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Local art on display



The Motofinish Cafe, High Street Rushworth is a brighter place for the next few weeks and a must for a visit to see the very versatile artwork of local artist Heather Wellington. Last Friday friends and admirers were treated to the official opening of her exhibition 'Texture and Colour' which features forty-nine new artworks. Heather has really expanded her creative style to include mixed media with textiles and stitching as well as her paintings in acrylics, sometimes combining the two. The cafe is open Wednesday to Saturday 9 am to 3 pm and Sunday 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Heather will be there most days to have a chat and talk about her work.

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Book Week is when school children dress up as their favorite characters from books to celebrate literature. Turn to pages 21 and 36 to see more of the popular characters who turned up at Colbinabbin PS.

Fathers Day celebrated at Rushworth Kinder and Childcare

In the lead up to Fathers Day children from the Rushworth Kindergarten and Childcare invited along their fathers and special guests for an evening at kinder.

Guests enjoyed their time playing with the children and spending time in an environment that they don't usually get the opportunity to share.

Kinder staff were pleased with the fantastic turn out of guests, which included grandfathers, mums and siblings.

The children along with their special guests enjoyed a dinner together and time to explore the kinder environment, enjoying activities together. One activity on offer for the evening was shaving. The children smothered dad with shaving cream and then using an icy-pole stick to shave dad!

Also on offer was some construction activities as well as all the regular kinder areas.

There was also some outside time with the children, having a kick of the footy or some sandpit fun - overall a great time for the dads, grand-dads and other special guests.



Take a breath: Bailey Norris gives dad Ben a check up in the hospital corner



Payton Thompson gives dad James a shave.



Louie Rayner and dad Nicholas share a story.

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Get involved in International Women's Day

Campaspe Shire Council is inviting interested people to help plan a community celebration for International Women's Day 2025.

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated globally on 8 March each year, honouring the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women while creating space to highlight the challenges women still face today.

Council is seeking enthusiastic volunteers who are passionate about gender equality and interested in being part of an inclusive celebration that honours and supports women in our region.

Campaspe Shire Mayor Rob Amos said that International Women's Day should reflect the voices of our local community.

Local residents are encouraged to join the working group to help bring this special day to life. No prior event planning experience is necessary—just a willingness to collaborate and make a positive impact.

To apply to be part of the working group or to find out more information about the event contact Council's Event Team or visit:

<https://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/Our-council/Now-open/International-Womens-Day-2025-Working-Group>

Liz Buzza – new Oz citizen

Rushworth's Liz Buzza was one of nine new Australians welcomed at a Shire of Campaspe citizenship ceremony in Echuca last week. A celebration followed the official ceremony with catering that acknowledged all nations represented, including spring rolls, pavlova and lamingtons!



Liz, who originally hailed from New Zealand before following her husband Greg to Australia in 1977, shares a joke with Mayor Rob Amos as she receives her Australian Citizenship at a ceremony in Echuca on 3 September. Liz is very happy to have a foot in each country across the ditch.

Nominations for 2024 Victorian council elections now open

Nominations for the Victorian local council elections have opened, and prospective candidates have until 12 noon Tuesday 17 September to lodge their nomination and submit their candidate statements, photos and questionnaires.

Postal ballots will be sent to all Victorians on the electoral roll in early October and must be returned by close of voting on Friday, 25 October.

All candidates are required to undertake the online Local Government Victoria candidate training to be eligible to nominate for council, as required by the Local Government Act 2020.

The free training has been reviewed and updated this year to strengthen candidates' knowledge and understanding of the roles and responsibilities of councils and councillors. New additions include understanding conflicts of interest, and available support for councillors to perform their role.

Recent reforms to the Local Government Act 2020 aim to improve culture, governance and integrity standards in Victoria's councils ahead of this year's elections.

Councils will have a uniform councillor code of conduct to create consistent standards of behaviour and increase accountability. A program of mandatory training will also be introduced for councillors and mayors, including annual professional development.

The 2024 elections will see a number of changes for voters, with councils across Victoria having changes to their ward structure, following reviews conducted by Electoral Representation Advisory Panels.

For the first time Campaspe Shire will change from the existing five ward structure (Echuca, Western, Rochester, Kyabram-Deakin and Waranga) to an unsubdivided

structure with all nine elected members representing the whole municipality.

Greater Shepparton will change from an unsubdivided structure with nine councillors, to nine wards with one councillor in each ward.

More information on nominating as a candidate is available at vec.vic.gov.au/council-candidate

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Make it Easier not Harder for Small Businesses

I recently stood in Parliament and spoke about the amazing, hardworking and innovative small businesses we have in our region. Unfortunately, farmers, manufacturers, service providers, retail and hospitality owners (the list goes on) are telling me it's getting harder. I told Labor MPs, that businesses feel like they are becoming a cost recovery service for governments as they are constantly having their ticket clipped for regulations and compliance. Small businesses are the engine room of our economy and we won't get more hard-working people, taking risks and opening small businesses if this continues.



Free Education Resources

Our children's education is important to us all and that's why I have created some new free resources.

I now have a Map of the World and Periodic Table of Elements posters available. When I was young there was nothing I loved more than staring at a map and wondering where I could go, and with a background in agriculture I know how important science is in everyday life.



I also have copies of Times Tables and Alphabet Charts. Copies of the charts are available to collect from my Shepparton office or send your details to sam.birrell.mp@aph.gov.au and I'll post you a copy.

Tackling Issues on and off the Field

I want to wish players and sporting clubs around our region the very best as many battle it out to take home the 2024 flag.

I'm taking a quick break during finals from my mission to train with every football and netball club in our electorate. I've trained with over 30 local clubs including Colbinabbin, Stanhope, Kyabram, Girgarre, Murchison and Mount Pleasant. I'm training with clubs to hear from the ground what matters to locals. It also allows me to shine the spotlight on the need for governments to invest in club facilities as they are a hub for so many of our small towns.



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

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Have your say!

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

Foster Care Week

This week is Foster Care Week, a week in which we can celebrate and recognise all those who make a positive contribution in the lives of vulnerable children and young people right across our country.

This year's theme is "Today's carers. Tomorrow's future" – highlighting the role that carers can have in ensuring those in care have the best possible opportunities to succeed in the future.

Unfortunately, the incredible and selfless work of foster carers in Victoria is being taken for granted by the Allan Labor Government and the consequences for our most vulnerable children and young people are tragic.

Victorian foster carers have the lowest care allowance in Australia and has had no increase since 2016.

We know that children who should be placed in a loving foster care home, are instead being placed into residential care, or contingency placements, as more and more unsupported foster carers simply can no longer afford to open their homes.

The number of foster carers in Victoria has been in steady decline since 2020 and the number of households completing accreditation is also decreasing as a direct result of this government's failure to support foster carers in their valuable work.

I am currently undertaking research into the foster care system in our region with parliamentary intern, Sheridyn Sandford, and look forward to being able to share the findings with you in the near future.

I want to thank all carers in our community that are upholding these values and working hard to provide a better life to those in need despite this hardship.

For the sake of all children within the system and their futures, I hope to see this Government ensure carers are provided with the support they need and deserve.

*Annabelle Cleeland,
Member for Euroa*

Dementia Action

With around two-thirds of people with dementia living in the community this Dementia Action Week (16-22 September) we are calling on all Australians to take action to make their communities more welcoming and accessible for people living with dementia.

More than 421,000 Australians are currently living with dementia, but this number is expected to increase to more than 812,500 by 2054.

A lack of knowledge and understanding of dementia can lead to people living with dementia feeling excluded and experiencing discrimination.

People living with dementia tell us they want to belong - they want to be part of their community and to feel valued. That's why this year's theme for Dementia Action Week - 16-22 September - is 'Act Now for a Dementia-Friendly Future'.

All people impacted by dementia deserve to be supported and welcomed in their communities, no matter where they live.

So please, find out how you can influence change in your community to create a more dementia-friendly future at dementia.org.au.

*Merran Kelsall AO
Chair Dementia Australia
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Advisory Committee*

Nominate your local heroes for the 2025 Campaspe Shire citizen awards

The 2025 Campaspe Shire Citizen Awards are now open for nominations to recognise the community members who make a difference across our shire.

Campaspe Shire Mayor Rob Amos highlighted that the awards provide an opportunity for residents to acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional contributions and service of individuals within their communities.

“We have many unsung heroes who selflessly improve the lives of others by volunteering in various areas such as sports, youth or seniors’ programs, the arts, disability, and community services, to name a few.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to recognise and applaud the fantastic efforts of these remarkable

individuals.”

Nominees must live within Campaspe Shire and can be entered into one of three categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, and Community Group of the Year.

Award recipients will be announced at an event prior to Australia Day. This event will give recipients the opportunity to make sure their closest people can attend Australia Day events and give media the opportunity to cover all shire events.

“These prestigious awards represent one of the highest honours a Council can bestow,

publicly recognising local heroes whose dedication and contributions might otherwise go unnoticed,” Mayor Amos said.

Online nominations are encouraged but hard copies are available from Council’s website or Customer Service Centres. For selection criteria and to submit a nomination, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/nowopen. Entries close Friday, 1 December.

If you require assistance with your nomination, please contact Council’s Civic Events Team on 1300 666 535.

Youth Parliament applications now open

Applications for the 2025 YMCA Victoria Youth Parliament have opened and young people across the state are invited to apply.

The program offers 120 young Victorians aged from 16 to 25 the opportunity to experience the parliamentary process first-hand.

Participants will draft, debate and vote on bills in a three-day intensive sitting held in chambers of the Victorian Parliament in July next year. Bills that pass Youth Parliament are presented to government for consideration.

Youth Parliament has helped shape more than 30 Victorian laws, including a new recycling scheme, mandatory wearing of bike helmets, banning the sale of soft drinks in government schools and neutral school uniforms.

The program also includes the YMCA Victoria Youth Press Gallery, which provides young people interested in journalism with an opportunity to develop political journalism, photography, videography and social media skills.

The YMCA Victoria Youth Parliament has been empowering young people to have their voices heard since 1987.

Applications are open until 13 October. For more information or to apply, visit vicyouth.ymca.org.au/learning-and-leadership.

Save the Date for Octolbo!

Octolbo is back, bringing music and the festival spirit to the heart of Colbinabbin.

On Sunday 27 October, the Uniting Church will become an exclusive venue for an afternoon of live music, featuring local musicians.

Uniting Church minister, Brian Spencer (pictured) is enthusiastic about making the building available for the event.

“Music is soul. It is the non-material world that lifts our spirits and brings people together,” says Brian.

Numbers will be limited so if you’re keen, please reserve tickets by calling Julie Price on 0408602841.

Details and performers to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Watch this space!



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Band trumpeting for most of 142 years

By Alan McLean

A prominent feature of Rushworth is the band rotunda, which had frequent use for most of last century. The Rushworth Band has been making music for most of the time since 1882, as reported in the Waranga Chronicle and later the Rushworth Chronicle. This is the first of a three-part series which takes a look at the life of the Band in the extraordinary 142 years.

Naturally several others have looked back at the Band at times, sometimes called the Citizens Band, and sometimes including bagpipes. One review was made in 1928, reported in the Chronicle of 28 January that year.

“The Rushworth Brass Band, which was first organised in 1882, celebrated its 46th anniversary on 15 January 1928, when a number of selections were played in the rotunda in High Street. The band has had its ups and downs since its inception, but at no time during the 46 years can Rushworth be said not to have had a band.

Many of the older residents will have memories of the old days when Mr Duffner had charge of the band for a number of years. Then there was a palmy period when the band was at its highest stage of perfection under the leadership of Mr J. T. Treacy, and afterwards of Mr H. Mulder. The band had competed in competitions and gave a good account of itself. For many years the Rushworth brass band occupied a prominent position in Country Fire Brigade demonstrations.

