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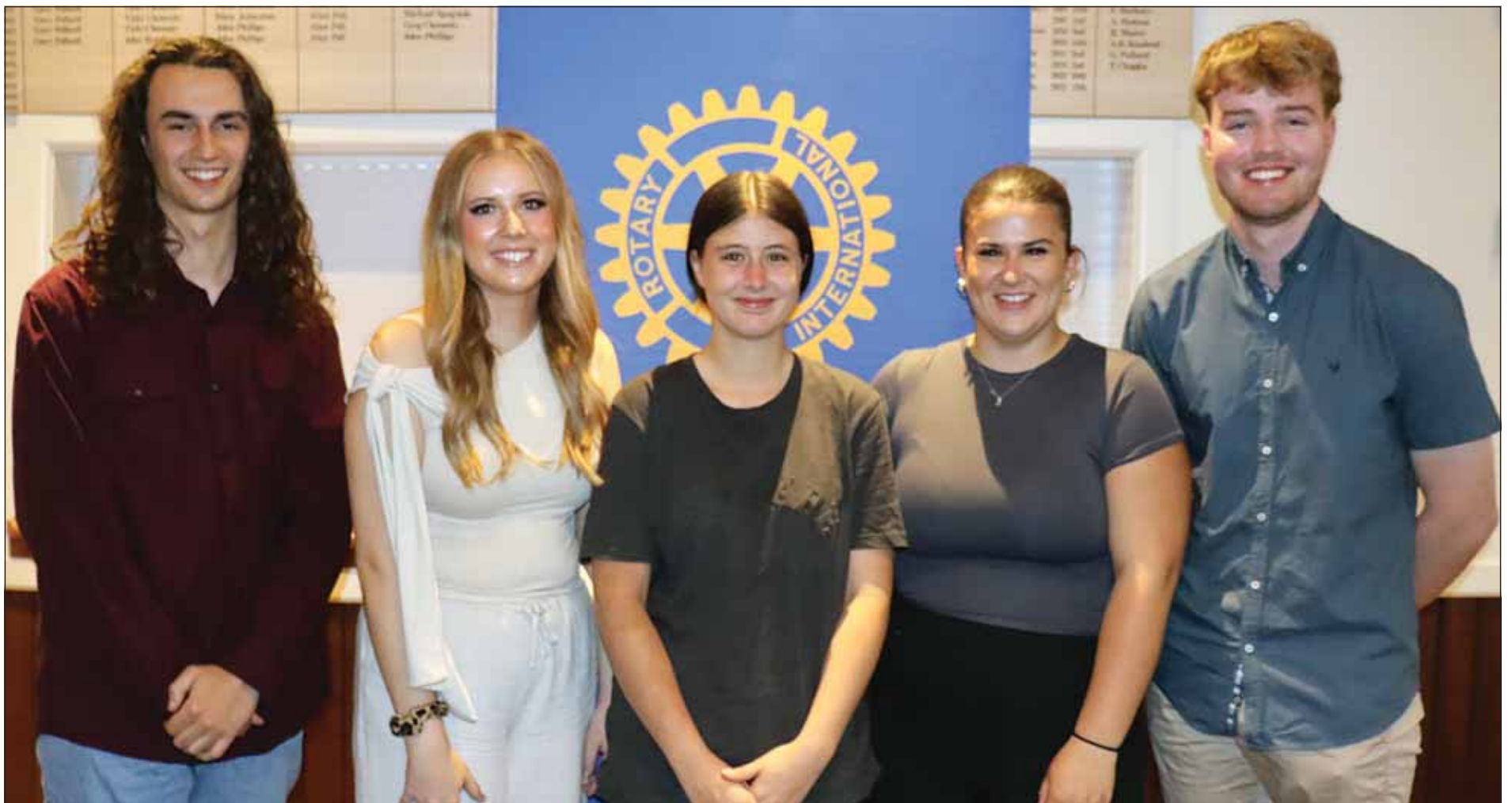


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Past Yea Rotary Ruth Konig Memorial Scholarship recipients, Declan, Olivia, Madalen, Maddy and Louis, provided an update on their fantastic educational progress. Full story on page 14. -S

Not guilty plea over Yarck road death

DAVID Graham Berry has been committed to stand trial in the Melbourne County Court for crimes relating to the death of a Murrindindi Shire resident.

Mr Berry faces 14 charges, eight of which are indictable and six are summary offences. He is pleading not guilty to all charges.

During the court proceedings at the Shepparton Magistrate's Court on Wednesday, February 5, the judge provided the standard warnings to the accused relating to the use of alibis and a committal caution.

Mr Berry did not apply for bail. His next court appearance will be on March 5.

Police allege that on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, Mr Berry entered a building in Euroa as a trespasser with intent to steal, and stole a red Milwaukee radio and a set of Ford Ranger Utility keys in Euroa. They further allege that he proceeded to steal a 2017 white Ford Ranger Utility.

They further allege that in Yarck on the same day, Mr Berry drove a motor vehicle in a way that was dangerous to the public and caused the death of a Murrindindi Shire man who the court has not named. He is also charged with failing to immediately stop the motor vehicle at the site of the collision, and failed to immediately render assistance.

He is also accused of the culpable driving of a motor vehicle causing a death.

Police allege that Mr Berry was unlicensed at the time of the incident, and that he drove a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and a drug to such an extent that he was incapable of having proper control of the motor vehicle.

Mr Berry is also charged with being the driver of a motor vehicle on the Maroondah Highway, with a dividing line, and failing to drive to the left of the dividing line, and was detected driving at 134km/h in a 100km/h zone.

Dairy Creek Bridge works set to start

ON Sunday, April 14, 2024, a truck rolled over on the Goulburn Valley Highway at Homewood, near Dairy Creek Road. The B-double was loaded with 609 sheep. It rolled over and landed upside down in Dairy Creek.

The bridge was damaged in the incident. The bridge has since had only one lane open, managed by traffic lights and with speed reductions in place.

Fortunately, news has recently come through regarding planned repairs.

Anthony Judd, Executive Director of Loddon Mallee and Hume, Department of Transport and Planning (DoT), said, "To ensure Dairy Creek Bridge is safe and secure long-term, we're installing custom-built steel railings. We thank the community for their patience while we deliver this vital work."

DoT advised that timelines associated with this project are due

to the custom fabrication of the replacement guard rail required for the south side of the bridge.

A thorough investigation into the integrity of the bridge deck was required due to the substantial damage, and as such a bespoke replacement was designed.

On site works, including the repair of the bridge deck and installation of new rail post bases will be commencing within the next month and will take around eight weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Conditions travelling near Homewood on the Goulburn Valley Highway will return to normal once works have been completed and traffic control has been removed.

