Environmental Water Holder (VEWH). The flows are authorised by the VEWH in line with its Seasonal Watering Plan 2023-24. The plan is available for download from www.vewh.vic. gov.au, with regular watering updates posted on the Goulburn Broken CMA website www. gbcma.vic.gov.au.

To check how Water for the Environment changes flows in the Lower Goulburn, view the hydrograph on Goulburn Broken CMA's website: http://fchmccoys.hydronet. com/ (updated weekly).

Arts & Tourism



Places to stay, things to do and see in our district

Mini Mart Art Fair 2024 Bringing Shepparton's creative community together

TOPSOIL Arts, in collaboration with Greater Shepparton City Council are proudly presenting Mini Mart Art Fair 2024, Shepparton's first art fair dedicated to local artists. This brand-new event offers a supportive platform for both emerging and established creatives to show their work in the exhibition and art fair, as well as offer their skills and knowledge in an incredible lineup of workshops, open for all to take part. Come along, take a look, buy some art and book into a workshop to support the local art scene in Greater Shepparton!

TOPSOIL Arts are working with council to deliver the Creative City Strategy over two years and this event is designed to further discussions around what is needed for creatives in Shepparton.

The Mini Mart Art Fair 2024 will take place at Riverlinks Studios, 70 Welsford St., featuring three main components:

Art Speaks Exhibition

An exhibition showcasing works by eighteen local artists. Be inspired by the creative expressions of artists from Greater Shepparton. Full artist list available at Art Speaks Exhibition. Exhibition opening event Venue: Riverlinks Foyer

Opening Event: Friday, 28 June 2024, 6 pm. Exhibition is on until Sunday, 14 July 2024, 4 pm

Creative City Networking Session #5: Market Ready!

Following the Art Speaks opening, this session offers invaluable insights into opportunities for artists through Greater Shepparton City Council. Network with fellow creatives and learn about upcoming opportunities. Tickets available at Humanitix.

Venue: Riverlinks Studios Friday, 28 June 2024, 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Mini Mart Art Fair

A full day of creative workshops, talks, and activities, with over twenty stalls featuring local visual artists and storytellers. Highlights include a special kids area by Goulburn Valley Libraries, a Creative Writing Showcase by the Goulburn Valley Writers Group, and cultural activities with the Shepparton Culture Kitchen. Full stall list available at Art Fair Stalls.

Venue: Riverlinks Studios Sunday, 30 June 2024, 10 am – 4 pm.

Workshop Schedule

Gum Leaf Art Drop-In Sessions 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Nature Buddies Workshop 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Waste Not! Workshop 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Making Bad Art** Workshop 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm **Eucalyptus Watercolour** Workshop 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Fun Funghi Watercolour Workshop 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm **Opportunities in Screenplay Writing** -10:30 am - 11:30 am What is Ekphrastic Poetry? Mini workshop 11:30 am - 12 pm Poetry Slam (Open Mic) - 1 pm - 2 pm Author Talk Double Feature 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

All About Art - Storytime

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Kids Board Games and Craft Stations Join us at the Mini Mart Art Fair 2024 to celebrate and support the vibrant artistic community of Shepparton. See you there!

Kyabram Art Group - Emerging

Three years ago local artist and photographer Estelle Close created a Facebook page for artistically minded people in Kyabram and surrounding districts, leading to the formation of the Kyabram Art Group.

The KAG welcomes beginners and experienced artists alike, to share ideas, learn new techniques and develop their own individual art practice.

Tutoring classes have been available from the start and are held in the beautiful Kyabram Town Hall Gallery. Diverse respected local artists and tutors are engaged throughout each year. These have included Daniel Newman, general and figure drawing, Amanda Hocking, painting and mixed media and Kaye Poulton, ceramics.

This exhibition is a small sample of work from the artists and while there is no overall theme all experience levels and genres have been encouraged, showcasing the diversity and commitment of the Kyabram Art Group family.



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

- interesting things to know!

Hi Kids! In this edition of the Waranga News we are looking at a winter wardrobe staple - rubber boots. Rubber boots are also known as Gumboots, Rainboots, Galoshes, Wellingtons or Wellies. They are waterproof boots with a long history! Learn lots of interesting facts and then have a go at the wordsearch.



Gumboots were invented in the early 1800's by Arthur Wellesley, the first Duke of Wellington.

Prior to the gumboot, the Duke (well known in history for his victory at the Battle of Waterloo) wore soft calfskin boots called Hessians to battle. These were about calf high with tassels and a short heel. In the early-1800s, the Duke asked his shoemaker in London to modify the Hessian boot to increase its versatility. The cobbler removed the tassel, raised the boot to knee high for better protection, and waxed the leather for increased weatherproofing. These modifications made the Hessian boot suitable for battle and informal evening wear.

People loved this versatility and the new boot - Wellingtons - quickly became a popular shoe of the aristocracy.

Wellington's foot soldiers wore the boots in battle and managed to defeat Napoleon's army. It is thought the waterproof boots gave them the winning edge as 'Trench Foot' was a common problem for soldiers in the muddy European battlegrounds. Trench foot is a serious condition resulting from feet being wet for too long.

Gumboots were originally made of leather. Rubber wasn't introduced until 1852.

In 1852, Charles Goodyear (of Goodyear tyres) invented the sulphur vulcanization process for natural rubber to make it mouldable. He then licensed this process to Hiram Hutchinson, an American-born industrialist. Hutchinson took this process back to France where he set up a mill to produce rubber Wellington boots. The farmers in the surrounding area had been working in wooden clogs, so (as you can imagine!), waterproof rubber boots were a hit and wellies soon became a go-to shoe!

Originally only called Wellingtons, the nickname "gumboots" comes from the natural rubber - or "gum rubber" that the boots are made from.

The outbreak of WW1 created a huge demand for rubber boots. Almost 2 million Wellington boots were supplied to soldiers. Wellington boots became an essential for soldiers in the flooded trenches.

By the end of WW2, the welly had become popular for men, women and children. Farmers, gardeners and workmen embraced their use.

Aussie farmers ploughed through mud, slid through pig pens, milked cows and rode horses wearing their black rubber gumboots.

Children of all ages quickly adopted Wellington boots as the most comfortable and versatile of all children's footwear.

The lower cost of the manufacturing process made rubber boots the standard footwear for a variety of professions - often reinforced with a



steel toe to prevent injury. Used in factories, meat packing plants, farms, clean rooms for delicate electronics, even fast-food environments; rubber boots are very practical!

Whereas most rubber boots could only be found in a few colours (olive green, yellow, black) 50 years ago, today they are manufactured in all colours (and patterns) of the rainbow. Many boots are now made using PVC instead of rubber. Natural rubber tends to be more flexible and comfortable than PVC, however it is heavier and more expensive.

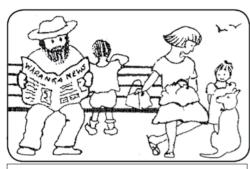


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Around Rushworth

On the grape vine . . .

Congratulations to Abi Clarke and Blythe Page who celebrated their engagement on the weekend.

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Much speculation around the town about yet another Council 'project' involving one of our heritage icons. The Band Rotunda has been the site of some work recently - hopefully under specialised heritage direction.



We don't have a definitive answer about the work being done - work seemed to have come to standstill at the fenced-off site this week.



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Murchison's mobile library finds new home

Following the final decommissioning of The Goulburn Valley Library's mobile library bus, mobile library co-ordinator Andre Smith would make his regular weekly visit to Murchison in a station wagon filled with boxes of books and set up in the car park adjacent to the Murchison Historical Society building.

With the onset of more damp and chilly weather, Helen Newton from the



Murchison Uniting Church across the road took pity on Andre and his customers, and offered the use of the church hall, and offer which was gratefully embraced.

Booklovers can now visit the library in the warm and dry hall every Friday between 10am and noon.

the website for more

that

Murchison Historical Society winter break

Murchison and District Historical Society members will take a break over winter with regular open times of Wednesday and Saturday now in recess until mid September.

A visit can still be arranged during this time by appointment: email murch.hs@ outlook.com or telephone: 0475 018 743. For a group booking, contact Janet on 5826 2363.

From mid July they will be getting organised to celebrate MM55, the arrival of the Murchison meteorite 55 years ago. Dates of this event are Friday 27 and Saturday 28 September – Yes – AFL Grand Final weekend!

So apart from the great family activities

SES attends another local crash

The 14 June saw yet another accident on the Murchison Rushworth road with two vehicles written off and one person airlifted to Melbourne.

CFA, SES and VicPol attended the accident before the emergency air-wing was called for an evacuation of one man. Another couple and their dog were left without their vehicle and needing accommodation.

There are a many reasons why accidents can happen. Please be vigilant on the roads when driving in the country, especially at dust and dawn as these times are the well known times for kangaroos to be moving and crossing roads. Please slow down and get to you destination!



and expert speakers, there will be a big screen

set up for live-streaming the big match! Put

information and details about times and

weekend: https://murchisonhistoricalsociety.

locations of celebrations nearer

the dates in your diary now.

Check out

wordpress.com

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The emergency air-wing helicopter lands on Murchison Road.





Happy Big Birthday, Marge - complete with cake



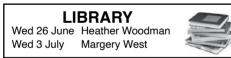


Above: Margery West and her family, celebrated her 80th birthday at the Colbinabbin Country Hotel on Sunday 9 June - along with her sister, brothers and all their children. She is pictured here with husband, Bob, all of their grandchildren, and most of the Hewitt great

nieces and nephews. Families travelled from Melbourne, Adelaide, Kyneton and Trentham to be together - all had a grand time. Above right: Marge's granddaughter, Ruth Woodman, spent a busy Saturday with Rhonda Risstrom making and decorating the surprise 80th birthday cake for her grandmother's party.