Mr E. F. Geyle held the position of secretary for over 20 years and his efforts on its behalf were a big factor in keeping the band going. Of late years Mr F. Rich, who was a prominent bandsman and took a great interest in the band, has acted as bandmaster in an honorary capacity and to his efforts on its behalf may be conceded the fact that the band has been kept going.

Most of the old members dropped out and many have gone to other places, but the bandmaster has persevered with a band of



young players who have come on creditably, and the music was much appreciated on Friday night last when the following programme was rendered: - Marches: Band Parade, Ingmar one step, Sambo's Birthday, Hi Diddle Diddle; Selections: Pride of England, Norma, Waltz, Pirates of Penzance, Toujour Tranquil, and God save the Queen.”

What does this tell us? It is implied here, and becomes a fact from other research, that the bandmaster position was, at times, a paid role. The payment was a strategy to attract a suitably qualified man (last century it was only men) to move to town to take the role.

Throughout the life of the band, it has been the energy and enthusiasm of just one or two individuals who have encouraged and cajoled musicians to become involved. Think

Barney Barnbrook late last century. Think Graham Wakefield in recent years.

Of course the whole district is encouraged to become involved. Indeed most of today's musicians reside outside Rushworth, though I saw Paul Beck giving the big bass drum a solid workout during the ANZAC Day march. Are there any readers descended from band officials Messrs Duffner, Treacy, Mulder, Geyle and Rich?

I warmly acknowledge research completed by Stanhope's George Gemmill, who will welcome interest from any reader as he has far more material than can be included here.

Valé Graham Collard

- a stalwart of the Rushworth Band over so many years. Graham (Duffy) was well known for his rendering of the Last Post with his friend Stewart Nurse at many Armistice and ANZAC Day commemorations.

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CFA's life saving impact during blood drive

CFA members from across the state have saved around 3,000 lives by making more than 1,000 donations during this year's Emergency Services Blood Drive.

Team CFA's overall contributions included more than 635 plasma, 396 whole blood and 28 platelet donations between 1 June and 31 August 2024.

CFA proudly achieved third place overall in this year's drive, behind NSW and Victoria Police.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood said one in five donors had to cancel or reschedule appointments this winter due to flu symptoms.

"This is why the Emergency Services Blood Drive helps boost blood stocks at a time when it's really needed over winter," Jonathan said.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan, who also donates blood, thanked CFA's 1,000 members who have made a significant impact to saving lives. "Our volunteers selflessly give up their time every day to help others so it's great to see our members continuing to get behind this vital initiative," Jason said.

"I encourage our members and the broader community to continue to give blood all year round when they can."

Emergency services across Australia donated 13,900 times during last year's blood drive, 31% of those came from Victoria.

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Murchison CFA member climbs the stairs for cancer

Every year fire fighters and emergency services personnel descend upon Melbourne to ascend the gruelling 28 floors of the Crown Metropol building to raise vital money for cancer research.

Xavier Reilly from the Murchison CFA started this event a couple of years ago when he first found out about the stair climb through facebook. He missed the sign-up for the 2022 climb but made sure to keep it on his radar for the following year. Xavier's time in 2023 was nine minutes and nine seconds which he managed to beat this year with a time of five minutes fifty-five seconds.

His reasons for supporting this fundraiser is simple. A couple of family friends and colleagues have been affected by or have passed away from cancer.

Xavier said, 'Some of the major beneficiaries are the 000 Foundation, Lifeline and the Peter McCallum Foundation. One of the small milestones we had from the event was that tickets for the stair climb sold out faster than the Taylor Swift concerts. We raised more money for the Peter MacCallum Foundation than the AFL!'

He said, 'It is a tough experience, but one that always makes me go back. I cant wait to get back there next year. I just need to get into better shape and hopefully smash my time again.'

Xavier was humbled to be asked to write something for the Waranga News and said, 'I was just doing what I feel is right to help fellow firefighters with their battles'.



Well done Xavier. Maybe we can send a few more personnel with you next year?

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Big Ceramic Energy at SAM in Shepparton



Deborah Halpern's towering public sculptures form part of the visual culture of Melbourne, instantly recognisable through their unique mosaic style. Chest of Drawers, 1981, while physically smaller than those public sculptures, is an artwork of epic proportions. Featuring over 40 parts, this life-sized glazed terracotta chest of drawers captures the vibrancy and energy of Halpern's early creative practice.

This and many other incredible ceramic works can be seen at the Big Ceramic Energy exhibition at SAM in Shepparton.



Ceramic oversized water tap by artist Kaye Poulton is one of the eclectic forms celebrating the artists in this collection.

Artists invited to shape arts festival

Are you passionate about creativity and community? A new upcoming Arts Festival/Program, set to take place in May-June 2025, is calling for enthusiastic individuals, artists, creatives and community members, particularly First Nations people, young people and people from diverse cultural backgrounds or people with disability, to join Campaspe Shire Council's 'Creative Recovery Co-Design Group/s'.

In response to recent floods, this festival aims to celebrate resilience and foster connectedness through innovative storytelling and local activations. The festival will provide an opportunity for the broader Shire community to come together to creatively express their shared experiences.

Mayor Rob Amos highlighted that creative and artistic pursuits are powerful tools for bringing people together and creating strong communities.

"Arts and creativity play a crucial role in the recovery process. They provide a means for individuals to express their emotions, connect with others, and find solace during challenging times," he said.

Participants in the Co-Design Groups will collaborate with a diverse team to develop creative activities, contribute innovative ideas, and assist in program delivery. Members will be paid a co-design fee for their creative contributions. Meetings and workshops will be held to guide the development of the festival's artistic vision.

"We believe that by investing in the arts, we are investing in the future resilience of our community.

"Through art, we can tell our stories, share our experiences, and find common ground," Mayor Amos added.

Key Dates

Expression of Interest (EOI) Deadline: Monday, 23 September

Notification of Selection: Monday, 30 September

Initial Meetings:

Rochester Library: Thursday, 9 & 23 October, 5:30-7:30pm

Echuca Library: Friday, 10 & 24 October, 5:30-7:30pm

How to Get Involved

For more information or to express your interest, visit <https://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/nowopen> or Council's Arts and Culture Coordinator on 1300 666 535 or via shire@campaspe.vic.gov.au

Goulburn Valley West Group 2024 Creative Arts Exhibition CWA

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Our local 'treasure trove for science' to be celebrated this month!

by Kay Ball

Murchison & District Historical Society

An amazing event that is known by scientists across the globe, happened here on our doorstep. Considered to be 'a treasure trove for science' the ancient Murchison meteorite, has continued to expand knowledge about our universe since it arrived fifty-five years ago.

On Sunday, 28 September 1969, at approximately 10.58am, a rare type of stoney meteor fell, showering rocks over the township of Murchison and surprisingly, causing only minor damage; a hole in a hay shed roof, a dint in a dairy shed railing and injury to a cow that rushed a fence were all that has been recorded as effects of the fast-travelling items from outer space landing in the area, it is just extraordinary that no-one was injured.

The meteor was moving in a north-westerly direction before impact and it exploded over Murchison. No-one actually saw the rocks falling and landing on the ground as they were travelling faster than the human eye can detect movement. But most Murchison residents heard it, with the noise likened to thunder, an express train or a sonic boom, causing dogs to run away, birds to fly out of the trees and cows and horses to rush across the paddocks. From Kialla West and Benalla, it was seen as a bright orange ball with a silvery rim and a dull orange tail, leaving a blue smoke trail lasting for several minutes. Reports of sighting the trail came from as far away as Mildura in north-west Victoria and to the south in Croydon, a suburb of Melbourne.

When the meteorite, (so called after it lands), was first collected, many people commented that it smelt like methylated spirits, or tar, and the aroma lingered in the air. If a sample has been kept in an airtight

container since it fell in 1969, the smell is still able to be detected.

It is one of the rarest types of meteorites known and one of the most extensively studied. Studies are still conducted on samples today, fifty-five years later, due to local residents collecting the fragments and forwarding them to scientists and museums. It is classified as a CM2 (Type 2) carbonaceous chondrite meteorite, being rich in organic compounds.

The Murchison is estimated to be more than 4.6 billion years old and formed in the early history of the solar system. In January 2020, Dr Philipp Heck, cosmochemist from Chicago Field Museum and the world expert on the Murchison meteorite, revealed the age of stardust extracted from the Murchison meteorite as being 7 billion years old, and so the meteorite consists of material that is the oldest-known matter on earth.

One of the fascinating features of the Murchison meteorite is the presence of amino acids, the building blocks of DNA, the genetic code in living cells. Some scientists believe they represent primitive life forms. Scientific study has also identified the presence of sugar, salt and water. This treasure trove for science keeps revealing surprises which provide insight into how our galaxy developed over time. Dr Heck said the scientific world is very grateful Murchison residents gave so many fragments to universities and museums around the world, allowing studies to be

conducted to enrich scientific knowledge about our universe. In April 2022, a study conducted in Japan, identified the final two of the five chemicals required to form DNA.

This year it will be fifty-five years since the meteorite landed. Two days of celebration are planned to be held on Friday 27 and Saturday 28 of September in Murchison; for details see the attached flyer and check out the Murchison Historical Society website: www.murchisonhistoricalsociety.wordpress.com

MM55 Program
Celebrating 55 years of the
Murchison meteorite landing

Friday 27 September
Heritage Centre 10am - 4pm
A showcase of films and presentations on the MM arrival and scientific interest over the years. See a genuine sample of the meteorite. Refreshments will be available

Murchison Golf Club 5.30pm onwards
Food and drinks (bar prices) are available. BYO camping chair

7 - 8.30pm Global Meteor Network talks and telescope star gazing with the Astronomical Society of Victoria.

Saturday 28 September
Heritage Centre 10am - 4pm
7 - 9am Meteorite Dash Fun Run
Club - barbecue breaky
Community Centre 10 am - 6pm
Welcome to Country - Uncle Vince Peters
Presentations by Dermot Henry, Museum Victoria, Warwick Holmes European Space Agency

10.58am - The Murchison meteorite lands
12.30 - 2 pm - Lunch (hot food available)
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Annually, Australians waste 7.6 million tonnes of food across the supply chain. Crazy statistics. What can we do to help?

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At home, turn leftovers into another dish, don't throw out good food! So what if you eat the same dish two nights in a row?

Colbinabbin Country Hotel have their own war on waste: the food scraps go to hungry chooks, coffee grinds to keen gardeners, and they STRONGLY encourage doggie bags.

Garden Lovers enjoy Girgarre garden

Eighteen Garden Lovers members went to Girgarre last meeting for an enjoyable day in Judy's garden.

The early spring weather was a special bonus and made the day even more enjoyable.

Next meeting is on the 19 September when we will go back to the Fontainebleau Dam by popular request. Leaving the Shire car park at 11.45 am, in car convoy.

BYO picnic lunch. There are two gas BBQs on site free to use (but DIY as the cooks are on strike.) No corner store or Internet, so if you don't bring it you go without! (Oh - and a chair . . . and afternoon tea to share please.)



Hard to beat - good weather, good company and a beautiful garden setting.

75th birthday celebrations



Celebrating his 75th birthday recently was David Wischer from Rushworth (front left). David enjoyed pizza and his favourite local stout (Black Velvet) amongst friends at the Colbo Pub.

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Strength and Balance

A good number turned up at the Colbo Store last week to meet with Anita from Rushworth Community House. You might like to circle the date Monday 23 September as a time when Strength and Balance exercises will probably start at the Colbinabbin Hall at 3.30pm. See Community House page this edition or ring Anita at Community House if you want more information.

Congratulations Ruth




Congratulations to Ruth Woodman who achieved an A in her recent piano exam. The regular practice was well rewarded.

