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Approval for Mineral Sands Project

[From Donald Mineral Sands (DMS)]

The Victorian Government has approved the Donald Rare Earth and Mineral Sands Project work plan.

The work plan approval is the final major regulatory milestone permitting Donald Project Pty Ltd, trading as Donald Mineral Sands (DMS), a joint venture between Astron Corporation Ltd and US critical minerals company Energy Fuels Inc, to develop the resource.

Resources Victoria's Earth Resources Regulator, part of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), issued the approval on Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

DMS will build the Donald Project site on the mining licence area (MIN5532), about

15 kms east of Minyip, off Minyip-Rich Avon Road.

Concentrate

The Donald Project will produce Heavy Mineral Concentrate (HMC), and Rare Earth Element Concentrate (REEC). These concentrates contain essential critical minerals, listed on Australia's Critical Minerals List and Strategic Materials List, and used in everyday products and emerging technologies.

With a Phase One lifespan of 42 years, the long-term investment the Donald Project generates will create jobs, boost the regional economy, and help meet growing global

demand for critical minerals. Economic analysis predicts the project will contribute about \$205 million annually to the regional economy.

Commitment

DMS is committed to responsible mining practices and progressive rehabilitation, according to an approved and comprehensive Mine Rehabilitation Plan. We will maintain ongoing open engagement with the community.

We will establish a Donald Project Environmental Review Committee (ERC). The ERC will meet periodically to review the project's environmental performance and give

the community confidence we are fulfilling our commitments. We will invite the following to nominate representatives to the ERC: Barengi Gadjin Land Council, community, local and state government.

Partnership Initiative

DMS will also develop a Donald Project community partnerships initiative, working with local government, business, and community groups to deliver targeted support. We have already committed almost \$200,000 to local not-for-profit initiatives.

Planning

"We are pleased to receive the Victorian Government's approval for our work plan," said Tiger Brown, DMS Managing Director. "It is the result

of years of planning, environmental assessment, and community engagement. We are committed to responsible environmental practice in the development and operation of the Donald Project – and excited for the regional growth, benefits, and opportunities it will generate over the decades."

About DMS and the Donald Project

The Donald Rare Earth and Mineral Sands Project is near Minyip and Donald, 300 km north-west of Melbourne. Discovered in the 1980s, the site is a world-class source of minerals essential for everyday industries. These include critical minerals like zirconium and titanium, along with rare earth elements such as neodymium and praseodymium.

A joint venture between Astron Corporation Limited and US-based resources producer Energy Fuels will develop the Donald Project. The joint venture is Donald Project Pty Ltd, trading as Donald Mineral Sands (DMS). Through responsible resource development, DMS will create long-term regional benefits including economic growth, jobs, and infrastructure improvements.

About the Donald Project Work Plan Approval

The Donald Project work plan details:

- Mining methods and sequencing across the 1,143-hectare work plan, within the overall 2,778-hectare Mining Licence area (MIN5532).

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Lifeblood Expands Its Services

The Nationals Member for Mildura, Jade Benham, has welcomed the announcement that Mildura's Red Cross Lifeblood centre will begin accepting plasma donations from January 2026.

The expansion will involve refurbishing the existing facility and will also enable people to register to donate stem cells.

"I'm so pleased to see Lifeblood expanding its services in Mildura," Ms Benham said. "Being able to donate plasma locally will make it easier for people in our community to give in a way that saves lives."

There are currently around 5,000 people registered with the Mildura Lifeblood centre, but only 1,100 are active donors.

"I urge anyone who is registered but hasn't donated in a while, or anyone thinking about donating for the first time, to take this as a prompt. Your donation really does make a difference."

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• Jade Benham MP giving blood at Lifeblood Mildura.

What ANZAC Day Means to Me . . .

Charlton RSL sub-Branch's second annual writing award for Year 6 students at Charlton College and St Joseph's Primary has been completed, and winners announced.

The project topic was: "What ANZAC Day means to me". The project's object was to encourage and foster school and community interest in this defining moment in Australian nationhood, the criteria centred on exemplifying the ideals of service, mateship and love of country, with the project being woven into the schools' curriculum.

Entries were assessed by a panel of two RSL members and a member of the public. Presentations were made and winners announced on June 23.

Charlton RSL president, Allan McGillivray, said the sub-branch was very happy with the results and praised the support and interest shown by both schools.

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• Proud pupil Patrick Winslade and Charlton RSL president Allan McGillivray.

Donald 2000 presents Donald Debutante Ball 2025

Friday, July 4

Tickets available at the door.

TICKET PRICES:

Family \$50 (parents and school aged children)
Adults \$20 | Students \$15

Doors open at 7.30 p.m.
Debutantes presented at 8 p.m.

Supper provided.



• At St. Joseph's Primary School. Left to right: Bill Freeman, Patrick Winslade, Ruby Wright, Daniel Johnstone, Sophie Roberts, Toby Bourke, Allan McGillivray and Joy Freeman.

What ANZAC Day Means to Me . . . ?

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Allan said it was interesting to see the different points of view expressed by participants and the revelation of family connections which the project had brought to light. RSL secretary Bill Freeman, who is the son of an ANZAC, acknowledged the importance of the second year of the project and the defining of the Australian/New Zealand connection forged on the Gallipoli Peninsula. All students were given Certificates of Participation,

the winners also received a Winner's Certificate and a \$50 voucher from Heenan's Charlton Authorised Newsagency. Charlton College Primary Co-ordinator, Bailey Kemp, thanked both Allan and Bill for Charlton RSL's initiative and outreach, saying that the current Year 5 students are looking forward to taking part in next year's project. St Joseph's Primary Principal, Mary Hogan, said the school appreciated the concept, which builds awareness of this significant time in

Australian history. She also noted that the students completed a lot of research to complete their entries. The following students received certificates: – Charlton College: Andrei Acantilado, Josh Bartlett, Matthew Elso, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Chace Hooper-Dixon, Koko Knighton, Lily Lane, Lilymae McPhee, Hudson McGrath and Isabella Stahl. St Joseph's Primary: Toby Bourke, Daniel Johnstone, Sophie Roberts, Patrick Winslade and Ruby Wright.



• At the Charlton College. Back row left to right: Isabella Stahl, Lily Lane, Andrei Acantilado, Chace Hooper-Dixon, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Hudson McGrath. Front row L-R: Koko Knighton, Lilymae McPhee, Charlton College Student, Matthew Elso, Joshua Bartlett.

School Holidays Bonanza at Rex

Extra matinees and kid-friendly movies are lined up at The Rex as school holidays kick off this coming weekend.

And it's a live show-opener on Friday, July 4, 7 p.m. thanks to the Charlton Neighbourhood House, with the Regional Arts Victoria performance of "The Passion of Saint Nicholas" – a production capturing love, laughter tears and music starring Geraldine Quinn. Tickets: \$20 Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/passion-of-saint-nicholas?hxchl=hex-pfl>

"How To Train Your Dragon"
(PG | 125 mins | Action | Family)

Screening: Saturday, July 5, 8 p.m. | Sunday, July 6, 2 p.m. | Tuesday, July 8, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. | Wednesday, July 9, 2 p.m..

The live-action remake of the 2010 animated film, "How To Train Your Dragon" 2025 brings the original to life with flawless CGI and impressive contributions by the cast featuring Mason Thames (Hiccup), Nico Parker (Astrid), and Gerald Butler (Chief Stoick the Vast).

On the rugged isle of Berk, where Vikings and dragons have been bitter enemies for generations, Hiccup stands apart. The inventive yet overlooked son of Chief Stoick, Hiccup defies centuries of tradition when he befriends Toothless, a feared Night Fury dragon. Their unlikely bond

reveals the true nature of dragons, challenging the very foundations of Viking society. With the fierce and ambitious Astrid and the village's quirky blacksmith Gobber (Nick Frost) by his side, Hiccup confronts a world torn by fear and misunderstanding. As an ancient threat emerges, endangering both Vikings and dragons, Hiccup's friendship with Toothless becomes the key to forging a new future. Together, they must navigate the delicate path toward peace, soaring beyond the boundaries of their worlds and redefining what it means to be a hero and a leader.

Extra matinees on Tuesday, July 8, and Wednesday, July 9, cater for the holiday audiences.

A Minecraft Movie
(PG | 101 mins | Comedy)

A single screening of the Jack Black hit "A Minecraft Movie" is scheduled for Friday, July 22, 2 p.m..

Revisit the fantasy adventure comedy based on the 2011 video game Minecraft as a mysterious portal pulls four misfits into the Overworld, a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination where creativity doesn't just help you craft, it's essential to one's survival!

Garrett "The Garbage Man" Garrison (Jason

Momoa), Henry (Sebastian Eugene Hansen), Natalie (Emma Myers) and Dawn (Danielle Brooks) – find themselves struggling with ordinary problems when their descent into the Overworld begins.

To get back home, they'll have to master this cubic world (and protect it from evil things like Piglins and Zombies, too) while embarking on a magical quest with an unexpected, expert crafter, Steve (Jack Black). Together, their adventure will challenge all five to be bold and to reconnect with the qualities that make each of them uniquely creative... the very skills they need to thrive back in the real world.

"Karate Kid: Legends"
(PG 94 mins | Action | Drama)

Screening: Saturday, July 12, 8 p.m. | Sunday, July 13, 2 p.m. | Tuesday, July 15, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m..

Coming up for week two of the holidays is "Karate Kid: Legends" starring Jackie Chan with a new direction unfolding in this favourite martial arts franchise. An extra matinee screening is booked for Tuesday, July 15, 2 p.m.. More details next week.

For all up-to-date information on The Rex head to – rextheatre.org.au

Letter to the Editor

Disgraceful Behaviour
(The Editor, "The Times")

Dear Editor.– Saturday, June 21, I went to the Birchip public toilets in the park and I was disgusted with their condition.

The ladies' toilets were over-flowing with toilet paper and soiled paper and there was a broken toilet seat which appeared to be deliberately broken.

Some people in our community need to take a good hard look at themselves.

Would you do this in your own home?

This vandalism is a bad reflection on our whole community, as these facilities are for everyone's convenience, NOT for idiots to destroy.

