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TIME TO SHINE



Ben Miller



Over 48 cars ranging from dazzling chrome, perfect paint, rat rods oozing character, adorned with their rusty patina, purred, rumbled and shook Murray Street on Sunday.

A perfect Sunday cruise in the name of helping a young petrol head chase his racing dream.

Unlike the cars on display

with 4, 6 and 8 cylinders, Ben Miller (14), only relies on one to power his 100cc cart to speeds well over 100km/h as he battles fields of competitors.

This will be Ben's last year in the Junior KA3 100cc unrestricted category, before moving up to seniors in 2022.

In the ultra competitive field, talk of mere seconds separate

the pointy end from the back of the pack.

After the 2020 competitive rounds were cancelled due to COVID-19, Ben hopes 2021 will be a better season.

"We're looking for some good races and racing in places we haven't been to yet," said Ben.

What attracts Ben to racing is "The speed is hard to go past

and also meeting new people. It's also a good outlet, to get out and do other things."

Ben's dream is to race in the Supercar Series.

"Always wanted to be a Supercar driver. Even to be involved in the Supercars as mechanic or pit crew would be awesome."

Motor racing is very much a team sport with Ben's dad,

Lee, organising the show and shine.

"Considering the border closure, the turn out was great. We had people from Swan Hill, Kerang, Echuca, Deniliquin and locals," said Lee

"I think people were glad to have an opportunity to get their cars out."

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Dear Editor,

I am always stunned at the lack of understanding of our local, state and federal governments, and their bureaucratic paid puppets, who consistently show little knowledge of agriculture and its contribution to the economic prosperity of this country.

Whether it is at local, state, or federal level, our farming organisations seem incapable of getting their industry genuine support to enhance productivity and help rebuild the national economy, at a time when it is so desperately needed.

While we get ridiculous rhetoric about a farming industry worth \$100 billion by 2030, (who can forget that we are going to be, apparently "the food bowl of Asia"!!) such bizarre statements are not matched by meaningful genuine policy.

Even at local level farmers struggle to get support. It is simply mindboggling to read that the local council at Deniliquin, a community that relies so heavily on agriculture, is going to close its cattle saleyards without consulting those affected!! GOOD GRIEF!

Decisions like this are being made by elected representatives with limited farming knowledge, or if they have any such knowledge they have simply forgotten who elected them in the first place and have been blinded by the flashing lights of money poured in from State and Federal politicians anxious not to see the "swing" in the last elections get any bigger.

Alternatively such decisions are being made on recommendations from bureaucrats with even less farming knowledge and an eye on the next gravy train "grant".

As a result, life for the hardworking farmer unnecessarily becomes just that little bit more difficult. This, after years of government made drought whilst water flows past us to South Australia. Go figure!

At federal level, this must be simply the greatest fraud committed on a country.

If one looks back in history WALTER has surprisingly been behind many a war in and against countries.

If we are to reach said goal of an industry worth \$100 billion by 2030 we can't do it without WALTER (or is the plan that we will sell almonds and South Australian grapes only and that is how it will happen???)

Water management is arguably at its worst point in the history of federation, with massive quantities wasted in the name of "environmental flows" (the city voter just loves anything that says "environment"). Such "flows" at times have been clearly shown to cause environmental damage!

Meanwhile, we have a Federal Government which simply won't fix the problem, led by a Water Minister (Keith Pitt) and an Environment Minister (Sussan Ley) who appear more concerned with toeing the party line, looking after their own term in parliament and future pension (that yours and my taxes pay for) than calling for and doing some much-needed action to support food production.

After nearly 12 months in the job, Mr Pitt has finally decided to visit the NSW Murray. What does that tell you??!! His performance in the water portfolio has been extremely disappointing and hopefully this visit will give him a broader understanding of issues being faced.

In 2021 we need action to fix the water management mess that governments – led by the Federal Government – have created.

Unfortunately, as the COVID-19 pandemic has shown us, when the Federal Government needs to step up and show some authority over the States it instead goes missing.

It would be a welcome change if this attitude was reversed and our failing water management was acknowledged and addressed this year.

Finally, Edward River Council, you should be ashamed of yourselves. All the big puffing chests with new roundabouts and seats outside IGA and yet you try to close down the sale yards and put up our rates out on our farms by up to 30% !!!

My father in law would turn in his grave if he saw the results of the wonderful "merger". The old Conargo Shire was cashed up and well managed without political handouts.

Yours,
Robyn Wheeler
Deniliquin, NSW

RACE CANCELLED

No need to blow up your inflatable unicorn, the sad announcement has been made that the 2021 Great Aussie Lilo Race on Australia Day has been cancelled.

The event has been a huge success in previous years bringing visitors to town and raising funds for the Koondrook Barham Football Netball Club.

Club President Greg Lake said with the announcement of the border closure, the event could not go ahead. During the event contestants enter the water in Victoria and exit in New South Wales.

Although the physical event can not take place people are encouraged to share and tag the footy club with their own photos celebrating Australia Day.

Major sponsor of the event Bree Derksen of Trend Skate n Surf said they would still love people to enjoy the day. "If you're out on the river or floating on a dam, take a snap. We still want everyone to be able to share Australia Day together, border lockdown or not."



Lilo Race 2019

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The Wakool Soldier Settlers Memorial Walk Project Receives Funding

By Christine Dartnell

Recently the Wakool Soldier Settlers Memorial Walk Action Group received grant funding of \$1,000 from cluBarham under the Club-Grants program, made possible through the support of our local club and the NSW Government. This funding will assist with the development of two small interpretive signs which will include information on the local district.

The Action Group is currently working on the development of 10 interpretive signs with a goal of completing them by the middle of 2021 with a further 10 signs to be completed by the end of the year.

The 'Commemorative Walk' is in the parkland that encompasses Cook, Flinders, Tasman and La Perouse Streets in Wakool and adjacent to where the Wakool Cenotaph is situated.

It is worth a visit so I encourage everyone to take a day trip to Wakool and take advantage of their hospitality in the Wakool Hotel and the Club. Without these funds the project will be delayed or not happen, so we are indeed very fortunate to have received support from cluBarham.

Border ID Confusion

Member for Murray Plains Peter Walsh has met with locals at the Koondrook Post Office after vulnerable border community residents were refused entry into Victoria.

A couple in their 90s

wanting to cross over for dental appointments saw the husband let in; but only after he could produce an old driver's licence (he no longer holds one) although there was a debate over its wrong address.

Another Koondrook

resident is a man with an acquired brain injury who every day rides his mobility scooter into Barham to get the paper and a coffee – but he has been told if he crosses the border he's not coming back, despite support from his carer.

The Victorian Police officers stationed in Koondrook are following the rules in place by DHHS after the Victorian Government border closure. It is a case of Police doing their job and crossing experiences vary between the differing Police crews.

A percentage of our residents do not have any form of government is-

sued photo identification.

To meet the requirement residents have been attempting to obtain a proof of age card. Waiting times can be up to five weeks and passport photos are required and only available in Barham, Cohuna or Kerang, which is problematic if you reside in Koondrook and don't have a licence.

During the meeting a Barham resident also raised the issue, for example, of partners who reside in non-border zone Victorian addresses, but stay in Barham for extended periods of time. During their stay in Barham, the

only photo identification that person has, shows a non-border zone Victorian address, which would require a permit and current COVID-19 test to cross.

Others who gathered expressed frustration and concern for the ability of people to seek medical treatment and impacts it is having on simple things like getting groceries.

Work will continue to find a way forward and community help is available if you or someone you know is having difficulty crossing the border.



Peter Walsh MP



Rural Hall Becomes art Studio for one Week Only

On the road from Swan Hill to Deniliquin, you'll find the Noorong Hall.

Surrounded by large rice, sheep and cereal farms, it's normally used a few times a year for community get-togethers and local fire brigade meetings. This week though, it's been transformed into a studio for professional artist Wendy McDonald as part of a TWIG - an artist in residency program run throughout southern NSW and northern Victoria.

Wendy has worked from the Noorong Hall since Monday and spent time with neighbouring farmers Clare and Ross Martin and their family. She's drawn inspiration from her surroundings, creating sketches and photographs, and has begun a series of paintings focussed on local sandhills, creeks and rivers.

She will complete the paintings over coming months, but tonight the Noorong community will come together for what Wendy describes as the "first and most important exhibition" of her newest work.

"I'm a practicing artist but also a farmer. My days revolve around school bus runs, working in the sheep yards and my art is often squashed in between these things. To have some dedicated art practice time here at Noorong has been really special," she said.

"It's a love of mine to learn about the ecology and geology of the creeks, rivers and wetlands, the farming country, sandhills. And being a practicing farmer it's part of what you do, you have to be interested in how the landscape works. It's something I also try to

explore in my artwork."

Artist network The ACRE Project has run TWIG residencies for the past nine years. The name references the twiggy – an informal gathering around a fire, to catch-up, eat, chat.

The ACRE Project's Ian Tully said while the Noorong TWIG would be without a fire due to its summer timing, it would still offer people the chance to enjoy a meal together, listen to live music and catch up with friends and neighbours.

"Often when we get together in farming communities, the talk is about weather, harvest, crop pricing, water. A TWIG offers community a chance to add to the conversation, to reflect on the artist's interpretation of their local area," he said.

"It also affords the artist a unique experience where they can observe a working farm and a rural community. Wendy McDonald comes from a farm at Caldwell, so it will be interesting to see how she has interpreted this experience in a different farming location."

The ACRE Project and this TWIG residency is supported by Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery, Regional Arts Victoria and Creative Victoria.

This TWIG is a taster ahead of ACRE21 – a series of 10 TWIGs and public concerts across the Swan Hill, Gannawarra, Buloke, Murray River and Balranald council areas in May and June 2021.

You can follow The ACRE Project on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and keep an eye out for the new The ACRE Project website later this month.



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Garden Club

The Wakool Garden Club was founded by Kim Bain around two years ago, with the help of Intereach staff member, Wendy, to reconnect with the community after suffering a stroke at 27. Kim said, "There wasn't a lot of stuff like that in the community at the time. The idea was to get people out and about; to come here to swap produce, have a cuppa and have a chat."

After an initial slow start, the Garden Club really began to grow, starting with four and growing to 11. Kim spoke about how the local council showed its support by making garden beds in the park beside the Wakool Community Memorial Hall around 18 months ago. "Whatever is grown here can be used by anyone in the community. We all come and water it and grow stuff that people need and use."

Linda Carey, a Garden Club member, spoke about the produce that has been swapped. She said "We've had veggies, eggs, plants, trees, fruit, and cuttings so far." However, everyone also joked about gardening not always getting a mention at meetings. Gloria Pratt, who Kim refers to as the "ideas" lady of the group, said, "It's more of a mental thing for people to get together. If you haven't seen anyone in a while you just come here and chat about things."

