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Barham Boat Ramp Closure

Transport for NSW will soon
commence repair work on the caissons
at the Barham Koondrook Bridge.To cater for the launch of works
barges, the Boat Ramp at Barham will
be **CLOSED** for public use on **Tuesday,**
February 16, 2021 from 7am-7pm.

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The Bridge

Dear Editor,

I looked at the calendar, saw it was the first day of the month and thought it must be April Fool's Day. That was my immediate reaction to claims announced on Monday, February 1, that the reduced capacity of the Barmah Choke is from 19th Century gold mining.

The bizarre finding was announced by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, and it is amid growing concerns over the environmental degradation along the Murray River from increased flows. In fact, the real reason for problems with the Barmah Choke is that we are trying to force too much water down our rivers which is damaging the environment along the way. If the MDBA bothered talking to multi-

generational river families, that's what it will learn.

Instead, it comes up with these pie-eyed ideas to justify the failing Basin Plan, which was built on false assumptions and poor science. The MDBA tells us, "we are still seeing the impacts of legacy issues from almost 200 years ago," and that, "ensuring a sustainable future for the river is a mammoth undertaking and it is not something that can happen overnight."

Of course, we can't return the river to what it was like 200 years ago because of the infrastructure that has been built and the downstream demands, especially in South Australia. If we go back 200 years (or even only 100), we know the Murray River was dry during times of drought and could be

crossed by a bullock dray (as photos have shown).

It is also interesting that the MDBA blames an activity from 200 years ago when it's convenient but ignores history when it's not. For example, the Lower Lakes in South Australia were estuarine before the barrages were constructed less than a century ago. Now, because it suits the narrative, the MDBA wants to insist that they

were historically freshwater lakes. It conveniently forgets evidence such as major Mullet breeding grounds, and shark or dolphin activity upstream of these lakes.

It is unfortunate that it has reached a point where we find it almost impossible to take the MDBA seriously. One can only conclude that a politically determined flow target to SA, coupled with a \$13

billion taxpayer 'carrot' to achieve it, takes precedence over peer reviewed science and common-sense decision making.

Maybe one day, as a nation, we will wake up to the con they call a Basin Plan before our food production capacities are totally decimated.

Yours faithfully,
Peter McCallum
Moama, NSW

Fish and River Tour

By Lloyd Polkinghorne

Despite recent coalition MP cancellations, the Shooter Fisher and Farmers Party appear happy to tour the region and talk constructively about solutions to the current failings and mismanagement of Australia's largest water reform.

Robert Borsak and Mark Banasiak, both members of the NSW Legislative Council (Upper House), were in the region looking to listen to locals about protecting our river systems and restoring ecological values.

In what was a refreshing change, science-based, practical/tangible outcomes and community involvement were at the heart of much of the discussion. From river health to fish populations, open, honest and pragmatic discussions were had.

Congratulations to the attending members for their interest, knowledge and understanding of our environment, river system and ecology.



Mark Banasiak, Robert Borsak, Judy and Garry Wilkinson.

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KOONDROOK GENERAL STORE

Public can re-attend Council Meetings

Gannawarra Shire Council will reopen its monthly meetings to the public later this month, with residents able to attend and observe proceedings in-person.

The first meeting to be open to the public will be the February 2021 Council Meeting, occurring on Wednesday, 17 February from 6.30pm at the Kerang Senior Citizens Clubrooms, located at 169 Boundary Street, Kerang.

“Council looks forward to welcoming the public back to observe Council meetings, which has been made possible thanks to the continued easing of COVID-19 restrictions in Victoria,” Mayor Charlie Gillingham said.

“Limited seating will be available with those attending required to adhere to the various COVIDsafe measures in place. These include providing contact details upon arrival and socially distancing.

“For those unable to



attend, Council meetings will continue to be livestreamed online at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/livestream, with video of each meeting broadcast available to view anytime at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/meetings.”

Residents will also have the opportunity to submit questions to Councilors, with the resumption of Question Time at the February meeting.

In accordance with Council’s established Governance Rules:

- Questions must be submitted on a Question Time form, available online at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/QuestionTime;

- Completed Question Time forms must be emailed to council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au

by gannawarra.vic.gov.au by 5pm the day prior to the Council Meeting; and

- Questions will be read by the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer.

“The Question Time form will provide people with guidance regarding how to frame questions to ensure greater clarity and a sufficient response from Council,” Mayor Gillingham said.

“Please note that questions from the public gallery in attendance on the night of the Council Meeting will not be taken, with submitted questions which meet the criteria to be answered in line with the Governance Rules.”

Amelia welcomed at Koondrook Primary School

By Ali Bohn

Former, and now returned Barham local, Amelia Dean has joined Koondrook Primary School staff as the new Grade 2/3 teacher for 2021 after spending the last two years teaching at Keilor Primary School in Melbourne.

Her first teaching job since completing her degree at Geelong University was at Murrabit Primary School. It was a special time for her, not only because it meant being close to her family in Barham but also due to the welcoming country school atmosphere.

So, when an opportunity came up for her to come back to her roots and away from the busy city life, Amelia jumped at the chance.

“It was a great experience teaching in Melbourne, but I did miss the country, so I’m pleased to be back,” she told The Bridge.

A little over a week in, and Amelia says she is already feeling she has made the right choice in returning to the country. The support she has received from staff and students since joining Koondrook Primary School

has made that all the more reassuring.

“The change of pace, the smaller school, being back on the river and of course being close to family has been amazing. There is such a tight knit community within a country school and you really get to know the families, plus I have such a great little class so I’m really looking forward to the year ahead.”

With such a disrupted year for schools in 2020, we hope all students enjoy an exciting and productive 2021.



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Bar-rook Swimming Carnival



It was a great day on Sunday for the Bar-rook Swimming Club with the annual carnival being hosted at the Koondrook Pool. The turnout was amazing, with around 66 members swimming on the day plus a few siblings who took part in the fun carnival.

In all, 10 records were broken, seven of which previously belonged to Leonard McClay, and now belong to a Leonard McClay who is one to two years older!

Remi Lake's hard work paid off once again with her breaking the 12 and under girls 66m butterfly record, and Kasey McClay broke two records in the 17+ girls' category.

You could tell from the sidelines that all the swimmers gave their best on the day, but a special congratulations goes out to Walter McDonald for the six and under boys champion, Evan McNeil for the eight and under boys champion, Eliza McDonald for the eight and under girls champion, Noah Elliot for the 10 and under boys champion, Emilee Wilson for the 10 and under girls champion, Riley D'Silva for the 12 and under boys champion, Remi Lake for the 12 and under girls champion, Angus Laskowski for the 16 and under boys champion, Leonard McClay for the 17+ boys champion, and Kasey McClay for the 17+ girls champion. Remi Lake and Leonard McClay also achieved the open girls and boys champion, respectively.

Each year, the Bar-rook Swimming Club awards one member the Margaret Davidson Award, which was created to honour her dedication to the club for the 30-odd years she coached there. This year, the Margaret Davidson Award was given to Kieran Jamerson, who displayed perseverance with his swimming and strong community values through his willing-

ness to help all season.

The club has a lot of thanks for the support the community has shown us. Firstly, we want to thank all the families who have brought their kids to training and the coaches for their consistent dedication. Without you all, we would not be able to have a swimming club. We want to send out a special thanks to the timekeepers, ribbon writers, starters and admin crew who jumped in to help on the day of the carnival, as well as Jacqui for catering for the carnival.

We would also like to thank the volunteers in the pool committee for keeping the pool and facilities running smoothly.

Finally, we would like to thank Murray Irrigation for funding the swimming club through the Learn to Swim Make a Splash program and providing participation certificates for everyone.

Even though we have had our carnival, swimming training will continue until the end of February as long as the weather allows. The Bar-rook swimming club is also excited to announce that we have become an approved Active Kids Sports Provider. For NSW families, this means they can access free swimming training all season by using the Active Kids Vouchers available through the Service NSW website.

It will be sad to see winter come around, and three of our longstanding coaches teach their last lesson, but we look forward to our continuing coaches and swimming community reuniting, and hopefully getting even bigger, next season. So, keep an eye on *The Bridge Newspaper* and the Koondrook Pool Facebook page for what we get up to next and how you can join in.

BE PART OF OUR TEAM IN 2021

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PLAY JUNIOR NETBALL AT RIVER RAIDERS



Venue

Barham Recreation Reserve Netball Courts

Registration Night for Juniors and Seniors

February 18, 2021 at 4:45pm

Contact for more information:

Netball Manager – Julie 0408 133 410

Head Coach – Rianna 0409 174 673

Active Kids vouchers can be used for netball

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Rowena Jackson holds a Bachelor of Business and a Masters of Business Administration (MBA).

She lives on a property near Wakool which runs sheep and cattle, as well as producing cereals including wheat, barley, oats, and rice.

She is very conscious of the challenges that farmers face on a short term and long term basis in this region.



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Water and the Environment

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Western Murray
Land Improvement Group



All attendees must adhere to COVID Safe rules and must not have visited a COVID hot spot two weeks prior to the event.

Riverina State

By Kendall Jennings

An information session for the Riverina State initiative was held at the Long paddock Food Store, Koondrook on Monday evening, February 8.

Unfortunately, Liberal democrat and Member for Northern Victoria, Tim Quilty, was a late apology. David Landini made a presentation for a Riverina State's need, the pathway to its formation and political representation at the State and Federal level. Under section 124 of the Australian Constitution, "a new State may be formed by separation of territory from a State,

but only with the consent of the Parliament thereof, a new State may be formed by the union of two or more States or parts of States, but only with consent of the Parliaments of States affected. State may be formed by separation of territory."

A Riverina State would have authority over water, timber and all-natural resources in its domain. The state would also ensure that natural resources were used in a manner most beneficial to the Riverina State people.

The gathering included local residents as well as visitors from Echuca. A lengthy discussion

took place on possibilities of moving forward, with issues of concern the Murray Darling Basin Plan, the timber industry, dairy industry and agricultural industry. There was strong consensus that the Parliament does not fully address these areas and impacts from current legislation, and that an agreement made with the United Nations is not beneficial for Australian Rural Businesses.

Future meetings are being finalised. For further information visit the www.theriverinastate.com.au website.



David Landini speaking on the Riverina State initiative.



Accepting Your Anxiety

Let's talk about anxiety. I am well versed in this topic with several years of personal experience. It can be up and down, comes and goes, depending on what is happening in life and how I am coping. I make a strong effort in not labelling myself with, 'I have anxiety'. I am more on board saying, 'I experience moments of the feeling of anxiety'. Let me explain why.

Our perception on things and how we label ourselves will shape our world. The stronger you attach to something, the more frequent you will notice it. Anything you say after the words, "I am" becomes your identity, like your coding as to who you show up as.

Not attaching strong labels to how you are feeling is not the same as ignoring how you are feeling. As humans we will regularly experience an array of emotions, ups and downs, pleasant and unpleasant. One of the keys to helping yourself with these emotions is acceptance; accepting what is in the moment.

I really love the metaphor of treating your emotions like guests in your house. They are not permanent; they come and go. Welcome them in, have a conversation with them, allow them to just be, and you may find they will not have as strong a hold on you without you resisting them so much.

When you label yourself as an anxious person, you then go about your life trying to avoid things that are going to set off your anxiety, creating a stronger awareness of the exact feeling you are trying to avoid. When you accept it and allow it as it is, you can find a way to be at peace with your feelings because you know this moment shall pass, just like all the other emotions you experience daily.

What does it look like to sit with an emotion? Create silence, breathe, and have some time to yourself. Give yourself some space to feel whatever is going on inside of you. Sometimes this may take a while. I can try this three or four times over a

couple of weeks before whatever is churning inside actually comes to the surface to be fully felt.

As with all things mental health, when things feel like too much and you cannot cope, it is time for you to reach out to a professional. Even before you get to that breaking point, it can be time to reach out for support. I am a massive believer in seeing a psychologist. I will talk about it the same way I will talk about going to see a doctor, a standard practise in life for when your mental health needs a check-in. There is no shame in it, humans are wired for connection and when you are going through a hard time, that connection is needed the most.

What emotions do you resist the most? How can you start to allow them into your space as if they were a guest in your house? What can you start doing this week to be more accepting of the array of emotions you experience?



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all residents who have provided feedback so far regarding the development of the 2021-2025 Council Plan and Community Vision. All feedback will help guide our activities and subsequent achievements for the next four years.



Respectfully yours,
Mayor Charlie Gillingham

IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY

COHUNA (10.30am - 12 noon)

KERANG (4pm - 5.30pm)

NOTE: Bookings must be made prior to attending any of Council's immunisation sessions, which can be done by phoning (03) 5450 9333. It is encouraged that only one parent/guardian attend with the child to be vaccinated.

Anyone showing any COVID-19 symptoms, or those who are in isolation, should not attend.

For more details, please visit

www.gsc.vic.gov.au/immunisation

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, 17 February 2021 at 6.30pm. This meeting will be livestreamed at www.gsc.vic.gov.au/livestream

HAVE YOUR SAY

• Cohuna Waterfront

Connection Project

For more information, visit

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KEEP UP TO DATE

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media@gannawarra.vic.gov.au

to be added to Council's news distribution list.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Residents wanting to keep up to date with local arts and culture news are encouraged to sign up for the Gannawarra Arts and Culture e-newsletter by visiting www.gsc.vic.gov.au/arts Produced monthly, this e-newsletter highlights arts and culture events, funding opportunities and other topics of interest.