G Sanford.
Woomelang.

Lifeblood Expands Its Services

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Lifeblood will also introduce an important eligibility change from July 14, 2025, removing most sexual activity-based wait times for plasma donation. This means gay and bisexual men will be able to donate plasma without a deferral period, provided they meet all other eligibility criteria.

"In the midst of rising cost-

of-living pressures, donating blood or plasma remains one way people can give back at no cost," Ms Benham said. "One in three Australians will need donated blood during their lifetime, and just one donation can save up to three lives.

"I welcome this announcement and thank Lifeblood for continuing to invest in services that support regional communities like ours."

Milestone Approval for Mineral Sands Project

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• Processing operations and facilities layout.

• Environmental management strategies, including for dust, noise, water, and rehabilitation.

• Detailed soil and land-form management protocols.

• Surface and groundwater management approaches.

• Community engagement commitments.

• Progressive rehabilitation method.

Review

The approval follows extensive technical review by the Earth Resources Regulator, and input from multiple other state government agencies. The approval confirms the project meets Victoria's strict regulatory requirements, including under the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990.

DMS will now progress to its financial investment decision.



• Left: Donald Royal Blues coach Daniel “Tex” Pearce and former DFC player Stuart Hollis.

Lions Learn About DCIRS

Donald Lions welcomed to their June meeting Robert Tallagavi, a local Donald resident of the past few years, and senior manager with local company DCIRS.

Robert explained that DCIRS operates from an office at 65 Woods Street, Donald, providing care and assistance through the federally government funded NDIS program, with staff of up to 50 skilled and trained personnel.

DCIRS has outreach programs servicing as far north as Hopetoun, to south at Marnoo and Stawell.

The service is genuinely appreciated by all its clients.

Lion Andrea Mason presented Robert with a gift in appreciation.

The excellent meal was provided by the Donald Football Club after training, with kitchen staff led by Richie Needs and Marc Adams.

Coach Speaks

A highlight of the evening was a directional talk by DFC first year coach, Daniel “Tex” Pearce. Daniel explained the strategy of bringing up young footballers, speaking highly of 16-year-old Luca Rice and the opportunity for improvement shown by player Josh Smulders, who has returned to Donald and opened a new business.

One of Donald’s past players, and winner of a senior best and fairest (albeit in 1960 and 1967), Stuart Hollis moved a vote of appreciation. (Stuart did point out it was not 1937, as some of the current day committee were suggesting.)

Stuart suggested he would have won more if had not been for Reg Boak, the great grandfather of the current day Port Power champion Travis Boak.

That did lead to the story of a past secretary of the Donald Football Club, Ted Chessells, who was responsible for giving the best player votes. After giving them to “Big Hollis”, he was informed that “Stuart was not playing”.

Not to be sidelined, the reply was, “Well, he would’ve got the votes if he had been playing.”

Catering

An interesting report was from Lion treasurer, Shane O’Shea, on the Lions barbecue at the recent Donald race day with 9 races and a big crowd. “We ran out of steaks! “Thanks to the 10 Lions and other community helpers – much appreciated.”

Lions next meeting will be combined with Donald RSL with First World War, Western Front and Gallipoli history providing an insight into ADF involvement and actions.

Community Update

Buloke.



Support for Farmers

Farmers within Buloke are now eligible for a range of drought and dry conditions support.

The On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Grants program is available to assist primary production businesses to implement on-farm infrastructure improvements and

undertake essential business activities that improve resilience to drought.

Eligible farmers will receive up to \$5,000 (ex-GST) as a co-contribution grant that will support activities including water infrastructure upgrades (such as pipes, tanks, troughs and dams), stock containment areas, and grain and fodder storage.

New eligible activities have been added to the program, including water carting and pasture re-establishment in recognition of the broad pressures farmers are managing

A range of services are available, including one-on-one farm advisory consultations to take stock and discuss the best way forward for their business.

Visit www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought or phone 136 186.

Look Over The Farm Gate Grants

This funding program provides an opportunity to bring communities together to support farmers and their families under stress.

Managed by the National Centre for Farmer Health on behalf of the Victorian Government, the program offers **grants of up to \$5,000** for community-led events that promote social connection and mental health awareness.

Find out more, visit: www.farmerhealth.org.au

Wildlife Management Support

More support has been announced to help farmers whose agricultural property is impacted by kangaroos. Farmers will soon be able to apply for rebates to engage professional shooters to control kangaroos under an approved Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW).

Find out more or apply for an ATCW online, visit www.vic.gov.au/wildlife-management-and-control-authorisations or register to be notified when the program is open email: drought.support@agriculture.vic.gov.au



Employment Opportunities with Buloke

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→ Applications Close: 11 July 2025

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→ Applications Close: 6 July 2025

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Events Officer - Charlton

Permanent (Part Time - 0.6 FTE) - From \$37.24 per hour (+ statutory superannuation)

→ Applications Close: 6 July 2025

This is an exciting opportunity to be the primary liaison for event-related enquiries within Council and provide support and guidance to community event organisers to enable them to meet the relevant regulatory requirements, policies and objectives.

Council Stands Firm Against Emergency Services Levy Hike

Horsham Rural City Council (HRCC) has strongly condemned the Victorian Government’s decision to increase the Emergency Services Levy (ESL), warning it will unfairly burden the municipality and strike hardest at the heart of its farming and rural communities.

At the June Council meeting, Councillors unanimously opposed the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund. Council is considering joining a growing coalition of regional councils, including Loddon Shire, to strengthen advocacy and send a united message to the Victorian Government calling for a full review of the levy.

Rally

In recent weeks, HRCC has stepped up its advocacy efforts. Cr Klowss and Cr Sluggett stood in solidarity with thousands of farmers and CFA volunteers at a rally on the steps of Parliament, demanding the government reconsider its approach.

“Council vehemently opposes the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund in its current form. It is inequitable, unjust, and disproportionately impacts regional communities,” said Mayor Cr Ross.

“We are calling on the Victorian Government to listen to our people and scrap this legislation without delay,” he said.

“And as the Bill is currently awaiting Royal Assent, we respectfully urge the Honourable Prof. Margaret Gardner AC, Governor of Victoria, to exercise her reserve powers and withhold assent. This is not just a matter of policy – it’s a matter of fairness for rural Victorians.”

“Deeply Unjustifiable”

“The timing and scale of this increase is deeply unjustifiable,” Cr Ross said.

“Families, farmers, and small businesses across our municipality are already grappling with a cost-of-living crisis. For the State Government to impose this kind of financial pressure now is not only unfair – it’s unacceptable.”

While Council acknowledges the Government’s recent announcement that it will cap the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund (ESVF) levy at the 2024–25 rate for all primary production properties in 2025–26, Cr Ross said the concession does not go far enough to ease the burden.

Council is also challenging the broader issue of being forced to collect what is effectively a State Government tax. HRCC argues this practice places local governments in an unfair position and erodes public trust in the rates system.

“This levy isn’t just a financial hit – it’s a blow to the dignity and resilience of the people who call Horsham home,” Cr Ross said.

“We will continue to stand up and speak out for the people we represent. We will not back down.”



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Aged 95 years.

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A life well lived.

DEATH KEMP.—

Gerald
09/04/1936 - 25/06/2025

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Proud Poppy of Mitchell,
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Cheyney.

Great-Poppy to Jai, Leo,
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*Forever remembered,
deeply loved.*

A true man of the land.

KEMP.—

Gerald
Dear Dad/Poppy
We will miss your many
stories.

Rest now with Mum/Gran.

*—Love Angela, Scott,
Kobe & Ella and Zali xx*

KEMP.—

Gerald
A Dad, a Pop, a Great-Pop
We treasure the time,
memories and love.

Your legacy will live on.
Always loved, never for-
gotten.

*—Nathan, Cassie, Brit,
Cloe, Sophie, Ruby, Toby,
Macey & partners xx*

KEMP.—

Gerald Leslie
25/06/2025
Very much loved younger
brother of Pauline & Ron
Cook (both dec.).

Very special uncle of Sue
& Ron Allan, Ken, Ray &
Delrae, Garry & Madeleine,
& Alan Cook and families.

DEATH McLOUGHLAN (Dillon).—

Doreen Elizabeth
03/06/1927 - 26/06/2025
Aged 98.

Of Charlton.
Passed away peacefully
at Garden View Court,
Ararat.

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Keith (dec.). Much loved
mother of Bernie, Jeff,
Marlene (Goudie), Judy
(Heath), Leo and their
families. Loved mother-in-
law and friend of Mary,
Phil, Bill and Joy. Loved
daughter of Roger and
Kathleen Dillon (both dec.),
sister of Mervyn, Austin,
Neville, Len, Eileen (all
dec.), Brendan and Mar-
garet.

Treasured Memories.

McLOUGHLAN (Dillon).—

Doreen Elizabeth
03/06/1927 - 26/06/2025
Aged 98

Much loved mother and
mother-in-law of Jeff and
Mary.

Loved grandma of Matt
and Anna and friend of
Ryan.

Adored great-grandma of
Paddy and Bridie.

Forever in our hearts.

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tal will follow in the
Charlton Cemetery.

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"Actually Bert got injured watchin' tele ... he had a T.V. set installed in his truck so he wouldn't miss his favourite program ... he was drivin' home ... a commercial came on ... he forgot where he was and got up to go th' bathroom!"



“Times” Crossword

QUICK PUZZLE NO. 8183 - SOLUTIONS

Across - 6, Strychnine. 8, Darn. 9, Pith 10, Rumba. 11, Rose. 12, Peninsula. 16, Breakfast. 20, Trap. 22, Admit. 23, Ajar. 24, Spar. 25, Ridiculous.

Down - 1, Stride. 2, Typhoid. 3, Shorts. 4, Dismal. 5, Cedar. 7, Dress. 13, Use. 14, Affordable. 15, Grope. 17, Remedy. 18, Attach. 19, Status. 21, Parry.



Students researched, brainstormed at least 5 designs and trialed prototypes prior to the construction of a final trebuchet. Materials used: masking tape, small spoon or bottle top, icy pole sticks and elastic bands. Darnell, Jake and Emmett were the closest runner up in both distance and accuracy categories.