Handy hint: how to cut a pumpkin

It's common knowledge that to cut a pumpkin easily, drop it from a height! This cracks the pumpkin without bruising or squashing the flesh. The cooks at the Colbo Pub thought they'd test the theory out recently by dropping one over the balcony, and it worked an absolute treat!



Cemetery Trust Mowing Roster (lawn section only) June - Ramon Rathjen

FIRE BRIGADE ROSTER

June 23 Ray McEvoy, Pat Tuohey June 30 Graeme Reid, Bill West If unable to attend for duty, call Chris/Leo.

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

Colbo Diary

Tuesdays - Colbo Pub Choir 5pm 1st & 3rd Tuesdays Coffee and Cake Thursdays - Men's Community Shed June Sat 29 CFNC Barn Dance July Sat 20 CFNC Ladies and Sponsor Day, Auction



(Right) Clare of the Colbinabbin Country Hotel kitchen gets ready to launch preparations for a pumpkin for lunch! (Above) The job done!





SHOP HOURS: 7am - 5pm, Mon - Fri | 8am - 2pm, Sat - Sun BREAD DELIVERY:FRUIT & VEG DELIVERY:Mon - Wed - FriWed - Fri

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> Your local access point for Medicare, Centrelink and other Australian Government services.

Community garden boost

The Community House has been able to improve the accessibility and sustainability of our garden thanks to funding from the Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit.

Funds have gone towards purchasing Vegepod wicking beds, solar powered sprinkler systems, a dehydrator to ensure produce is not wasted, and the creation of an indigenous food garden.

The improvements have increased community use of garden produce and enhanced volunteer and community involvement in the garden.

Students from Rushworth P-12 College are helping establish our indigenous food garden, while children from Rushworth Kindergarten and Child Care Centre are planting seedlings and seeds in our Vegepod. In coming months, St Mary's school students will also visit the garden to plant and harvest their produce.

In late June we look forward to welcoming Rushworth Garden Club, who will be visiting to see the improvements made in the garden, and to enjoy morning tea.

We are especially proud to see our community garden listed in Community Gardens Australia. We hope that more of our community will visit and enjoy the garden.



67 High St - Old house - New uses

Visitors to the Community House are often intrigued by the timeless nature of its main building. High ceilings, rounded interior brickwork and long central corridor all hark back to Victorian times, to the very early years of Rushworth.

Constructed by George Anderson in the 1860s as a store front and family residence, the building has withstood the test of time.

Most recently, it has been home to Rushworth Community House and its many artistic, educational and social activities.

The building also serves as an important access portal for Australian Government services such as Centrelink and Medicare.

Despite its changes of use, much of its early character has been preserved.

While rooms now host rows of computers where elegant meals were once served, somehow the building's niceness has been retained, and a friendly welcome is always assured by the Community House's members of staff and enthusiastic volunteers. A long corridor links the House's reception area with a training room, offices, kitchen and manager's office at the rear of the building.

One side of the corridor features portraits of people who have made major contributions to the development of the Community House from its earliest days in the 1980's to its current, multi-campus community asset.

Among the portraits are Sandy Ashton, Yvonne Aburrow, Marj Morgan, Gillian Schoenborn and Ken (Poppy) Doyle.

Instructor Terry Bower, and the inimitable Bernie (WebDotWiz) Halpin also feature prominently in the lineup.

Additional portraits featuring more recent Community House Hall of Fame members will be added over coming months.



More snapshots... (*Left*) The cosy reception area is an amiable gateway to the Community House.

(Below right) Volunteers play a key role in the day-to-day running of the Community House, and newcomers are always warmly welcomed.

(*Below left*) Since joining the Community House in 2020, manager Anita Pirie has ushered many new ideas and activities to the organisation.



******** Line dancing is back in town ********

You asked for it and the Community House is delighted to announce that line dancing is once again a weekly event in Rushworth.

Line dancing is a great way to exercise while having fun, and it can be enjoyed by people of all ages from kids to grandparents! Classes are held each Thursday evening from 6.30pm until 8.00pm in the comfortable surrounds of Rushworth Shire Hall.

Our instructor Rhoni (who is a qualified dance instructor) will ensure that you're boot-scooting with the best of them in no time!

News from the Op-Shop and Foodbank

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How to op shop like a pro and save money in 2024

Think op shopping is just for clothes? Think again. Here's how to save money on plenty of practical items.

Op shopping isn't just for vintage fashion lovers. You can score bargains on lots of practical everyday items by buying second hand.

Some of the best product categories for finding bargains include kitchenware, kids products, books and seasonal items.

There are some things you should avoid buying from op shops, like baby car seats and power tools.

In recent years op shops have been hijacked by hipsters, with the surging popularity of vintage fashion seeing the prices of op shop clothing skyrocketing in some areas. But clothing aside, op shops are still full of bargains – as long as you know what to look for. Not only can you save an incredible amount of money over time, you also get the satisfaction of knowing you're making a more sustainable choice and giving an unwanted item a new lease on life.

Best children's products to buy from op shops

If you have kids, it is highly recommended hitting the op shop for everything from toys and books, to hats, shoes and towels. Some of the best products in op shops are children's products. Why? Kids grow out of things quickly, and they often just outright reject items they've been gifted or even requested. The result is lots of high quality, barely used children's products just waiting to be





discovered.

Look for high-quality kids tableware items made from stainless steel or bamboo. Tiny easy-grip cutlery, those adorable, divided plates, sippy cups - they can all be pricey to buy brand new, yet every child outgrows them eventually. And they often end up in the op shop. You may easily pick up all the tableware you need for your toddlers and preschoolers from your local charity shop. Another clever way to save money is to buy high-quality kids' stainless steel drink bottles from the op shop and then simply buy a replacement lid or straw. The stainless steel part lasts forever and adding a brand new straw or drinking spout makes it as good as new for a fraction of the cost.

One in/one out policy

If you have a young child, you'll know they can be incredibly fickle when it comes to toys. One day it's all about cars, the next day they only want to play with dinosaurs, or Barbies, or Pokémon. This means op shops are overflowing with once-prized toys that have fallen out of favour with their previous owner, but might be exactly what your child is looking for. A one-in, one-out policy with kids toys is a great idea, so if they'd like to buy a new toy from an op shop (which they always do) they need to choose one of their toys from home to donate. Shopping this way keeps clutter minimal and saves a lot of money, as most op shop toys cost just a few dollars. Just make sure you check the toy is safe for your child (watch out for things like unsecured button batteries, sharp edges and

Is a special occasion coming up that needs a bit of class?

Then what is better, may I ask, than sparkling crystal, sparkling glass. We've bowls for flowers, glass for drinks Which glitter in sunshine, in candle light winks.

We have full sets of drinking glasses (if you drink from all you're silly asses) Some couth and culture we require For twinkling crystal by a fire. A sherry here, a fine port there, A plate of fruit, strong cheese and pears, Conversation, sweet and dulcet Gentle laughter - (think Jane Austen). Back to here, our Rushworth town, No banquets spread, no Georgian gowns, Excuse my flights of fancy living. But still our shop is great for giving. Fine chances to acquire a treasure That certainly will enhance your leisure.

hinges that could trap little fingers). Op shops are overflowing with once-prized toys that have fallen out of favour with their previous owner. Some timeless toys to look out for in the op shop include wooden blocks, figurines, wooden train tracks and dolls/doll houses. You can also find puzzles, card games and board games - most op shops will make sure these things aren't missing any pieces but if you're unsure, it's definitely worth checking.



Hats and shoes

If you have a baby or a toddler, you pretty much never need to buy them a brand-new hat or pair of shoes, because op shops are absolutely overrun with these pint-sized accessories that are so temptingly cute to purchase, but so quickly outgrown. You can find very good savings on nearnew or barely-worn items that would otherwise be quite expensive

Books

While the library is obviously the most budgetfriendly option for books, op shops are a great lowcost alternative to buying new.

Op shops also abound with classic children's books that, again, have been outgrown by their owners. If you're willing to be patient, you can amass an impressive home library of all your child's favourites.

Source: ttps://www.choice.com.au/shopping/ everyday-shopping/bargain-hunting/articles/ guide-to-op-shopping

To be continued next edition...

Fifty years ago in our district....

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



A page of the Chronicle was devoted to listing roads to be repaired after flooding, e.g., Öld Corop Road --- reconstruct to Pat Stewart's and raise Sprunt's Road ---- re-sheet 2400 metres". Within the list was "Toolleen tip ---- burn", hardly a road repair.

The Shire was to auction two blocks near corner of Old Tatura Road and the former Station Street, near where the power-house once stood.

Work was delayed on the long-awaited sports complex due to a freeze on new government spending.

Police blitz

A blitz at Rushworth found one unlicensed driver, six speeding offences, ineffective light offences and a range of charges about motorcycles.

A 1961 Humber Super Snipe was struck by a car spinning out of control near Rushworth. Four young women from Rushworth escaped serious injury but needed treatment at Mooroopna hospital. Their car was written off.

Schools

Principal transfer announcements were made early. After 7 years as High School principal (250 students, 20 staff), John Teasdale was to see out 1974, then move to Pembroke High School near Croydon (1,000 students, 60 teachers). His successor was announced as D. E. (Ernest) Jones from Benalla High School.