RATES PAYMENT REMINDER

Ratepayers are reminded that if you are paying your rates in full, payment is due by Monday, 15 February 2021. For more information, visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 5450 9333.

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY UNDERWAY

Independent market research agency National Field Services is currently conducting the annual Community Satisfaction Survey, with all results received to assist Council improving its services.

Four hundred telephone interviews involving people aged 18 years and over will be conducted randomly, with participants asked to provide their feedback on Council's overall performance, community engagement, sealed local road network, customer service, decision making and overall Council performance.

All responses received will be confidential, with only the overall summary results shared with Council.

Anyone who has any queries about the Community Satisfaction Survey is encouraged to contact Council on (03) 5450 9333.



COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025

Residents have until Friday, 12 February to have their say on the latest version of the Gannawarra Shire Council Plan and the Gannawarra's longer-term Community Vision. To have your say, visit Council's Customer Service Centres in Cohuna and Kerang or www.gsc.vic.gov.au/CouncilPlan

A community session will be held at the Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre, Cohuna between 9.30am and 11am on Thursday, 11 February, where residents can engage with Councillors and Council staff.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

The Gannawarra Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee is looking for someone to help existing members with planning and preparation for future emergencies in our community.

For further information or to obtain an Expression of Interest Form, please email emergencymgt@gannawarra.vic.gov.au or call (03) 5450 9333.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted by 5pm Monday, 22 February.

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Valentine's Day

what do you really think?

Lisa Frankling



1. It's on the 14th of February. I remember because that was the date I left my husband!
2. I think it's because everybody needs a little love now and then.
- 3 & 4. Yes, I will, with my girls and their partners!
5. A dozen red roses sent to me every year on Valentine's Day.
6. Cooked us dinner.
7. I always acknowledged the day with a card and a promise!
8. I took him fishing!
9. "I've got something just for you... at Murray Blu!"

Graham "Suavey" Price



1. February 14.
2. It's something to do with a joker called St. Valentine and you've gotta have an attitude of a Mills and Boon novel on the day.
3. I have done in the past, and yes I will.
4. I'll be cutting some roses out of the garden and presenting them to my wife with the best one between my teeth – stark naked. I'm extremely romantic when I want to be. I'll also write her a nice card.
5. When she makes me breakfast in bed which would be a nice omelette.
6. When she picks up my dog's poo while I'm still in bed.
7. When I made love to her out the front of our flat in Orange during a thunderstorm. It was very atmospheric, and we were probably listening to Savage Garden.
8. When I said to her 'I do love you, but you sh!t me' and I threw a glass of Port in her face.
9. "If I kiss you, can I have you?"

Murray Codd



1. Who the blazes is 'Valentine'?
2. I don't even know who he is, so how would I know the answer to that?
3. Once again, when I am introduced to the chap, I will decide then if I would like to forge a friendship.
4. See above.
5. She ironed my socks once. I'd say that is terribly romantic.
6. Got my shaving cream and razor ready for me.
7. I did the washing for her once when she had an operation for women's troubles and couldn't get out of bed.
8. Regarding the washing situation, apparently, you're not supposed to put the dark colours in with the light colours, so her favourite white nighty finished up looking like a tie-dyed souvenir from Bali or the like.
9. You have a lay in this morning love, and I'll put the bins out for you.

By Ali Bohn

A nice warm bath filled with bubbles in a candle lit bathroom with soft music and a glass of bubbly... A quiet dinner for two at your favourite restaurant... That piece of jewellery you've been eyeing off in the window of that exclusive store... OR an extra hour sleep in on Sunday morning without having to worry about getting up to make the kids their brekky... Perhaps just remembering to put your empty cup in the dishwasher!

For each to their own when it comes to your impression of romance. And what better day to express your love than Valentine's Day... And who better to ask their opinions on this occasion of love ballads and roses, than a selection of our box of favourites...

The questions I asked:

1. When is Valentine's Day?
2. What is the meaning of Valentine's Day?
3. Will you be celebrating Valentine's Day?
4. If so, what will you be doing?
5. What is the MOST romantic thing your partner has ever done for you?
6. What is the LEAST romantic thing your partner has ever done for you?
7. What is the MOST romantic thing you have ever done for your partner?
8. What is the LEAST romantic thing you have ever done for your partner?
9. Complete this poem – "Roses are red, violets are blue ..."

Cam Langley



1. February 14.
2. No idea.
3. Umm...at a later date we have a date night booked.
4. Dinner and a movie.
5. Provided me with a beautiful daughter.
6. Puts up with two German Short Haired Pointers in the house!
7. Probably when I sent her flowers on our wedding day.
8. When I put the toilet seat down, which I must say, is all the time!
9. "How lucky are you for me to have you!"

Bruce Bott



1. February 14... How am I going so far?
2. Florists and Hallmark cards started it, didn't they?
3. Yes, with my lovely wife.
4. I'll probably cook her tea, give her flowers and a card. I won't write in the card, I'll just let the card do the talking!
5. She's very thoughtful when it comes to gift giving so I'd say that's the most romantic thing she's done for me probably. Actually, she took me to Madison Spa once on Valentine's Day which was very nice.
6. The least romantic would be when she cut burs for me once! She told me she'd done it and then I told her that I just sprayed them! She wasn't very happy when she realised spraying only takes me five minutes and she'd spent all day cutting them!
7. Well I tell her I love her all the time. I suppose I don't do much in the way of romance, but I'd like to tell her right now how proud I am of her at the moment with all she's going through. I promise to take her away when everything settles down.
8. The way I proposed to her was pretty unromantic. I said to her, "I'm going drafting cattle. Here's some money, go buy yourself a ring!" She came back with a ring so I suppose she liked me, we got married!
9. "I will always love you!"

Shaun Learmonth



1. Too close to Christmas!
2. It's actually just a thing that Hallmark Cards came up with to sell more cards, and look at them now! Plus, there was too much of a gap between Christmas and Easter for greeting cards so it wasn't a bad idea, was it?
3. Possibly. You don't need a day, you don't need prompting. I like to be spontaneous.
4. Going out for a nice meal.
5. I can't actually think! Probably given a card but I can't remember. That's a bit rough, isn't it? Maybe they did something romantic but I didn't pick up on it?
6. Passed me a beer. But didn't open it, that's going a bit far.
7. I bought her some intimate under garments.
8. I've gone away for the weekend and left them alone.
9. "The honey is sweet, and so are you. Thou art my love, and I am thine, I drew you to be my Valentine. The lot was cast, and I drew you, and fortune has it, it should be you!" How's that, hey?

Happy Valentine's Day, Love Duck
– Love Snookums

After 53 years together, you are still my forever.
– Alan

Coo-Ja
This will definitely be a kids-in-bed-early kind of night
– Kimmy

To my sweetie pie
You're the AC to my DC,
The stubby holder to my VB.
You rock my world
My gorgeous girl.
– DJ

Bub
I hope you feel loved and appreciated on Valentine's Day.
Because you are.
– Darly-Bum

Will you Heed the Call?

By Lloyd Polkinghorne

Are you a team player? Like helping your community? Want to increase your income?

Then maybe you should join Fire Rescue NSW in Barham. From fires to road accidents, the team of dedicated retained fire rescue employees serve our community when people are at their most vulnerable.

I recently spent an evening with the crew at Barham as they performed a simulated road accident.

The more senior members of the Barham crew have almost a lifetime of experience in fire rescue, 40 years' service, Bryan Hall and 30 years', Drew Gardner.

With a few more aches and pains than the younger members, Drew and Bryan still give 110% in their training and service.

The task for the evening was to manually roll a Holden Cruze on its side and rescue the hypothetical occupants, under the supervision and guidance of Senior Res-

cue Instructor at Fire and Rescue NSW, Scott Gordon.

After a briefing on the night's activities and, adorned with appropriate PPE, the team sprang into action. The first step was to remove the side and rear windows. The front window is only disturbed as a last resort, as the laminated front glass of a car creates glass splinters and can be hazardous to occupants.

With a glass breaker the crew shattered the windows and methodically removed them into a canvas glass catcher. For the rear window, a canvas sheet was placed on the rear parcel shelf and the window dropped onto the sheet before being dragged from the car.

The car was then secured with chocks and anchored to the back of a fire truck via a wire rope cable and Tirfor winch. In a surprisingly short amount of time the right side of the car had raised off the ground, before crashing onto its left side, a distinct sound one seldom forgets.

The next step was to secure the vehicle, to prevent injury to the rescuers. With chocks on one side and a new device soon to be supplied to rescue teams, the V Strut. The impressively light 7.2kg V-strut sets up in minutes and has an axial load capacity of 16 tonnes!

With the vehicle now secured, a plan was derived to get access to the hypothetical passengers. It is decided that folding the roof over is the best course of action.

For this, the team must deal with the front windscreen and check for potential hazards like airbags, as they will be required to cut through areas where curtain airbags are fitted in modern vehicles.

The windscreen is taped to limit glass shards and glass dust. After a hole is punched in the windscreen a Makita reciprocating saw glides through the laminated glass.

Next comes the heavy artillery, the parrot beak shears. The hydraulically powered unit operates on high pressure hydraulic fluid via a small petrol driven engine and pump.

Senior Rescue Instructor, Scott

Gordon, demonstrated the new version of the hydraulic shears, a battery powered unit. Combining its own hydraulic pump and battery the cordless unit was lighter than the older design and in the inner notch of its jaws could deliver 28 tonnes of shearing force, enough to cut through a tow bar!

The parrot beak went to work, the A pillars were cut through first, also a small section of the roof to remove the curve, allowing for easier folding of the roof. The B and C pillars were next and after cutting some of the internal trim, the whole roof section was laying down.

The roof section was folded down and the sharp corners of the pillars were covered with protective guards to prevent injury to first responders. The roof section was then chocked, and a canvas sheet dragged over the roof to provide a flat work surface for medical services.

All in a day's work for Fire Rescue.

Has Fire Rescue piqued your interest? Get in touch with the crew or Inspector Frank Finlay at Fire Rescue NSW.





TOWN HAPPENINGS

Not sure what's happening with the outcome of the local cricket and talks of several clubs expressing interest to merge into different leagues. If Leitchville merges into the Echuca league that's one hour and 40 minutes of driving to get to their furthest opponent in Rushworth. Or Barham heading to the Swan Hill league and that's another one hour and 40-minute drive to Sea Lake for a match. Not much hope of juniors making it to some of these matches in time to step up for a run in A-grade. Better install some 'roo bars for the late drives home. I sure hope for the sake of our local cricket it doesn't come to this.

Strolling along Mellool Street I noticed a few neglected and unappealing seats to park your butts on. Perhaps a little Council love is needed down Mellool Street to vamp things up a little.

I headed out to the Murrabit Market on the weekend and had a stroll around. Excellent to see the township and surrounding communities have a place to come with such variety on offer. Saddened to hear of a beautiful Murrabit local, Sandra Weston's passing over the weekend. She will be sadly missed by her local community.

The Raiders have kicked back into gear with their 8pm Friday night raffles at the Royal Hotel. First prize being a \$50 Koondrook/Barham gift card which was scooped up by Merryn McCarrey, six-pack of stubbies was won by Mick and two bottles of wine headed back to Bendigo with Mike Moony.

BUSINESS STREET TALK

This week I popped into River-edge Embroidery. Sharon is one of the most approachable, laid back and genuine people I have come across. And you can see exactly where that stems from with her mum present with us for our chat. WOW, is what I will go with, when I realise the extensive range of items available on offer. From personalised cufflinks, work ties, bar mats, bottle openers, pens, badges, and even slate photos. There aren't many surfaces that can't be printed onto.

Name: Sharon Lolicato

Nicknames: Rusty

Family members: Husband, Robert, and three grown-up sons, Danny, Warren and Garry.

Business: Riveredge Embroidery at 12B Mellool Street, Barham.

What does your business provide? Embroidery and printing onto a range of garments such as team wear, work wear, event wear, corporate, promotional items, personalised gifts, sublimation, digital cut vinyl, signs and so much more.

If you could live anywhere besides here, where would it be? Somewhere up north (Queensland).

What would you change about yourself if you could? I would love to be taller.

What or who motivates you to work hard? My family.

Proudest accomplishment? Definitely my three boys.

Funny moment you can recall? I can recall several occasions when my three boys would be standing in the furthest part of the room while I removed a spider in the house (still to this day). Or back in my school days I ended up having to share a class with my older sister (11 months apart) when they changed the school starting dates. People often assumed we were twins. My sister was quite popular in school so when I was often asked why I was in the same year as her I would simply tell them she got kept down instead.

What did you aspire to be when you were little? To go into the army or forensics in the police force.

If you could choose to do anything for a day, what or who would it be? I would love to stand in the middle of an oval somewhere and watch a professional cricket match; see what it's like from a player's perspective.

Karaoke machine has one song left and you have to pick it, what do you pick? Susie Q.

Have you travelled, where? Went to Fiji for our honeymoon. Have been to Bali twice and even went white water rafting and motor-bike riding and managed to come back alive. Have been to Tassie, Perth and travelled up to the top of Australia.

If there was one thing you could change in the community what would it be? It would be great to have an indoor sports stadium.

Someone you admire in the community and why? My mum for sure. She comes to work every day and helps.

Something positive you've seen in the community lately? Have noticed since COVID-19 that people have become more community-minded which is fantastic. Shop lo-

cal, support local.

There's an empty building in town, what would you fill it with?

