

Donald Show Named Third Most Popular

In an incredible statewide result, the Donald Show has been officially crowned the Third Most Popular Agricultural Show in Victoria in the 2025 VAS Ltd People's Choice Awards – and what a moment it is for Donald's proud community!

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• Wimmera show representatives: Back, left to right: Kim Hawker (Kaniva), Andea Cross (Horsham), Nicole Nunn (Donald), Dusty Raiyn McIntyre (St Arnaud), Megan Jardine (Donald), Amelia McIntyre (St Arnaud). Front: Sarah Jardine (Donald), Kirsty Keys (Warracknabeal), Jason Keys (Warracknabeal).

Farmer Funding for 54 Climate-Smart Projects

The Federal Government has announced more than \$76 million in funding to 54 projects across the country which will help farmers adopt climate-smart sustainable agriculture practices.

These projects include more than \$6 million for three projects in the Mallee, Wimmera, and Goulburn Valley regions, delivering vital support

for local farmers to adapt a changing climate.

The funded projects include:

- \$2.17 million for the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority to deliver nature-based environmental services for sustainable

agriculture in the Goulburn Valley.

- \$2.1 million for the Mallee Catchment Management Authority to expand Mallee Sustainable Agriculture Services.

- \$1.76 million for the Wimmera Catchment Authority

to support on-farm natural capital and build Climate-Smart communities of practice.

These projects will help improve soil health, strengthen natural capital, and ensure the long-term viability of farming in Victoria's north and west.

Many of the 54 projects are in regions that are experiencing or are prone to droughts or floods, with 17 supporting climate adaptation.

These projects demonstrate Climate Smart's continued commitment to supporting a

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• Show makers, left to right: Debbie Hibberd, Peggy Coats, Rachael Grant, Megan Jardine, Nicole Nunn, Sarah Jardine, Jessica Krause, Ben Krause, with Millie Pearse (centre, seated).

Millie Wins Show Schedule Cover Design

The Donald Pastoral and Agricultural Society is thrilled to announce Millie Pearse as the winner of the 2025 Schedule Cover Design Competition.

Millie's vibrant and creative entry, which beautifully captured this year's theme of "Australian Animals," was selected from a fantastic field of entries.

As part of her prize, Millie will enjoy a unique Donald Show Experience, and her winning design will proudly feature on the cover of this year's Pavilion Schedule.

"We were overwhelmed by the number of thoughtful and imaginative submissions," a spokesperson for the Donald Show committee said.

"It was wonderful to see such talent from our local community and beyond. We thank each and every person who entered – your designs were all incredible and have been included throughout the schedule."

The 2025 Pavilion Schedule is now available to view online at www.donaldshow.com.au. Printed copies will be available from local outlets soon.

Congratulations again to Millie, and thank you to all participants for helping bring the spirit of the show to life through art!

Letters to the Editor



Celebrating 150 Years of Community Service

(The Editor, "The Times")

Dear Editor.— As a former part owner and long-time employee of the "Donald Times", "Donald-Birchip Times" and more recently the "Buloke Times", I believe the 150th. anniversary of the first edition, published by the late Godfrey Morgan, on Tuesday, July 29, 1875, is an achievement of immense significance.

It also places our local newspaper in a class of its own, having withstood the test of time, including surviving two World Wars, numerous other world-wide skirmishes, Shire amalgamation, the recent Covid pandemic, as well as many floods and droughts, to mention just a few of the many challenges faced by humanity.

Throughout those 150 years, the newspaper and its many staff members have focused on providing an accurate coverage of local news and allowing space for readers to express their views.

The traditions established by Godfrey Morgan have been handed down through the generations, including to his grandson and long-serving "Times" editor Goff Letts (1921 to 1987), his great grandson Robin Letts (the editor since 1987), and his great-great-grandson, David Letts (the current proprietor and printer).

I was fortunate to gain an apprenticeship with the "Times" in 1972, and privileged to have spent my entire working life of fifty-one-and-a-half years at the newspaper, growing as a person and learning many skills under the tutelage of Goff Letts Senior and Junior, Robin Letts, the

late Allan Dunstan, and long-time workmates, including Ron Garrett and Brian Bayles, who have helped me navigate the challenges of life.

Over the years the "Times" has grown, first to incorporate Birchip into its coverage area in 1973, becoming the "Donald-Birchip Times", with Janet Lee and Hazel McCready joining the team, and then in 1994, the "Buloke Times" at the time of Shire amalgamation.

Working for a newspaper in a country community provides a rare opportunity to be involved in and contribute to many local activities.

And to have been able to progress from a hand and machine compositor (hot metal process that included type setting the news items and then putting the pages of the paper together by hand, ready for printing), to having the opportunity to develop my writing and photographic skills (thank you, Shirley Letts).

Employment at the "Times" provided the ongoing challenges and rewards that ensured going to work was never a chore, even if it meant working seven days a week, and often for long hours, particularly during the hot metal days prior to the advent of computers.

As the "Times" goes to press today, 150 years after the first edition rolled off the manually operated press, congratulations to Robin and David Letts, and current staff members, front office lady Patsy Dunstan, Quill McQuilty, Candace Jay, Carmen Bath and Daniel Puentes in the production room, and Birchip representative Simone Christie, as well as highly valued regular correspondents. And good luck for the future.

Yours, with printer's ink running through my veins,

Shane O'Shea.
Donald.

150 Years! Congratulations!

(The Editor, "The Times")

Dear Editor.— After procrastinating for more than 60 years, I recently read "Shanty at the Bridge" – The Story of Donald. When first published in 1963, it wasn't what a 13-year-old felt compelled to read. However as a "mature" 70+-year-old, I found it of greater interest and noted the references to the establishment of your fine publication.

Your contribution to the promotion and well being of Donald and surrounding districts is immeasurable. Thank you!

As a child I recall being on family holidays and my late father would have each issue mailed to our holiday address, or when away on shorter stays, we had to be home on Monday or Thursday nights because the "Times" would be there next morning. Over the years he was a regular scribe to your columns.

In recent years in discussions with friends I have promoted your amazing efforts over the COVID era when you continued to publish twice weekly when many of the mastheads owned by so called media giants "shut up shop". I wish you well for the years ahead as you work with the challenges of an ever changing media world. Keep up the good work.

Yours etc....

Brian McClelland
Ballarat.



• Celebrating 150 years of the "Buloke Times" Robin and David Letts with a portrait of the founder of the "Times" Godfrey Morgan. Photo by Tim Lee, ABC Landline.

The Donald Times.

Donald Express.
AND FARMERS' ADVOCATE.
The "EXPRESS" published fortnightly through Donald, Charlton, Mt. Ararat, Ouyen, Omeo, Ararat, Stawell, Warrnambool, Warragul, Wodonga, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Hobart, and other ports.
No 359 TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1886. Price 8d

The Donald Despatch
AND FARMERS' REPRESENTATIVE.
VOL. I. NO. 1. DONALD, TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1900. PRICE THREEPENCE

The Donald Mail.
Circulating Throughout the Wimmera District
Cape Cope, Stawell, Sturt, Mt. Ararat, Ouyen, Omeo, Ararat, Stawell, Warrnambool, Warragul, Wodonga, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Hobart, and other ports.
NO 18 FRIDAY, NOV. 29, 1912. Price: Threepence

The Birchip Advertiser.
AND MALLEE AGRICULTURIST.
BIRCHIP, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1907. PRICE: THREEPENCE

The Birchip Advertiser
AND WATCHMAN SENTINEL

BIRCHIP AND DISTRICT
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The Donald Birchip Times

The Buloke Times

• Mastheads over the years.

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more sustainable and climate-smart sector, while supporting its farmers.

The projects are funded under the Natural Heritage Trust's Climate-Smart Agriculture Program and will seek to build on local knowledge, targeting what is most needed,

from improving soil health, combatting land degradation and improving water-use efficiency, to farm-management planning and revegetation.

These projects will build capacity and resilience to climate change, manage emissions, improve soil health and protect natural capital.

Activities such as on-farm

demonstrations and workshops will increase awareness and adoption by farmers and landholders.

The Climate-Smart Agriculture Program runs over five years from 2023 to 2028. For a full list of projects and to learn more visit: agriculture.gov.au/climate-smart

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ACEN Australia is in the early stages of investigating a large-scale wind energy project in Buloke Shire in Western Victoria, called **Corack East Wind**. The development is proposed to be located on privately owned land between Donald, Birchip and Wycheeproof.

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Venue information

9 July Charlton
16 July Donald
23 July Charlton
30 July Birchip

6 August Charlton
13 August Charlton
20 August Donald
27 August Birchip

Donald – Scout Hall, Racecourse Road, Donald

Birchip – Birchip Community Leisure Centre, Morrison St, Birchip

Charlton Charlton Park Community Bank Complex, Calder Hwy, Charlton

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Why Does Your Vote Matter?

These awards showcase the relevance and impact of country shows in our communities. Every vote is a voice saying, “our show matters”, “our town counts”, and “we’re proud of what we’ve built together”. With continued support, recognition like this helps attract funding, new sponsors, and visitors – ensuring the future of events that bring us together year after year.

The Donald Show committee extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who voted. This is your win, too. Let’s go even bigger next year!

DustyRaiyn Represents Wimmera on State Stage

The Wimmera was proudly represented on the big stage as DustyRaiyn McIntyre of the St Arnaud Show competed in the 2025 VAS Ltd Junior Show Ambassador State Final, held over last weekend.

DustyRaiyn stood alongside seven of Victoria’s brightest young leaders, each representing their region and local show society with pride, passion, and purpose. While the title was awarded to Charlotte Wigney (Bendigo Show) with Hannah Creevey (Maldon Show) as runner-up, Dusty’s presence was a powerful reminder of the spirit and dedication that thrives in the Wimmera.

Representing the Wimmera Group, DustyRaiyn showcased the values at the

heart of agricultural shows – community involvement, youth leadership, and a love for rural life.

The Donald and St Arnaud Show communities congratulate DustyRaiyn on an outstanding achievement and thank her for being a proud ambassador for our region.

Ashlea Second in Cake Final

The Donald Show is celebrating sweet success after local baker Ashlea Wright claimed second place in the prestigious 2025 VAS Ltd Carrot Cake State Final, proudly sponsored by Rocky Lamattina & Sons.

Held as part of the Victorian Agricultural Shows State Championships, the competition brings together the top carrot cake bakers from across regional Victoria – each one representing their local show society and group. Ashlea, representing the Wimmera Group and the Donald Show, stood out among the best, finishing just behind first place winner Ian Kohlman of the Kyneton Show, and ahead of third place recipient Gayle Read from the Shepparton Show.

Ashlea’s result is not only a personal triumph, but a proud moment for the Donald community and show committee. Her attention to detail, flavour, and presentation reflects the passion and pride that define the Donald Show’s contribution to the agricultural show movement.

Other finalists in the state competition hailed from across Victoria, including Foster, Sale, Clunes, Yarrowonga, Barham Koondrook, and Colac – showcasing the rich talent and tradition alive in rural communities.