Trebuchet Design - Darnell Clapham, Jake Italia and Emmett Geddes
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“Wizard” Takes to Donald Stage

A supportive crowd of family, friends and community members crammed into the Memorial Hall on Tuesday night, to see the Donald High School’s production of the “Wizard of OZ-stralia” and the smell of popcorn sold at the entry filled the space and readied the audience for the show to come.

This particular adaptation of “The Wizard of OZ” followed the story of Dorothy, in Kansas and her little dog Toto, as they are both whisked away in a cyclone to outback Australia, where they encounter kangaroos, munchkins, and of course a scarecrow, tinman and a lion.

Early on in the story, Auntie Em (Marnie Harmer) indicated that Dorothy (Layla Griffiths) might have a bit of an addiction to modern technology, telling her to get off her phone, go outside and play with Toto (Arleea Sarre).

Outside, however, the wind picks up... and it picks up Dorothy, and her little dog too.

They land in outback OZ-stralia, which is immediately discovered by the appearance of a hopping kangaroo (Aria Brennan). The munchkins (Suzie Stratton, Marnie Harmer, and Lita Riley-Read) instantly celebrate Dorothy’s arrival as her house landed squarely on the Wicked Witch of the East, crushing her; ding dong! The witch is dead!

That doesn’t help Dorothy and Toto find their way back to Kansas though, and after finding there are no Ubers in the outback, they have to find another way back home. The helpful and glamorous Glinder (Ellie Burke) gives them guidance and after donning the wicked witch’s sparkly red crocs, soon Dorothy and Toto are off on their way to see the Wizard, the wonderful wizard of Oz.

Which Way?

But which way? This is when they meet the helpful, but brainless scarecrow (Victor Sak) who joins them on

their journey, and followed shortly after by a rusted-in-place, Tin Man (Kailie Krause), who only wants a heart. The group sets off again, through the outback, fearing encounters with snakes, spiders and drop bears, when they come across a Cowardly Lion (Eliza Rotherham), frozen on the spot by a spider. Clearly each of them had a wish to ask of the Wizard of OZ-stralia, so off they set again.

The Wicked Witch of the West (Ben Krause) is infuriated by the death of a sibling in the east and plotted against Dorothy... making the journey for the group that much more challenging, but they get there.

Requests

Upon meeting the great Wizard (Marnie Harmer), the group present their requests – the Tin Man wants a heart; the Lion, courage in small doses; the Scarecrow wants a brain; and Dorothy just wants the Wi-Fi password. The Wizard agrees to grant their wishes, providing they return to the Wicked Witch of the East and bring back her boomerang.

This seems achievable until they stumble into some golden wattle and hayfever knocked them all out – all but Dorothy and Toto. They were on their own again. Determined, but disabled by a lack of devices, Dorothy finds her way back, claims the boomerang, defeats the wicked witch and revives her friends to return to the Wizard victorious.

It is then revealed to them, what they were searching for they had inside of them, all

along. And Dorothy? All she needed to do to return home, was click the heels of her sparkly red crocs and say, “There’s no place like Kansas.” Waking up at home again, did Dorothy and Toto think it was all a dream?

Song and Dance

Supported by song and dance, this detailed story was performed in a surprising 30-minute production, which was supported by a full crew of sound and lighting hands, stage hands and narrators to bring the play to closing.

From the colourful costumes and characters, to the lighting, set design and back stage crew, all students and teachers involved should be commended, noting the particularly clever and efficient set designs, which were easily changed in an instant between acts. And best of all? Seeing so many braving the stage to bring the audience a night of entertainment, and having so much fun as they do so.

Directed by Olivia McKay. Narrated by Jasmine Anderson and Shenae Rotheram. Set design was a credit to Karen Medlyn.

The Cast

Full cast: Dorothy, Layla Griffiths; Toto, Arleea Sarre; Wicked Witch, Ben Krause; Glinda, Ellie Burke; The Tin Man, Kailie Krause; The Scarecrow, Victor Sak; The Lion, Eliza Rotherham; Aunt Em and the Wizard, Marnie Harmer; Kangaroo, Aria Brennan; Munchkins, Suzie Stratton, Marnie Harmer and Lita Riley-Read.

Back stage: Lighting, Matei; Stagehands and sound, Karleisha Anderson and Victory Davis; Makeup, Chelsea Hart, Suzie Stratton, Layla Griffiths, Halle Rice and Jaya Stirling. Costumes: Ellie Burke, Mrs Karen Medlyn and Amelia McIntyre.



• Ding Dong! The witch is dead! Which old witch? The wicked witch! Munchkins and Glinda celebrate Dorothy’s arrival in OZ-stralia. Left to right: Glinda (Ellie Burke), Munchkins (Lita Riley-Read, Suzie Stratton and Marnie Harmer). Obscured: Toto (Arleea Sarre) and Dorothy (Layla Griffiths).



• Oiling up the Tin Man: left to right: Dorothy (Layla Griffiths), Tin Man (Kailie Krause), Toto (Arleea Sarre) and Scarecrow (Victor Sak).



• Munchkins (Suzie Stratton and Lita Riley-Read) and Hopping Kangaroo (Aria Brennan) taking a bow.



• Glinder (Ellie Burke) and the Wicked Witch (Ben Krause) take a bow.



• Arriving at the Wizard’s door: left to right: Munchkins, Glinda, Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion (Eliza Rotheram), and the Tin Man.



• Onstage and backstage crew, left to right: Karleisha Anderson, River Sterling (obscured), Glinda (Ellie Burke), Munchkin (Suzie Stratton), Toto (Arleea Sarre), Kangaroo (Aria Brennan), Dorothy (Layla Griffiths), Shaine Mnsibang, Munchkin (Lita Riley-Read, kneeling), Jaya Stirling, Victory Davis, Aunt Em (Marie Harmer), Tin Man (Kailie Krause), Scarecrow (Victor Sak), Lion (Eliza Rotheram). Editor's note: Isabelle Sandy, playing one of the munchkins, was unfortunately sick on the night and role was filled in by Lita Riley-Read (pictured kneeling).



• Birchip P-12 Students engage in some slippery and freezing fun for MND Day.

Slip and Slide for MND Research

On Friday, June 20, in a spirited display of community, fun, and compassion, Birchip P-12 School hosted its own version of the "Big Freeze", raising awareness and over \$400 for Motor Neurone Disease (MND) research.

The initiative, led by the Student Board and inspired by the AFL's annual Big Freeze event, transformed the school grounds into a sea of blue as students and staff came together to show their support for those affected by the debilitating disease.

The highlight of the day was a slippery and spirited version of Giant's Treasure, where randomly selected students, staff, and Year 12s

took a dive down a slip-and-slide, cheered on by the rest of the school – and doused with water balloons.

MND is a progressive neurological condition that attacks the motor neurons, leading to the weakening of muscles and loss of mobility, speech, and eventually the ability to breathe. It has no known cure and significantly impacts both patients and their families.



The school's Big Freeze event mirrors the high-profile campaign launched by former AFL coach Neale Daniher, who was diagnosed with MND in 2013. Daniher co-founded the charity Fight-MND and spearheaded the now-iconic Big Freeze at the 'G' event, where AFL personalities plunge into icy water each year at the MCG to raise funds and awareness for MND. The campaign has become a cornerstone of the AFL calendar and has raised millions for research, support, and care.

By donning blue, donating generously, and taking part in the fun, the Birchip P-12 School community added its voice to the growing chorus calling for a cure.

The school extends a heartfelt thank you to all students, staff, and supporters who made the day a success.

Calling Next Generation of Local Farmers

The Nationals Member for Mildura, Jade Benham, is encouraging young farmers to apply for support through the 2025 Upskill and Invest Young Farmers Scholarship Program.

The program provides scholarships of up to \$10,000 for early-career farmers aged 18 to 40, with up to \$5,000 available for education or training, and an additional \$5,000 to invest directly into their farm business.

"This program is a great opportunity for young people in our region who are committed to building a future in agriculture," Ms Benham said.

"It supports practical skills development in areas like agronomy, irrigation, land management, and business

operations, helping to strengthen our local farming communities."

Scholarship recipients can apply their training to on-farm improvements such as planning, new technologies, professional development, and equipment that drives innovation.

Applications are open to young farmers who have been working in a farm business for at least three days a week over the past three months and have at least two years of on-farm experience.



• Jade Benham.

Applications close at 5 p.m. on July 23, 2025. For more information or to apply, visit vic.gov.au/youngfarmers.



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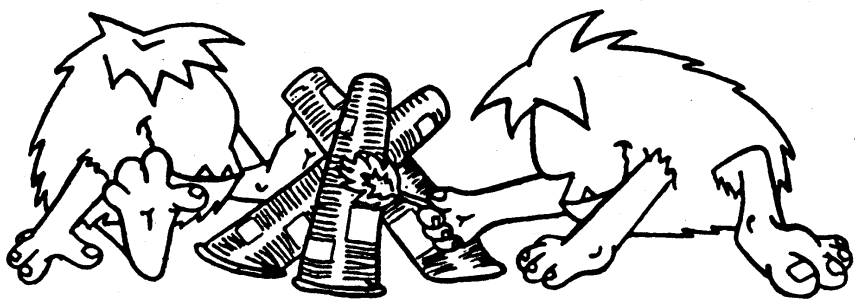
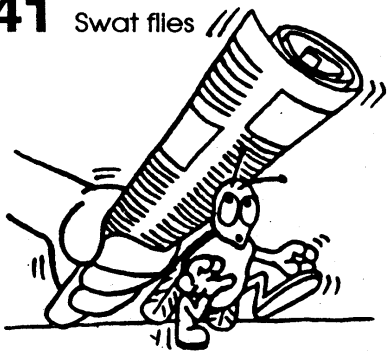
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In Emergency Services Appreciation Round:
Navies “Break Glass”

A determined Charlton Navies outfit found a way to grind out a gritty victory against St Arnaud’s Saints at Lord Nelson Park, St Arnaud in their Round 10 North Central Football League fixture.