Traffic management associated with on-site works is included in the overall cost quoted by the contractor to complete the project.

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Letters to the Editor

What to do with an Inheritance

A response to the Taungurung statement about January 26. I was grateful to the author(s) of the Taungurung Statement in the January 29 edition of the Alexandra Standard for taking the time to document a history of the place that I call home. I was compelled to write in response to a very moving and compelling documented history which, thanks to the article, woke me from my usual slumber with respect to the cultural status quo. Nations produce a history with the aim of creating conditions most appealing for the soothing fictions we tell ourselves as a culture. Hence my slumber, as these fictions operate like a kind of lullaby putting us all to sleep.

I am not responsible for what my predecessors did. This may or may not be true, however what my predecessors did created the material conditions I live under now. This is my inheritance, which means both my own history, my own forbears, along with the history of the place I have decided to put down roots. So how might we rethink the either/or debate presently raging in our culture wars, the I am/not responsible for a history so as to take into account the very real truth of an inheritance? As we know,

the time of a death and a will can be very emotional and lead to great dispute amongst otherwise loving family members. Often these disputes relate to deservingness or otherwise of beneficiaries. The truth of an inheritance is that none of us earned it, none of us deserved it, and yet it still comes our way no matter how much we may be willing or unwilling to acknowledge it. So what do we do with this inheritance?

Perhaps the first thing to do is to receive our inheritance no matter how unsavoury and undeserving it may seem. This is a way of receiving a history and making it one's own, a task which is more akin to a practice than a destination. It is a continued opening to something other than what I might assume it to be. That history is interesting despite its frequent brutality, and it is ours because of where we live. If this inheritance is not received, we are unlikely to know what to do with it, and we are likely to repeat the sins of the father.

The knowing I refer to is a kind of 'know how' that arises as a product of receiving rather than rejecting the troubling truth of what has come before. This 'know-how' is neither a guilt-ridden attempt at compensation, nor a rejection which often comes in the form of

'moving on', both features of our culture war and both attempts at a soothing resolution. Both are deathly attempts to close the book, and not the 'deadly' of our first nations people. In other words, there's only life if the book remains open.

What I propose is a different kind of relationship to history, which derives from my clinical work as a psychotherapist. This is to have a know-how not as responsibility, but a capacity to respond and stay alive to the possibilities this inheritance provides for us. This includes Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australia. If we are able to receive our inheritance and continue to take an account which is never finalised, we become the beneficiaries of a know-how which also becomes a legacy for those coming after us. In other words, we are the history that we make with our inheritance. This is a history that speaks to our origins but is also 'originary' as a point of creation today. To borrow from a French thinker who worked in the clinic; 'what is realised in my history is not the nostalgia of what was, nor my history as the cause of what I am, but rather my history in what I will have been in what I am the process of becoming'.

Julian Browne, Buxton

Stepping up for autism

THE Great Victorian Walk for Autism is set to be held on Saturday, March 22. Teams of two to 10 will walk 15 or 30kms, along the Great Victorian Rail Trail to Mansfield from Woodfield or Maindample. The walk is to raise funds for the expansion of services for autistic children and their families.

Registrations are open to men and women and children 13 years and over, with dress ups encouraged.

The incidence of autism is rising and affects up to one in 50 people. For more information, visit lakehigh.org.au

Correction

IN last week's edition, there was an article on the upcoming closure of the Melba Highway for landslip works. It incorrectly stated that "The closed section of the Melba will be between Healesville-Kinglake Road and north of Hutts Lane." This should have been Hunts Lane.

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STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon D/S	10.00am Mon	2.12	steady	below minor
Rubicon River at Rubicon	10.00am Mon	0.40	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	9.44am Mon	0.48	steady	below minor
Home Creek at Yarck	8.49am Mon	0.10	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	8.19am Mon	0.40	steady	below minor
Yea River at Yea GV Water PS	9.21am Mon	0.16	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	10.00am Mon	4.03	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	10.00am Mon	0.34	steady	below minor
King Parrot Ck at Kerrisdale	10.00am Mon	0.09	steady	
Goulburn River at Trawool	10.00am Mon	1.76	steady	below minor
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	10.00am Mon	-0.04	steady	below minor
Goulburn River at Seymour	10.00am Mon	1.98	steady	below minor
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Weekly Weather

February 5 - February 11, 2025

Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

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DAY	LOW	HIGH	DAY	LOW	HIGH
Wednesday	21	34	Wednesday	22	35
Thursday	18	33	Thursday	17	34
Friday	12	26	Friday	12	26
Saturday	9	18	Saturday	9	18
Sunday	8	18	Sunday	8	19
Monday	11	24	Monday	11	24
Tuesday	11	24	Tuesday	11	24

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DISTRICT RAINFALL

Alexandra 0.6mm

Buxton..... 1.5mm

Eildon (AWS)..... 2mm

Flowerdale..... 24mm

Jamieson..... 18mm

Kinglake..... 9mm

Lake Eildon..... 0.6mm

Mansfield..... 6mm

Taggerty 4mm

Yarck 3mm

Yea..... 14mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week.....282.46m

Capacity as at 9am Monday.....76.1%

Metres below full supply.....6.44m

Daily inflow500ML

Release..... 5500ML

Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change).....70%

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DEADLINES

Real Estate Thursday 5pm

Trades & Services Thursday noon

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Classifieds Monday noon

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Letters to the Editor Monday 9am

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Delayed refilling of CFA tanks

IN recent weeks, lightning has started numerous fires in the Murrindindi Shire area and beyond. One of these fires was in Whanregarwen on Monday, January 27, and the fire station's tank was depleted due to the firefighting effort.

Across the following weekend and early the next week, the temperatures rose to near 40 degrees, and there was another lightning fire on the Black Range near Whanregarwen on February 4, attended by Forest Fire Management Victoria.

It's understood that the Whanregarwen CFA received a water delivery from council on Wednesday, February 5.

Murrindindi Shire Council was asked about the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for refilling CFA tanks during fire season, and whether council was responsible for refilling all CFA tanks in the shire.

Council responded, "Council is responsible for maintenance and refilling of 87 CFA water tanks across the shire, ensuring they are ready for use before the declared CFA Fire Danger Period. As part of this responsibility, the tanks are regularly audited, inspected for leaks, and refilled as needed.

"The refilling of CFA tanks is subject to the availability of water cartage operators. Some operators supply only drinking water, which is not required for firefighting. Others, contracted for other tasks such as road works, may also assist in refilling the tanks.

Council recently refilled one of the Whanregarwen CFA tanks, which required a top-up of 7000 litres of water. This tank was at half capacity, with a total volume of 13,500 litres. In addition to this, Whanregarwen has four tanks in the area, and approximately 20,000 litres of water directly accessible at the CFA station.