As Donald Show and Wimmera Group President, Nicole Nunn praised Ashlea’s efforts, saying:

“To see one of our own be recognised among the best in Victoria is a moment of immense pride. Ashlea is not only a wonderful baker, but a wonderful ambassador for our show and region.”

Congratulations to Ashlea Wright on her well-earned silver placing – a true credit to Donald and the Wimmera!

Time for Paddles in Puddles

With drought having been the subject of discussion for months past, Saturday’s change of weather gave football-goers – of all ages – the chance to test the depth of puddles at the Wedderburn ground.



• Not all work and no play, and not only did the little kids enjoy the puddles. This big kid (aka Brad Bath) was captured having fun after his stint as goal umpire. Luckily he had on his gumboots and golf wet weather gear.



• Above: Wedderburn’s Brayson and Piper Lee Ossewey enjoying more than just the footy on Saturday. Having already soaked their sneakers at home before getting to the football, now dressed in gumboots prepared for the conditions and the fun of all the puddles.

Road Maintenance Season Wrapping Up

The State Government is keeping Victorians moving smoothly in our regions, with the \$964 million 2024/25 road maintenance program wrapping up this month.

Hundreds of kilometres of road across the state have been repaired, resurfaced or rebuilt to keep Victorians moving, delivering more reliable journeys for local drivers, tourists, and freight operators.

Major road rehabilitation works have been undertaken on sections of key routes across the region drivers travel on daily, including Kilmore-Lancefield Road, Heathcote-Kyneton Road, Heathcote-Rochester Road, Echuca-Mooroopna Road, Goulburn Valley Highway,

Midland Highway and Murray Valley Highway.

Crews have inspected roads and responded to calls from local communities – 24 hours a day, seven days a week, repairing almost 40,000 potholes and resurfacing kilometres of roads across Northern Victoria.

Thousands of signs have been repaired and replaced, more than 12,000 kilometres of roadside grass have been mowed and slashed, and almost 800 safety barriers have been repaired on major highways in the region.

Almost 70 per cent of the works undertaken during this major road maintenance blitz have been directed to Victoria’s regional areas, including works to repair the Great Alpine Road, the Mallee Highway, the Monaro Highway, the Surf Coast Highway and the Western Highway.

As part of more works kicking off later this year, crews will focus on delivering long-term solutions to repair Victorian roads – with rehabilitation and resurfacing works prioritised to protect the longevity of our road network for years to come.

Donald Show Money Mania Kicks Off with a Bang: Week One Winners Announced!

The first draw of the Donald Show Money Mania fundraiser was held on Friday, July 25th, and it was a fantastic start to six weeks of excitement in support of the 2025 Donald Show.

Congratulations to the week one winners:

1st prize (\$250), Peter Pickering, Busbiz; 2nd prize (\$150), Jeremy Jardine; 3rd prize (\$100), Kerry and Kelvin Hepworth.

A huge thank you to everyone who has jumped on board

to support this important community fundraiser. Your contribution directly helps make the Donald Show bigger and better every year.

If you missed out this week – don’t worry! There are still numbers available and five more weeks of draws to come, with great cash prizes

up for grabs each Friday.

Want to get involved? Contact Sarah on 0455 187 867 to secure your number before the next draw!

Together, let’s keep the Money Mania rolling and show our support for one of Donald’s most cherished annual events.

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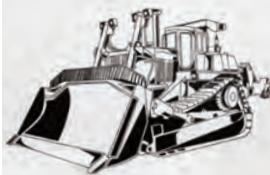
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• Pictured with Past District Governor Harry Brindley (left) are (left to right) Lions Michael Raynes (president), Shane O'Shea (treasurer), Colleen Harmer (secretary), Graeme Harris (membership chairman), and Brian Brasier (bulletin editor).

Lion Michael Raynes Leads for Second Term: "Changeover" Remains the Same

After yet another progressive year of community service, the Donald Lions Club held its annual "changeover" dinner at the Bullock's Head Tavern last Thursday night.

As an indication of satisfaction in the club's leadership over the past year, and confidence in its future operations, the team that led the way over the past twelve months was re-elected unopposed for 2025-'26.

Those returned were Lions Michael Raynes (president), Colleen Harmer (secretary), Shane O'Shea (treasurer), Brian Brasier (bulletin editor), and Graeme Harris (membership chairman).

Conducting the induction ceremony, Past District Governor Harry Brindley paid tribute to the contribution made by the Donald club over multiple decades, while outlining duties assigned to its leaders.

President's Report

Prior to his re-election, president Michael Raynes delivered the following annual report:

"First, I'd like to extend a special welcome to all our guests. Thank you for your assistance throughout the year with our various projects, namely the barbecues at race meetings and the B. and S. Ball, spinning wheel, driver reviver, Youth of the Year and train park maintenance.

"Also, welcome to Lion Harry Brindley and his partner, Irene, from Charlton Lions Club. Over many years Harry has been a great source of information and support to Donald Lions and many others around the Zone and District.

"I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the losses of Lions Len Bryan and Nick Pearce throughout the year. Both were tireless workers for our club. Lenny took on many roles during his time and was always willing to attend any working bees, and Nick for helping with train park maintenance and for being a massive inspiration to the Deb Committee for many years.

"Thank you to the Lions Club Directors for your assistance in keeping the organisation going and for help keeping members informed through our bulletin and for sourcing excellent speakers for our meetings during the year.

"This year has welcomed several new and very keen members. Thank you for your interest and I hope it continues for many years.

"I believe the barbecues we've run at Christmas time, on Australia Day, at race meetings and other community events add value to our purpose and contribute to the town's reputation, and we certainly wouldn't be in the position we're in to help out where we can financially, with both Lions and community projects, without the opportunity to run these barbecues.

"Also this year we had a contestant go through the District Youth of the Year final. This was a very interesting experience for all concerned and I hope we can continue competing.

"It seems pretty obvious that we've had a good time serving the community and raising funds for various Lions Australia and community projects along the way,

and may it continue for many years to come."

New Member

Welcomed to the Donald Lions Club was new member, Lion Kieran White, and his wife, Julie. Kieran is employed at Eatwell, on the Industrial Estate, while Julie is a member of the staff at Weir's IGA Supermarket.

Projects

Donald Lions Club members have supported a number of local projects through the year, including the ongoing development of the Train Park, providing overhead protection for Taggerty and replacement windows, and painting the Steam Engine.

The club funded a third storyboard panel at the Bullock's Head Lookout, in Byrne Street, to provide information from its rediscovery through to current day viewing.



• The installation of the third panel of the Bullock's Head Storyboard project, funded by the Donald Lions Club, completes the story of Donald's Bullock's Head, from its rediscovery in 1972, the words to "Legend of the Bullock's Head", written by Ken Robertson for the 1985 "Back to Donald", and details of its restoration following a destructive windstorm in 2002, which snapped the ancient River Redgum into three pieces. It is hoped the additional information will provide visitors with information that will help explain its significance to the people of Donald.



**AMBULANCE PHONE NO.
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Charlton 100 Years Ago

(Information from “East Charlton Tribune”)

July 25 to 28, 1925.

Enterprising Business Man: We had the pleasure of a visit to the new billiard parlour (conducted by Mr Williams, in High Street) and were agreeably surprised. Contained within a fibro cement building, lined and panelled most pleasingly, are four Alcock’s best full size tables. Oil paintings and aspidastras decorate the walls. The proprietor makes it his practice to attend to his tables thoroughly, brushing, velveting and ironing daily. Lighting has been attended to. Although Mr Williams had full warning of its non success, the patrons have been so consistent in their visits that his path has been a rosy one indeed. It is his intention to run tournaments every 6 weeks.

Today’s Big Match: The President of the Football Club (Mr W. Halligan), and the Secretary (Mr L. J. Bowe)

made a round of the various firms of the town on Thursday, concerning the proposal put forward that business premises should be closed for the eagerly-anticipated match with Narraport at Charlton today (Saturday). It is the Blue and Whites’ last home game of the season. The deputation met with a most favourable reception. The shops will close from 3.30 p.m. until the end of the senior encounter.

Deaths: Nolan – Julia, aged 57 years (suddenly). 4th daughter late James and Annie Nolan. Smale – at Barakee, Walter Frederick, aged 13 years, dearly loved son of George and Mary Smale. The funeral left his parents’ residence for the Terrapsee Cemetery.

Appreciation: The East Charlton Hotel was the scene of a pleasing ceremony – and

a surprise it was to the host and hostess of that establishment. Prior to Narraport going to the football ground, Mr and Mrs McAuliffe were called to meet the players in the dining room, where the Narraport President asked them to accept a handsome oak silver-mounted spirit stand, with cut glass decanters. The gift was a token of the Narraport players’ appreciation of the splendid banquet tendered them at the end of last season. Responding on behalf of Mrs McAuliffe and himself, Mr McAuliffe expressed their warm appreciation of the entirely unexpected gift.

Vigorous Cubs: The 1st Charlton Wolf Cubs Pack is pursuing a vigorous existence. Assistant-Scoutmaster Gordon Kirk invested the Cubs. Pack Leader Arthur Bertoli presented Sixers Ron Smith, Les Harris and Allan Hinkins.



• 1950s East Charlton Hotel.

Sixer Allan Hinkins presented the Red Wolves’ Seconds, Brian McEniry and Joe Hayes. Sixer Les Harris presented the Grey Wolves’ Seconds, Jim Flockhart, Joe Grady, Harold Richards and Walter Arundell. Sixer Ron Smith presented the Brown Wolves’ Seconds Charlie Raynor, Ken Clark and Bob Arundell. This was followed by the Investiture of four new scouts – Jack Smith, Stuart Thompson, J. Shannon and Malcolm Hudgson.

Splendid: A financial record for the season was created by

the fortnightly euchre party and dance in St Joseph’s Hall, under the management of Mrs Paton and Miss O’Callaghan. For the euchre, 31 tables were occupied, representing an attendance of 124. The prize winners were: Ladies’ first Miss Maher; secret, Mrs A. Young; gentlemen’s first, Mr A. Thompson; secret, Mr J. Monaghan. The entrance prize was secured by Mr J. Wright, and the drop out waltz by Mr E. Retallick and Miss M. Fanning. For the dance there were 76 couples. Excellent music was played by Miss M. Spain

(piano) and Mr A. C. Dabron (trombone). The supper was of a high standard.

Hare Shoot: A shelter shed for the children attending the Wooroonook East School is needed. In aid of the funds therefore the School Committee of which Mr J. Robertson is chairman, and Mr W. Roberts hon. secretary, has arranged a hare shoot. It will take place on Cr S. Wood’s property at Wooroonook. Hares are reported to be numerous and all shooters welcome.

“That’s a Wrap!”

An impressive roll-up of Donald football players, club members and supporters cleared the Donald hospital shed of countless bundles of paper, which is to be recycled.

This will be an end of an era as the shed will now be used for other purposes and alternative arrangements are being sought for the future collection/drop off of paper.

Thanks to all who assisted in the clearing of the shed over the years.



• Harry Forrest and Shaun Pearse gather the bundles from the conveyor.



• Terry Russell passes down the bundles of paper to Murray Wright who loads the conveyor.