Primary School conducted a Walkathon, raising \$847, quickly spent on library books and maths aids. 115 people of all ages walked with Hilary Whitehead (primary student) raising \$26.10, Peter Potter (secondary student) \$18.70, with a special family award for raising \$47.68 given to Glenda, Jill and little Ian McMurtrie. All were photographed for Chronicle front page.

Community

Len Hamilton donated 30 tonnes of firewood from his Gobarup property to Rushworth Football Club for on-selling to raise funds. One loaded truck became bogged, Ian Borger supervised its extraction. It sank further and had to be unloaded before towing.

Personal

Builders Ray and Keith Wilson of Colbinabbin thanked sympathisers after the death of their mother, whose name was not published.

Frank Newman, husband of Lillian and father of seven, died at Kyabram hospital.

Mrs Edith King died at Glenhuntly. She was one of the last of a generation of

Hammonds from the area between Rushworth and Murchison. Sisters Flo and Rose survived her.

Margaret Hammond of Murchison and Ian Smith of Girgarre were engaged.

June and John Lorenz of Stanhope welcomed Peter Scott.

A choir from St Mary's church at Rushworth sang at the Cornella wedding of Waranga News reader Philomena Stewart, going to the alter with Bryan Phillips whose fashionable suit was worth going a long way to see. Her niece and flower-girl Jane Stewart is known today as Jane McMurtrie, married to the Walkathon man above.

Wanted to Buy: One old-style rocking chair, any condition. (*Not for me! Phone Rushworth 21.*)

Hot Rod races

C-class sedan races at Rushworth Hot Rods saw Alec Horne edge out George Jones on several occasions.

Football

In a difficult season, Murchison 8-8 beat Nagambie 8-7. Stanhope notched a third victory beating previously undefeated ladder leaders Echuca, 14-15 to 10-21, in the upset of the season. Only scores were published; no reports.

Rushworth 17-25 beat Mounts 14-13, as Mick O'Sullivan booted five goals, John Schneider four, in the best players with Maurice Clarke (award winner), John Raglus, Warren McKeown and Herb Barlow. Mounts best included Barney and Frank Tuohey, Peter and T. Frawley.

"Not one scrimmage and no congested forward lines", as the Seconds 11-12 topped Mounts 5-1. (Any filming done? Should show the AFL today!) Geoff Hawking with five and Ian Robbins two. Terry Cogan, Barry Thompson, Ron McGuire and Bill Cruz were named in the paper. The Thirds won 14-14 to 0-1 but there were no match reports during the season.

Order in the Court! Crime and punishment in the Rushworth district Contact the book's author

Alan McLean

\$20 Contact: 0412 143 660 Colbo 15-13 easily accounted for Heathcote 5-13, as Lundberg got five, named best with Ellis, Hammond, Hamilton, B. and P. Tuohey and the Macs --- McEvoy, McMurtrie and McCubbery. Heathcote's best were Pangrazio, Manton, McCumber, Cervi and A. Barri.

Closed golf tournament

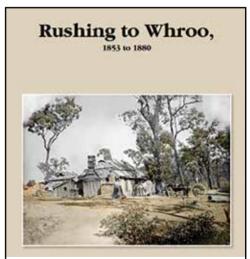
First-class conditions meant good scores in a Four-Ball-Best-Ball event, won by Les and Graeme Muir, ahead of Reg McIntosh and Jack Borger, followed by Bruce Wootton and Terry Cogan.

In the afternoon, a Mixed Canadian event went to Reg and Amy McIntosh. After playing five holes off a play-off, a coin toss was agreed, landing badly for Graeme Muir and his mother Betty.

On the Sunday, the Harry Fraser Trophy over 27 holes was won by Colin Barlow 122-39-83, clear of Peter Home 115-27-88. John Teasdale was third. Graeme Muir was certainly firing, taking Nearest the Pin in both morning and afternoon rounds.

In the Crosgrove Cup, winners were J. W. Borger and Max Richards 2 and 1, Peter Home and Bill Cruz 5 and 4, Ray Cheatley and Norm Geisler 2 and 1, and Aub Geisler and Ivan Jell 5 and 4.

33 Associates played mid-week, Mrs Florence Perry finishing just ahead of Mrs Beatrice Borger. In the ladies closed tournament, 24 players were led home by Mrs Jean Branson, with other winners Mrs Beryl Home, Miss Lucy Barlow, Mrs Anne Pearce, Mrs Alice Brown, with Mrs Marj Johnston NTP.



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STORIES OF CHINESE IMMIGRANTS TO THE

WARANGA AREA

Religion and spirituality

As a group, the Chinese miners on the Waranga goldfields were probably more spiritual and active in remaining connected to their religion than the European miners. They obviously had a spiritual connection to their homes in China which meant that many of them returned home as the returns from alluvial mining diminished. If they happened to die in Australia, it was fervently hoped that their remains would be returned to their place of birth. This was not always possible because of financial and other constraints.

These days, although Chinese is an atheist state, the Chinese government officially recognises five religions – Buddhism, Taoism, Catholicism, Protestantism and Islam. The latter three only have tiny congregations today. Less than 3% of the population are members of these religions.

Religious practice

According to Wikipedia, "Confucianism and Taoism (Daoism), later joined by Buddhism, constitute the "three teachings" that have shaped Chinese culture. "There are no clear boundaries between these intertwined religious systems, which do not claim to be exclusive, and elements of each enrich popular or folk religion."

Briefly, Confucianism is a philosophy, which provides guidelines for social mores and relationships between people and entities. Taoism is more concerned with the spiritual side of people's lives and the nature of the universe. Buddhism, which was introduced from India, is a philosophy based on personal development and the acquisition of deep knowledge.¹

Clearly, this is a fairly simplistic overview of what is a complex array of principles and practices that have developed over millennia and helped to make China the country it is today.

In Waranga

The most obvious symbol of religious focus in a community was the "Joss House", similar to the one in Bendigo. A joss house is defined as a Chinese temple or shrine where an idol or idols are worshipped, similar to churches in the Christian religion. Larger towns on the goldfields had joss houses, but there does not seem to be any record of one on the Waranga goldfields. It is possible that there were communal non-permanent places of worship where people gathered on a regular basis e.g. in tents or bark huts.

With all the Chinese men in the district, there would have been some who were able to minister to their needs, even though it may not have been in an official capacity. Similarly for the Europeans, there were lay people within the ranks of the miners who could hold services of sorts. Travelling clergymen also provided some services. As well as worshipping at a communal facility, many of the Chinese men would have small shrines in their own tents and huts.

Goddess of mercy

At the Golden Dragon Museum in Bendigo there is a temple known as the Guan Yin Temple, consecrated in 1996. Guan Yin is the Chinese Goddess of Mercy. Although she is a Buddhist goddess, there are many different "incarnations and manifestations of Guan Yin's divinity."² She was the first mother Goddess figure in Chinese religion and consequently is highly revered and worshipped in many countries as "the protector of families and the household, especially women and children."²

Worship is often associated with making offerings to the Gods, which is why you will see gifts of flowers, fruit and other food placed in the temples. Prayers are accompanied by the burning of incense, which is symbolic in that the smoke is meant to carry those prayers to heaven. Incense and paper messages are also often burned in the burning towers in Chinese sectors of some cemeteries e.g. White Hills and Bendigo.

In order to soak up a little of richness of Chinese religion and spirituality, a trip over to the Golden Dragon Museum, Yi Yuan Gardens & Guan Yin Temple complex, and the Joss House, is highly recommended. In keeping with the theme, the Buddhist stupa at Myers Flat, Bendigo – the Great Stupa of Universal Compassion - is also well worth a visit. The stupa is constantly evolving and provides great learning opportunities, regardless of one's own religion and spirituality.

Sources: 1 https://education.

nationalgeographic.org/resource/chinesereligions-and-philosophies; 2 Golden Dragon Museum leaflet titled *Guan Yin – The Goddess of Mercy*

Heritage plaques for Murchison

Heritage plaques will soon be installed at many significant sites throughout the City of Greater Shepparton, including Murchison.

This project is an initiative of Council's Heritage Advisory Committee, a volunteer group that advocates for the history and heritage of the municipality.

In Murchison, the three churches, primary school and three hotels (Supa Valu Centre was originally the Punt Hotel), will have a plaque summarising the significant history of the place, with a QR code that will link to a website (yet to be completed) with much more detail.

A Name from the Past Len Coyle, a Shire stalwart

Len Coyle was just 60 when he died in June of 1974. He was the son of a Member of Parliament, Thomas J. Coyle, and the Coyle name continues in the district. Serious health issues had hospitalised him, sometimes resting at the Mooroopna home of his policeman son, Murray.

Rushworth Chronicle of 27 June, 1974, reported as follows:

"Cr. Len Coyle, J.P., President of the Shire of Waranga, passed away in the Mooroopna Hospital on Tuesday night. He had been ill for several months and in and out of hospital in the last few weeks.

Cr. Coyle was first elected to the Council in 1955 and was Shire President in 1957, 65-66 and at the time of his death.

He was actively associated with many district organisations and was secretary of the Fire Brigade for ten years and received the Gold Star Award several years ago.

He leaves a wife and five children (all married), and grandchildren.

Holy Communion at St Paul's, 10 a.m., Friday 28th for friends and relatives of the late L. C. Coyle. The funeral service will be held at St Paul's Rushworth at 2 p.m., Friday 28th June."

Mr Coyle's widow was Jean. His children were Ross, Murray and Ian (now deceased), and daughters Marj (Morgan) and Norma (Hamilton).