Clubs formed a guard of honour as players and supporters alike showed their appreciation of our Emergency Services personnel, CFA, Ambulance and Police officers making their way on to the ground to applause.

It was Charlton which showed the greater urgency early in the contest, while St Arnaud was keen to avenge the early season loss to its fierce rivals. It was the Navies who settled into their work best. Coach Mitch Collins finally able to convince brother Liam to join forces with him at Charlton, the younger Collins slotting straight into the team, oozes class and looks to be a handy acquisition for the struggling Navies.

As is the case with teams on the lower rungs of the ladder, injuries to key personnel hurt; without the depth of talent the Northern clubs have, holes are hard to fill and clubs rely on those that are left to pick up the slack. St Arnaud’s cause made even more difficult on the day with injuries to coach Scott Driscoll and Brad Organ further limiting their options.

Early in the first quarter, Charlton was quite often the side progressing forward, only for long or hacked kicks forward to be intercepted by 150-gamer Thomas Bertalli or coach Driscoll, who was effective in dropping off his forward to provide an out-number in Charlton’s forward fifty. The Navies wasteful in the forays forward, an early out on the full a gilt edged opportunity gone begging, followed by indecision due to the Saints’ effective defensive structure.

An early intriguing battle ensuing on the far wing, potential match winners in years

to come, Jackson Needs of St Arnaud and Charlton’s Bailey Dixon, going head to head on a wing.

A fine set shot goal from Charlton’s Billy Sexton nearly eight minutes into the quarter the first score registered for either side, an early precursor to the way the match would be played, goals at a premium all day.

Both teams continued to feel each other out, clean, open ball use virtually non-existent despite the fine conditions. Charlton’s midfield led by the Collins brothers and Rhys Thompson fought hard against the Saints big-bodied onballers of Darby Schilder, Organ and Kurtis Torney, neither midfield able to gain any real ascendancy. St Arnaud got on the board midway through the opening term; a behind, would be its only score of the first quarter. Charlton’s ruckman Ben Lanyon turned rover inside 50 to snap the Navies’ second major of the quarter and give the visiting side a 13-point advantage at the first change.

The home side was clearly unhappy with what it had dished up in the opening term, was looking to exert some pressure on to the Charlton side. However, it was Charlton, with a goal from a tight angle to key forward Bailey Kemp and a behind, that got out to a 19-point break – the biggest the lead would be for the entirety of the match. A crucial 50m penalty to Saints big man Jake Male, a lapse in concentration from his direct opponent gifting the goal, that seemed to settle the Saints into some rhythm, and despite Liam Collins kicking his first in Navies colours, it was the Saints who were surging. Driscoll and Bertalli influential all day down back, throw

in youngster Owen Lowe displaying dash and sure ball handling, and with Jacob Tillig and Luke Jackson playing vital roles on wing and providing foot speed up forward, the Saints had their tails up and were full of running, successive goals Zac Phillips and Torney bridging the gap to just seven points as the teams headed inside for the main break.

After being well held for the majority of the first half, recent Saints recruit Lucas Bridger took a strong contested mark in the goal square to continue the momentum shift to the Saints, duly converting and with a behind moments later, the game was back to all square, the Saints looking the stronger team by far. When Torney put through his second of the game, the Saints had kicked four unanswered goals and taken the lead, just reward for effort, how costly would the missed opportunities be for the visitors as they added just four behinds for the quarter. Some wind taken out of the St Arnaud sails shortly after when Bridger was shown a yellow card for an indiscretion, earning him a 15 minute spell, while it didn’t hurt the Saints in terms of Charlton’s scoring. Who knows what they may have added for the remainder of the term with the tails up as they were? The Saints in front at the last change, four points to the good.

Charlton coach Mitch Collins had a plain and simple three-quarter time message, fight and scrap until the very end. And fight and scrap the Charlton players did, responding to their coach’s challenge. The Navies owned the first 10 minutes of the last term, a fifth consecutive behind had



• Charlton’s Rhys Thompson tries to break past Saints’ Brad Organ. Other players are Charlton’s Liam Collins and Saints’ Darby Schilder.

supporters concerned the boys in blue had forgotten where the big sticks were, but they were over running their bigger bodied opponents, three unanswered goals ensued, the first a superbly balanced effort from Liam Collins, put the Navies back in front. Mitch then followed suit from a set shot, and when one of the best passages of play of the day led to Aaron Schofield dashing from a wing to run in and mid-air soccer truly, suddenly Charlton was back out to a 16 point lead all before 10 minutes of the final term had lapsed. Charlton’s defenders were dominant across half back, Elliott Fitzpatrick marking at will, Jed Thompson applying tackling pressure and Pat Soulsby spoiling anything that came near.

The Saints weren’t done with though, Sean Holroyd goaled almost from the restart, and when Max

Hungerford kicked truly minutes later, the Saints were back within a kick, and only 12-and-half-minutes of the term had passed. The game descended into an arm wrestle from that point, spectators and benches alike tense with anticipation as both sides searched for the invaluable win that is proving so hard to come by this season. Enter Ben Lanyon, the young Charlton ruck, shouldering duties for the majority of the day against the Saints’ twin peaks of Phillips and Male, took a mark inside 50 after tireless running, going back ever so calmly to slot his second of the day and give the

Navies some breathing space, margin back out to 10 points, less than five minutes of play remaining. As had been the case earlier in the day, Charlton missed some very gettable goal scoring opportunities heading into “junk” time to blow the score out. The final margin of 13 points was a fitting scoreline to a hotly contested affair.

Best for Charlton: Ben Lanyon, Rhys Thompson, Mitchell Collins, Elliott Fitzpatrick, Patrick Soulsby, Jed Thompson

For St Arnaud: Thomas Bertalli, Owen Lowe, Kurtis Torney, Zac Phillips, Scott Driscoll, Luke Jackson

Disastrous Policies

[Statement from the Shadow Minister for Energy and Resources, David Davis]

John Bradley is a respected public servant. He has resigned as secretary of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.

While Mr Bradley is too professional to reflect publicly on the Allan Labor Government, the Minister for Energy, or the deteriorating energy situation in Victoria, there is little doubt that the disastrous policies driven by Lily D’Ambrosio have left Victoria vulnerable – indeed, seriously exposed – under Labor’s eleven years in power.

Prices have surged for both gas and electricity, with another gas price hike of almost 7 per cent set to take effect today, and electricity prices significantly higher than just a few years ago. Security of supply for both gas and electricity is also now a serious challenge in Victoria after more than a decade of Labor government.

The offshore wind debacle and Labor’s ideological war on gas have contributed directly to the serious and growing risks now facing our state.



• David Davis.

The shoddy costing of the Victorian Transmission Plan, along with the draconian and undemocratic approach to its implementation, would alarm any wise, experienced, and independent senior public servant.

It is important to remember that Labor Ministers have been directing the traffic and are responsible for the shambles that is Victorian energy policy, not the public servants who serve them.



• Saints’ Zac Phillips holds Charlton’s Ben Lanyon as he tries to tap the Sherrin away. Other players around the contest are, left to right, Charlton’s Bailey Dixon, Josh Harris and Ben Xiriha, and Saints’ Jackson Needs and Sean Holroyd.

Winter is Here

Recently, I dealt with beating those winter blues and keeping warm during those cold winter months, but what cannot be over emphasized is to protect yourself from those nasty winter viruses by building up the body's resistance to infection. And what better and more natural way to do this than to use garlic to help boost the body's defences.

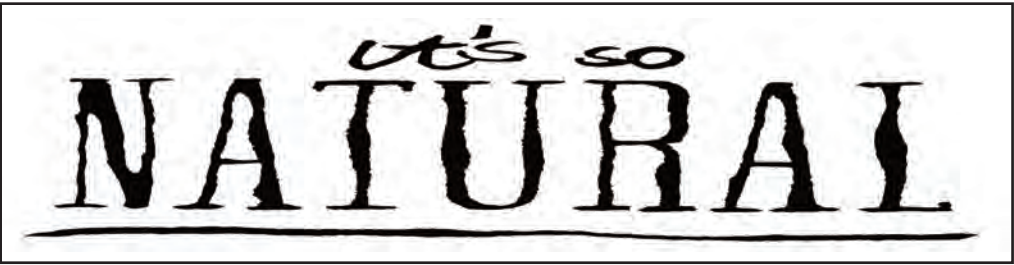
Considered to be a natural antibiotic if taken in large enough doses, garlic inactivates undesirable virulent micro-organisms in the body, without harming the helpful organisms. It helps to prevent colds, expel

catarrh from the chest, acts as an antiseptic, will soothe a nagging cough, and relieves the symptoms of sinusitis.

However, you must be mindful of the fact that no

matter how you take fresh garlic, after a while your body fragrance will be astounding. If others around you find this offensive, you can purchase odourless garlic tablets from your local health food store.

Garlic can also be included in many of your winter meals, such as a hearty soup or casserole, which can be prepared quickly and allowed to slow cook in a large vacuum flask – it's energy efficient as well. A wide-mouthed vacuum flask, particularly those that are used for camping, will keep food hot for hours, and can be used to soak dried grains, vegetables and legumes, as well as being used to cook in.



To make a warming winter stew, add diced vegetables, rice, lentils and stock to a saucepan. Bring to the boil, allow to boil for about two minutes, and then pour into your vacuum flask. Cap and leave for three to four hours to cook. And if you want to wake up to a hot winter breakfast, add one cup of wheat or oats to a medium-size vacuum flask, then add four cups of boiling water about 12 hours before the time you want to eat breakfast. Strain the liquid off in the morning and add honey, sultanas, raisins and diced seasonal fruit.

Let's not forget, however, that during winter, when out-of-doors, those cold winds can

be drying and damaging to facial skin and hands, causing skin to become scaly, or in severe cases chapped and split. Natural protection with a herbal oil moisturiser will keep your skin soft and supple always.

To make your moisturising oil, mix two tablespoons of ground almonds with 500 millilitres of distilled water and three drops of rose essential oil or lavender essential oil, then allow the almonds to soak for one hour. Strain through clean, fine muslin, add half-a-teaspoon of sugar and six drops of Friars' balsam (from the chemist), then bottle and seal until needed.