"It's important to note that CFA water tanks are inspected, filled at the start of the year, and remain on standby for emergency use throughout the fire season. These tanks are not the sole fill points for brigade tankers."



ON Sunday evening, the Yea and Killingworth areas were impacted by a slow-moving storm cell with large hail. Fortunately, damage was limited, although there were challenges for some with skylights. Others thought the hail was a great way to keep their beer cold. -S

Samuel Johnson rides to Yea for cancer fundraising

ACTOR Samuel Johnson rode the Rail Trail from Tallarook to Yea last Saturday to raise money for cancer support.

Starting in front of the Tallarook Swimming Pool at 8.30am, participants in the event made their way to Trawool or Yea, a distance of 14km or 24km respectively.

In Yea they stopped at the Country Club Hotel to celebrate Samuel's birthday, and to take a break.

More information about the work that Samuel does can be found at loveyoursister.org/



The riders stopped in Yea to rest and recuperate for the ride back to Tallarook. -S



Samuel Johnson celebrating his birthday in Yea. -S

What do you do with a drunken boatie?

AN alleged drunken boatie was among 14 vessel operators caught flouting the law at Lake Eildon recently.

The 38 year old skipper had several passengers on board a 3.5 metre tinny when he was intercepted by the Water Police Squad about 5pm on Friday, January 31.

He went positive on a preliminary breath test and allegedly blew 0.134 during an evidentiary breath test.

The Kilsyth man had his marine licence immediately suspended for six months and was fined \$840.

The squad, which regularly patrols the popular waterway throughout summer, conducted more than 60 vessel inspections, licence checks and breath tests during last weekend's deployment.

Eight further boaties were issued with infringement notices for: Operating a boat without a licence; failing to carry a lifejacket (times four); towing a skier without an observer (times two); failing to maintain safety gear.

Water Police also had jet skis closely in their sights.

Four riders were caught allegedly speeding too close to shore or other vessels, while another was fined \$988 for riding unlicensed.

The Water Police Squad will continue to have a highly visible presence at inland waterways this summer.

Several planned operations will take place across Victoria, on top of regular patrols.

Boat and jet ski operators can expect to be breath tested, and have vessels inspected for mandatory safety equipment including lifejackets.

Water Police Acting Senior Sergeant Dave McHenry said, "As the warm weather continues, we want safety to be front and centre in everyone's minds.

"If you're planning to drink, don't get behind the wheel. We all know how devastating the consequences can be.

"Lifejackets also remain an issue. They are mandatory for jet ski riders, children under 12, solo boaties and in small boats up to and including 4.8m yet we still see people without them.

"Police will continue to conduct breath tests, vessel inspections and licence checks to ensure everyone is playing their part this summer."

Fire safety meeting in Gobur

ON Saturday, February 15 from 9.30 to 10.30am, Yarck CFA are holding a Community Fire Safety Meeting at Gobur.

Find out what to expect in the event of a fire, the best way to keep your family, friends, pets and property safe. It's a great chance to get answers to your questions. Bring your own chairs.

The free event is being held at the Gobur Tennis Court car park in Golf Course Road.



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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CWA biannual conference in Yarck

THE many branches of the Hume Goulburn Country Women's Association (CWA) met in Yarck Hall last Saturday for their biannual conference.

The conference is designed to give an overview of the state of the Hume Goulburn CWA group, as well as provide an opportunity for each of the branches to share what they've been up to.

It's a chance for all the members to get together and discuss their issues, and for inter-branch mingling.

A stall with various goodies was set up in the Yarck Hall for the ladies to peruse.



The stall with various goodies. -BD



The conference was a chance to discuss the successes and issues facing the CWA. -BD



Members of the various branches of the CWA Hume Goulburn group. -BD



The various branches were given the opportunity to make a report on what they've done over the last six months. -BD

Melba Highway landslip repair works

We're completing critical landslip repairs on the Melba Highway in Dixons Creek, between Healesville-Kinglake Road and north of Hunts Lane.

Melba Highway will be closed to traffic and detours will be in place from **17 February to late March**.

Labour Day long weekend

Melba Highway will open in both directions for the Labour Day long weekend from **Friday 7 March until Tuesday 11 March** with reduced speed limits.

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Yea and District Memorial Hospital were on-site providing free skin checks for farmers. -BD



There was a large turnout for the Elders and Nutrien store sale last Friday despite sweltering weather. -BD

February Elders and Nutrien cattle sale in Yea

by Bailey Dixon

THE full stop on a long string of recent cattle sales in Yea, the February Elders and Nutrien Store Sale took place last Friday.

Some 2112 cattle were yarded, a mix of steers, heifers and cows and calves.

Cows and calves fetched \$2250 as the top price per head, while steers raked in \$2140 as the top price per head. This was with a weight of 717.5 kilograms, equalling out to 298c/kg.

Heifers made \$1750 per head at the sale, and with a weight of 600 kilograms made 292c/kg.

The average price per head for the day was \$1110, with an average weight of 350 kilograms. This means that the sale price remained somewhat steady, with an average of 317c/kg.

The next cattle sale will be on March 7, with another Elders and Nutrien Store Sale.



Les Gates and Max Martin with cattle from Kaldera Holdings. -BD



Brian McNamara and Michael Lombardozzi made the trek over from Shepparton-way to attend the sale. -BD

Euroa Poultry Farm detects avian influenza

AGRICULTURE Victoria has confirmed the presence of avian influenza at a poultry property in northern Victoria, which has now been placed into quarantine.

Diagnostic testing performed by the CSIRO Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness at Geelong confirmed high pathogenicity H7N8, which is different from the strains that impacted Victorian, New South Wales, and the Australian Capital Territory poultry farms during 2024, which have been eradicated. The strain detected is also different from the H5N1 avian influenza strain that is impacting the USA and other parts of the world.

Agriculture Victoria staff are on the ground to assist control, support the business and investigate further.

A control order under the *Livestock Disease and Control Act 1994* is being established. This will include a restricted area extending approximately five kilometres around the impacted property and a control area in the eastern portion of the Strathbogie Shire to prevent movements that could spread the virus.

Victoria’s Acting Chief Veterinarian Cameron Bell praised the poultry business for alerting Agriculture Victoria as soon as they suspected the presence of disease in their flock.

“Avian influenza is commonly spread by wild birds, and unfortunately, despite the business having excellent biosecurity controls in place, poultry have been infected.

“The business has acted quickly to identify the infection within the flock and are working closely with Agriculture Victoria officers to contain the outbreak.” Dr Bell said.

Avian influenza is a viral disease of birds found globally. Virus strains are described as low pathogenicity (LPAI) or high pathogenicity (HPAI).

While cases among humans in direct contact with animals infected with highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses are possible, the current risk to the public remains low.

