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THE SHEEP ARE SHORN AND THE TALLY IS IN! **\$84,377.28**



It's a day of hard work for some – but a day of fun for the kids! (Photos by Sharon Perry)

Once again the shearing shed at Bill and Val Barlow's property, Corydon, was a hive of activity for the 'Shearing for Kids with Cancer' day, now in its eleventh year.

The annual fund-raiser has not lost its popularity over the years, with seasoned shearers and roustabouts (some seasoned and some novices!) volunteering their time and skills to raise money for clinical research, medical equipment and support services for young cancer patients and their families.

As well as the sound of shears, raffles and auctions added to the festive buzz, with hundreds of items donated by local businesses and community members drawing spirited bidding.

Over the day the tally board showed impressive progress, both in fleeces shorn and dollars raised. The record-breaking result was a testament to the region's generosity and unwavering commitment to

making a difference in the lives of children facing cancer.

The shearing event was first organised to support Lori Perry who was undergoing cancer treatment and it has continued over the years to raise funds for research and facilities for kids with cancer. The current event focuses on raising money for My Room Children's Cancer Charity, a service that focuses on childhood cancer research, clinical care, family support and to improve the quality of life for children with cancer.

Turn to pages 2-3 for more photos and a heartfelt thank-you message from organiser Katrina Ogden.

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Around the shed - at Corydon



Lori Perry having a go at shearing with the guiding hand of her Uncle Sam Perry.



Margaret Zita tries her hand at shearing with the guidance of another gun shearer Adam Clarke, son of Eddie Clarke. Margaret is the CEO from Royal Children's Hospital My Room who lent her support on the day.

**Photos by
Sharon Perry**



Eddie Clarke, a gun shearer and still shearing at the age of 78.



Mover and shaker behind the day, Katrina Ogden, with Auctioneer Nigel Starick and owner of the property (Corydon) Bill Barlow.

Successful fund-raiser for cancer research – despite the chilly weather

Contributed by Katrina Ogden

Well, what a ridiculously cold day it was for the eleventh Shearing for Kids with Cancer Day at Val and Billy Barlow’s shearing shed, “Corydon”. The breeze did not hold up at all for the day but the rain definitely did until the auction was finished.

It was another great day had by all with people still showing up for this fund-raising day for the My Room Charity.

The boys had a little easier day this year compared to normal as the weather didn’t help us out before the day for getting sheep dry. So, they only had to shear nearly 300 sheep for the morning as we had to re-shed them for the night.

We had eight stands set up for the twenty-five shearers to take in turns pulling in and out of gear. The roustabouts were kept busy as well, picking up the fleeces, on the broom or at the table. We would like to thank everyone who worked in the shed on the day. Without these incredible people we would not be able to have this annual event. They all donate their time, services and skills for this day to run.

We then started with our auction at 1pm before the rain hit. We had sixty items which included crushed rock, gypsum, lime, diesel, wind-rowing, bailing hay, urea spreading, chainsaw, golf packages, security system, road grader and excavation work, wine, shearing gear, handmade quilts, loaded eskies, football tickets, signed footballs and jumpers.

Then the wood auction started. We had sixteen loads of wood up for grabs, with the biggest load going for \$1850. During the day, we also had a silent auction going with twenty-eight items to make a bid on. This included wine, air fryer, jewellery, vouchers, hampers and a golf package. The day finished with the raffle - there were 148



Hard-working shearers and shed-workers who contributed their skills and labour on the day.

prizes to win so there were some very happy people when it concluded. We would like to thank all of the wonderful businesses around our community that had donated prizes. You are all remarkable.

Thanks also to Nigel, and the Elders Team from Bendigo for their auctioneering expertise. You do a fantastic job every year and we really appreciate it.

We would also like to thank Leonie and Rowan from Its Party Time Jumping Castles who kept the children entertained; Kaylene, Krystal and Rikki for manning the entry tent all day (you guys are amazing); Jak McMillan and his team for cooking the BBQ; Denis Ogden for cooking the roast meat; Judy, Sarah and Kizza for helping serve the wonderful lunch and Lance and Schuey for helping serve the very cold drinks; Leanne Cleary and Auntie Wendy for the slices and Laurel Goggin for the scones. Thank you!

It was an awesome effort by everyone to work together and raise some much-needed

funds to go to the My Room Children’s Cancer Charity and try and make a difference for the children and their families who have that long road ahead. My Room is an organisation raising funds for childhood cancer research, clinical care, family support and to improve the quality of life for children with cancer. 95c out of every \$1 donated is going back to support the families.

We would like to thank everyone who came out on the day, by buying raffle tickets, working in the shed or even having a snag and supporting us. Without your contribution and everyone’s hard work, we would not have been able to raise the total of:

\$84,377.28

We truly thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts, as we would not be able to raise this amount without your dedication and fantastic effort by all involved.

A big thank you again from Billy and Katrina Ogden. We truly appreciate all the hard work everyone puts into this day.

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Grant writing for community groups

Campaspe Shire Council’s Flood Recovery Team, in partnership with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR), is hosting a series of free community grant-writing information sessions across the shire in August to support local recovery and capacity-building efforts.

Aimed at educating and empowering community members and organisations, the sessions will focus on the fundamentals of successful grant seeking and management — including how to identify the right grants, prepare strong applications, and manage grant acquittals and reporting effectively.

A total of five sessions will be held, each capped at 20 participants to ensure a quality interactive learning environment. Light supper or finger food will be provided.

Sessions will be held at:

- St Mary’s Parish Hall, Echuca on Monday, 18 August, 6 - 8pm;
- St Mary’s Parish Hall, Echuca on Tuesday, 19 August, 10am - 12 noon;
- Rochester Library meeting room on Tuesday, 19 August, 6pm to 8pm;
- KCLC, 21-25 Lake Rd, Kyabram on Monday, 25 August, 6pm to 8pm;
- Rushworth Library meeting room on Thursday, 28 August, 6pm to 8pm.

While all sessions are open to the general public, the session scheduled in Echuca on 19 August will be tailored specifically for community services and organisations, offering deeper insights into organisational grant-seeking strategies.

The workshops will be delivered by FRRR, a nationally recognised foundation committed to strengthening remote, rural and regional communities.

Community members, volunteers, and local service providers are encouraged to attend and gain valuable knowledge to support their recovery efforts and long-term community development goals.

Registrations are essential as places are limited. For the sessions in Echuca and Rochester, please book by 5pm on Monday, 11 August; bookings for the sessions in Kyabram and Rushworth will close at 5pm on Monday, 18 August 2025.



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Second Term commences for P-12 College Principal

Principal of Rushworth P-12 College, Mr Jamie Daff commenced his second term in the role on 21 July. Mr Daff completed last term with a “thumbs up” from staff and students as he demonstrated his approachable and communicative style of leadership.

Mr Daff had previously taught at Rushworth P-12 for nine years in a Leading Teacher position, teaching all year levels of students in PE and Outdoor Education. It was with a thorough knowledge and understanding of the school that Mr Daff applied for the position of Principal this year.

Mr Daff had previous experience in the role of Principal at Charlton College for four years. This was a “busy Foundation to Year 12 school” according to Mr Daff as it managed the North Central Trade Training Centre and the Flexible Learning Operations program in the area. His time there followed twelve months working in the Shepparton office of the Department of Education, providing him with a more overarching awareness of the structure of a Government Department responsible for state education in the area.

Mr Daff describes Rushworth P-12 as a “really good school” and advised there have been twenty new enrolments at the school in his first term as Principal. His staff recruiting approach is to recruit good and appropriate staff to the school, not to just fill a position, but to build on the quality staffing cohort currently at the school.

The standard of student behaviour is also explicitly communicated to students and parents, thus providing a safe and appropriate learning environment for all.

Mr Daff expresses his willingness for



Mr Daff with School Captain, Ella Johnstone

community members to visit the school – “The door is always open and anyone can go and have a look at the programs and learning experiences of students,” he said.

The recently completed new building at Rushworth P-12 College will be opened with a ceremony later this Term and Mr Daff said details of which will be well advertised in the community.

Welcome back to Rushworth Mr Daff!



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25 Years on - time in a capsule

Last Sunday saw the opening of a time capsule that was buried in Colbinabbin to coincide with the Olympic Torch Relay of the year 2000.

The late Ron McTaggart had indeed done a sterling job of sealing the container and making it all moisture-proof - it was hard to believe these treasures had been in the ground for 25 years!

Thanks to the two Wills (Hayes and Morrow) the capsule was brought to ground level and all was revealed.

The inclement weather meant that celebrations had to continue at the local pub, where memorabilia was displayed for the week for people to view.

A steady stream of people took advantage of this, and are now thinking about what should go in the next time capsule to be opened in 2050. There were certainly some interesting things in there!

Thanks to Jennie Hayes for keeping an eye on the anniversary date (or we all would've missed it) and for organising the day.



(Above) Will Hayes opens the very well sealed time capsule.



(Left) A very proud Judy Phelan representing her son Phillip (Toot) Morgan who carried the Olympic torch in 2000.



The year 2000 revealed: (Above) Some of the memorabilia recovered from the time capsule. (Left) Future Olympic athletes from Colbinabbin? Who knows?



Have your say! Readers are invited to contribute their letters, opinion pieces and ideas to these pages.

Adding to the Hammond family history

When our last edition’s ‘Forest Yarns’ featured the Hammond brothers and their mill at Waranga, it prompted Irene Finch to write about a recent family history expedition - and to add to the story of the Hammond family.

“We are descendants of Edward George Hammond, the oldest of the Hammond brothers. He opted to go farming rather than work on the family saw-milling business. His story is quite different to that of his siblings. Seven of his great grandchildren met to locate the family sites, including land holdings, the two stations on the Murchison-Colbinabbin railway line and the site of the church and school,” Irene writes. Edward’s story comes to us just in time for Family History Month!

The Hammonds of “Camarina”

In late July, seven great grandchildren of Edward George Hammond and Jane Bennie converged on Waranga to learn more about their forebears. It was a team effort, involving old parish maps, family documents, reading the landscape, research and swapping anecdotes. This is their story.

Edward George Hammond emigrated from London with his parents when he was four years old. The family settled in Melbourne in 1855, before selecting land at Goldie, near Lancefield in 1867. Edward’s father and his seven sons selected land on Buffalo Creek, near Murchison in 1878.

Edward, the oldest son, selected land in his own right, electing to go farming rather than working in the family sawmilling business. In 1885 he married Jane Bennie and they made their home, “Camarina” at Harriman’s Point. All that is left of “Camarina” are some very old peppercorn trees, fruit trees and a new sign on the gate. The family is yet to find a photograph of “Camarina”.

While his brothers operated their sawmill, Edward’s life revolved around the farm, his family of nine children and the local community. He advocated the construction of the spur line between Murchison East and Colbinabbin and hounded the Waranga Council to improve

roads in the district.

Waranga was small hamlet and Edward donated land for a Methodist Church and school. For several years Waranga Station School 3095 (est. 1891) occupied the church during the week, and it was used for church services at the weekend. The school was located on the Murchison side of Harrimans Road, near the Rail Trail. Edward was President of the School Committee and worked tirelessly to obtain funds for the school.

The Hammond children attended the school, which catered for students to Grade 8. In 1905, Florence Hammond was awarded a scholarship to attend the Melbourne Continuation School, the only state secondary school in Victoria. It was the first year of the school, which had an enrolment of 200 students. She graduated as a Junior Teacher at the age of 16. Her brother, Alfred (“Boy”) also won a scholarship to MCS. He Matriculated, won an exhibition to Melbourne University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1915. In 1917 “Boy” died from war wounds in France, but left his savings to his youngest sister, Edith, aged 14. She was also able to attend MCS, which had changed its name to Melbourne High School.

The Hammond family had close connections with their extended family in Melbourne, regularly travelling by steam train from Waranga Station. They referred to Melbourne as ‘the big smoke’, because of the smoke emissions from factories and homes. Using a photograph taken in 1928, we discovered the



Descendants of Emma and Rose Hammond, who married William and John S Laurie (hence the Laurie surnames). (l-r) Ian Laurie, Helen Arkinstall (Laurie), Irene Finch (Laurie), Neil Laurie, Greg Laurie; front - Pam Chapman (Laurie). Bob McLean (whose mother was a Laurie - absent).

railway platform, station house and garden, railway line and the ‘road’ across to Harrimans Road.

Edward lost some land when the Basin filled, and more when the railway and road deviation was constructed. In the late 1920s, Edward and Jane retired to Phillips Street, Rushworth, naming their new home “Camarina”. Before his death, Edward allocated land to six of his surviving children. Jess’s paddock included the school grounds; Rose and Edith’s paddocks were reduced in size with the deviation; Emma’s paddock, including the original “Camarina” at Harrimans Point, was partly under water. Fred acquired additional land from his siblings and an uncle. Florence purchased her parents’ home. On her death, Florence left the house

to Waranga Council, who sold it, and the proceeds were donated to the planned Waranga Hostel.

The Hammonds of “Camarina” valued education, community service, and always ‘doing your best’. On “Boy” Hammond’s tombstone in France, the epitaph reads “He lived as he died, doing his best.” We are very proud great grandchildren.

Irene Finch (née Laurie)

Note: Emma and Rose Hammond both married brothers, William R and John S Laurie of Moora.