His brother-in-law Bill Lambden had passed away just three weeks earlier. Both men had been prominent in the Football Club, Len serving as secretary when nobody could be found to take the role.

The Chronicle of 4 July reported that members of the fire brigade, which Mr Coyle had joined when 19, marched ahead of cortege from the Anglican church. Shops closed during the funeral procession as a mark of respect, which does not always happen today.

Mr Coyle and wife Jean operated the café now run by Gus and Ollie, and delivered pre-ordered school lunches to the then Rushworth High School for several years.

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One of the new heritage plaques already installed at Tallygaroopa.

Equipping learners with valuable skills

Learn Local: The quiet achiever supporting adult Victorians to work and study.

• Learn Local equips Victorians with valuable skills that open new doors to work, further study and meaningful participation in daily life.

• There are over 200 Learn Local providers across in-demand areas in Victoria, offering a range of low-cost courses from maths, literacy and English language to digital and workplace skills.

• Learn Local plays a key role in building equity into the state's education ecosystem to ensure that adult Victorians are equipped to take advantage of education and job opportunities, at any stage in life.

Minister for Skills and TAFE, Gayle Tierney, says the initiative has a key role in building equity into Victoria's education ecosystem to ensure all Victorians can pursue the opportunities they deserve.

"Adult and community education plays a vital role ensuring all Victorians are supported

to gain the skills they need to pursue further study and rewarding careers."

"Learn Local courses are helping people to transform their lives through communitybased education that is focused on the needs of learners and their communities."

Felimon Asel, a Sudanese refugee who undertook an English course via Learn Local when he first entered Australia 7 years ago, gave him a feeling of social cohesion and connection to community. His dedication to skill-based learning helped him to find a suitable role with Winslow Constructors at the completion of the course.

"Learn Local has been integral in my journey in adapting to Australian life. Arriving in a new country where you don't speak the language is daunting but Learn Local gave me the resources and the confidence to pursue my ambitions and opened the door to a job that I truly enjoy." he says.

Demand for workers in metropolitan Melbourne remains strong, with 277,000

new workers expected by 2026, according to the Victorian Skills Plan for 2023 into 2024. Learn Local can play an important role in preparing individuals to embark on a pathway to further training or into a job.

In 2022-23, 24,595 learners participated in Learn Local training with a recent survey indicating that 90 percent of learners were satisfied with their training. About 27 per cent of learners took Learn Local courses for work-related reasons.

Dr Teresa De Fazio OAM Chairperson of Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board highlights the growing need for community education for Victorians.

"Learn Local offers an experience that can, in many instances, reframe learning for participants in a positive way, helping them to fulfil their potential and set them on a path to achieve their study, work and life goals." she said.

To find out more about Learn Local, visit: vic.gov.au/learnlocal.

Draft economic development and tourism strategy opens for feedback

Campaspe Shire Council has released the latest Campaspe Economic Development and Tourism Strategy (CEDTS) draft for public comment. The strategy has been in development for over a year with community engagement conducted throughout 2023 and 2024.

The draft CEDTS is available for public review and feedback for a three-week period. Community members are encouraged to provide their input, which will be incorporated into the final report. The final version of the strategy will be presented to the Council for consideration in July 2024.

Campaspe Shire Mayor, Cr Rob Amos thanked the community and industry stakeholders who have provided valuable insights in the preparation of the strategy.

"Council has cast the net far and wide seeking input from the community and

industries in a range of ways and have had over 500 submissions which have informed this strategy.

"It has been great to see so many voices articulate their views to help shape the shire's economic development and tourism future.

"This is a comprehensive culmination of over a year's worth of consultation and engagement, so we want to ensure the loop is closed, and provide a final opportunity for community to have their say before the strategy is finalised," said the mayor.

Council has allocated \$150,000 in its

2024-25 budget to implement the CEDTS projects, with additional funding supporting related initiatives.

Residents can review the draft strategy on the Council's website and submit feedback via the online form, in person or via phoning Council's Customer Service Team.

The draft Campaspe Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2024-29 is open for comment until 5pm, Wednesday, 26 June. For more information and to read the report, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/ nowopen



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Busy times at St Mary's

NAPLAN

Over the past few weeks, staff have been busy analysing, discerning and celebrating our interim NAPLAN results. We are exceptionally proud of our Year 3 and Year 5 students and commend them for what they have achieved in terms of their achievement and, more importantly, growth. Our school strives to pursue strategies and contemporary practices for continual improvement and student development to ensure sustained progress and academic excellence within our community.

Using this data, in conjunction with our school data sets, our staff work tirelessly to provide learning opportunities and experiences that develop and nurture individual students, at their point of need, academically, socially and emotionally. 'Caring for the whole child'. Well done everyone.

Enrolments now open

Our enrolments are now open for 2025. If you or someone that you know is interested in attending school next year, please feel free to reach out to our amazing administration officers (5856 1347) to arrange a tour led by either the principal or our year 6 leaders. We warmly welcome inquiries and look forward to showcasing our beautiful school and amazing learning firsthand.

Additionally, we're thrilled to announce upcoming transition days for next semester. Stay tuned to the Waranga News and our school social media for dates as we eagerly prepare to welcome new students into our school community.

Vin Ryan Principal

Year 3/4 creative writing-space



In class we have been working on narrative writing and joined handwriting. We have created some narratives about the topic 'space'. Everyone in the class worked their best and came up with some awesome stories. we are very proud of our work and ourselves, we would like to share some of our work with the community. We hope you enjoy our stories.

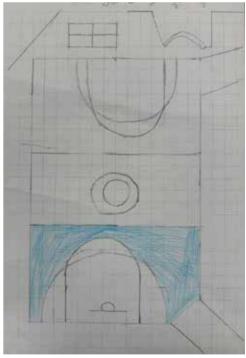
EDUCATION IS THE PASSPORT THE TO THE FUTURE, FOR TOMORROW BELONGS TO THOSE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY.

From the Year 3/4 class

Student voice

Last week, Mr Ryan met with contractors to plan for the resurfacing of the basketball court which will take place during the summer months.

Notably, student input will be instrumental in shaping the design process, guaranteeing that the court aligns with the desires and preferences of a dynamic school community. Stay tuned for further updates on this thrilling project!



Year 3-6 students have begun preliminary drawings for the design.

Around our schools Around our schools Around our schools Around our schools Around our Students report on Year 5/6 camp

Two weeks ago Year 5/6 students and teachers embarked on a three day camp to Anglesea. Student highlights included:

Sophie - I loved exploring the beach. It was really pretty and I loved the sounds.

Lucy - I loved making friends with the kids from the other school. I also loved the cabins and the zipline.

Taya - I loved going on the 10m zipline and making new friends.

Olivia - Zipline, cabins and the mountain bike riding were my favourite.

Heath - I loved the food and the big game of footy.

Pippa - We played a massive game of footy. It was hard staying on our player.

Ethan - There was not much down time... we were busy.

Ruby - I loved the 10m zipline.

Mr Ryan - I loved how our students interacted with each other and getting to know them in a more relaxed setting. My highlight was our big game of football with all of the Rushworth kids and teachers. We did not score, just played in great spirits - I did try to hide how sore I was the next day.

Laura - I loved watching the kids (and teachers) push through their fears on the zipline and climbing wall.



Bushwalking



The food was amazing



Bush cooking making damper.



Amelia on the beach - it was cold!



Reaching the top



Rock climbing



Taya on the flying fox



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Colbinabbin Kinder love the winter months. It means they get rugged up and head out to Bush Kinder.

Children and educators alike look forward to building fires, climbing huge trees and wandering along the creek.

So much learning happens at Bush Kinder as the children engage in nature play. They use fallen branches to build cubby houses and try to catch fish for afternoon tea. At Bush Kinder we get to be brave, imaginative, creative and capable as we explore the beautiful natural environment.

Right: Children head out to enjoy some nature play.



Ava and Charlotte have built a bark walkway to get down to the creek

"We can see everything up here!"





Finn and Tommy are fearless as they climb an ancient tree.



The children have found a shortcut to the creek. "In summer this can be our Bush Kinder water slide!"





Herbie fishing 'I need a longer stick.'



Gozleme is a delicious Turkish snack for anytime of the day. The pastry can be made by hand and is great for getting the kids involved.

INGREDIENTS

Gozleme pastry

2.5 cups (375g) flour, plain

 $1/_{2}$ cup (85ml) extra virgin olive oil

 $3/_4$ cup (185ml) water

 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt

Spinach and fetta filling:

300g baby spinach

- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 300g Danish feta

2 cups (200g) shredded mozzarella Cooking/Serving

 $1 - 1^{1/2}$ tbsp olive oil, per gozleme

Lemon wedges

METHOD - pastry

Fit stand mixer with dough hook. Combine flour, oil, salt and water in the stand mixer bowl. Mix for $2^{1/2}$ minutes on medium high until smooth. Dough should be a pliable, smooth ball, not sticky. Doing by hand will take a while longer. Cover and rest for twenty minutes. Sprinkle work surface with flour. Cut dough into four pieces. Roll out into 35cm

METHOD - Spinach and fetta filling

Place spinach, garlic, egg and pepper in a bowl. Scrunch with hands to reduce volume and make spinach 'floppy'. Add feta and stir through.

METHOD - making gozleme

Spread filling on half the pastry, pushing to the edge. Sprinkle spinach feta with mozzarella cheese, if using.

Fold other side of pastry over to cover filling. Press down edges, pressing out excess air pockets trapped inside as you go. Use water if needed to seal well.