Every producer should have an on-farm biosecurity plan and know the signs of diseases that could affect their animals.

All poultry and bird owners across Victoria are reminded to follow best biosecurity

practices such as keeping poultry sheds, yards, aviaries and equipment clean, and restricting contact between poultry and wild birds.

Bird owners should also ensure their footwear is clean, always wash hands before and after handling birds or eggs and quarantine new birds before integrating with existing ones.

Consumers should not be concerned about eggs and poultry products from the supermarkets, they do not pose a risk and are safe to consume.

Poultry farmers, backyard flock and bird owners are urged to report any cases of unexplained bird deaths to the 24-hour Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888 or to your local vet.

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STOCK REPORT 7 FEBRUARY 2025				
Elders & Nutrien Store Sale	Total Yarding	Steers	Heifers	Cows & Calves
Number of head	2,112			
Average \$ per head	\$1,110			
Average weight per head	350kg			
Top price per head		\$2,140	\$1,750	\$2,250
Top weight		717.5kg	600kg	
Turnover	\$2.26 million			



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Just a Farmer screens in Yea

SARAH Austin is the mental health nurse and community health manager at the Yea and District Memorial Hospital. She explained that in conjunction with Murrindindi Shire Council and Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, they decided to bring the *Just a Farmer* movie to Yea. It was screened on Thursday, February 6, to a large audience.

Sarah said that the decision was based on a few things, “but because it is about farmers and suicide, we thought it was quite a good thing to screen to get the community to be aware of mental health and the impacts that suicide can have on a whole community. It raises things like stigma, and how other community members respond to someone committing suicide. It also touches on drugs and alcohol, mainly alcohol, but also the isolation around what it can be like for the family of someone who commits suicide, and the avoidance of people.”

The film can be watched online at justafarmermovie.com

Sarah said, “The purpose of the evening is to inform people about our mental health services at the hospital, and to get people to come together to recognise mental health in general, but also to reach out for help. Whether that’s through reaching out directly to the hospital, or it’s through one of the phone services or even just letting a neighbour know so they can contact people for you. And that’s why we’re out and about in the community as well, and at the saleyards, so people recognise we’re around, and know that we’re around if they need something. I think just starting the conversation is the main point.

“At the moment, there’s no real wait list. We offer free services at the hospital. The other thing is with some grant funding we’re expanding services. We’ll be expanding into Alexandra hospital, another clinician will be at Yea Hospital, we’ll have Seymour Hospital and Kilmore Hospital as well coming up.

“We actually have three mental health clinicians now at the hospital. We have four

mental health with clinicians working at Yea Primary School and Yea High School,” Sarah said.

“That’s part of the reason why we developed the saleyard initiative. We know these farmers don’t go to the doctor, like if your arm is falling off you wait until you’re finished with the cow and deal with your arm afterwards. We know they are a hard bunch to crack

and that’s why we started going out to the saleyards and we started doing our mental health initiative out there. Last year we did some stuff on mental health. One day at the saleyard we had the Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Group out there as well to inform people and let people know they’re out in the community as well.

“We’re in partnership with the University of Melbourne as well, and they’re doing some research on the whole saleyard’s initiative. We’ve had lots and lots of positive feedback about it.

“There’s been a recent suicide in the community. There are also a number of AFL players and high-profile people that appear to have committed suicide recently as well. It’s very prevalent at the moment and ongoing in the community, so it’s just good for people to be aware and to check in with their mates.”

Murrindindi Shire Council would like to thank everyone for attending on Thursday evening. They said it was heartening to see everyone socialising before and after the film, with conversations on the theme continuing throughout the weekend. They thanked the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments which provided funding to council for the post flood community building activity through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements to enable such events to occur, including health activities at the Yea Saleyards in partnership with the Yea and District Memorial Hospital and the Yea Saleyards Committee of Management.

For support, contact Yea hospital on 5736 0400, Lifeline on 131 114, Beyond Blue Support Service on 1300 22 4636, and MensLine on 1300 789 978.



The large audience at the *Just a Farmer* screening at the Yea Shire Hall. -S

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Regular egg consumption lowers risk of cardiovascular disease-related death: Monash University

REGULAR consumption of eggs is associated with a 29 per cent lower risk of cardiovascular disease-related death in relatively healthy older adults, new research from a Monash University-led team has found.

Published in the journal *Nutrients*, the researchers found that for relatively healthy older adults, consuming eggs one to six times per week was associated with a lower risk of all-cause mortality (death from any cause) and CVD mortality compared to those who rarely or never eat eggs.

The study involved 8756 adults aged 70 years or older, who self-reported the frequency of their total egg intake: never/infrequently (rarely/never, or one to two times per month), weekly (one to six times per week), and daily (daily or several times per day), as part of the ASPREE Longitudinal Study of Older Persons (ALSOP) sub-study.

First author Holly Wild, a PhD candidate and lecturer from the Monash University School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, said compared to older adults who never or infrequently ate eggs (up to twice a month), those who ate eggs one to six times a week had a 15 per cent lower risk of death from any cause, and a 29 per cent lower risk of cardiovascular disease-related death.

“Eggs are a nutrient-dense food, they are a rich source of protein and a good source of essential nutrients, such as B vitamins, folate, unsaturated fatty acids, fat-soluble vitamins (E, D, A, and K), choline, and numerous minerals and trace elements,” Ms Wild said.

“Eggs are also an accessible source of protein and nutrition in older adults, with research suggesting that they are the preferred source of protein for older adults who might be experiencing age-related physical and sensory decline.”

The study also explored the relationship between egg consumption and mortality across different levels of diet quality (low, moderate, high).

“The study found that older adults with a moderate to high diet quality reported a 33 per cent and 44 per cent lower risk of CVD-related death, suggesting that the addition of eggs to moderate and high-quality diets may improve longevity,” the researchers wrote.

The current Australian Dietary Guidelines and the American Heart Association (AHA) recommend that adults with normal cholesterol can eat up to seven eggs per week, while some European countries suggest limiting it to three to four eggs per week. The AHA also supports up to two eggs per day for older adults with normal cholesterol.

“Previous research has observed a higher risk of mortality with egg consumption for those who have high cholesterol. For this reason, we also explored the association between egg consumption and mortality in people with and without dyslipidemia (clinically diagnosed high cholesterol),” Ms Wild said.

“We found a 27 per cent lower risk of CVD-related death for participants with dyslipidemia who consumed eggs weekly, compared to their counterparts that consumed eggs rarely or never, suggesting that in this study cohort, the presence of dyslipidemia does not influence the risk associated with egg consumption.

“Our results suggest that eating up to six eggs a week may reduce the risk of death from all causes and cardiovascular related diseases in older adults. These findings may be beneficial in the development of evidence-based dietary guidelines for older adults.”