1950 Camarina Phillips St Rushworth.



1928 Waranga Station.

Shared space offers new home for Nagamo

Rushworth shoppers have been treated to an enticing collection of locally crafted jewellery over the past few months, adding to the extensive wares on offer in the High St Rushworth Variety shop.

Clare Jones was just becoming established and making a name for herself with her new jewellery and giftware range when the premises was sold and her fledgling business needed a new home. In her words, Clare tells her story that led her to becoming a popular new addition to the Rushworth CBD.

“My chapter in Tatura ended in April 2025 with my shop building being sold. My mind was set on finding a new ‘home’ in beautiful Rushworth. At the last hour, upon learning all other options I could think of were exhausted, Kelly offered to share Rushworth Variety - and so I arrived in Rushy! Since then, we’ve collaborated to keep both our shops open and operating as much as possible. We cheer each other on, and have plenty of silly laughs along the way!

I am so grateful to be in town, and have met so many kind and supportive people. Nagamo

was born from authenticity and positive energy (not greed or ego). It’s touching when I see people’s reactions of surprise, curiosity and admiration of my craft. It gives so much meaning and purpose to what I do, because I create based on instinct and feeling. I like to think it shows in my work, and is why people are drawn to it.

‘Nagamo’ means ‘She Sings’. And I’ve seen it so many times - the items ‘singing’ to people, coaxing them to return, signalling some kind of special and unspoken connection. And connection is one of my core personal values. So, observing people perusing the shop and returning back to that one piece, as though they have connected on a felt but unseen level, is heartwarming for me.”



Clare Jones is happy to find a new home for Nagamo in Rushworth.



Angie Russi and Clare Jones recently joined forces, spending an whole day hand rolling clay beads, pouring positive energy into each unique bead which have now become beautiful bracelets with stainless steel charms and/or connectors. The collection is available at Nagamo and at Angie Russi’s Gallery.



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Drop-in sessions have also been held this week in Rushworth (Tuesday) and Colbinabbin (Wednesday).

Day out for Garden Club

The Rushworth Garden Club will have a social day out on 21 August, meeting at 11.45 am for lunch at Gargarro Cafe in Girgarre. Lunch will be followed by a visit to the nursery and a wander through the botanic garden.

Here’s hoping the weather will be kind!
Ethel

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Family History Month at
Campaspe libraries

Family History Month events are underway at libraries around the Campaspe Shire, with a program highlighting guest authors and workshops to help residents delve into their own family stories.

Library Services Manager Jenny Mustey said the workshop program will support participants in exploring their ancestry, with resources and expertise available to guide every step of the journey.

“Our libraries are a gateway to the past - we offer tools, databases, and personalised support to make your search meaningful,” Mrs Mustey said.

Details of events are listed in the last edition of the Waranga News. Bookings are essential. For booking and more information visit the website at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library or call 03 5481 2400



Rushworth library hosted guest author Pam Wells who spoke of her biography about husband Col Rod Wells and his experience as a Japanese POW.

New life for an old jug

David Barton had noticed the old jug in St Paul’s Anglican Hall over many years. Despite it being a bit the worse for wear with a damaged spout, he recognised the appeal of the once useful water jug from the 1880s. When Mrs O’Donnell agreed to sell him the jug, David was keen to get it restored to its former beauty - and local potter Angie Russi was just the person for the job. David was thrilled with the finished product and thanks Angie for such a wonderful restoration of the jug and repaired spout. Fully restored, the jug is now on display in David and Helen’s home.



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Reunion for the ‘Hepples Girls’

There was a buzz of excitement and lots of happy conversations taking place at the Stanhope Café on a recent Friday in July when former employees of Stanhope’s Hepples Emporium caught up, together with some other Stanhope ‘long-timers’.

The ‘Hepples Girls’ as they call themselves, have met regularly for many years and kept up their friendships. Hepples Emporium burnt down years ago and Shaque A Taque now stands on the site.

Nancy Green (Burrows) travelled from Benalla with her daughter Shellie to catch up with her brother Jim and family and her old workmates from Hepples Emporium. Dorothy Rosenberg, a friend of Nancy, was also there.

Kathy and Leonie Lorenz, daughters of Ainey Lorenz, Stanhope’s local butcher from the Hepples era, travelled from Melbourne for the lunch.

Shirley Armstrong, Gloria Linford, Alice Wastell and Angela Emmett were all from the ‘Hepples Girls’ group.

Leah Huggard, from Waranga Aged Care brought along Shirley and Angela.

Floss Holschier, a friend who knew all present, came along to say hello to Shirley Armstrong – and stayed for lunch.

The group thanked Jenna and the café staff for a great lunch, and plan to meet again in November for the next catch-up.



The Hepples Girls - and friends: Maree Chester, Shirley Armstrong, Jim Burrows, Nancy Green, Dorothy Rosenberg, Alice Wastell, Kathy Lorenz, Jacqui Schade, Leah Huggard, Shellie Green, Jenny Coburn, Leonie Lorenz, Angela Emmett, Floss Holschier, Gloria Linford, Vicki Schade and Terry Schade.

Valé Malcolm Potter

Malcolm Potter, raised and educated at Rushworth, has died in Melbourne, aged just 70, after a long and tough battle with liver disease. He endured several stints in hospital and passed away on 27 May. He was remembered warmly by family and close friends at a small gathering in Melbourne on 12 July.

Mal was the eldest son of the late George and Heather Potter, having older sisters Pam (deceased), Lorraine, Kaylene, younger sister Margaret, and brothers Charles, Peter and Donald.

While completing Form 5 (Year 11) at Rushworth High School in 1971, he played senior football as a tall ruckman. Taking an opportunity with Sandhurst in the Bendigo League the following season, Mal caught the eye of Carlton, where he played 38 games for the Reserves in the VFL. He kicked 39 goals.

Mal enjoyed success in clothing manufacturing, becoming a major supplier to some of the country’s larger mid-range stores, and creating opportunities for his brothers within his own business interests.

He was generous to a fault, and his engaging personality with strangers was a key to his success. He experienced several ups and downs along the way, but always followed his own motto about being “here for a short time, so enjoy it while you can”.

Mal was married twice and is survived by daughters Brooke who lives in the U.S.



Malcolm with his grand-daughters London and Ivy.

and Suzanne in Melbourne. Small grand-daughters London and Ivy also joined in the very positive recollections of their grandfather at the Melbourne gathering.

He will be remembered by old school friends at Rushworth, including Barry Thompson, Bruce Wootton, John Raglus, Rod Lockwood and Alan McLean. The late David Perry was another class-mate and football team-mate.

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OP Shop musings

Hi Folks, time for more rambling rubbish from me! If you have any comments etc. that you would like to pass on to the Op Shop that I can incorporate into this page please let me know. Complaints to Margaret, compliments to me – sorry Margaret! Although we rarely get complaints. Mostly people are thrilled with our shop and we try very hard to keep it a delightful experience.

To that end, both the Op Shop and the Food Bank will shortly be getting the carpets cleaned so we can avoid that horrible musty smell that some shops get.

Christine at the Food Bank asked me to thank people for all the bags they have brought in. They now have plenty. Also many thanks for the financial contributions that people have been making. Every little bit helps in this day and age.

The Op Shop is taking part in the Hope scheme being run by P-12 College. We will be rotating two students in the shop every Wednesday for a three hour shift, giving students experience in working in a shop with a team of people, seeing what happens behind the scenes with donations and understanding the focus needed in full time work. Sam is looking forward to meeting all the young ones and once they have seen what we have in the shop I’m sure they will be back buying things.

We have a beautiful retro pram in the shop, Pedigree brand and the price is \$350. It’s the sort in which your nanny would take the baby to the park – preferably St. James Park near Buckingham Palace! I had a pram like that when I was a baby (so I was told). Unfortunately we also had a small dog called Rex. One day he jumped into the pram with me (I was about ten months old) and ripped the fabric on the inside of the pram and I



proceeded to pull out the stuffing that was in the upholstery. Mum was NOT pleased, especially as it was 1948 and everything was still on war ration coupons. Getting another pram would have been impossible. I think Dad managed to patch it up somehow but Rex was in the doghouse! Anyway, our pram is several steps above the collapsible stroller and would be a very comfortable ride for baby.

The Little Green Shed has been rearranged to make things easier to see and a lot of beautiful furniture has arrived. Honestly, you could furnish a whole house, just about, with what you can get from us. Furniture, curtains, pots and pans, cutlery, pictures, ornaments, dog blankets, cushions – and the list goes on.

We have so much at very reasonable prices (unlike some other Op shops that seem to think they are boutiques!) and we still have childrens clothes at \$5 a bag.

Until next time, we hope you have a smile on your face and a full belly.

Heather

DO IT YOURSELF!

Today’s the day I have to write
A poem that is nice and bright
And gives you all the Op Shop news,
But this week I’ve got no clues!
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More good clothes and things for dogs.
Glass and dishes, mugs and plates,
Pictures, chairs and gifts for mates.
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And if you’re really, really good
I’d very much like it if you could
Do some verses now and then.
All you need is paper, pen,
A glass of wine (or two or three)
To get the rhymes a-flowing free
And then just send them on to ME!

Heather

Opening times

Rushworth Food Bank:

Mon, Wed and Fri
10am-12pm

#9 Op-Shop:

Mon, Wed and Fri - 9am - 2pm
Sat 9am to 12pm

Little Green Shed:

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CFNC reunion day

At the last home game, next Saturday 8 August, a Past Players and Reunion Day will kick off at 12pm in the marquee at the recreation reserve. The Rocky and Co Pizza van will be around after the game and Miss Colbinabbin will start at 7pm.

Folk concert at Corop

Next Sunday, 10 August, there will be a Winter Warmer Folk Concert at the Corop Community Hall, Tennis Court Road, Corop. Afternoon tea available for purchase. ‘Angelus’ (our own locals Jules and Lou plus Em) will be playing, starting at 2pm.

Thanks

Thanks from the Catering Group to all who helped with the catering at the hall for Anne Ryan’s funeral.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to the Kerrins family on the loss of their brother, Anthony.

Scrabble and Soup

Have you tried it yet? You can book in at CCH (54329230) for a bowl of soup and a game of Scrabble on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month - 10.30am start.

The finial

We found out a bit about the old wooden finial that turned up during the recent Colbo hall renovations. It was bought at a Clearing Sale by Don Stewart (Bert’s grandfather) about 1940. It had been part of the Gobarup East school or church which had shared the same block of land. Thanks, Bert, for coming up with the solution of the mystery finial!

FIRE BRIGADE ROSTER

August 10 Matt Ryan, Martin Borger
August 17 Ray McEvoy, Pat Tuohey
If unable to attend for duty, call Chris/Leo.

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

Cemetery Trust

Mowing Roster (lawn section only)
August - volunteer needed

Got some news for the News?

Send an email to wnews@iinet.net.au or ring Vicki on 5856 1311 or pop into the News office in Moora Road

ROUND 17
9 AUGUST

Colbinabbin v Huntly
Heathcote v White Hills
LBU v North Bendigo
Leitch-Gun v Elmore (G)
BYE v Mount Pleasant

ROUND 18
16 AUGUST

Mount Pleasant v Colbinabbin
Huntly v Heathcote
White Hills v LBU
North Bendigo v Leitch-Gun
BYE - Elmore

Telling today’s story in 2050

An Olympic Torch Relay through Colbo in 2000 was definitely a significant event to remember - and to recall in 2025. So now it’s time to think of the town memories you would like to be recalled in 2050.

Do you have something to contribute to the next 25-year time capsule?

Messages, photos, predictions, tokens of today’s Colbinabbin? What story could you leave behind? Items submitted will become part of Colbo history!

If you would like to add something to the time capsule for the next opening in 2050, ring Jen Hayes (0437 068 440).

(Right) Dean Wallace puts the latest “YABBA” in the 2050 time capsule.



Someone has to have a long memory when a time capsule is buried – and Colbinabbin was lucky to have Jennie Hayes on hand to keep her eye on the calendar and organise the excavation. Jennie is pictured with Deputy Mayor Jess Mitchell.

LIBRARY

Wed 13 Aug Pauline Wilson
Wed 20 Aug Janice Tait



Is it news in Colbo?

Sporting clubs, church & community groups, organisations and individuals:

If you have something newsworthy to tell Colbinabbin and further afield why not pass it on to the

Colbo Tit Bits ?

Email information and/or photos to
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or wnews@iinet.net.au

Colbo Diary

Coffee and Cake - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10.15am @CCH
Colbo Community Shed - Thursdays BYO BBQ lunch
Colbo Pub Choir - 5pm Tuesdays at CCH
New Parents’ Group - 1st & 3rd Thursdays 9am @ CCH
Scrabble & Soup - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 10.30am

AUGUST

Sat 9 CFNC Past Players/Reunion
Sun 10 Winter Warmer Folk Concert 2pm at Corop

Tues 12 Scrabble @ Soup @ CCH 10.30am

SEPTEMBER

Sat 13 Grand final (CFNC)



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Country Social Dance

A Country Social Dance will be held at the Rushworth Shire Hall on the evening of Saturday 6 September.

Kicking off at 7pm, the event will feature live music by the “True Country” band, which specialises in country classics, country rock, and classic 50’s and 60’s rock and roll.

The event runs for five whole hours, so make sure you bring along your own drinks (soft or alcoholic) and snacks.

The cost is fifteen dollars per person (that’s just three dollars per hour) and you’re sure to have a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Be there!