Some of Gloria's ideas include giv-

ing new members a couple of calendars when they join. One covers the ideal times to plant things in the garden and the other shows all the dates of Garden Club events. Gloria joked, "That way, no one has an excuse not to come!" Gloria also keeps a record of everyone's birthdays and brings a home-made cake and card from everyone at Garden Club to the meeting to celebrate. Last month doubled as a Christmas get-together and birthday party for local gardener, Sasha Shadforth.

This year, the Garden Club is hoping to branch out even further. Gloria said, "We might have some guest speakers come out to talk about different plants and vegetables. We could meet with other gardening clubs and we can do day trips out to nurseries."

The Wakool Garden Club provides the area with a great social outlet and opportunity to share interests with local people at no cost; aside from an occasional gold coin donation to cover the milk and sugar for a cup of tea. So, feel welcome to drop in on any meeting, held at 10:30am on the third Thursday of each month in the park beside the Wakool Community Memorial Hall.

Bubble Residents Encouraged to Visit

Murray River Council Mayor, Chris Bilkey is encouraging Victorian border bubble residents to visit the Murray River and its NSW communities, following mass holiday period cancellations after the Victoria-NSW border closures.

This follows a new campaign from local industry groups aimed at driving Victorian visitors to the Murray River region and into towns immediately across the border.

"Tourism operators in Murray River Council went from a fully booked holiday period to practically empty over a 24-hour period."

"This has left the local industry decimated after what had been a particularly hard year anyway because of the earlier Victorian and NSW travel restrictions."

Cr Bilkey said despite another blow to their business, local operators are trying to stay positive and are looking to attract a new market of visitors to the region.

"The time is now to holiday close to home."



"If you live in Bendigo or Shepparton or close to those areas, the river is still calling you for fun family adventures in our border bubble."

"It's never been more important to support the river communities, so I would encourage our regular visitors to come and see us again and for new tourists to add our incredible towns to their to-visit-list."

Whilst the tourism industry is launching a new campaign marketed to border bubble towns, Council

is also continuing its advocacy efforts to State Government.

"The border closures have once again adversely impacted our local businesses, so we are contacting Ministers on both sides of the border to highlight the need for urgent relief."

"And whilst we push for government support, we also encourage our locals to let everyone know that our doors are still open to anyone in the border bubble region."



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"THE DOCTOR WILL SEE YOU NOW..."

Ochre Health Barham has welcomed a new doctor for 2021, Dr Tharindu Uyanage.

Dr Uyanage, a keen cricketer, graduated from the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, and began an emergency medicine career in Singapore.

After completing three years in Singapore, he migrated to Australia with his wife in 2012. He has worked in the intensive care unit in Geelong Hospital and obstetrics, gynaecology and neonatology units in Werribee Mercy Hospital and the emergency department at Alfred hospital.

Dr Uyanage completed emergency medicine training in 2017 and has been working as an emergency consultant at University Hospital Geelong, St John of God Geelong, Epworth Geelong and Werribee Mercy Hospital. He has a special interest in education, training and mentoring.

He joined the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) as an Independent Pathway GP registrar and will be moving to Barham with his wife and two children to join the Ochre Health team in 2021.



From the Lions Den



On the promised hot night and day, most of the members were at our first business meeting for the year. President Rob welcomed all especially Lion Bill.

It was good to read in the district bulletin that clubs are getting back into 'doing things mode.' Meetings are usually held in all sorts of venues because few clubs have their own halls etc. Meetings are usually held in rooms large enough to hold, sometimes, large groups.

Note from DG Kennedy who mentioned she had attended club meetings at barbecue luncheons or afternoon teas. She will be coming to Murrabit on February 7 for a BBQ dinner we are to attend. Full notice in local bulletin soon. We are to arrive at Murrabit at 6.45pm with own drinks.

Secretary John read the correspondence. Usually this takes quite a time to deal with. On Monday night, just one or two letters. Nobody begging, so meeting was straight into business and members' reports.

One member reported she had solved her fruit fly problem, called a member of her family to remove four or five trees, mainly ornamental, which were loaded with fruit. Then on advice of a neighbour, went out to the farm and picked pieces of horehound and draped over her tomatoes. This was done on December 8 and now a full month later, has not a sign of fruit and not a sign of fruit fly in her garden.

Christmas cakes and puddings were all sold this year so the treasurer was pleased. Small pieces of

cake are popular for "smokos" etc. We are getting more in, the supplier is changing, and has leftovers.

Australia Day Breakfast is going ahead, guest speaker is organised.

The Citizen of the Year has been chosen, so all we need now is people to turn up. Again this year is a freebie thanks to the two Shire Councils, except for the cup of tea or coffee. Be there, not often do councils hand out freebies.

LEHP Australia Lions Eye Health Program. Did you know one in five children have an eye problem, an undetected vision problem.

Barham Koondrook Lions are becoming involved. Full details will be available soon, Lions are undertaking training to monitor this problem.

Lions Rose and Allan spoke of the

barbecue we conducted at the glamorous day at Koondrook recently, seemed to be hundreds there.

Our next dinner will be around Australia Day, cold meat and salads. Full details in next bulletin.

Members, did you read last month's District Bulletin? It was Diabetic Awareness month. News revealed last night is that diets will soon be out to do wonders for Diabetic Type 2 sufferers. A big help would be dropping the price of supplies to us.

Also the Health booklet 5,300 books and 125 packs of 10 pocket editions have been delivered. Very popular with "Ambos" as long as you keep them up to date.

Well that's all folks. See you at Australia Day
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Your Wellness

By Monique Gibson

A lot of people are probably taking an assessment of their health, their life, and their goals at this time of year; it is the season for it. Whether you like to state your goals out loud or keep them to yourself, I am willing to bet you have at least given it some thought.

When we start to work towards anything we are doing so because we believe that new goal is going to enhance our lives. We work towards it because we think it will make us happier and make our lives more fulfilling. That is the basis of all goals, moving towards something we think is going to make us happier; something I am in full support of. I love seeing people follow their joy.

I see people saying, “when this happens, I will be happy.” It is a common misconception that you cannot find happiness until you have exactly what you want, until you look exactly the way you want to, or you have the exact partner you want, the house, the finances, the job – anything can fall into this category.

Living your life with the mindset of “when this happens, then I can be happy,” will lead you to facing an exceedingly difficult internal battle with your happiness. Moving towards goals is amazing. Aspiring to make things grand in

your life is also amazing. However, where I would encourage people to make the shift this year is recognising that you need to find your joy without any external reasons for it, like a kid who is simply happy to be, and can find joy, in any moment.

When you get better at harnessing this mindset it is no longer about expecting your external environment to fix everything for you and bring you happiness. It then becomes about, “my life is great, I am happy in this moment, how can I make this even better?” It is just like eating ice cream. Ice cream on its own is incredibly delicious, then you can add chocolate topping to make it better. You can add nuts to make it even better, and you can add fresh fruit to make it even better again. At any point of building on your ice cream, you could still be happy and enjoy what you had.

So, before you go chasing your goals in the hope that they will be the magic pill to solve your dissatisfaction with life, I first want to encourage you to reflect on how you can be satisfied right now. How can you find gratitude for what you already have? If your current circumstances are less than pleasing, then how can you find ways of bringing joy into

your current reality while also working towards something you know will be more fulfilling?

Do not underestimate the power of letting go of the resistance you feel towards where you are right now. Find reasons to feel joy, for the sake of feeling joy and creating a sense of satisfaction in your life. Once you stop resisting and wishing things would be different, because only then will you be able to feel happy, you might recognise that where you are right now is not as horrible as you first thought. You might find a great deal of things to be grateful for right now and it will lead you down a different path entirely.

What goals do you have right now that you believe you cannot be happy unless they are achieved? How can you let go of that belief and learn to be happy with your life right now? This is a practice and can take some time to get used to. It requires attention to your thoughts and language, then correcting them when you notice you are thinking everything in your life is bad right now.

How are you going to embrace more satisfaction within your circumstances right now?

Gannawarra NEWS

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It was great to see many residents and visitors out



and about enjoying what the Gannawarra has to offer.

Australia Day festivities will be held across the municipality on Tuesday, 26 January. I

encourage all to come together in a COVIDsafe way and celebrate how lucky we all are to live in this great country.

Respectfully yours,
Mayor Charlie Gillingham

IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, 20 JANUARY

COHUNA (10.30am - 12 noon)

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Council's services will be closed on Tuesday, 26 January 2021 for the Australia Day public holiday.

For after-hours animal/livestock emergencies, please call the Local Laws Officer on duty on 0428 500 212.

BOOK CHAT RETURNS

The first of Gannawarra Library Service's popular Book Chat sessions for 2021 will be held at Kerang's Sir John Gorton Library on Wednesday, 10 February from 10.30am. Places are limited. To book your spot, please phone (03) 5452 1546.



COHUNA ALL ABILITIES ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Residents are encouraged to have their say on the design of the Cohuna All Abilities Adventure Playground, to be built later this year at Apex Park.

To view the proposed design and to have your say by Friday, 5 February, please visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/CohunaPlayground

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GRANTS PROGRAM

Applications for the current round of the Gannawarra Community Resilience Grants Program close on Tuesday, 16 February. Community groups and organisations located within the municipality are eligible to apply for up to \$3,000 for projects and initiatives that align with the Gannawarra COVID-19 Community Relief and Recovery Plan. For more information and to apply, please visit www.gsc.vic.gov.au/grants

MAJOR PROJECTS FUND

Community groups, organisations and clubs have until 5pm on Tuesday, 19 January to apply for support from Gannawarra Shire Council's Major Community Project Fund. The fund supports infrastructure projects “on non-Council owned or controlled land” – such as recreation reserves, sporting facilities, community halls and playgrounds on crown land or land managed by other agencies or community groups.

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Shed Life Membership for Doug

By Christine Dartnell

On December 15, 2020, the Barham Koondrook Men's Shed president, Keith Ellis, presented Doug Matthews with Life Membership of the Barham Koondrook Men's Shed. Doug began the inception of a Shed back in 2008 when he came and saw me to create a Men's Shed for Barham and Koondrook. He had been on holidays to New Zealand and from what he encountered in a Shed there, the idea was forming that it could happen in our small rural twin towns.

As a member of the Barham RSL, I was able to make the contacts to apply for grant funding. The location of the Shed was a difficult one. First considered was the Flywheelers site, next to their current shed but that did not work out. Initial meetings were held in the old nurses' quarters of the Barham Koondrook Hospital of which we were extremely grateful. We were offered the building to start up but that was not feasible due to the possibility of asbestos in the walls and ceilings.

The Wakool Shire at that time was not supportive so we decided we might have better luck over the border in Koon-

drook. The offer of the Koondrook Recreation Reserve was raised and we accepted that. The Murray River Woodworkers already had a shed at the Reserve and offered the use of it until there was a purpose-built Men's Shed available for members.

As some of our members were RSL members and/or ex-service, we were able to apply for a grant through the Department of Veterans Affairs for the construction of a shed. To cut a long story short, we applied for many grants over the next four years with FaHCSia, DPCD, CATCH, Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), Australian Men's Shed Association, Andrews Foundation, Gannawarra Shire and Australia Post. Altogether, 26 grants were applied for, some successful (13), others unsuccessful. These grants enabled the Shed to be equipped with machinery and tools, provide lighting, dust extractors and a concrete ramp at the front of the Shed. Funding was also received from the Murrabit Lions Club and cluBarham. O'Brien Redgum Sawmills has also been very supportive by donating wood for the raffle and providing the dust extraction unit.