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Get ready to get Dindi Dazed

DINDI Daze, a new fun filled family focussed event, celebrating all that is good in Murrindindi is coming to Rotary Park in Alexandra on Saturday, March 1.

This free entry event will include a morning with a variety of free of charge children focussed activities, such as face painting, competitions, games for young as well as older children and a mobile 'petting' farm. On stage, there will be an Indigenous performer who will demonstrate traditional Indigenous music to the children and engage them in traditional dance and music.

During the midday break there will be a prize / award session for local business and citizens. This will be followed in the afternoon by four local live music acts. During the entire day there will be access to top quality food vans and pop ups, local craft beers, wines and spirits, arts and crafts stalls,



Dindi Daze will feature a market. -S

an historic vehicle procession and display and finally access to steam train rides.

In addition, there will be a number of community-based 'free of charge' stalls and displays including the dingo discovery

sanctuary and research centre, the CFA, Men's Shed (the Woodies), Embassy of Ideas / Food Share, and Rotary.

It will be a great day for everyone.

POLICE REPORT

ON Monday, January 29, several barbecues were reported in the Marysville area. It was a total fire ban day.

ON the Australia Day long weekend, Victoria Police conducted a night operation. A vehicle was observed driving erratically in Molesworth, travelling east at a speed of 78 km/h. Police intercepted the vehicle. The vehicle contained four youths. A 15 year old youth from Murrindindi Shire was driving. They were intoxicated and unlicensed. Police interviewed the driver and he was released on summons. He will appear at the Seymour Court at a later date.

VICTORIA Police are continuing to run operations at night, focusing on high risk driving, including alcohol and drug testing.

Council reminder around permits for caravans or camping

MURRINDINDI Shire Council is reminding property owners of the importance of obtaining the necessary permits before operating a caravan or camping area. All commercially operated camping areas, including those advertised on websites or apps, require permits.

Property owners are responsible for any incidents that occur on their property, and having the right permits in place helps ensure safety for everyone.

Permits also help protect the environment and our communities by managing noise, safety, and emergency planning. They support a great quality of life for residents and visitors.

If you are hosting a private party or camping on your own property, please be considerate of your neighbours, and ensure you comply with government regulations and local laws.

Residents must follow Environment Protection Authority (EPA) guidelines

regarding noise levels. Loud events can cause disturbances, and in some cases, police may be called. By working together, we can help keep Murrindindi Shire a welcoming and enjoyable place to live and visit.

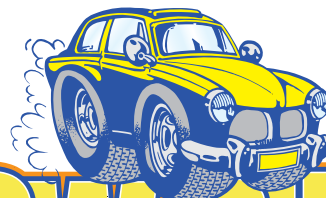
To find out if you need a permit, or for more information about the permit process, email council at planning@murrindindi.vic.gov.au or call (03) 5772 0333.

Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor Damien Gallagher reiterated, "With the upcoming Labour Day and Easter public holidays, we want both visitors and our community to stay safe.

"Our region offers stunning camping locations, but if you are operating a camping area, it is important to have all the necessary permits. These regulations are in place to prevent issues and to keep Murrindindi Shire pleasant and safe for everyone."



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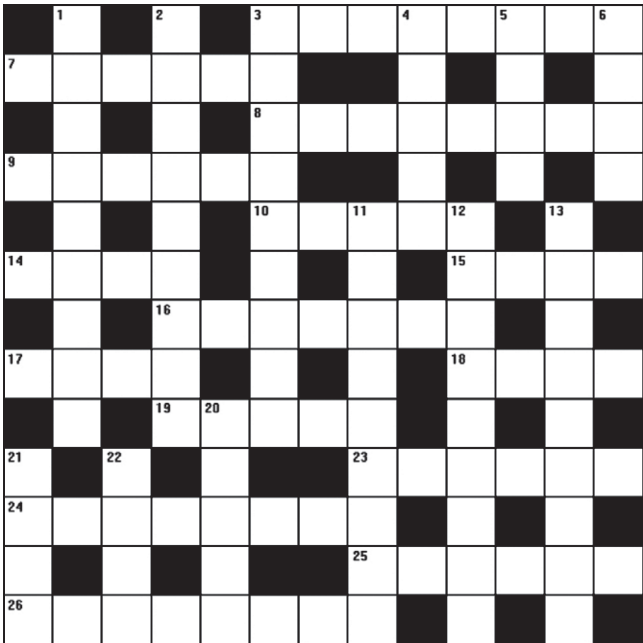
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Crossword

ACROSS

3. Simple and requiring little hard work.
7. The occupation for which you are trained.
8. A charitable offering or gift.
9. Long tapering orange vegetable.
10. A shelter with perches for fowl or birds.
14. Clay slab used as roofing material.
15. Garden of Adam and Eve.
16. Packs up everything and leaves.
17. An Animal hunted for food or sport.
18. Run at a moderately swift pace.
19. Adjust again after an initial failure.
23. Not quite accomplished.
24. Coming third in order or rank.
25. Christian name of writer Hemingway.
26. Someone recently married.



DOWN

1. Intense devotion to a cause.
2. Curly coated sporting dog.
3. Draws out or lengthens in time.
4. Comes a bit closer to.
5. Give off.
6. Tell a story or tale in song.
11. Remained for far too long.
12. Statement made under oath.
13. Restore ownership of something.
20. Instruct well so as to make one understand.
21. Render unconscious with a heavy blow.
22. Let sit in boiling water to extract the flavour.

Word Search

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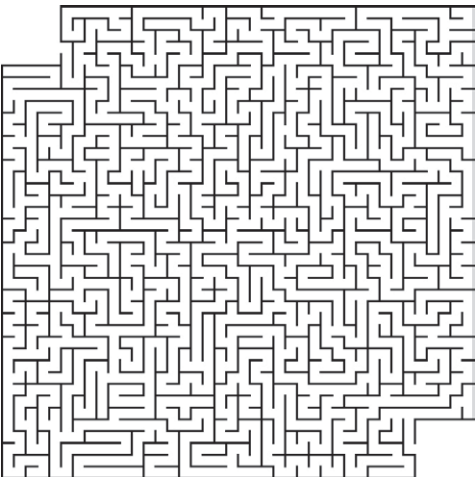
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Fill in the missing numbers.