“Superman”

Flying across the big screen at The Rex this weekend will be the new super-hero movie about the “man-of-steel”, Superman!

Currently smashing the box office with world-wide takings reaching almost \$400 million, the 2025 version of the DC Universe character has become the highest earning super-hero hit of the year!

As one reviewer put it, “The Man of Steel isn’t just faster than a flying bullet – he’s beating the box office competition, too.”

Approaching the story from a different angle, writer/director James Gunn said that Superman is viewed as an immigrant and that the film tells that story. While the movie has been called “woke” by some, audiences have obviously not been deterred as the film’s attendances continue to soar.

The movie sees Superman (David Corenswet) being drawn into conflicts at home and abroad with his actions being questioned, thus giving tech billionaire Lex Luthor the opportunity to get the Man of Steel out of the way for good. As Superman embarks on a journey to reconcile his Kryptonian heritage with his human upbringing as Clark Kent, the big question is, “Will intrepid reporter Lois Lane and Superman’s four-legged companion, Krypto, be able to help him before it’s too late?”

One audience reviewer said the movie “strikes a remarkable balance between the vibrant, colourful essence of its comic book roots and a grounded, relatable serious-

ness. This fresh take on the iconic hero may just be the most compelling yet.”

So, why not head along to The Rex and be swept up in the action so you can make up your own mind about this new interpretation!

“Superman” (M 130 mins) screens: Saturday, August 2 8 p.m. | Sunday, August 3, 2 p.m. | Tuesday, August 5, 8 p.m..

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Graduate Program Applications Open

Applications for Rabobank’s 2026 graduate program are now open, providing university graduates interested in agriculture and agribusiness the chance to start their careers with the specialist agribusiness bank.

Rabobank is offering places for graduates from around Australia to join the bank early next year, beginning with a formal 18-month graduate program, which kicks off in February 2026.

The world’s leading specialist food and agribusiness bank, Rabobank is one of Australia’s largest agricultural lenders and a major provider of business and corporate banking services to the country’s food and agribusiness sector.

Rabobank Chief HR Officer Australia & New Zealand Belinda Webber said the program allows graduates to start meaningful careers with a major global food and agribusiness bank.

“Since starting its formal graduate program in 2023, the bank has helped launch the careers of university graduates across Australia,” she said.

Ranking

The Rabo Graduate Program was recently ranked third in the 2025 Top Graduate Employers – Small Program category, and also 2025 Top 10 Most Popular Banking, Finance and Insurance Employer by The Australian Financial Review and GradConnection. These awards recognise organisations that provide the most positive experience for new graduates based on the opinions of the graduates themselves.

Ms Webber said each graduate would rotate across a range of teams in the bank, within their chosen function, as part of the program.

“The program is designed to provide substantial career development opportunities and support graduates in advancing in their chosen fields. Additionally, it offers a chance to be part of Rabobank’s inclusive and flexible work environment,” she said.

To help accelerate career development, each graduate will be matched with a senior leader within the bank to act as their mentor throughout the program. Graduates would

also have the opportunity for interstate and, potentially, international travel.

“All graduates spend time at a rural or regional branch in Australia – including locations such as Shepperton, Kadina, Geraldton, Wagga Wagga, Toowoomba and Port Lincoln,” Ms Webber said. “Through this important customer-facing experience, individuals gain a better understanding of Rabobank’s unique approach to supporting clients.”

University of New England graduate Molly Davidson joined the bank’s 2025 program intake and says she can attest to the professional opportunities offered.

Ms Davidson, who grew up on a farm near Lucindale in South Australia’s south east, has completed her first program rotation with Rabobank in Perth, and is now working in the Sydney office before soon heading to Wagga Wagga for her next placement.

Opportunity

“The opportunity to travel and learn about different agricultural production systems has been a real highlight,” she said. “Spending time in WA, learning about broadacre cropping and integrated livestock businesses was an amazing experience and an opportunity to expand my knowledge.

“While in Perth, I was working in a credit analyst role. Not something I was naturally drawn to, I was surprised at how much I enjoyed the intricate analysis of farming businesses. It is a very detailed way of thinking, requiring you to develop a high standard of writing.

“That’s the whole point of this great program, you get the opportunity to try different roles and then determine which you might like best.”

Now working in Sydney, Ms Davidson’s current rotation is with the bank’s operations team, learning about payments, online savings and the bank’s Farm Management Deposit product.

Next Rotation

And for her next rotation, Ms Davidson will be moving to Wagga Wagga to work with the rural banking team. “I’m looking forward to spending more time on-farm and being able to work directly with clients and learn from the established local team,” she said.

Fellow graduate Tom Cruikshank joined Rabobank after studying at the University of Sydney and Marcus Oldham College, where he developed a “real passion for agribusiness finance, accounting and economics”.

While at Marcus Oldham, Mr Cruikshank undertook an internship with Rabobank, spending time working with branches in Perth, Geraldton and Esperance. “Having this opportunity to experience Rabobank’s culture – where people are approachable and supportive – ensured applying to the graduate program was the right choice,” he said.

Originally from a cropping and sheep farm near Ganmain, north west of Wagga Wagga, Mr Cruikshank is in the risk management stream and spent his first rotation with the bank’s operational and enterprise risk management team in Sydney.

“It has been a great opportunity to explore sophisticated and complex agribusinesses and learn about the different financial and non-financial risks,” he said.

For his next rotation, Mr Cruikshank will be working from Townsville, where he is looking forward to learning about sectors he has not been exposed to previously – cane growing and northern cattle production.

Applications for the Rabobank Australian Graduate Program will close on August 18, with successful candidates commencing in February 2026.

Further information about Rabobank’s Australian Graduate Program is available at Rabobank Careers | Graduate Program.



• The 2025 Rabo Graduate Program cohort.

About House Fires

On average, there are 3,000 house fires in Victoria each year. Most could be prevented by taking simple precautions.

Kitchen

The most common place in the home where fires start is the kitchen. Many kitchen fires are caused by cooking that has been left unattended. Others are caused by electrical faults and flammable items like paper towels and curtains that are too close to sources of heat, like the stove or toaster. If the cooking area is not kept clean, a fire that starts on the stove can very quickly spread to built-up grease and fat around the stove and range hood, with the fire travelling up into the roof and to the rest of the house.

Sleeping Areas

Many fires that result in people dying start in bedrooms or lounge areas. Often this is due to improper use of electrical appliances or home heating. Electrical items in the home can include the power supply, fixed or portable appliances, power boards and extension leads.

Heating

During the colder months there is an increase in the use of heating appliances, gas and electric. If you bring a portable heater into a bedroom, be sure that it is well

away from things that can burn, like clothing, bedding and curtains, and always turn it off when you get into bed or leave the house.

If you’re drying clothes in front of a heater of any kind, always keep them at least a metre from the heater.

Outdoor Heating and Fire Pits

If you are using a fire pit to stay warm outdoors it is important to never leave it unattended, watch children around fire at all times, and put the fire out with water when finished. Remember to drink alcohol responsibly around fire to reduce the chance of injury to yourself and others.

Power Boards

Sometimes there are not enough power outlets for all our devices. Power boards are becoming more common than ever. It’s important to remember that power boards are only meant to be temporary and they shouldn’t be a permanent fixture in your home.

Power boards can only take a limited number of

devices, so only plug in one device per outlet. Never plug double adapters or extra power boards into a power board, and don’t plug high powered appliances like heaters into a power board or extension lead. Doing so can cause the power board or extension lead to heat up and start a fire.

Safety Tips

Top home fire safety tips:

- Book a licensed gas-fitter to check your gas heater.
- Check chimneys, flues and fire boxes for cracks, rust and debris.
- Check electric blankets for kinks in the wiring.
- Clean the lint filter in your dryer (and continue to do this after every use).
- Check appliances for visibly frayed or damaged wiring.
- Complete the Home Fire Safety Checklist to see if you’ve done everything you can to protect you and your family.
- Prepare a home fire escape plan and practice escaping quickly and safely.

One Hundred Years Ago

From the “Birchip Advertiser”, July 24, 1925.

Ballarat Freezing Company: Young Bros, stock and station agents, Birchip, have been appointed agents for the Ballarat Freezing Company Coy Ltd for the surrounding districts. Any persons having lambs are assured of the highest prices and prompt settlements. Buyers will be in attendance throughout the season.

Presbyterian Church: The Presbyterian Church building has been completely renovated within. Instead of the former dark stained walls,

they are now painted cream colour relieved with chocolate around windows and ventilators. The church seats have been painted a dark colour to match and new white electric globes have been installed with pleasing effect at night. The church is to be reopened next Sunday when special services will be conducted by Rev. F. Chisholm of Geelong in the afternoon and evening. Mr. Chisholm will also preach at Karyrie at 11 a.m.

Birchip Golf Club: Another large array of players

attended the matches arranged by the Club during the past week. Better weather conditions prevailed for the players in the second round of the club trophy matches and some excellent cards were handed in.

The leaders in the first day’s play were displaced in both events and the trophies were won by W. A. Murtagh 89-16-73 and Miss E. Mills 59-22-37.

On Saturday a large number of players attended the matches. The ladies competed in a flag event for a trophy

donated by Mrs. Jenkin. Mrs. J. McClelland was the successful competitor.

In the gents’ event Mr. R. H. Crombie annexed the prize with 80-8-72.

A roster of green keepers has been drawn up by the committee and is posted in the Clubhouse. Players are allotted to each green and they asked to keep their respective greens in good order.

A set of printed rules has been posted at the clubhouse and this supplies a long felt want of members.

HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

☐ NEVER LEAVE COOKING UNATTENDED

☐ TURN OFF THE HEATER BEFORE BED

☐ NEVER OVERLOAD POWERBOARDS

☐ CHECK SMOKE ALARMS MONTHLY

☐ CLEAN CHIMNEYS AND FLUES YEARLY

☐ TURN OFF ELECTRIC BLANKET BEFORE BED

☐ CLEAN THE LINT FILTER OF YOUR CLOTHES DRYER AFTER EACH LOAD

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Wimmera Community To Benefit From Local Auto Auction

A “deceased” auction, August 10, has considerable personal interest to families living in the wider Wimmera region. The auction features some exceptionally rare passenger vehicles, circa late 1930s to the mid-1960s.

Vendor, Ann Vaughan has announced all proceeds, after expenses, will be distributed equally to two beneficiaries: Grampians Health, Edenhope, and, Harrow Bush Nursing Centre.

Here’s the back story; just after World War 11 two brothers, Don and Ray Pyers, established a property for grazing sheep located in township of Harrow, population 210. They worked hard

and in their spare time, tinkered around rebuilding passenger cars, particularly Singer and Triumph. Their repair work was meticulous and the fame of the bachelor brothers grew. Their inventory

of machinery expanded and the once small workshop grew in leaps and bounds.

The online auction on August 10 will include major marquees of passenger vehicles of the era: 1963/4 Triumph TR4; 1934 Singer; Singer Le Mans; 1929 Singer Junior; Riley RM; Jaquar; Land Rover; 1964 Honda. Plus, workshop machinery, tools and collectables. They are all to be auctioned; no reserve price. All profits to help the health and lifestyle of locals.