An indoor sports centre for the community to utilise. You could then offer indoor cricket, netball and various other sports.

If money was no object, what would you do all day? Have someone run my business for me.

You have three free wishes, what do you wish for? Firstly, I would wish my family always remains healthy, bring back Holden cars and why not get a huge indoor stadium for the community.

Something we don't know about you? I worked 35 years in three different banks. I always wanted to play football when I was younger. I got my bus licence when I was 21 and I currently drive the local Burraboi school bus. I have been lucky enough to see kids go from prep right through to year 12.

BLAST FROM THE PAST (25 YEARS AGO)

There were lots of smiling prep faces photographed starting their primary school days in 1996 at Barham Primary, St. Joseph's, and Koondrook Primary schools. A meeting was held with the Koondrook Wharf Restoration Committee to investigate ways and means of funding restoration work at the Koondrook Wharf to make Koondrook a tourist destination and not just a small town tourists just passed through. A public farewell was held in Wakool for Ron and Nellie Landini. Isobel Disher celebrated her 80th birthday.

LAUGH OF THE WEEK

Q. What do you get if you cross a chicken with a cement mixer? A brick layer.

WHAT I LEARNT TODAY

The entire surface of your skin is replaced every month, which in another way means you have about 1,000 different skins in your life!



Footy-Netball Fishing Comp. Still On

Even though my friend, COVID-19, is still hanging around in the cities, our Swan Hill Truck Service Cash Classic is still going ahead on the Labour Day weekend.

Most things will be as normal, we just have to feed you under our COVID-19 plan. This is promising to be a great weekend the way our rivers are. Let's hope they can keep the cod catching levels that we have now until then, and most of our competitors will catch one or two, or a dozen.

They may be 'Subway' cod and they cannot be measured in, but there are plenty of them. Hope to see you there.

Harry Lost a Swag

We do not know who Harry is, but he lost a swag on the Moulamein-Swan Hill Road about a month ago. We have rung all the Harrys we know. None of them have lost a swag.

If you are Harry and can describe this swag, please ring John on 0428 388 492.

Beautiful New Bridge

I came home the back way from Swan Hill the other day, just for something different. after waiting for my turn on our Moulamein Bridge at Swan Hill.

The new bridge over the Wakool River just shows what can happen if common sense prevails. A brand-new double lane

bridge that would have cost millions in the middle of nowhere.

Our Moulamein Bridge at Swan Hill is much busier than this one. But I still have to wait my turn. Who is holding this very essential bridge up? I know my mate, Peter Walsh, wants a new bridge in the only spot available. I must ask Helen about it next time she comes to town.

Build a bridge and get over it you anti-bridge mob. I just want to be able to drive to Swan Hill over our Moulamein Bridge without giving way, before I am too old to remember it.

Burning off Allowed

Permits to burn off are now available. You can burn from 4pm until midnight. No timber can be burnt and the usual conditions apply. This will be reviewed in March, depending on the weather.

Gallery Sculpture Competition

This is not happening until June, but it is a good time to start thinking about welding something together. I know I always think I will get onto that. I did weld one up last year and my mate, COVID-19, took away my glory.

On the bright side, I still have that one and have plenty of time to work on the next one.

One thing I did notice is that if I am bidding on a handy pile of steel at a clearing sale, it is hard to

outbid a woman because a lot of them are getting into welding. Go for it, girls, it is great to see.

Cold Weather

If you see one of our district rice growers around and they are looking a bit cold or miserable, give them a hug as they need warming up to try and forget these cold nights.

While the head is developing and coming up the stalk, cold weather can kill individual seeds on the whole head. They then become what is known as 'dead heads.'

The best positive theory I have heard is that, "At least it has not been hot, so the rice should be used to the cold weather."

About this time of year, you can always spot a happy rice grower. They have white spots on their glasses. They have been out checking heads. If the seed is full of water, it is dead. If it is full of milk and explodes when squeezed, it is good. Good luck, fellas, may all your heads be milky.

River Levels

The Edward is steady at the moment at almost 2,600ML a day and just over 2.3m. There is a good rise coming down the Billa-bong, as well as plenty of duck weed. This may liven the fish up.



On Monday we got the most exciting news for our little village, GrainCorp has finally given us the green light to move forward with the painting of the silos in town. The Wakool Progress Association has quietly been working away and all the hard work has paid off. A huge hug to Tam Adams who has done lots of work, now we are full steam ahead with the planning process. A town meeting will be called very soon to discuss the details.

*The Wakool Men's Shed will meet this Saturday, February 13 at the Wakool Hotel at 10am. All welcome.

*The Pub Punters kicked off on Saturday and we welcome new members, Ross, Faye, Rick and Wendy. We have 24 members this year which means two punters each week. They have \$50 to invest along with a pick in each leg of the treble, the third horse in each leg of the treble will be the most favoured horse in the betting. Ross and Grant kicked off the season and both fared okay, with Grant managing a small profit for the day and Ross just falling short. Overall, we finished in profit, alas the treble was gone after one leg. Next week Grant's partner, Margaret, will join him to see who gets bragging rights at home.

The new Saturday tipping season also kicked off and it was a very experienced tipster going well, he was up with the leaders all day. When it got down to business he kicked clear for a long

overdue win, well done Bob. A visitor to town, Melissa, secured second just over Grant, with Des, Rick and Jason all in the photo for the placing. Good luck and good punting.

* Wakool Club membership number was Pat Davidson, not present, closest was Norm Free. Raffle winners were Sherie Deane - meat tray and party cooler, Sue Strang - chicken tray, Peter Howe - meat tray, Ian Troy - fuel voucher, Grant Morvell - game, and Jason Gratorix - glasses.

*Birthday songs will be sung for David Ellis, Rose Landini, Lisa Hulands, Jill Robinson, Ricky Wilson, Ian Shepherd, Bentley Lester and Daniel Boswell.

*The pub raffle winners for Kitty Jackpot were Rodo, who missed out on the \$2,240 up for grabs, Lodgy got the \$15 voucher, Stan and Maureen were lucky enough to win the \$10 voucher as well as the free pot and F and G won free tickets for next week. Social raffle saw Graham and Snodge take a meat tray home, Sandra got the six-pack and Sasha won a pizza voucher.

*The weather has been amazing, and I hope you have all been able to get outside and enjoy it. If you would like me to include any news please email me or call into the pub for a chat. Take care.

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A chat with... Meleeta White – Part 2

See The Bridge – Thursday, February 4, 2021 for Part 1: Georgie's Story.

By Ali Bohn

I have held you in my heart all these years

But until now not held your hand
Only you can know how that feels
Only you can understand.

My sister my friend my angel
You've been sent back home to me
So many things to share with you
On how my life has been.

Although the years saw us parted
From such a very young age
We now sit here together again
And the future is our stage.

An emptiness deep within
Has been filled now thanks to you
Reconnected at last, forget the past
Let's make the memories new.

(For Georgie and Meleeta, from Ali Bohn.)

"My full name is Meleeta Joy White and I was born on the 21st of September, 1953 at the Carlton Women's Hospital and raised in Morwell until the age of five years."

Five seconds into the interview with Meleeta and it's pretty obvious she is the protective older sister of Georgie. Almost after each word, she turns to her right to check that Georgie is comfortable and happy with what she's saying. Meleeta has a very confident voice, so much so that I mention to her she has a 'radio voice,' to which she laughs at. Laughing is something Meleeta, and Georgie, do a lot of, and when Meleeta shows me the photographs of them as toddlers they have mischief written all over their faces. Cute as can be, my theory is confirmed when Meleeta tells me about the time she and Georgie, and elder sister, Dawn, made their dad a chocolate cake.

"Well, Dad was out and left us at home with our grandfather. The thing is that Grandad headed off down the pub and left us home alone. We adored Dad, so we decided to make him a chocolate cake as a surprise...on the kitchen floor! Our mixture was made from eggs, flour, milk and DIRT as cocoa as we couldn't reach it in the cupboard! When Dad walked in, he was mortified that Grandad had left us alone, which was great because it meant we didn't get in trouble for making the mess of cake mixture all over the carpet!"

Meleeta's expression of love for her father shows upon her face when she says "I was very attached to my dad; very fond of him. To me, he was heaven on earth. He was very bubbly, and playful – a real prankster. He never lost his temper. I adored him."

The way her face lights up when she talks about her father is tinged with sadness, and I just know this story is going to pull at my heart strings. Just moments later, the sadness unfolds.

"My mother wasn't very present. I remember she took off with Dawn and left Dad with us. I also remember getting out of the car and arriving at this house where they had two border collies and they were huge. They were jumping around everywhere, and Dad carried me inside. This was when I went to stay with my uncle, Thomas Leonard Victor Harbert and aunty, Ruby Gladys Harbart. They got me an

eight-week-old Rough Collie I called Sandy for my fifth birthday which I loved. From there, I went to live with Dad's sister, Glad, and her husband, Len; this was in Preston. I slept in the sewing room and I could hear the sewing machine going while I slept or the TV which was in the lounge room right next door. I was happy living there, but it wasn't like being with Dad. They had two boys who were 16 and 18, I think. They didn't stay there long before moving out. Then when I was 14, Glad and Len adopted me and asked me to start calling them Mum and Dad. I can remember my real dad coming to visit me but not knowing who he was at the time. I was told to call him 'Uncle Ted'. For some reason I felt a connection to him, and I knew I really liked him. Eventually I went to try and make it work living with my real dad for a while but then he had to send me back with Len and Glad."

Meleeta says that she enjoyed her school years and had a fondness for teacher, Mr Landt at her Preston Primary School. With a particular interest in English and Art, these are areas that gave her the opportunity to show off her creative side which has continued throughout the years.

But Meleeta was a free spirit, and by the age of 15 she had started running away, curious of what the big wide world had to offer.

"It would have been about three quarters of the way through Form 3 that I started running away, and eventually became a Ward of the State. I was sent back home and after two days I was off again. I wanted to get away from my adoptive father. He was awful. It was a big world out there and I could sense trouble, but I became street smart very quickly. When I got to Sydney, I moved in with my sister, Dawn. We had been in touch and had reconnected. I had a boyfriend called Bill who was in the air force, and I became pregnant to him. We had a son, Adrian on the 19th of August, 1970. Bill's parents weren't very accepting of the situation and we broke up. I started seeing Tim and we had a baby, a daughter called Jodie. She was born on the 19th of August, 1971. That relationship didn't work out and we broke up. I met Rodney, who I married. His family was extremely controlling and brainwashed me into having his sister, Judy, adopt Jodie. She had just lost a baby and the family thought the right thing to do would be to give her mine. Foolishly, I listened, under the condition that when she was old enough, she'd be told about me. Rodney also thought it might be an idea to adopt out Adrian as well. Once again, I did as I was told, and it broke my heart. Then I got pregnant to Rodney with Toby and he was born on the 10th of April, 1974. After 18 months of marriage, Rodney took off, but I was okay. I always landed on my feet, and when I met John, I felt like everything was going to settle. We had a daughter, Kelly, who was born on the 7th of October, 1976 and a son, Tyrone, who was born on the 14th of June, 1979. It turns out John had been cheating on me and so I left him. We were together five years."

I must say that this last paragraph was the most difficult to write so far. All of the changes and upheavals in Meleeta's life in such a short span of just six years. Just as well she is such



"... I had so many questions and many, Dad didn't have the answer to..."

a free spirit as I have no idea how anyone could manage to adapt to such changes without repercussion! But adaptable and resilient Meleeta is, and so the story continues.

"John had always had access to Kelly and then one day he just didn't bring her home. I lost all contact to her and the police wouldn't help me. When 'Ty' was older he decided he wanted to live with his dad too. In hindsight I can see it was the best thing for them."

With itchy feet and determined to make yet another new start, Meleeta, who now had Tyrone back living with her for a short time, along with Toby, made the move to Richmond and it was here that her life took a very bad turn. Spiralling very quickly out of control with the introduction of a new past time thanks to new friend, Andrew.

"He introduced me to amphetamines, and I became addicted for eight years. It was a very bad time. Then one day, it must have been in the late 80s, Adrian's father, Bill, came looking for him and I had to tell him he'd been adopted out. He was devastated. Andrew's godfather was living across the road and was living in a gay relationship and he had been molesting my boys. As if that wasn't enough, I soon found out that Andrew was actually gay as well. I recognised I had an addiction problem and managed to get clean. I was off it for two years and then had a little taste and didn't enjoy it. That was it and I never touched it again. I went to my dealer in Morwell and stayed in a motel and while I was there, we got busted. It was certainly

a low point. I was sent to jail. I was asked if there was anyone I wanted to contact and I just said, "my dad?" Eventually they found him and after all these years his first meeting with me is seeing me behind bars. The minute I saw him, I felt that connection again."

I wonder what her father said when he first saw her.

"He said something funny of course. His old sense of humour again. It wasn't until after court that I got to cuddle him. I'll never forget that. I was sent to a boarding house, as Dad now had a son who was living with him, Paul, along with his wife and kids, and we were still working through lost time. Dad wanted me to move in with him after Paul and his family moved and left the Latrobe Valley. Eventually I did move in with Dad and they were the most special years. He filled in the gaps of my life and we soon became close again, the bond never left. He filled me in on two more brothers, Michael and Shane, who Mum had after she left us. It turns out Mum had become a prostitute in 1975. I had so many questions and many, Dad didn't have the answer to."

We stop for a moment while Meleeta reflects on the time with her dad, flicking through the photo album that sits before her and smiling at the memories. However, Meleeta is not the type to ponder for too long and we quickly get back to the story.