Happy Birthday

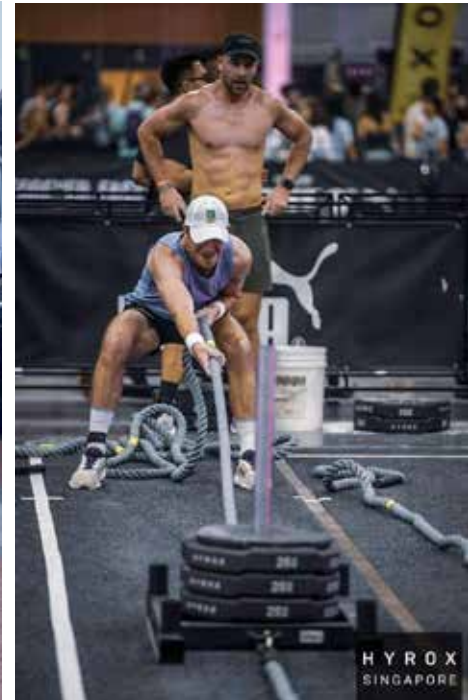


The Colbinabbin Coffee and Cakers helped Judy Phelan celebrate another birthday - with Julie providing hot pikelets for a special treat. A chorus of 'Happy Birthday' and a candle in the pile of pikelets completed the occasion!

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Price brothers ~ Hyrox heroes!



Family reunion and Hyrox fun: The Price brothers' Singapore adventure. In late August, David Price (former Colbinabbin-ite and teacher at Rushy P-12) had a special visit from his brother James Price and sister-in-law Amanda Ranville in Singapore. Their trip was a great chance for some family time and also for the brothers to take part in the Hyrox* Singapore event.

Pictured (l-r): James Price, Amanda Ranville, Stevie and Lucy Price with their dad, Dave Price.

* Hyrox is a fitness competition that blends running with various workout challenges. David and James teamed up for the event and did really well, finishing twelfth out of 542 teams in their category. It was a fun and memorable way to spend time together while staying active.

A sea of purple and red at CCH



Birthday girl, Jan Childs, dressed all in red (R) with friend, Sharon Childs. What better way to spend your 85th birthday than with the Kyabram Red Hatters Group dining at the Colbinabbin Country Hotel?

The vibrantly dressed group of ladies really went all out with their hues of red and purple - they looked fantastic, displaying a real zest for life which was inspirational to everyone around them!



An extra long table of red and purple clad women - a very bright and long lunch. (It looks great in colour - online edition).

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Activities planned for Colbinnabin to start soon

Subject to venue confirmation, the Community House will be running Strength and Balance Classes starting on Monday, 23 September.

The classes will be held in the Colbinabbin Community Hall between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

To introduce the activity to the town, the first two classes will be free of charge.

Charges for later sessions are yet to be finalised, and will depend on the venue hire charge as well as the fee payable to the session facilitator (\$60 per session).

Likely fees for a ten-week program will be around \$75 (\$7.50 per session). Individual sessions are expected to cost about \$10 each.

The House is also examining other activities that could be run in Colbo. These include games, meditation and sessions to help people recognise SCAMS on their phones and computers.

Term Four Guide coming

The House's Office Coordinator Prue is currently putting the finishing touches to our fourth term guide for 2024.

The Guide will detail all of the House's planned activities for the final school term, including dates, times, venues and costs.

If you have an idea for a future Community House activity, please call Anita on 58561295 and pass on your thoughts.

Women's Health Night "very valuable"

Last week, Waranga Community Health and Rushworth Community House partnered to present an evening of fun, food and health information for women of all ages, with visiting experts on hand to provide current information about several important women's health issues.

Guest speakers included Cardiologist Dr Jennifer Collier, Bowel Cancer Support Nurse Lynda Morrison and Breast Care Nurse Michelle Parish.

The evening was supported with funding from Rushworth and District Financial Services (our bank!), and almost 30 people attended the forum.

Bowel Cancer Support Nurse Lynda Morrison spoke about the prevalence and symptoms of bowel cancer, which is Australia's second most deadly cancer. Ms Morrison stressed that anyone over forty-five can order a free screening test by phoning 1800 727 336.

Cardiologist Jennifer Collier spoke about cardiovascular diseases (CVD), which include heart disease, stroke, blood vessel anomalies and heart attack.

She noted the delay that some women experience in getting accurate CVD diagnoses, and described measures to optimise coronary lifestyle protection.

Breast Care Nurse Michelle Parish advised the audience that more than 20,000 cases of breast cancer are diagnosed each year, with both age and genetics having involvement in many of those cases.

Ms Parish stressed that women should recognise the importance of self-care, and practice simple routines that can help with early diagnosis of breast cancer and reduced risk of metastasis (spread).

Women should really get to know their own breasts in detail, and avail themselves of regular breast screening.



After the presentations, the speakers were presented with bouquets of flowers from Rushworth General Store.

Seven participants received prizes from the raffle, including a donation from the General Store, and vouchers from Motofinish, Gus and Ollies, and The Cottage Ice Cream Shoppe.

Then followed a delicious supper.

The women who attended the evening described its mix of information, discussion and shared concerns as being "very valuable".

Organisers are now looking forward to planning a similar event next year.

Community House and local Bank to help Build Digital Communities

The Good Things Foundation is dedicated to developing and delivering a valuable range of "digital-inclusion" programs that empower people in modern communities to use digital devices irrespective of their age or background.

The Foundation offers monetary grants to organisations such as the Community House to deliver digital skills programs in their communities. Rushworth Community House - in partnership with Rushworth and District Financial Services (our bank!) - is now delivering a program to enhance the digital skills of our older community members.

People will bring their own devices to the sessions. Then - either individually or in teams - they will be taught how to manage those devices confidently and safely.

Please call the Community House on 58561295 if you would like to participate.

First Aid Training and Refresher Classes being run at Community House

Rich River First Aid is an accredited training organisation based in Moama. Its training regime is compliant with all relevant State and Federal requirements across a wide range of industrial, business and emergency response services.

Rich River First Aid will be conducting First Aid training for members of the public at the Community House on Saturday, 12 October starting at 9.00am.

The full five hour session is scoped for people who have no prior First Aid training. People who wish to undertake refresher training can attend between 9.00am and 12 noon to meet reaccreditation requirements.

To book a place on this course, please visit richriverfirstaid.com.au, click on **Training Dates** at the top of the page and scroll down to the **Rushworth Session**. Accreditation type and costs are listed on the enrolment page.

Interested in visiting Rushworth Observatory in early October?

Several places remain - see Waranga News 15 August edition for details : Call the House to book.

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Powering on in the outage

Well, what a day we had on Monday 2 September when the power went out after a storm. The only shops open in Rushworth were the butcher and the Op Shop.

Claire opened up, although some of us were dubious. First thing on the agenda – find some candles. The area around the cash register was quite dark so we couldn't see what we were doing (what's new you ask!). We found three candles, then had to go hunting for matches as none of us are smokers. We spent the rest of the day scurrying around with our candles like characters in a Dickensian novel!

We had many people coming into the shop, not necessarily to buy but to ask when the power would come on etc. Some were

disappointed to find the bakery couldn't operate but as Claire had come with hot water in flasks and Margaret came with scones and jam we were able to help the coffee addicts. The Beatles and Abba music was turned up on a phone, dancing and singing commenced and we ended up having quite a party with everyone. Most were sent away with purchases so it was quite a successful day financially.

We also had a new volunteer sign on. Sue must have been impressed by our craziness I think. Welcome Sue.

Heather Wellington



Margaret, Mavis and Claire lit candles during the power outage.



Claire signing up new volunteer, Sue by candlelight.

Check out the Little Green Shed

Hugh has been working hard out in the Little Green Shed and not only has he tidied it up considerably but has also organized a camping section. So if you have burnt your favourite camping one-pot saucepan or need some other camping furniture, check out the Green Shed first.

It is situated on the corner of Esmonde Street and where you turn into the parking area behind the shops (and before the back entrance of the Hardware Store). If it is not open call into the Op Shop itself and staff will assist you.

We have some beautiful formal shoes if you have a wedding or special event coming

up. For the men we have some beautiful dress shirts, which will be on sale for \$1 each. So come and check us out before spending a fortune somewhere else.

Furniture and household goods needed

The Op Shop has plenty of clothes for sale at present but we do need furniture and household goods to sell. So get into the old fella's ear about refurbishing your house and give us your discarded things (as long as they are in good nick). However, fellas, sorting out your house does NOT mean you can trespass on your ladies' craft room!

Food Bank pilot project

Rushworth Foodbank has been asked to take part in a pilot project called Social Supermarkets. Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit is conducting the programme which has been very successful in Europe and UK. Basically it is looking at 'a dignified way to access affordable food'. I think Rushworth is pretty well there already.

Our Food Bank also opened during the blackout with limited supplies off the shelf as the freezers had to be sealed up. For people who are struggling Foodbank can also supply some vouchers for fuel, IGA or Perry's Butchers. To obtain a voucher please speak to Christine about it at the Foodbank, which is open 10am-12am Mon, Weds and Fridays.

That's all for now. Wishing you a full belly and a happy smile until next time.



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Fifty years ago in our district....

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



English doctor changes his mind in September 1974

Negotiations from March to September with an English doctor to fill the vacancy at Rushworth collapsed. The stated reason for the change of mind was that the doctor's wife had heard from an Australian migration official in Birmingham that 'the Rushworth area was a dismal place to live'! (*If that was correct, everyone was the poorer, and the Australian official was in the wrong job!*)

Shire of Waranga

The Shire called a meeting to elect a committee of management for the Rushworth Wildflower Sanctuary Reserve. (*Who has responsibility for the reserve now?*)

The Shire protested the design of the single-person flats at Stanhope, finding that the shower over the bath would not be helpful for older residents.

Community

Stanhope Lions Club was up and running, but a Stanhope District Apex Club was created at the Stanhope Motel, the 34 foundation members being Dennis Roberts (President), Stephen Hopley (secretary), Norm Smith (treasurer), Ron Argus, Michael Awadalla, Brian Bourke, Murray Buzza, Gary Clarke, Kelly Cheong, Graham Cross, Uwe de Temple, Barney Enders, Laurie Flanagan, Dennis George, John Hodgins, Geoff Holland, Bill Hageman, Ben Italia, Cliff Kelly, Les Knowles, Ron Luker, Noel Langley, Peter McCraw, Bill Macknamara, Athol McDonald, Ron McQueen, Kevyn Patten, Gavin Poole, John Power, Gary Smith, Bob Tupa, John Trubiano, Rob Waller and Alex Warren.

Stanhope Anglican Ladies (Mrs Jean Cheong President) planned a barn dance in the Stanhope South hall.

Brownies leader Mrs Kolenaty resigned, Mrs Robbins and Mrs Goodwin offering to share the role on a fill-in basis.

Schools

Rushworth Primary School preps reported "most children have clean nails every day". (*Just thought you would like to know!*) Grade 6 went to the golf course to do landscape painting with wattle trees to be included.

Personal

Dianne McGrath of Stanhope was engaged to Peter Curran of East Hawthorn.

Les 'Lurch' Hoyling and Jenny Muir of Rushworth tied the knot. (*Golden wedding anniversary congratulations to you both.*)

Jack Perry of Murchison died at Holbrook, leaving widow Alice and children Daphne, Bill, Jack, Keith, Shirley and Gloria, after daughter Jean had pre-deceased him.

Passing at Colbinabbin was Patrick

Darrigan, leaving widow Sarah.

Kyabram hospital was busy as Roger and Gwen Barnes (nee Haveckin) welcomed Simon, and Ross and Helen Williams (née Farley) added Jason to join big sister Peta, extending thanks to Bev Hitchcock for assistance not specified! Dr. Peter O'Brien's help was understandably appreciated.