Details of the unusual, feel-good auction from Martin Evans Auctions 0418 509 134.

• An example of some of the items on offer at the upcoming auction in the Wimmera district include: major marquees of passenger vehicles of the era: 1963/4 Triumph TR4; 1934 Singer; Singer Le Mans; 1929 Singer Junior; Riley RM; Jaquar; Land Rover; 1964 Honda. Plus, workshop machinery, tools and collectables. They are all to be auctioned; no reserve price. All profits to help the health and lifestyle of locals.



• 1929 Singer Junior with boat tail.



• The blue 1963/4 Triumph is in drivable condition.



• Honda S600 Coupe is a 4 speed manual with a 4 cylinder engine.

Dementia Grant Program Now Open

Dementia Australia has recently launched its 2025 Diversity Small Grant program to support community organisations to build awareness and understanding of dementia in Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Applications are now open for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and culturally and linguistically diverse organisations and community groups to apply for up to \$30,000 in funding for activities to create awareness and improved understanding about dementia in their communities.

Dementia Australia CEO Professor Tanya Buchanan said the 2025 Diversity Small Grant program comes at a time when dementia prevalence rates among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are approximately 3-5 times higher than that of the general Australian population and at least 28 per cent of people living with dementia in Australia were born in a non-English speaking country.

“Dementia Australia’s 2025 Diversity Small Grant program is part of our commitment to facilitating equity of access to dementia information and support,” Professor Buchanan said.

“Following unprecedented demand and more than 200 applications in 2024, we are proud to offer the Diversity Small Grant program for a second year.”

The 2024 inaugural Diversity Small Grant program saw Dementia Australia award more than \$320,000 to 11

Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and culturally and linguistically diverse organisations and groups from across the country.

Diversity Small Grant recipient and Philippine Educational Theatre Artists of Western Australia Director, Mr Benito Chan, is strongly encouraging others to apply after his organisation was able to use funding to produce a play which aimed to raise awareness of dementia within the Filipino community.

“In our play ‘The Moon and the Bakunawa’, I wanted to pay tribute to my mother who lived with vascular dementia,” Mr Chan said.

“I wrote this play to help raise awareness of dementia and it was funded by a Dementia Australia Diversity

Small Grant awarded last year. The grant helped us put on shows in both Perth and Sydney and it was a creative way to try and build greater understanding of dementia within our community.”

Alongside up to \$30,000 in funding, successful recipients will receive a complimentary dementia education session, as well as ongoing support and guidance from Dementia Australia.

The Diversity Small Grant program is a Dementia Australia initiative funded by the Australian Federal Government.

Applications are open now and close Wednesday, August 13, 2025. For more information and to apply visit dementia.org.au/diversitygrants

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A New Kidney, a New Life for Will

As Australia marks DonateLife Week, and local neighbourhood houses in Buloke encourage everyone over the age of 16 to sign up, the Hogan family from Birchip have shared their life-changing moment and the gift of a kidney from father to son.

Exactly one year ago last Friday, Darren and Veronica Hogan received the call they had been waiting for: it was time to go ahead with a two-way living kidney transplant that would give their son Will a new lease on life.

Will, now in his early 20s, was born with renal hypoplasia, a condition where both kidneys are underdeveloped. His mother Veronica remembers the moment concerns were first raised.

“Will was probably about three weeks old,” she said. “Maternal and child health nurse Cathy Bales thought something wasn’t right. He kept falling asleep when I was feeding him and he would projectile vomit. Cathy kept calling us back in and eventually referred us to Ballarat Health and that’s when we found out.”

Early treatment involved neutralising Will’s stomach acids with bicarbonate in his formula, but the Hogans were warned that one day he would need a kidney transplant. They just didn’t know when.

Although Will’s condition was genetic, his siblings Blair, Samuel and Georgia were all cleared of any similar health concerns. Veronica said, “With Georgia and Samuel I had ultrasounds at 20 weeks to make sure that they had kidneys, bladders, tubes in between all that sort of stuff and they’re fine.”

Sport

Will continued to play sport and live life with as minimal interruptions as he could. Will said, “I was always cold, freezing really, and I always wanted to sleep, especially on Sunday after playing a couple of games of football and hockey.”

Darren and Veronica said they had tried to keep life as normal as possible for Will, they didn’t want him to be known as “that sick kid” and most people were actually surprised to find out Will needed a transplant, as he had been working and playing sport up until the week before.

Will said, “I wasn’t nervous when I played sport

because I knew I needed a new kidney anyway.”

When Will turned 18, he had to transfer his care from the Royal Children’s Hospital to Bendigo Health. Veronica said, “It was there the doctors fully ripped off the Band-Aid and laid it all out. They told us exactly where we were at and what had to happen. They were also mindful of the best time to do it. They didn’t want to jump the gun too early, because they thought it would be better if Will could complete his apprenticeship before he underwent the transplant, but they had to balance that with how far they could push Will’s body.”

The family and medical staff discussed dialysis but agreed that a living donor transplant would give Will the best chance at a full and active life.

Both parents began the lengthy testing process to see if they were a match. A kidney is considered a match for donation when several medical tests confirm that the donor’s kidney is compatible with the recipient’s body. Remarkably, both parents were good matches.

Requirements

“Living donation has strict requirements,” Darren explained. “You have to be over 30, have no history of cancer, and be in top health. You can’t smoke or vape. They want to make sure the donor’s remaining kidney is strong enough to last a lifetime.”

“We left the decision to the specialists,” Darren said. “It had to be the best option for Will, not just the most convenient. In the end, it was me and I couldn’t have been happier, and it also meant Veronica could manage all the organisation.”

After 18 months of screening and preparation through Bendigo Health and The Austin Hospital, the transplant took place at The Austin in Melbourne. In a fascinating part of the procedure, Will’s non-functioning kidneys were not removed. Instead, Darren’s donated kidney was placed in Will’s groin area,

where it could be accessed more easily for ongoing monitoring.

Will joked: “On the ultrasound, my two kidneys look like golf balls and Dad’s looks like a watermelon.”

Surgery

Going into surgery, Will said, “I wasn’t scared, I was just a bit nervous sitting around waiting until I went in, which was about quarter to one. Dad had gone in at 8.30 a.m., but I was always confident it was going to work because the doctors had been so positive.”

Siblings Blair, Samuel and Georgia disagreed, they said, “It was pretty scary knowing that two members of your family were being operated on at the same time.”

Following the operation, Will remained awake for the first 24 hours so the medical team could closely monitor the new kidney and make any necessary adjustments. He underwent blood tests every hour and ultrasounds every three hours during that period.

Each day, hospital staff would check the kidney’s functioning percentage, which Veronica recorded on the whiteboard in Will’s room. The new kidney needed to reach 60% function before Will could be discharged. He was admitted with just 14% kidney function, and after the transplant, Darren’s kidney added 51% and this continues to improve. Will said his most recent test showed the kidney functioning at 72%, with doctors expecting it to reach 80 or even 90%.

Will said, “My kidney is kicking on pretty good now, but my body will be fighting it the whole time trying to get rid of it, so I have to continue to have blood tests to monitor and adjust the treatment and daily anti-rejection medication.”

Darren spent four days in hospital before he relocated to a Ryder-Cheshire Victorian Homes Foundation self-contained unit near the hospital with Veronica. That place was amazing,” Veronica said. “Fully equipped with every-



• Will and Darren Hogan proudly stand in front of a montage of family photographs, a powerful reminder of the love, life and strength that comes with Organ Donation.

thing we needed, and the whole family could stay together, and it only cost us \$50 for the whole time we were there.”

Recovery

Overall, Darren said his recovery went really well, although he later learned he’d suffered a partially collapsed lung during surgery, which extended his hospital stay by a day. Darren said, “I wasn’t really sore, but I experienced all the issues Will had had, I was freezing and I would go back to bed as soon as I had had the blood tests about 10 or 11 o’clock, but this only lasted about 10 days. I still have some tiredness, but the doctors say this should be back to normal in about two or three years.”

Will spent six days in hospital, and four weeks at Ryder-Cheshire Victorian Homes, which was reduced from six because Austin pathology had a relationship with Swan Hill Health. Veronica said, “This was a game changer for Will as he needed to have tests Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.”

Will had around three months off work at the time of the transplant, but now continues to live a full life, completing his apprenticeship at Maher Glass in Swan Hill, where his employers have supported his recovery every step of the way.

He continues to have regular blood tests in Swan Hill and sees visiting specialist there as well. In between, he can hook up with his Austin team through telehealth.

“Unfortunately, I can’t play contact sport anymore,”

Will said. “But my energy levels have gone through the roof. I didn’t realise how tired and cold I always felt before.”

Involvement

While his football and hockey days are behind him, Will remains involved with Calder United Lions, and gets involved in any way he can.

The Hogans say they feel incredibly grateful to have had the option of a living donor transplant and are now passionate advocates for raising awareness.

“We want people to know how important organ donation is,” said Veronica. “It’s not just about ticking a box on your driver’s licence anymore. You need to register at donatelife.gov.au and talk to your family.”

Darren agrees. “Honestly, I thought it would be harder. But it wasn’t. A broken arm would have been worse. Giving a kidney to my son has been the most amazing thing I’ve ever done; we see the results every day.”

Even if a family member isn’t a match, Australia has a Kidney Paired Donation, where compatible pairs are matched across the country. Some exchanges involve up to eight donor-recipient pairs, all undergoing surgery at the same time.

“Living donation is often much more successful than deceased donation,” Veronica added. “People on the deceased donor list often still need dialysis after surgery. With live donation, the kidney starts working almost immediately. But if that is not an option deceased donation is also a wonderful alternative.”



Powerful Message

The Hogans’ journey may have started with a diagnosis in infancy, but it has ended in hope, strength and a powerful message for DonateLife Week: “Don’t sweat the small stuff,” Veronica said. “Life is short, and if you can help your family or someone else by donating, don’t be afraid. The results speak for themselves.”

The minimum age to register as an organ donor is 16, but living donors must be over 30. To register your donation decision, visit donatelife.gov.au, visit your local neighbourhood house or scan the QR code being circulated on their social media pages and in “Buloke Times” advertising.

Awareness Campaign

Throughout DonateLife week neighbourhood houses in Buloke will be running awareness raising campaigns supported by a DonateLife Community Awareness Grant made available to Charlton Neighbourhood House and funding from the Mallee Neighbourhood House Network.

DonateLife Week is more than just dates, it’s a chance to start vital conversations and give Australians the opportunity to say “yes” to donation.

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The rising cost of living is of significant concern to many people, impacting households across various income levels.

Key drivers include rising energy expenses and food prices – in particular bath and shower products, which can quickly add unnecessary additional costs to the household budget. In most cases many of these expensive toiletries can be replaced with inexpensive natural, home-made products.

If you’re one of those individuals, who loves to lay back and relax in a warm bath, the addition of herbs, such as mint,

rosemary and lavender, will stimulate circulation, revitalise the skin and energise the body. Chamomile and thyme will soothe and soften the skin, and bay leaf and rosemary will ease tired and aching muscles after a strenuous workout. To add your selected herbs, all you have to do is tie them up in a square of muslin and either hang it from the tap, so that the water gushes through it while you fill the tub, or place it in the bath and let it soak in the water.