The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 9.
Each number is only used once.
Each row is a math equation.
Each column is a math equation.
Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

Maze



Some of the young attendees at Yea Cruise Night. Photos by Dale McKeon (Plymouth Dale Photos) and Amanda Price

Perfect weather for Yea Cruise Night

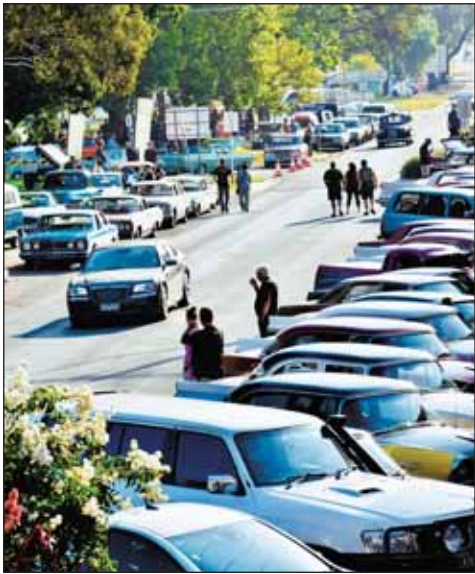
THE Yea Cruise Night on Saturday, February 8, was a great night with perfect weather. There were lots of regulars and quite a number of new attendees.

There were also several clubs in attendance, including the Studebaker Car Club which took position in front of the Yea Shire Hall, the Rich River Rod and Custom Club, and the 49-59 Ford Customline Club of Victoria.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who spent their evening in Yea and of course the sponsors and supporters who make Yea Cruise Night possible for the community.



The event was fun for everyone.



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The finished product made from Kinglake Landcare Group. -S

New homes for wildlife

MEMBERS of the Kinglake Landcare Group took part in a nest building workshop at the Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House in late January.

The Landcare group did a great job building nesting boxes that will provide important homes for native animals including

treecreepers, sugar gliders, phascogales, small parrots, and owl nightjars.

Colin Parton was thanked by the group for cutting all the timber to size. The funding for the project was from the state government's Victorian Landcare Grants.



Everyone hard at it making the nest boxes. -S



The group learning the ins and outs of the nest boxes. -S

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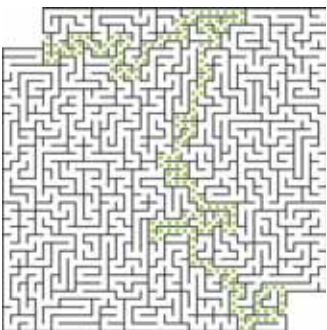
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DEATH NOTICES

DIKMANS,
Louis
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DEATH NOTICES


Vale
PENNY, Joan.
The Chairman, Board, Management and members of CFA regret the passing of their colleague and offer their deepest sympathy to her family. Joan was a Terip Terip CFA brigade member for over 40 years, serving as Communications Officer 1982 - 2006 and obtained CFA life membership for her significant and valued contribution.
May she rest in Peace.

MEETINGS


The Alexandra Football Netball Club Ladies Committee AGM will be held at the club rooms at 6pm on Thursday, February 13, 2025. Everyone welcome. Any queries please contact Kath Hedger on 0438 520 382.


AGM and general meeting for the Alexandra RSL will be held on Sunday, February 16, at noon, followed by a light luncheon.

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Battery recycling in Murrindindi Shire rises by 145 per cent

MURRINDINDI Shire Council is delighted to report a significant increase in battery recycling, with a 145 per cent rise at the Alexandra Resource Recovery Centre, equating to an additional 436 kilograms of batteries diverted from landfill over the past year.

This growth reflects the community's enthusiastic response to council's 'Never Bin Your Batteries' campaign, which encourages residents to dispose of batteries responsibly.

The campaign has resonated strongly with the community, raising awareness of the environmental benefits of proper battery disposal and the dangers of placing batteries in household bins, where they can cause fires in collection trucks and landfill sites.

Murrindindi Shire Council's Sustainability and Assets Portfolio Councillor Sue Carpenter welcomed the result.

"Batteries don't belong in bins, and we're pleased to see more people using the battery drop-off points at its Resource Recovery Centres in Alexandra, Marysville, Yea, Eildon, and Kinglake. Many local supermarkets also provide drop off points for batteries, including Alexandra, Yea and Eildon FoodWorks, and Marysville Grocer," Cr Carpenter said.

"A huge well done to everyone who has made a concerted effort to do the right thing. This impressive increase in battery recycling shows the power of community action. By disposing of your batteries correctly, you're helping keep our community and environment safe. Let's keep up the good work."

Council will continue to support and promote responsible battery recycling practices. Learn more at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/batteries

Your last resort during a bushfire

DID you know that during a fire, embers can travel up to 40 km ahead of the fire front, and fire speeds can reach over 25km/h? With hotter than average forecast for the remaining summer months, Murrindindi Shire Council encourages all residents and visitors to review their fire plans and be aware of where to go in the event of a fast-developing emergency.

A Neighbourhood Safer Place - Bushfire Place of Last Resort (NSP-BPLR) is usually marked by a green sign with white writing. These sites are intended as a last resort when all other plans have failed during a fire. The Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that leaving early is the safest option to protect yourself and your family.

While fire authorities recommend knowing the location of your nearest NSP-BPLR, it's important to understand that not all townships have one that is easily accessible. These places can be outdoor areas or pre-existing structures and are not purpose-built, fireproof, stocked with emergency supplies, or suitable for other types of emergencies. They do not guarantee safety but may provide protection from direct flame and heat from a fire.

Council urges everyone to be prepared with an emergency plan year-round. Know when to evacuate, what items to take with you and who to contact. Only consider going to a NSP-BPLR within one to two kilometres of your house if all other plans fail. If it's further away, it may be safer to stay where you are to avoid getting trapped in your vehicle or encountering low visibility and hazards on the road.

Find your nearest NSP-BPLR, learn how to start an emergency plan, and discover more about preparing for fire and heat at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Community/Safety-and-Emergencies/Fire-and-Heat

Remember, in the event of a life-threatening emergency that requires police, fire, or ambulance assistance, always call Triple Zero (000) first.

Murrindindi Shire Council's Integrity, Finance and Resilience Portfolio Councillor Paul Hildebrand stated, "Amid weeks of extreme heat and dryness, it's vital to remember that Neighbourhood Safer Place - Bushfire Place of Last Resort are always a last resort. While knowing their locations is important, they are intended as your very last option when all other options have failed.

"We urge everyone to have a well-prepared emergency plan and to evacuate early if conditions become dangerous. Proactive decisions save lives. Your safety, and that of your loved ones, depends on it."

Ruth Konig Memorial Scholarship

supporting local youth



Declan Fulford. -S



Louis Callander. -S



Olivia Johnson. -S

THE Rotary Club of Yea’s dinner meeting on February 6 highlighted youth achievements, celebrating five individuals who are currently recipients of the Ruth Konig Memorial Scholarship.

Ruth was a committed, passionate and inspirational Rotarian and teacher at Yea High School, whose vision was to see all students reach their educational potential. When Ruth died in 2016, she left a bequest to Yea Rotary and in her memory, with added Rotary Club funds, the Ruth Konig Memorial Scholarship was created.