Women’s Health Forum

Back by popular request, Rushworth’s annual Women’s Health Forum will be held at the Community House at 7.00pm on 3 September. The forum is a joint initiative between the Community House and Goulburn Valley Health.

Last year’s forum won high praise from women of all ages who attended the event.

This year’s forum speakers include Dr Margreet Stegeman (a gynaecologist from Shepparton Women’s Health Centre) and Ms Rebecca East (a nurse practitioner from The Holistic Care Collective).

Questions and comments will be welcome - indeed they are encouraged - and everyone will have an opportunity to share their thoughts.

This event is free to attend and a light supper will be provided.

RCH gets fast broadband at last

After five months of technical planning and careful implementation, the Community House has finally completed its transition from wireless broadband and copper-wired telephones to an integrated use of the NBN Fibre Optic to the Premises system.

Post-change, Internet speeds jumped by a factor of ten, and the dual-line PABX telephone system is now connected to the NBN by a pair of Telstra Smart Modems (photo below).

The House has also been able to restore its free public wifi service. The Wifi network name is **RchFreeWifi** and the password is simply **highstreet** (all lower case).



Messages can now be left when telephoning the Community House outside normal hours of operation. And the House’s *Music on Hold* comes directly from Rushworth Radio 3RW.

Operation of the NBN-based configuration is identical to the House’s old phone and internet systems, requiring no additional training or mentoring for RCH staff and volunteers.

Cheese-making workshops in November

The Community House extends a big thank you to everyone who registered their interest in these workshops, and asks people to indicate which session or sessions they would like to attend.

There are three workshops planned for the weekend starting Friday, 14 November, and the House now needs to assess numbers for the sessions.

The workshop times and costs are as follows:

Workshop 1 : Cost \$35.00

One hour session where you will make one cheese to take home with you.

Workshop 2 : Cost \$130.00

Three hour session where you will make four cheese styles - Danish Feta, Ricotta, Camembert and Danish Blue. You will take home one kilogram of cheeses and a host of great ideas to experiment with in the future.

Workshop 3: Cost \$130.00

Three hour session where you will make four cheese styles - Cheddar, Cottage, Halloumi and Mozzarella. Again, you will take home one kilogram of cheeses and some great ideas.

Between sixteen and twenty people are needed for each session to go ahead, so please contact the House as soon as possible and advise your preferences for this great experience.



Valuable Elder Rights session at the House

Melitta Zobec from Elder Rights Australia (ERA) visited the House last week, joining several senior members of the Community for a chat over morning tea.

ERA promotes the human rights of all older Victorians to receive safe, quality aged care and provides information, advocacy and social support to people seeking access to - or already using - residential or in-home aged care services.

Participants heard about ways that ERA can support our seniors, with help to register for support to advocating with organisation who are supporting those on aged care packages.



The session was very informative, with everyone present learning new aspects and possibilities about the wide field of the rights of elderly people. If you are interested in this topic for yourself or on behalf of another person, please contact Anita at the Community House about future meetings.

Arts & Tourism

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Kyabram Town Hall Gallery in August

Polly Stewart 'Pieces of Hope'

"I've never had an art exhibition before... turns out becoming visually impaired with MOGAD makes you do wild things like become a painter! Come check out my first-ever show - full of colour and hope. 10% of my sales goes to MS Australia."

Polly.

Connected by a Thread

Albury-Wodonga Textile Group

For two months this group will present a variety of textile pieces, some for sale. Official opening and meet the artist on 2pm Saturday 16 August - all welcome.

Same Shape Same Size

What happens when you give each artist in a group a space that measures one metre by one metre? What do they do with it? How do they fill it?

Splinter Contemporary Artists have answered this challenge.

All Together Now

An exhibition bringing together the artist and makers from the Campaspe Artists Studio Trail

16 August to 11 October.

Opening event 2pm Saturday 16 August

All welcome.



(Above) by Polly Stewart

(Below) Same Shape Same Size



CWA State Creative Arts Exhibition

The Exhibition comes to Kyabram on 8 and 9 August and is open 9am - 5pm

Parking at rear of the hall off Bradley Street.



Over 1,500 exhibits showcasing the skills of CWA members in 200+ categories. Crafts, knitting, art, embroidery, cookery, preserves, jewellery, dolls and more!

NAIDOC Exhibition at The Foundry Art Space Echuca

The theme of this year's NAIDOC exhibition was 'Our Women, Our Strength' featuring works from multiple generations of Indigenous women artists carrying forward ancient traditions through their craft.



Indigenous weaver, Denise Morgan explains the making of a vessel from Dianella incorporating old video tape. (Left) Banners of eco printed silk and a striking possum cloak.

Kyabram Town Hall Writers Group

Meets every Monday at 4.30pm

Enter from back of hall.

Enquiries leave message at 0427194885

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Kyabram Town Hall Artists Group

Meets every Tuesday at 5.30pm - 7.30pm

and Thursday morning 10.30am - 12.30pm

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Kyabram Town Hall Gallery Exhibitions

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

- ALL TOGETHER NOW- ARTISTS STUDIO TRAIL Opens 16 August
- PIECES OF HOPE- PAULINE STEWART Opens 16 August
- CONNECTED BY A THREAD- ALBURY/ WODONGA TEXTILE GROUP Opens 16 August
- SAME SHAPE SAME SIZE- Splinter Contemporary artists. Opens 12 August Open 10-4 daily except Sunday

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



On leave

One of our Cooks Corner team is on carers' leave, so I hunted through her past contributions and thought you might feel like making her very yummy Spinach and Fetta Pie.

Pauline's Spinach and Fetta Pie

Ingredients

3 leeks, peeled and sliced
2 bunches spinach (silverbeet or kale can be substituted) wilted and sliced
50g toasted pine nuts (sesame seeds can be substituted)
50-75g parmesan cheese
Bunch of mint (coriander can be substituted)
Pampas filo pastry
3 eggs whisked
375g tub of ricotta
100g fetta

1 cup buttermilk
Melted butter for pastry

Preparation

Brush every second sheet of pastry with butter and build up layers in a large, greased pie dish. Pauline did a couple of layers just on the base before covering the sides of the dish.

Add ricotta and fetta to whisked eggs, add buttermilk. Place spinach over the bottom of the lined dish, pour egg and cheese mix over the top and lightly stir through.

Cover with more layers of buttered filo pastry, brush top with butter and sprinkle with pine nuts.

Bake for 10 minutes at 200°C then reduce oven to 160°C and cook for a further 50 minutes.

A variation might include using mashed potato and slices of chorizo or bacon as a topping instead of the pastry. (This might make it more man-friendly as we've only j-u-s-t got them on to eating quiche).

*Bon appetite
Pauline*



Pauline's Spinach and Fetta Pie

Handy Hints

- from Lyn Rumble

Repurposing or re-using everyday items - or quick and easy solutions to general household issues that maybe you hadn't thought of - is what I like to do. I have been on a bit of a cooking spree of late - so here is a couple of hints on cooking that I have come across over the last couple of weeks.

Lyn

* **Cooking a fruit cake** – although your recipe might not be a 'boiled' fruit cake recipe – you can still get the same moist texture – all you need to do is in advance boil the required amount of fruit for five minutes then let it cool down before continuing on with your standard fruit cake recipe. The cake will be deliciously moist!

* **Adding that little bit of alcohol to a cake mix** – If you like to add sherry, brandy or rum liquor to your cake mixes – that process always seem to lose most of the flavour of the tippie to me! Try cooking the cake mix without the liquor. Then when the cake is cooked and just out of the oven, poke some holes in the top and dribble the planned amount of liquor directly onto the top of the cake. The liquor will be absorbed into and throughout the cake without any distillation within the precooked mix.

* **Slicing a delicate sponge in half!** It's a bit of a job isn't it! But if you get a strong cotton thread and wrap around the sponge where you want the split to be in half – cross over the ends and pull through, and hey presto, you've now got two perfect layers.

* **Measuring cups for recipe cooking are not created equal!** – I have several sets of measuring cups and spoons in my kitchen and use them interchangeably for both liquid and dry ingredients when cooking! It has long been a puzzle to me why I could not cook a decent sponge successfully – so this issue got the better of me recently. I tested out the measurements of both my stainless steel cups and the plastic ones – BOY was there a difference in liquid and dry capacity - measuring them on a digital scale - I was stunned! The moral to this story is that if you like cooking, check the weight content of your measures so that you can judge the weighted ingredients in your recipes correctly! Don't forget – all depending on which country your recipe book comes from – could make a big difference – so check the cookery book front or back cover for any information on standard measurement capacities.



Finishing up the winter jobs

Sitting here on my verandah with the warmth of the sun streaming through the trees I realise it's only another few weeks and spring will have sprung.

Realising this I also have been reminded that there's still a few winter jobs I need to do before spring arrives.

Firstly I have a few plants I need to move around as they have been struggling a bit, particularly in summer and now after all that lovely rain it's a perfect time to move them. Most plants can be moved quite easily especially deciduous and exotic plants. Usually they don't like it however grasses can be dug up divided and replanted quite easily.

When moving plants a cutback will be helpful, especially if some of the roots have been damaged. When planted into their new home a good watering with the plant starter or half strength liquid fertiliser will be helpful in reducing transplant shock.

Of course pruning of roses and fruit trees can be done now if you haven't done so already and once done a spray with lime sulphur will kill off any mite eggs and fungal spores reading.

Weeding will also be a job that never goes away, especially after the rain but at least they should come out quite easily with the soil being moist. Speaking of moist soil I'm always amazed how dry parts of the garden can be after such good rain. I find that under

large trees or shrubs the ground can still be quite dry, also along fence lines and under the eaves.

Areas like these will benefit from the application of a wetting agent, which will help the soil to absorb and retain moisture more effectively. In fact the whole garden would benefit from an application ensuring further rain will be absorbed deeper down into the already moist soil.

Well I'm going to get out in the garden and enjoy this beautiful winter sun and get my jobs done.

Happy gardening.

RY



Health and Wellbeing

Victoria's New Virtual Women's Health Clinic now open

A virtual women's health clinic is now open to all Victorian women and girls of any age – offering free, expert medical advice, treatment and care for a range of women's health needs.

Led by specialist nurses, the clinic can provide medical advice remotely via telehealth, either online or on the phone – including endometriosis and pelvic pain care, menstrual health, cervical screening, menopause care, breast health care and abortion.

Women in regional and remote Victoria will benefit the most – with services like traditionally harder to access due to distance from major towns.

Operated in partnership with community health organisation EACH, the service aims to reduce barriers and delays in accessing care, helping to avoid detrimental impacts on a woman's health, their quality of life and the ability to participate in school and employment.

The team of nurses will deliver an initial

health assessment and some treatment, while patients can also be connected with a GP or get referred to a relevant health practitioner as close to home as possible.

In addition to treating immediate health needs, referrals can also be made to various mental health and wellbeing, alcohol and other drugs, and family violence community support services.

Mobile women's health clinic

In addition to the virtual clinic, a mobile women's health clinic continues to travel across Victoria delivering care to women in regional and remote communities.

Operated by BreastScreen Victoria, the van is making free healthcare more accessible for all women and girls, with a focus on improving access to care for Aboriginal women.

It supports a range of women's health needs, including sexual and reproductive health advice, clinical services and referrals for medical abortion, contraception, and referrals to other necessary specialists.

All services are delivered by an experienced nurse or nurse practitioner who work to build connections with women, their community and local health services.

Both the mobile and virtual clinics are part of a health package aimed at transforming the way women's healthcare is delivered in Victoria.

The virtual women's clinic is available Monday to Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm, by calling 1300 003 224 or via a simple, secure online form on the EACH website: each.com.au/services/virtual-womens-health-clinic.

Dementia Forum at Ky

An opportunity for the community to connect over the needs of people living with dementia will be offered at Kyabram Community and Learning Centre on Tuesday, 26 August.

The forum will focus on how to make our community more dementia friendly and will provide useful and practical information about the dementia service system.

This community-focused event aims to raise awareness, provide education, and foster support for individuals living with dementia, their carers, and the broader community

There will be speakers representing

GP's and geriatricians
Services Australia Elders' Rights Advocacy
Dementia Australia
Dementia Voices Alliance and more

When
Tuesday, 26 August 2025 10 am - 3pm



Location
Kyabram Community and Learning Centre -
21-25 Lake Road Kyabram, 3620
Tickets are essential for catering purposes.
FREE tickets are available at
www.kclc.com.au



Join us and learn how to save lives

Venue: Rushworth Recreation Reserve - RFLC Clubrooms
Date & Time: Wednesday 13th August 2025 - 7:30pm





Women's Health Information Night

Waranga Community Health and Rushworth Community House invite you to join us for our information evening discussing menopause and proactive care as you age.

Guest speakers:
Dr. Margreet Stegeman: Gynaecologist
Shepparton Women's Health Centre
Ms. Rebecca East: Nurse Practitioner,
The Holistic Care Collective

When: Wednesday 3rd September, 7pm
Where: Rushworth Community House
67 High Street, Rushworth

Free event - Supper provided

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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.

Spring is in the air

As each day passes subtle hints of spring bring promise of longer days and new life to come. Welcome warmth from the late winter sun begins to melt away the icy nights more quickly and the fresh mornings inspire urgency to be busy, to prepare for the season to come. Spring and summer are our most hectic seasons at Bohollow particularly at our Bunbartha shelter, so now we are trying to prepare before the majority of our time turns into caring for the influx of baby birds who will soon need our help. Once the nesting season begins, suddenly I become time poor to put the work into all the behind the scenes maintenance work which keeps everything functioning as smoothly as possible. So now I am akin to an expectant mother desperately attempting to get her affairs in order in time, the difference being that although I can predict the busy season based on observing the activities of the plants, wildlife and insects around me, I never quite know when things will get crazy. When they do it usually starts with a bang that reverberates all the way to March next year.