"I reconnected once again with Dawn and she told me about Georgie's adoption. She and Dad were under the impression she had been adopted

by a local family. After Dawn's husband died, she moved to Victoria. She was like a dog with a bone wanting to know about our family. Her story was that Mum had dumped her in Bendigo with a man she was with who was blind. She ended up growing up in a convent. After a while, I became involved with the search for our family with Dawn. God, there were so many conflicting stories, and still are. We found a sister, Tracey, which was a surprise. Dawn remarried and I moved out of Dad's and to Churchill. In 1998, I went to see Dad, it was a Sunday. He'd been looking after my dog. As I was walking inside, I could hear the kitchen tap running but there were no signs of Dad. Then I could see his feet sticking out and pushed up against the board under the sink. He was clutching his chest and had died of a heart attack. I was beyond devastated."

Georgie takes Meleeta's hand and cries with empathy. Tears begin streaming down Meleeta's cheeks and we take a moment for the two to hug. It takes everything within me not to join in their sorrow, but this is their moment.

But once again, ever the stoic being, Meleeta gets on with the job, but not before checking that Georgie is okay.

"I'd become involved in this social media type of thing called ICQ Online which was sort of like Facebook. My friends, Werner and Anne had got me onto it, and through them I met Kevin. He was beautiful, gentle and very funny. Through the group we went camping to celebrate ICQ's Millionth User World Wide and I really got to know him well then. That was our first face-to-face meeting. Anne asked me to move to Adelaide and after three months, Kevin rang me to make sure I was still moving over and arranged for me to board with some friends of his. It seemed the natural thing to do and I was just so sure of it. I went to Adelaide for two weeks, ended up staying another week and fell deeply in love. I had to come back to Victoria to settle Dad's estate, but I promised Kevin I would return. I was truly in love I think for the first time. He was my big love before he was taken from me in 2010 from cancer. We had just 10 wonderful years together."

The tears are back for Meleeta, but not before she pulls out every photo she has of Kevin. Georgie holds her hand to comfort her and then reaches for the photos of her father. Both ladies kiss each picture and cry at the loss of the two most significant men in their lives. With the three of us now all crying, eventually we burst out laughing at what big softies we all are. The sisterhood these two shares is so bloody gorgeous that I almost lean forward and go in for a group hug. Their affection for one another is just beautiful and I'm thinking I need to leave them be. Another coffee is suggested as we wrap things up.

Next time – Part 3, Unanswered Questions.

Did the four sisters, Georgie, Meleeta, Tracey and Dawn manage to finally come together? Did Georgie get to see her father before he died? And what other family secrets have they uncovered? How did they finally reunite? Where to from here for the White sisters?

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Every second Monday of the month

Koondrook-Barham Garden Society at 1.30pm in the Raiders
Football club rooms.

Every Tuesday

Tai Chi – cluBarham, 9am

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Community Exercise – cluBarham, 10am



10 QUICK ONES

1. The sweet variety of the plant genus Musa is more commonly known as what?
2. Technically the Earth's moon is a: Planet; Asteroid; Star; or Satellite?
3. *Racip Erdogan* is a leader (at 2011) of what nation?
4. What name was given to a legendary substance believed to turn base metals (notably lead) into gold or silver?
5. Which of these is not a famous guitar maker: Gibson; Fender; Steinway; or Yamaha?
6. Haematoma and Ecchymosis are medical terms which more commonly are called a: Bruise; Heart-attack; Fit; or Cut requiring stitches?
7. The Latin pectus refers to what part of the human body?
8. What national population is projected (as at 2011) to overtake China in 2020 as the largest in the world?
9. What grammatical sign takes its name from the Greek words 'under' and 'one'?
10. What incendiary gel weapon takes its name from its naphthenic and palmitic acid constituents?

ANSWERS:
1. Banana; 2. Satellite; 3. Turkey; 4. The philosopher's stone; 5. Steinway; 6. Bruise;
7. Chest; 8. India; 9. Hyphen; 10. Napalm

UNDER The BRIDGE by Scarlett Brandt Episode 247

Marielle returned to the bedroom with a small plate of fresh strawberries and whipped cream, kneeling in front of Ian on the bed.

Distracted by the mistaken text he had just sent Marielle; she noticed his gaze at her mobile phone.

"Did my phone ring? I thought I heard a beep!"

Marielle reached over to retrieve her phone from the bedside table.

Ian tried to stop her, grabbing her by the wrist.

"What are you doing?" Marielle asked.

"Trying to keep your attention!" Ian answered quickly.

As much as she was infatuated with Ian, Marielle was no pushover and she was not going to be told by any man what to do, regardless of how sexy she found him.

Pulling her arm away, she swiftly arched her back in the direction of the phone and snatched it from the table, sliding the button to open the screen.

Reading the message softly to herself, she looked toward Ian who looked very nervous.

"Don't make me wait too long? We have much to discuss?" She questioned him.

Ian sat up, trying to compose himself

before he mustered up an explanation.

"Oh, THAT?" He asked, giggling nervously.

"I sent you that message last night! Do you mean to say you've just got it now?"

Ian had always been quite the accomplished liar, and thankfully, it looked as though Marielle bought it.

"Hmm," she sighed, "but what did you mean about 'are you coming home tonight?' And what is it you want to discuss with me?"

Perhaps Marielle was not entirely convinced.

Ian pulled her body against his.

"It was supposed to say 'are you going to be home tonight?' As for what I wanted to discuss with you, well, you had better feed me some of those strawberries and I might tell you!" He teased.

"I'm not sure the discussion will be worth me sharing these. They are so plump and sweet," Marielle returned the teasing, running a strawberry over her bottom lip.

Distracted but knowing full well he had better have a good answer to get himself off the hook, Ian's quick thinking managed to save him –

"I'll divulge one word for every bite..."

To be continued...

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the creek connecting community

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RIP AND DIP

Rhys Thrum, Jasmine Williams and friends took advantage of the beachside atmosphere.



By Kirstin Nicholson

Perfect Sunday afternoon weather combined with an ideal waterfront location to make Sunday's beach party a huge success. The beach party, held in Apex Park, was the culmination of the 'Rip and Dip' weekend organised by FReeZA Northern District Community Health (NDCH). The program also included painting

the Kerang Skate Park, a movie night at the Kerang Swimming Pool and a skate workshop.

Youth Health Promotion Worker at NDCH, Matt Allen, was pleased with the attendance at the Cohuna event. "Having these opportunities for young people to socialise and to hang out with their friends, and see some new stuff is awesome," he said.

A highlight of the beach party was the live music performed by several young artists over the course of the event, enjoyed by the crowd relaxing on the grass. Matt explains, "It's an opportunity to give young people the chance to perform, and to be able to employ them as musicians."

Youth from primary school age through to early twenties played

volleyball and other games that were on offer in the park, as well as paddling and swimming in the creek.

Taylah Clements, who recently came on board as a volunteer with NDCH FReeZA, explained that the role of FReeZA is to, "get young people out and about in the community and to have a safe space to come to events they

know they can participate in. Anyone can come in and join."

She encourages youth to join in when the events are on. "If more of these events start popping up, go to them. It's a great way to relax with friends, family, sit down by the beach or by the pool and watch a movie."

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RIP AND DIP



Eddie Puddick tries his hand at Jenjo Scatter against mum, Cindy.



Aiden Konopka and Jamison Araya challenge each other to a game of volleyball.



Taylah Clements, Cr Keith Link and NDCH's Matt Allan, organiser of the event.



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February 17, 2021

Pretty Pine Recreation Reserve, 5pm
Sportsmans Arms Hotel, Deniliquin, 7pm

February 18, 2021

Finley RSL, 7pm

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Mikala McNeill entertains the crowd at the beach party at Apex Park.

Back to School

By Kirstin Nicholson
It was a mixed bag of emotions when school returned at the start of the year. Some were excited, some were nervous, some were scared, and some ended up a blubbering mess – and that was just the parents!
Children and school staff from around the district

returned to school and pre-school last week. For the students starting prep it is the next chapter in their education journey. Like their parents, they too, have a range of emotions that emerge in the week leading up to the big day.
Gunbower Primary School welcomed four Foundation students. Act-

ing principal, Scott Trehwella said, “Scarlett, Alby, Willow and Adam have settled in beautifully at Gunbower Primary School. The whole school is looking forward to joining Leitchville Primary for the commencement of their annual Water Awareness and Swimming Program starting on February 8.

Gunbower also welcomed Meg Howlett, teaching our Grade 2/3 class.”
Principal of St Mary’s, Jasmine Ryan, stated, “St Mary’s starts the 2021 school year with much excitement and gratitude! We are thankful to be altogether and eager to continue to learn and grow. 2021 welcomes many new begin-

nings with new families, new staff and new learning. This year we welcome 14 new Preps and three new staff and continue to strive to provide quality learning and teaching to engage and inspire! St Mary’s is hopeful to see a full year together as one. We are grateful for the learning and support we received last year, and we know with the community that surrounds us we will have a fabulous school year,” she said.
Cohuna Consolidated

School’s principal, Valerie Lobry said, “Cohuna Consolidated School has had a great start to the year, with 144 students enrolled, including 24 Foundation students. The school has been able to welcome back its volunteers and parents on site, much to everyone’s delight. Our dynamic Parents Club welcomed all our new parents with a morning tea on the first day of school, giving anyone new a little taste of our welcoming school community.”
Fiona Miller, principal

of Cohuna Secondary College says, “It has been great to come back to smiling faces and, I think, a newfound appreciation of what it means to attend school onsite rather than home learning. It has been a great start as we all settle into a close to ‘normal’ routine. We are looking forward to offering a full school program this year; including camps, sporting events and community involvement.”



Cohuna Consolidated School Foundation students.



Gunbower Primary School Foundation students, Scarlett, Alby, Willow and Adam.



Foundation students at St Mary’s Primary School.



Koondrook Primary School Foundation students for 2021.

COHUNA & DISTRICT ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Cranmer the Martyr 32 Channel St. Cohuna
Sunday 11am Holy Communion with Rev Sue Allen
Wednesday 17th. Ash Wednesday 2pm Holy Communion Rev Sue Allen

Christ Church Cnr MV Highway and Church St. Gunbower
Sunday 11am Morning Prayer with Uniting Church

Latimer the Martyr 23 Findlay Ave, Leitchville
Sunday 9.30am Morning Prayer

Where, oh Where?

Where in Cohuna is this location?

Answer for February 4: The Swimming Pool

Leitchville Bowls

Saturday Pennant Bowls Results 06/02/21.

Division 1 lost to Kerang Golf 63 (2pts) to 64 (10pts). Ken Dehne lost to Howard McClelland 20/29.

Trevor Dehne lost to Frank Ritchie 15/17.

Kevin Dehne defeated Frank Boxshall 28/18.

Division 2 lost to Cohuna Golf White 54 (3pts) to 68 (9pts).

Laurie Crawford lost to Yvonne Eckhardt 12/27.

Graham Wilson defeated Bruce Morrison 21/20. This team of Graham Wilson, John Walters, Mayne Brewer and Allan Thomson will be dining out at the Leitchville Hotel. Ray Opie drew with Peter Bibby 21/21.

The Ladies Club Pairs Final was played on Tuesday, February 2. Congratulations to Roma Opie and Jean Devitt who defeated Suzanne Bennett and Bev Woods 14/10 after a very close game.

Next social bowls is Tuesday, February 9 at 9.30am.

Midweek Bowls Division 2 Results 3/02/21.

Saturday Pennant Teams – February 13, 2021

Division 1: verse Barham Away

Manager: Tony Cantwell

T. Cantwell (S), P. Griffiths, H. Hooper, D. Irvine.
Ken Dehne (S), T. Hore, W. Fehring, P. Patterson.
Roma Opie (S), D. Opie, S. Bennett, S. Griffiths.

Division 2: verse Barham Blue Away

Manager: Graham Wilson

G. Wilson(S), J. Walters, M. Brewer, A. Thomson
Ray Opie (S), G. Douglas, G. Brown, N. Woods
L. Crawford (S), Gary Hawken, D. Dye, D. Manners
Emergencies: B. Hildebrand

Leitchville was defeated by Barham Green 40 (2pts) to 50 (6pts).

Jean Devitt was defeated by W. Cook by 20/32.

Val Dehne defeated S. Barnes 20/18. This team of Val Dehne, Suzanne Bennett, Bev Woods and Barbara Hildebrand will be dining out at the Leitchville Hotel.

Ladies Social Bowls is on every Tuesday morning, and every Wednesday evening from 5pm, will be Saturday Pennant Practice for mem-

bers and new members. All welcome. For further enquiries contact President Roma Opie 0458 567 587 or Lady President Raylene Hore 0431 358 382. All members should have their raffle books which need to be returned by the presentation night. Next committee meeting March 9 at 7.30pm.

The Club Championship Men's Fours will be played on Wednesday evening, February 10 at 5.30pm. Entries close Wednesday, February 10 at 5.15pm. C of C Men's Fours Sunday, March 21 and 28.

Dye Brothers Triples Sunday, March 7 at 12.30pm, entries to Roma Opie 5456 7587 / 0458 567 587, Graham Douglas 5456 7428 / 0409 567 428, Ken Dehne 5456 7555 / 0438 200 868.

Midweek Consistency Breakfast Tournament A/C Fours Wednesday, March 24 at 8.00am, contact Yvonne Dehne 0437 019 618 or Raylene Hore 0431 358 382.