You can also use your herbs to cleanse your skin. Just add two tablespoons of medium ground oatmeal to your herbs, and then use the muslin bath bag to scrub your body, paying particular attention to heels, knees and elbows. A variation of this is the soapy wash bag; make a 25 cm square draw-string bag from muslin, add two tablespoons each of dried herbs and ground oatmeal, and leftover soap scraps, or one tablespoon of pure, unscented, grated soap. Use it in the bath or shower.

If you prefer to wash with a liquid soap, place leftover pieces of soap in a jar of hot water, then add some lemon juice and glycerine and shake well. Store in a suitable, unbreakable container.

Soap scraps can also be turned back into bars of soap.

Just place them in a saucepan, cover with water and allow to soak for 24 hours, giving an occasional stir. Bring to the boil, reduce heat and stir with a wooden spoon until the soap has dissolved. Remove from the stove and add one tablespoon of vegetable oil to each cupful of dissolved soap. Pour into suitable moulds and allow to harden for two weeks before use.

Shampoo is another expensive product that you can make at home, and makes use of grated soap or soap scraps. Finely grind two tablespoons of dried rosemary by rubbing it through a fine wire sieve and then mix it together with two tablespoons of finely grated, pure soap and one tablespoon of bicarbonate of soda. Store in an airtight container. To use



your shampoo, mix one tablespoon of the mixture with a small quantity of water and massage well into your scalp and hair, then rinse well.

To condition your hair after shampooing, take one or two drops of either rosemary or lavender essential oil, or a combination of both, rub between the palms of the hands and lightly apply over your wet hair. A few drops of rosemary oil rubbed into the scalp after washing stimulates the blood and makes an excellent skin conditioner.

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• Alan Hayes

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To Help Grain Growers... 39M To Reduce On-Farm Emissions

A bold, new \$39 million initiative is set to shape the future of sustainable farming by providing Australian grain growers with practical solutions to lower on-farm emissions intensity.

An initiative of the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC), the 5-year national Low Emissions Intensity Farming Systems (LEIFS) initiative is set to explore and demonstrate the benefits of monitoring, managing and reporting greenhouse gas (GHG) accounts at the farm scale. It will also offer grain growers practical options to manage emissions risks and identify which GHG markets and sustainability credentialing schemes align with their enterprise goals.

The project includes a significant \$21 million investment from GRDC. It will be delivered by project partners Australia's national science agency, CSIRO, in collaboration with the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) the research arm of Primary Industries and Regions SA, as well as the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (NSW DPIRD), and the Western Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (WA DPIRD).

Progressive Approach

GRDC Board Chair and South Australian grain grower Sharon Starick said the initiative highlighted the forward-thinking and progressive approach of Australian agriculture. She described the grains industry as a leader in using scientifically validated approaches to understand and manage environmental issues.

"This new initiative takes a long-term progressive approach to support Australian grain growers to understand what on-farm practices influence GHG emissions."

Mrs Starick said the initiative has been developed to help grain growers respond to increasing pressure to moni-

tor, manage and report GHG emissions intensity, to meet trade, finance and consumer expectations. This will allow them to identify and capture productivity and profitability opportunities.

"The Australian grains industry is recognised globally for producing low emission grain. To ensure we remain competitive in international markets and contribute to reducing the agriculture sector's GHG emissions, the industry requires a science-based approach to monitoring, managing and reporting emissions," she said.

"Within Australia, agriculture currently accounts for 17% of emissions, reducing these is critical for mitigating future climate risks, maintaining global competitiveness, meeting community expectations and maintaining critical social licence.

"By providing reliable regional evidence on on-farm emissions and mitigation benefits, the initiative will build growers' confidence in monitoring and managing GHG accounts and support baselining activities through peer-learning networks."

GRDC Managing Director Nigel Hart said LEIFS was the cornerstone of GRDC's Sustainability Initiative, with \$150 million now co-invested with research partners in research, development and extension (RD&E) investments with direct sustainability outcomes.

"We have invested significantly in this critical area because we understand how important it is for Australian grain growers and their long-term productivity, profitability and sustainability," Mr Hart said.

"Ultimately the goal through the LEIFS initiative is for 80% of Australian grain production to be actively ac-

counting GHG emissions for improved business performance and market access."

CSIRO Principal Research Scientist Lynne Macdonald will be the lead researcher for the program office that will oversee LEIFS.

Dr Macdonald said the priority was to support growers to make informed, emissions-conscious decisions that align with their enterprise goals.

"This includes supporting the use of accounting tools, improving understanding of benefits and trade-offs between productivity, profit and emissions, and establishing robust and trusted regional benchmarks," Dr Macdonald said.

"Importantly, LEIFS is based on participatory approaches, with ambitious goals to improve grower, service provider and government access to consistent data and knowledge.

"Together, we can drive progress through clarity, credibility and collaboration."

LEIFS will build on findings of a new GRDC research report – undertaken by CSIRO – that provides critical updated data for the GHG baseline for Australian grain growers, which is anticipated to be made available soon.

LEIFS is a key part of GRDC's sustainability investments, which currently include research to update GHG emissions benchmarking for the Australian grains industry; improve nitrogen-use and other fertiliser efficiency; reduce GHG emissions from crop residues; automate technology; and understand the emissions implications of farming systems and crop rotations.



• The new 5-year \$39M Low Emissions Intensity Farming Systems initiative will offer grain growers practical options to manage emissions risks and identify which GHG markets and sustainability credentialing schemes align with their enterprise goals. Photo: GRDC



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What's On

GRDC Grains Research Update

The GRDC Grains Research Update events are for growers, advisers and researchers to hear and discuss new and relevant information including: Herbicide resistance levels and management of sowthistle and annual ryegrass; Steps towards implementing precision agriculture and autonomous vehicles; Alternative weed control; Protecting allies: reducing impact on beneficial insects; Trade-off and tensions.

When: Thursday, August 7, 2025

Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by lunch (doors open at 8.30 a.m.)

Where: Dimboola Golf Club, Old Racecourse Rd, Dimboola.

Free admission, registration is essential for catering purposes. Morning tea, lunch and proceedings provided.

For more information contact ORM Pty Ltd on 03 5441 6176 or email admin@orm.com.au.

Your Blood is Worth Bottling

If you are visiting Ballarat or Bendigo and have a bit of time to spare, a trip to the Blood Bank would be a very rewarding experience. You will need to book, by phoning 13 14 95.



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Farm Safety Week

Better health access for farmers means safer, stronger rural communities.

As Australia marked National Farm Safety Week from July 20-26, the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) is calling for greater support to ensure farmers and their communities can access high-quality, local healthcare.

President Dr Rod Martin says investing in the health and wellbeing of rural and remote communities is essential to creating safer farming environments.

"Farming is one of the most physically and mentally demanding jobs in Australia, and our farmers face unique health and safety risks every day," Dr Martin says.

"To support safer farms, we must support the health of the people who run them – that means having skilled, locally based doctors who understand rural and remote life and can provide care when and where it's needed."

Dr Martin says Rural Generalists (RGs) are the specialists who are central to the solution.

"Rural Generalist doctors bring advanced skills in emergency medicine, mental health, surgery, maternity care, anaesthetics, and more - and are trained to deliver whole-of-life care in settings beyond the urban footprint," he says.

"Whether it's responding to a machinery accident, pro-

viding mental health support via telehealth, or managing chronic disease, RGs are vital to the fabric of healthy rural communities."

ACRRM is the only medical college dedicated to training a Rural Generalist workforce.

"Investing in RGs will not only improve rural health outcomes – it will help stabilise the rural medical workforce and support the sustainability of rural towns," Dr Martin says.

"Healthy farmers mean safer farms.

"It's time we recognised that building up rural healthcare is part of building up rural Australia."



• Teacher Steph Coffey with the Birchip P-12 Hockey Team.



• Sienna Richmond finishing just shy of her personal best in cross country.

Sporting Achievements

Students from Birchip P-12 School have continued to demonstrate their talent, determination and team spirit through recent sporting achievements across Victoria, proudly representing their school and community at regional and state levels.

On Wednesday, July 24, a group of ten enthusiastic Grade 5 and 6 students travelled to Dimboola to compete in the Black Ranges Hockey 7's tournament. Accompanied by dedicated staff members Steph Coffey and

Ellie Reid, the team competed in four fast-paced matches on astro turf – a surface very different from their usual home conditions. Despite the change, the team quickly adapted and showed consistent improvement across the

day, finishing with two wins, one draw and one loss – a fantastic result in a competitive field.

“The students showed outstanding teamwork and resilience,” said Ms Coffey. “It

was fantastic to see their confidence grow with every game.”

Cross Country

Just a day later, on Thursday 25th July, Sienna Richmond represented Birchip P-12 at the State Cross Country Championships held in Yarra Glen. Competing in the 12/13-year-old girls' secondary division, Sienna faced a tough course with cold,

muddy conditions and a grassed track – quite different from earlier rounds. Despite the challenging terrain, she ran a strong race, placing 70th out of nearly 100 competitors and finishing just shy of her personal best.