Our resident breeding pair of ravens are already nesting. The welcome swallows suddenly appeared, swooping excitedly around their familiar nesting sites on the house verandahs and the shed. The ancient arms of the old grey box tree beside my room is filled with the chatter and yowls of wood ducks each morning as though in deep discussion of who is going to place precious eggs in what particular hollow. The masked lapwings are congregating in formidable pairs in paddocks, nature strips, school ovals and parking lots. Everything is getting excited.

Hollows are being inspected, renovated and fought over. Tensions have been building between that of their own kind as even non-territorial birds transform into fierce defenders of nesting rights.

It is from this time of year, more birds get hit by vehicles on our roads. Courting, breeding and nesting takes precedence. Our feathered friends are so preoccupied and busy with all the things that must take place for them to have a successful breeding season, unfortunately any road sense they may usually appear to have, seems to get lost in their determined singular focus.

Many of our old growth trees and vegetation which contain the necessary habitat for nesting such as hollows and dense understory, exists on roadsides. Often, these places are the only suitable nesting spots in areas where native vegetation is scarce and surrounded by urban sprawl or cleared paddocks.

We should always be vigilant on our roads watching for wildlife, but the numbers who get hit on our roads begins to climb now, we've seen it already starting and it always gets worse. Slow down. Keep an eye out on the roadsides. Once birds are feeding young in nests, the urgency to return with food to a begging babe is so strong that they seem to take more risks or even forget about the danger of our roads. The sad thing is if we hit a critter at this time of year, it may leave more than one victim. Even if we are able to rehabilitate a bird, during the nesting season, chicks may starve.

It gets worse once chicks begin to hatch and fledge. Young birds are not yet privy to the perils of people, vehicles and roads. They are like toddlers learning to cross a street without having a hand to hold onto. They need more reaction time, do not expect them to move in time like an adult bird may. Horns are an awesome tool to help persuade them to move when you see a bird on the road. This also can teach youngsters.

The currawongs are restless for their journey back to higher country, the call to nest is pulling them. I will miss their call during the warmer months but there is no shortage of bird song surrounding me and for that, I am ever grateful.



We also have a prevalence of baby joeys at this time of the year.

ON THE BRINK *by Neil Laurie*

Looking at endangered or extinct flora and fauna.

Of mice and men

Many years ago, I was visiting a friend who lived in the Environmental Living Zone near Kangaroo Ground. I went into the kitchen and disturbed a large mouse on the counter which promptly scurried off. I called out to my friend that she had a mouse in her kitchen. She called out that I should not worry; it was not a mouse, it was an antechinus. In a place where introduced species of any sort are banned, the antechinus was a welcomed wild ‘pet’.

There are several antechinus species in Victoria. My friend’s little friend was possibly a yellow-footed antechinus (*Antecinus flavipes*). They are frequently mistaken for mice or rats, even though they are marsupials, not rodents. They are generally larger than a mouse, have ‘spikier’ fur, larger ears and a pointed snout. Their tail is proportionally shorter and is covered with sparse hair, unlike the scaley tail of a mouse. They lack the large rodent incisor teeth of the mouse. They are very clean and do not smell like mice do. They are carnivorous, eating insects, small reptiles and even small mammals such as mice.

Perhaps what really sets the antechinus apart is its mating behaviour. Their breeding season, usually in winter is very short and intense. Both the males and females will mate with multiple partners with mating sessions lasting up to fourteen hours. This intense mating behaviour leads to a surge in stress hormones in the males, causing a collapse of their immune systems and a general physical deterioration. The males all die soon after the end of the mating season.

Even though the death rate of males is 100% each year the antechinus is not endangered, although cats and habitat loss have caused a decline in numbers.

Even more years ago I was bushwalking with friends. I don’t remember exactly where but it was a sub-alpine walk. On going to bed, one of the young women in

the party discovered that a ‘mouse’ had somehow got into her hike tent and was trying to get into her food bag. It caused us great amusement watching her trying to eject her very quick and agile visitor. It may have been an antechinus but it was more likely a pookila, also called the New Holland mouse (*Pseudomys novaehollandiae*).

The pookila actually is a rodent, and as such typically eats seeds, leaves, fungi, and insects. It differs from the house mouse in that it has larger eyes, rounded ears, its fur is more a sandy-brown, the tail is bicoloured (pink and brown) and it lacks the mousey smell of the house mouse. All these distinguishing features are difficult to see in an animal panicking in a tent, but if it is miles from anywhere, deep in the ranges, then it is unlikely to be a house mouse. The pookila can also be found in houses and agricultural areas.

The pookila was first described in1843 and eventually vanished for over a century before being rediscovered in Kur-in-gai Chase NP in 1967. It has now been found in much of south-eastern Australia. The pookila is listed as vulnerable with habitat loss and predation by feral cats and foxes causing a significant decline in the population. Exotic species of fungi, toxic to the mice, also play a role in its decline. It is not known how many pookila are trapped or poisoned through rodent control measures. Like many of our native species, the pookila now finds it is competing with introduced species for resources. Zoos Victoria, in conjunction with Moonlit Sanctuary is instigating a captive breeding program to reintroduce the pookila into the wild.

So, if you are well away from ‘civilisation’ and come across a mouse don’t try to kill it. It is probably a small native species that you have intruded upon. It would be illegal to kill it anyway. Just feel privileged that you have seen one of our smaller and more elusive species.



Yellow-footed antechinus
(*Antecinus flavipes*)



New Holland mouse
(*Pseudomys novaehollandiae*)

Birds of a Feather

White-winged Chough

The white-winged chough is often seen in groups on the sides of roads and are sometimes mistaken for ravens or crows. They are almost the same size as a raven and are seen as black until they fly and show the white on their wings. Closer inspection reveals their down-curved beak and bright red eyes.

The white-winged chough, usually just called a chough, (pronounced chuff), is one of only two species, along with the apostlebird, of the endemic Australian family of mud-nest builders.

Like many Australian species which live in a tough environment where food is scarce, the choughs live in a family group of 5 -20 individuals which share the duties of raising the young. These non-breeding helpers are mostly the young of the nesting parents and help with the incubation, brooding, feeding and defense of the nest.

Around our district in the winter we often see very large gatherings of choughs, often fifty or more. These birds are made up of a number of family groups which congregate in the non-breeding season. This gives the opportunity for a group to ‘kidnap’ younger members of another group to increase the size and strength of their own group which is a peculiar trait of this species. Bigger groups are more successful.

Choughs feed on the ground and work together feeding on small invertebrates and seeds and berries but do not eat large fruit. They are very social and seem to chat to each other as they pick their way along the forest floor covering quite a distance each day. They nest in the spring by building a mud nest quite high on a branch and have been seen to spin around on the fresh mud to shape the nest into a neat bowl.

Enjoy these chattering choughs with their bright red eyes as their family works its way through the bush.

The Rushy Birder



White winged chough
(*Corcorax melanorhamphos*)

Fifty years ago in our district....

Looking through the pages of past 'Rushworth Chronicles'

.....compiled by former district resident Alan McLean



Crime and punishment in late July 1975

It was standing room only in Rushworth Court House as Magistrate Curtain dealt with multiple alleged traffic offences. A Rushworth man was fined \$140 after conviction on five charges involving speed and control of a vehicle. He was fortunate to have a charge of dangerous driving on Weir Road near Murchison withdrawn.

A Euroa man was fined \$50 for speeding in Stanhope Road, telling the court that the speedo was not working on his motorcycle.

Remaining undetected were three men who, working as a team made off with cash belonging to Mrs Norma Hartney of the Rushworth Hotel. One man in his twenties went upstairs taking cash from Mrs Hartney's purse, while she was distracted serving his two colleagues, one of whom was wearing a suit.

Mr Arthur Harradence of the Criterion Hotel described men of similar description casing his hotel the same day but nothing seemed to have been taken.

Schools

Grades 1 and 2 of Rushworth Primary reported that "Leanne brought a bullock's leg to school. It had a two-toed hoof and a thick strong bone". (*How did she get it to school? On a bus?*) Grade 6 were making miniature hot-air balloons with limited success reported by Lisa Crosbie.

Community

Axedale Young Farmers Club sponsored Mary Conroy of Myola East who was runner-up in a knitting competition run by the Australian Wool Board in Tasmania. Mary had won the Victorian section of the contest which attracted 800 entries from across Australia. Using similar needles and given a few minutes to study a selected pattern, contestants had to complete a section of knitting.

Rushworth Auto Club arranged a dinner dance at the Shire Hall with \$12 tickets per couple, thought by some to be a little high. A variety concert held by the High School required adults to part with 70 cents, students 30 cents.

Guides and Scouts

Colbinabbin Guides selected Catherine Morgan and Anne Hassell to attend the camp at Britannia Park, Healesville, in January 1976. The Guides feared for their local camp as rain tumbled down but the event was rescued by Mr Engels who provided his shearing shed! Mrs Kelly covered as a Guide leader when Wendy Hamilton (now Laurie) set off on her trip around Australia.

A campfire event was held at Colbinabbin to thank the founder and leader of the Cub pack, Geoff Hill, for his contribution over seven years. He was moving up a role, leading the Scouts. Mrs Marie Ross was the new Cub leader as Jeremy Branson, John Duke and Richard Pannell became Cubs and Andrew Branson was awarded his gold boomerang badge.

Rushworth Guides and Scouts raised funds through the sale of newspapers which local residents placed on footpaths on named days. Parents of the children drove around collecting the paper for sale to recyclers. (*How many readers owe some of their life skills to time spent as Guides and Scouts? What a pity there is no activity in our district today.*)

Personal

A terrorist event involving Japanese radicals disrupted air travel in Asia, Kuala Lumpur in particular. Anne Anderson had her flight from Malaysia deferred, delaying her return home to Wanalta.

Football

Rushworth Seniors and Seconds players formed a guard of honour to welcome blonde Ian Williams onto the ground for his 100th game, featured in a front-page photo in the Chronicle, but the Tigers went down to Heathcote by a point. Mark Mackinder was carried off with an injury, replaced by Rod Jones. Bill Barlow left the field at half-time, replaced by a half-fit Rob Betson.

Reporter Alf Raglus praised the play of half-backs Rob Raglus, John Lambden and John Raglus but "paid out" on the team's sloppy, ineffective handball, and poor kicking for goal. Scores were 14-10 to 13-15. Mick O'Sullivan bagged four goals.

The result was reversed in the Seconds as the Tigers beat Heathcote by two points with pats on the back to Shane Clarke, Rod Jones, Wayne Hageman, Charles Potter, Robert Jones, Ray Cruz and Denis Ogden (another three goals).

Heathcote beat Rushworth Under-16s, the two teams being on top of the ladder.

In the Seconds top team Elmore defeated Rushworth 6-13 to 5-3. Oggy gets tired of seeing his name in the paper but he was named as the best together with the same players from the Heathcote game, and Bill Cruz included.

Colbo remained on top of the Seniors ladder with 52 points, Rushworth and Heathcote next best on just 36 in the five-team competition which meant each club had a bye every fifth Saturday.

On a windy day Colbo's 18-22 was far too strong for Mounts on 8-7, Egan getting another five and Buster Hammond named as best player, together with Paul and Brendan Tuohey. It was "Tuohey Day" as Frank and Barney Tuohey were given as best for Mounts, with the speedster Mickey Gee.

Merrigum flogged Murchison 19-11 to 9-9, Robert Sloper getting five of the Murchison goals and named as best. Murch then scraped home by four points against Lancaster, Dinga Bell the best player.

Other sport

In a rare report in 1975, netball ladders were showing Mounts well clear in A-grade, Rushworth second and Colbo third. In B-grade, Mounts were a game clear of Colbo, Rushworth back in fourth place.

Bill Trevaskis, Gordon McGrath, Brian Brady and John Hammond starred at Murchison golf, while Gordon McMaster hit one closest to the pin.

Lucy Barlow, Beryl Home, Marj Hawking, Maree Cogan and Shirley Raglus played well at Rushworth Golf Club, club championship semi-final wins going to Beryl and to Doris Barlow. Into the B-grade final were Norma Bolden and Nan Jessup. C-grade finalists were Pat Cleary and Lorraine Barlow.