Cohuna Golf Club

It seems that the excellent reputation of the course at Cohuna and its welcoming members is being spread far and wide, as the club received many visitors from Melbourne this week.

On Thursday, the crew from Devil Bend joined us and an excellent day was enjoyed by all. It was a very special day for Peter Richardson as he registered an eagle on the 9th hole. Well done, Peter!

The winner on the day was Gary Yates with 40 points, who seems to be in some sort of freakish form of late (must be all the cake)! Alan Moloney was next in, with 38 on countback from Peter Courtenay, followed by Garry Hooper, Greg Roberts and Hayden Bird, all with 36.

NTP's went to Todd Scatchard, Greg Roberts, Steve Edmondson and Kevin Crane.

On Saturday, we enjoyed the company of the team from Altona Lakes. Murray Johnson received some good karma from his kind donation of the

post-round barbecue by winning the day's event with 37 points.

Brenton Smyth came in second on countback from visitor, Troy Griffin, with 36.

Andi Black took out the ladies' competition with 30 points.

NTP's went to Denise Griffin on two and eight, along with Genevieve Hare on 11. Troy Griffin, Murray Johnson and Paul Robinson were most accurate for the men.

The monthly medal was contested on Sunday and it was Darren 'Dasher' Barry with a scorching nett 66 who took the prize. Kelvin Matthews also played well to register 71, Paul Reid with 72 and then some daylight to Joel Woolhouse and Daniel Curran, both with nett 75.

NTP's went to Trevor Farrant, Peter Gargan and two to Des Smith. The ladies' competition was taken out by Linda Busbridge, recording nett 71, followed by Robyn McGraw with 73. Denise Green registered an NTP on 11.

Wednesday Results 3.01.2021

Event: Par

Sponsor: Judy Simmonds

9 Hole winner: Cathy Brodie (32) +2
18 Hole winner: Sandra Griffiths (24) +2

Runner-up: Val Hoban: (30) -1

Cons: Viv Moylan: (19) -2

NTP's: 2nd on 3rd: Sharon Moore
17th: Glenda Crichton

Next week: Stroke Monthly/Medal. Eclectic commences. Book duty Liz Thynne and Lyn Richardson

Sat: Stableford Sun: Stroke

18 ladies played today in perfect golf weather. Good to see the numbers are lifting now school has commenced. Next week is the first Monthly Medal for this year so bring your 'A' game. Also, the Eclectic will begin.

There will be a BBQ after golf on Saturday. Thank you, Murray Johnson who has donated the meat and volunteered to cook. 5.30pm onwards. Hope to see you there.

COHUNA BOWLS

On a sad note, we start with the passing of Edith Harrison, sister to Allison Ainger, who is one of the bowlers in the club. Division One played hosts to Cohuna Golf and was looking for revenge since Cohuna beat them before Christmas in the rain, when other clubs called it off as the rain tumbled down. W. Brooks played J. McGillivray and was level on the 17th end but Golf got up by four and was coasting by 12 shots.

Jeff Reade played the district champion and was in arrears by 17 shots. Brian Bowles also suffered the same fate, this time to Harrison Keely, going down by 13 shots,

so it ends any chance of making the finals.

Division Two played Barham Green and had three rinks up against a side that was hoping to play in the finals. The evergreen Gordon Anderson played P. Orr and came home the victors by five shots. Jeff Guar played B. French and was coasting by 12 shots on the 19th end but lost eight shots in two ends to hang on by four shots.

Bryan Main played G. Gook and was in trouble early, seven shots down on the 14th end but came home strong to win by one shot. The door has opened to make the finals.

Division Three travelled to Kerang, with K. Hocking the only winner for the day, beating J. Hartie by 11 shots, they were in front all day, a great team effort. Trevor Allen played K. Byrne and went down by 11 shots, but on most ends we had only one bowl in the head, the result could have been bigger. Marg Mooney came in the side when Allison could not play and came up against B. Coobs, and likewise to Trevor's rink, did not have bowls in the head.

Also, Kerang had the flag at half for Bill Lyne who passed away.

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COHUNA GOLF BOWLS CLUB

An excellent week completed for our pennant players, with wins galore and further consolidation on those vital positions in the four.

Division One went into Cohuna and regained their impetus with a slashing 34 shot, all rinks victory. Jarred did best, defeating Jeff Reade by 17, Harrison up by 13 and James by four against his old Echuca club-mate in Wayne Brooks.

Whites had a tougher battle at Leitchville, with a win (Yvonne), a draw (Peter) and a narrow loss (Bruce). The points gained lifted this group into second spot, hopefully there to stay.

Divvy Three played at Gunbower, their alternative home green, and recorded their second win on the trot, albeit by a single shot. Now that they are showing a bit of form, we might try and get the season extended for them. With Gunbower's Ones winning as well there would have been a fair old celebration in the clubhouse.

Good news also for Navy, who had a point earning bye, and with the defeat of a couple of potential finalists, they creep closer again to a final's berth. This week's match

will sort any uncertainty right out.

Midweekers had a win and a loss, with the Twos falling in against Barham, on the back of an eight scored by Deanne Ladson's rink. Well done to Deanne, Lyle Baker, Ron Morris and Shirley Whittaker. The Ones were found wanting, also against Barham, with only one rink successful.

The Wednesday night competition is travelling along strongly, with this week's winners being Lee Sutherland, Ron Eckhardt and Aaron Howard. The ladder is as follows:

M. Simmonds 42 L. Sutherland 34 R. Farrant 34 M. McLoughlan 33 J. Stewart 32 M. Appleby 29 A. Cooke 25 G. Bowles 19 K. Hocking 15 D. Turnour 10.

Max Simmonds and team score duty this week.

Our Thursday pairs was down a little in numbers due to other tournaments clashing, but competition was keen on an extra quick green. Best performed was the pairing of Craig Whittaker and Glen Miller, whilst Barney McLoughlan and Peter Bibby won the repechage poultry.

Club members are well to the

fore in regional finals over the next couple of weeks, with Jarred Hammond playing off in the Champion Singles, and Mick Carmody in the 60 and over version, both on the 14th. Following on the 21st, Jarred lines up again, this time for State Singles, Yvonne and Gwen play for the ladies 60 and over pairs title, whilst Ron Eckhardt and Mick do

likewise in the men's section. Our best wishes for success go with them.

Our lively social committee is at it again, running a pasta meal after training on Friday. Names to Mick are essential for catering purposes.

Division Three Pennant side yet to be selected.

Pennant Teams – Round 13 Saturday, February 13, 2021

(Skipper, Third, Second, Lead)

Division 1 Vs Gunbower at Gunbower

H. Keely (S) R. Fletcher I. Coates C. Whittaker
J. Hammond (S) C. Barton R. Eckhardt F. Trezise
J. McGillivray (S) J. Keely G. Easton M. Carmody
Manager I. Coates

Division 2 White Vs Kerang Golf at Home

Y. Eckhardt (S) P. Quinn J. Brown L. McManus
P. Bibby (S) G. Free W. Waters K. Hipwell
B. Morrison L. Sutherland D. Keely M. Appleby
Manager Y. Eckhardt

Division 2 Navy Vs Cohuna at Home

D. Peace (S) G. Farrant G. Mathers R. Ladson
K. Ballard D. Easton, L. Mathers B. McLoughlan
Z. Mitchell R. Bateman P. McManus A. Dunne
Manager D. Peace

Division 3 Gunny Golf Vs Wakool at Wakool



Cohuna Secondary College age group champions.

Sturt Triumphant

By Kirstin Nicholson

Cohuna Secondary College wasted no time in getting into action last week when it held its House Swimming Sports.

Despite imminent rain the day ran smoothly with students and teachers enjoying the fun atmosphere.

Sturt House was the overall winner with 730 points, Mitchell second (656 points), Burke third (530 points) and Hume fourth (325 points).



Mackenzie Southern nears the end of her butterfly event.



Xavier Wishart competing in the 66m breaststroke.

COHUNA LAWN TENNIS

Cohuna Tennis Club – February 6, 2021

This week we had Cohuna and Leitchville play out in the seniors whilst the two junior sides played off against each other. Both hit outs had spectators engaged with some great rallies and some spectacular shots. Our development squad and Hotshots tennis kids had their first session on Saturday and this week we will see twilight tennis recommence. Pushing into the back end of the season now and it's shaping up to be a very competitive season and even competition. Our committee met during the week and has confirmed we will be having our Easter tour-

namment, stay tuned for more details on our Facebook page.

Hotshots

Hotshots and Development Squad returned on Saturday after the Christmas break. It was great to see some new faces and some big smiles as they enjoyed the games and activities. Well done to Imogen Thiess and Maggie McGlone who both received the Zooper Dooper awards.

Twilight

The post-Christmas twilight comp starts Tuesday, February 9 at 6pm. Please let Mary know if you are interested in playing each week or perhaps would like to fill in. If you are in a team and cannot attend, please let Mary know so another fill-in

can be arranged.

Round 12 – Seniors (Cohuna Vs Leitchville)

Cohuna Seniors played at home to Leitchville this week and there were some great matches played throughout the day. The men's matches resulted in a draw, 18 games each; whilst the ladies' matches saw Cohuna lead by six games. Heading into the mixed, Cohuna took two of the three sets and a further five games, to take the day by 11 games. Well done to Mary Rodwell for winning all her sets.

Men's

J. Hensley & D. Gately 8 vs M. Irvine & M. Hawken 1
J. Hensley & P. Lacy 7 vs M. Irvine & W. Keath 9

D. Gately & P. Lacy 3 vs M. Hawken & W. Keath 8

Women's

S. Barker & M. Rodwell 8 vs S. Atkinson & T. Crawford 4
S. Barker & L. Lacy 7 vs S. Atkinson & S. Irvine 9
M. Rodwell & L. Lacy 8 vs T. Crawford & S. Irvine 4

Mixed

J. Hensley & S. Barker 8 vs M. Irvine & S. Atkinson 6
D. Gately & M. Rodwell 8 vs M. Hawken & S. Irvine 3
P. Lacy & L. Lacy 6 vs W. Keath & T. Crawford 8

Round 12 – Juniors Cohuna Gold vs Cohuna Blue

Super impressed with the improvement of these kids' skills since the start of the season. Keep up the practice, kids, it's

paying off! The junior games were incredibly close with only three games making up the difference at the end of the day. Well done to Sarosh Sajeev for winning all his sets for the day.

Singles

C. Lacy 1 vs Ze Hensley 6; L. Farrell 2 vs T. Lacy 6; Sa Sajeev 6 vs Z. Pollock 2; Sh Sajeev 4 vs Za Hensley 6

Doubles

C. Lacy & L. Farrell 0 vs Ze Hensley & T. Lacy 6
Sa Sajeev & Sh Sajeev 6 vs Z. Pollock & Za Hensley 1
C. Lacy & Sa Sajeev 6 vs Ze Hensley & Z. Pollock 3
L. Farrell & Sh Sajeev 6 vs T. Lacy & Za Hensley 4

Next Week – Teams Round 13
Division 1 – Seniors Cohuna

v Kerang (@ Kerang)

Jason Hensley, Darren Gately and Harrison Cleave. Emergency: Paul Lacy . Mary Rodwell, Shirlene Barker and Leah Lacy

Juniors – Cohuna Gold v Murrabit (@ Cohuna)

Cooper Lacy, Sarosh Sajeev, Angela Warren, and Lachlan Farrell. Emergency: Sharon Sajeev. Duty: Warren family

Juniors – Cohuna Blue v Kerang (@ Kerang)

Zoe Pollock, Taylor Lacy, Ryder van der Zande and Broden Wishart. Emergency: Zephany Hensley and Zara Hensley. Duty: van der Zande family



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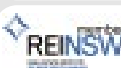
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For further information contact council on 1300 087 004 or visit www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au

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In response to community demand, Council trialled some extended hours at the Barham Waste Transfer Station over the busy summer period.

The trial was a success and we have decided to continue with the extended opening hours for the site.

The **Barham Waste Transfer Station** will now operate from **9am - 5pm** on a **Wednesday** and **1pm - 5pm** on a **Sunday**. This arrangement will be in place until further notice.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

In accordance with Section 4.59 of Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Murray River Council (Greater Wakool Ward) determined the following Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates in **December 2020** and **January 2021**.

DA NUMBER	SITE DETAILS	DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT
DA.10.2020.248.1	31 Niemur Street BARHAM	Demolition of existing hall and alterations/additions
DA.10.2020.277.1	2854 Noorong Road GONN	4 Lot Subdivision (Boundary Realignment)
DA.10.2020.349.1	59 Teddys Lane BARHAM	Detached shed
DA.10.2020.364.1	1963 Rangemore Road BURRABOI	Change of Use - Residential to farm stay accommodation
DA.10.2020.388.1	12 Yarrein Street BARHAM	Detached shed

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Janet Cincotta on your Citizen of the Year award.
- Tess D

Death Notice

BURNETT - Arthur George
Peacefully at Murray Haven on February 4th 2021. Aged 84 Years.
Loved Son of Ella and Gilly (both dec.). Loved Brother and Brother in Law of Rose and Bert (Both Dec), Esma (Dec) and Bob. Loved Uncle of all his Nieces and Nephews.
Reunited with his Family
A Private Funeral will be held.

BURNETT - Arthur
Fond memories of a remarkable man now at rest.
- Jan & Julian Avery and families.