• Alan Hayes

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• Lesser loosestrife. -Credit: Oliver Kerr

Toxic Weed Risk Due to Dry Swamps and Dams

(Paul Beltz, Senior Veterinary Officer)

The green pick available on swampy land or dried up billabongs and dams may seem a boon for producers during drought and difficult seasonal conditions.

However, it's important to check for toxic weeds and plants in swampy areas before allowing stock access for grazing.

There are many plants that grow where the land is usually wet and rarely dried out which could cause issues.

Toxic plants that might be found in these areas include dock, soursob, fat hen, lesser loosestrife and swamp grass.

Many Dock (*Rumex* spp.) species such as swamp dock, curled dock and yellow dock, as well as Fat Hen (*Chenopodium album*) and Soursob (*Oxalis pes-caprae*), cause nitrate and nitrite toxicity and hyperoxaluria or oxalate toxicity.

Nitrate and nitrite toxicity can cause acute collapse and death once the nitrite binds to the haemoglobin in red blood cells, stopping the haemoglobin from carrying oxygen.

The mucous membranes inside an affected animal's mouth may appear brown in colour due to this binding rather than the usual pink. There is no effective treatment for the condition.

Oxalate binds calcium up in the blood causing acute low blood calcium and sudden death. Calcium is essential for muscles to work properly. Early signs of oxalate toxicity include a stiff gait, staggering, lying down progressing to coma and death.

These weeds are not palatable so ensuring that stock are not put in hungry and have a wider forage area and supplementary feed available, will help to mitigate the risk.

Keep a close eye on your livestock and avoid putting grazing pressure on the site.

Lesser loosestrife (*Lythrum hyssopifolia*) is a native plant that grows well in wet and damp soils, such as swampy areas and stubble after rain. Depending on how much is eaten, the toxin causes severe liver damage and death within 24 hours up to several days later.

Affected stock will seem depressed, lethargic and show abdominal discomfort before progressing to recumbency and death. Loosestrife is not usually palatable to stock, though if there is no alternative green pick it will be eaten. If there is a large amount in the area, it is unsafe to place stock on it as the toxicity builds up.

Swamp grass (*Glyceria maxima* – *Poa aquatica*) is an introduced, very tall grass that occurs around water bodies and wetlands. It carries a very high level of cyanide in the leaves.

Due to the rapid effect of cyanide when ingested, poisoning causes acute collapse and death. Unlike nitrate and nitrite toxicity, the mucous membranes of the affected animals may appear bright pink, due to the body being unable to use the oxygen carried by the red blood cells. Swamp grass is unsafe as forage.

If you are putting stock on to a new area, thoroughly check for different species of plants, look at your records to see if anything happened last time it was used and ensure stock are not put on hungry

which may cause them to forage indiscriminately.

If your livestock show signs of weed toxicity, remove them from the area and contact your veterinarian or local Animal Health staff for advice.

Across the state any farmer can access technical information and advice to help manage the impacts of increasingly difficult seasonal conditions.

These services will be delivered in partnership with a range of technical experts, including farm business advisors, livestock nutritionists, soil, water and pasture specialists and veterinarians.

The program provides tailored advice through one-on-one consultations, webinars, workshops, field days, and online tools and information.

Farmers anywhere in Victoria can register now for a one-on-one farm advisory consultation, to take stock and discuss the best way forward for their business.

The consultation includes a session of up to 3 hours (face-to-face on farm, or online) and follow-up call, to develop and implement a drought management action plan.

When registering for the program, participants can indicate their preferred consultant from an extensive list of experienced service providers.

Find more information about available drought support at www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought or call 136 186.

Sheep Producers Show Resilience

The latest Sheep Producers Intentions Survey (SPIS), conducted by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) and Australian Wool Innovation (AWI), reveals a significant shift in producer sentiment and flock management strategies across the nation.

This shift is being driven by volatile market conditions, extreme weather events, and regulatory changes, most notably the planned phase-out of live sheep exports.

The survey, which gathered responses from 2,374 producers across Australia in May 2025, shows a net sentiment score of +52 for the sheepmeat industry, up 48 points from the same time last year.

This marks the first time since October 2022 that all states, including Western Australia, Victoria and southern New South Wales reducing pasture availability and increasing feed costs."

The survey forecasts a 9% reduction in the national breeding ewe flock, from 48.88 million in 2025 to 44.34 million in 2026, and an 11% decline in the wether flock, from 7.67 million to 6.85 million.

According to MLA's Senior Market Information Analyst, Erin Lukey, the strong sentiment among sheepmeat producers is closely tied to improved prices across the country.

"Prices have risen significantly, particularly for finished lambs, which has buoyed confidence even as producers face tough seasonal and regulatory conditions," Ms Lukey said.

"This is especially the case in Western Australia, where the rebound in sentiment has been most pronounced."

Despite the optimism, producers continue to navigate a range of challenges.

"Drought in the south and flooding in the north are making it more difficult and expensive to maintain large flocks," Ms Lukey explained.

"Weather remains the most cited factor influencing on-farm decisions, with significant drought in South Australia, Victoria and southern New South Wales reducing pasture availability and increasing feed costs."

These reductions are being driven by strategic downsizing and environmental pressures.

"In Western Australia alone, the breeding ewe flock is forecast to fall by 19%, with 58% of producers in the state planning to reduce numbers. Many producers are taking a more conservative approach. Nationally, 41% of surveyed producers said they will reduce their breeding ewe flock, and 26% plan to reduce their wether numbers."

The survey also explored the broader factors influencing on-farm decisions.

"Input costs, labour availability, and regulatory pressures, particularly the live sheep export phase-out, are weighing heavily on producers' minds," Ms Lukey said.

"While producers in Western Australia are wary of investing in flock growth amid uncertainty about future market access, others are adjusting breeding strategies or retaining more replacement ewes to adapt to changing conditions."

Despite these challenges, the resilience of the industry remains evident.

"Producers are adapting. Whether it's retaining more replacement ewes, adjusting breeding strategies, or responding to market demand, the sector continues to evolve," Ms Lukey said.

The SPIS is a critical tool for industry planning, providing valuable insights for producers, processors, and policymakers alike.

"This data helps us understand where the industry is heading and how we can support producers through change," Ms Lukey concluded.

View a full copy of the May Sheep Producers Intentions Survey here: <https://www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/dfat/special/sheep/>



• Sheep resting in the shade. -Credit Jeremy Galagher.

What's On

Australian Summer Grains Conference 2025

The success of our conferences is largely attributed to an outstanding program featuring international speakers as well as leading Australian presenters from scientific, commercial and grower segments and our focus has been to build on this for the 2025 event through the inclusion of more young farmers and agronomists to the enhanced program.

With around 400 delegates expected for the 2025 conference, the ASGC will be a major platform to network with a diverse range of attendees. Reflecting on 2023 attendees, full delegate and farmer grower registrations were the highest number present.

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Speakers: Oli Le Lievre, Richard Heath, Simon Kuestenmacher, Julian Moore, Sarah Sexton-Bowser and Brad Hogg.

When: July 7, 2025 12:00 p.m. – July 9, 2025 4:30 p.m.

Where: RACV Royal Pines Resort Gold Coast, Ross St Benowa, QLD 4217

To register: Visit the website at <https://www.australiansummergrains.com.au/>



• Oscar Madden (Calder United) launches himself skyward to catch the ball while teammate Zane Keighran is ready to assist. -Photos Laura Poyner.

Strong Finish Gets Calder United Home

In a tale of two halves the Redbacks were clearly more desperate and wanted the football more in the first half.

Some stirring words from the Lions' coaching staff at half-time asking for an improved attitude. The second half saw the Calder Lions begin to play their own game and end the Redbacks' chances of reaching the top four for season 2025.

In the final two quarters of the game, the Lions decided

to attack the football and prove to themselves that goals win games. The players responded by not only scoring goals to secure the four points, but by also played a great defensive half, keeping the opposition goalless. Coach Jordan Humphreys led by example and slotted 5 goals of his own.

Final scores: Calder United 91, Wedderburn 58.

Best for Calder United: George Turner, Daniel Watts, Thomas Trewin, Zane Keighran, Jordan Humphreys, Darcy Munro.

For Wedderburn: Jye Mortlock, Noah Furlong, Corey Lowry, Isaac Holt, Oscar Holt, Darcy Jackson.

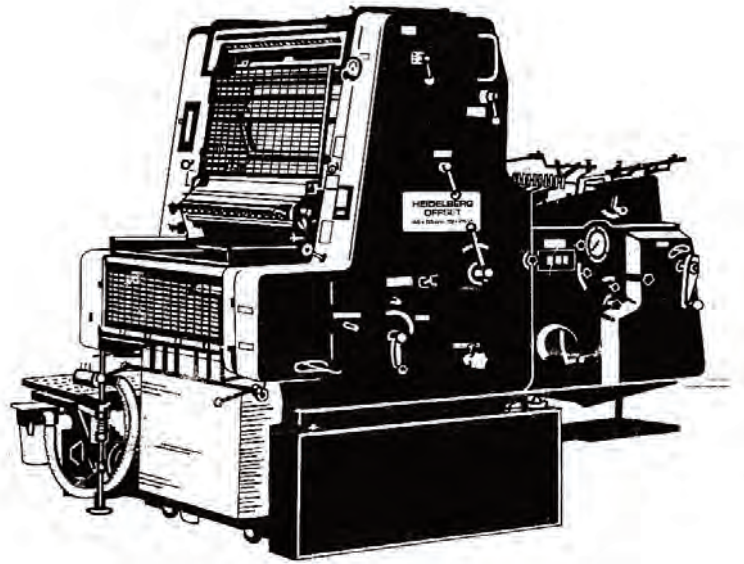


• New Calder United player Dale Pierce runs ahead of Adam Postle (Wedderburn) to catch the ball.

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Unbreakable Bulls Set the Standard

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ball movement cost the Bulls at times, allowing Sea Lake to regain possession. Rhona Conboy was a standout for the home side, taking multiple contested marks and helping drive the Bulls forward, while captain Dale Hinkley was solid in defence despite Sea Lake continuing to push hard.