To raise needed funds in the early days, the Shed members undertook sausage sizzles, held stalls at the local markets and sold raffle tickets outside the local shops, with Doug leading the way. We also undertook a project 'Buy a Wall Panel' which was very well supported by the local business community and residents of Barham, Koondrook, Murrabit and the surrounding district. The Shed also received a great deal of support from the Koondrook Recreation Reserve Committee and the Koondrook Cricket Club enabling the Men's Shed members to use the Cricket Club facilities for their functions and so on. We have seen a lot of men and women pass through the Shed, so Doug should give himself a big pat on the back for initiating the process to develop a Men's Shed for Barham and Koondrook. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that Doug is deserving of Life Membership of the Barham Koondrook Men's Shed.



Barham Koondrook Men's Shed president, Keith Ellis (left), presents Doug Matthews with a Barham Koondrook Men's Shed of the Life Membership.

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Commitment Recognised

Twenty one local NSW Police Force officers and employees were recognised for their commitment and service at an awards ceremony held at the Deniliquin Police Station in December.

Murray River Police District Commander Superintendent Paul Smith presented the awards, personally thanking each recipient for their hard work and dedication in their various positions.

“We came together to recognise officers for their long service and their dedication,” Supt Smith said.

“We also recognised some of our new officers who recently joined the New South Wales Police force, and their affirmation to office as a constable to police.

“It is very important to recognise all of that good work as police put themselves at risk every day.”

Families were unable to attend the traditionally large celebration because of Coronavirus restrictions, which is also why the ceremony was held over two days.

But Supt Smith said the fanfare was not lost, and thanked the families for their own sacrifices.

“We don’t have the big extended families here which is unfortunate, so hopefully in 2021 our awards day can open a bit so we can recognise those police and their families for the work they give us.

“That is an important thing that is often lost; the sacrifice families give whether it be not having someone at home, having someone working on Christmas Day etcetera, there is a lot of sacrifice that goes on for families.

“I thank them for letting me have their loved ones to serve the people of New South Wales.”

Award recipients are as follows:

Sergeant Peter Buckley (Deniliquin) – Awarded the National Police Service Medal, National Medal, 1st Clasp to the NSW Police Medal, Blue Mountains Commander Citation and Warrant of Appointment to the rank of Sergeant.

Sergeant Roger Campton (Deniliquin) – Awarded the 2nd Clasp to the NSW Police Medal.

Leading Senior Constable David Connolly V.A (Deniliquin) – Awarded the 4th Clasp to the NSW Police Medal.

Leading Senior Constable Stephen Baker (Deniliquin) – Awarded the National Police Service Medal, National Medal and 1st Clasp to NSW Police Medal.

Senior Constable Colin Smith (Finley) – Awarded the National Police Service Medal, National Medal, 1st Clasp to the NSW Police Medal and a Certificate of Commendation for his involvement in the arrest of a wanted male offender in possession of a firearm.

Senior Constable Greg Lawler (Finley) – Awarded the National Police Service Medal, National Medal, 1st Clasp to the NSW Police Medal.

Senior Constable Ian McGuirk (Deniliquin) – Awarded the National Police Service Medal, the National Medal and 1st Clasp to NSW Police Medal.

Senior Constable Ian North (Deniliquin) – Awarded the NSW Police Medal for ethical and diligent service.

Senior Constable Jane Wall (Barham) – Awarded the NSW Police Force Ethical and Diligent Service Medal.

Senior Constable Nat Jones (Tocumwal) – Awarded the NSW Police Force Ethical and Diligent Service Medal.

Senior Constable Paul Ebsworth (Deniliquin) – Awarded the National Police Service Medal, National Medal and 1st Clasp to the NSW Police Medal.

Senior Constable Rob Mayo (Deniliquin) – Awarded the 2nd Clasp to the NSW Police Medal.

Senior Constable Steven Wall (Barham) – Awarded the National Police Service Medal, National Medal, 1st Clasp to the NSW Police Medal.

Constable Christina Williamson (Deniliquin) – Presented with the Oath of Office.

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Probationary Constable Blake Shorrock (Deniliquin) – Presented with the Oath of Office.

Probationary Constable Kira Steward (Deniliquin) – Presented with the Oath of Office

Probationary Constable Patrick Lowe (Deniliquin) – Presented with the Affirmation of Office.

Probationary Constable Tailey Beaver (Deniliquin) – Presented with the Oath of Office.

Aboriginal community liaison officer Des Morgan (Deniliquin) – Presented with the Commander Commendation for the Copper Punch Program.

Retired executive officer Joy Tebbens (Deniliquin) – Presented with the NSW Police Force 15 year Medallion and lapel pin, NSW Police Force long service award for 15 years of ethical and diligent service and the NSW Police Force Certificate of Service, for service between January 20, 2003 to April 10, 2019.



(L-R): Senior Constable Jane Wall (Barham), with Murray River Police District Commander Superintendent Paul Smith.



(L-R): Senior Constable Steven Wall (Barham), with Murray River Police District Commander Superintendent Paul Smith.

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6. What is a GIBE?
7. 'I'm gonna be your number one' is the second line in which 1980 song by Blondie?
8. The floor plants of the forest are known as WHAT growth?
9. Which breakfast cereal goes 'Snap Crackle Pop'?
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ANSWERS: 1. Walk on the moon; 2. DNA Helix; 3. King; 4. Old people; 5. El Niño; 6. A laund; 7. The Tide is High; 8. Undergrowth; 9. Rice Bubbles; 10. The Road to Hell.

UNDER *The* BRIDGE by Scarlett Brandt Episode 243

"Damn it. You've got nothing to lose," Janiece said to herself as she slipped three sleeping pills into Paul's glass of scotch, swirling the liquid round the bottom.

She turned around to take the drink to her fiancé, and as she looked up, he was standing before her, Paulette crawling behind him.

"OOH!" she cried, "you scared the crap out of me!"

"Just like you saw a ghost, hey?" Paul smirked.

It was a rather fitting question given the circumstances.

"Something like that. Here, have a drink with me."

Janiece handed Paul the drink, and just as he was about to take a sip he stopped.

"I would like to propose a toast," he exclaimed, "that whatever the night may bring that we always remember this moment of standing in our kitchen with our beautiful daughter playing and laughing at our feet."

Smiling, they both clinked their glasses, then softly pursed their lips together.

What an odd thing to say 'whatever the night may bring'..., if only Paul knew what Janiece had done to his drink.

"Right, your bath should be just right now my darling girl. Come with daddy!"

Reaching down to lift Paulette into his

arms, Paul placed the glass of scotch on the bench. Janiece hoped that leaving the drink too long might make the powder come up to the surface. However, she need not worry –

"Actually, better have a quick swig of that first."

Paul picked the glass back up and skulled the tampered drink.

"Whoah! That nearly knocked my socks off. So smooth! Great choice, babe," he thanked Janiece.

Feeling instantly regretful, Janiece offered to bath Paulette herself as she hadn't intended for Paul to have the drink prior to bathing their daughter in case he was putting her into danger.

"No, it's fine. You keep going with the dinner. It will just be a quick bath, she's already yawning!" Paul replied to Janiece's relief.

She quickly peeled the potatoes and chopped the other vegetables and placed them in the saucepan on the stove. The frying pan now smoking hot, she drizzled the olive oil across the bottom and lay the fillets of meat onto the hotplate.

Her heart now palpitating with anxiety, she crept down the hallway to see if Paul had finished in the bathroom with Paulette. Poking her head around the doorway she was stunned to see they weren't there.

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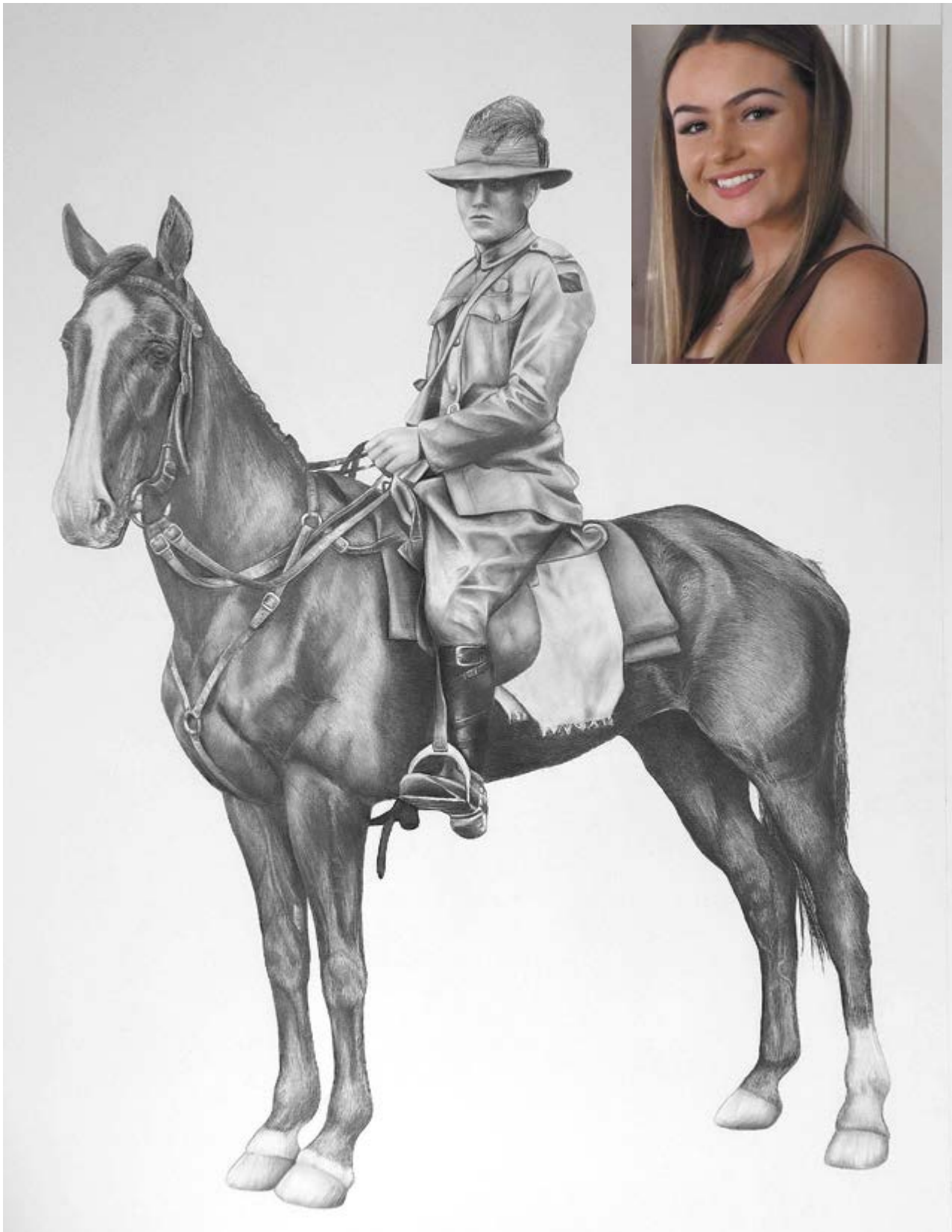
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Barney Cashmore Honoured in Gunbower



By Kirstin Nicholson

His name is Barney, and you can find him hanging around in the Gunbower Pub. He is tall, dark and handsome, a bit on the grey side, and he doesn't talk much. We are, of course, talking about Archibald "Barney" Cashmore (1895-1965).