Sprinkle flour on a round pizza paddle or board. Slide gozleme onto paddle or board. **Cooking**

Heat 1.5 tbsp oil in a large pan over medium high heat. (I usually get two pans going).

Slide gozleme into pan. Cook, lightly pressing down (including edges), until deep golden and crispy – about three minutes. Flip and cook, pressing down lightly, until crispy. **Serving**

Transfer to cutting board. Cut into six or eight pieces. Serve immediately with lemon wedges, if desired. Filling is enough to fill four gozleme. *Seasonal Kitchen*





Winter solstice and short days

With the winter solstice upon us, it's a little quieter on the garden job front at this time of year. Of course, there is always something to do in the garden!

Move your indoor plants into the brightest position possible and wait to do any repotting until spring or early summer as they can suffer worse transplant shock in the cold weather. If you have heating on remember that house plants can dry out quickly – regularly check soil for moisture levels. Bring any small tropical plants you have in pots onto a deck or inside to reduce their damage from the cold.

It's still okay to plant indigenous tube stock in winter; they just won't grow much until things warm up a little. You'll have a head start on spring planting and contributing to wildlife habitat in your area though!

Deciduous fruit trees (such as pears, apples, nectarines, cherries peaches and plums) are best planted in winter, especially when they can be planted bare rooted. Evergreen trees can also be planted in winter. Nurseries now have a wide range of bare-rooted trees in stock.

Get planting sites ready

in advance by digging holes, adding amendments such as well rotted compost and rock minerals (only very poor soils need slow-release organic fertiliser added to planting holes), backfill, water with seaweed solution, cover with mulch and let the site soil activate over the next few weeks. By planting time it will be teeming with microbes and worms, perfect for establishing new trees.



Handy Hints - from Lyn Rumble

Recycling, Repurposing and Reusing is big on my list to try to do my bit for the environment. In turn that usually means I can save some money in my weekly budget, which is wonderful. I hope that some of these tips can help you too!

Finding really good hints and tips is not that easy – so if you happen to have one that maybe I haven't mentioned yet – why not get in touch and we could share it with the rest of the community! Have a great week and stay safe,

Lyn Rumble

* Make-do Insect Repellent – Vicks Vapour Rub makes an ideal insect repellent when you're outdoors gardening, camping, hiking or riding etc. The pesky critters don't like the balm's strong smell, so you can enjoy your activity pest-free!

* Reducing the quantity of laundry! – wouldn't that be a blessing! But seriously – we probably wash our clothes far too often when it's not necessary. Why not try to keep a set of clothes just for gardening – then it doesn't matter if they remain dirty for a few days wear (I keep mine at the bottom of the wardrobe - easily accessible). A jumper/ windcheater/cardigan or pair of jeans that doesn't have a speck of dirt on them! Creases can easily be removed with a short dryer spin or a quick spritz of a good linen spray can freshen them if need be.

* Winter laundry washing – It is always a headache trying to dry clothes as quickly as possible and not hanging damp around the house. Having a weather app on my mobile phone is a real advantage for me because I can check within the next few days when the weather will be fine and there is going to be a chance of a good breeze as well, and that makes for good laundry line clothes drying! Then it's just a matter of finishing with airing indoors overnight on my clothes airer (or clothes horse as my mum used to say!).

* **Op Shops are wonderful** – that really is an understatement! I had the pleasure of going on a Mystery Op-Shop Tour organised through our Community House last week and it was fantastic! Did not cost me anything to join in and we visited six op-shops in easy drive locations. Every one of us, including our driver, came back with some brilliant bargains and it was lovely to get to meet some new like-minded community residents. It was great for the wallet, lovely relaxation and I didn't have to drive either – what a great day out! Thank you RCH!

* Got some leftovers in the fridge and you don't know what to do with them? – Why not Google the internet and find some suggestions! I went looking the other day when I wanted to find a shortbread recipe, because I couldn't find my favourite cook book! I found a brilliant site with some great recipes much different to my usual method! Tried it and they turned out to be fabulous – I now have a new favourite scrumptious biscuit – just right for coffee time!

Health and Wellbeing

Waranga Health physio service to end

From 1 July, community physiotherapist Lisa Cullum will no longer be providing services at Waranga Health.

For many years, GV Health has subsidised physiotherapy services, initially out of Waranga Memorial Hospital and then Waranga Health. However these visits will no longer be subsidised.

GV Health will continue to assist patients requiring physiotherapy services which will be available at GV Health in Shepparton.

Transportation is available through Community Transport Shepparton (1300 704 530) at a cost to those who require it.

Alternatively, Lisa will continue to see private patients at her clinic in Tatura.

If you wish to continue receiving physiotherapy care from Lisa, you can book an appointment at Tatura Physiotherapy Clinic, located at 85 Hogan St, by calling 03 5824 2889.

Dr Nigel Fang retires from Rochester practice

Long-standing General Practitioner Dr Nigel Fang, of the Rochester Medical Clinic, will be retiring from his medical practice on Friday, 28 June. He will simultaneously be retiring from his Visiting Medical Officer role at Rochester and Elmore District Health Service (REDHS).

REDHS has acknowledged Dr Fang's service to the local community over a long period of time. Not only has Dr Fang provided continuity of care to the patients who he had "inherited" with the Rochester Medical Clinic, but he has also worked tirelessly through the succeeding years, covering the hospital roster on a week on/week off basis, and during multiple times of hardship such as floods and the COVID pandemic.

As in many rural general practices, it has been extremely difficult for Dr Fang to recruit additional medical practitioners to join his practice, share his workload and eventually succeed him.

The REDHS Board and Executive team realise that Dr Fang's retirement will have a huge impact on medical services for REDHS and the local community. A Board level working party has been established to deal with and support the necessary responses.

To date, these have included facilitating handovers of care for the aged care residents Dr Fang has cared for, developing plans for the ongoing operations of REDHS Urgent Care Centre (currently co-located at the Rochester Medical Clinic) and liaising with key stakeholders such as the Campaspe Medical Centre, Victorian Department of Health and Murray Primary Health Network. Further updates to the community will be provided by the Board.

The Board will sorely miss Dr Fang's expertise and dedication, and wish him well in his retirement.

Waranga Health Breast cancer forum at Shepparton

Breast cancer experts will discuss current and emerging breast cancer care at a free information forum in Shepparton.

The forum, on Wednesday 26 June, will be hosted by Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA), Australia's leading breast cancer consumer and advocacy organisation. It will give local people an opportunity to learn more about current and emerging breast cancer treatments and care. It will also address mental health support, lymphoedema management and local services available in the Shepparton area.

Through a pre-event survey BCNA heard that equity of access is a significant issue for those who live rurally and regionally in Victoria. Concerns aired were around travelling for treatment, access to specialists and allied health, access to mental health support services as well as lymphoedema management and care.

"There can be difficulties accessing resources and support services in regional areas like Shepparton with some people affected by breast cancer travelling for treatment and bearing the financial burden of doing so," BCNA's Director of Policy, Advocacy and Support Services Vicki Durston said.

"Access to holistic healthcare is important not only for when someone is going through a diagnosis but after treatment as well. There is a huge demand for these types of services, which can make accessing them difficult."

In addition to providing information and support to those diagnosed with breast cancer, BCNA advocates for better health and support services for people affected by breast cancer. The information forum offers a chance for people to engage with breast cancer experts they might not otherwise have the opportunity to hear from, close to where they live.

"We are coming to Shepparton with the aim to provide information to help with the issues that have been identified and hear directly from attendees about their experience," Ms Durston said.

BCNA's Information Forums are designed for everyone affected by breast cancer – whether they have been diagnosed with DCIS, early breast cancer, or metastatic breast cancer as well as supporters. It will also be an opportunity to hear from local community groups and BCNA members, who will share their own stories about their breast cancer diagnosis.

Guest speakers at Shepparton will be Medical oncologist: Dr Michelle White

Oncology Social Worker: Dr Carrie Lethborg Lymphologist: Professor Neil Piller (appearing via video)

McGrath Breast Care Nurses: Michelle Parish and Melissa Gilmour.

The event will also be held online for anyone who would like to join via Zoom.

Registrations are free and open right up until the start time via BCNA's website. Date: Wednesday 26 June

Location: Quality Hotel Parklake, Shepparton Time: 9.00 am for 9.30 am start – 3.00 pm

Look Good Feel Better men's workshop at GV Health Shepparton - June 20

Global not-for-profit cancer support charity Look Good Feel Better — run by The Cancer Patients Foundation in Australia — works closely with cancer patients, providing nonmedical support on topics ranging from skincare and fitness to mental wellbeing.

It will host a volunteer-run workshop in Shepparton for men at Goulburn Valley Health next week, where topics will include skincare advice, make-up tips, wig and headwear selection and care, fitness, mobility and mental wellbeing.

LGFB runs about three workshops for women in Shepparton each year, with the next one in August; however, LGFB Victorian program manager and volunteer Faye Venning said men and women undergoing treatment had different needs.

She said for them to get more out of the workshops it was better to run them separately.

"In both of them we do skincare because looking after skin is a really important part for them, so we use different men's products and women's products," Ms Venning said.

Virtual workshops are also held online

multiple times a week to cater to those who are unable to make it to a live event. The workshops are designed to empower women and men by giving them skills and products to help them feel more confident while facing the challenges of cancer treatment.

To register for the workshop go to lookgoodfeelbetter.org.au



17th President of in Australia



Rev Charissa Suli will be installed as the 17th President of the Uniting Church in Australia on 11 July 2024.