The Rawleigh company was seeking a local representative to replace the retired Ian 'Tom' Silva, who could recite a list of all Rawleigh products in a sing-song voice.

Football premierships and awards

Before the Grand Finals at Rushworth, Heathcote League President Sam Cheatley presented his medal for the League's best and fairest player to J. Walsh of Tooborac, and the goal-kicking award to G. Seviar, also of Tooborac.

The Thirds premiership was won by Rushworth, but there was no match summary. The Tigers also won the Seconds' flag 14-9 to Heathcote's 10-11, as Geoff Hawking booted four goals, joined in the best players by other Geoffs, Wall and Cruz, Barry Thompson, Rod Jones, Robert Raglus and skipper Denis Ogden.

In the Seniors, Tooborac with fifteen non-local players won easily, kicking 19-26 to Colbinabbin 14-15. Colbo had eight non-locals. McCubbery kicked another six goals, to match his bag in the preliminary final. Bob Emsley got four, joined in the best by Dave Slimmon, Dennis McCormick, Brian Ellis and Glen McTaggart. (*Tooborac was unable to field a team the following season, and without checking for sure, I think that was the end of the club.*)

Herb Barlow of Rushworth, with his season sort of over, played for Stanhope in the final round of the Goulburn Valley League season.

At Murchison, a wet ground and high wind for the preliminary final was handled by Ardmona 11-14, downing favourites Girgarre 10-17, after Girgarre had finished on top. In the Seconds Murchison 2-11, yes 2-11, beat Ardmona 1-7, so I guess the wind was blowing across the ground. John Hogan was named as the star.

At Colbinabbin, everybody won a prize. Frank Brown Medal for Best and Fairest: Bob Emsley. Runner-up: Dennis McCormick. Wright and Tuohey award: John McEvoy. Best local player: Alan Hammond. Runner-up: also John McEvoy. Most consistent: Brendan Tuohey. Most courageous: Brian Ellis. Most improved: Ken McMurtrie. Goal-kicking: David Pinniger.

In the Seconds, best and fairest: Bill Johnson. Runner-up: Ken Wilson. Most consistent: John Brown. Most improved: Trevor Cheatley. Best first-year player: Jamie O'Dwyer.

In the Thirds, best and fairest: Phillip McEvoy, later to play with Carlton Reserves team. Runner-up: Colin McTaggart. Most courageous: Ian McTaggart. Most consistent: Tim West, who reads Waranga News. Most improved: Bill Wright.

(*At a rough guess, I reckon Colbo paid more for trophies than for new footballs in 1974!*)

Golf

After Henry Hay had mown the golf course, the D-grade semi-final of the club championship between Bruce Wootton and Les Hoyling was delayed so that Lurch could complete his honeymoon!

In A-grade the semi-finals resulted in wins to Graham Spence over David Heily, 2-up, and Reg McIntosh over Graham Muir 4-3. Graham won the final over Reg, the B-grade title to Stephen Teasdale over Terry Cogan. C-grade was won by Craig Teasdale, beating Max Richards, while Lurch was the C-grade champ over Alan Curnick.

Nell Jones was Nearest the Pin in an Associates event.

Bowls opening knocked about by grass-hoppers

The season for Rushworth had to commence on the Stanhope green as recovery from attack by grass-hoppers was not complete. Green-keeper there was Bruce Emmett. Life membership was presented to Miss Kath Heath who had been secretary of the Rushworth Associates for twenty years.

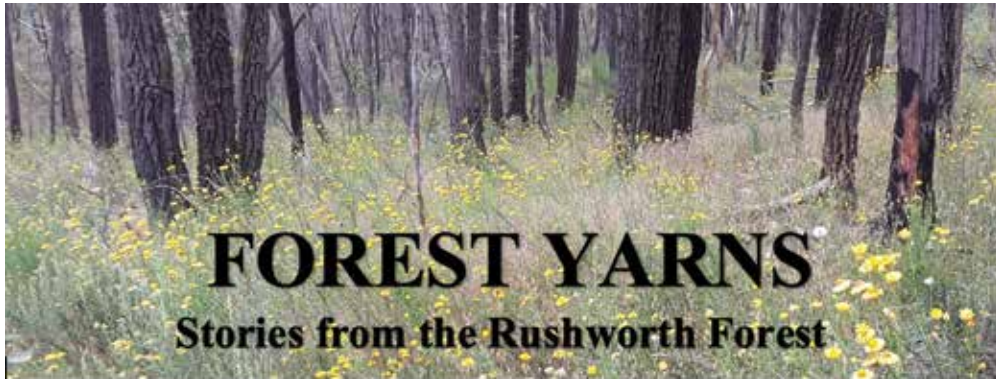
Murchison Associates 'cleared Marj' to Rushworth, as the clubrooms looked smart with the addition of new dried flower arrangements by Greta Baker and daughter-in-law Gloria.

Correction

In the previous edition I referred to the departure for Bendigo retirement in 1974 of the highly-respected Arthur and Kit Heath, and indicated their land as now owned by the Ogden families. A reliable source reminds me that taking up some of the Heath land were Barlows (Bob and son Colin), and later other parcels were owned by a host of people, some being Ogdens, some being other Barlows.

Bill and Katrina Ogden live on property once owned by different Barlows again, Jim and Eileen, later Anthony and Bronwyn.

With all that confusion and in the context of eternity, it probably doesn't matter, but I always welcome a correction if I have made an error. In my own mild defence how could a former Moora boy, who has not lived there for fifty-one years, be expected to recall land transactions in outback Wanalta? You will have heard of being up the (Wanalta) creek. Basically I was just on the wrong side!



Introduction

This new series of historical articles is about the Rushworth Forest. The box-ironbark forest is inextricably linked to the town of Rushworth and former towns like Whroo, Bailieston and Graytown. It is part of who we are and how we see ourselves.

As a kid, my parents would take me and my siblings into the forest where our imaginations would be fired by past events, especially the gold rush. It was the start of a personal obsession with the history of the district.

We, in turn, organised our parents' 40th wedding anniversary in 1984 to be celebrated in the bush at Whroo, suggesting tongue-in-cheek that it might generate as much excitement in Whroo as the royal wedding of the Prince of Wales and Princess Alexandra of Denmark did in 1863, when large celebrations took place.

On separate trips in the 1960s, Dad would take me to Risstrom's sawmill for a trailer loads of firewood. In those days, the mill was steam-powered. The sights, smells and sounds of the mill resonated with mental images of earlier days.

The late Ron Risstrom and Dad had a connection in that they served on the GV Football League tribunal together, where they both had highly developed bulls#*t detectors. Good luck to any footballer who tried to fabricate or embellish a story to try to get off a charge with those two on the panel.

Content

Forest Yarns will try to collect and publish all manner of stories and pictures connected with the local bush. This might include stories from people who had a connection to the bush - Aboriginal people, gold diggers, forest workers and others who made or make a living from the bush, recreational users and travellers through the bush. It will also cover stories about the amazing flora and fauna of the box ironbark forest and how some of that flora and fauna has been utilised, particularly over the past 170 years.

In 2005, Ron Risstrom was reported as saying "Rushworth had its 150th anniversary here a couple of years ago and I always quote that Rushworth has been involved in three

separate eras: for the first 50 years it was gold, in the next 50 it was the timber industry, and that (in the) last 50 it's been all sorts of things..."¹ That statement will provide a large amount of the focus on the stories.

What the stories will not try to do is provide a comprehensive story of the history of the forest in some sort of chronological order. There are many other publications that attempt to do all or part of this, some of which will be quoted in this series.

Also, the stories will not venture into debate about the validity of the past, present, or possible future uses of the forest. It is much more about collecting past stories and pictures about a place that is part of the dreaming of many local people.

Contributions

It would be wonderful to have input from people who have, or have had, a connection with the forest. Many stories have been handed down orally, so have never been recorded for posterity. This series of stories may provide an opportunity for that to happen to a greater extent.

Any written documents, particularly about family connections to the forest, would be of interest. Additionally, the writer would appreciate copies of photos which might illustrate aspects of the wider story.

It is intended that the stories will run in the Waranga News for as long as there is content available, as well as interest from readers. Eventually the stories will be put into a compilation which may or may not be published. At the very least, like previous series of stories in this paper, it will be made available free of charge as a word document and/or available on appropriate websites like that of the Rushworth Historical & Preservation Society.

If you have stories and/or pictures you would like to share, please contact me via email on boze24@hotmail.com

Tony Ford

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A Name from the Past

John Sharp – key man at Balaclava mine

The key names associated with the Balaclava mine at Whroo have always been John Lewis, and his business partner Archibald Menzies. The "fortune in gold" extracted has generally been believed to have built the prominent Menzies Hotel in Melbourne, now long gone.

Less well known was Mr John Sharp, a brother of Mary who was the wife of John Lewis. Mr Sharp was, in effect, the mine manager, while also having a financial stake during at least some of the mine's operation.

Sharp's death prompted this report in the Murchison Advertiser, the sister paper to the Rushworth Chronicle, in the edition of 17 January, 1902.

"Very general regret was expressed throughout this locality on Wednesday when it became known that Mr John Sharp, of Whroo, had expired on the previous evening.

The late Mr Sharp, who was 63 years of age, arrived at that township about 42 years ago [1860] and was almost immediately employed in a responsible position on Balaclava hill, and he has been identified with the mine ever since.

The deceased was ever foremost in supporting every movement that tended to the improvement of the township. He was of a most genial disposition, honest and upright in all his dealings and consequently made friends with all with whom he came in contact.

He leaves a widow Fanny, and five children, all grown up, to mourn their loss. The remains were followed to their last resting place, the Whroo cemetery, yesterday afternoon by a considerable number of people, some coming from as far as Tatura and Nagambie to be present. The Rev J. R. Walker officiated at the grave."

Mr Sharp's 42 years at Whroo are impressive when it is recalled that so many who arrived at Whroo searching for gold moved on to other greener (or more golden) pastures.

Alan McLean



All about wildlife

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

Care of injured animals

Spring seemed to lay in waiting here at Bohollow as each year the breeding season for our native birds has begun earlier and earlier. In recent years, babes were coming in during winter of species that we wouldn't usually see until the end of August or in September. Last year and this year things seem to have returned to times gone by as it's been quiet for baby birds until the last few weeks. It has still been usually quiet for this time of year but I will not utter those words too loudly, lest I jinx myself!

You may have noticed the increase of wildlife casualties on our roads recently, particularly birds. I urge people to slow down, be vigilant, particularly in treed areas as this is the time of year many babes are beginning to emerge from their nests as well as falling out prematurely and ending up on our roads. Adult birds are also so intent on nest building and tending to young that all road sense seems to go out the window. Take it easy, use your horn and if it's safe to do so, avoid hitting our wildlife.

Of course, sometimes it is impossible to avoid a collision with wildlife and when this does happen, there are a few things we can still do to help. First and utmost is...please STOP You may think that bird or possum you hit at a hundred kilometres per hour could not have survived the impact, so you keep driving. They can and they do.

One of the saddest things about attending cases that have been injured on our roads is that the majority of animals we are called to are found by people who are not the ones who hit them. This means that the majority of drivers who hit and injure wildlife just keep on driving. A bird with a broken wing may survive for a number of days before it succumbs to starvation or infection. A roo can last for weeks with broken legs. An animal who may be suffering from concussion and will recover in a few days is likely to get hit again and become severely injured or killed if left on a roadside. If it's a large animal such as a roo or a wombat, an injured animal left on a roadside may actually cause someone else to have accident if it makes it back out onto the road. Even if the outcome is euthanasia, always stop and call for help. You can save an animal much pain and suffering and in a lot of cases, save their life by stopping and calling for help. If it is safe to do so, remove the animal from the road. A roo is not obviously a critter someone with no experience or equipment can bundle into their vehicle and get to a vet or wildlife shelter.