Barney served in the 4th Light Horse Regiment during World War One. During his service he discovered he had a natural running ability, winning the Egyptian sprint championship in 1917. Upon returning to Australia, he became the first returned serviceman to win the Stawell Easter Gift. Barney and his wife owned the Gunbower Butcher Shop for 23 years.

Rest assured, we are not talking ghosts here. Cohuna-based artist, Abby Smith, was commissioned to draw the local legend by Gunbower Hotel proprietor, Richard "Bones" McGillivray, who had seen Barney's story and photo on the wall of the current butcher shop.

"After he saw this photo, Bones went and sourced the original image from Barney's great grandson. He came and presented me with this dark and blurry image," said Abby. The image was slightly smaller than A4 size and although she recognised it was going to be quite a challenge, she was keen to take it on.

"I blew it up to a scale of 120cm x 90cm and tried to fill in the lost details. It took about 70 hours of drawing and a fair bit of time outside that just researching. He's wearing all these badges that are very blurry. I couldn't actually tell what they were, to represent what rank he was in. It's such a dark figure, shadowed, and I've had to add in lots of details - try and make areas lighter, try and add some muscle definition, put in the hairs and everything."

While 20-year-old Abby is predominantly a drawer, she is also a painter, photographer and designer and has several smaller commissions underway for locals.

This year will see her complete a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree at La Trobe University in Bendigo. "Remote learning has been difficult for the art subjects because they couldn't adapt a lot of the subjects to online, especially the practical ones like painting, mono printing, that sort of stuff. They've had to just cancel it. So, I ended up being two subjects behind and had to pick up some summer subjects to compensate."

The drawing of Barney Cashmore is her biggest project to date, and she is keen to explore other avenues like metal sculptures and silo art. "I plan on continuing doing commissions mainly as a hobby but after finishing the course I'm hoping to eventually get into a more technical design-based career, like product design, interior design or something along those lines. Ideally my biggest hope would be to get into jewellery design. It's quite ambitious but that's got me this far. My hopes at this point in time is just some form of design and hoping to do hobby drawings on the side."

Abby was invited to paint images depicting Anzac Day on hay bales placed in the main street of Gunbower last year. The war theme has continued, and her drawing of Archibald "Barney" Cashmore will be displayed in the hotel, honouring the local legend. An excited Abby said, "I'm looking forward to seeing it displayed in the pub."

Nurse of the Year Accolades for Melissa

By Kirstin Nicholson

‘Shocked’ and ‘overwhelmed’ is how Melissa Robinson describes being awarded the Nurse of the Year for Victoria and the ACT recently.

‘The Ochre Way Annual Excellence Awards’ for 2020 recognises the excellence of Ochre Health staff who demonstrate dedication to ‘The Ochre Way’ – the purpose, vision and values of Ochre Health.

Melissa, unaware of the nomination, was presented with the award by Ochre Health Medical Centre Cohuna practice manager, Leanne Dickinson, surrounded by her peers at a surprise announcement. “I am

very happy because it’s a nomination that’s from my peers, so someone within the team has nominated me, and the awards committee has liked the nomination. It was nice to have them all there,” said Melissa.

Long-time Cohuna residents will remember Melissa as a hairdresser. While she loved the work, she was ready for a change and at 33, expressed a desire to undertake an aged care course. She recalls being met with laughter from her mother who said, “You’re not very good with bodily fluids.” Melissa’s response was, “I’ve got children, surely I am!”

Nonetheless, and encouraged by

her mother, she gained her aged care qualification and worked at the (retirement) Village for five years.

Melissa continued her studies and qualified as an enrolled nurse. When the opportunity arose to work at the Cohuna based clinic as a practice nurse, Melissa, who says she is not a real risk taker, was hesitant but applied and looked forward to the challenge.

“I enjoy my job thoroughly. I’ve got a good group around me. It’s good when you’re well supported in the workplace and love what you do.

“It’s easy to go to work, isn’t it?”



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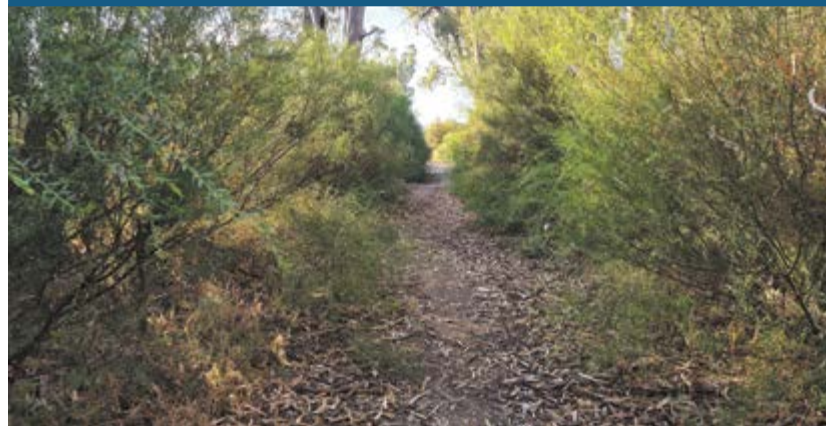
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parkrun Resumes

By Kirstin Nicholson

Dust off your barcode – parkrun is set to resume this Saturday. parkrun events around the world were cancelled in March last year when COVID-19 restrictions forced the closure of the events, and regular parkrunners and walkers have been keen to get back to the action.

parkruns are free, weekly, community events all around the world, taking place in parks and open spaces. It is a positive, welcoming and inclusive experience where there is no time limit, and no one finishes last (there is always a volunteer tail walker).

Cohuna parkrun operates every Saturday morning at 8am in Garden Park and

organisers are looking forward to welcoming seasoned parkrunners after a 10-month hiatus, and those ready to tie their laces for the first time. Everyone is welcome to come along, whether you walk, jog, run or volunteer. If you are new to parkrun, the steps are simple:

- Register for free at the parkrun Australia website www.parkrun.com.au
- Print a barcode – essential for your time to be recorded,
- Read the need-to-know information about cohuna parkrun on the website,
- Make sure your sneakers fit and wear comfortable running/walking gear,
- Meet at 7.45am on Saturday, in Garden Park, with your barcode.

COVID-19 Testing Clinic

By Kirstin Nicholson

A COVID-19 testing clinic has been operating in Cohuna for the past three weeks. The Loddon Mallee Rapid Response Testing Team, staffed by Bendigo Health, and in partnership with Northern District Community Health (NDCH) has offered free testing to anyone requiring a COVID-19 test.

NDCH has offered a COVID-19 testing service in Kerang, providing 2,000 tests since March. General Manager of Programs and Services at NDCH, Alexia Stephens, said the Loddon Mallee Rapid Response Testing Team was approached to provide testing in Cohuna for locals and visitors to the area to ensure continuity over the holiday period.

A spokesman for Bendigo Health said over 50 tests were undertaken last week, with 80% of those from out of town. “The locals have been doing the right

thing, coming out to get tested when they have been symptomatic, as have the tourists. Border closures and travel restrictions have prompted people to get tested. The community has been very welcoming, and the team has been quite busy, especially since the New South Wales border closure,” he said.

The testing clinic will be open today and tomorrow from 10am to 3pm. The collaboration between NDCH and Bendigo Health will continue from next Thursday when the Loddon Mallee Rapid Response Testing Team will be in attendance on a weekly basis at NDCH Cohuna from 10am-11am before moving on to Gunbower from 12pm-1pm. The service will continue until it is no longer needed. Anyone with questions about COVID-19 symptoms or testing is encouraged to contact Northern District Community Health.



Tennille Lakey and Anne Elphinstone from Bendigo Health preparing for COVID-19 testing in Cohuna.

COHUNA BOWLS



Welcome back after the Christmas break, and on a day with no wind which is unusual. Division 1 travelled to Barham and with one win and two losses was defeated by six shots. However, not a bad effort considering they lost two rinks.

Brian Bowles was the only winner, defeating I. Faull by one shot. Peter van der Zande was against Jason Lunghusen. It was a good game, but Barham won the last few ends to win by five shots. Jeff Reade played Phil Goudie and lost by two shots. As I said, not a bad effort, but it's hard to cover two rinks to get over the line.

Division 2 went to Kerang Golf and this time had one win and two losses with Bryan Main's the awesome four, covering the other two rinks. Bryan

Main played J. McKerron and was in front all day, winning 13 ends and scoring heavily on some to win by 17 shots. Jeff Gruar played J. Richards and was level on the 16th end but only picked up one shot over the last five, going down by seven shots.

Gordon Anderson was next to face defeat at the hands of J. McLeich, going down by seven shots, however, with Bryan Main winning by a huge amount, won the match for Cohuna. Usually with two rinks down you are looking at a defeat.

Division 3 also travelled to Kerang Golf and went down by six shots with Trevor Allen the only winner, by 12 shots. Trevor played G. Borg with the outstanding leading of Sue Burgess, whose bowls were so hot they

were burning the grass on the green. For a bowler who took up bowls this year, it gave a great display of bowling.

Marg Mooney was against N. Robertson and was well down with no bowls in the head. She was down by 11 shots on the 17th but came home to pick up seven to help the other rink that was still playing.

With two rinks finished and with the score board level, it was up to K. Hocking to win the last end, but with no bowls in the head, went down by six shots against R. Taylor. This time two rinks down and one good win could not get them over the line.

We have some bowlers that are not in the best of health - we hope you are back shortly.



Saturday Pennant results are as follows:

Div 1 lost to Kerang 47 (3 pts) to 66 (9pts). Ken Dehne defeated Dale Hancock 21/20. Don Opie lost to Trevor Pocock 12/32. Tony Cantwell drew with Damien Murray 14/14.

Div 2 lost to Pyramid Hill 51(2 pts) to 55 (8 pts) . Laurie Crawford lost to Lionel Mann 16/23.

Graham Wilson defeated Ian Bartels 18/13. This team of Graham Wilson, Suzanne Bennett, Mayne Brewer and Allan Thomson will be dining out at the Leitchville Hotel.

Ray Opie lost to Fred Schmidt 17/19.

Tuesday Social Bowls will commence 19th January at 9.30am and the first round of the Ladies Club Pairs Championship will also be played at 9.30am. Entries close at 12 noon on Tuesday 12th January and can be put on the sheet inside the club room.