Jake Noonan and Lochie Ryan worked tirelessly to spoil entries to Josh Jenkins, while Max Cahoon and Bryce Delmenico were threatening at ground level but couldn't quite convert.

Ben Edwards began to find his rhythm up forward, booting two goals in the first quarter and finishing with three for the match. The Bulls went into the first break with a narrow lead, 3.3 (21) to Sea Lake's 1.5 (11).

At quarter-time, both coaches urged calmness and composure – slowing down, finding targets and controlling stoppages.

Birchip-Watchem responded first in the second term. Lochie Ryan kicked through the big sticks before Bryce Delmenico replied with a running goal for Sea Lake. But the Bulls answered immediately through Tom Gibson, and the home side began to control the tempo.

Dale Hinkley continued to impress down back, reading the play well and helping set up rebound attacks. A strong passage of team play led to a period of dominance, helped by Meyrick Buchanan's electric form. He slotted four goals for the day and was lively around the contest, using his pace and clean hands to break the game open.

Meanwhile, Hosking was asserting himself across the ground. His strength in the ruck and around stoppages gave the Bulls plenty of first use and helped set up scoring

chains. He worked tirelessly against a determined Sea Lake midfield, giving Birchip-Watchem structure and momentum when it mattered.

Billy McInnes stood tall in defence for Sea Lake, winning one-on-one contests, but the Tigers struggled to move the ball forward cleanly. They managed just 1.3 for the term as the Bulls built a 35-point buffer by half-time.

Sea Lake came out firing in the third. Tyson McKenzie cleared from the backline, but Birchip-Watchem quickly rebounded through Cormacc Wilson, setting up a goal for Jacob Christie. That moment briefly halted the Tigers' momentum, but they responded with three quick goals of their own to cut the margin back to 21 points.

Brody Weir was lively in the forward line, while Trent Donnan and Chase Tait combined well to move the ball forward. Recruit Oscar Brownless also impressed, working hard at stoppages and hitting targets like Delmenico on the lead.

The Tigers kept the Bulls goalless until the 15-minute mark, when Tom Gibson found space and converted. Frustration crept in as inconsistent umpiring drew vocal criticism from both teams and supporters.

Small errors from the Tigers gave Birchip-Watchem further chances, and Jake Noonan's rebound work helped set up Nick Rippon, who covered the ground well all day.

Sea Lake trailed by 24 points at the final change – a comeback not out of reach. And when Max Cahoon kicked a major early in the fourth, the visitors still had a chance.

But Birchip-Watchem found another gear. Joe Reid,



• Isaac Durie struggles to get his kick out as Joe Reid grabs hold of him.

returning from injury, was everywhere in the last quarter, booting three final-term goals to seal the deal. Hosking continued to provide strong ruck support, using his body well against Connor Michael and giving the Bulls the edge at stoppages.

The Tigers kept pressing through Poulton, McKenzie and Cahoon, who linked up well in a last push. But the Bulls held firm. Lachie Ryan stood out down back, supported by Conboy and Marshall Rippon, who denied the Tigers any real scoring momentum.

Tom Gibson continued to clunk marks up forward, and Charlie Cox made several crucial spoils. A final goal from Reid sealed the match and secured a confident win for Birchip-Watchem.

Final score: Birchip-Watchem 15.10 (100) defeated Sea Lake-Nandaly 8.12 (60).

The Bulls now turn their attention to a blockbuster Round 11 showdown against Calder United at Nullawil – a top-of-the-table clash that could be a defining chapter in this season's lead-up to finals. Meanwhile, the Tigers will be hoping to regain several key players from injury over the coming rounds, whose return could make a significant impact and reignite their push for a deep September run.



• Daniel Bell runs through the middle under pressure from Wade Donnan, while Nick Rippon holds back Trent Donnan.

Best for Birchip-Watchem: Meyrick Buchanan, Rhona Conboy, Hamish Hosking, Daniel Bell, Tom Gibson.

For Sea Lake-Nandaly: Billy McInness, Max Cahoon, Trent Donnan, Wade Donnan, Billy Poulton, Tyson McKenzie.



• Joe Reid attempts to grab hold of the Sherrin on the goal line in the pack with Rhona Conboy, Jacob Christie, Jai Wright and Charlie Cox.

North-Central Hockey

Results of round 10 –

Under-12s: Birchip-Wat 3 d. Sea Lake-Nan 0; Boort 1 def. by Donald 7; St Arnaud 0 def. by Charlton 3; Wedderburn 0 def. by Calder United 1.

Underage: Birchip-Wat 5 d. Sea Lake-Nan 0; Boort 1 def. by Donald 2; St Arnaud 1 def. by Charlton 3.

Women: Boort 2 d. Donald 0; St Arnaud 2 d. Charlton 0, Wedderburn 2 d. Calder United 1.

Men: Boort 2 drew with Donald 2; St Arnaud 12 d. Charlton 0; Wedderburn 1 drew with Calder United 1.

POSITIONS OF TEAMS

Women											
	P	W	D	L	F	For	Agst	SD	Pts	WR	
St Arnaud	9	8	0	1	0	31	9	22	24	89	
Calder United	9	7	0	2	0	30	11	19	21	78	
Charlton	8	6	0	2	0	30	10	20	18	75	
Boort	9	4	0	5	0	24	31	-7	12	44	
Wedderburn	9	3	1	5	0	14	19	-5	10	37	
Donald	8	1	1	6	0	7	24	-17	4	17	
Sea Lake-Nan	8	0	0	8	0	1	33	-32	0	0	
Men											
Donald	8	6	1	1	0	20	9	11	19	79	
St Arnaud	9	6	2	1	0	43	7	36	20	74	
Calder United	9	6	1	2	0	38	13	25	19	70	
Boort	9	4	2	3	0	39	11	28	14	52	
Wedderburn	9	3	2	4	0	16	20	-4	11	41	
Sea Lake-Nan	8	1	0	7	0	7	38	-31	3	13	
Charlton	8	0	0	8	0	4	69	-65	0	0	
Underage											
Charlton	9	9	0	0	0	53	5	48	27	100	
St Arnaud	8	6	0	2	0	40	5	35	18	75	
Donald	9	5	0	4	0	27	27	0	15	56	
Boort	9	3	0	6	0	24	36	-12	9	33	
Calder United	8	2	1	5	0	8	14	-6	7	29	
Birchip-Wat	9	2	1	6	0	19	55	-36	7	26	
Sea Lake-Nan	8	2	0	6	0	8	37	-29	6	25	
Under-12s											
Birchip-Wat	10	9	0	1	0	62	6	56	27	90	
Calder United	10	8	1	1	0	33	6	27	25	83	
Charlton	10	8	1	1	0	24	9	15	25	83	
St Arnaud	10	5	1	4	0	24	16	8	16	53	
Wedderburn	10	3	1	6	0	11	12	-1	10	33	
Donald	10	2	0	8	0	14	46	-32	6	20	
Boort	10	1	1	8	0	3	36	-33	4	13	
Sea Lake-Nan	10	1	1	8	0	1	41	-40	4	13	

• Oscar Brownless prepares to get the hands out towards Chase Tait under pressure from Bill Lee.

North-Central Football Roundup

Goldacres Seniors

BIRCHIP-WATCHEM	3.3	8.6	10.8	15.10	(100)
SEA LAKE-NANDALY	1.5	2.7	6.9	8.12	(60)

Goals for Birchip-Watchem: Meyrick Buchanan 4, Tom Gibson 3, Joseph Reid 3, Ben Edwards 2, Jacob Christie, Lachlan Ryan, Lachly Foott.

For Sea Lake-Nandaly: Max Cahoon 4, Bryce Delmenico 2, Wade Donnan, Brody Weir.

Best for Birchip-Watchem: Meyrick Buchanan, Rhona Conboy, Hamish Hosking, Daniel Bell, Tom Gibson.

For Sea Lake-Nandaly: Billy McInnes, Max Cahoon, Trent Donnan, Wade Donnan, Billy Poulton, Tyson Mckenzie.

BOORT	9.2	14.6	21.13	28.14	(182)
DONALD	2.0	3.1	3.3	3.3	(21)

Goals for Boort: Jhye Baddeley-Kelly 9, Kayne Rutley 6, Will Perryman 4, Jayden Dick 2, Jacob Mulquiny 2, Jack Smith 2, Matt Austin, Carlos Egan, Lachlan Hall.

For Donald: Samuel Arho 2, Joshua Talty.

Best for Boort: Lachlan Hall, Jayden Dick, Jhye Baddeley-Kelly, Kayne Rutley, Carlos Egan, Matt Austin.

For Donald: Joshua Talty, Dyson Bell-Warren, Daniel Pearce, Luca Rice, Thomas Reekie, Charlie Campbell.

CHARLTON	2.2	4.4	4.7	8.12	(60)
ST ARNAUD	0.1	3.2	5.5	7. 5	(47)

Goals for Charlton: Liam Collins 2, Ben Lanyon 2, Mitchell Collins, Bailey Kemp, Aaron Schofield, Billy Sexton.

For St Arnaud: Kurtis Torney 2, Lucas Bridger, Sean Holroyd, Max Hungerford, Owen Lowe, Zac Phillips.

Best for Charlton: Ben Lanyon, Rhys Thompson, Mitchell Collins, Elliott Fitzpatrick, Patrick Soulsby, Jed Thompson.

For St Arnaud: Thomas Bertalli, Owen Lowe, Kurtis Torney, Zac Phillips, Scott Driscoll, Luke Jackson.

CALDER UNITED	3.2	5.7	9. 9	13.13	(91)
WEDDERBURN	2.6	7.9	7.13	7.16	(58)

Goals for Calder United: Jordan Humphreys 5, Dale Pearce 3, Mitch Farmer 2, Rylee Smith, George Turner, Daniel Watts.

For Wedderburn: Mitch Jensen 2, Jye Mortlock 2, Oscar Holt, Hamish Lockhart, Mitchell Woods.

Best for Calder United: George Turner, Daniel Watts, Thomas Trewin, Zane Keighran, Jordan Humphreys, Darcy Munro.

For Wedderburn: Jye Mortlock, Noah Furlong, Corey Lowry, Isaac Holt, Oscar Holt, Darcy Jackson.