We attend these cases all the time, do not put yourself in danger by attempting to handle an animal that you know may be potentially dangerous. If the animal is dead, best practice is to remove it from the road, pulling it well off so other animals have less chance of being hit while feeding on the remains. If a marsupial like a roo, wombat or possum, check for a pouch and if it is female, check inside the pouch for young. Pouched young can live inside a dead mother's pouch for days, depending on the weather. Animals such as

koalas and possums can also have 'back riders'. These are babes that are big enough to be out of pouch and cling to their mother's backs or bellies. Pouched young can be tricky to extract as there is not much room in there! Scissors can actually be carefully used to cut the opening of pouch to make extraction a little easier. For obvious reasons, only use this method on a deceased animal! Injured birds can be safely contained by using a towel to place over it and pick up.

Keep in mind that an injured animal, this includes all birds, mammals and reptiles, may appear lifeless or unable to move..until you attempt to catch them. It is usual for an animal to use the last remaining strength it has to attempt to get away from us, even if it is severely injured.

Be mindful of traffic and other hazards, use your hazard lights when you are pulled up and plan your advance so if the critter does try to flee, it's more likely to head away from the road rather than into it. There are a few really handy items you can easily keep in the boot of your vehicle in case you ever find injured or orphaned wildlife, having these items can make it a whole lot easier. A towel or two, even a blanket if you have the room. This makes catching an injured animal less stressful for both you and the critter. Critters can also be bundled or rolled up in these items for transport if you have nothing else to contain in. A pillow case for pouched young. Young can be safely transported in pillow cases until they get to a shelter where we have pouches specially made to keep these babes warm and safe while they are in our care. A flat packed cardboard box or if you have room, a pet carrier. Birds, reptiles and adult small mammals can all be contained in these for transport to a vet or wildlife shelter. Don't forget to put a towel inside on the bottom for comfort and to stop the animal from sliding around during transport. Disposable gloves. These are handy when removing deceased animals from the road and also for checking pouches, particularly if you're a little squeamish. A torch.

Always call for help. Keep your local wildlife rescue and shelter numbers handy. Our wildlife require specialised care and veterinary treatment. Don't leave it for a day to see if the animal survives before calling. Our care may actually be able to help it survive, particularly for those first critical 48 hours. **DO NOT FEED OR GIVE ANY WATER!!** If we are unwell or have an accident, no paramedic on Earth will syringe water into your mouth or force feed you. This is often a death sentence for injured and orphaned wildlife. Just like a person who is injured and in shock, the priorities are making them safe and keeping them warm and quiet.

This also means refraining from allowing children to play with or cuddle them, this can be really stressful for wildlife. We will always advise on any appropriate care needed until the animal can reach the shelter. As a rescuer who gets called out to injured and orphaned wildlife 24/7, there are some things you can also do to help us out as well.

If you are unable to catch a critter or it is a dangerous animal to catch, contain or transport,

such as a kangaroo, please take note of where the animal is. Pin drops on your phone which can be sent to us are great! Any nearby landmarks to describe where the animal is, road names, the nearest street address, all these are vital in saving us many hours of searching. We do search and when we have vague and non descript details, we can spend a long time searching in the wrong spot! These details are really important for us to be able to return territorial species to their homes.

I picked up a concussed Kookaburra from the Kyabram veterinary clinic recently. All the vets we work with know we need the location of where wildlife was found, both for our record keeping and for release sites. Most clinics now have a form they ask you to fill in for us. In this particular case, the member of public had filled in the location details as Curr Road. For any locals reading, you will know Curr road is an extremely long road which goes all the way from Stanhope back to the river at Yambuna!

If I were to release that bird even a couple of hundred metres outside its territory range, it is highly likely it will be beaten up and even killed by other resident Kookaburras. They may also have a mate and family awaiting their return. Location is important.

Transporting to one of our shelters, meeting us even halfway on the road or getting it to a veterinary clinic for us to pick up from can all help ease our load a little. Deb and I travel many miles for rescues and pick ups, this helps us a lot. If you can't, we do come to you. Please be patient.

When the busy seasons hit us, we are still on the end of our busy season for kangaroo joeys, we truly are flat out. If we take a long time to get to you to pick something up, we are on our way, we may have several other rescues and pick ups to do on our way! If we sound exhausted, chances are high that we are. Above all, stay safe and always call for help. We understand how stressful it can be to come across injured and orphaned wildlife. Wildlife rescue is a team effort and it begins with the kind hearted people who stop to check, stop to help, stop to call. We will always talk you through and advise on any situation. Together, we can all make a difference.



This Eastern Kangaroo joey was found beside his mother who was hanging in a fence on the edge of Lower Goulburn National Park. He is currently in care at Bohollow and doing well. His mother is currently in care at another shelter in Ruffy and is still being treated for her extensive leg wounds. Horse riders spotted the mother in trouble and called us for assistance.

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

ON THE BRINK *by Neil Laurie*

Looking at endangered or extinct flora and fauna.

Changing what we do

Many people do not like change and will find all sorts of reasons to avoid it. The reality is that what we have been doing has dramatically changed our planet to the point where the very way our planet works and the ecosystems it supports are now out of kilter, putting many species, including our own, at risk. By adjusting how we live can minimise our impact upon our planet.

Many changes are not at all difficult. Even a small change can have a big impact, if not on the world, then for a single species. There is a lot to be said for concept of "Thinking globally, acting locally". Looking back over the years we have made many changes to make the planet a better place at little personal cost. Here are some examples.

Preventing damage to the atmosphere due to the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). It really did not take much to find other propellants for pressure packs or to replace them with trigger sprays, to change the servicing and decommissioning of refrigerators and air conditioners to prevent CFCs escaping and to use different processes to produce foam packaging. The closure of the Antarctic ozone hole was our reward.

Recently, we saw the banning of single use plastic shopping bags. While multiple use bags cost more, we have all adapted to use them; we just need to remember to take them.

In 2014, 88% of Victoria's electricity was generated through the burning of fossil fuels (mainly brown coal in the Latrobe Valley) and 12% from renewables. By 2022 the percentage of Victoria's generated from renewables had increased to 34% and is expected to reach 95% by 2035. While some of this is due to the use of domestic rooftop solar panels, most of the renewable energy is generated by solar farms and land-based wind farms. Planned offshore wind farms will significantly boost Victoria's ability to generate electricity from renewables. We are also getting smarter as to how we use our electricity.

We are in experiencing a revolution in transport with the development and uptake of EVs. The uptake of EVs should continue as the 'blockers' are removed. They have become more affordable with vertically integrated Chinese companies entering the market. As with all emerging technologies

EVs are becoming cheaper and better. A lack of charging stations in rural areas is seen by many to be a problem. However, as charging stations spread and the ranges of the cars improve, EVs will become viable in rural areas. Many don't realise that EVs are only as 'green' as the electricity used to charge them and at present the bulk Victoria's electricity is generated by burning brown coal. Presently the number of EVs being sold is very small compared with fuel powered cars. However, Victoria has committed to EVs making up half of light vehicle sales by 2030.

Another big change in our lives that has had a big impact upon our environment is the use of computers. These are not necessarily laptops and PCs, rather they are the small computers incorporated into all sorts of things to make them more efficient. They are everywhere. They are in our cars, planes, machines, in factories. It is hard to find any current technology that has not been impacted by computers. Often computers can be linked to other technologies such as GPS.

Presently we are living at a time of many changes, many of which are aimed at making our lives upon the planet sustainable. We must make these changes; it is not a matter of choice.

During the COVID lockdowns, many adapted to working at home remotely. Some people have since continued working from home. Commuting from the breakfast table to the home office is virtually emission free and, in many cases, it is more efficient to heat or cool people's houses than it is a large office building.

Australian homes are not that efficient and rely upon heaters and air conditioners to keep them at a pleasant temperature. We are starting to see governments insisting upon new builds having double glazing, insulation and better sealing. Complaints about how much is added to the cost of a new house are short-sighted. In the longer term these changes will actually save consumers money. It is a win/win for the consumers and for the environment.

While some changes may end up being failures or technological dead-ends and some changes may add costs, we need to remain open to change. We cannot afford not to be.

Bird swooping know what to expect this spring

As spring approaches, some native birds may swoop during their breeding season.

Simon Ruff, Senior Wildlife Projects Officer at the Department of Energy, Environment and



Climate Action (DEECA) said: "Every spring, some native birds swoop to defend their eggs and chicks for a short time while their young are most vulnerable."

"While swooping is unsettling, it's normal behaviour for a range of native birds, warning people and animals not to come near their young. It's rare for birds to make contact."

Native birds swoop in urban and rural areas, parks and gardens, along bike tracks or anywhere that birds are nesting. Species that may swoop commonly include magpies, masked lapwings and butcherbirds.

"Not all birds swoop during the breeding season, so the presence of magpies or other common swooping birds doesn't necessarily mean you'll be swooped," Mr Ruff said.

"Remember, the swooping behaviour will only last a short time, normally stopping soon after the young leave the nest."

If you are worried about being caught out by a protective bird this spring, here are some steps you can take to feel safe, while also helping our native birds:

- Know your local swooping hotspots and avoid the area
- Move quickly but do not run if you find yourself close to a swooping bird
- Wear protective head and eye coverings
- Don't harass birds – this can make swooping worse
- Don't feed the birds and do not destroy their nests.

Avoid known swooping hotspots by planning your route. Report a swooping incident on Victoria's interactive swooping bird map by visiting: <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/swooping-birds>.

All native wildlife is protected by law. Harassing, harming or disturbing native birds and other wildlife is illegal in Victoria and penalties apply.

You can report wildlife crime such as harassing, harming or disturbing wildlife to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000.



Cate Furphy's friend, Liz, gave her this recipe which she called her 'Versatile Fruit Slice'.

Liz is a passionate environmental warrior and organises working-bees with willing workers who appreciate something delicious with their cuppa break. This one is quick and easy to make, and is a sure-fire winner!

Versatile Fruit Slice

- 125g butter (melted)
- 1 egg (slightly beaten)
- 1½ - 1¾ cup SR flour (don't want mixture too buttery, as the second half has to be crumbled on top)
- ¾ cup raw sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup (approx/at least) well-drained stewed, frozen or tinned fruit (eg. apple, apple and rhubarb, pear and peach, apple and blueberries, apricot jam or whatever takes your fancy. At Christmas you can use fruit mince and do as a slice or in muffin trays as little mince pies.)

Method

Mix all except the fruit in a bowl.
 Press half of this mixture into a tin (5inches x 11inches/12.5 x 28cms) or double the mixture (10" x 11"/25cms x 28cms).
 Spread the well-drained fruit over.
 Then crumble the rest of the mixture over the fruit. You might need to add a bit more flour to make it more crumbly.
 Bake at 350°F or 180°C for ½ - ¾ hr (until light brown on top).
 When cold, dust with icing sugar and cut into squares.
 (You can also do it in a round 8inch/20cm tin – good for a pudding, cut into wedges and served with good yoghurt, cream, or ice-cream).

Cate



Versatile slice - so named because you can choose from such a wide variety of fruit for the filling. It makes a great Christmas treat to use fruit mince for a take on mince pies during the festive season. Slow-baked quinces was another very successful filling.



What plant is that?

It is important to know what plants you have in your garden. Is the plant a pest species? Will the tree be too big once it grows? Is it poisonous? These are just some of the reasons you need to know what plants are in your garden, not to mention mere curiosity. The problem is it can be very hard to identify plants, but it can be done.

The easiest way to identify a plant is to read its label....if it has one. Usually, they have been removed or they have disintegrated, but you may be lucky.