Ladies Social Bowls is on every Tuesday morning. Every Friday evening will be Saturday Pennant practice for members and new members; all welcome. For further enquiries contact President Roma Opie 0458 567 587 or Lady President Raylene Hore 0431 358 382.

The Men's Club Pairs Championship will be played on Wednesday 13th January at 5.30pm. Entries close at 5.15pm and teams can be put on the sheet on the club noticeboard. The McGillivray Electrical A/C Tournament is on Monday 25th January at 7.00pm. Entries to Roma Opie 0458 567 587 and Graham Douglas 0409 567 428.

Leitchville Bowls

Saturday Pennant Teams – 16 January 2021

Div 1: verse Cohuna Away

Manager: Kevin Dehne

Kevin Dehne (S), T. Cantwell, P. Griffiths, D. Irvine

Ken Dehne (S), W. Fehring, T. Hore, P. Patterson

T. Dehne (S), Roma Opie, D. Opie, V. Dehne

Div 2: Bye



Cohuna Golf Club

**Cohuna Golf Club Results
Wednesday, January 6, 2021
Event: Stableford**

Sponsor: Cohuna Windscreen & Collision Repairs. Thanks Clinton Winner: Corrie Murchie (28) 35 pts. Runner up: Di Woolhouse (19) 33 pts. 9 Hole Winner: Genevieve Hare (29) 17 pts. NTP's: 2nd on 3rd & 11th Sandra Griffiths.

Next week: Stableford. Book duty: Di Woolhouse & Wendy Woods 9am-9.15am hit off. First day back was a little down on numbers. 12 ladies played 18 holes and 1 played 9

Saturday: Stableford. Sunday: Par.



COHUNA GOLF BOWLS CLUB

Despite the ravages of that cursed virus, our bowls season has resumed after the Christmas break, much to the delight of our die-hard members who were hanging out for a game.

With that in mind our jackpot pairs commenced a week earlier than intended, filling a green very quickly, with the support of our large Gunbower contingent and Mike, the sole Cohuna representative.

Winners on the day were Ian Coates and Lyle Baker, with Bluey Fletcher and a jubilant John Pearson notching

the repechage poultry award. The jackpot figure of minus four wasn't claimed so will skyrocket for next week.

The ladies commence their comp this week, although mid-week pennant has been deferred owing to the championships at Warrnambool involving one or two locals.

Pennant results were pleasing, despite the unexpected loss by our Navy brigade at Kerang. They were under the hammer all day, eventually losing all three rinks by a combined 27 shots. Watch out Whites as they bounce back for

the intra-club clash this week.

The Whites did well against a rival for a finals berth in Barham Green. After a see-sawing tussle all day, both Bruce (plus 3) and Yvonne (plus 9) claimed bragging rights, with Peter's rink losing ground late to go down by three. Both Divvy Two teams are now in the four.

The Gunny Golfers threw in a couple of new faces this week, and matched motors with Pyramid Hill in a thriller. Both sides won a game by fourteen, scores level, then unbelievably the

final match also ended in a draw. Point shared equally and a fun day for all. Glenn Miller, Cheryl Baker, Rhonda Bibby and Dawn Miller scored the Bower vouchers by virtue of their great win.

Division One met Kerang Golf, always tough competitors, and were really stretched all day. Despite winning all three rinks the final margin was just eighteen shots, enough to propel them to ladder leadership. Jarred's yet unbeaten rink again did best, winning by an even dozen. This week's clash against the chest-beat-

ers at Barham will sort out the early favourite for this year's pennant.

Monday night we held the first twilight for 2021, with fourteen teams accepting. Results next week, but many thanks to Cohuna Car Sales for their sponsorship.

A keen band of members and friends are heading to Warrnambool this week to support Jarred Hammond as he takes on the state's best. The best wishes of all at the club go with them.

Pennant Teams – Round 9

Saturday, January 16, 2021

(Skipper, Third, Second, Lead)

Division 1 Vs Barham at Cohuna Golf

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 Cohuna Golf Navy at Cohuna Golf

Y. Eckhardt (S) P. Quinn J. Brown L. McManus

P. Bibby (S) K. Hipwell G. Free W. Waters

B. Morrison L. Sutherland D. Keely M. Appleby

Manager Y. Eckhardt

Division 2 Navy Vs Cohuna Golf White at Cohuna Golf

D. Peace (S) G. Farrant G. Mathers R. Ladson

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EXHIBITION OF DRAFT POLICY

Public comment is invited on the following draft document:

Companion Animal Breeding Policy

The draft document is currently on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and may be inspected, during normal office hours, at Council's offices in Moama (52 Perricoota Road), Moulamein Business Centre (Morago St), Barham (15 Murray Street), Mathoura Visitor & Business Centre (Cobb Highway) or on Council's website www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions in relation to the draft document should be addressed to the undersigned or emailed admin@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au and received by 4:00pm on **Thursday 18 February 2021**.

SCOTT BARBER
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PO Box 906 MOAMA NSW 2731

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

ENHANCED MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH NURSE

Permanent full time, part time may be considered

FAMILY DAY CARE FIELD WORKER

Temporary full time, part time may be considered (12 months)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Part time and casual positions available

For further information go to www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au

Applications close 5pm Wednesday 27 January 2021.

The following job opportunities are available as part of the Work for Victoria program:

OUTDOOR WORKERS

Temporary full time (until 30 June 2021)

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Temporary full time (until 30 June 2021)

CORPORATE SERVICES SUPPORT OFFICER

Temporary full time (until 30 June 2021)

OH&S OFFICER

Temporary full time (until 30 June 2021)

For further information go to www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au or <https://sidekicker.com.au>

Applications for these positions will be reviewed progressively.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST –

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEMBER

Gannawarra Shire Council is seeking an Expression of Interest from suitably qualified persons to fill a vacancy on its Audit and Risk Committee as an independent member.

Members of the Audit and Risk Committee play a key role in assisting Council to fulfil its governance and overseeing responsibilities, ethical practices and accountability requirements.

The primary objective of the Audit and Risk Committee is to assist Council in the effective conduct of its responsibilities for financial reporting, management of risk, maintaining a reliable system of internal controls and facilitating the Council's ethical development.

Information, including application details, and the Audit and Risk Committee Charter can be obtained from Council's website at www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au or by phoning Phil Higgins, Director Corporate Services on (03) 5450 9333.

Expressions of Interest will be received until close of business on Thursday, 04 February 2021.

Tom O'Reilly

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Applications Open until 30 March 2021 or until roles are filled

Casual Seasonal Positions – Paddy Harvest - Multiple Locations

AGS is a leading owner and operator of Riverina-based grain storage infrastructure. A wholly owned subsidiary of the SunRice Group, AGS operates multiple storage facilities which receive, store and grade rice paddy and cereals.

We're SunRice – an iconic Australian company and a great place to work. SunRice Group provides a real opportunity for passionate people to *make a difference*.

AGS are currently seeking applications from enthusiastic, hardworking individuals for the following casual positions for the upcoming 2021 Rice harvest to work at their storage depots, at the locations of Burraboi and Deniliquin.

- Weighbridge Operators
- Shed Operators
- Grain Testers
- Appraisal Assistants

The successful applicants will require the following attributes:

- Commitment to working safely and adhering to safe work practices and procedures;
- Ability to follow processes which ensure quality of product is maintained;
- Ability and willingness to undertake a variety of tasks as required;
- Capable of carrying out manual handling tasks using correct methods;
- Able to work during the week, undertake shift work and weekend work when required during peak periods;
- Have access to transport to travel to depots;
- Be able to communicate effectively to a wide range of people at varying levels;
- Available to work the full season as required.

Previous grain operation experience would be considered favourably, although not essential as training will be provided to successful applicants. All applicants will be required to undertake and pass a pre-employment medical.

Please submit your resume, including a cover letter by visiting the SunRice Careers website <https://careers.sunrice.com.au/>. Applications will be assessed over the coming months with staggered commencement dates from October 2020 to March 2021 depending on the role and needs of the business.

All correspondence will be dealt with in strict confidence

SunRice is committed to creating a diverse environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. SunRice will consider qualified applicants for employment based on their merit, individual skills, qualifications and other appropriate criteria relevant to the role for which they are applying.

Positions Vacant

Cleaner wanted

We are looking for a cleaner to work 6hrs a week in Murrabit West.

Experience not essential \$35/hr. Cleaning equipment and products provided. Can split over 2 afternoons if preferred. Will need character references.

Contact Anne on 0407 8531 54

Birth Notice



It's a Boy!

PEEL-WILLIAMS

Bree and Ben
Welcome with love

Flynn Maddox

Born 2 January 2021
at RWH Melbourne.

All well, and another darling grandson for Nanny Janny and Poppy Peel to love and spoil!

Death Notice



EASTHER – Norman

on January 8, 2021 at Murray Haven Homes, Barham. Aged 97 years. Beloved father of Sue, Peter, Mary and Elizabeth - Grandfather of Richard (deceased), Verity, Michael, Jane, Ben, Andrew, Chloe and Sam - Great grandfather of Emily, Sam, Dane, Kirby, Tyler, Laura, Annie, Patrick, Abigail and Thomas.

Rest in Peace Bumps.
Private cremation.

RUBBER STAMPS



The Bridge
Mellool Street, Barham

Ph: 5453 2057

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Apprentice Chef

Our fast paced catering team has a vacancy for an individual with a passion for food and cooking to join as an Apprentice Chef. The successful applicant will primarily assist in food safety procedures and food preparation under the guidance of Qualified Chefs to assist in your learning process. Please forward a resumé and cover letter if you consider yourself to be a friendly team player with commitment, reliability, enthusiasm, high hygiene standards, ability to work under pressure and follow direction to apply for this position.

Apprentice Greenkeeper

A full time position is available for an an Apprentice Greenkeeper to join our golf course maintenance team. The successful applicant will be an enthusiastic individual with an affinity for working outdoors.

This position requires shifts across a broad range of hours and weekend shifts to assist in maintaining our golf course to a high standard.

Qualified Mechanic

We are seeking a qualified motor mechanic for a casual position to repair and maintain our Golf Course machinery.

For more information on these positions call our Operations Manager at cluBarham on (03) 5451 1800. To apply, please forward your resumé and a cover letter via email to lisa@clubarham.com.au

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6-8 Niemur St, Barham NSW.

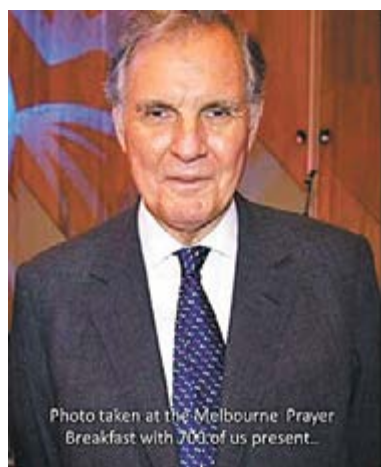
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A Story of Transformation

By Bruce Stewart

A good news story at the beginning of a new year. My wife and I had the privilege of joining around 700 people at the Melbourne Convention Centre to listen to the testimony of Jonathon Aitken. He was a former minister in the British Government. He graduated in law from Oxford and became a Member of Parliament and was appointed Minister for Defence in 1992. His political career ended when he told a lie under oath in a libel action. He pleaded guilty to charges of perjury and served a 7-month gaol term in 1999.