The scholarship is awarded to Year 12 students at Yea High School who are commencing their first year of higher education. It offers \$2000 annually for a duration of three years to assist in covering some of the expenses incurred with tertiary study.

Guests welcomed were Declan Fulford and Olivia Johnson, inaugural recipients of the scholarship in 2022, Maddy Granter and Louis Callander (2023) and Madalen Flynn (2024).

Olivia, who completed her second year of nursing at RMIT, thanked the club for its impactful support. She outlined her journey to date and how the scholarship has allowed her to focus on her studies and clinical training without the worry of how the next bills would be covered.

Olivia spoke of her appreciation of the club’s belief in her future and recognition of her potential. She concluded her address with, “Thank you for all the work you do for our community and believing in and supporting us.”

Declan, now in his third year at Melbourne University, is majoring in biomedical engineering for his Bachelor of Science degree. His field of study has included design implementation of medical technology, prosthetic limbs, monitoring equipment, artificial body parts and drug delivery systems. Declan has found this technology both exciting and interesting and hopes one day to be the creator of something that improves people’s lives. This year Declan will specialise in subjects required for his major including biomaterial, electric circuits, mechanics and biochemistry. He thanked the club for the financial assistance which has helped cover some of his accommodation costs in Melbourne.

Louis Callander who commenced studies in Cyber Security at La Trobe University in Bundoora in 2024, emphasised that while he has chosen to continue to reside in Yea, he incurs considerable costs with petrol and parking fees. This year, his studies will focus on wireless networks and security, network engineering and artificial intelligence. Louis has recently gained employment working as a specialist technician at three local schools and when he completes his degree he hopes to work in the cyber security field. Louis conveyed his gratitude for Ruth and the scholarship, as it enables him



Maddy Granter. -S



Madalen Flynn. -S

to pursue his chosen field of study and follow a career path that interests him.

Another recipient who commenced studies last year, Maddy Granter has successfully completed her first year of a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy at Deakin University in Geelong. As Maddy was living on campus, the scholarship has helped defray some accommodation costs.

Maddy noted that her studies involved visiting hospitals and private clinics, providing insight into the various specialities in Occupational Therapy. One of the most impactful areas she worked in was neurological rehabilitation at the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre.

Maddy thanked the club for awarding her the scholarship in Ruth’s honour as it has made a huge difference to her ability to focus on her studies and pursue her passion.

The final student to address the meeting was Madalen Flynn. Maddy moved to Yea High School in 2021 and graduated Year 12 last year as the school captain. She mentioned her family situation, being one of seven children in a single-income household, and described the wonderful support, love, and guidance from her father in navigating life.

Maddy has enrolled in a Bachelor of Science with a Master of Teaching program at RMIT in Melbourne. She has a passion for teaching, finding it very rewarding helping students who may be struggling particularly with motivation. Maddy values the scholarship and is determined to honour Ruth’s legacy.

The club enjoyed hearing all the confident and articulate young adults speak about their goals and aspirations and wishes them well in their future studies.

Ruth would have been immensely proud of the legacy that has been created in her memory.

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Murrindindi Little Athletics off to a flying start in 2025



Medallion recipients Charlotte Boulton, Declan Baker and Record setter Matilda. -S



Hazel Dalton first jump of the day. -S

Gender challenge is underway

by Alan Pell

TWENTY-nine people contested the seventh round of the gender challenge last Wednesday. Playing Ambrose the boys had a one team handicap in the competition as there were 17 men to 12 ladies.

Winners of the day but not included in the Gender Competition were Bob Glenister and Brendan Chenhall who pared the course to have nett 62.25. Second on the day went to Russell Wealands, Alan Pell with three over nett 64. Third was Peter Johnson, John Tanner, Rob Gill in a three person team with 79 off the stick nett 66.5. Next was Gary Pollard, and Sam Wright with 79 nett 68.25 followed by Margie Wright, and Miranda Gill with 80 nett 68.75 and Sharon Grogan, and Penny Brittain with 86 nett 70.25. The boys won the team average 69.5 to 73.9 for 10 gender points. The Gender Day points went 70 for the Men and 15 to the ladies. Nearest the pin on the second was Allan Coates and the club award winners were Chris Keogh and Mic Sheather.

Current totals are Men 350 Ladies 245. Next week sees individual stableford matches with each match worth 10 points plus the usual 85 points available. The best stableford score next week will win the inaugural Mary Walker Shield.

On Saturday Sam Wright (27) with 93 off the stick nett 66 was the clear winner of the Monthly Medal. With 28 men and nine ladies on the course it was much cooler weather than on previous days. Second was Jono Ness (15) with nett 68 from third Phil Armstrong (22) 69, Oakley Ness (20) 70 and Martin Lowe (17) 70 and Luke Gregory (11) also on 70. Nearest the pin on the 11th went to Brian Simmons and the Putting to Bob Glenister with 24 putts. Jeff Aurisch won the club award.

In the ladies Caroline Webber (54) had her first victory winning the Monthly Medal with an excellent nett 72 from second Miranda Gill (17) nett 73.

Squash is back for 2025

by Kristelle Leary

Espresso versus Latte

TYLER versus Jim (fill in): There was no appropriate fill in to play Tyler on the night. Jim stepped in for a training match, of which the score was irrelevant.

Chris (fill in) versus Mick: Chris found himself in an uphill battle against a much improve Mick. The decisive difference was Mick's strategic court positioning, which won him numerous points and the match. 73 to 42.

Justin versus Matt: Justin dominated the first game. Matt slowly brought each game closer together, but he couldn't overcome his opponent. Justin sailed to victory. 82 to 56.

Derrick versus Jack: Great hitting by both opponents. It was a competitive match with the wall being utilised to their advantage. Jack edged forward on points in the end for the win. 51 to 47.

Affogato versus Cappuccino

ERIC versus Lochlan: A great game by both young men. Per his usual form, Lochlan had great serves that put him ahead for the victory. 65 to 41.

Lee versus Sally: Most of the rallies in this match were competitive. Lee had a knack for winning the points for a comfortable victory. 67 to 41.

Michael M versus Jared: Michael was more consistent than his opponent on the night. Jared made far too many unforced errors that cost him the match. 59 to 46.

Earl Grey versus Oolong

CHRIS versus Jess: An amazing amount of running in dangerously hot conditions. Jess put in a good fight, but Chris pulled away to win the match. 60 to 50.

Travis versus Kristelle: Kristelle was lead footed, trying to avoid running in the "disgusting heat" as much as possible. Travis had some good shots and made his opponent run more than she wanted. Travis took the second game with a ten-point lead which greatly helped him in his victory. 65 to 50.

Daniel W versus Daniel K (fill in): Daniel K is playing well below where he should be. This caused a very one sided match. To his credit, Daniel W put in a lot of effort for a decent match. But in the end, Daniel K won. 78 to 27.