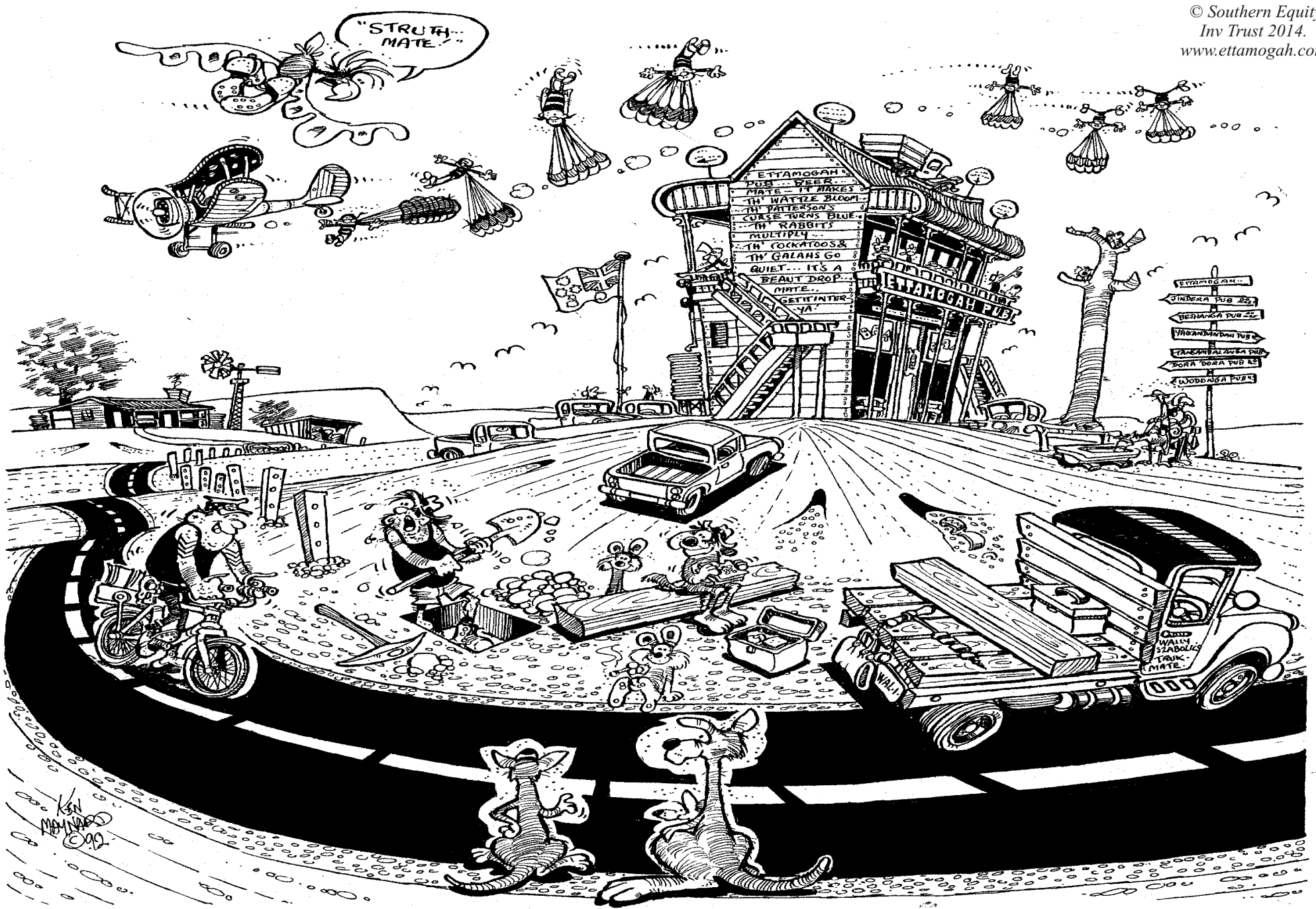
As always, the students' positive attitudes, teamwork and willingness to learn are what truly set them apart. With



the ongoing support of staff and the school community, Birchip P-12 continues to provide students with opportunities to gain valuable life and sporting experiences across the state.

The Ettamogah Pub Mob

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“Th’ boss said I’ll give you a job where you can start at th’ top and work your way down ... I didn’t know he meant digging post holes!”

Tigers Untroubled

On a miserable winter’s day, the struggles of the bottom three teams of the North Central Football League were laid bare for all to see.

The disparity in scores, those three sides able to muster two goals, two behinds for the day between them, surely of concern to league and regional hierarchy alike.

The game at Sea Lake, between the finals bound Sea Lake-Nandaly Tigers and Charlton’s Navies no exception, the Tigers relentless from start to finish as they put in an even four quarter performance as they tune up for another flag tilt.

Charlton on the other hand, starting its last four rounds, to be played against the league’s current top four, was game in defeat. Effort could not be questioned, undeniably short of match winners against a side that has been the benchmark now for a number of years. Maybe fortunately for the Navies, the Tigers were missing a number of stars, no Josh Jenkins, no Oscar Brownless, no Thomas Cox, no Tyson McKenzie, the list goes on, and what a luxury for the home side, Matt Elliott leading the way in the twos.

Both sides’ ruckmen had trouble finding their feet on the soaked wicket area, secondary ball-ups common place in the early going. A clear breakaway for Sea Lake-Nandaly resulted in the opening score of the game, just 47 seconds in, a behind to the ever present Wade Donnan. Not sure that he saves his best for the Navies, but certainly comes to play each time, revelling in the soggy conditions on offer. Austin Mertz was everywhere early for the home side, dominating the near wing, while Charlton had one of its only winners on the opposite wing, Josh Harris found his fair share of the wet Sherrin to make sure it was not too easy for the Tiger brigade. Charlton’s young ruckman Ben Lanyon used to shouldering ruck duties, took on the twin towers of Ryan O’Sullivan and Connor Michael, getting some much needed support from Fergus Bourke, backing up from a full game in the seconds to

help out as much as possible. Neither side really gained any ascendancy from their big men.

What forward forays Charlton could muster, breaking down across half forward, the Tigers’ well oiled back line led by Jack Poulton and Kane Donnan, providing their regular drive, constantly turned defence into attack. Sea Lake forwards, Adam Pattison, Max Cahoon, Jarvis Keogh and recent arrival Andrew Collins provided plenty of opportunity. Yet again for Charlton, it was the defensive unit ultimately under intense pressure and scrutiny all day, Jed Thompson, Bailey Dixon and Pat Soulsby resilient, helped out by regular forward Bailey Kemp, thrown back to counter Pattison’s height and did a fine effort, some questionable umpiring decisions clearly favoured the home team early, but realistically, had little impact on the final result.

The first half was a dominant performance by the home side, adding four further goals to the six kicked in the opening quarter, while holding Charlton scoreless as the rain that had held off, again soaked the oval. Tigers led 10.10 (70) to 0.0 (0) at the main break.

Charlton coach Mitch Collins, leading from the front as usual, continued to demand effort from his side, the visitors gritting their teeth and doing what they could to compete with the talented Tigers. Dan Whykes’s effort to soccer through what would be Charlton’s only goal of the game came early in the second half, finally giving the visiting faithful something to cheer.

The game didn’t reach any great hight, the weather conditions and boggy surface not suited to elite foot skills, slick ball movement or spectacular marking, rather rewarding those happy to put their body on the line, the Tigers’ bigger bodied mids were kept honest by Collins and Rhys Thompson

of the Navies, but ultimately proved too strong and had far too much depth for the visitors to handle, Trent and Wade Donnan were exceptional in the conditions.

Sea Lake-Nandaly had an even contribution up forward, John Summerhayes joined Cahoon and Keogh in each kicking four majors, while Pattison added three and Collins two of his own. The Tigers did what they needed to, keeping their chances of a top two finish in reach, percentage and the result of the round 16 clash with Calder United to determine that outcome.

Final scores, Sea Lake-Nandaly 21.16 (142) to Charlton 1.1 (7).

Best for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Wade Donnan, Trent Donnan, Jarvis Keogh, Max Cahoon, Jack Poulton, Connor Michael.

For Charlton: Mitch Collins, Jed Thompson, Rhys Thompson, Bailey Hooper-Dixon, Josh Harris, Bailey Kemp.

North-Central Netball



Last Saturday’s results: “A” Grade

Sea Lake-Nandaly 35 d. Charlton 21; Wedderburn 68 d. Donald 18; Calder United 67 d. St Arnaud 23; Birchip-Watchem 38 def. by Boort 62.

“B” Grade

Sea Lake-Nandaly 52 d. Charlton 23; Wedderburn 77 d. Donald 32; Calder United 43 d. St Arnaud 33; Birchip-Watchem 55 d. Boort 32.

“C” Grade

Sea Lake-Nandaly 63 d. Charlton 18; Wedderburn 50 d. Donald 19; Calder United 38 d. St Arnaud 24; Birchip-Watchem 33 def. by Boort 35.

“C” Grade Reserves

Calder United 41 d. St Arnaud 8; Birchip-Watchem 7 def. by Boort 50.

Seventeen-and-Under

Wedderburn 42 d. Donald 16; Calder United 49 d. St Arnaud 26;

Birchip-Watchem 40 d. Boort 30; Sea Lake-Nandaly 24 def. by Charlton 39.

Fourteen-and-Under “A”

Birchip-Watchem 10 def. by Boort 14; Calder United 22 d. St Arnaud 16; Sea Lake-Nandaly 23 d. Charlton 20; Wedderburn v. Donald.

Fourteen-and-Under “B”

Calder United 2 def. by St Arnaud 17; Birchip-Watchem 13 def. by Boort 15; Wedderburn v. Donald.

Results of round 13:

“A” GRADE

	P	W	L	D	B	FW	FL	F	A	Pts	%
Wdderburn	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	773	403	52	192
Sea Lake-Nan	13	10	3	0	0	0	0	582	425	40	137
Boort	13	10	3	0	0	0	0	709	526	40	135
Calder United	13	7	6	0	0	0	0	578	526	28	110
Birchip-Wat	13	6	7	0	0	0	0	643	641	24	100
Donald	13	4	9	0	0	0	0	556	645	16	86
Charlton	13	1	11	1	0	0	0	438	696	6	63
St Arnaud	13	0	12	1	0	0	0	378	795	2	48

“B” GRADE

Wedderburn	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	819	457	52	179
Calder United	13	10	3	0	0	0	0	612	502	40	122
Boort	13	10	3	0	0	0	0	637	541	40	118
Birchip-Wat	13	8	5	0	0	0	0	620	536	32	116
St Arnaud	13	5	8	0	0	0	0	550	630	20	87
Sea Lake-Nan	13	3	9	1	0	0	0	494	598	14	83
Donald	13	2	10	1	0	0	0	521	654	10	80
Charlton	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	328	663	0	49

“C” GRADE

Calder United	13	12	1	0	0	0	0	733	347	48	211
Wedderburn	13	10	3	0	0	0	0	620	512	40	121
Sea Lake-Nan	13	9	4	0	0	0	0	554	458	36	121
Boort	13	8	5	0	0	0	0	531	484	32	110
Birchip-Wat	13	7	6	0	0	0	0	573	473	28	121
St Arnaud	13	4	9	0	0	0	0	505	525	16	96
Charlton	13	1	12	0	0	0	0	390	731	4	53
Donald	13	1	12	0	0	0	0	321	697	0	46

“C” GRADE RESERVES

Sea Lake-Nan	10	9	1	0	3	0	0	530	218	36	0.24
Boort	9	8	1	0	1	0	0	465	186	32	0.28
Calder United	10	6	4	0	2	0	0	364	259	24	0.14
Birchip-Wat	9	3	6	0	3	0	0	227	399	12	0.06
Wedderburn	9	2	7	0	4	0	0	268	442	8	0.07
St Arnaud	9	0	9	0	2	0	0	154	504	0	0.03

SEVENTEEN-AND-UNDER

Calder United	13	12	1	0	0	0	0	894	321	48	279
Birchip-Wat	13	11	2	0	0	0	0	692	459	44	151
St Arnaud	13	8	4	1	0	0	0	644	503	34	128
Boort	13	8	4	1	0	0	0	563	457	34	123
Sea Lake-Nan	13	5	8	0	0	0	0	501	598	20	84
Charlton	13	5	8	0	0	0	0	442	487	16	91
Wedderburn	13	2	11	0	0	0	0	350	721	8	49
Donald	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	327	867	0	38

FOURTEEN-AND-UNDER “A”

Boort	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	390	158	52	247
Birchip-Wat	13	11	2	0	0	0	0	368	131	44	281
Donald	12	8	4	0	0	0	0	335	188	32	178
Calder United	13	7	6	0	0	0	0	266	217	28	123
St Arnaud	13	6	7	0	0	0	0	279	227	24	123
Charlton	13	2	11	0	0	0	0	151	370	8	41
Wedderburn	12	2	10	0	0	0	0	94	323	8	29
Sea Lake-Nan	13	2	11	0	0	0	0	110	379	8	29

FOURTEEN-AND-UNDER “B”

St Arnaud	11	10	1	0	2	0	0	231	52	40	0.40
Boort	11	10	1	0	2	0	0	206	75	40	0.25
Birchip-Wat	11	8	3	0	2	0	0	196	98	32	0.18
Calder United	12	3	7	2	1	0	0	78	136	16	0.05
Wedderburn	10	3	6	1	2	0	0	111	148	14	0.08
Donald	10	1	8	1	2	0	0	57	198	6	0.03
Sea Lake-Nan	11	0	9	2	2	0	0	41	213	4	0.02



• Wade Donnan being tackled by Mitch Collins, Trent Donnan (12), Rhys Thompson and Bryce Delmenico on ground to left, Ben Xiriha (55) left and Ben Lanyon right.