Jonathon told us how in gaol for the first night, he was very much out of his comfort zone. He listened to the words of an expletive-filled chant directed against him coming from many prisoners around him. He was scared – there wasn't going to be much sleep. He knew the threats were real. Gaol could be a very dangerous place for people from his privileged background. Jonathan Aitken got down on his knees and prayed using these words from the Bible. Out of the depths I cry to You O LORD. O LORD, hear my voice. Let your ears



Jonathan Aitken, the former British Minister for Defence and the man destined to be Prime Minister got down on his knees on his first night in gaol and prayed....

Out of the depths I cry to You O LORD. O LORD, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. Psalm 130:1,2.

be attentive to my cry for mercy. Psalm 130:1,2. His prayer was heard, and Jonathan slept soundly.

Amazingly in the morning things were much different. A nearby prisoner apologized for his behaviour the night before. "Sorry," he said, "for the stuff we were singing." This prisoner went on to say that he could do with some help and held up a letter in his hand. "Can you read this?" Jonathan read what proved to be an eviction notice. This prisoner was distressed that his wife and children were about to lose their home. Jonathan, as a politician, had had much experience in helping people through these tough circumstances. He helped the pris-

oner format a letter of reply. The prisoner appreciated the help given by Jonathan.

As this story spread, a queue of prisoners started to build up outside Jonathan's cell. Many of the prisoners were illiterate and enjoyed someone who could help them read and write. Soon, wives and girlfriends of these, mostly male, prisoners, gave feedback that they enjoyed the improvement in the love letters they received!

After a number of weeks one of the prisoners, Paddy was his name, visited Jonathan to express his appreciation for the help many of them had received. He offered a gift – a pile of pornographic magazines.

Jonathan, on seeing what the magazines were, said, "Thanks, but no thanks." "Why?" asked Paddy. Jonathan replied, "I'm on a different path these days." Paddy asked, "What path is that?" Jonathan hesitantly replied, "I'm wanting to follow Jesus." He expected derision and sarcasm from Paddy. But surprisingly, Paddy replied, "You know, I would like to follow that path myself." Paddy went on to say that life was pretty miserable and lacked any sense of purpose.

Jonathan was staggered when Paddy asked, "How do I get on this path?" Jonathan – the highly educated and high achieving former Member of Parliament

struggled to answer. He had attended church much of his life – but only as a 'Sunday Christian' but in recent times he was wanting to get serious with Jesus Christ and follow His pathway. Jonathan told Paddy to pray a prayer – and Paddy did... telling Jesus how sorry he was for the wrong things he had done and that now he wanted to follow the Jesus pathway.

Again Paddy surprised Jonathan and said, "This news is too good for us not to share." So, over the next few nights, Paddy started to collect other prisoners – murderers, 'lifers', a bank note forger, thieves and armed robbers. They all gathered at Jonathan's cell and had Bible studies and prayer times together. Lives were slowly being transformed. Amazing stuff!

Jonathan was released from prison after seven months and kept in touch with many of these prisoners. Fourteen of the men who were part of this 'following Jesus' group have since been released from gaol and have not re-offended. Following Jesus has really changed their direction in life and eternity. Their lives were

transformed.

Jonathan himself is now International Director of Prison Fellowship. He has been helping to set up Christian faith-based ministries in prisons around the world. It has been documented that in prisons where prisoners gen-

uinely commit their lives to Jesus there is a much lower recidivism rate.

Following Jesus genuinely leads to transformed lives. It is well worth following the 'Jesus pathway' in 2021 and beyond. The benefits are eternal. Have a great 2021!



B Grade

B/K vs L/G @ Koondrook

A Grade

Cohuna vs B/K @ Cohuna

Friday Night U16s and Woolworths Blast will start on 22nd Jan

Saturday Juniors are back on the 23rd Jan



A great roll up of 29 bingo players for our first game of the year. Let's hope we can keep having bingo and everyone is able to support it like you have tonight. It is terrific to see all the old faces and some new ones.

Neither the wild card or

game 20 jackpots went off, making them \$960 and \$280 respectively next week.

The winner of the \$80 game 30 jackpot was Helen Bray.

The roster will be drawn up soon.

- 'Is it old, or is it new?' -

By Rosemary McCormick

Blanket shopping in Kathmandu, this often means a trip to the blanket bazaar. Narrow alley ways, tiny shops sandwiched together, each one crammed from floor to ceiling with blankets. Cheap Chinese made blankets, with a soft fur like texture, and lurid pink or orange colours, the more expensive thicker and heavier Korean made, resplendent with embroidered rose patterns, or local, plain, thin, rough finish ones. Of course, we can find blankets our side of town too, yet, there's something about the possibility of a bargain, the bigger variety, and 'the thrill

of the hunt'! Mmmm... that special feel of a brand-new blanket... Now, in our café, we just put out some great new cushions, beautiful tropical flowers, exotic birds, bright, colourful, and with plump, quality cushion inserts. People keep commenting on how good they look, which is fun. A long verandah runs along the front of our café, so we've arranged quite an array of potted plants, shady palms, orchids, succulents, geraniums and more. Yesterday, we were able to add lots of new potted greenery, with hopes of creating a great relaxing ambience for our customers. But I'll let you

into a secret, our cushions are not really 'new', they came from a someone who's leaving Nepal permanently. Actually, the plants are pre-loved too! And the best quality blankets in our house are the second hand, amazing quality Norwegian made ones. Is it old, or is it new? Well, these things are new to us, and were just as much fun to receive as brand-new store-bought ones. (probably more so due to the bargain, second hand prices!) Seems sometimes, old can be new, and new blessings can come in many different guises.

In this first week of the new year, we've finally seen some overseas guests return-

ing to Nepal. We have one guest from Belgium, and a small team of South Koreans about to arrive. New guests, the first from outside the country in ten months, the promise of things to come. Old routines revived, bookings, room cleaning, washing, planning, fresh flowers in the sitting room, outside lights on again at night. Is it old or is it new? It feels like new! A new season, new beginnings, and a time of restoration. The Bible gives us an amazing record of God blessing people. Perfectly timed rescues, much needed provision, miraculous, heavenly, intervention. Old accounts of long-ago events

that teach us, and reveal to us the ways of God. Is it old or is it new? God may do again what he has done before, an old blessing received anew. Or he may do something completely different and unexpected. The testimonies of others can become a blessing for us, past victories, moments of joy, can encourage us for now. Old made new. It's like God is able to push the ultimate 'refresh' button! Some one else's cast off may be our new treasure. God's blessings can pop up in unexpected ways and unusual places. Is it old, or is it new?



2021 BOOK COLLECTION & payment
Cohuna Secondary College Office
Tuesday 19th January
8:00am – 5:00pm
(cash on day or Bpay)

Welcome to 2021 School Year
STAFF commence 27th January.
OFFICE OPEN from 8:30am.
ALL STUDENTS: Thursday 28th January.

COHUNA & DISTRICT ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

Cranmer the Martyr 32 Channel St. Cohuna
Sunday 9am Morning Prayer

Christ Church Cnr MVHighway and Church St. Gunbower
Sunday 11am Morning Prayer

Latimer the Martyr 23 Findlay Ave, Leitchville
11am Holy Communion with Rev Sue Allen

Church Notices

ANGLICAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

ST JOHNS: 10am Holy Communion.

ST MARTINS: with Uniting.

ST BARNABAS: 2pm Holy Communion.

• Enquiries Fr Neale: 0497 359 576

BARHAM – WAKOOL UNITING PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

Barham – 10am: M. Knight.

Moulamein – In Recess.

Wakool – 10:30am: Shared Ministry Team.

• 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.

at Koondrook-Barham Baptist Church.

Enquiries: Ps. Bernard Blumel - Mobile 0466 820 420

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

WAKOOL NEWS

By Greta Ryan | gretaryan@bigpond.com

Christmas and New Year have come and gone for another year and all the decorations in the house have been packed away with care.

A lot of time is now spent watering the garden and trying to sustain at least a little strip of green lawn.

The new lawn bowls club rooms are looking amazing. If you haven't seen them go for a walk/drive and check them out.

From all accounts the fish are biting. Lots of local stories and photos shown around the bar as evidence. Many people enjoying our beautiful waterways.

* Our Punters Club kicks off in February so if you're interested in joining have a chat with Frank at the Wakool Pub, our Saturday tipping comp which is \$5 in, choose a horse in each race, winner gets \$100 and if you're in the tipping it's \$3.50 pots while the races are on, it's a fun afternoon.

Rick had his first win this week and I think it was just to annoy Wendy.

Kitty Jackpot saw Hank have a throw for the \$2080, he was unlucky but took home a six pack, Courtney won the \$15 voucher, Mainy the \$10 voucher, Glenda a free pot and Faye gets free tickets for next week.

The jackpot for next week will be a whopping \$2,120 with the money raised going to our local lawn bowls so pop in and buy a ticket for your chance to win.

Pub Social Club and Dylan continues his good luck by taking home both meat trays, Tom got the six pack and Faye won a free pizza.

* Birthday songs were sung over the break for Marilyn Fasham, Nadia Hardiman, Sandra Russell, Wilma Bourke, Helen Coote, Tom Amor, John Rodgers, Marius Bos, Colleen Lahy, Barry Macauley, Adam John Peters, Ethan Bennett, Amy Flight, Chris Pringle, Ben McCauley, Charlie McMillan Black, Geoff Garlic, Des Green, Doug Green, Anthony Oggian, Madison Herbert, Sam Membrey, Merv Membrey, Regan Hamilton, Neville Lowry, Cindy Hulands, Joel Lester, Gerard Lowry and Peter Main.

* The Club membership number was Michael Doyle, not present. Raffle winners were Peter Howe - meat tray, pie maker and chicken tray, Marien Coote - meat tray, Peter Lowry - nibbles, Alana Flight - fuel voucher and Dave Wilson won a gas cooker.

Don't forget the Club have started their Thursday night local business promotion raffle. This week features The Deniliquin Ute Muster with a free entry ticket to be won, check out their Facebook page for details.

* If you would like me to include any news or announcements please email me or call into the pub for a chat. Take care

DOWN BY THE Riverside

Happy New Year to everyone and we wish you a happy and safe 2021! Well here we go again with the borders! It certainly was interesting New Years Eve watching the mad rush of tourists crossing the bridge back into VIC. There were caravans after caravans for a few hours in the line up which extended well down towards the footy oval. The local pub was even getting phone calls from people sitting in the four and half hour long Moama queue inquiring about wait times in Barham, swiftly deciding it was quicker to cross here instead. By the following day you were sure enough able to get a park right in front of the supermarket. Hopefully, things are back to normal – sooner rather than later.