Gardening books are a traditional means of identifying plants but can be very difficult, especially for the less knowledgeable gardener, and the books can be out of date.

Look carefully at the plant in question. Look at the arrangement of the petals, stamens, and the general arrangement of the flowers. Look at the shape of the leaves, their arrangement, and their veins. Look at the bark. Compare all these with the possible candidates in the book and hopefully you can make an identification.

If you know roughly what a plant is you can Google it. I usually Google images and once a match is found I do a second search to find out the details

But there are some even better ways to use this technology. On an android phone search window, there is the G for Google on the left. To the right is a microphone icon and at the far right, a camera icon. Click on the camera icon and then on 'Search with your camera'. Take a picture of the plant. Hopefully it will identify the plant. This feature on your phone

can be used to identify anything, not just plants. Very handy.

You can also instal a plant identifier app onto your phone. You should try out a few to find the one that works best for you. Some are free, others need to be subscribed to but usually allow a free trial period. To identify a plant simply open the app, take a picture of your mystery plant and the app will identify it. Most apps will also tell you how to care for the plant, identify any diseases and recommend treatments.

For a start, why not have a play using your phone to identify known plants in your garden? This will build your confidence in using the technology.

I am a lazy, stress-free sort of gardener. Anything that takes the guesswork out of gardening and saves time is to be embraced wholeheartedly.

The Zen Gardener



Handy Hints - from Lyn Rumble

Hi there, Recycling, Repurposing and Reusing is big on my list to do my bit for the environment. In turn that usually means I can save some money in my weekly budget, which is wonderful. This issue a bit more about the waking up of our gardens now we've had rain and some sun - and blossoms are starting to show! I hope that some of these tips can help you too! Have a great week and stay safe .

- * **Slugs, slugs and more slugs** – they seem to be everywhere in the garden! But there is one thing that could help. Plant a Curry plant in your garden; those slugs will miraculously stay clear!
- * **Got a spare shallow ceramic dish or two you don't want?** Why not put one out in the garden with some small stones inside and some clean water, and you will be providing a safe drinking haven for bees and small creatures. The bees are extremely beneficial for pollinating!
- * **Windscreen scrubber** – Bugs on the windscreen can be really difficult to remove but if you scrunch up one of the plastic mesh bags that oranges/fruit come in, dip it in soapy water and scrub gently. The mesh is

- extremely effective at removing the muck and won't scratch your windscreen.
- * **Wasp deterrent when entertaining outdoors** – Place half a jar of water mixed with a couple teaspoons of jam or some beer, several metres away from your entertainment/eating place. Wasps and bees will be more attracted to the jam than they will to your guests' food!
- * **Frosting clear glass** – If for some reason you need to frost clear glass windows (probably for privacy), the cheapest two methods are either to paint with a very thin coat of white paint, or make up a mix of white vinegar and Epsom salts if you don't want to fork out for reglazing!

Health and Wellbeing

Stanhope Health opens new diabetes service

Kyabram District Health Service (KDHS) is opening a new diabetes clinic at Stanhope Health on Tuesday 10 September 2024.

Responding to community needs, the clinic will help clients access essential health services and programs for managing diabetes, and support the community's involvement in diabetes prevention initiatives.

"There is a high prevalence of diabetes in Stanhope and surrounding towns and this new diabetes clinic at Stanhope Health is addressing this community need and providing specialist support for clients closer to home," said KDHS CEO, Anne McEvoy.

Diabetes Outreach Care Coordinator, Melissa Wade, is leading the new clinic, providing support to community members at high risk of diabetes and people currently living with the condition.

"We're excited to have Melissa join our team at Stanhope Health. She is a Diabetes Educator and Physiotherapist with extensive experience working with people with chronic illnesses," said Ms McEvoy.

Ms Wade said she will work with clients to determine the support and services needed to manage their own health and wellbeing.

"At the clinic, I'll work with clients to set realistic goals, coordinate their appointments and support them in making the lifestyle changes recommended by their healthcare team," said Ms Wade.

The Diabetes Outreach Care Coordinator will be supported by other dedicated nursing and allied health professionals including a diabetes educator, podiatrist, dietitian, social worker, exercise physiologist and physiotherapist.

The Stanhope Diabetes Outreach Clinic is offering in-person and telehealth appointments and group programs from Tuesday 10 September 2024. Clients will have the choice of two different types of group programs depending on their preference:

- A Diabetes Peer Support Group will be established and clients will meet once a month to share their experiences managing diabetes with each other.
- A Diabetes Education and Exercise Program will involve clients with diabetes meeting once a week for eight weeks. They will receive a tailored exercise and education

program empowering the self-management of diabetes, preventing complications, encouraging healthy eating and getting active.

"Group programs are pivotal to the ongoing health and wellbeing of clients with diabetes. It's a space for clients to learn from others who understand the challenges of living with a chronic health problem and teach each other about their own lived experience," Ms Wade said.

"The Stanhope Diabetes Outreach Clinic will ease the stress of coordinating between GPs and allied health professionals, while empowering them to take charge of their health with confidence."

The new clinic will take appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays and all appointments with the Diabetes Outreach Care Coordinator are free. Appointments with other health professionals are either Medicare covered or have small fees attached.

For more information on the new diabetes outreach clinic at Stanhope Health, phone 03 5857 0451.

Melissa Wade Diabetes Outreach Care Coordinator



Melissa Wade is a diabetes educator and physiotherapist with more than 20 years of experience providing high-quality, evidence-based chronic disease management programs. She has a Bachelor of Applied Science and a Graduate Certificate in Diabetes Education and Management. As Diabetes Outreach Care Coordinator, Melissa is looking forward to providing care that acknowledges the challenges of living with diabetes and helps people feel supported and motivated to keep working on their health and wellbeing.



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Thank You for supporting Colbinabbin Kinder!

Tash Easton

My children and I have been lucky enough to be part of the Colbinabbin Kinder community for almost four years now.

Everyone pitches in to support each other and I have seen first-hand what a difference everyone's time and generosity has made. Thanks to various fund-raising efforts, we've made some pretty awesome improvements to our kinder, both for now and the future.

Here are just a few of the fantastic things we've accomplished this year:

Snake fencing

This year, we put up snake fencing around the kinder, meeting Greater Bendigo's snake control guidelines. Since then, not a single slithery visitor has made it into our kinder grounds, keeping everyone safer.

New skirting boards and window frames

Our office received a fresh new look with updated skirting boards and window frames.

Annual garden cleanup

We've committed to hiring extra help once a year, keeping our outdoor space neat and tidy.

New flooring

We installed new flooring throughout the entire kinder. The fresh floors have brightened up the space, making it feel warmer and cosier for everyone.



Hooray for Colbo Kinder!

Currently, we're working on creating a creek, water, play area for our outdoor play space.

This project includes installing a tank, laying underground pipes and building a safe, natural water play space for the kids to enjoy. It's going to be a tranquil and fun spot for the children to explore and learn through play.

None of this is possible without the amazing support of our community. We're

incredibly grateful to everyone who has contributed, whether through donations or volunteering their time. A special shout-out goes to the volunteers at Men's Shed and the local businesses who consistently donate their time and resources to make these projects happen.

Colbinabbin Kinder is a wonderful place for our children to grow and learn and it wouldn't be what it is without your support!



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Colbinabbin Primary athletics success

On August 23, Colbinabbin Primary Grade 3-6 students participated in the Campaspe Cluster Athletics Carnival held at Flora Hill Athletics track.

The weather was kind to us and our students had a great day, with six of our students winning Age Champion Awards and medallions.

Well done to all the participants who competed.

L-R: Charlie Greenaway, Pippa Knight, Isabelle Hill, Vinnie Ryan, Nick Weppner and Oliver Greenaway



Book Week celebrated with enthusiasm

A fine array of literary characters joined in the fun of the annual Book Week celebration at Colbinabbin.



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Wear It Purple Day at Rushworth P-12

Wear It Purple strives to foster supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for rainbow young people.

Rushworth P-12 College endeavours to ensure all students feel included encouraging all aspects of diversity and working to provide a safe space for LGBTQIA+ students.

Wear It Purple Day (Friday 30 August) was a wonderful display of inclusion for all students, with their allies coming out in force to wear purple in support of their peers.

With greater acknowledgement of this community, hopefully students feel confident to find their voice and tell us what they would like to see celebrated at the College.



Students enjoyed some activities in the lunchroom during WIP day.

(Left) Not to be left out as a definite supporter, Whroo was wearing purple for the day too.



'Street Art' theme for Year 9/10 Art class

Year 9/10 students are currently exploring Street Art as a theme this term and the first pieces they have created are some Street Art inspired initial tags.

The next project was a small street art inspired framed piece which the students all took to with gusto and delight, as they tried out lots of different techniques. This leads them to their final project – a Street Art alley, on which we put the 'base' layer during Monday's wild weather. The wind certainly helped the paint dry.

Students will spend the next two weeks developing the next two or three layers and we can't wait to put their 'alley' on display.



(Above) – The start of the Street Art alley.



(Left and top right) Creating a framed paste up with street art vibes.



(Right below) Archer creating a 'street tag' with our initials in Year 9/10 Art



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Rushworth P-12 HOPE program kicking goals

Hands On Personalised Education students have been very busy in the last fortnight redeveloping an area of paving that had become an OHS risk.

The students have lifted the pavers, stacking them for use in another area, measured out areas for new turf and garden beds and some new equipment.

They have learnt how to measure the volume for topsoil, the area for the turf, measure and cut timber edging and measure how much irrigation pipe the project will require.

Last week, they also had a little bit of help from some of the Duke of Edinburgh students.

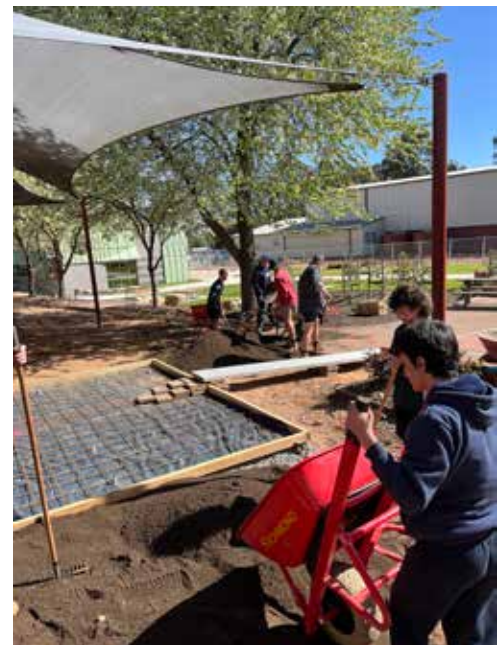
This week they poured a concrete slab for an outdoor table tennis table and laid fresh soil ready for turf laying next week. The group learnt this week that delivery trucks are often not on time, that you might need to work through a designated break time or waste your money on drying concrete. The group took all this in their stride and are learning real life scenarios whilst undertaking these projects.



Lifting the pavers under the shade sail area.



Spreading the soil for some new turf, everyone working hard.



All hands on deck as the concrete was poured for the outdoor table tennis table.

Primary students enjoy visit to Rushworth Library

On Tuesday, the 27 August the Foundation - Year 6 students went to the Rushworth Library. Students were shown around the Library and told where to find books, games and more.

Students were very excited to learn about all the fun things that happen at the library daily and enjoyed a few books being read to them and a craft activity where they were able to decorate their own standing horse. They had a great time, and thanks to the Rushworth Library staff for creating this opportunity to come down and see some great things!

(Right) Crafting up a storm at the Rushworth Library for a Book week activity.



Listening intently to the story being read.

Praying amongst the canola at Colbinabbin



What could be better than a piano in a field of canola! Ruth Woodman enjoyed the chance to tickle the ivories.