Death Notice

JONES - Irene Mary
1931-2021
Irene passed away peacefully on Wednesday February 3rd 2021, at Borella House, Albury aged 90 years. She was the dearly loved wife of John (dec.) and much-loved mother and mother-in-law of Des and Sue, Pat and Noel, Denise and Gerard, Gwen and Peter (dec.), Keith and Jill, Greg and Diane, Karen and Adrian, Stephen and Kate, Bernadette and Barry, Kevin and Debbie, Leanne, Pam and Cameron, Robyn, Alan (dec.), and Irene (dec.). Beloved nana to 30 grandchildren and great nana to 22 great grandchildren.
*Forever in our hearts.
Reunited with Dad.*

REIFFEL - Barrie
3.12.1945 - 3.2.2021
Loving Father and Grandfather
Will be missed by family and friends.

WESTON - Sandra Joy (nee Pay)
7/09/1956 - 7/02/2021
Passed away Peacefully in Bendigo.
Loved daughter of Lloyd & Dos.
Loving wife of David, devoted mother of Michael & Tracy, Craig & Sarah, Trevor & Whitney, Mathew & Bianca.
Treasured Nanny of Elada; Bailey, Kobi & Lucie; Ryder & Summer.
Sleep peacefully our beautiful angel, we will miss your laughter.

Death Notice

WESTON - Sandra Joy (nee Pay)
07-09-1956 - 07-02-2021
To our beautiful Mum & Nanny. Thank you for being the most loving, caring & gentle woman.
Your support & help meant the world to us.
We will miss everything about you and especially your gorgeous giggle!
Always loved & forever remembered.
Sleep peacefully our beautiful Angel.
- Trevor, Whitney, Bailey, Kobi & Lucie xxxxx

Funeral Notice

JONES
Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs Irene Jones will be offered on Thursday February 11 2021 at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Allan Street, Henty at 2.00pm. Thereafter the cortege will proceed to the Henty Monumental Cemetery.
For livestreaming of the funeral go to;
www.hsfunerals.com.au

REIFFEL
A Funeral Service for Mr Barrie REIFFEL will be held at the Barham Riverside Park Function Centre on Friday 12th February 2021 commencing at 2.30pm. A private cremation will follow.
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WESTON
A Funeral Service for Mrs Sandra Joy Weston will be held in the Adams Funeral Chapel, Kerang on Thursday 11th February at 10.30am. Followed by a Private Cremation.
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The Helicopter Pilot

By Bruce Stewart

Around 1.00am the other morning I was awoken by the familiar sound of helicopter rotors 'chopping' overhead and I knew that there was another seriously sick or injured person being transported from the local hospital to a metropolitan hospital for emergency treatment. In this circumstance I often pray a quick 'arrow' prayer for the patient, pilot and medical personnel as they fly in the middle of the night, often amidst difficult weather conditions.

How privileged we are as a society and as a nation to have helicopters, skilled pilots and medical personnel available 24/7 to transport people who need emergency treatment. Reflecting on all this I thought of an amazing helicopter pilot I met while spending time in the Philippines. It was around 5.30am one morning, I was reading a book at a mission canteen when an en-

ergetic young man walked past me. Our eyes met, he smiled, stopped and great conversation began. I soon discovered this man was full of life, energy and faith. His name was Nard Puyao, a member of the Isnag people, one of over 170 language groups in the Philippines, who in earlier years were cannibalistic and characterised by extreme violence in relationships.

Thankfully, a transformational change came about in Nard and many others in that isolated people group. It all began when, back in the 1950s, a white man named Dick Roe walked into Nard's village in the northern Philippines. Nard and his fellow Isnag people were curious about why this westerner visited. Why would he leave behind the riches of his home country and come and live amongst the poverty and pain of a remote village? A few years later Dick had



learnt enough of the Isnag language to explain why he came, "I have come to learn your language." "Why?" asked Nard. Dick responded, "I have come to bring God's word (the Bible) into your language." That was an intriguing thought to the Isnag people who lived in fear of evil spirits who demanded constant sacrifice of their chickens, cows, dogs and pigs - depriving them of food and livelihood. They wanted to know more

about Dick's God so they helped him to learn their language. Nard became one of the main language helpers.

Several years later, Nard recalled how he was sitting on a rock below his village reading the Easter story from the Bible for the first time. "The picture that got me the most was when they got Jesus Christ and beat Him, spat on Him and started nailing Him to the cross. There was no way I was going to follow

the God of Dick Roe! Jesus was powerless! They put Him on a cross and killed Him. I wanted a God who would protect me from the evil spirit world!" Nard exclaimed, "You can't even protect Your only Son. What sort of God are you?" Nard said, "I took the half-translated Gospel of Mark and I threw it onto the rocks. Then I started walking off. I didn't want anything to do with this new God!" But then Nard said, "Something wonderful happened and I felt that God reached from heaven and squeezed my heart and said, 'Don't you understand how much I love you. I gave you My Son, He died for you on that cross.'" Nard's eyes were opened. He realised that Jesus had died on the cross taking the punishment for our sin. Then Nard discovered that Jesus didn't stay dead but rose again - the resurrection. That changed everything! Nard became a follower of this wonderful

God, our Creator, who had revealed Himself through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Nard's life was transformed. He had been 'set free' from the fear of evil spirits and the need to sacrifice their chickens and pigs to the false gods they worshipped. This was some of the remarkable story I heard from Nard that day. But there is more!

With the help of Dick Roe, Nard, the illiterate, fear-filled and poverty-stricken child of cannibalistic parents was able to gain literacy skills which, after many years, led to the gaining of the advanced education and skills necessary to fly a helicopter! As a helicopter pilot Nard flew Christian linguists and literacy workers with medical supplies and resources into difficult to access locations, and save days of walking, and hence speed up the translation of the Bible enormously for different language groups. This was some of

the amazing story I heard from Nard that morning eleven years ago. To this day many helicopter and light aircraft pilots fly to remote locations so that more of the over 6,900 different language groups in the world have the opportunity to hear about the transforming news of Jesus.

We can all be grateful for helicopter pilots who fly over our homes in the middle of the night transporting people needing emergency health care - being woken in the middle of the night is a small price to pay for the wonderful good achieved. We also can be grateful for other helicopter pilots who facilitate a spiritual life saving ministry - sharing the Good News of Jesus in many parts of the world. Thank you to Nard Puyao and many other helicopter pilots around the world. Fly safely!

'Growing up'

By Rosemary McCormick

As we edge toward spring here in Nepal, last weekend winter once again decided to make its icy presence known. The temperature plummeted and cold rain and snow fell, depositing heavy dumps in the high hills and mountains, and leaving a fairyland sprinkle of white on our lovely Kathmandu hills. Storm cells with thundery clouds darkened the sky as they rolled in from the west, bringing the promise of the rainy season to come. We stood

on top of one bald hill and faced into the wind; strong, gusty, with the chill of winter remaining, and I am tempted to spread out my arms, perhaps like Mary Poppins, I can fly! Remnants of childhood... one older friend in the US was also recently delighted by a generous fall of snow at his place, "I'm looking forward to going outside to play."

Today is relatively warm, sunny with a beautiful blue sky, and the Himalayan skyline is resplendent with its lower reaches now also covered in snowy white-

ness. We find ourselves commenting again about how beautiful it all is, it is good to keep a childlike wonder at the grandeur of nature, the handiwork of God. Also, in the past week, I received an invitation to do some speaking via Zoom. Mmmm... now, whilst I am very happy to share, I'm simply not too tech savvy, but then, as I commented to some friends, maybe it's time to grow up! Growing up...

It is interesting how God himself issues us an invitation to come to him like little children, and it seems

that developing and growing in faith is all about the simplicity and confidence of childlike faith. Trust in someone stronger than ourselves, bigger than our problems. Yet, God also calls us to grow up, to become mature. Somehow there is to be a balance of childlike delight in God, and confidence in our heavenly Father, with an understanding of growing up in the things of God. He tells us to press on to holiness, live lives of love, purity, honour, with grace and mercy extended to our fellow human beings.

Growing up has elements of accepting responsibility, of facing consequences, and of trying to make wise choices. As we mature, grow up, just as fruits ripen and grow on a tree in the natural world, God's qualities become more and

more evident in our lives. Heavenly fruit produced in us. Growing up... no longer holding grudges or sulking like a kid! Now, I need to forgive, practice loving, and learn to give grace. I need to find patience, have self-control, be kind and faithful in my obedience to God. Growing up takes time, it is a lifetime journey. One thing I have discovered, I really need help! Daily help. How amazing that God himself offers to tutor us. The perfect teacher, a loving life coach, committed for the long haul. With divine gentleness, he nudges, leads and prods, he gives us wisdom and reminds us of who we are, his beloved children. Becoming all grown up...

Anglican Parish News

By Ruth Arthur

On Friday, February 5, nine parishioners from St John's travelled to Griffith to witness the Commissioning of the Reverend Canon Thomas Maurice Leslie as Rector of Griffith and his installation as Dean of St Alban's Cathedral. It was a very fancy and reverent affair with the Bishop dressed to kill in his Skull Cap and Mitre. We had the choir singing the hymns accompanied by the orchestra complete with a trumpet player.

The symbols of ministry were presented. A bible, prayer book, water for baptism, purple stole, holy oil, bread and wine and a small basket of emergency relief items were accepted by Canon Thomas.

We wish Dean Thomas all the best in his new appointment.

It's been a busy week with three funerals that our girls in the kitchen will be catering for.

ASH WEDNESDAY February 17, 5pm Imposition of Ashes Service at St John's, then at 7pm on the dot Parish Council meeting at Ruth's house. A lot to discuss so please be on time.

Please keep praying for all those on the sick list, it seems to grow every week.

Next Sunday will be the Last Day of Epiphany, with a 10am Holy Communion Service, see you there.

"One church, one faith, one Lord".



A good night had by all 28 bingo players.

The game 20 jackpot only missed out going by 1 number. This means neither the wildcard or game 20 jackpots never went off, making them \$1000 in 52 calls or less and \$360.00 in 67 calls or less.

The game 20 should go off next week. The game 30 jackpot of \$80.00 was won by Dorothy McNeil.

Roster for 17th Feb - R. Arthur, A Mathers, G Barker, G Cook, J Griffin.

Church Notices



ANGLICAN CHURCH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9.30am - Murray Haven Holy Communion.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

St Johns - 10am Morning Prayer with Canon Marion, followed by morning tea & Bible Study.

St Martins - 10.30am Holy Communion.

St Barnabas - 9.00am Morning Prayer.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

St Johns - 5pm Ash Wednesday Service.

• Enquiries Fr Neale: 0497 359 576

BARHAM - WAKOOL UNITING PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Barham - 10am: L. & J. McKindlay.

Moulamein - 10:30am: Comb. with

Moulamein.

Wakool - 10:30am: Comb. with Anglicans.

• Enquiries: L. & J. McKindlay 5884 2130

C.C. = Children's Church. SMT = Shared Ministry Team.



KOONDROOK - BARHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY 10AM

50 MELLOOL ST, BARHAM.

Enquiries: Colin Barnes - 0429 426 156



BARHAM CATHOLIC CHURCH

Daily Mass: 9 am - Barham Presbytery chapel.

SUNDAY MASS:

Wakool: 8.30 am.

Barham: 10:30am.

Moulamein: every second week at 5:30pm.

Phone Fr Stan: 0413 311 598



Northern District Bowls Association

MIDWEEK PENNANT

As at February 3, 2021

Division 1

Pyramid Hill	10/56	def	Cohuna	2/51
Kerang	10/78	def	Barham Green	2/54
Barham Blue	10/80	def	Cohuna Golf	2/52

Division 1		Pts	%
Cohuna		82	123.89
Kerang		65	103.48
Cohuna Golf		63	106.68
Barham Blue		59	111.95
Pyramid Hill		58	89.41
Barham Green		33	73

Division 2

Barham Green	6/50	def	Leitchville	2/40
Cohuna Golf	6/46	def	Barham Blue	2/38
Kerang Golf	8/35	def	Kerang	0/26
Cohuna Gold	8/48	def	Pyramid Hill	0/37
Cohuna Blue	Bye			

Division 2		Pts	%
Kerang Golf		62	148.94%
Kerang		47.3	112.41
Cohuna Gold		45	115.03
Leitchville		38	109.76
Barham Green		33	84.62
Barham Blue		30	98.90
Cohuna Blue		29.21	90.31
Pyramid Hill		24	87.43
Cohuna Golf		18	72

Adjustments have been made regarding the split round.
Average of games won divided by nine, being the first nine rounds.
Will continue until the end of the home and away games.

WAKOOL BOWLING CLUB

Contributed by Lyn McNaul

Division One played away this week against Kerang and with great excitement came home with a win over one of the top sides on the ladder.

The results were: Guy Treweek 13/20, Barry Vinecombe 12/20, and Mainy, as they say "had a day out," with help from his side had a convincing win over rival and good friend, Dale Hancock 34/7. This gave Division One an overall score of 12 shots up.

Division Three also played away and had a win over Barham White which keeps them third on the ladder board leading up to the finals. The results were: Chris Mills 16/22, Steve Chalmers 25/13 and Rod Chalmers 22/21 with

two rinks up, an overall score of eight shots.

The Barham Royal Hotel meal vouchers for best performing rink this week goes to Mainy's side of Mick Filmer, Lyn McNaul and Greg Lodge.

The Wakool Hotel 'Kitty Jackpot' is still going strong with \$2,280 up for grabs with the throw of the dart this Friday.