A small field of 26 men went around the course and included three visitors, Denis Hardie, George Reid, and D. Cameron. A bus was scheduled to leave the club at 7 a.m. on the following dark Sunday morning for a visit to the Corowa golf club. (*The bus trip home might have been quite entertaining. Were any current players on that bus?*)



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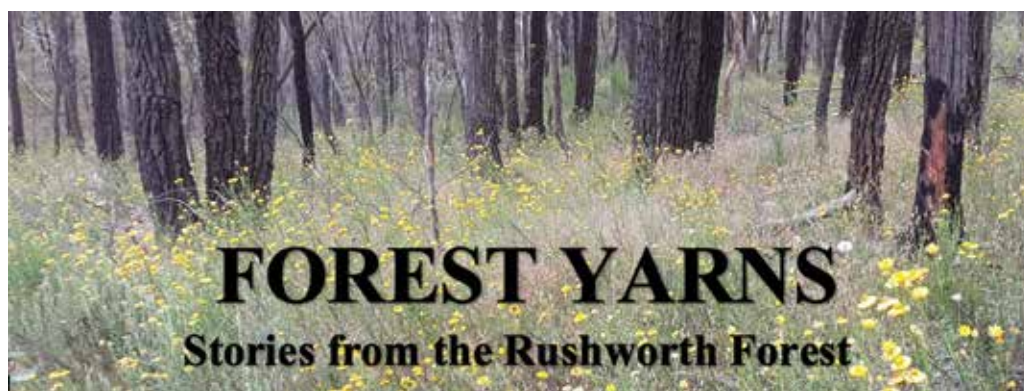
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Supplying the Wartime Camps

During World War II the Rushworth-Tatura-Murchison area was home to a number of internment and prisoner-of-war camps. Camps 1-4, located around the northern end of Waranga Basin were civilian internment camps while Camp 13 was a POW camp south-east of the Basin, not far from Murchison. Most of the POWs there were Italians and Germans captured in the north African campaign, but after the Cowra breakout, some of the Japanese prisoners also finished up in Camp 13. Each of the internment camps could hold about 1000 internees while Camp 13 could house up to 4000 men divided into four separate compounds. Around 2700 guards and other personnel were needed to run the camps.¹

With a capacity for around 8000 prisoners and internees as well as a large number of staff, there was a huge demand for firewood, which was supplied by contractors sourcing wood from the Rushworth forest. Other local suppliers of goods and services also benefitted from the location of the camps in the area.

Two Sets of Lloyd Bros

The Lloyd brothers, Wally and George, contracted to the government to supply firewood to the camps. In her book about the camps, *Walls of Wire*², Joyce Hammond details their work so that story will not be repeated here. They employed a number of workers out in the forest to cut wood.

Their workers may have included two of their nephews, Henry Cornelius and Albert Richard (known as Mick) Lloyd. Mick enlisted and spent a year in the army on Australian soil until March 1942, when he was discharged as medically unfit. He had heart trouble after a bout of rheumatic fever but that did not stop him going straight back out to work in the forest.

Henry and Mick always worked together. However, the partnership between these Lloyd brothers did not start all that well. In fact it could have come to a dramatic end in 1935 when Mick was only 18 and working with his older brother. Melbourne newspaper, the *Argus* reported that "Mr Albert Lloyd had a narrow escape from serious injury when an axe flew out of his brother's hand while he was cutting timber in the forest. The flying blade made a gash in the jaw of Mr Albert Lloyd and four stitches were inserted."³

Family Background

Henry and Mick's great grandfather William arrived in NSW with his parents in 1835 as a 16 year old. He later worked on one of the first stations in the Riverina. "At the time the blacks were very bad and many were the narrow escapes

he had from being speared while looking after stock on the run."⁴ When the Victorian gold rush started, William went to some of the earlier rushes before coming to Rushworth in 1854.

Parents of Henry and Mick were Joseph Cornelius and Celestine Violet Lloyd (nee Emanuelli). The nine children were the third generation of this branch of the Lloyd family to be born in Rushworth, so you would nearly have to classify them as "locals".

The Lloyd brothers later shared a house in Stanhope Road with another brother, Bruce ("Bub"), who was a plumber. Apparently, Mick was the designated housekeeper. Henry played in the Rushworth brass band. Another brother, Harold (known as Jim) ran an electrical store in High Street. He sold the first television in Rushworth to Father Collins from St Mary's. The bottom pub purchased the second TV in town.

After the War

The camps were progressively closed down after the war and as that source of income dried up, the Lloyd brothers continued to work in the forest, cutting fence posts and firewood. They also did contract hay-carting. As the demand for firewood declined, they had to seek markets further afield, with Henry taking truckloads of firewood as far as Adelaide.

A relative remembers that "after the war, they had a red Ford truck...their brother-in-law Bob Jones worked with them. Bob always travelled in the middle of the bench seat in the truck. The boys had to be on the outside."⁵

Henry and Mick worked incredibly hard all their lives, so were physically very strong. However, both died very young by today's standards. Henry was only 62 and Mick only 59 when they died in the 1970s. They are buried together in the Rushworth cemetery, which seems fitting, given that they lived and worked together all their lives.

SOURCES – 1 vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au; 2 Hammond, J G, Walls of Wire, p 69; 3 The Argus 6.5.1935; 4 Rushworth Chronicle obituary 26.4.1901; 5 Per Noel Lloyd email; Other – Lorraine Lloyd, Noel Lloyd, Allan Breen memories

Forest Nature Note

Have you noticed large groups of crested pigeons (common name topknot pigeons) gathering at this time of year, sometimes along power lines. They are very social birds. It is amusing to watch the males perform their mating display/dance as they stick up their tail feathers and bob up and down while making a soft hooting sound as they try to impress the females – not always successfully.

A Name from the Past

Mystery death of Joachim Wendel of Cornella

Among the early selectors of land near Colbinabbin and Cornella was one of the German families, the Wendels. The life of Joachim Wendel ended dramatically in the early hours one October morning, almost 153 years ago. The *Waranga Chronicle* of 31 October, 1872, told part of the story. "On Tuesday last, an inquest was held by the deputy coroner on the body of Joachim Wendel, who was found drowned on that morning in a dam on his own property, at Cornella.

Mrs Wendel, the wife of the deceased, stated that on Monday night she gave her husband, who suffered from dyspepsia, some medicine, and about twelve p.m. she gave him some brandy, after which he said he felt better, and told her to go to bed, which she did in an adjoining room. About two o'clock a.m., she saw someone pass through the room in which she was resting, and go out into the garden; she then got up and looked into her husband's room, but could not see him; she then went outside and called, but not receiving any answer she then made a search for him.

George Wendel, son of the deceased, said he was called about three o'clock to look for his father; he searched for him amongst the crop, and not being able to find him, got a rake and dragged the dam, when they found the body, but life was extinct.

The deceased was a native of Germany, and 71 years of age. A verdict was returned that deceased was found drowned in the dam on his own farm."

What prompted George to examine the dam with a rake? Might Joachim have slipped in, without swimming skills? Did he have more serious health issues than just heartburn? Did he commit suicide? The report suggests the deputy coroner may not have offered a view.

The deputy coroner was certainly quick to hold the same-day hearing, and this was common at that time. Burial needed to be finalised smartly, for obvious reasons. Joachim Wendel was buried in the Colbinabbin cemetery.

Alan McLean

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Stanhope School leaders meet the Mayor

Last week the Stanhope school leadership team met with Campaspe Mayor Daniel Mackrell to discuss their thoughts and ideas, and to ask him questions about council and council processes.

The school appreciated this opportunity, and thanks the Stanhope Café for hosting the event. Students report on the day:

Cass

On Tuesday 29 July, the School Leaders – Cooper, Bonni, Xyla and myself along with Mrs Wallace went to the Stanhope Café to meet the Mayor of the Campaspe Shire – Daniel Mackrell. We talked about what we should put in Stanhope. We asked some questions, and I asked him if he liked the spoon (which I had with me). He liked my spoon. He did a very cool magic trick and made it disappear.

Cooper

On Tuesday 29 July, Mrs Wallace, Bonni, Xyla, Cass and myself went down to the Stanhope Café to meet the Mayor of the Campaspe Shire – Daniel Mackrell. He told us about how they decided on things to make or do. He told us about how much money they put into builds and we asked some questions. Xyla asked if we could have a Kmart in Stanhope, obviously he said no. Cass asked if we could have a basketball court, he said maybe. I asked how long he has been the mayor for, and he said nine months.

Xyla

On Tuesday, Cass, Bonni, Cooper and I all went to meet the Mayor of Campaspe. He talked about leadership and how you need to work together to achieve. Some of the questions we asked were about if we could



Stanhope Primary School Leaders enjoy discussions with our Campaspe Shire Council Mayor Daniel Mackrell.

get a new shop in Stanhope, how long he had been mayor (which was 9 months). Over this I learned people with power are sweet and that's because Daniel Mackrell is a very sweet person.

Bonni

On Tuesday, Cooper, Cass, Xyla and myself all went down to the Stanhope Café

to meet the mayor. We all asked a few questions about what he does. His name is Daniel Mackrell and he is the Mayor of the Campaspe Shire. Xyla asked him to put a Kmart in the town but he nicely rejected. Cooper asked him how long he has been the mayor – 9 months. I asked him if he liked being mayor, to which he replied yes.

Campaspe’s calendar competition returns

The popular #MyCampaspe calendar competition is back for another year, inviting residents to share their favourite moments, places, and perspectives from across the shire.

Entries can be submitted in any of ten photography categories or three dedicated artwork categories.

Mayor Cr Daniel Mackrell said the competition is a great way to showcase the region through the eyes of our people.

This year’s competition will again feature a public vote to decide the cover photo, while an internal panel will select the monthly page winners. Each category winner will receive a \$100 prize, and participants can submit up to five entries across the thirteen categories.

Photos must be located in Campaspe Shire, be of high quality and in landscape orientation.

The categories include:

- 1. Local Events + Festivals**
Share your favourite local events and/or festivals that took place over the last 12 months in Campaspe.
- 2. Community Spirit**
Show a moment in time when the Campaspe community spirit shone bright.
- 3. Get Sporty in Campaspe**
Submit your best photos that capture the spirit, energy and excitement of sport in the shire.

- 4. Waterways, Countryside and Farmlands**
Campaspe is known for its stunning views. Share your best waterway, countryside and farmland snaps.
- 5. Arts and Culture**
Through your eyes, share the rich, diverse, vibrant culture of Campaspe.
- 6. Special moments with your nearest and dearest**
Show a moment that captures the essence, connection and special moments with your nearest and dearest in Campaspe.
- 7. Christmas in Campaspe**
Illuminate December with your favourite snaps that capture the magic of a Campaspe Christmas.
- 8. A moment in time with your furry friend/s**
Share the charm, personality and touching moments of your beloved fur companions.
- 9. Flora and Fauna**
Immerse yourself in the natural attractions of Campaspe, capturing the beauty and diversity of our flora and fauna.
- 10. Holidays in Campaspe**
Share your special family and friends holiday moments in Campaspe.

- 11. Freestyle Artwork for under 18 year olds**
Showcase your creativity and unique perspective of Campaspe through a range of artistic mediums.
- 12. Freestyle Artwork for 18+ year olds**
Share your creativity and imagination through artwork that embodies the Campaspe spirit, open to ages 18+.
- 13. Freeform**
If you’ve got photos of Campaspe that don’t fit into any of the twelve categories above, submit your freeform here.
Photos from the competition will also form part of Council’s photographic library and feature in promotional publications, Council reports and on social media.
The competition opened on Monday, 4 August, with entries being accepted until Friday, 26 September.
Enter online via Council’s website at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/photocomp or under the ‘Now Open’ tab.
The calendar is free to all residents and will become available later in the year.

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Very ‘Strong’ results in NAPLAN for St Mary’s students

Last week, official NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) results for 2025 were released by ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority). St. Mary’s students’ results demonstrated excellent growth and achievement across all areas.

NAPLAN is a nationwide series of assessments for students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9, measuring skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. Results are measured across four levels of proficiency – Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs Additional Support).

Of the ten areas assessed, St Mary’s students demonstrated well into the ‘Strong’ level of proficiency for eight of the areas. This is a testament to the dedication and engagement of the students, staff and families at St. Mary’s.

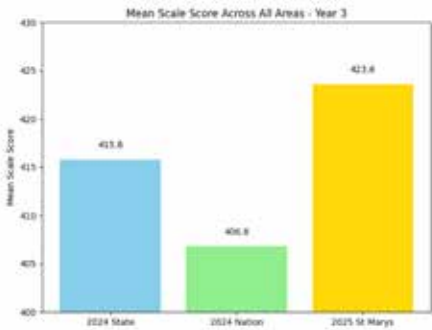
The remaining two areas were in the ‘Developing’ level of proficiency. These two areas were Year 5 Writing and Spelling which will hugely benefit from the schools’ enhanced literacy practices and interventions which have come from the ‘Magnify Sandhurst’ framework. ‘Magnify’ has provided schools and staff with evidence-informed strategies and learning focused on improving Numeracy, Literacy and student engagement across all 51 schools across Sandhurst. The implementation of the MultiLit and OCHRE suites will no doubt, have positive impacts upon these two ‘developing’ proficiency areas as well as continued improvement across all other areas.

St Mary’s did not witness any areas of NAPLAN demonstrating the proficiency of ‘Needs Additional Support’.

A high standard against 2024 State and National Peers

Each year, ACARA publishes the State, National, and School averages for comparison.

While the 2025 State and National averages are yet to be released, St Mary’s has already demonstrated a higher mean performance than both the State and National benchmarks from 2024 for Year 3. The Year three cohort outperformed the 2024 State and nation in all areas.



In comparison to the 2024 State and National data, St Mary’s Year 5 cohort in 2025 outperformed in Reading and Numeracy, and achieved comparable results in Grammar and Punctuation.

Vin Ryan
Principal

August events NAIDOC Week

There are lots of events and opportunities for engagement at St. Mary’s. NAIDOC Week (6 - 13 July) is being celebrated this week in the school community. Students will be immersed in learning the rich histories, cultures, contributions and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Australia.