Celebrating the first day of spring in prayer and song in the picnic area beside the canola crops at the Shiraz Republic.



The Colbinabbin Uniting and Anglican congregations plus some visitors gathered for their Sunday service to celebrate the first day of spring beside a canola paddock at the Shiraz Republic. The service, held on Sunday 1 September, was led by Rev Brian Spencer and beamed out via Zoom to Uniting Churches in Rushworth, Murchison and Tatura, as well as the regular on-line members who join from afar at home.

After the service the more energetic people wandered through the Canola Walk which has become a regular feature

at the Shiraz Republic each year.

Paths lead to an old Bedford truck which serves as a viewing platform, and then, a new initiative, to a piano in a clearing under a dead tree. Morning tea was enjoyed at the winery.

You'll have to be quick if you want to wander down the path through the canola; it's all looking beautiful at its peak.

Be sure you take your camera and maybe a Thermos and something to nibble on. Brian has made it just the spot for a stop. Then, of course, you can move on for a spot of wine-tasting or a beer.

Photo at left: Jeanette Robinson, Clem Furphy and Murray Robinson on the viewing platform. Donald Risstrom keeps an eye on things at ground level.

District Church Times and Contacts

Anglican

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

Presbyterian

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

Catholic

St Mary's Parish. 1st and 3rd Sundays: Cornella 9am; Stanhope 10.30am. 2nd and 4th Sundays: Rushworth 9am; Murchison 10.30am. 5th Sunday: One Parish Mass - Rushworth. Contact a team member on the parish mobile phone: 0459 898 925. Sunday Mass continues online from St Kilian's Sundays 10am.

Shine Church, Stanhope

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

Living Waters Rushworth:

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

Generations Church, Tatura

5824 3240 (Pastor Jeremy Burr)

Salvation Army: 5852 3875

Uniting Church

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Overcoming fear in a world of uncertainty

Sometimes we feel the urge to get away from everything for a while. We just want to clear out and be alone; yet while this urge is strong in us, being near other people can make us feel safe in case something goes wrong and we need help. Consider the story of a woman who cancelled her accommodation at the winery because she would have been the only guest. She was afraid of being alone away from others. Of course, I don't know her story and what reasons she might have had, but it prompted me to consider how fear affects us.

Do we sometimes deny ourselves experiences we desire because we don't want to risk travelling on our own? Do we forego opportunities we imagine will be wonderful because the potential dangers we imagine seize us more than the joy we envisage?

The nature of fear

Fear is intrinsic to the human condition, having evolved as a protective mechanism for us. These days, the threats we face are often abstract. Our fear manifests as anxiety about the unknown, the unfamiliar, or the uncomfortable silence of solitude.

Fear exists to serve and help us, but when we allow it to stop us from enjoying life, it is no longer helpful, but crippling.

The Bible's frequent injunction to 'fear not' invites us to have courage, trust, and faith. In a world where fear of what could go wrong sometimes dictates our choices, this biblical exhortation invites us to step beyond our anxieties and into the expansive freedom that comes from trusting in something greater than ourselves.

The paradox of safety in numbers

The perception of solitude as restful but risky reflects a societal trend where the presence of others is perceived as safety, even when the others we are with are strangers.

The comfort we find in crowds isn't rooted in logic. Crowds can be chaotic and stressful, and their presence does not guarantee our protection, yet the psychological comfort we derive from not being alone can be so strong that we alter our choices, going with the familiar and away from situations that might offer us deeper rewards. This psychological comfort comes at a cost when it limits

our freedom and prevents us from fully experiencing the array of life's richness.

The biblical command to 'fear not'



challenges this paradox. It invites us to consider whether our perception that there is 'safety in numbers' is justified, or merely a way by which we soothe our anxieties. The exhortation to 'fear not' encourages us to embrace solitude, the unknown, and the discomfort of stepping out of our comfort zones.

The impact of fear on freedom

Fear, particularly when unexpressed or not fully understood, profoundly impacts our freedom. Based on our fears, we avoid certain places, situations, or experiences, confining ourselves only to what feels safe. We miss out on potentially memorable experiences because of our fear.

And the impact of fear goes beyond missed opportunities. It narrows our world, leading us to build walls around ourselves, restricting our lives to what is familiar and predictable. Over time, our desire for security can lead to a life that is more controlled but also more constrained, where we have sacrificed freedom for the illusion of safety.

Here, the biblical injunction 'fear not' offers a path forward. It invites us to replace fear with trust, to trust in God's provision and protection. The command 'fear not' doesn't deny the reality of fear but it calls us to respond in a way that acknowledges God's presence with us. It's a call to believe that, even when we can't see the way forward, there is a way for us, and it is good, or can be made good!

Conclusion: embracing freedom over fear

We regularly need to make decisions that involve weighing up perceived benefits against perceived risks. In a world that

Waranga News - 12 September 2024 - Page 25 is increasingly full of uncertainties, the challenge is not to eliminate fear but to learn to live with it, acknowledging its presence, understanding its roots, and refusing to let it dictate our lives. The Bible's repeated call to 'fear not' urges us to live with faith, rather than fear.

By trusting in God's goodness and presence, we can face our fears with courage, knowing we're never alone. In doing so, we open ourselves to the fullness of life, a life of freedom, joy, and peace, unshackled by fear.

This is the freedom found in 'fear not,' a freedom that secures our sense of safety and reclaims our sense of self.

This is the gospel, and it's good news.

Brian Spencer,
Minister, Waranga Uniting Churches

Pope Francis' visit to Papua New Guinea

Above: A traditional dance was performed



for Pope Francis in Vanimo, PNG.
Pope Francis has visited one of Papua New Guinea's most remote dioceses bringing both spiritual and material comfort to people at the margins.

On a spiritual level, the pontiff brought a message of hope to a crowd estimated at 20,000, exhorting the faithful to spread God's beauty and love wherever they go.

Pope Francis called on each person to be a missionary in the places they live, bearing witness to Christ at home, at school, at work, and everywhere they go.

He urged them to do this 'so that everywhere – in the forests, villages and cities – the beauty of the landscape is matched by the beauty of a community where people love one another.'

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*A golden heart stopped beating,
Hardworking hands at rest,
It broke our hearts to see you go,
God only takes the best.*

A Memorial Service to honor and farewell Graeme will be held at the Uniting Church Rushworth commencing at 11am Friday 13th September 2024.

Private Cremation.

*Your life was a blessing.
Your memory a treasure
You are loved beyond words.
And missed beyond measure.*

Forever in our hearts

COLLARD, Graeme George:
12-12-1935 - 27/08/2024

*Those we love, don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday.
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

A loved brother in-law and uncle.
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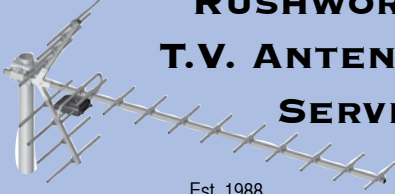
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| Sat 21 | Rushworth ART Depot (RAD) - every Market day - Sat 10am -1pm |
| Sun 22 | Basket weaving at ART Depot 10 - 2 |

OCTOBER

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Tue 1- Thu 3 | Elmore Field Days |
| Sun 6 | Stanhope Wine and Food Festival 11 - 4 |
| Fri 11 | St Mary's Transition Prep program |
| Sun 13 | Stanhope Town Garage Sale from 9am |
| Sun 13 | Tongala Eats & Beats - Sound shell Tongala |
| Sat 19 | Rushworth Market, High Street - 8.30am to 1pm |
| Sat 19 | Rushworth ART Depot (RAD) - every Market day - Sat 10am -1pm |
| Sun 27 | Girgarre Open Gardens Festival |

Meetings & Activities - around the district

- Rushworth SES training: Wednesday evenings at 7pm
- Rushworth CFA: Tuesday nights
- Rushworth Food bank: Mon 10am -12pm, Wed 10am-12pm, Frid 10am-12pm
- #9 Op-Shop: Mon, Wed and Fri - 9am - 2pm Saturday 9am to 12pm
- Rushworth Community Garden every Wednesday
- Rushworth Community House - Genealogy, every Friday from 9.30 to 12.30pm
- Colbinabbin Library: Wednesdays
- Colbinabbin Community Shed: most Thursdays (old Shire Depot), 10am
- Rushworth Band practice: 7.30pm every Monday night
- Stanhope 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
- Rushworth Events Inc: meets bi-monthly, third Wednesday at 7pm
- Community Walking Group: Thurs 8 - 9am meet at front of Waranga Health
- Stanhope Mens Shed: Mon - Wed - Fri 9am - 12 noon
- Murchison Mens Shed: Wednesdays 10am – 3pm
- Rushworth Garden Lovers Club meet 3rd Thursday Month 1.30pm at old Senior Citizen's building
- Friends of the Hostel: Third Monday 1.30pm monthly

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Project Update

Demolition works are complete for the renewal of the public toilets at Apex Park in Echuca. The new block will consist of five unisex toilets, including one accessible toilet.



Coming Up ▶ Council meeting | 6pm Monday, 16 September | Echuca Civic Centre

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



Youth Glow Up Disco

Get ready to shine at the Glow Up Youth Disco at Fuzion Café in Echuca! Designed for high school-aged youth, this vibrant event features a live DJ, Just Dance sessions, a photo booth, and exciting giveaways. Enjoy free food and drinks in a fun, inclusive atmosphere. Tickets are free and are available only to young people aged between 12 - 17 years. This alcohol, smoke and vape free event will be fully supervised and is brought to the community in partnership with Echuca Regional Health, Headspace Echuca and Thorn Harbour Health. Visit Now Open on Council's website to secure tickets.

Immunisation Sessions

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

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

Wednesday, 18 September

9 – 10am | Kyabram Senior Citizens Centre
11.30 – 12noon | Rushworth Service Centre

Thursday, 19 September

5.30-6.30pm | Echuca Library

Monday, 23 September

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Creative Recovery Co-Design Group/s

Council is calling for enthusiastic individuals, artists, creatives and community members to join Campaspe Shire Council's 'Creative Recovery Co-Design Group/s'. Participants in the Co-Design Groups will collaborate with a diverse team to develop creative activities, contribute innovative ideas and assist in program delivery of a new upcoming Arts Festival/Program, set to take place in May - June 2025. Members will be paid a co-design fee for their creative contributions. Meetings and workshops will be held to guide the development of the festival's artistic vision. Visit Now Open to submit your EOI by Monday, 23 September.

2025 Campaspe Shire Citizen of the Year Awards

The Citizen of the Year Awards celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals and community organisations or groups in our region. These prestigious awards are one of the highest honours Council can bestow to publicly acknowledge local heroes, whose dedication and contributions may otherwise go unnoticed. Nominate today for any of the three award categories including Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Group of the Year. Visit the Now Open page for more details on eligibility, selection criteria and the nomination process. Nominations close Sunday, 1 December.

#MyCampaspe Photo Competition

Show off what you love about where you live, work or visit and feature in the 2025 Campaspe Shire Calendar. All photos, including three new artwork categories, need to be taken in Campaspe Shire, must be in landscape orientation and high quality, up to 10mb. Each winning entry will receive \$100 and a month's coverage in the calendar. Entries close Friday, 27 September.

Community Grants

The Community Grants Program offers financial support to not-for-profit community organisations, groups and associations for projects, exhibitions and/or performances. The maximum grant amount is \$4,000. Applications close at 5pm on Monday, 16 September. If you require assistance with your application, contact our Community Development Team on 1300 666 535.

International Women's Day Event Working Group

Saturday, 8 March 2025 is International Women's Day and we are seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from our vibrant community to join the International Women's Day Event Working Group. Your contribution will be pivotal in shaping the 2025 celebrations in Campaspe Shire. Visit Now Open to submit your EOI by Sunday, 15 September.