The installation will be an historic event, with the Uniting Church being the largest Australian Christian denomination to elect a person of colour as national leader.

Charissa will be the youngest person to serve as President and the third woman.

The President is the spiritual leader and representative of the Uniting Church nationally.

The opening worship will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 11 July at St Stephen's Uniting Church in Sydney, but will also be live-streamed in other states.

Catholic parishes celebrate ATSI the Uniting Church Sunday to commence NAIDOC Week on July 7

Every year, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church.

On this day, the Australian Catholic Bishops and NATSICC (National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council) invite everyone to give thanks for the gifts that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples bring to the Church and our nation, and to reflect on our journey together.

It acknowledges that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years.

The day also marks the start of NAIDOC Week, a time for celebrating Indigenous culture across the Australian community.

NATSICC is the peak Catholic national body of Indigenous People. Every year they produce a suite of liturgical resources for parishes to get involved locally.

For a range of information about First Nations people and the Catholic Church go to http://www.natsicc.org.au/



NAIDOC Week 2024 theme Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud

This year's NAIDOC Week theme celebrates the unyielding spirit of ATSI communities. The theme is explained as follows:

The fire represents the enduring strength and vitality of Indigenous cultures, passed down through generations despite the challenges faced. It is a symbol of connection to the land, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As we honour this flame, we kindle the sparks of pride and unity, igniting a renewed commitment to acknowledging, preserving, and sharing the cultural heritage that enriches our nation.

"Blak, Loud and Proud" encapsulates the unapologetic celebration of Indigenous identity, empowering us to stand tall in our heritage and assert our place in the modern world. This theme calls for a reclamation of narratives, an amplification of voices and an unwavering commitment to justice and equality. It invites all Australians to listen, learn, and engage in meaningful dialogue, fostering a society where the wisdom and contributions of Indigenous peoples are fully valued and respected.

Through our collective efforts, we can forge a future where the stories, traditions, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are cherished and celebrated, enriching the fabric of the nation with the oldest living culture in the world. (www.naidoc.org.au)

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)

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



GRACE BEFORE MEALS Thanks for the food we're about to eat. It looks quite delicious: it should be a real treat!

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:

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Leaving our mark

Endings are an inevitable part of life. They come in many forms—concluding a project, saying goodbye to loved ones, reaching the end of a chapter, or even reflecting on life's ultimate end.

Despite their inevitability, endings can be challenging and often bring uncertainty and fear. However, they also offer opportunities for growth, reflection, and renewal.

This is the first of a series of articles inspired by the letter 'Z'. They explore different aspects of endings and the wisdom they hold. By embracing endings with grace and intention, we can learn to appreciate the beauty and potential they bring, ensuring that all will be well in the end.

Leaving our mark: the lessons of Zorro

The other evening, as I was channelsurfing, I stumbled upon a scene from one of the classic 'Zorro' movies. It was one of those moments where I wasn't planning to watch anything in particular, but the sight of Zorro, with his mask, hat, and flowing cape, caught my attention.

In the scene, he finished an escapade with his characteristic flourish, slashing three swift strokes of his sword to form the famous 'Z' on a wall. It struck me that Zorro knew how to leave his mark.

The image of Zorro carving his symbol into the wall has stayed with me since that night, reminding me of the impact we all can have on our own lives. Zorro's 'Z' wasn't just a symbol of his victory or identity. It was a message to the people he defended and to those he opposed. It declared his presence, his mission, and his unwavering commitment to justice. It was a reminder that one person, armed with courage and purpose, can make a difference.

Our own marks

In our daily lives, we might not have a sword or dramatic flair, but we each leave marks in our own ways. Our marks are the impressions we leave on others, the contributions we make to our communities, and the values we uphold. Our marks can be as subtle as a kind word or as significant as a life-changing decision. The question is, what kind of marks are we leaving?

Living in a small farming community,

VALLEY FUNERALS 'The caring people' Tatura and G.V. Areas 5824 1180 Locally Owned Affordable Funerals I see first-hand the marks left by others. There's the elderly neighbour who bakes a cake for the new family down the road, the teacher who stays late to help a struggling student, and the volunteer who organises the local food drive. These acts of kindness and generosity may not be as flashy as Zorro's 'Z', but they are powerful in their own right. They shape our community, foster connections, and build a legacy of compassion.

Marks of love, justice, mercy

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus speaks about the importance of good deeds in his 'Sermon on the Mount.' He tells his followers to let their light shine before others, so that they may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven. This is a call to live out our values in tangible ways, to make our mark through actions that reflect love, justice, and mercy. It's a reminder that our deeds, however small, can illuminate the world around us and inspire others.

Marks of justice and integrity

Zorro's mark was also a symbol of defiance against injustice. He stood up for the oppressed and challenged the corrupt. In our own lives, we too face moments where we must choose to stand up for what is right. It might be speaking out against a wrong, supporting a cause, or simply refusing to stay silent in the face of injustice. These actions are not always easy, but they are necessary. They leave a mark on the world, signalling our commitment to justice and integrity.

Reflecting on Zorro's iconic 'Z,' I am reminded of the importance of intention. Zorro's marks were deliberate and precise, crafted with purpose and skill. In our lives, being intentional about the marks we leave Waranga News - 20 June 2024 - Page 25

means being mindful of our actions and their impact. It means striving to live in a way that aligns with our values and contributes to the greater good. It's about making choices that leave a positive and lasting impression.

The vineyard, with its cycles of growth and harvest, offers a beautiful metaphor for being intentional. Each vine is carefully tended, nurtured to reach its full potential. The marks left by the vineyard workers the planting layout, the pruning, the training of the vines—are deliberate and thoughtful, aimed at producing the best possible fruit. This labour of love and care is reflected in the quality of the wine, a testament to the impact of the workers' efforts.

In a world that often feels chaotic and uncertain, remembering the power of the marks we leave can be grounding. It encourages us to act with purpose, to make choices that reflect our highest values, and to contribute positively to our communities. Whether through small acts of kindness, standing up for justice, or simply living with integrity, we each have the ability to leave a mark that matters.

Making a difference

As I watched Zorro's 'Z' take shape on that wall, I saw more than just a symbol of a masked hero. I saw a reminder of the potential within each of us to make a difference. In our own ways, with our own tools and talents, we can leave marks that inspire, uplift, and create a legacy of goodness. And perhaps, like Zorro, we can remind others that even in the face of challenges, having courage and being intentional can carve a path to a better world.

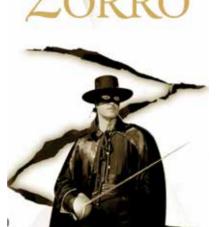
Let your light shine

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matt 5:14-16)

This is the gospel, and it's good news. Brian Spencer, Minister, Waranga Uniting Churches



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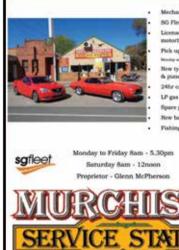
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Sun 23	Landcare collective: 'Girgarro tour' hosted by the Stanhope/ Girgarre Landcare Group
Thu 27	Author Visit - Nicola Thomson 2pm Rushworth Library
Sat 29	SES Rushworth Open Day - 10am to 3pm, 4 Barlow Avenue Rushworth.

JULY

Sat 6	Antique and Collectables Market, Rushworth Shire Hall, 8.30-3pm						
Mon 15	Karate Classes - Rushworth Shire Hall 6.30pm-7.30pm						
Sat 20	Rushworth Market, High Street - 8.30am to 1pm						

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- Rushworth Food bank: Wed 9am to 12pm and Friday 9am to 12pm
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- 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 Walking Group: Tuesdays at 10am at McEwen Place
- Rushworth Market: 3rd Saturday of month 8.30am to 1pm
- Rushworth ART Depot (RAD) every Market day Sat 10am -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
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- Stanhope Mens Shed: Mon Wed Fri 9am 12 noon
- Murchison Mens Shed: Wednesdays 10am 3pm
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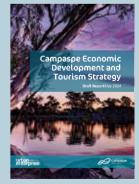


Campaspe Murray Business Awards

Nominations are now open for the Campaspe Murray Business Awards, showcasing excellence and innovation across a range of business and industry categories. Applications are open to businesses operating within the Campaspe Shire and Murray River Council areas. There are three new categories included this year including Excellence in Marketing, Excellence in Health and Wellbeing and the Community Impact Award.

Campaspe Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2024-29

The draft Campaspe Economic Development and Tourism Strategy has been developed following extensive community and industry consultation



and outlines our strategic framework to guide the future directions for economic development and tourism within Campaspe Shire. The draft Campaspe Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2024-29 is open for comment until 5pm, Wednesday, 26 June 2024.

Rushworth footballers have new interchange boxes

Well-needed interchange boxes have been installed by the Parks Trust at the Ironbark Stadium Rushworth in the last few weeks while the ground has not been in use because of bye and away games. The rusty old sheds were well overdue for change.



removed. Photo at right: the new interchange box in place.

Dual Morrison Medallist inducted into the Hall of Fame

Rushworth footballer, Keith Kane, was inducted into the Goulburn Valley Football Netball Hall of Fame on 2 June 2024.

Born John Keith Kane at Rushworth in 1911, Keith was a champion rover with Rushworth Football Club in its golden era from 1929-1940.

Keith was one of only three players who were in all five Rushworth premiership teams in the 1930s – the other two being Tim Hawking and Bill Corner. Generally, he featured in the best players whenever Rushworth contested finals. For example, in the 1939 Grand Final against hot favourites Nagambie. The Shepparton News reported that Keith was "setting an inspiring example" in the extremely tense final quarter. Characteristically, he ended up Best on Ground in the game, which the Tigers lost by a kick inside the last minute.