Learning Conversations

On Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 August, St Mary’s held Learning Conversations. A wonderful opportunity for student and family voice to permeate the conversation regarding each students’ learning and growth.

St Mary MacKillop Feast Day – 8 August

We invite all from the community to join us in Mass at 12:30 pm for the Saint Mary MacKillop Feast day.

St Mary MacKillop was Australia’s first saint, known for her deep faith, compassion, and dedication to education and helping the poor. Her legacy continues to inspire our school community and many other communities throughout Australia.



2025 Swimming Program

Each day last week St Mary’s whole school has travelled over to Aquamoves in Shepparton for the 2025 Swimming Program. Students are taught swimming and water-safety essentials by registered swim teachers. They are to be commended for their respect, listening and efforts all week. It has been lots of fun!



Enrolments remain open

Enrolments for all Year levels remain open for 2025, 2026 and beyond. Contact St Mary’s office for further information including the upcoming transition program ‘Building Foundations’.

Support at St Mary’s School

Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd (CESL) is pleased to inform current and prospective families holding a valid Health Care Card (HCC) that you are eligible for a significant reduction in school fees. The discount will be automatically applied to your school fee account once you provide a copy of your HCC to the school office, complete a CSEF form and set up a direct debit arrangement.

Many families have varying circumstances and in response to the rising cost of living expenses, the school is committed to supporting those who need additional assistance.

Support is provided to ensure all students have the opportunity to thrive in our St. Mary’s school community.



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Uniting Church President calls for Government to support nuclear disarmament

This month (August 2025) the world commemorates 80 years since the catastrophic atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. On August 6th and 9th 1945, two cities were destroyed and more than 200,000 lives were lost.

As these significant anniversaries approach, Uniting Church President Rev Charissa Suli has written to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Foreign Minister Penny Wong urging the Australian Government to immediately sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

In her letter, Rev Suli said the anniversaries were “a solemn reminder of the catastrophic consequences of nuclear warfare,” and called on the Government to show leadership in advancing global disarmament.

“For more than four decades, the Uniting Church in Australia has rejected the use, proliferation and threat of nuclear weapons in the strongest possible terms,” she wrote.

“These weapons are morally indefensible and fundamentally incompatible with the Gospel of Christ, which calls us to be peacemakers and reconcilers in a world where violence and enmity threaten human life and God’s creation.”

Rev Suli acknowledged the Government’s stated commitment to a world without nuclear weapons, but urged more decisive action, by

signing the TPNW and offering leadership in international disarmament efforts.

The Uniting Church has long stood in opposition to nuclear weapons and nuclear testing, reflecting its values as a peace-making church. The Uniting Church Assembly is a member organisation of the International Campaign for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), joining with them in calling for Australia to immediately sign and ratify the Treaty.

Caritas Gaza partners endure a “living horror movie”

Caritas Australia has received deeply distressing updates from partners working in Gaza, where the humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate rapidly.

Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Manager at Caritas Jerusalem, said: “The situation in Gaza has been described by our partners working in the region as a ‘living horror movie.’ Displacement orders see our colleagues, their families, and those they are working to protect, faced with the harrowing choice to leave their places of shelter or flee into the unknown. To flee would mean hours on foot through ruins, with the chances of being killed on that journey very high. To stay means hearing their neighbours come under fire and awaiting their turn.”

Since October 2023, Caritas partners have been working tirelessly to support those in

need across Gaza.

Caritas Jerusalem has supported 20,000 families representing 125,000 people, providing them with urgent needs such as food and water, as well as long-term recovery, through health, psychosocial support, and prosthetic care.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has provided food assistance to over 1.18 million people, installed 1,470 latrines, delivered mobile water trucking to over 170,000 individuals, and provided over 87,000 tents.

Hundreds of Caritas colleagues working in Gaza are also displaced people who are living in dire humanitarian circumstances

as they work to protect the most vulnerable members of their communities.

“We are heartbroken by the conditions they endure, and by the physical and psychological toll being wrought upon innocent people. Caritas continues to call for a lasting ceasefire, as it is the only way to stem the tide of this unimaginable suffering” concluded Sally Thomas.

To support Caritas Australia’s Gaza Appeal, click the button below or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

Source: <https://www.caritas.org.au/news/media-releases/caritas-partners-in-gaza-endure-a-living-horror-movie/>

District Church Times and Contacts

Anglican

- St Paul’s, Rushworth: 0419 512 632
 - 9.30am 2nd Sunday of month - Communion
 - 9.30am 4th Sunday of month - Lay led service
- Christ Church, Murchison: Rev Richard Pennington: 0405879554
 - 11am service every Sunday
- St Matthews, Stanhope: 0419 855 964 (Church Warden)
- St John’s, Colbinabbin: 0428 329 344 (Mick Clayton)

Shine Church, Stanhope

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

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.

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)

Generations Church, Tatura

5824 3240 (Pastor Jeremy Burr)

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Uniting Church

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

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

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

You are welcome to join us in person or from your lounge room via Zoom. The link for the Zoom service can be found on our website warangaunitingchurches.net.au or can be emailed to you each week.

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No plaques for maintenance

I've been staying at Stevenson's at Manase, a big, rambling resort on the coast of Savai'i in Samoa. It's a breathtaking location - palms and coral sand, sunsets and crystal, warm waters - but the buildings hint at another story.

It looks like it was built with bold vision and hope in the 1980s or 90s. Signs of the original ambition are still visible: the Bentley Brasserie, Ana's Place and other names that suggest someone once dreamed big here. But time has done its work.

Lights don't turn on. Wi-Fi extenders blink but do nothing. Undersized circuit breakers trip at the slightest load. The concrete steps to the sea are cracked, worn and dangerously slippery.

A thousand small things need fixing, but owners or staff have simply learned to walk past them.

'TripAdvisor' reviews reflect the mixed reality: some are glowing, others are scathing, but one thing is consistently praised - the warm Samoan hospitality provided by the staff and the beauty of the setting. And that's no small thing. A warm welcome, hospitable staff and a beautiful location go a long way.

Still, good hospitality can't replace good systems. Warm hospitality doesn't fix wiring. Smiles don't patch broken steps.

Maintenance

It's got me thinking about maintenance.

Everyone wants to build. But who will maintain?

There's energy and excitement in beginnings - in starting something new. The thrill of a ground breaking project. The hope in launching a business, a ministry, a movement. These are the stories we love to tell, the ones that end with ribbon-cuttings and foundation stones, bearing names.

But maintenance? That's quieter. Less

glamorous. It's slow, patient, invisible. There are no plaques for fixing the lights or repainting the railings. No legacy in tightening the hinges or replacing the fuse box.

And yet, it's what keeps things alive.

I found myself thinking of the 'whisky priest' in Graham Greene's *The Power and the Glory*, who dreams of being the heroic priest, who builds a new church, gets his name on the foundation stone and leaves the next twenty priests to pay it off. He longs for the glory of the beginning - but not the grind that follows.



But what if you build it, then neglect it, and then they come, but complain? What if the real work, the truly faithful work, is not in starting something, but in sustaining it?

That's when I remember the image Jesus gave us of God - not as a grand architect or CEO, but a gardener. Not a one-time builder, but God, the maintainer; the one who fixes, tends, prunes, watches, returns. The One who understands that living things need constant care.

"I am the vine, and my Father is the gardener." Jesus says (John 15:1). It's a portrait of ongoing attentiveness. A quiet, daily maintenance of life and growth. Not dramatic. Not headline-worthy, but holy.

While the world celebrates founders and builders, God is depicted as the one who tends: patiently pruning, weeding, watering, waiting. Jesus describes God as the gardener, and himself as the true vine. It's an image not of grand gestures, but of constant care - of maintenance.

Our churches, our communities, even our

relationships - these don't survive because they were well-built, but because someone loved them enough to maintain them.

But this isn't just about someone else's resort.

It's made me reflect on how we maintain what we've built at The Shiraz Republic. I, too, love creating new features—new paths, new experiences, new ideas. There's joy in innovation, pride in fresh paint and bold signage. But what about the things I've walked past? The cracked paver. The sticky door. The sign faded by years of sun. The thousand little things that aren't quite right, but have become part of the background.

This time away has reminded me: the details matter.

On my return, I've resolved to look again—with a stranger's eye. To see what a first-time visitor might notice. To listen more closely to the gentle, half-spoken hints our customers give when something's not working as it should. And to respond, not just with warmth and welcome, but with the care that says, we're paying attention.

Jesus once told a parable about someone who began to build a tower but couldn't finish it. "Everyone who sees it," he said, "will ridicule him, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish'" (Luke 14:30). It's not just a warning about budgets - it's a reminder of the cost and commitment required to carry things through.

Here's to you who keep things going . . .

So here's to all of you who quietly keep things going: who keep your communities, your relationships, your churches alive; not through grand gestures, but by showing up, fixing what's broken, noticing what others overlook.

Because in the end, it may be that these daily, often-unnoticed acts of care are the truest signs of faith.

That's the gospel, and it's good news.

Brian Spencer, Minister
Waranga Uniting Churches

Sandhurst Pilgrimages in the Jubilee Year 2025



Bishop Shane Mackinlay has nominated five pilgrimage sites in the Sandhurst Diocese and invites people to embark on a journey of reconciliation and renewal to one or more of these holy places in 2025.

The five sites are: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo, the Wahgunya Mass tree, Grave of Rev Dr Henry Backhaus, Bendigo, Grave of Rev George Devitt Galen at Wangaratta and St Mary of the Cross Mackillop indigenous garden and history trail at Numurkah.

St Mary's Parish of Rushworth, Murchison, Stanhope and Cornella is planning to make a pilgrimage trip to the St Mary of the Cross Mackillop indigenous garden and history trail at Numurkah on Sunday 28 September 2025.

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Sat 9	First Aid Training Rushworth Community House
Wed 13	IT support - 9.30am - 2.30pm at Murchison Neighbourhood House
Sat 16	Rushworth Market, High Street - 8.30am to 1pm
Sat 16	Blooming in the dry - Free Native Posie workshop for farming women in the region - 1pm - 3pm Plaza Theatre Kyabram
Mon 18	Health Hub - 9am - 11am at Murchison Neighbourhood House
Tue 26	Dementia Forum - Aiming awareness and education - KCLC Kyabram - 3pm
Sat 30	Rushworth Arts, Antiques, Crafts & Collectables Market, Shire Hall

SEPTEMBER

Sun 3	Stanhope Community Market from 8am
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Meetings & Activities - around the district



- Alcoholics Anonymous(AA) meetings, 14 High st, Rushworth, Thursdays 7pm
- Colbinabbin Library: Wednesdays
- Colbinabbin Community Shed: most Thursdays (old Shire Depot), 10am
- Colbinabbin: Chris's exercises at Colbinabbin Hall Mondays 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Colbinabbin Pub Choir 5pm Tuesday's at the Colbo Pub. No experience or talent necessary! Call Julie 0408602841.
- Ladies Coffee and Cake - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month 10.15am Colbo pub
- Carers and Bubs Catch up - 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month 9am Colbo pub
- Soup and Scrabble - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 10.30am starts 8 July. \$10, bookings 54329230 Colbo pub.
- Friends of the Hostel: Third Monday at 1.30pm monthly
- Murchison Mens Shed: Wednesdays 10am – 3pm
- Murchison CFA: Meeting 1st Monday 8pm - training on 3rd Monday 6.30pm
- Murchison Community Garden: Wednesdays 9am - 11am
- Community meals - Wednesdays 12pm at Murchison Neighbourhood House
- Rushworth CFA: Tuesday nights
- Rushworth SES training: Wednesday evenings at 7pm
- Rushworth Food bank: Mon 10am -12pm, Wed 10am-12pm, Fri 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 9.30am to 12.30pm
- Rushworth Band practice: 7.30pm every Monday night
- Rushworth Market: 3rd Saturday of month - 8.30am to 1pm
- Rushworth ART Depot (RAD) - every Market day - Sat 10am -1pm
- 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
- Rushworth Community Walking Group: Thur 8 - 9am meet at front of Waranga Health
- Rushworth: Chris's exercises at Rushworth Community House Mondays 1 - 2pm
- Rushworth Garden Lovers Club meet 3rd Thursday Month 1.30pm at old Senior Citizen's building
- Stanhope Walking Group: Tuesdays at 9.30am at McEwen Place
- Stanhope Community Garden: Wednesdays 8.30am to 9.30am
- Stanhope Mens Shed: Mon - Wed - Fri 9am - 12 noon
- Stanhope: Chris's exercises at Seniors: Mondays 10.45am
- Stanhope Community Market 1st Sunday of month from 8am

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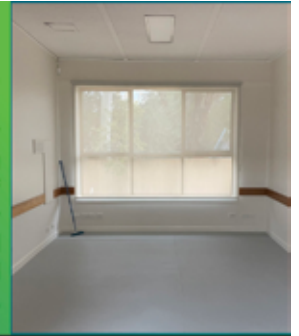
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Project update

Works at the Rushworth Senior Citizens building are nearing completion with the installation of new toilet partitions & oven. Minor painting works to nominated areas and electrical switchboard upgrade works are to follow.



Coming Up

Council meeting | 6pm Tuesday, 19 August 2025 | Echuca Civic Centre
Meetings can be streamed live: www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming

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.

Thursday, 7 August

• 9:00 – 10:30am | Echuca Library

Wednesday, 20 August

• 9:00 – 10:30am | Kyabram Senior Citizens' Centre

Thursday, 21 August

• 5:30 – 6:30pm | Echuca Library

Monday, 25 August

• 9:00 – 10:30am | Tongala Shire Hall

Having difficulty making an appointment? Please call Council on 1300 666 535.