The draws for Mens' Fours have been done and are down at the clubrooms. If you want to play in Club Championship Pairs, enter your name by Friday so this draw can also be done. The entry form is down at the clubroom (in the shed). Since this is our last home game for the season we will be having a sausage sizzle after the game.

Wakool Bowls Pennant Teams February 13, 2021

Division One**Wakool vs Cohuna (home)**

- (s) I. Main, M. Filmer, G. Rowland, G. Lodge
(s) G. Treweek, J. Fairchild, A. Stewart, F. Ryan
(s) B. Vinecombe, R. Burmeister, R. Grant, J. Lolicato

Division Three**Wakool vs Gunny Golfers (home)**

- (s) C. Mills, K. Lolicato, W. Bourke, N. Free
(s) S. Chalmers, F. Burmeister, G. Lang, S. Stewart
(s) R. Walker, A. Hamilton, J. Amor, S. Mills

Sausage sizzle after the game



What is happening to our Division One? The wheels have fallen off and the mudguards are dragging on the ground. They were going so well earlier in the season. I realise that they only lost by two shots to Gunbower, but it is still a loss.

Division Two Blue also scraped home with only one team leading the way. They won by 16 over Pyramid Hill. Division Two Green played Cohuna and lost with all rinks down by a total of 10, with no contribution from me.

Division Three Blue had an amazing win over Pyramid Hill, winning by 48 shots. Division Three Green played the Gunny Golfers and were unfortunate to lose by just one shot. Our Division Three White, despite the inclusion of Mate's Maulers, went down to Wakool by eight. So it wasn't that happy of a night at the club.

Kenny Rye was being himself, and you know what that means. Alan Thomas was whingeing about the fact that he had been sewn up with number eight wire, and the microphone had no battery, I think that 'Ditchweight' took it out. Did you know that he came in last Saturday with no belt on his pants and he had them tied up with bailing twine? By hell, a quick call to Elaine soon had him dressed respectfully.

Our barefoot bowls night last Thursday evening was a little disappointing for the organisers, but it got people there and they enjoyed themselves. Hopefully, when we get to move to the new venue, we will have heaps wanting to play barefoot bowls.

Heard on the grapevine that the covering of the second green is being considered. All I can say is that it will be the wisest decision made. Doing it now will save thousands, and let's face it, it will be the bowls Mecca, making these two towns the biggest attraction for 1000km radius. What about that, Mr. Bibby?

RESULTS

Division One. P. Goudie, 11/21 -10. J. Lung-

husen, 17/20 -3. G. Faul, 32/ 21 +11. 60/62 -2.

Division Two Blue. A. Thomas, 20 /21 -1. J. Hollaway, 15 /26 -11. R. Scott, 34 / 6 +28. 69 / 53 + 16.

Division Two Green. G. Cook, 16 /17 -1. P. Orr, 13 /18 -5. French, 19 /23 - 4. 58 /48 -10.

Division Three Blue. H. Archard, 30 /9 +21. V. Majhrovski, 25 / 14 +11. G. Goodwin, 27 / 11 +16. 82 /34 + 48.

Division Three Green. L. Mues, 20 /19 -1. K. Ismit. 27 /19 + 8. B. Berry, 16 26 – 10. 63 /64 - 1. Division Three White. B. Pringle, 21 /22 -1. E. Shelbert, 12 /25 -13. K. Lake, 22 / 16 +6. 55 /63 - 8.

Dinner winners this week, thanks to cluBarham. H. Archard, B. Theobald, W. Cook, and R. Hillman. Congratulations.

Bar duty this week, Charlie Bagg and John Cunninham. Thanks go to both of you.

How great for Jean Fairchild, Lynne Ashton and Jenny Laursen winning the regional state triples.

Ladies' meeting Tuesday, February 16 at 10am. Love to see you there! 'Marlene'.

ONE FOR THE ROAD. A bloke had tickets to the grand final. As he is sitting down, another bloke comes down and asks if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him. "No," he says, "the seat is empty."

"This is incredible," says the guy, "who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the grand final and not use it?"

He says, "Well, actually the seat belongs to me. My wife was supposed to come with me, but she passed away. This is the first grand final that we haven't been to together since we were married."

"Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. But couldn't you find a friend, a neighbour or a relative to take the seat?"

The bloke shakes his head. "No, they're all at the funeral."

See you on the green. WEARY.

Barham Golf Club Weekly Roundup

**Ladies' Events:**

Wednesday, February 3 was a stroke round and Ladies Monthly Medal.

Winners on the day were:

Div. 1 Carole Letheby (20) with a score of nett 73 and runner up was Lexie Ewen (22) with a nett 77.

Div. 2 Sue Thompson (27) with a nett 75 on the count back from Joan Hobbs (29) also with a nett 75.

The Ball Rundown went to 79, with Jane Wall winning the Pro Pin and Carole Letheby claiming the monthly medal.

Mens' Events:

Thursday, February 4 was the Men's Stableford.

Div. 1 winner was Bruce Grainger (12) with a score of 40 points and runner up was Doug McKnight (4) with 37 points.

Div. 2 winner was Rick McKenzie (18) with 40 points on the count back from Gary Lake (15) also with 40 points.

Div. 3 winner was a visitor, Gavin Jackman (21), with 37 points, runner up was Noel Fountain (24) with 36 points.

The Ball Rundown went to 34 points and John Ficken won the Pro Pin.

PRO SHOP CUP

The weekend of February 6 and 7 saw the 19th Annual Pro Shop Cup tournament held in superb weather conditions. On the course were 122 golfers, with 36 holes on Saturday and 18 holes on Sunday.

Saturday morning was the 4BBB Stroke round with the winners as follows:

Men: Rohan Dawkins and Justin Ryan with a nett 62 on the count back from Jason Korb and Travis McCarthy, also with nett 62, and in third place was Michael Dale and Len Boyle with nett 63.

Ladies: Jenny Waterson and Jan Harry with nett 64 and runners up were Irene Whelan and Ruth Phillips with nett 69.

Saturday afternoon's event was the Foursomes with the winners as follows:

Men: Stuart Robertson and Alan Langford with a nett 70 and in second place was Rohan Dawkins and Justin Ryan with nett 72.5 on the countback from Stephen Smith and John Rogan, also with nett 72.5.

Ladies: Wendy Lake and Katrina McNaughton with nett 69 and runners up were Kyra Laughlin and Bree Laughlin with nett 78.

NTP's on the day went to: 3rd – Kate Bartels; 10th – Helen Leech; 15th – Kate Bartels; 18th – Jeanette Weaver

NTP's on the day went to: 3rd – Nathan Perry; 10th – Doug McKnight; 15th – Joe Tartaglia; 18th – Stephen Edmansson

Sunday's event was the two-person Ambrose with the winners as follows:

Men: Simon Sheedy and Mathew Finch with nett 64 and runners up were Adam Tate and Bailey Tate with nett 64.75, and in third place were Andrew Kane and Damien Lanyon with nett 65.25.

Ladies: Kyra Laughlin and Bree Laughlin with nett 66.5 and runners up were Lyn Bishop and Kerry Bond with nett 68.

NTP's on the day went to: 3rd – Lyn Bishop; 10th – Kerry Bond; 15th – Kerry Bond; 18th – Bec Humphries; 3rd – Andrew Kane; 10th – Glen Morris; 15th – Roger Anderson; 18th – Jason Korb; 54-Hole Overall Winners for Men

Scratch: Steve Smith and John Rogan 226 Nett R/U: Jason Korb and Travis McCarthy 205.75 Nett winners and Pro Shop Cup Winners: Rohan Dawkins and Justin Ryan 202.25

54-Hole Overall Winners for Ladies

Scratch: Lyn Bishop and Kerry Bond 252; Nett: Jan Harry and Jenny Waterson 213

Northern District Bowls Association

Results and Ladders - Round 12 February 6, 2021

Division 1

Kerang	4-47	v	Wakool	8-59
Cohuna	0-38	v	Cohuna Golf	12-72
Gunbower	10-62	v	Barham	2-60
Leitchville	2-63	v	Kerang Golf	10-64

Division 1		Pts	%
Cohuna Golf		108	140.7
Kerang		94	116.9
Kerang Golf		93	105.1
Barham		78	98.1
Cohuna		71	107.9
Leitchville		51	85.0
Wakool		42	82.6
Gunbower		39	75.3

Division 2

Cohuna	12-58	v	Barham Green	0-48
Barham Blue	8-69	v	Pyramid Hill	4-53
Leitchville	3-54	v	Cohuna Golf White	9-68
Kerang Golf	12-77	v	Kerang	0-48

Cohuna Golf Navy 6.4-0 v		BYE
Division 2	Pts	%
Barham Blue	93	143.3
Cohuna Golf White	85	117.1
Pyramid Hill	81	110.0
Barham Green	67.5	105.1
Cohuna Golf Navy	64	100.4
Kerang Golf	59.9	98.1
Cohuna	56	85.4
Kerang	44	81.8
Leitchville	41	81.5

Division 3

Barham White	2-55	v	Wakool	10-63
Gunny Golf (G/B)	8-64	v	Barham Green	4-63
Barham Blue	12-82	v	Pyramid Hill	0-34
Kerang	10-69	v	Cohuna	2-45

Kerang Golf 5.9-0	v	BYE	
Division 3		Pts	%
Barham Blue		100	137.5
Barham Green		88	117.4
Wakool		84	117.5
Kerang Golf		70.9	97.5
Kerang		61.1	98.9
Gunny Golf		52	90.2
Barham White		52	88.7
Cohuna		43	78.5
Pyramid Hill		38.7	78.0

Barham Bowling Club

BARHAM BOWLING CLUB SATURDAY PENNANT 2021

Saturday, February 13, 2021

DIVISION 1 BARHAM V LEITCHVILLE (HOME)

Skip	D PATTERSON	J LUNGHUSEN	G FAUL
3rd	R MAUD	KIM WATTS	E WHELAN
2nd	I FASHAM	KERRY WATTS	S MANNERS
Lead	P GOUDIE	G ARCHARD	E GRACO
Manager:	G FAUL		

DIVISION 2 BLUE V LEITCHVILLE**(HOME)**

Skip	A THOMAS	J HOLLOWAY	R SCOTT
3rd	K ASHTON	C BAGG	W BOULTON
2nd	G LAKE	K RYE	M LAURSEN
Lead	L ASHTON	C HOPE	J LAURSEN
Manager:	M LAURSEN	UMPIRE:	R SCOTT

DIVISION 2 GREEN V PYRAMID HILL (AWAY)

Skip	T KEEGAN	P ORR	B FRENCH
3rd	G COOK	R KENDELL	W MCNEIL
2nd	C CASSIDY	A LARPENT	G WALKER
Lead	J CUNNINGHAM	W WALLER	B PIPPIN
Manager:	WALLER		

DIVISION 3 BLUE V BYE

Skip	H ARCHARD	V MAJHROVSKI	G GOODWIN
3rd	B THEOBALD	R BAKER	G GRAEME
2nd	W COOK	H MCCALLUM	D MCCALLUM
Lead	R HILLMAN	N NASH	J ORR
Manager:	V MAJHROVSKI		

DIVISION 3 GREEN V PYRAMID HILL (HOME)

Skip	L MUES	K SMITH	B BERRY
3rd	S BARNES	D CARTER	R FRASER
2nd	G MOXOM	G WISHART	I MUES
Lead	B FASHAM	G KENNEDY	K LOHNER
Manager:	G KENNEDY		

DIVISION 3 WHITE V COHUNA (AWAY)

Skip	B PRINGLE	E SCHELBERT	K LAKE
3rd	G WILLIAMS	P MADELEY	L DURBRIDGE
2nd	Y HENERY	J WHELAN	C GENT
Lead	N MARTIN	D GROSS	R CAREY
Manager:	E SCHELBERT		

DUTY TEAM = Division 1 (J. Lunghusen)

Koondrook Tennis

With everyone back this week and a great day weather wise, we were looking for a big day at the KLTC.

Division 1 headed to Murrabit a little undermanned. The boys were on fire finally, holding the women up winning all their sets. The girls had a tougher day only winning one set. With the mixed winning two from three, they snuck in by the barest of margins, and stole the four points.

Division 2 took on Gannawarra for the first time this season needing a win to help keep them in the four. The girls had a very tough day at the office only winning one set, and the boys turned it on only dropping two sets. Heading into the mixed, they were a few down and

only winning two sets, it wasn't enough, going down by 13.

Division 3 took on Kerang and had a very good day. The boys broke even, and the girls were nothing short of sensational, winning all their sets. A few up going into mixed saw a two from four win, enough to cement a 14 game win.

'Player of the Day' in a world first was a tie! Well done to Leigh and Britty, who both put in a super effort and came home with the chocolates.

The tennis trip is Sunday, be at the courts at 11am, ready for a big day.

See you next week (if we survive the trip)–Bash Hearty.

Koondrook Tennis Teams
February 13, 2021

Seniors
Division 1 Vs Gunbower (Home)
L. Whelan, G. Whelan, J. Coughlan
J. Hare, F. Jacobs, T. Lake

Division 2 Vs Kerang Green (Away)
H. Coughlan, W. Danson, L. Hill, K Keane
M. Bott, E. Whelan, T. Keane, M. Telford

Division 3 Vs Murrabit Blue (Away)
W. Orr, A. Danson, J. Flisher, B. Camps
S. Drysdale, A. Den houting, K. McGowan, J. Boyd

Barham Lawn Tennis Club

Another week of four teams on the courts, all at home and a fun day. In addition to our regulars and part timers who have returned from holidays, we give many thanks to Mitch and Kirsty, and Emma and Eva who made getting four teams on the courts a possibility this week.