Keith has been one of the few players to win consecutive Morrison Medals, awarded to the Best and Fairest player in the GVFL (then the GVFA). He achieved this feat in 1938 and 1939. In those days, the medal was presented at half-time on Grand Final day. Rushworth were participants in the 1939 final, so the Nagambie and Rushworth players duly lined up on the ground during the break while Keith received his medal.

Other Morrison Medal winners

The only other Morrison Medal winners for the club were in the 1950s, when Bill Cruz, Con O'Toole and Lindsay Turnbull all won the coveted prize. Gerald Sexton received a retrospectively awarded Morrison Medal for tying the 1948 medal count, which he had lost on a count-back.

In 1938, Keith also won the club's Best and Fairest, the Colliver Cup, which was named in honour of his recently deceased teammate Keith Colliver.

Despite the fact that Keith won the Morrison Medal again in 1939, Wilfred Wootton won the Colliver Cup, while Keith received the Criterion Cup for being the 'most serviceable player' for the season.

GVFL

Keith Kane played in several representative sides for the GVFL. For example, in 1935, he was a member of the side that defeated the Waranga North-East League by five points. In those sides, he would have played with the three men he held in the highest regard for their outstanding football ability – Wilf Cox (Kyabram), 'Bub' James (Shepp) and 'Nedsy' Dwyer (Murchison).

Enlisted in 1940

By early 1940, Keith was serving his country in the Second World War. He joined up at Wangaratta in February and was attached to the 2/8th Battalion.

He and several other Rushy lads – the first from the area to enlist – were given a public farewell in March 1940, so Keith had to forego his involvement in the football club for the 1940 season.

The 2/8th is a famous battalion in Australian military history. It was involved in taking Tobruk from the Italians in north Africa, before taking part in the unsuccessful defence of Greece, then Crete in the face of German invasions. Ironically, some of the many Italian POWs that Keith's battalion had captured may have finished up in Camp 13 near Rushworth.

Moving back to the South-West Pacific Area (SWPA) theatre of war, the 2/8th was heavily involved in mopping up operations against the Japanese in the Solomon Islands, Bougainville and PNG. In PNG it successfully took Mt Shiburangu in June 1945, as the war in the south-west Pacific slowly ground to a halt. VX19818 Corporal John Keith Kane was the sort of bloke you would like to have alongside you in a scrap.

His brother Basil made the ultimate sacrifice, losing his life in 1941. Sadly, Basil's grave in the Gaza war cemetery is still in a war zone. He is also commemorated on the Rushworth war memorial.



Returning to Rushworth

After the war, Keith returned to Rushworth, working as a labourer on farms and in the bush. He was coach of the club in 1949 at the age of 37, and apparently he was still playing. The club finished tenth in the GVFL that year. The club's glory days in the GVFL were effectively over, with the club only making one post-war finals series in 1957 before eventually moving to a minor league in 1965.

Keith Kane never married, and is buried in the Roman Catholic section of the Rushworth cemetery. He was only 55 when he died in December 1966.

Trophies and medals

The Kane family donated Keith's trophies and medals to Rushworth Football Club, where they were displayed in the clubrooms.

Stolen from their spiritual home

Much to the disgust of the club, this cherished memorabilia was subsequently stolen. The club would relish the chance to again share this important part of the club's heritage with its members and visitors to the club. If the person(s) who have the items have a shred of honour left, they might consider returning them to their spiritual home.

Rushworth Golf Club News

2 June

Monthly Medal and Stroke event Winner: Dennis Hardie NTP: 7/16 Rob Geisler, 6/15 Slim Perry

9 June

Final Round Perry Trophy

Dean Ponting came into this final with an impressive lead of seven points. There was no shortage of well-wishers who assured he had it won unless of course he had a really bad day. Dean ignored all this. He played really well and won easily. 14 June

Four members travelled to Elmore for the 4 Ball Open Tournament. Bill and Slim played poorly, by their standards, and the only time they were in contention was in a count-back for the last place prize - which they also lost!

Fortunately President Garrick and Dennis played very well and thought they had won. However, a mistake was discovered on their scorecard, which resulted inn them being relegated from first to third. They were lucky not to be disqualified!

Let this be a lesson for them to make sure their card is totally correct, especially when an older fellow is doing the scoring. Stableford winner: Bill Barlow NTP: 5/14 Dean Ponting NTP: 6/15 Garrick Campbell NTP: 7/16 Bill Barlow

16 June

First round Club Championship (Sponsors Lyn and Bomber Rathjen) Winner: Slim Perry Runner-up: Jim Perry Best Scratch score: Tony Geisler 77 NTP: 7/16 Rob Geisler NTP: 6/15 Tony Geisler NTP: 5/14 Jim Perry

Shot of the season

On 19 May Frank Stewart scored an eagle on the difficult eight hole. This is quite an achievement as no-one can remember the last time an eagle was scored there, Well done Frank.



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Above: Dean Ponting winner Perry Trophy with Tony Geisler.

Below: Sponsor Bomber Rathjen with Slim.



Euroa Show and Shine says 'Go!'

The Australian National Show and Shine Euroa committee is making sure that everyone is aware that "The Show is Go!" with the production of an early flyer announcing the date and venue.

The flyer was used as an early promotion at the recent Historic Winton meeting in May.

Now just two months into their tenure, the committee will make several decisions at their March meeting which will define the way forward for the club to conduct its event on Sunday 6 October.

One decision will be to nominate the theme of the event, which usually consists of a particular decade of motoring and fashions, which will be featured on the day, with appropriate prizes for vehicles and costumes.

Last year's theme was the 1960s, with previous decades of the Twenties and Seventies being featured. The committee's choice for 2024 will be of interest to the many attendees who follow the fun theme each year.

Both the Australian National Show and Shine Facebook and Web pages have been updated with a fresh new look.

A Facebook Event has been created, where interested people can check out the show. Bookings for stalls and club sites are expected to open in the next month or so. The popular "Elite Street" will return, featuring winners of previous years cars and motorcycle awards.

Once again, entry tickets will be available on line, commencing 1st July. However, we



The 1960s fashion parade at last year's show. Picture by Plymouth Dale Photos. will not be surprised to see a modest increase in price here, as the ridiculously inexpensive entry charges which have been in place since 2016 can't last forever in today's everincreasing costs' spiral and which committees of shows everywhere have been battling to contain. No doubt cash at the gate will continue to be a popular option.

The spies also tell us that sponsorship confirmation for the 2024 event is well underway, with committee members following up both previous sponsors and some exciting new ones. We understand that negations are continuing for a "Naming Rights Sponsor" for the show, something that has not occurred for several years.

CFNC - Seniors ramp up the play against Heathcote

Round 10: Colbo v Heathcote Football Seniors

Colbo 13.14.92 def Heathcote 9.12.66

Well in a complete flip of the script the biggest turnaround of the year happened right in front of our own eyes. We are no longer the easy beats of the comp. As we welcome back some injured players whom we have accumulated rather easily throughout the year, the team has finally started to become a more settled side.

It was on from the first whistle; the intensity was high, the pressure was extreme, the want and desire was felt, and the proof was well and truly on the scoreboard at least.

An early jump that 'Heeffcut' didn't want or see coming put them behind the eightball from start to finish. The margin grew as the quarters progressed, and the goals were coming from everywhere.

Clint Shields fooled us all into thinking he was done for the year with an AC joint, to return with a haul of five goals. A couple to Logan Fitzgerald and Jordan Wilson each and singles to a few others rounded out a very team-first display of dominance for the day.

The boys put on an absolute clinic, but it wasn't without its small spot of worry when Heeffcut put the foot down in the last quarter, but it was too little too late for the Sainters. The Hopper brigade ran out the game 26-point winners after losing earlier in the year by 101. Well done lads.

Goal kickers: Clint Shields 5, Jordan Wilson 2, Logan Fitzgerald 2, Alex Carr 1, Hugh McMurtrie 1, Charlie Ryan 1, Jai Carn 1 **Best on ground:** Nathan Basile, Will Lowe, Logan Fitzgerald, Alex Van Ruiswyk, Charlie Ryan, Clint Shields

Reserves

Colbo 5.6. 36 lt Heathcote 21.14. 140

The Colby Reserves went into yet another battle with a undermanned, undersized, overaged and extremely unfit side which we've all accepted to be the modern day norm.

Last time we met we rounded out the day losing by a monster margin, heading up towards to 200-plus region. However, a bit of heart, a bit of determination and a whole heap of luck, the deficit was much smaller, but still large. Ned Flanders (Morgan) kicked two. Maherzy floated one through, big Wilza kicked one and Bodey Abbott snagged one as well. In the end, Heeffcut finished up 104-point winners. A good effort from the Colby twos once again.

Goal kickers: Ned Morgan 2, Will Hayes 1, Xavier Maher 1, Bodey Abbott 1

Best on ground: Bodey Abbott, Xavier Connally, Clayton Bedwell, Christopher Guinane, Harrison Crilly, Noah Martin

Netball

A Grade

Colbinabbin 78 def Heathcote 35

The team came ready to play against Heathcote and had a cracking first quarter

setting the tone for the day.

The goalers were on song and it was a pleasure to watch the ball movement and goaler to goaler work. The mid court also did a sterling job placing the ball into the goal ring.

Defensively we were tidy and continued the trend of lowering our penalties. Congratulations to all the defenders as we tried a few new things and combinations. It was exciting to watch our defence end continue to develop.