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Visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/careers

- Corporate Planner – closes 10 August
- Early Childhood – various roles
- Early Childhood traineeships – Echuca & Rochester - closes 10 August
- Health Safety and Wellbeing Business Partner - closes 10 August
- Infrastructure Engineer - closes 10 August
- Senior Strategic Planner - closes 10 August
- Strategic Project Officer - closes 10 August

Works Notice

Victoria Park Boat Ramp will be temporarily closed on Thursday, 7 August due to scheduled operational activities. Alternative boat ramps are available at Echuca East, Casey Road, or Five Mile Boat Ramp (NSW). We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Now Open

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

Draft Council and Wellbeing Plan 2025–2029

Give your feedback on the Draft Council and Wellbeing Plan 2025–2029 which guides Council's actions over the next four years. The draft plan highlights key areas such as infrastructure revitalisation, economic growth, public space enhancement, and community wellbeing. Provide your feedback online or at any Service Centre until Friday, 22 August.

Domestic Animal Management Plan survey

Council is reviewing the current Domestic Animal Management Plan (2021–2025) and developing a new one for 2026–2029. The plan guides how cats and dogs are managed in Campaspe. We're inviting all residents and property owners—pet owners or not—to share what matters most to them. Visit the Now Open page to learn more and have your say by Friday, 22 August.

Grant-writing information sessions

Council's Flood Recovery Team, in partnership with FRRR, is offering free grant-writing sessions across the shire this August. Designed to support local recovery and build capacity, the sessions will cover how to find the right grants, write strong applications, and manage reporting and acquittals effectively. Places are limited so bookings are essential. Visit the Now Open page for dates, times and locations.

Echuca East Levee Design

Council is seeking community feedback on a draft functional design for a levee intended to protect Echuca East from future flooding. The proposed levee would run from the old Echuca Moama bridge along Anstruther Street to Hovell Street, then follow the existing levee to

Pakenham Street, east to Moama Street, and south to Snowden Street—generally aligning with the forest side of the current levee and positioned about 10 metres behind residential properties. Residents can review the plans online or in person and submit feedback by 25 August 2025. Council will also host two drop-in sessions on Tuesday, 19 August at the Council's Echuca offices from 10-11am and 5.30-6.30pm.

Aquatic & Wet Play Strategy development

The Campaspe Aquatic and Wet Play Strategy will outline a 20-year plan for sustainable, accessible facilities that support a healthy, active community. We want your feedback on current challenges and future opportunities. The engagement process will include interviews with key stakeholders.

Complete the online survey or join a drop-in session at the following locations, dates, and times:

- **Monday, 4 August:**
 - Session 1: 2:30 – 4pm Lockington Foodworks, 2-8 Lockington Road
 - Session 2: 5 – 6:30pm Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre (EWMAC)
- **Tuesday, 5 August**
 - Session 3: 9 – 10:30am Rushworth IGA, 18 High Street
 - Session 4: 11:30am – 1pm Stanhope Supermarket, 1-3 Birdwood Avenue
 - Session 5: 2:30 – 4pm Tongala IGA, 31 Mangan Street
 - Session 6: 5 – 6:30pm Kyabram Woolworths, 60-66 Union Street
- **Wednesday, 6 August**
 - Session 7: 9 – 10:30am Colbinabbin General Store, 37 Mitchell Street

Promote your community group or event on our website!

Involved in a community group or event you would like to promote? You can add your listing to our website for FREE! The Community Directory lists community organisations, special interest groups and clubs. The Events Directory lists upcoming events across Campaspe Shire. There is a helpful video on each page to show you how to create a login and upload your listing. Visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/communitydirectory and www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/eventsdirectory

Readers' Corner

- interesting things to know and do!

BOOK IT IN

Turning Point by Michael Veitch

Ask an Australian which World War II battle marked the first ever defeat of Imperial Japanese Army forces they will inevitably answer the Kokoda Track fighting, which has attained an almost legendary status. But they would be wrong. The first Japanese defeat was the battle at Milne Bay, on the eastern tip of PNG. Michael Veitch is a renowned Australian military historian (and comedian) known for his interviews with veterans and well researched books. *Turning Point* is arguably the most comprehensive account of this battle.

The Japanese knew they were not capable of invading Australia but knew the Americans could use Australia as a base from which they could attack Japanese held territories. The capture of PNG would allow the Japanese to protect their conquered territories while controlling the eastern approaches to Australia. Following a foiled naval attempt to attack Port Moresby (the Coral Sea naval battle), it was determined to stage a two-pronged attack overland. One force landed on the northern shore of PNG planning to cross the island on the Kokoda Track. The other force was to land at Milne Bay, a large natural harbour on the eastern tip of PNG where there was an Australian garrison and American Seabees (Construction Battalion) building an airfield. This battle is the subject of Veitch's book.

In typical Veitch fashion he infuses the narrative with combatants' personal experiences. It quickly becomes clear that the climate was every bit the enemy as the Japanese. It rained. Every day. Heavy tropical deluges. Uniforms rotted, roads turned to mud making them almost impassable, bunkers and foxholes filled with water and diseases like dysentery and malaria were rife. The airstrip was notable in that it was the first time the Seabees used Marston mat, a perforated steel plate system, to 'pave' the strip. While it allowed the planes, mainly Kittyhawks, to take off and land, the mud and water would ooze up through the perforations and spray over the planes. The Kittyhawks would take off, strafe or bomb the enemy positions before landing. Each mission only took a few minutes. The Japanese resorted to night attacks, persisting in wave after wave of banzai charges across an earlier abandoned airstrip only to be mown down before they could get across. Their three light tanks (which could have easily changed the battle's outcome) became hopelessly bogged and food and ammunition were in short supply. Limited reinforcements and supplies had to be rushed in at night using fast-moving destroyers. Eventually the remnants of the Japanese force were withdrawn, leaving behind evidence of their atrocities.

Meanwhile the battle along the Kokoda Track continued to rage until it too resulted in a victory for Australian forces.

The Marston matting used at Mine Bay literally paved the way for the American Seabees' airfield construction across the Pacific.

Veitch's *Turning Point* does not glorify war. The ordinary soldier's endurance and tenacity is a major focus of this book. It also makes it clear that on the tactical level this battle was as much lost by the Japanese as it was won by the Australians.

The Zen Reader

Turning Point, Michael Vetch, Hachette Australia, ISBN-13: 9780733640551

KIDS' QUIZ

1. What colour are the stars on the Australian flag?

2. What colour is the Indian flag?

3. What is the only flag without red, white and blue?

Did you know? . . .
Did you know a day on Venus is longer than a year on Venus!

Sudoku and Crossword puzzle

HOW TO PLAY

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.

SUDOKU

Rating: ★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆

9x9 grid with numbers

Across

1. Prepares for race (5,2)
4. Stomach inflammation
7. External
8. Spoken exams
9. Trawl (riverbed)
12. Child's friend
15. Tiredest
17. Carrot colour
18. Send (cash)
21. Unruly
22. Humid
23. Refrained from (4,3)

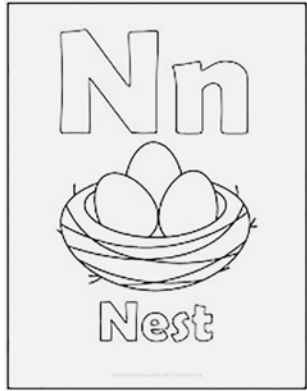
Down

1. Retreat
2. Stale
3. Forward strategy
4. Unfasten
5. Movable dwelling
8. Pork dish, spare ...
10. Heavy fencing swords
11. In practice, de ...
13. Relented (5,3)
14. Cramming
16. Prized
18. Quantity of paper
19. Serving platter
20. Golly!

Crossword No: 57

15x15 crossword grid

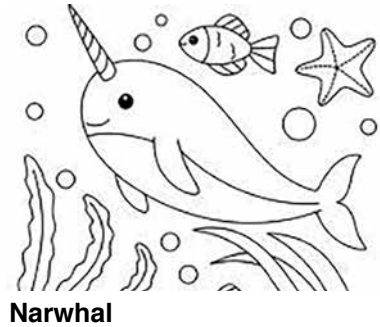
Solutions will appear in the next edition.



N is for nest

. . and Nail, Nose, Newts, Nurse, Necklace, Narwhal (an Artic whale with a long spiralling tusk on top of its head), Noah (and his ark) and Nuts.

I know a recipe for an easy snack using nuts, popcorn and rice bubbles. A handy trick is to use ice cream cones - the square ones with a flat bottom instead of paper patty pans. **PopNutCereal Joys:** Melt about 120g butter in a large saucepan, add 1/2 cup of sugar, and a wooden spoonful of honey and stir till it's all melted and come together. Now, into the saucepan, add 1 cup of unsalted nuts, 2 cups of plain popcorn (which you've already popped in the microwave) and a cup of rice bubbles and stir it all well together till it's all coated with the butter and honey. Spoon into the ice-cream cones and bake in a moderate oven for about ten minutes. You can, of course cook them in paper patty pans, but I bet you'd get into trouble for leaving a trail of sticky licky paper patty pans all over the house.



Narwhal

"N" IS FOR NINJA.

A different kind of training at Rushworth bowls

The Rushworth Football club recently tried their hand at lawn bowls at the Rushworth Bowls Club.

Footy boys try out

The boys had a great night in the freezing conditions and after realising they couldn't 'drive' every bowl and that patience is a virtue, they got the hang of it.

Hire the green

Rushworth Bowls Club appreciates the support of the Rushy Football Club and opportunities like this to hire the Bowls Club green and rooms.

New surface needed

This helps supports the current fundraising efforts to replace the synthetic surface which is over fifteen years old and well past its use by date. None of the fundraising efforts would be possible without the help of donors, volunteers, and supportive community members.

Donations

If you are looking for a space for your next function, contact President Lyn Nichols

on 0408 120 256. The Club can provide kitchen facilities for catering, bar service and plenty of options to support your event. Or you may like to donate - contact Treasurer - Karren Cruz - M) 0447 585 617 for details. Any donations are always greatly appreciated.

Fundraiser tickets

Keep an eye out for the Club's major fundraiser for this year. The raffle with some great prizes up for grabs, including two nights accommodation at Cobram RACV. Tickets will be on sale every Friday in October outside the Rushworth IGA.

Open Day

Rushworth Bowls Club Open Day this year will be Sunday, 31 August at 1pm. If you are keen to play or curious to see what all the hype is about just drop by and have a social game and a cold 'bevvy'.

Karren Cruz and Deb Thompson show the boys the bias and how to put down a correct bowl - other than a drive!



Rushworth Golf Club Annual Tournaments

Two days of fine weather saw a host of district golfers test their skills around our challenging layout. The course was presented in very good condition despite a very dry start to the season.

1 August

Four-ball best-ball winners were the Valley View pairing of Gavin Armstrong and Graeme Harrison with 44 points from Murchison duo Bob McAdam and Don Hughes with 43 points.

3 August

- Open Championship

This was won by Ash Kuiper with a scratch score of 72 representing the Valley View Golf Club. Runner-up was local Sam

Perry who carded a solid 74.

- A Grade Handicap

The A Grade Handicap was won by Frank Stewart on a count back from Kelly Cheong.

- B Grade Handicap

In the B Grade section the Handicap winner was Rob Geisler, on a count back from runner-up Dean Pontin.

The club thanks our valued tournament sponsors Ken Muston Shepparton, Workmate Rushworth,



Above: Open Champion Ash Kuiper with his trophy.



Left: Frank Stewart, A Grade Handicap winner and right, Rob Geisler, B Grade Handicap winner after their tournament wins.

and Whistling Eagle year off, most likely caused by Colbinabbinn. seasonal factors.

* Interesting point - that our tournament is always played amongst a sea of golden wattle but it appears to be taking a Next week's event is our Perpetual Cup sponsored by G and D Muir.



Colbo Sports Report

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ACCOMMODATION

CFNC - Seniors third on ladder with prospects for finals



Reserves have a chance at finals being fifth at the moment and U18 seventh. Go Hoppers!

Round 15: Colbo v North Bendigo

Round 15 produced cold, wet, rain and muddy conditions.

Football - Seniors

Colbinabbin 1.6. 12 lt Nth Bendigo 4.12. 36

Not a single goal in the game was kicked in the first half, three points to eight points showing how challenging the conditions were. A goal each in the third quarter kept it close North edged themselves away in the last quarter.

Goal kickers: Brandyn Grenfell 1

Best on ground: Daniel Hill, Jack Lear, Charles Ryan, William Lowe, Matthew Palmer, Nathan Basile

Reserves

Colbinabbin 0.5. 5 lt Nth Bendigo 12.12. 84

Top of the ladder North boys once again defeated a depleted Reserves team. The Colbo boys hang onto fifth spot for now.

Best on ground: Samuel Coughlin, Hugh McMurtrie, Will Brown, Jasper McArdle, Jimmy McMurtrie, Henry Rathjen.

Under 18s

Colbinabbin 1.0. 6 lt Nth Bendigo 22.20.152

The thirds effort on display was second to none given the conditions. The usual soldiers all performed well and are getting close to the finish line in what has been a great return to the competition.