It was also fantastic to see so many people relaxing and enjoying our beautiful river. I lost count of the amount of boats on the river.

TOWN HAPPENINGS

On a positive note, it's great to see a few empty shops getting filled up. The old Chinese restaurant has had a makeover with the new cafe Tatiar operating. Energetics Therapist, operated by Atalie Warren has made herself at home in the old BorderOsteo building. Royale Canvas Cafe has also opened its doors in the old dining room at the Royal Bridge Hotel. Tudor Tavern is up and running offering Fri/Sat night dining and Sunday lunches. I even hear on the grapevine there's a new massage shop opening up soon!

Also, congratulations to Lee and Angela with taking over the local Caltex. Word is that Lee is pretty handy with mower repairs as well! Certainly have some exciting things happening for our twin towns!

On the downside to the COVID fun it was disappointing to read the local great Aussie Lilo Race held each year on Australia Day has been cancelled. We will just have to make the 2022 event even bigger and better.

Popped my head into the Royal earlier in the week and had a quick chat with Julie. She said trading had been going fantastically, un-

til the latest border restrictions put a halt on them. However, Julie remains positive and said they have been focusing on the opening of their new cafe which is now offering breakfast, lunch, sweets and even drive thru coffee.

I don't know about you, but I thought the Christmas Lights at the boardwalk were spectacular. It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying our beautiful boardwalk. I just wish we could have kept a few coloured spotlights to light up the gums.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Just over 25 years ago the Barham Football Club held its annual Diesel and Dust Ball attended by 430 people. The footy club officially announced their amalgamation as the River Raiders. A local man won \$1,189,900 on Keno. 30th of December saw the Barham Recreation Reserve turned into tent city with a record 1107 entrants taking part in the Red Cross Canoe Marathon. Entrants came from as far as Canada, Denmark, Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom and even Germany.

Rowan and Sally Mason announced the arrival of their daughter Laura.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

I had a 7 year old approach me last week with a joke she heard at Christmas. It seems the Christmas bon bon jokes are still a hit, so here it is... What did the hat say to the scarf? You hang around and I'll go on ahead!

WHAT I LEARNT TODAY

Something I've learned this week is that giraffe's tongues are purple! Apparently it's like a sunscreen to protect against ultraviolet rays... so now you know!

Hope everyone has managed to stay cool this week after the last few scorcher days. The Koondrook Pool has been opening earlier on the hot days and has had some great deals at their canteen, pop on in for a swim and support our communities swimming pool.

Until next week, stay cool!

Dakar Rally Heating up for Aussies

The 43rd Annual Dakar Rally has been heating up for the four Aussies. They are still making their mark in the challenging stages in Saudi Arabia, concluding on January 15 in Jeddah after 7,646km and 12 days of competition.

Stage 5 Riyadh-Al Qaisumah on January 7 was a stage with 205km of Liaison and 456km of Special section of sand, Terre, stones, dunes and chott. Queensland's Toby Price (dual winner 2016 and 2019) finished second overall for the stage with no rear brakes in the final 120km of dunes; the whole foot brake pedal was missing from Price's machine. Rookies, Daniel Sanders (Victoria) finished seventh, Michael Burgess (Victoria) 39th and Andrew Houlihan (New South Wales) 57th.

Stage 6 Al Qaisumah-Ha'il January 8 Liaison 170km, Special 448km of sand, Terre and dunes. However, event organisers cut 100km off the stage. Toby Price was in the overall lead after finishing seventh in the stage. Rookies, Daniel Sanders finished third overall in the stage, Michael Burgess finished 43rd and Andrew Houlihan 67th for the stage.

In its second and final week, the competitors and crew rested for a day on January 9, while also marking the half-way point for the world's toughest navigation rally. A day off for the human body as muscle fatigue, blisters, strains, and pain continue to make their mark.

Stage 7 Ha'il-Sakaka January 10 Liaison 284km, Special 453km of sand, Terre and dunes. The first day of the marathon stage was challenging, two days without a service area with riders only to repair their machines with what they could carry. The Rookie, Daniel Sanders, did well finishing fifth, whereas Toby Price had a day of drama with a crash and damaging his rear tyre. Price used a bushman fix, race tape to prevent sand from entering the tyre, preventing the specialised moose tube from overheating by a sandpaper effect. Price used cable ties to fix the tyre trim to the rim, to avoid the already large gash becoming more significant and stop the rubber from spinning on the rim or coming off the rim entirely. It ended any hope to compete for the next day in a race time that could keep another Dakar victory ending in Toby Price's corner. Daniel Sanders continued to impress with fifth overall, Michael Burgess finished 39th and Andrew Houlihan 62nd for the stage.

Stage 8 Sakaka-Neom January 11 Liaison 334km, Special 375km of sand, Terre, tarmac and chott. In an amazing effort and with lady luck, Toby Price witnessed his rear tyre home with a cable tie to spare. In an emotional roller coaster incorporating new Dakar rules, Price had thought his aim of winning this year's event would be out of reach because of a rear tyre.

Daniel Sanders suffered a setback of his own during the stage. It was during the last 100km that things came unstuck. While looking down at his navigation notes to avoid a mountain, he hit a rock at the bottom of the dune, damaging



the front wheel in the process. A new rim and tyre were a welcomed sight at the end of the marathon stage. "The front hit a rock, twisted the bars, straight over the hangers and went headfirst into a dune and sliced my lip open," stated Sanders.

"It was really tough for me today. I struggled with focusing a lot this morning with the road-book. I was a little bit tired from yesterday's crash. It was good to make it to the finishing line. I'm glad I'm here, and we'll fix everything up tonight, then get ready for the last few days. The chin's alright; it's just a little bit hard to eat. It's a little bit swollen, and I've got a bit of a headache, but it's not too bad - there are no bones broken or anything. I just got some stitches in the cut. It's all good, it's fine," said Toby Price who finished second for the stage. Rookies, Daniel Sanders finished seventh, Michael Burgess 33rd and Andrew Houlihan 61st.

Stage 9 Neom-Neom January 12 Liaison 109km, Special 465km of sand, Terre, tarmac and stones. Early in the stage, Australian fans saw the news they didn't want to see. At 10.11am local Saudi time, after 155km, Toby Price had a fall, injuring his left arm and shoulder. Price was airlifted to Tabuk for X-rays; not how the Queenslander wanted to finish his 2021 Dakar.

Rookie, Daniel Sanders finished eighth for the stage. Michael Burgess finished 28th and Andrew Houlihan finished 52nd.

Overall, Daniel Sanders sits in sixth place, Michael Burgess 30th and Andrew Houlihan 53rd.

The Dakar Rally will finish on January 15.

Moulamein NOTEBOOK

By China Gibson

No Permits for our Border Bubble

Dodgy Dan has not done much that I support, but it is great to have to only show our driver's licence to cross the border into Danganistan. This is easier than getting a permit to live our life as normal as we can in the current environment.

Well done, Dan for coming up with that idea.

Cold Weather

At the time of writing, we have been forecast at least six nights in a row where the night-time temperature will be 14 degrees or below. Right now, some of our crops are at that stage called

microspore. This is when the head is developing and coming up the plant.

At this stage, cold weather can sterilise the head reducing the yield. Let's hope everyone has got their deep water on to protect the developing head. The water temperature is usually above 14 degrees, so it helps protect the head from these cold nights.

Lake Out of Water

That is it. We have run out of water to keep our Moulamein Lake full. Let's hope our Council reads my notes, as I cannot get onto the appropriate council people on the phone at the moment.

They must get back from holidays soon.

Bowls Tournament

What a day it was, the greens were as full as we could get them. Bowlers came from all around the district and all were there for a good time.

We were all well fed by our Moulamein Club chef, Andrew, and his off-sider, Vicky. The organisers did a great job to get this day up and going and our club thanks all who were involved.

My mate, Marilyn, did not let me down and we almost got into the finals.

Her mate, Hooker, was out to take a scalp in the last game and Hooker

and his mate, Mark, managed to get six bowls less than a foot from the kitty to send us to the bar. Not a bad place to be, but the play-offs would have been good too.

Look out Hooker, Marilyn does not take prisoners. She is after you.

River Levels

The Edward is at just under 2.3 metres and 2,400 megalitres a day, and steady. Cod are still on the go. But, with bugger-all campers around, unfortunately, there will be less people to enjoy it.

Plenty of small cod means plenty of cod for our future and that is a great thing.

WAKOOL BOWLING CLUB

I hope everyone had a nice break over Christmas and New Year and are all eager for another round of bowls.

Division One played away at Gunbower on Saturday and didn't come home with a win, but we did however manage two rinks up and got four points for our effort.

The results are: Mainy 15/13; Guy Treweek 26/15 and Ross Burmeister 9/30, overall down by 8 shots.

Division Three played away against Barham Blue who were second on the

ladder and had a challenging day with only one rink up.

The results were Steve Chalmers 23/20; Chris Mills 15/31 and Rod Chalmers 12/29 giving an overall score of -30 shots.

The Royal Hotel meal voucher this week goes to Guy Treweek, Jean Fairchild, Tony Shannon and Frank Ryan for best performing rink.

Wakool Hotel 'Kitty Jackpot' is climbing and is now up to \$2120 this Friday.

Wakool Bowls Pennant Teams 16 January 2021

Division One

Wakool vs Kerang Golf (home)

(s) I Main, M Filmer, L McNaul, G Lodge
(s) G Treweek, J Fairchild, A Shannon, F Ryan
(s) R Burmeister, S McNaul, R Grant, J Lolicato

Division Three

Wakool vs Barham Green (home)

(s) C Mills, K Lolicato, W Bourke, S Stewart
(s) S Chalmers, F Burmeister, G Rowland, N Free
(s) R Chalmers, A Hamilton, A Stewart, G Lang

Emergencies: S Mills, J Amor



Barham Bowling Club

Another week and Division One are burning up the turf. Just don't peak too early.

Division Two Blue had a bye, and Division Two Green were beaten by Cohuna Golf White. They are a rough Mob. Hell, did you see Peter Bibby, with that beard, he's a fire hazard. Division Three Blue, played Wakool and won by 30 shots.

Division Three Green also had a very good win over Kerang. Division Three White had a bye.

RESULTS. Division One, Goudie, 16/14 +2. J.Lunghusen, 212 /16 +5. G. Faul, 23 /24 -1. 60 /54 +6.

Division Two Green, T.Keegan, 19 /16 +3. W.Waller, 18 /21 -3. K.Lake 16 /25 -9. 53 / 62 -9.

Division Three Blue. C.Gent, 20 /23 -3. E.Shelbert, 31 /15 +16. G.Goodwin, 29 / 12 +17. 80 / 50 +30.

Division Three Green. K.Ashton, 23 / 20 +3. R.Scott, 27 /14 +13. B.Berry, 21 /16 +5. 71 /50 +21.

On a sad note, we regret the passing of one of nature's gentlemen Norm Easter. He will be sadly missed by all, and we all send our condolences to his family. R.I.P. Norm. Just hope they have got plenty to eat up there.