Crime Stoppers and Scam Watch talks at Stanhope

Thanks to Frank, Stanhope's local policeman, guest speakers Jack from Scam Watch and Aiden and Chelsea from Crimestoppers were organised to speak at the Stanhope Men's Shed and the Stanhope Community lunch recently.

The main message was to help people spot and avoid scams. The three simple steps were STOP, don't give money or personal information to anyone if unsure.

THINK, ask yourself could the message or call be fake? Never click on a link in a message. If you are unsure, say no and hang up or delete.

PROTECT, act quickly if something feels wrong. Contact your bank if you notice unusual activity or if a scammer gets your money or information.

Scams succeed because they look like the real thing and catch you off guard when you are not expecting it. Scammers rely on you not spotting warning signs because you're in a hurry, something looks like a great deal you don't want to miss, or because it seems like it's from someone you trust.

If it seems too good to be true it probably is! Talk about suspected scams with friends and keep the matter front of mind. Report a scam – this will help warn the community of new or emerging scams.

There is up to date information from the ACCC on the National Anti-Scam Centre website about the many types of scams circulating.



Stanhope Men's Shed is usually a hive of productive activity but members were happy to sit and listen to an informative talk about avoiding scams.



Community lunch was accompanied by useful tips on keeping your money safe.

Partnership between Field and Game pays dividends

The Rushworth Field and Game and the Rushworth Golf Club partnered last year with the erection of parrot boxes at the Golf Club.

Last year there were two boxes with the successful hatching of Eastern Rosellas and three young Sugar Gliders.

At a recent check to top up bedding materials and a general condition check of the boxes it was found that of six boxes five were in use by sugar Gliders and one had a possum in residence.

The initial installations were for parrots to nest in and now the Field and Game are now looking at installing another six boxes donated by Shepparton Field and Game to provide more habitat.



Golf club president Garrick Campbell said members' general behaviour on the course had improved as golfers realize they are being watched – the swear jar donations each week are now declining!

On a more serious note, Garrick said it is a great partnership. Members of the club are proud of the facility and the nest boxes add another positive aspect as golfers traverse the course.

Photos are of the sugar gliders one in the nest box and another taken by a visiting golfer on top of one of the boxes.

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P12 students compete at Interschool Athletics Carnival

After gale force breezes the day before, selected Rushworth P-12 College students came in like a hurricane to the Regional Athletics day in Shepparton on 3 September.

Many students competed in a range of events. A third place ribbon for Tamikah in the 200 metre sprint and Keileigh picking second places in high jump and 400 metres. Cooper also ran a second in his 100 metre heat. This was an outstanding effort from all who represented the College. A special shout to the two relay teams, the Under 14 boys and then at last minute due to extra enthusiasm from the Under 14 girls.

Thanks to Mr Ford, Mr Caroll and Hailey for supporting the students throughout the day.



(Above) Kaitlyn G about to give it her best shot in the shot put.



(Left) Luca J getting ready to throw the javelin.



(Below left) Aiden is pretty happy with the relay result



(Below) Tamikah and Keileigh showing off their place ribbons.

Sports Report

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CFNC - Colbo A Grade into Grand Final

Finals - Week 3

A Grade

Prelim-Final v White Hills

Colbinabbin 49 def White Hills 44

Preliminary finals are always a tricky game to play with the threat of the loss hanging over you, but the A Grade girls were keen to make sure the season didn't end one week short.

A strong first quarter saw them go into the break five goals up and full of energy.

Grace and Liv were everywhere in the first quarter, contesting strongly around the ring. The goalers were accurate and combining well despite the blustery conditions. Centre passes were working well with beautiful teamwork between Kasey and Ella on the centre passes.

The second quarter was a hard slog with some great netball being played by both

teams. A twelve-all quarter saw the five goal margin retained.

Tanz and Elle were working hard in defence and picked up some great rebounds and deflections.

White Hills came back firing after the half time break with a strong third quarter, winning that quarter 14 to 11.

Credit to White Hills who were composed and methodical as they closed the margin to only two goals at three quarter time.

After a spirited three quarter time huddle the last quarter is somewhat of a blur as White Hills quickly levelled and took the lead.

In a terrific show of maturity from a young playing group, Colbo were able to show composure and remain calm and in the moment.

Colbo was four goals down with just over five minutes to play. The girls clawed the lead

back and were able to take the win by five goals when the siren blew.

Congratulations to the team who adapted quickly to three rolling subs which changed things up and importantly for pouncing on critical moments when they came.

Colbinabbin had several players who did outstanding things in important parts of the game. Ella Turnbull coming on in the last quarter played a significant role to change the momentum and with the bench - Macy, Aggie and Dom - being the best supporting bench you could ever ask for.

The Hopper crowd was awesome and we can't thank them enough for all of their support. Sorry about the heart stopper result!

Congratulations to the team for making back-to-back grand finals.

Best on court: Grace McIntyre

GO COLBO!

CFNC - A Grade Grand Final - girls beaten by Elmore

Elmore has again ruled the court for the second time in three years after it won the HDFNL's A-Grade netball grand final in Huntly on Saturday 7 September against Colbinabbin.

The Bloods took on Colbinabbin at Strauch Reserve. It was the Jen McIntyre coached Colbinabbin which started well to lead 19-14 at quarter-time. Elmore hit back to win the second quarter, 17-12, and in the process drew level by the long break. Quarter three also went the way of the Bloods, 18-15.

It was a tough campaign for Colbinabbin

which began with a one-goal loss to Elmore in the qualifying final and was followed by a four-goal victory against White Hills in the second semi-final started to show in the last.

The Grasshoppers kept working hard, but Elmore's slick passing through mid-court and brilliance of co-coach Gabe Richards and Abbey Hromenko in attack could not be

stopped.

Elmore won the final term, 22-14, to complete a 71-60 victory.

Best on court honours went to Gabe Richards who again teamed with Allira Holmes to coach the Bloods to a second premiership in three seasons and cap the club's 150th year.

Girgarre netballers make history in finals

Girgarre have created history for the town by qualifying for the club's first ever netball A Grade final.

Their ten goal win against Shepp East in the Preliminary final moved them on to the Grand Final. Girgarre have three teams in the finals this year. Well done!

The finals are on Saturday 14 September at Mooroopna Main Oval-Courts.

Under 13s (finished 1st)

Girgarre vs Tallygaroopna at 10:30am

(Court 1)

C Reserve (finished 5th)

Girgarre vs Tallygaroopna at 12pm (Court 2)

A Grade (finished 1st)

Girgarre vs Lancaster at 2:45pm (Court 1)

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**Don't forget Presentation Night
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Sporting grants re-open

Applications for the latest round of the Sporting Club Grants Program have opened and will remain open until 7 October.

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Another Tiger passes

Congratulations to the office-bearers and committee of Rushworth Football Netball Club of 2024. Your resurrection of the senior team was remarkable and a new committee will steer the ship next season.

2025 will mark the sixtieth anniversary of a wonderful 1965 footy season, as the club took out flags in the Seniors and Reserves in the Heathcote District Football League, after a 30-year drought. The previous premierships had been in the golden era of the 1930s when the club was a powerhouse in the Goulburn Valley League, winning the top prize in five out of six seasons.

With the passing of back-pocket player Graeme "Duffy" Collard last month, just 11 of the Senior 20 from 1965 remain. Farelled have been Bill Cruz (captain-coach), Howard Hawking, Alec Horne, Peter Horne, Graeme Johansen, Ian Coyle, 19th man Jamie Williams, 20th man Peter Keogh, and now Duffy.

Left to recall the 1965 season are drought-breakers Murray Hitchcock (vice-captain), Bill Heath, Jim Strain, Malcolm McLeod, Ivan Baldwin, Graeme Hageman, Paul Barlow, Ralph Barlow, Wes Ristrom, Rob Betson and John O'Donnell.

It is hoped that the club will bring them together one Saturday next season, and include the surviving members of the Seconds premierships team. Sixty years is a rare milestone for any club, and the stories from 1965 deserve re-telling by all involved.

Alan McLean

RFNC - Great effort by juniors

Semi Final Results 13 and Under

Rushworth 20 It Nagambie 21

It was an early start to Father's Day morning. Thank you to important male role models for lending your day.

The excitement was palpable as the first quarter began and it didn't stop there. Pippa and Willow held the fort in goals, the mid courters, Sofia, Stella, Charlii, Kayley and Kaitlyn were strong in the centre and Billie, Eryn and Ruby were a wall of fire in defence.

The game was thrilling right up until the last second and the club could not be more proud of the girls, despite their loss by one goal! The way in which the girls improved and worked as a team throughout the year is a testament to their hard work and the path that led them to the semi finals.

Thank you to coach Brynne for showing the girls the way and helping them achieve what they did this year. The club is excited about 2025.

17 and Under

Rushworth U17 44 It Stanhope 52

Coach Maya's U17's - Grace, Emma, Zahley, Jackie, Ella, Ebonie, Maddy, Millie N, Bella and Millie S. (and Keileigh and Makayla from U15's) all did a fantastic job for the season and then making it through to the finals. All the girls should be extremely proud of themselves coming this far, both last year and this year.

Unfortunately, it wasn't the girl's day, losing by eight points. Good luck to the girls moving up next year and those who are new and will continue in U17's in 2025.

RFNC - AGM looking to 2025

The RFNC is pleased to announce the appointment of the 2025 Executive Committee after the recent successful club AGM.

President - Regan Hanson

Vice President - Katrina Ogden and Shaun Young

Treasurer - Alek Stokes

Secretary - Crystal Pateman

Senior Football Director - Daniel Kelsey

Junior Football Director - Calvin Gleeson

We would first like to thank everyone who attended the AGM and to also extend a big thanks to the outgoing committee from

this season.

The executive committee will work alongside a General Committee of fourteen members who have taken on Sub-Committee and Game-day positions.

The club is still taking expressions of interest in the Junior and Senior Netball Director roles, these positions will be appointed after the Netball Head Coach has been selected.

Social Calendar

Sat - 21 September Junior and Senior Vote Count and Presentation Day

Please send in photos - at least 1mb in size.

A picture tells a thousand stories!

KDFL Football Preliminary Finals Seniors

Shepp East 11.6.72 def L'caster 10.11.71

Reserves

Stanhope 8.12.60 def Lancaster 8.7.56

U18

V/Town 12.11.83 def Shepp East 5.1.31

U15

V/Town 13.12.90 def Murch/Tool 2.1.13

KDFL Netball Preliminary Finals A Grade

Girgarre 37 def Shepp East 27

B Grade

Tallygaroopna 53 def Nagambie 33

C Grade

Murch/Toolamba 33 def Shepp East 26

C Reserve

Girgarre 43 def Shepp East 41

17 and Under

Stanhope 42 def Shepp East 36

15 and Under

Tallygaroopna 33 def Stanhope 32

13 and Under

Girgarre 28 def Nagambie 21

KDFL - Football Grand Finals

14 September

Mooroopna Rec Reserve Seniors - 2.30pm

Murch/Toolamba vs Shepp East

Reserves- 12.30pm

Stanhope vs Murchison/Toolamba

U18 - 10.30am

Violet Town vs Nagambie

U15 - 9am

Dookie vs Violet Town

KDFL - Netball Grand Finals

Mooroopna Netball courts

A Grade - 2.45pm

Girgarre vs Lancaster

B Grade 1.15pm

Shepp East vs Tallygaroopna

C Grade - 11.45am

Stanhope vs Murch/Toolamba

C Reserve - 12 noon

Tallygaroopna vs Girgarre

17 and Under - 10am, court 2

Merrigum vs Stanhope

15 and Under - 9am, court 1

Murch/Toolamba vs Tallygaroopna

13 & Under - 10.30am ct 1

Tallygaroopna vs Girgarre

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