Liv Mac's vision and long court passing reminded everyone why she had been a dominant player in this competition for years and earned her best on court.

Best on court: Olivia McEvoy and Ella Kerlin

A Reserve

Colbinabbin 63 def Heathcote 33

Great to have our full team back out on the court this week. The girls remained consistent throughout the game with a variety of combinations played. Overall, great team win.

Best on court: Sophie Lostroh and Macy McCaig

B Grade

Colbinabbin 33 lt Heathcote 43

After two weeks off from netball, the girls came out hopeful for a competitive game. The first half saw strategic movement in all areas down the court, solid passes and accurate shooting. Colbo made use of rolling subs, changing players and trying out different combinations to elevate our performance. Heathcote was in the lead for most of the game, however Colbo had some great turnovers and intercepts that kept the score close for most of the game. Unfortunately, this was not enough to win with Heathcote up by ten goals by the end of the fourth quarter. **Best on court:** Lucy White

B Reserve

Colbo 29 lt Heathcote 49

A sunny start saw the B Reserves game start off pretty evenly with good competition for the first half. With a few injuries and illnesses unfortunately, it didn't stay that way. With girls stepping up in roles they don't normally do and our goaling accuracy down the saints marched away with a bigger margin than we liked. Best on goes to Alex Duke for her incredible defence. Tash Easton also kicked butt being flexible in any role we asked of her and her general positive vibes all game.

Best on court: Alex Duke and Tash Easton 17 & Under

No game - no Heathcote team.

15 & Under

Colbo 42 lt Heathcote 43

A tough game this week. Credit to the players for how they fought continually throughout the game. Evie C was a powerhouse in goals, shooting with great accuracy alongside goalers Harriet and Evie R. Audrey, Ella and Mallee positioned themselves on the ring when feeding beautifully into goalers. Zac, Macey and Abbey worked tirelessly giving us plenty of opportunities to convert intercepts into goals. Let's come out firing next week! Go Hoppers **Best on court:** Evie Coghill and Zac Morgan **13 & Under**

Colbo 14 lt Heathcote 24

After a bye, the Colbo Under 13's came out on a mission ready to take on the saints. It started out with some fantastic passages of play flowing down the court, with quality goal accuracy and defensive turnovers leading to success but Heathcote, boasting a few older and taller players, proved difficult to beat. We were able to keep the margin within reach, which is a significant improvement since our first encounter, which is a fantastic achievement. Despite the loss, all players should be proud of their efforts and should be ready to face every challenge ahead. Well done everyone!

Best on court: Ruth Woodman and Hailey Johnstone.

We finally get to go back to the MJ Morgan Oval for a string of three home games in a row. It feels like we haven't played there for two months. We host Leitchville-Gunbower which will be a cracking game in the seniors alone, and every other game will have its own level of importance.

Winter bowls in Rushworth

After a week off for the long weekend the winter bowlers were back in force on the 13 June.

There were three teams with three game wins at the end of the day. Bad luck Glenis and Bruce, only 46 shots. Well done Barb, Arms and Maurice from Colbo, the runners up with 47 shots.

The winners were Taffy, new to bowls Claire Campbell and Barry with 48 shots.



RFNC - Tigers go goal to goal with Tallygaroopna

Round 8

Under 15s vs Murchison Murchison 8-8-56 to Rushy 5-3-33.

The boys made the drive down to Murchison to take on the Hoppers. They started off a little slow letting Murchison have four scoring shots to only one in the first quarter. The boys came out after the first break, firing with kicking two great goals and keeping Murch to the same.

The boys played very well in the last half, but unfortunately, the Murch boys ran away with the win. The boys did a fantastic job, and the score didn't really justify the hard work they did throughout the game.

1st incentives: William 2nd incentive: Brodie 3rd incentive: Heath Umpires award: Karter Rushworth vs Tallygaroopna Reserves Rushworth 26 It Tally 174



Seniors Rushworth 52 lt Tally 62



What a great game to watch. The Tigers played some of their best football, even though they didn't come away with the win. They only lost in the last quarter but their determination meant they were in until the end.

Netball



Rushworth 7 lt Tally 21 13/U

Rushworth 20 lt Tally 22

The girls had an exciting game. They were down by eight goals going into the third quarter and managed to bring the game to a draw in the fourth. Even though they couldn't hold on in the last few minutes, the way they worked hard to close the margin was very impressive.

Incentives: Willow, Kaitlyn and Kayley.



15/URushworth 8 lt Tally 51Incentives: Evie, Keileigh and Lailah17/U

Rushworth 33 lt Tally 39 First quarter the girls started off evenly, with Tally edging away in the second quarter. There was great communication and encouragement heard down the court. The girls need to focus on getting back to their standard of play for the next weeks game. All up, only a six point loss. Well done

Incentives: Madalen, Millie S and Ella C Grade

Rushworth 13 lt Tally 56



Incentives: Anita O, Emma and Millie S B Grade

Rushworth 19 lt Tally 70

B Grade had a great game; they fought hard until the end and kept their spirits high.

1st incentive: Kaity Clapp who always puts in 100% on and off court. Her voice and encouragement is always amazing and lifts the team.

2nd: incentive: Hailey Beiber is just such a pleasure to coach as she is always happy to jump in any positions and takes feedback and turns it into results on court.

3rd incentive: Anita Barlow - Her goals were fantastic and her bounce passes are the stuff of legends.

Very excited to see all the girls dressed up and enjoying themselves at the ball next week! **A Grade**

Rushworth 23 It Tally 50

Dearest gentle reader, a sight to see at the ton today with many young ladies showing great promise. 'Lady Shep' was spotted hunting down many a loose ball and showing great speed and agility.

'Viscountess Baldwin' was once again seen holding court down near the goals and keeping many of the other ladies on their toes - this author thinketh she even had some young ladies running scared.

Another noteworthy performance from 'Lady Mary' who was moving strongly throughout and chatting to all her nearest and dearest young ladies.

A special mention to a new debutante joining the ton this season - 'Miss Montana' who played her best foot forward and this author is looking forward to reporting on what comes next!



RFNC - A great win and boost for the Rushworth club

Round 7 - Rushworth vs Undera Football - U/15

Undera 7-8-50 to Rushy 7-4-46 The boys made a good effort against Undera but unfortunately couldn't come away with the four points.

1st incentive: William 2nd incentive: Dusty 3rd incentive: Leavii Umpire's award: Josh

Reserves Rushworth 68 def Undera 49 Seniors Rushworth 69 def Undera 59 Fantastic effort by both senior teams to come away with the win. Netball - 11/U

Rushworth 8 def Undera 3 Incentives: Sophie, Lucy and Zoe



Sophie Garvey won an incentive.

13/U

Rushworth 30 def Undera 13

The team this week started strong and finished strong, taking out a win. All girls played very well.

Incentives: Kaitlyn, Billie and Charlii. 15/U

Rushworth 17 lt Undera 54

Everyone played well today. Attackers really had their eyes on the loose balls and worked well on the ring. Defenders stuck tight to their players and had hands on most rebounds. The teamwork throughout the games was good. **Incentives**: Makayla, Emily and Keileigh

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Willow Bertram defending 17/U

Rushworth 56 def Undera 12

The girls took control of the game right from the start. Great passages of play down the court and picking up loose balls along the way. Attacking end did well in watching and waiting to feed into the ring. A big thank you to Makayla who stepped up and filled in for us. All the girls should be very proud of themselves with another win.

Incentives: Zahley, Ella and Jackie C Grade Rushworth 16 lt Undera 50



Zaylah Francis in action

A tough game with Eliza, Sarah and Rose out this match but as always Sarah LR showed

how versatile she is slotting into the GD position. Sarah kept her GA down to only a handful of goals for the remainder of the game which was an incredible effort.

Britt slotted into the dreaded C position and absolutely excelled; with an incredible attitude and strong skills, Britt is a dream to watch. Millie stepped up from U17 for us again this week and killed it in GK and WD. Millie is strong and determined and holds her own playing senior netball - we love having her in the team!

Incentives: Sarah, Brittney and Millie **B Grade**

Rushworth 39 def Undera 30

B Grade had a truely magical game coming back from eight goals down at quarter time. The girls worked hard to close the gap and ended up coming away with a win by nine! Very hard to pick incentives this week as every single person played their heart out. Our dangerous Triple M combo were the cause of some serious upsets and intercepts. **Incentives:** Mads, Maya and Montana.



A Grade Rushworth 45 lt Undera 61

Dearest gentle readers. To our great dismay the young ladies did not come away fruitful from their efforts. Putting her best foot forward was 'Vicountess Doolan' with her stunning shots for goal leading her partners dizzy. Coming up right behind her was 'Lady Shep' with stunning speed that left onlookers breathless. Also on show was 'Lady Ogden of Wanalta' who used her voice and wisdom to help all the young ladies. ,

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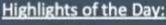
Saturday

29th June 2024

Please join us at:

Rushworth SES Unit

4 Barlow Avenue, Rushworth From 9am – 2pm



- Road Crash Rescue Demonstrations
- Sandbagging Display
- Interactive Displays
- Showcase of Equipment, Vehicles and Uniforms
- Ambulance Victoria, CFA & Victoria Police Demonstrations and Displays
- Live Music
- Free Lunch and coffee
- Raffles

Fun for the Kids:

- Face Painting
- Show Bag Trail
- Hands on Fun
- Fairy Floss
- Popcorn
- Activities Table
- SES Mascot visit





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