• Rhys Thompson with ball, Elliott Fitzpatrick shepherding, Jarvis Keogh (24) and Billy Poulton on the ground.

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Goldacres Seniors

SEA LAKE-NANDALY	6.3	10.10	15.13	21.16	(142)
CHARLTON	0.0	0. 0	1. 0	1. 1	(7)

Goals for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Max Cahoon 4, Jarvis Keogh 4, John Summerhayes 4, Adam Pattison 3, Andrew Collins 2, Cooper Allan, Wade Donnan, Connor Michael, Ryan O'Sullivan.
For Charlton: Dan Whykes.
Best for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Wade Donnan, Trent Donnan, Jarvis Keogh, Max Cahoon, Jack Poulton, Connor Michael.

For Charlton: Mitchell Collins, Jed Thompson, Rhys Thompson, Bailey Hooper-Dixon, Josh Harris, Bailey Kemp.

WEDDERBURN	4.8	10.11	13.13	17.19	(121)
DONALD	0.0	0. 0	0. 0	0. 0	(0)

Goals for Wedderburn: Mitch Jensen 7, Zach Pallpratt 3, Ben Bacon 2, Noah Furlong 2, Hamish Lockhart, Mitchell McEwen, Jye Mortlock.
For Donald: Nil.
Best for Wedderburn: Zach Pallpratt, Mitch Jensen, Jye Mortlock, Noah Furlong, Mark Robinson, Mitchell Mcewen.

For Donald: Daniel Pearce, Joshua Smulders, Kalon Green, Harry Forrest, Dyson Bell-Warren, Ryan Bath.

CALDER UNITED	2.7	4.11	9.21	13.25	(103)
ST ARNAUD	1.1	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1	(7)

Goals for Calder United: Darcy Munro 2, George Turner 2, Tiger Vearing 2, Hunter Connolly, Mitch Farmer, Steven Kennedy, Jack Marlais, Dale Pearce, Rylee Smith, Matthew Trzeciak.
For St Arnaud: Josh Hicks.
Best for Calder United: George Turner, Jack Marlais, Matthew Trzeciak, Koby Hommelhoff, Steven Kennedy, Mitch Farmer.
For St Arnaud: Bailey Durward, Darby Schilder, Harley Durward, Owen Lowe, Thomas Bertalli, Jackson Needs.
BIRCHIP-WATCHEM 4.3 8.9 10.13 14.17 (101)
BOORT 1.1 1.1 3. 3 4. 6 (30)
Goals for Birchip-Watchem: Ben Edwards 7, Tom Gibson 2, Nicholas Rippon 2, Charlie Frank, Riley Hogan Jr, Ben Lakin
For Boort: Ethan Coleman, Jayden Dick, Lachlan Hall, Nick Whyte.
Best for Birchip-Watchem: Ben Lakin, Ben Edwards, Dale Hinkley, Charlie Frank, Nicholas Rippon, Austin Dean.
For Boort: Jonathan Lanyon, Carlos Egan, Tom Potter, Matt Austin, James Keeble, Jayden Dick.

Haeusler’s Reserves

SEA LAKE-NANDALY	5.6	9.6	13.9	18.11	(119)
CHARLTON	0.0	1.1	2.1	3. 1	(19)

Goals for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Joel Clohesy 9, Lachy McClelland 3, Matt Elliott 2, Brayden Allan, Isaac Durie, Codey Elliott, Tye Griffiths
For Charlton: Cooper Boyle 2, Isaac Bourke.
Best for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Luke Martin, Joel Clohesy, Brody Weir, Lachy McClelland, Codey Elliott, Isaac Durie.
For Charlton: Jac Boyles, Fergus Bourke, Mathew Thompson, Ethan Needs, Angus Johnstone, Isaac Bourke.
DONALD 2.1 3.2 4.3 5.3 (33)
WEDDERBURN 2.2 2.2 4.3 4.4 (28)

Goals for Donald: Glenn Pearse 3, George Morgan 2.
For Wedderburn: Jackson Hubbard, Lachlan Maher, Andrew Roberts, Aaron Smith.
Best for Donald: George Morgan, Joe Sheridan, Jesse Lopes, Daniel Tatarskyj, Glenn Pearse, Brod Harrison.
For Wedderburn: Levi Sims, Joshua Hall, Robert Tonkin, Ashley Younghusband, Matthew Lockhart, Chris Hargreaves.
CALDER UNITED 3.6 4.7 6.9 8.10 (58)
ST ARNAUD 0.1 2.1 2.1 6. 1 (37)
Goals for Calder United: Rick Allan 2, Charlie Fawcett 2, Cody Green 2, Heath Senior 2
For St Arnaud: Tristan Ward 2, George Gorrie, Ben Greenaway, Jake Hicks, Owen Lowe.
Best for Calder United: Billy Forrester, Charlie Fawcett, Rhylie Botheras, James Ison, Les Cooper, Kaleb Kennedy.
For St Arnaud: Jarryd Kell, Simon Elliott, Owen Lowe, Benjamin Greenaway, Zachary Notting, Bradley Williams.
BOORT 2.2 4.3 5.3 7.4 (46)
BIRCHIP-WATCHEM 1.1 3.2 4.4 5.4 (34)
Goals for Boort: Jack Dowling 2, Alex Cockerell, Chris Hatcher, Brendon Hewlett, Jett Hird, Patrick O'Rourke.
For Birchip-Watchem: Matthew Berry 2, Archie Lewis, Joe O'Donnell, Stefan Pye.
Best for Boort: Fraser Millar, Jack Baker, Cameron Ross, Beau Herrington, Jordan Sheahan, Jett Hird.
For Birchip-Watchem: Matthew Rickard, Stefan Pye, James Lindeback, Ty Colbert, Matthew Berry, Connor Boyle.

Community Bank Charlton & District Under-Seventeens

SEA LAKE-NANDALY	1.1	1.1	3.4	5.6	(36)
CHARLTON	1.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	(19)

Best for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Coby Wight, Callum Mott, Judd Durie, Cooper Symes, Zander Wight, Brayden Allan.
For Charlton: Isaac Bourke, Murphy Fitzpatrick, Joseph Monaghan, Michael Olive, Mitchell Boyle, Jordan Chamberlain.
WEDDERBURN 4.2 10.6 11.6 12.6 (78)
DONALD 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.1 (7)
Best for Wedderburn: Archer Ward, Ryleigh Amor, Aaron Smith, Benjamin Cunningham, Jamie Penrose.
For Donald: Hugo Funcke, Oakley Brennan, Jesse Lydom, Joshua Nuske.
ST ARNAUD 1.3 3.4 4.9 8.9 (57)
CALDER UNITED 1.0 2.0 2.0 3.1 (19)
Best for St Arnaud: Jack Batters, Frankie Donald, Bob Donald, Sean Bridgeman, Chad Hendy, Finn Wilson.
For Calder United: Angus Cowell, Tynan Perry, Tiger Vearing, Beau Chapman, Rhett Hogan.
BOORT 6.4 10.7 13.12 17.16 (118)
BIRCHIP-WATCHEM 0.0 0.0 0. 0 0. 2 (2)
Best for Boort: Owen Byrne, Cooper Gould, Jake O'Flaherty, Brodie McPherson, Cooper Gooding, Darby F Perryman.
For Birchip-Watchem: Oliver Cook, Kobe Hamilton, Ben Perry, Taio Atkinson.

Next Round

Round 14, Saturday, August 2 –

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

Uniting Church Under-Fourteens

SEA LAKE-NANDALY 11.7 (73) d. CHARLTON 0.0 (0)
Best for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Henry Cox, Aydan Smith, Seth Pearce, Kaiden Wight, Riley Allan, Harry Wight.
For Charlton: Isaac Roberts, Liam Monaghan, Cooper Mcgrath, Tom McGurk, Campbell Riley.
DONALD 9.13 (67) d. WEDDERBURN 0.0 (0)
Best for Donald: Emmett Geddes, Noah Michael, Nullah Clapham, Riley Jones, Samuel Mortlock, Jake Italia.
For Wedderburn: Caleb Gault, Tyler Pearce, Atilla Clarke, Jack Dierickx, Jye Laverty-Smith.
ST ARNAUD 16.11 (107) d. CALDER UNITED 0.1 (1)
Best for St Arnaud: Chase Hendy, Charlie Kirk, Lewis Lowe, Duncan Kirk, Finn Wilson, Patrick Zsigmond.
For Calder United: Desmond Polzin, Harry Humphreys, Morgan Beattie, Jed Harrison, Ryder Harrison, Nate Harrison.
BOORT 5.5 (35) d. BIRCHIP-WATCHEM 5.4 (34)
Best for Boort: Seth Muller, Noah Howe, Archer Lee, Matthew Soumelidis, Tyler Stringer.
For Birchip-Watchem: Morgan Greenaway, Willow Ryan, Jed Coffey, George Greenaway.

Positions of Teams

Goldacres North-Central Seniors

Teams	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	For	Ag
Birchip-Watchem	13	52	275.25	13	0	0	1679	610
Calder United	13	40	246.33	10	3	0	1510	613
Sea Lake-Nandaly	13	36	243.53	9	4	0	1505	618
Boort	13	32	146.30	8	5	0	1343	918
Wedderburn	13	24	154.37	6	7	0	1218	789
Charlton	13	16	30.61	4	9	0	498	1627
St Arnaud	13	8	39.49	2	11	0	562	1423
Donald	13	0	13.85	0	13	0	276	1993

Haeuslers Reserves

Teams	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	For	Ag
Calder United	13	48	414.24	12	1	0	1222	295
Boort	13	44	349.70	11	2	0	1161	332
Birchip-Watchem	13	40	266.59	10	3	0	1213	455
Sea Lake-Nandaly	13	28	150.91	7	6	0	996	660
St Arnaud	13	20	120.51	5	8	0	811	673
Charlton	13	12	41.71	3	10	0	463	1110
Wedderburn	13	12	30.86	3	10	0	370	1199
Donald	13	4	9.89	1	12	0	166	1678

Community Bank Charlton and District U17s

Teams	P	Pts	W	L	D
St Arnaud	13	48	12	1	0
Sea Lake-Nandaly	13	44	11	2	0
Boort	13	36	9	4	0
Calder United	13	28	7	6	0
Charlton	13	24	6	7	0
Donald	13	16	4	9	0
Wedderburn	13	12	3	10	0
Birchip-Watchem	13	0	0	13	0

Uniting Church U14s

Teams	P	Pts	W	L	D
St Arnaud	13	48	12	1	0
Sea Lake-Nandaly	13	44	11	2	0
Donald	13	32	8	5	0
Wedderburn	13	32	8	5	0
Boort	13	24	6	7	0
Birchip-Watchem	13	12	3	10	0
Calder United	13	12	3	10	0
Charlton	13	4	1	12	0

Tooleybuc Sporting Club Presidents’ Award

Voting for round 13
Sea Lake-Nandaly: Wade Donnan 3, Trent Donnan 2, Ryan O'Sullivan 1.
Charlton: Mitchell Collins 3, Jed Thompson 2, Ben Lanyon 1.
Wedderburn: Mitch Jensen 3, Zach Pallpratt 2, Jye Mortlock 1.
Donald: Daniel Pearce 3, Josh Smulders 2, Kalon Green 1.
Calder United: George Turner 3, Koby Hommelhoff 2, Steven Kennedy 1.
St Arnaud: Bailey Durward 3, Tom Bertalli 2, Jackson Needs 1.
Birchip-Watchem: Ben Lakin 3, Ben Edwards 2, Dale Hinkley 1.
Boort: Jonathan Lanyon 3, Carlos Egan 2, Tom Potter 1.