Our Division 2 Navy side hosted Gunbower and had a very good day. Best wishes to Tim from Gunny on his injury recovery. The men had a ripper of a day winning all six sets, the ladies only lost two, and four wins in the mixed really sealed the deal, giving the team a very healthy 49-game win. If winning all your sets makes you a player of the

day then this week, they are Matt, Andy E, Brayden, Brian and Kaye.

Unfortunately, Division 2 White had to forfeit to Kerang Green.

Division 3 White did battle with Division 3 Navy and went down by a few, meaning these two sides swapped places on the ladder again. So, we have Division 3 Navy sitting in fourth spot and Division 3 White just out in fifth. Naturally, these two sides had a fabulous day, as you do when two of your own are doing battle. Many comments were made after each set about Mitch's athleticism. Genetically gifted from both parents, he leaped, rolled and ran every game, getting back balls that should have

been certain winners.

Most of the men's sets were close with three wins to Navy and three to White. The White Team ladies got off to a great start with a 6/1 win but after that the Navy ladies got warmed up and only allowed the White side to win one other set. Navy also had the most wins in the mixed. At the end of the day Navy won by 23 but the scores really do not reflect the fun and challenges on the court.

Division 3 Black hosted Murrabit Blue. It was great to have Darcy and Sarah available again, and the other Darcy as well, Charles and Desi home from holidays, Ben and Kaylah being flexible and changing

teams for the week, and Eli putting on his skirt again. The team had a great day and a 15-game win made it even better. Darcy Hare is our player of the day for this team, winning all his sets.

This coming week we have three teams at home and two away. Again, at least one win is guaranteed because Division 3 Navy and Black face each other.

Then the bus trip the next day... want to know more? Call Taylah.

Stay safe and we will see you next week.

The Barham Curious Writer.

Northern District Lawn Tennis Association

ROUND 12 – February 6, 2021
Senior Div 1

Gunbower	55	lost to	Kerang	65
Murrabit	53	lost to	Koondrook	54
Leitchville	52	lost to	Cohuna	63

Senior Div 2

Barham Navy	89	defeated	Gunbower	40
Murrabit	68	lost to	Kerang Red	74
Koondrook	73	lost to	Gannawarra	86
Kerang Green	45	won on forfeit from	Barham White	0

Senior Div 3

Murrabit White	57	lost to	Kerang Green	79
Barham White	58	lost to	Barham Navy	81
Barham Black	77	defeated	Murrabit Blue	62
Koondrook	86	defeated	Kerang Red	72
Kerang White		BYE		

Junior Div 2

Gunbower Red	36	defeated	Kerang	31
Murrabit	12	lost to	Gunbower Blue	43
Cohuna Gold	31	lost to	Cohuna Blue	34

DIVISION 1	W	L	D	For	Agt	%	Pts
Cohuna	9	1	2	553	485	114.02	40
Koondrook	8	3	1	600	438	136.99	34
Kerang	7	4	1	610	471	129.51	30
Murrabit	7	4	1	600	563	106.57	30
Gunbower	1	9	2	447	530	84.34	8
Leitchville	0	11	1	284	607	46.79	2
DIVISION 2	W	L	D	For	Agt	%	Pts
Murrabit	9	2	1	902	698	129.23	38
Barham Navy	8	2	2	844	572	147.55	36
Gannawarra	7	3	2	766	719	106.54	32
Kerang Red	6	4	2	792	690	114.78	28
Koondrook	6	5	1	765	766	99.87	26
Kerang Green	2	8	2	650	798	81.45	12
Gunbower	2	9	1	691	881	78.43	10
Barham White	2	9	1	548	834	65.71	10
DIVISION 3	W	L	D	For	Agt	%	Pts
Koondrook	9	2	1	701	565	124.07	38
Kerang Green	8	3	1	596	468	127.35	34
Kerang White	7	3	2	604	470	128.51	32
Barham Navy	7	3	2	618	518	119.31	32
Barham White	6	4	2	579	499	116.03	28
Kerang Red	6	4	2	566	565	100.18	28
Murrabit White	4	6	2	603	716	84.22	20
Barham Black	3	7	2	467	623	74.96	16
Murrabit Blue	2	9	1	410	720	56.94	10
JUNIORS	W	L	D	For	Agt	%	Pts
Cohuna Blue	9	2	1	429	295	145.42	38
Gunbower Red	7	4	1	388	347	111.82	30
Cohuna Gold	6	4	2	366	283	129.33	28
Gunbower Blue	5	5	2	310	321	96.57	24
Kerang	5	6	1	374	323	115.79	22
Murrabit	0	11	1	202	500	40.4	2

Barham-Koondrook Cricket Club

A Grade
BARHAM/KOONDROOK V NONDIES

A Grade continued their winning run making it three in a row beating Nondies by 104 runs.

Nondies had a hit first and were in all sorts of trouble from the outset with wickets tumbling regularly due to some outstanding bowling and fielding by the BK boys. Nondies were skittled for 57 with the returning Marc O'Neill taking four wickets while the Lolicato twins, Danny and Warren, took two scalps each. Special mention to Tim Millard who, as wicketkeeper, took six dismissals in a fantastic performance.

That's two weeks in a row the lads have kept the opposition to a score of under 80 which won't lose many games.

With the game never in doubt BK went about their business with a minimum of fuss amassing 5/161 with contributions from Jaryd Wishart, top scoring with 48, Dave Cooper 32no, Warren Lolicato 23 and Lachie Laursen with 23no, who is proving to be a fantastic young cricketer on the rise.

Seats are filling fast on the A Train so get your ticket while you can.

NONDIES

A. Moorhouse LBW W. Lolicato	.....0
M. O'Shea c J. Wishart M. O'Neill	.....5
M. Treacy c T. Millard B. Watts	.....2
A. Thompson c L. Laursen M. O'Neill	.....3
R. Bradley c T. Millard M. O'Neill	.....0
L. Pascoe st T. Millard D. Lolicato	.....28
X. Mitchell c T. Millard M. O'Neill	.....2
W. Thrum c T. Millard W. Lolicato	.....1
K. Ellery c W. Lolicato J. Hall4
L. Holmes st T. Millard D. Lolicato4
E. Caburnay not out2
Extras	6
Total	10/57

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Bowling: W. Lolicato 7/5/10/2; B. Watts 5/0/10/1; M. O'Neill 9/5/9/4; T. Guerra 6/0/10/0; D. Lolicato 8/3/12/2; J. Hall 3/0/6/1

T. Millard c L. Pascoe W. Thrum	.....6
W. Lolicato c K. Ellery W. Thrum	.....23
J. Wishart c X. Mitchell M. Treacy	.....48
B. Watts c X. Mitchell K. Ellery	.....6
D. Lolicato c X. Mitchell K. Ellery	.....1
D. Cooper not out	.....32
L. Laursen not out	.....23
Extras	22
Total	5/161

Bowling: L. Holmes 5/0/19/0; L. Pascoe 5/0/25/0; R. Bradley 6/1/25/0; W. Thrum 9/2/18/2; K. Ellery 9/3/16/2; E. Caburnay 3/0/21/0; M. Treacy 7/0/29/1; A. Thompson 1/0/3/0

B GRADE
BARHAM/KOONDROOK V NONDIES

B Grade also came up against Nondies and in a low scoring affair the BK boys fell short in their chase by six runs.

Nondies struggled throughout their innings with only one contributor but they managed to get to 117 giving themselves a faint sniff. Captain Dudley Bibby was outstanding with five wickets all bowled or LBW showing his fantastic line and length while Nathan O'Toole grabbed two for himself.

A chase in the low hundreds can always be a bit tricky but at 2/97 and needing only 21 to win with eight wickets in hand you could safely say, 'we've got this'. But not to be, as the BK team proceeded to lose 8/14 falling short by six runs in a massive collapse. Dean McGowan with 44 and Kynan Laursen with a well-made 29 were the only contributors with the bat.

NONDIES

J. Mathers Bowled D. Bibby	.....6
D. Coates Bowled D. Bibby	.....7
S. Spring c D.Bibby M. Laursen	.....5
N. Bradley c J. Mayne N. O'Toole	.....9
J. Palmer c D. Bibby N. O'Toole	.....7
P. Doyle LBW D. Bibby	.....40
J. Wilson run out	.....7
C. Wright Bowled D. Bibby	.....10
A. Jackson c M. Laursen J. Vallence	.....0
M. Ellery Bowled D. Bibby	.....3
K. Treacy not out	.....6
Extras	17
Total	10/117

Bowling: D. Bibby 7/3/21/5; M. Laursen 6/1/22/0; M. Laursen 4/2/4/1; N. O'Toole 6/1/20/2; J. Mayne 7/1/20/0; J. Vallence 6/0/25/1

BARHAM/KOONDROOK

C. Storm c S. Spring J. Wilson	.....7
K. Laursen Bowled D. Coates	.....29
D. McGowan c K. Treacy S. Spring	.....44
D. Bibby LBW J. Palmer	.....9
N. O'Toole run out	.....1
S. Farrant Bowled J. Palmer	.....2
S. Ralston Bowled J. Palmer	.....1
J. Mayne run out	.....3
J. Vallence Bowled J. Palmer	.....5
M. Laursen not out	.....1
M. Laursen run out	.....0
Extras	9
Total	10/111

Bowling: J. Mathers 8/4/11/0; J. Wilson 8/1/21/1; P. Doyle 8/1/34/0; S. Spring 8/2/17/1; D. Coates 4/2/3/1; J. Palmer 4/0/19/4

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By Rockin' Kitty

The Mathesons have returned at last in good health and played tonight. We had another great turn up to play on two mats. Christine won a meat tray.

We started with eight ends. Heather, Christine, Maggie and Dolly on Mat One against Margaret, Val R and Jim O.

Second mat saw Maurie, Kath, Martha, Rod, Barb and Darby fight it out with Rod, Maurie and Martha winning their game. A

playoff followed on mat two between Heather, Christine, Dolly and Maggie, and Kath, Barb and Darby.

The kitty was removed somewhere along the line.

Ronnie had a bowl in there at one stage. Bit hard to write and bowl at the same time.

Team three got the winnings – Rod, Martha and Maurie.

Lucky ticket was Martha.

Cricket This Week...

This week's games:
Thursday night T20
B/K vs Nondies at Koondrook
Friday Night
Woolworths Blast at Barham
U16s
Koondrook vs Barham Cubs at Koondrook
Murrabit vs Murray at Barham
Saturday
U13s - B/K Bye
U16s Day 2 – B/K vs Coh-Non at Koondrook
B Grade – B/K Bye
A Grade – B/K vs Wandella at Koondrook

Mawson's T20 Cricket: Wandella and Nondescripts Victorious

By Kendall Jennings

Mawson's T20 Blast Cricket third round was held on Thursday, February 4. Wandella hosted Barham/Koondrook at Riverside Park in Kerang. Entering round three, the two top teams on equal points on the ladder faced off. Playing conditions were challenging with storm clouds looming and northerly twenty-kilometre winds. The white playing ball was challenging to focus on in the sky, making way for on-field action with close runouts and dropped catches.

Wandella batted first 4/137 after 20 overs, while Barham/Koondrook all out for 120, Wandella won by 18 runs.

Barham/Koondrook top batter, J. Wisheart, 38 from 28 balls, was runout by J. McKnight and B. McKnight. Bowling, D. Bibby, two overs, 17 runs, and one wicket. T. Guerra, four overs, 17 runs, and two wickets. L. Laursen, one over, seven runs, and one wicket. Fielding, D. Lolicato, W. Lolicato, BJ Watts, CB Akurugoda caught one each.

Wandella top batter L. Murray 40

runs from 26 balls, not out. P. Moore four overs, 14 runs, and one wicket. L. Keighran four overs, 22 runs, and two wickets. D. Higgs four overs, 28 runs, and one wicket. R. Barnes four overs, 18 runs, and two wickets. J. McKnight four balls, three runs, and one wicket. In the fielding, P. Moore had two catches. B. McKnight one catch, and one run out. L. Murray one run out. L. Keighran one run out. R. Barnes one catch. J. McKnight two runouts.

Cohuna Recreation Reserve hosted the

game between Nondescripts and Cohuna United. Nondescripts 95, Cohuna United 64, Nondescripts winning by 31 runs.

Nondescripts' top batter was X. Mitchell 24 runs from 21 balls, while E. Curnay ran out for a golden duck. In the bowling, A. Hore two overs, eight runs, and one wicket. L. Johnson two overs, 12 runs, and two wickets. L. Higgs 3.3 overs, 22 runs and one wicket. T. Johnson four overs, 15 runs, and three wickets. M. Robinson one over, six runs, and one wicket. In the fielding, D. Clements two

catches. P. Taylor two catches, and one stumping. O. Cooke one catch. T. Johnson one runout.

Leitchville/Gunbower had the bye.

The ladder after round three, Wandella (12), Nondescripts (4), Barham/Koondrook (4), Leitchville/Gunbower (4) and Cohuna United (0).

Round four, Koondrook Recreation Reserve will host Barham/Koondrook and Nondescripts, Leitchville/Gunbower host Wandella. Cohuna United has the bye.



Barham/Koondrook's Chameera Akuragoda swinging the willow.



Wandella celebrate a Barham/Koondrook wicket.

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