Haeusler’s Reserves

BIRCHIP-WATCHEM	2.1	2.6	7.7	10.10	(70)
SEA LAKE-NANDALY	3.0	3.1	4.2	6. 5	(41)

Goals for Birchip-Watchem: Riley Doran 3, Matthew Berry 2, Jack Ryan 2, Connor Boyle, Ty Colbert, Riley Hogan.

For Sea Lake-Nandaly: John Summerhayes 3, Tom Considine, Ethan Ellis, Wayne Landry.

Best for Birchip-Watchem: Riley Hogan, Ben Hogan, George Addis, Ty Colbert, James Lindeback, Alexander Hay.

For Sea Lake-Nandaly: Brandon Staddon, Jack Stacey, Ethan Ellis, Bryce Baskin, Tom Considine, Harry Pitchford.

BOORT	7.3	11.9	19.12	27.16	(178)
DONALD	0.0	1.0	1. 0	1. 0	(6)

Goals for Boort: Alex Cockerell 6, Nick Scott 5, Cameron Ross 3, Chris Hatcher 2, Fraser Millar 2, Patrick O’Rourke 2, Malachi Coleman, Jack Dowling, Dylan Hatcher, Chris O’Rourke, Jordan Sheahan, Sam Toose, Willem Toose.

For Donald: Chase Campbell.

Best for Boort: Willem Toose, Sam Toose, Nick Scott, Alex Cockerell, Jack Hall, Brendon Hewlett.

For Donald: George Morgan, Seth Pearse, Nathan Donnellon, Brod Harrison, Dawson Hollis, Daniel Tatarskyj.

ST ARNAUD	6.4	9.9	14.11	20.13	(133)
CHARLTON	1.0	1.0	1. 1	2. 2	(14)

Goals Goals for St Arnaud: Josh Hicks 7, Jake Hicks 5, Simon Elliott 2, Luke Ezard 2, George Gorrie, Ben Greenaway, Beau Knight, Hayden Torney.

For Charlton: Sebastian Zagame 2.

Best for St Arnaud: Benjamin Greenaway, Jake Hicks, Beau Knight, Simon Elliott, Joshua Hicks, Jarryd Kell.

For Charlton: Fergus Bourke, Cooper Boyle, Marcus Campbell, Nicholas McCallum, Ethan Needs, John Leathan.

CALDER UNITED	3.4	6.8	11.10	14.13	(97)
WEDDERBURN	0.0	0.1	1. 2	1. 6	(12)

Goals for Calder United: Daniel Murray 4, Alexander Hogan 2, Rhylie Botheras, Hunter Connolly, Les Cooper, George Forrester, Rowan Jones, Sol Kelly, Kaleb Kennedy, Jack Morrison.

For Wedderburn: Matthew Lockhart.

Best for Calder United: Jed Bish, Les Cooper, Billy Forrester, Blair Hogan, Joel Turner, Max Fawcett.

For Wedderburn: Ashley Younghusband, Mitchel Barry, Rhordan Holt, Levi Sims, Robert Tonkin, Noah Winslett.

Community Bank Charlton & District Under-17s

SEA LAKE-NANDALY	4.5	8.9	11.10	13.12	(90)
BIRCHIP-WATCHEM	0.0	0.1	1. 3	4. 4	(28)

Best for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Hugo Warne, Nate McClelland, Cooper Kelly, Callum Mott, Aydan Smith, Brayden Allan. For Birchip-Watchem: Bayley Kemp, Kobe Hamilton, Jack Knights, Jackson Goss.

BOORT	3.2	7.2	9.4	13.8	(86)
DONALD	0.2	1.2	1.4	2.6	(18)

Best for Boort: Riley Wagner, Deklan King, William Gross, Jacob Malone, Jack Gould.

For Donald: Luca Rice, Baxter Donnellon, Samuel Mortlock, Marty Burke.

ST ARNAUD	4.1	7.3	9.7	9.8	(62)
CHARLTON	0.0	2.0	2.1	5.1	(31)

Best for St Arnaud: Nathan Saludes, William Thomas, Austin Lowe, Sean Bridgeman, Frankie Donald, Chase Zander. For Charlton: Joseph Monaghan, Jarvis Wright, Tully Bourke, Isaac Bourke, Ethan Soulsby, Michael Olive.

CALDER UNITED	4.5	10.9	14.9	16.9	(105)
WEDDERBURN	0.0	1.1	4.1	7.4	(46)

Best for Calder United: Max Fawcett, Rhett Hogan, Jacob Harrison, Tynan Perry, Mitchell Coatsworth.

For Wedderburn: Benjamin Cunningham, Deacon Tansley, Tyson Blair, Blaz Cramp, Noah Winslett.

Next Round

Round 10, Saturday, June 28 -

Sea Lake-Nandaly v. Boort	Donald v. St Arnaud
Charlton v. Wedderburn	Calder United v. Birchip-Watchem.

Uniting Church Under-14s

SEA LAKE-NANDALY 9.13 (67) d. BIRCHIP-WATCHEM 2.0 (12)

Best for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Henry Cox, Hamish Landry, Tom McClelland, Milton Bailey, Gerrin Durie, Riley Allan. For Birchip-Watchem: Oscar Sharp, Desmond Coffey, Eligh Dean, Logan Cullen.

BOORT 5.2 (32) d. DONALD 3.7 (25)

Best for Boort: Liam King, Noah Howe, Matthew Soumelidis, Tarlin Trinchi, Cruz Nuttall.

For Donald: Samuel Mortlock, Liam Stopps, Emmett Geddes, Laikyn Holland, Maximus Wardlaw, Darcy Burke.

ST ARNAUD 12-22 (94) d. CHARLTON 2.0 (12)

Best for St Arnaud: Chase Hendy, Finn Wilson, Zach Green, Maddox Stewart, Calan Wickham, Riley Wilson-Cook.

For Charlton: Liam Monaghan, Darcy Olive, Chace Dixon, Tamsyn McGurk, Campbell Riley, Tom McGurk.

WEDDERBURN 7.9 (51) d. CALDER UNITED 2.1 (13)

Best for Wedderburn: William Huismann, Calvin Jones-Moore, Jensen McDonnell, Blaz Cramp, Archie Polkinghorne. For Calder United: Noah Lowry, Levi Poyner, Zeke Harrison, Zac Cavalier, Smith Morrison, Ryder Harrison.

Positions of Teams

Goldacres North-Central Seniors

Teams	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	B	For	Ag
Birchip-Watchem	10	40	313.99	10	0	0		1369	436
Calder United	10	32	280.09	8	2	0		1224	437
Boort	10	32	189.94	8	2	0		1189	626
Sea Lake-Nandaly	10	24	214.45	6	4	0		1143	533
Wedderburn	10	16	133.64	4	6	0		870	651
Charlton	10	12	27.61	3	7	0		360	1304
St Arnaud	10	4	41.64	1	9	0		473	1136
Donald	10	0	12.04	0	10	0		206	1711

Haeuslers Reserves

Teams	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	B	For	Ag
Calder United	10	40	678.21	10	0	0		1058	156
Boort	10	36	467.73	9	1	0		1029	220
Birchip-Watchem	10	32	276.99	8	2	0		975	352
Sea Lake-Nandaly	10	20	148.40	5	5	0		788	531
St Arnaud	10	16	116.41	4	6	0		610	524
Wedderburn	10	12	33.02	3	7	0		315	954
Charlton	10	4	30.46	1	9	0		293	962
Donald	10	0	6.81	0	10	0		100	1469

Community Bank Charlton and District Under-17s

Teams	P	Pts	W	L	D	B
St Arnaud	10	40	10	0	0	
Sea Lake-Nandaly	10	32	8	2	0	
Boort	10	28	7	3	0	
Calder United	10	24	6	4	0	
Donald	10	16	4	6	0	
Charlton	10	16	4	6	0	
Wedderburn	10	4	1	9	0	
Birchip-Watchem	10	0	0	10	0	

Uniting Church Under-14s

Teams	P	Pts	W	L	D	B
Sea Lake-Nandaly	10	36	9	1	0	
St Arnaud	10	36	9	1	0	
Donald	10	24	6	4	0	
Wedderburn	10	24	6	4	0	
Boort	10	16	4	6	0	
Calder United	10	12	3	7	0	
Birchip-Watchem	10	8	2	8	0	
Charlton	10	4	1	9	0	

Tooleybuc Sporting Club Presidents’ Award

Voting for round 10:

Birchip-Watchem: M. Buchanan 3, R. Conboy 2, H. Hosking 1.

Sea Lake Nandaly: B. McInnes 3, M. Cahoon 2, T. Donnan 1.

Boort: K. Rutley 3, L. Hall 2, J. Baddeley-Kelly 1.

Donald: J. Talty 3, D. Bell-Warren 2, D. Pearce 1.

Charlton: B. Lanyon 3, R. Thompson 2, M. Collins 1.

St Arnaud: T. Bertalli 3, O. Lowe 2, K. Torney 1.

Calder United: G. Turner 3, D. Watts 2, T. Trewin 1.

Wedderburn: J. Mortlock 3, N. Furlong 2, C. Lowry 1.

Saturday’s Leading Goal Kickers

Seniors

Ben Edwards (B-W) 2	74
Jhye Baddeley-Kelly (Boort) 9	55
Jack Exell (CU) -	44
Mitch Jensen (Wedd) 2	28
Max Cahoon (SLNT) 4	28
Kayne Rutley (Boort) 6	27
Nicholas Rippon (B-W) -	24
Joseph Reid (B-W) 3	21
Lachy McClelland (SLNT) -	20

Reserves

Alex Cockerell (Boort) 6	31
Matthew Berry (B-W) 2	27
Zachary Wemyss (SLNT) -	23
John Summerhayes (SLNT) 3	23
Alexander Hay (B-W) -	21
Heath Senior (CU) -	21
George Forrester (CU) 1	21
Harry Weaver (Boort) -	20
Joel Clohesy (SLNT) -	17

CHS Broadbent Club Championship

(Senior win 10 pts., Reserves 6, Under-17s 4, Under-14s 2)

	Snr.	Res.	U-17	U-14	Ttl.
Boort	10	6	4	2	170
Calder United	10	6	4	0	168
Birchip-Watchem	10	6	0	0	152
Sea Lake-Nandaly	0	0	4	2	150
St Arnaud	0	6	4	2	92
Wedderburn	0	0	0	2	74
Charlton	10	0	0	0	54
Donald	0	0	0	0	28



• Donald's cheer squad welcomes its players back on to the field for the second half.