Good to see Muesy back in uniform and playing bowls, as well as grumping at me, as usual.

Did you see the fruit or whatever it was that Eric Graco had on Saturday? Ten points to anyone who knows what they are? Probably stole them anyway. That's what Damien said.

Jacky did a great job for her inauguration as a bar person. She certainly knows what

she is about, not like her husband, who by the way, could be a decent bowler. We will see on Thursday evening, how he performs in the BAREFOOT BOWLS. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT. THERE IS A LOT OF WORK THAT GOES INTO IT. Start at 6pm with a picnic, and a panican. A great night assured. Single entries will be most welcome. Please ring the Club on 54532161, or Spike Laursen on 0427 532 553. He'll fit you in.

BAR ROSTER, THIS WEEK, Peter Orr, and Wes Hare. Thanks, guys. Don't forget that we have a Star Day on Sunday the 24th January. A/C. Two Bowl Triples. LADIES MEETING TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY AT 10AM. Would appreciate your attendance.

Just a little "thought from the heart." some people have great talent, others at least have a go. Don't get tickets on yourself, and put yourself on a pedestal, because one day the people who you think you are better than, will meet you in the end and be equal. No matter what, we will all end up in the same place.

ONE FOR THE ROAD. A blonde guy and brunette girl were happily married, and about to have a baby. One day the wife started to have contractions, so the husband rushed her to the hospital. He held her hand as she went through a trying birth. In the end there were two little baby boys.

The blonde turned to his wife and angrily said, "All right, who's the other father?"

See you on the green, WEARY.

BARHAM BOWLING CLUB

SATURDAY PENNANT 2021

Saturday, January 16, 2021

Division 1 Barham V Cohuna Golf Home

Skip P. Goudie J. Lunghusen G. Faul
3rd R. Maud D. Patterson S. Manners
2nd I. Fasham G. Archard K. Smith
Lead Kim Watts Kerry Watts E. Graco
Manager: G. Faul

Division 2 Blue V Barham Green Away

Skip A. Thomas J. Holloway R. Scott
3rd K. Ashton C. Bagg M. Laursen
2nd G. Lake K. Rye W. McNeil
Lead L. Ashton C. Hope J. Laursen
Manager: M. Laursen

Division 2 Green V Barham Blue Home

Skip T. Keegan P. Orr B. French
3rd G. Cook A. Larpent W. Waller
2nd C. Cassidy I. Ellis G. Walker
Lead J. Cunningham R. Kendell B. Pippin
Manager: I. Ellis

Division 3 Blue V Cohuna Away

Skip K. Lake V. Majhrovski G. Goodwin
3rd H. Archard R. Baker G. Graeme
2nd B. Theobald H. McCallum D. McCallum
Lead R. Hillman N. Nash J. Orr
Manager: V. Majhrovski

Division 3 Green V Wakool Away

Skip L. Mues C. Gent B. Berry
3rd S. Barnes G. Wishart R. Fraser
2nd M. Kizan G. Kennedy I. Mues
Lead D. Gross K. Lohner G. Moxom
Manager G. Kennedy

Division 3 White V Kerang Golf Home

Skip B. Pringle E. Schelbert L. Durbridge
3rd G. Williams P. Madeley M. Alexander
2nd Y. Henery J. Whelan R. Carey
Lead N. Martin B. Fasham P. Waldron
Manager: E. Schelbert

cluBarham Indoor Bowls

By 'Rockin' Kitty

Afternoon bowling has resumed on Wednesdays from 1pm. Men and women of any age are most welcome to join us for a game or two at the Club, so if you have been cooped up in the

house wondering what to do, come on down. Thursday night bowling commences at 7.30pm. Beginners are welcome, and you don't need to bring anything. Hope to see you there.

Northern District Bowls Association

Results and Ladders - Round 8

9 January 2021

Division 1

Gunbower	8-58	v	Wakool	4-50
Kerang Golf	0-60	v	Cohuna Golf	12-78
Barham	10-60	v	Cohuna	2-54
Leitchville	3-47	v	Kerang	9-66

Division 1	Pts	%
Cohuna Golf	72	143.1
Barham	66	113.7
Kerang	56	113.4
Kerang Golf	51	97.1
Cohuna	49	107.8
Leitchville	35	84.6
Wakool	28	76.3
Gunbower	27	77.4

Division 2

Cohuna Golf White	10-62	v	Barham Green	2-53
Kerang	12-70	v	Cohuna Golf Navy	0-43
Kerang Golf	4-61	v	Cohuna	8-64
Leitchville	2-51	v	Pyramid Hill	10-55
Barham Blue	0-0	v	BYE	

Division 2	Pts	%
Pyramid Hill	61	119.3
Cohuna Golf White	54	110.5
Barham Blue	53	123.1
Cohuna Golf Navy	48	113.9
Barham Green	48	113.7
Cohuna	36	86.0
Leitchville	33	81.2
Kerang	26	84.8
Kerang Golf	25	84.0

Division 3

Barham Blue	10-80	v	Wakool	2-50
Barham Green	12-71	v	Kerang	0-50
Kerang Golf	10-57	v	Cohuna	2-51
Pyramid Hill	6-54	v	Gunny Golf	6-54
Barham White	0-0	v	BYE	

Division 3	Pts	%
Wakool	58	128.4
Barham Blue	56	126.0
Barham Green	54	112.2
Kerang Golf	53	107.1
Cohuna	37	88.9
Barham White	36	94.4
Gunny Golf	32	85.1
Pyramid Hill	31	84.8
Kerang	27	84.7

Barham Golf Club Weekly Roundup



Ladies' Events:

Wednesday 6th of January was the Ladies Stroke, Monthly Medal, played in blustery conditions. Winners on the day were:-

Div. 1 Kate Bartels (12) with a nett score of 77, and runner up on the countback was Jane Wall (+1) also with a nett 77.

Div. 2 Sue Thompson (27) who had a great score of nett 71, and runner up was Shirley Hall (30) with a nett 74. Sue stated on the day that she "would be happy to play stroke every round."

The Ball Rundown went to 78 and Alison Suckling won the Pro Pin.

Saturday 9th January was the usual Ladies Stabl-

eford held on a rather warm day.

The winner was Dianne Waller (25) with a great 38 points on the countback from Shirley Hall (29) also with 38 points.

The ball rundown went to 33.

Mens' Events:

Thursday 7th of January was the Men's Stableford which saw a great turnout of players, 77 in all.

Div. 1 winner was Steven Wall (10) with a terrific score of 41 points, in 2nd place was Andrew Kane (0) with a close 40 points and rounding out 3rd place was Jason Campbell (10) with 38 points.

Div. 2 winner was Shane Guerra (14) also with a great score of 40 points, in 2nd place was Michael

Jones (18) with a score of 37 points and in 3rd place was Rick McKenzie (17) on 36 points.

Div. 3 winner was Phil Waller (22) with 38 points, in 2nd place was Robert McCaig (19) on 37 points and in 3rd place was Richard Walters (27) with 36 points.

The Ball Rundown went to 33 points and Kerry Windridge won the Pro Pin.

Saturday 9th of January was the Men's Stroke, Monthly Medal played in superb conditions.

Div. 1 winner was Jason Campbell (10) with a terrific score of nett 68 and runner up was Glen Bartels with a nett 71.

Div. 2 winner was Ross Stanton (15) with a nett 74 and runner up was Bill Revill (18) with a nett 77.

Div. 3 winner was Kerry Cunningham (21) with a nett 72 and runner up was Phil Waller with a nett 73.

The ball rundown went to 77 and keeping it in the family this week, Rex Suckling won the Pro Pin.

Sunday Medley:

Sunday 10th February was our usual Medley Stableford in very hot conditions.

Div. 1 winner was Elizabeth Storm, 2nd was Darryl Mc Gowan.

Div. 2 winner was Matthew Hodgson, 2nd was Nathan Walle.

The ball rundown went to 30.

Pro Pin winner was Brett Whitman.



BAR-ROOK FIELD & GAME

Shade welcome for January meet



AA GRADE: Russell Chaplin, Rod Wharton.

Thoughtful consideration had been put into action when planning the course for our January 10, 2021 Field & Game shoot. The weather forecast had thrown us a warm one for the day's temperature on Sunday so the set up crew did their utmost setting up stands in the shade. Many thanks from around the Club house were heard as to how grateful the shooters were for this.

Thanks to the Lewis crew of Lee and Mick, ably assisted with Snowy and a few extra hands who dipped in here and there. Thank you guys.

The day's event of a 75 target Handicap shot over 3 rounds of 25's was off and running at 10am. With 58 competitors in attendance, plenty of sunscreen was lathered on, hats on, and water bottles grabbed for their exit out to stand one.

The course proved to be a likeable course for many shooters leading to two possibles shot for the day. Well done and congratulations to Doug Frankling and Grant Woods who both shot a 25/25 targets during the day.

Great effort fellows. Congratulations Doug and Grant.

After the day's shooting, results were in just before mid-arvo. Only a couple of count backs were required giving us our end results.

Taking out his first ever High Gun Lee Lewis was pleased with his outcome. Congratulations Lee.

Other results were as follows:

AA: Russell Chaplin, Rod Wharton, Chris Charleson

A: Shane Storm, Grant Woods, Anthony Shaw

B: Russell Petzke, Jim Bradley, Chris Donehue

C: Angus Bradley, Angus McCalman, Phil Williamson

LADIES: Brenda Murphy, Nikki Rees, Emily Jones

VETS: Frank Dick, Trevor Smith, Affie Fletcher

U15: Dylan Maher

U18: Lachie Keane, Tom Dixon, William Brooks

Congratulations to all winners and place getters.

The ladies were feeling the heat in the kitchen, even with the air conditioner stoked up, feeding and keeping the

fluids supplied to the hot and thirsty shooters.

The office ladies kept their fingers on the pulse making the day run smoothly. Great job ladies, on both sides of the Club house. Thank you for giving up your day to venture out every month volunteering in helping run our shoots for us. Don't know where'd we be without the ladies.

A Club cannot run without our volunteers, helpers, extra hands whatever you'd like to be called. We need you all, however, we also wouldn't survive without our sponsors. This month's sponsors were Barham Hotel, Membrey's Auto Electrics

and The Bath Family, many thanks for your support.

Just remember in these uncertain times as a result of the implications of COVID-19 we have many businesses affected as to the ever changing situations that the government throws at us.

So let's spend a little bit of extra support towards our sponsors - our town businesses and enterprises. We will support those that will support us.

Hoping all goes well, we will see you in February for our next shoot.

All stay safe :)



A GRADE: Anthony Shaw, Grant Woods, Shane Storm.



B GRADE: Russell Petzke, Jim Bradley.

UNDER 15: Dylan Maher



UNDER 18: Lachie Keane, Tom Dixon.



LADIES: Brenda Murphy and Emily Jones.



VETERANS: Frank Dick, Trevor Smith.



C GRADE: Angus Bradley, Angus McCalman, Phil Williamson.



HIGH GUN: Lee Lewis.

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