Goal kickers: Hayden Rogers 1

Best on ground: Henry McFadzean, Charlie McLean, Jackson Morgan, Brock Edwards, William Ogden, Hayden Rogers.

Netball - A Grade

Colbinabbin 71 def Nth Bendigo 23

Another strong performance from the girls.

Best on court: Ella Kerlin

A Reserve

Colbinabbin 33 lt Nth Bendigo 44

North Bendigo got ahead early in the first quarter and despite best efforts in the wet weather Colbo couldn't quite get there.

Best on court: Dominique Palmer

B Grade

Colbinabbin 29 lt North Bendigo 34

The girls came out firing with early intercepts. Unfortunately, North was that little bit more consistent and came away with the win.

Best on court: Eliza Searle

B Reserve

Colbinabbin 25 lt North Bendigo 31

Great effort from the B Reserve girls playing against a strong team. They gave it their all and kept the score tight.

Best on court: Sarah McIntyre

Under 17s

Colbinabbin 11 lt North Bendigo 47

Despite the soggy conditions, Lynette and Mackenzie were absolute dynamos through the centre earning well-deserved best on court.

The U17s didn't come away with a win this time, but their teamwork and individual growth continues to rise.

Best on court: Mackenzie Fayle and Lynette Mountjoy

Under 15s

Colbinabbin 33 def Nth Bendigo 27

The cold got the best of the girls in the first quarter being down at the first break. Not letting the margin get the better of them they slowly chipped away and ended up winning by six goals.

Best on court: Whole team

Under 13s

Colbinabbin 30 def Nth Bendigo 14

The first quarter was evenly matched. In the second quarter, the girls settled into the conditions getting away and opening up a strong lead. The momentum carried on with consistent efforts under pressure.

Best on court: Frankie Ryan and Holly Walsh

Round 16: Colbo v White Hills

There was a turnaround in results, a few ladder shapers were on the cards.

Football - Seniors

Colbinabbin 27.19. 181 def White Hills 6.7. 43

From the word go it was all Colbo. The seniors securing a top three finish. 138 points was the final margin.

Goal kickers: Brandyn Grenfell 7, Alex Carr 5, Jimmy McMurtrie 3, Clint Shields 3, Sam Ryan 2, Alex Van Ruiswyk 2, Nathan Basile 1, Jai Carn 1, Will Lowe 1, Matt Palmer 1, Charlie Ryan 1

Best on ground: Nathan Basile, Aidan Basile, Charles Ryan, Alex Carr, Brandyn Grenfell, Clint Shields

Reserves

Colbinabbin 7.7. 49 def White Hills 6.6. 42

An overdue finals spot for our poor old Colby twos

Goal kickers: Tim Hill 4, Hugh Barlow 2, Evan McAuley 1

Best on ground: Joseph Fiske-Kealy, Jasper McArdle, Ned Morgan, Ray Pearson, Tyler Howlett, Timothy Hill

Under 18s

Colbo 2.2.14 lt White Hills 19.15. 129

White Hills were a stronger side,

Goal kickers: Angus McInerney 1, Henry O'Callaghan 1

Best on ground: Charlie McLean, Henry O'Callaghan, Cooper Richardson, Henry McFadzean, Hayden Rogers, Elliot Ryan

Netball - A Grade

Colbinabbin 86 def White Hills 37

A win by 49 goals when the final whistle

Best on court: Grace McIntyre

A Reserve

Colbinabbin 54 def White Hills 37

A strong win by the final whistle.

Best on court: Macy McCaig

B Grade

Colbinabbin lt White Hills

The girls played the top team very well.

Best on court: Megan Fuller

B Reserve

Colbinabbin 25 lost to White Hills 68

Best on court: Charlotte Hair

Under 17s

Colbinabbin 19 lt White Hills 64

Best on court: Chelsea Purdy and Poppy Peat

Under 15s

Colbinabbin 31 lt White Hills 45

The girls never gave up

Best on court: Logan Sparkes and Frankie Ryan

Under 13s

Colbinabbin 33 def White Hills 6

Special mentions to Ivie, Lulu and Isla. Now second on the ladder, a great place to be with finals fast approaching!

Best on court: Ivie Borger and Lucinda Ryan

Alex Van Ruiswyk 200 games

Alex Van Ruiswyk (Dutchy) commenced his playing career at Colbo in 2012

after moving to Bendigo. He played his first game in the number 6 jumper against Mounts at Mounts where Colbo had a 32-Point win. Dutchy, along with Chris Bolton, are the only two players to reach 200 games without playing in our thirds team. That's testament to Dutchy's loyalty at 38 and with no sign of slowing down there's plenty more left in his playing career. Dutchy's leg speed and ability to kick long and short with great accuracy are features of his game. Many times, he has run along the wing and kicked a long goal when required. His ability to remain at the top of his game for the time he has been at the club is a testament to him and his dedication, always a consistent performer each week.

Dutchy is a much-loved club member and no fuss person, never hearing one complaint from Dutchy or about him. The club have loved having him, SJ and your family be part of our club for so long, the way you go about things and the loyalty you have shown Colbo FNC throughout your time here.

From everyone at Colbinabbin Football Netball Club, congratulations on this achievement and we wish you all the best in your 200th game.

Nick Knight – 150 games

Nick Knight (Knighta) joined Colbo in 2008. Knighta stayed on in 2009 before heading back to his home club at Rochester where he would play over 200 games. Knighta returned to Colbo in 2016 and took on the role as senior playing coach for three years. He led the club into three finals series and in his last season as coach, played off in a preliminary final. During this time he was awarded the Frank and Alice Brown Medal (Senior B and F) in 2016. Knighta stayed on and played the 2019-2021 seasons before retiring. In 2024 Knighta came out of retirement to join the team again and played a pivotal role in helping our senior side make the finals. This year, under coach Linno, who was also a part of the 2008 Premiership side, Knighta has been weaving his magic in the forward line. As a player Knighta is well balanced and a great finisher with his ability to kick both sides of his body. A versatile player who has played back, mid, forward and has been able to do that with ease. Knighta is a much loved and respected player and person in our club. You get Knighta and you also get his mum, dad, sister, brothers, nieces, nephews, Lucy and kids and we are the better for it. Well done on 150 games Knighta. Special player and special person. Good luck from everyone at Colbo

Past Players and Reunion Day - Saturday 9 August

RFNC - Last two rounds determine going to finals



With five teams up the ladder it will be an exciting end to the round for finals.

26 July

Netball - 11/U

Rushworth 13 def Avenel 10

The girls put in such strong effort this week in the cold rainy weather.

Best on court: Amity Saunders

Second best: Jaida Rose

Third best: Zoe Perry.

13/U

Rushworth 19 def Avenel 8

Once the girls adapted to the conditions, the girls displayed fabulous teamwork and excellent defensive pressure.

1st incentive: Mia

2nd incentive: Charlii

3rd incentive: Taya

15/U

Rushworth - No game

Two weeks off so the girls are looking forward to getting on the court against Girgarre.

17/U

Rushworth 66 def Avenel 16

The girls adapted well to the conditions and played hard no matter where they were placed, coming away with a well earned 50 goal win.

1st incentive: Keileigh

2nd incentive: Matilda

3rd incentive: Makayla

The Lolly Award: Zahley,

C Reserve

Rushworth 9 lt Avenel 36

Despite the loss, the girls were fortunate to

have U/17 girls to help out. Thank you U/17 team for helping us each week.

1st incentive: Millie

2nd incentive: Sophie

3rd incentive: Ash

C Grade

Rushworth 26 lt Avenel 42

The girls adjusted their game style to the wet, playing a much slower paced game which really helped us.

1st incentives: Laura

2nd incentive: Keleigh

3rd incentive: Justice

B Grade

Rushworth 23 lt Avenel 40

B Grade although severely undermanned this week played out a strong four quarters in some terrible weather conditions.

1st incentive: Madelyn Knight

2nd incentive: Taylor Gundy

3rd Incentive: Bella O'Dwyer who played her first B Grade game.

A Grade

Rushworth 41 def Avenel 34

Best on court: Kasey Barlow

2nd best: Lilly Waasdorp

3rd best: Mikaela Hanson

With a close game last meeting Avenel came out hard and physical. The girls did extremely well to keep our heads and be patient.

Football -U18

Rushworth 14 lt Murchison 101

The first half the boys really took it up to

the Hoppers, applying plenty of pressure. They went into half time trailing 34 points. The second half was a battle with Murchison winning by 87 points.

Best players: Michael Ndisa, Jimmy Edward, Aiden Porter, Will Duke, Manyuol Padual, Angus Maher.

Reserves

Rushworth 14 lt Avenel 66

Wet and windy day at Avenel. Not a great sign when you roll into the ground and they're pumping water off it. So from the outset we knew it would be a tough slog. The fellas fought hard all day and are really proud of the effort. Love these lads; they dig in every week. Unfortunately we went down but fought hard.

Best players: D. Kelsey J. Newton, J. Maudlsey, S. Kirby, J. Ristrom

Seniors

Rushworth 51 def Avenel 38

This was a massive game for both clubs and despite the conditions, the boys were enthusiastic which translated into the way they jumped out to an early lead. The lead was soon gone and scores were level at half time. The second half of footy was team football with the boys playing with real commitment, but more importantly as a team. Rushy won by 13 points.

Best players: Ryan Raglus, Riley Edwards, Liam Adlington, Liam Francis, Ethan Arnold, Nick Oaten.

KDFNL Netball Ladder											
A Grade			B Grade			C Grade			C Reserves		
1	Shep/East	60	1	Shep/East	60	1	Shep/East	56	1	Nagambie	56
2	Nagambie	52	2	Tally	52	2	Girgarre	52	2	Tally	56
3	Girgarre	48	3	Merrigan	48	3	Stanhope	52	3	Girgarre	48
4	Rushworth	44	4	Nagambie	48	4	Viol/Town	40	4	Shep/East	42
5	Tally	32	5	Girgarre	42	5	Murch/ Tool	40	5	Merrigan	34
6	Avenel	28	6	Lancaster	30	6	Tally/	30	6	Avenel	34
7	Merrigan	24	7	Viol/Town	28	7	Avenel	28	7	Murch/Tool	32
8	Stanhope	24	8	Avenel	20	8	Nagambie	28	8	Undera	24
9	Viol/Town	20	9	Stanhope	16	9	Merrigan	24	9	Stanhope	24
10	Murch/Tool	20	10	Murch/Tool	16	10	Undera	18	10	Lancaster	22
11	Lancaster	14	11	Rushworth	16	11	Lancaster	12	11	Longwood	8
12	Undera	15	12	Undera	8	12	Longwood	4	12	Viol/Town	4
13	Longwood	15	13	Longwood	0	13	Rushworth	0	13	Rushworth	0

Under 17's			Under 15's			Under 13's		
1	Shep/East	56	1	Tally	52	1	Shep/East	56
2	Stanhope	52	2	Girgarre	48	2	Nagambie	56
3	Rushworth	50	3	Rushworth	44	3	Girgarre	52
4	Merrigum	48	4	Shep/East	44	4	Stanhope	42
5	Viol/Town	44	5	Stanhope	28	5	Rushworth	36
6	Girgarre	32	6	Nagambie	28	6	Tally	30
7	Tally	26	7	Murch/Tool	24	7	Lancaster	26
8	Lancaster	24	8	Longwood	24	8	Murch/Tool	26
9	Murch/Tool	16	9	Merrigum	20	9	Longwood	24
10	Nagambie	16	10	Undera	8	10	Avenel	16
11	Longwood	16	11	Lancaster	8	11	Undera	12
12	Avenel	4	12	Vio/Town	0	12	Merrigum	4
13	Undera	0	13	Avenel	0	13	Viol/Town	4

KDFNL Football Ladder		
Seniors	Reserves	U18
Murch/Tool 56	Murch/Tool 60	Nagambie 56
Lancaster 52	Avenel 50	Murch/Tal 56
Shep/East 48	Lancaster 48	Tally 48
Nagambie 40	Stanhope 42	Shep/East 28
Longwood 40	Girgarre 36	Rushworth 26
Rushworth 28	Shep/East 36	Lancaster 24
Stanhope 28	Tally 32	Undera 16
Avenel 24	Nagambie 24	Viol/Town 12
Viol/Town 24	Longwood 16	Longwood 6
Girgarre 16	Rushworth 16	Girgarre 0
Tally 12	Undera 12	
Undera 12	Merrigum 8	
Merrigum 0	Viol/Town 4	

Local clubs score big with sporting club grants

The Victorian Government has announced funding for sporting clubs across the region from the latest round of the Sporting Club Grants Program.

Local clubs to have received funding are Stanhope Football Netball Club, Stanhope Tennis Club and Girgarre Football Netball Club.

The program is broken into categories:

Cat 1 - Up to \$1000 available for uniforms and equipment - Girgarre Football Netball Club, Stanhope Football Netball Club, Stanhope Tennis Club, Kyabram Bowls Club,

Kyabram Football and Netball Club, Kyabram Junior Football Club and Kyabram Pony Club.

Cat 2 - Up to \$5000 for programs that offer training for volunteers, coaches and officials, or improve volunteer retention - Stanhope Football Netball Club was also successful in category two, as was Tongala Football Netball Club.

Safe swimmers start here!



St Mary’s students have spent a week travelling each day to Aquamoves for swimming lessons, making sure they will be ready for safe summer fun in a few months time. Ollie and Peyton (above) look well-prepared - especially for the fun part!

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