Magpies Masterful on Special Day

• Continued from page 16. Rutley and Baddeley-Kelly, runners Lachlan Hall, Jayden Dick, Carlos Egan, and Matt Austin found plenty of the football. Even the pacy defender Jack Smith pushed

forward to slot a goal, underlining Boort's dominance across all lines. Scores: Boort 28.14 (182) d. Donald 3.3 (21). Best for Boort: Lachlan Hall, Jayden Dick, Jhye

Baddeley-Kelly, Kayne Rutley, Carlos Egan. For Donald: Josh Talty, Dyson Bell-Warren, Dan Pearce, Luca Rice, Tom Reekie, Charlie Campbell, Harry Forrest.

North-Central Netball

Last Saturday's results:

"A" Grade
St Arnaud 42 drew with Charlton 42; Boort 57 d. Donald 30; Wedderburn 48 d. Calder United 28; Birchip-Wat 39 def. by Sea Lake-Nan 66.

"B" Grade
St Arnaud 43 d. Charlton 27; Boort 51 d. Donald 41; Wedderburn 60 d. Calder United 42;

Birchip-Wat 43 d. Sea Lake-Nan 36.

"C" Grade
St Arnaud 61 d. Charlton 32; Boort 43 d. Donald 27; Wedderburn 40 def. by 69 Calder United; Birchip-Wat 45 d. Sea Lake-Nan-daly 40.

"C" Grade Reserves
Wedderburn 39 def. by. Calder United 48; Birchip-Wat 21 def. by Sea Lake-Nan 64.

Seventeen-and-Under
Boort 80 d. Donald 29; St Arnaud 32 d. Charlton 31; Wedderburn 4 def. by Calder 73; Birchip-Wat 48 d. Sea Lake-Nan 42.

Fourteen-and-Under "A"
Birchip-Wat 34 d. Sea Lake-Nan 1; Boort 37 d. Donald 26.

Fourteen-and-Under "B"
Birchip-Wat 22 d. Sea Lake-Nan 7; Boort 20 d. Donald 3.



• Beginning his leap is Boort's ruckman Peter Barbopoulos. Other players pictured are Boort's Ryan McGhie (33) and Tom Potter and Donald's George Walker, Josh Smulders, and Harry Forrest.



• The Magpies' Carlos Egan is first for the ball as Donald's Kalon Green leaps into action. The other Donald player is Dyson Bell-Warren.

Results of round 10:

"A" GRADE											
	P	W	L	D	B	FWFL	F	A	Pts	%	
Wedderburn	10	10	0	0	0	0	563	308	40	183	
Boort	10	8	2	0	0	0	557	400	32	139	
Sea Lake-Nan	10	7	3	0	0	0	445	364	28	122	
Birchip-Wat	10	6	4	0	0	0	513	466	24	110	
Calder United	10	5	5	0	0	0	416	410	20	101	
Donald	10	2	8	0	0	0	413	492	8	84	
Charlton	9	1	8	0	0	0	313	483	4	65	
St Arnaud	9	0	9	0	0	0	262	559	0	47	
"B" GRADE											
Wedderburn	10	10	0	0	0	0	624	365	40	171	
Boort	10	9	1	0	0	0	536	407	36	132	
Birchip-Wat	10	7	3	0	0	0	504	409	28	123	
Calder United	10	7	3	0	0	0	486	413	28	118	
St Arnaud	10	4	6	0	0	0	414	488	16	85	
Donald	10	1	8	1	0	0	396	488	6	81	
Sea Lake-Nan	10	1	8	1	0	0	366	493	6	74	
Charlton	10	0	10	0	0	0	251	514	0	49	
"C" GRADE											
Calder United	10	9	1	0	0	0	591	275	36	215	
Birchip-Wat	10	7	3	0	0	0	478	336	28	142	
Boort	10	7	3	0	0	0	428	354	28	121	
Wedderburn	10	7	3	0	0	0	464	408	28	114	
Sea Lake-Nan	10	6	4	0	0	0	397	360	24	110	
St Arnaud	9	2	7	0	0	0	335	373	8	90	
Charlton	9	0	9	0	0	0	257	509	0	50	
Donald	10	1	9	0	0	0	227	562	0	40	

"C" GRADE RESERVES											
Sea Lake-Nan	8	8	0	0	2	0	0	432	176	32	.31
Boort	6	5	1	0	1	0	0	340	120	20	.47
Calder United	7	4	3	0	2	0	0	254	199	16	.18
Birchip-Wat	6	2	4	0	3	0	0	144	274	8	.09
Wedderburn	8	2	6	0	2	0	0	230	380	8	.08
St Arnaud	7	0	7	0	1	0	0	141	392	0	.05
SEVENTEEN-AND-UNDER											
Calder United	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	739	215	40	344
Birchip-Wat	10	8	2	0	0	0	0	550	351	32	157
Boort	10	7	2	1	0	0	0	456	337	30	135
St Arnaud	10	6	3	1	0	0	0	484	360	26	134
Sea Lake-Nan	10	5	5	0	0	0	0	407	458	20	89
Charlton	10	2	8	0	0	0	0	324	404	4	80
Wedderburn	10	1	9	0	0	0	0	259	618	4	42
Donald	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	225	701	0	32
FOURTEEN-AND-UNDER "A"											
Boort	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	309	124	40	249
Birchip-Wat	10	9	1	0	0	0	0	301	103	36	292
Donald	10	6	4	0	0	0	0	261	161	24	162
Calder United	9	5	4	0	0	0	0	192	139	20	138
St Arnaud	9	4	5	0	0	0	0	176	155	16	114
Wedderburn	9	2	7	0	0	0	0	72	225	8	32
Charlton	9	1	8	0	0	0	0	78	253	4	31
Sea Lake-Nan	10	1	9	0	0	0	0	64	293	4	22
FOURTEEN-AND-UNDER "B"											
St Arnaud	8	7	1	0	2	0	0	152	47	28	.40
Boort	8	7	1	0	2	0	0	141	55	28	.32
Birchip-Wat	8	6	2	0	2	0	0	142	66	24	.27
Wedderburn	8	3	4	1	1	0	0	91	112	14	.10
Calder United	8	2	4	2	1	0	0	59	74	12	.10
Donald	9	1	7	1	1	0	0	55	167	6	.04
Sea Lake-Nan	9	0	7	2	1	0	0	36	155	4	.03



• At the Boort sports ground, these two words carry a heartfelt message to all our indispensable Emergency Services personell.

Magpies Masterful on Special Day

This weekend's AFL Country Football Round 10 was dedicated to our incredible Emergency Services — CFA, SES, Ambulance, and Police. A heartfelt thank you for your tireless commitment to keeping our communities safe.

As usual, Donald was welcomed by the Magpies on a lush and well-prepared surface.

Boort got off to a flying start, with Kayne Rutley slotting two early goals — he would go on to finish with six for the match.

Rutley, alongside full forward Jhye Baddeley-Kelly, who bagged nine majors, formed a formidable two-pronged attack, contributing more than half of Boort's total score. Baddeley-Kelly's strong marking and precise kicking stood out, and he may have added even more if not for the determined efforts of Donald defender Charlie

Campbell, who was assigned the tough task of curbing his influence, midway through the game.

Boort's Will Perryman also chipped in with a first-quarter goal and finished with four for the day.

Sam Arho opened Donald's account, followed by a clever link-up from Tom Reekie to Josh Talty, who converted truly. Reekie was outstanding in the ruck, more than holding his own against the Magpies' duo of the imposing Peter Barbopoulos and taller James Wilson.

The second quarter was the tightly contested, with Boort

adding five more goals — all to Rutley and Baddeley-Kelly — while Ben Arho connected with brother Sam for Donald's third and final goal of the day.

In the second half, Boort extended its lead significantly, though Donald had several encouraging passages of play. The Blues' hard-nosed trio of Josh Talty, Harry Forrest and Dan Pearce applied relentless pressure, while playmakers Dyson Bell-Warren and Luca Rice impressed with their composure and creativity.

Boort's strength lay in its team-oriented approach, with a long list of contributors. In addition to its key forwards,

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• Donald's Tom Reekie flies high and is surrounded by, (from Donald), Harry Forrest, Luca Rice, Kalon Green (obscured), Callum Van Den Driest and Boort's Carlos Egan, Peter Barbopoulos (62), Lachlan Hall (13), Jayden Dick (1), Nick Whyte and Ryan McGhie.

Unbreakable Bulls Set the Standard



• Kristy Knights, CFA volunteer, tosses the coin with captains Wade Donnan and Dale Hinkley for Emergency Services Round.

Reigning premiers Sea Lake-Nandaly has suffered its second consecutive 40-point loss, going down to Birchip-Watchem at the Bullpen on Saturday.

The Tigers started strongly, hitting the lead in the first 12 minutes on what was a perfect day for footy. It was also a round dedicated to recognising Emergency Services workers and volunteers, with both sides keen to make an early impact.

With barely a breeze all afternoon, the conditions allowed for a high-quality contest between two well-matched sides. There were clever passages of play throughout the game, with both teams showing class in a hotly contested match.

With Sea Lake's Hamish Hosking facing off against veteran Ryan O'Sullivan in the ruck, and while Hosking

brought his usual physicality, O'Sullivan showed that age is just a number, holding his own and then some around the ground.

The Tigers had the first forward entry thanks to Tyson McKenzie, but Birchip-Watchem's defence stood strong. Angus Butterfield and Charlie Frank were quick to apply pressure and win the turnover. O'Sullivan continued to impose himself, intercepting several forward entries before a free kick helped Wade Donnan slot the Tigers' first major.

Daniel Bell worked well around stoppages, clearing from the middle, but rushed

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