Chai versus Darjeeling

MARK (fill in) versus Beth: Having not played for a long while, Mark was unsure of his skills. Luckily for him, his raw athleticism greatly help him in claiming every game and securing his victory. 67 to 56.

Sam versus Rob: The majority of the match was very close. The only downfall for Sam was his performance in game three when he lost by thirteen-points! This was what lost him the match. Rob was crowned victorious. 66 to 52.

Jim versus Phil: They started off on an even footing. The second half saw Phil losing his composure and slowing down. Jim kept getting further ahead and won the match. 56 to 35.

Merton takes victory over Milawa in cricket

MERTON cricketers travelled to take on the in-form third placed Milawa last Saturday on a slow outfield at the Milawa Recreation Reserve.

Milawa won the toss and sent Merton in to bat with the visitors making 3/152 off 36 overs, skipper Jai Lerch-Mackinnon and Jarrod Mahoney both with 38.

Top scoring Mahoney was particularly aggressive in the latter overs to help his side to a competitive total. James Benton also among the runs with 29, Aden Graham with 1/10 the most consistent bowler for the home side.

Milawa's batting strength was on full display early with opener David Radeski smashing boundaries at will before he fell on 32. The Merton bowlers started to get on top building pressure and slowing the run rate until Milawa's Ryan Brereton looked like winning the game for his side smashing 32 in the middle order.

However when he was dismissed the scoring rate declined and the wickets fell in quick time with the lower order trying to hit out with a climbing run rate required saw Milawa all out for 106.

Lerch-Mackinnon 2/19, Craddock 2/17 and the combination of an awesome spell from Josh Johnson 2/13 off seven overs and Rohan Berriman 3/9 saw a memorable victory to the Merton side.

Merton sits fourth on the ladder with a number of sides pushing for finals spots over the next four rounds in a very competitive Wangaratta and District Cricket Association (WDCA) B grade competition. Merton takes on local rivals Delatite next Saturday .



Rob returns a shot from Sam. -S

First Nations sports grants available

THE Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence announced a new round of grants for the *Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program* to assist in funding for uniforms, equipment, and travel to sports carnivals around the state.

The program delivers grants of up to \$1000 for team uniforms and equipment, and up to \$2500 for travel costs so clubs can participate in both Victorian and national tournaments.

Individuals can also access up to \$250 to purchase sporting uniforms and equipment, and up to \$750 for their own travel costs.

This grant program is part of the state government's strong support for the Victorian Aboriginal community, alongside the new Victorian Aboriginal Sporting Partnership which is creating more opportunities in the community sport sector for Aboriginal athletes.

Since 2020, the *Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program* has provided more than 460 grants to community sport clubs and individuals in Victoria's Indigenous communities.

Applications for this round are open until 11.59pm on Tuesday, March 4. For more information go to sport.vic.gov.au

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Murrindindi Little Athletics off to a flying start in 2025

THERE'S no better way to start the weekend than with an energetic group of young athletes enjoying the fresh air and competition. Murrindindi Little Athletics has been back in full swing after the Christmas break for a few weeks now, and members are already seeing fantastic results. Many athletes have achieved personal bests, earning personal best medallions, and several new club records have been set.

Personal Best Medallions

IN the past fortnight, the following athletes have been awarded personal best medallions for their outstanding performances: Ryder Clacy, Amelia K, Cheyanne Richardson, Levi Campbell, Emerson Robertson, Harry Armstrong, Maverick Clacy, Athan Woo, Liam Fraser, Isac K, Declan Armstrong, Shiloh Clacy, Sam Mawson, and Logan Steiner.

New Club Records

A HUGE congratulations to the athletes who have set new club records:

Makaylah Reece: Under eight, 60 metres hurdles; Cheyanne Richardson: Under 14, 200 metre hurdles; Levi Campbell: Under 14 long jump, shot put and 200 metre hurdles; Matilda McCarthy: Under seven 500 metres; Maverick Clacy: Under nine 700 metre race walk; Shiloh Clacy: Under eight 700 metres.

Upcoming Event Reminder

A REMINDER to all members that there will be no regular competition at Leckie Park on Saturday, February 15, as many athletes will be competing at the Regional Track and Field Championships in Albury over the weekend.

The club wishes all competitors the very best of luck and looks forward to seeing the results from what promises to be an exciting event.



Personal Best medallion recipients. -S



Record setters Levi Campbell, Cheyanne Richards, Shiloh Clacy and Declan Baker -S

Castella basketball player becomes national champion

YOUNG Castella local Brody Hull became a national champion in basketball on Sunday, February 2, winning gold in the under 20s category in Ballarat.

Brody received a last-minute call-up to the second Victorian team, considered by some to be the underdog team and the development team, to play in the National Basketball Championships.

While the focus and hype was around the first Victorian team, Brody's team powered through the tournament, beating seven other teams to head undefeated into the grand final against Queensland.

This final match was a tight one, with the Queensland team leading by one point going into the final change. The Victorian team that Brody was a part of came back in the last section of the game, winning the match 95 to 77 to take the gold medal.

Brody was a part of the Victorian High-Performance Program during his time in the under 16 and under 18 categories, giving him the opportunity to both train with and play against the other young athletes who comprised the gold-winning Victorian team.

He previously won a silver medal at the National Basketball Championships of 2023 in the under 18 category, playing for the Victorian country team. This gold medal win takes him a step further.



Brody Hull celebrating the National Basketball Championship win on the court with teammates. -S

Brody started playing basketball at around seven years old and has had huge support from his mum and dad, Amanda and Mark.

Mark spoke about the excitement that the gold medal win generated.

"I was just elated for him, just elated... He's had a chunk of bad luck, just missing out on selection. He's developed some enormous resilience over the years, with just being on the fringe of selection for teams. ... There was a sense of joy that we experienced and felt for him, because he got there the hard way, and the underdogs got through," Mark said.



The gold medal winning team for Victoria celebrating. -S

He also spoke about how it is potentially harder to chase dreams in the country, but not impossible.

"Country kids aren't restricted in chasing their dreams. That's really important, and it's something that Murrindindi Shire Council have supported us with, with being able to hire the Kinglake stadium to help him with training over the years as well," Mark said.

"Just because you live in Castella and there's no shops here, doesn't mean that if you have a dream or a passion or whatever it is, that you're ruled out."

As a bonus from the championship win, Brody now has several scholarship offers for studying at American universities and playing college basketball, his dream. Interest in him has been picking up, and he's getting lots of contact and being presented with opportunities. He should be heading to America around July or August, once he's decided where he wants to undertake his study.

In the meantime, Brody will be part of a Basketball Victoria team heading to Japan for a tournament on February 16.