Saturday’s Leading Goal Kickers

Seniors			Reserves		
Ben Edwards (B-W) 7	90		Alex Cockerell (Boort) 1	37	
Jhye Baddeley-Kelly (Boort) -	60		Joel Clohesy (SLNT) 9	30	
Mitch Jensen (Wedd) 7	49		Alexander Hay (B-W) -	29	
Jack Exell (CU) -	44		Matthew Berry (B-W) 2	29	
Max Cahoon (SLNT) 4	39		Zachary Wemyss (SLNT) -	24	
Kayne Rutley (Boort) -	29		Heath Senior (CU) 2	23	
Nicholas Rippon (B-W) 2	29		John Summerhayes (SLNT) -	23	
Jordan Humphreys (CU) -	25		George Forrester (CU) -	22	

CHS Broadbent Club Championship

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

	Snr.	Res.	U-17	U-14	Ttl.
Sea Lake-Nandaly	10	6	4	2	208
Calder United	10	6	0	0	204
Birchip-Watchem	10	0	0	0	196
Boort	0	6	4	2	194
St Arnaud	0	0	4	2	122
Wedderburn	10	0	4	0	106
Charlton	0	0	0	0	84
Donald	0	6	0	2	38



• The Bull's Ben Hogan leads the race out of the Boort forward line.

Bulls' Impressive Wet Weather Win

Ben Edwards edged closer to his elusive 100 goal milestone, kicking half of Birchip-Watchem's majors, as the Bulls stormed home for their thirteenth successive win on a dreary but delightfully wet day that brought much needed rain and lifted the spirits of the whole district.

Jonathan Lanyon, home from Darwin for the weekend, pulled on the black and white for the first time this season and made an immediate impact. Unfazed by the chilly change in climate, Lanyon was omnipresent from the opening bounce.

Kieran Jacksic was also doing a solid job early on containing Ben Edwards, and Keiren Wilson took a couple of strong marks to send the ball into Boort's attack which had the assistance of the wind in the first quarter. But as it so often does the Bulls' defensive unit stood tall with Lachlan Ryan intercepting numerous entries coming in low.

After seven minutes of end-to-end action, Boort's Ethan Coleman struck first, courtesy of slick teamwork

from Jono Lanyon and Jayden Dick. However, momentum soon swung. Marshall Rippon, Lachlan Foott, Nic Rippon, Jack Lee and Austin Dean got busy in the Bulls' forward half, allowing Ben Edwards to find the ball more frequently.

A hamstring injury to Keiran Jacksic opened the door further, and Edwards made the most of it, slotting the next three goals. A late major from Marshall Rippon gave the Bulls a 20-point lead at the end of the first quarter.

At the break, the Boort coach asked his players to give the ball more air so their forwards had a chance and to be strong over the footy. He also urged them to reduce their mistakes and regain composure to stay in touch with the Bulls.

The visitors had the first foray forward in the second half, but without Jhye Baddeley-Kelly, who had proved a handful up forward for the Bulls in their first encounter, the visitors found scoring difficult and Birchip-Watchem capitalised.

When Peter Barbopoulos was in the ruck Boort looked a better outfit. Although giving away height, Barbopoulos's could match Hoskings for bulk and strength and he was able to give his midfielders something to work with.

However, the Bulls' defenders rebounded the ball back to their advantage and Tom Gibson kicked truly, then repeated the feat within a minute thanks to a textbook centre clearance from Bill Lee and Nic Rippon.

Ben Lakin, Dale Hinkley and Charlie Frank were dominant across half-back, and remaining time in the stanza turned into an old-school wet weather slog with all 36 players clustered in the Bulls' forward 50.

Harry Cook was getting more confident as the game progressed, with a rundown tackle and strong defensive efforts in the corridor, but scoring stalled. Eventually, Ben Edwards broke the deadlock, followed by a classy goal from Riley Hogan Jr. after the half-time siren, giving the Bulls a commanding 8.9 (57) to 1.1 (7) lead at the main break.

With the sting well and truly out of the game, space opened up around the boundary as cars and spectators retreated to warmer surroundings, a wise move for Boort supporters, as within minutes of the opening bounce, Ben Edwards had kicked a goal and almost a second.

While Boort tried hard to stem the flow with Jack Smith leading in defence, it was found exposed when the Bulls' rampant backline set up quick transition play. The Bulls relished the space and had several shots at goal, albeit many off target.

Ironically, as the sun broke through, the rain started, and while both teams were finding space, they were wasteful in front of the goals with only Charlie Frank and Lachlan Hall scoring further goals for their respective teams in the lowest scoring term of the game.



• Boort's Tom Potter gets the ball away, on the ground Jono Lanyon, Hamish Hosking and Nick Whyte; Ben Lakin (24), Bill Lee around the pack, Rhona Conboy and Daniel Bell facing.



• Birchip-Watchem's Bill Lee trying to escape from Ethan Coleman, Hamish Hosking and Peter Barbopoulos; looking on is Tom Gibson.

At the three-quarter time break, the Boort coaching staff were much happier with their players' pressure and they asked them to dig deep to maintain it, to get respectability on the score board and confidence going into the final series.

With the sky looking ominous, and the lights on, the Bulls started the final term strongly, but still the goals eluded them. Tom Potter and Lachlan Hall were applying good pressure and Boort lodged a solid counterattack, but again a behind resulted.

Ben Lakin intercepted the ensuing kick in and kicked truly from almost fifty out and then Ben Edwards, determined for more goals, continued to work hard against continued pressure, earning a free for a push, which he converted for his sixth. His seventh came shortly after when his run down tackle resulted in another free.

The Magpies had heeded their coaches' advice and to

their credit, fought to the end, with Tyson Rutley laying a strong tackle that set up a goal from Jayden Dick through James Byrne.

With key Bulls' players Hinkley and Hoskings off late in the game and Boort rotating extra numbers into defence, the final quarter became a dour grind. Edwards fittingly had the final score of the day, notwithstanding it was a point on the siren as the rain started to settle in.

Bulls' coach Ash Connick was full of praise for his side's hunger and will to win, given their 13 and 0 record. Connick also highlighted the depth of the squad, noting the seamless performances of players stepping up from the reserves. Youngsters Austin Dean and Charlie Frank again impressed, while Riley Hogan and Harry Cook continue to grow in confidence in the senior ranks.

Boort will be disappointed with the result on Saturday, but still remains eight points

clear in fourth position and although its next game is against fifth placed Wedderburn, which had a percentage boosting win against Donald (keeping them to no score), it would take some monumental upsets in the remaining three rounds for Wedderburn to usurp Boort's fourth position.

With the home-and-away season almost over, Boort will be looking to rediscover its early season form starting at home against the Redbacks, while the Bulls will be focused on sticking together and solidifying their game plan as they meet the three lowest placed teams in the final weeks.

Final scores: Birchip-Watchem 14.17 (101) defeated Boort 4.6 (30).

Best players for Birchip-Watchem: Ben Lakin, Ben Edwards, Dale Hinkley, Charlie Frank, Nicholas Rippon, Austin Dean. For Boort: Jonathan Lanyon, Carlos Egan, Tom Potter, Matt Austin, James Keeble, Jayden Dick.

North-Central Hockey

Results of round 13 —

Under-12s: Sea Lake-Nandaly 0 def. by Charlton 7; Wedderburn 9 d. Donald 0; Calder United 3 d. St Arnaud 1; Birchip-Watchem 2 d. Boort 0.

Underage: Sea Lake-Nandaly 0 def. by Charlton 13; Calder United 2 def. by St Arnaud 6; Birchip-Watchem 1 def. by Boort 6.

Women: Sea Lake-Nandaly 1 def. by Charlton 8; Wedderburn 6 d. Donald 2; Calder United 2 d. St Arnaud 0.

Men: Sea Lake-Nandaly 3 d. Charlton 1; Wedderburn 1 def. by Donald 2; Calder United 2 d. St Arnaud 0.

POSITIONS OF TEAMS

Women												
	P	W	D	L	F	For	Agst	SD	Pts	WR		
St Arnaud	12	10	0	2	0	44	11	33	30	83		
Charlton	11	9	0	2	0	56	12	44	27	82		
Calder United	11	9	0	2	0	35	11	24	27	82		
Boort	11	5	0	6	0	25	34	-9	15	45		
Wedderburn	11	4	1	6	0	20	23	-3	13	39		
Donald	11	1	1	9	0	10	49	-39	4	12		
Sea Lake-Nan	11	0	0	11	0	2	52	-50	0	0		

Men												
	P	W	D	L	F	For	Agst	SD	Pts	WR		
Calder United	11	8	1	2	0	42	14	28	25	76		
Donald	11	8	1	2	0	30	14	16	25	76		
St Arnaud	12	8	2	2	0	49	12	37	26	72		
Boort	11	5	2	4	0	47	13	34	17	52		
Wedderburn	11	4	2	5	0	24	23	1	14	42		
Sea Lake-Nan	11	2	0	9	0	11	49	-38	6	18		
Charlton	11	0	0	11	0	7	85	-78	0	0		

Underage												
	P	W	D	L	F	For	Agst	SD	Pts	WR		
Charlton	11	11	0	0	0	75	6	69	33	100		
St Arnaud	11	8	1	2	0	55	11	44	25	76		
Donald	11	5	0	6	0	29	42	-13	15	45		
Boort	12	5	1	6	0	35	40	-5	16	44		
Calder United	11	3	2	6	0	18	21	-3	11	33		
Sea Lake-Nan	11	2	1	8	0	13	57	-44	7	21		
Birchip-Wat	11	2	1	8	0	20	68	-48	7	21		

Under-12s												
	P	W	D	L	F	For	Agst	SD	Pts	WR		
Calder United	13	11	1	1	0	41	9	32	34	87		
Charlton	13	11	1	1	0	36	10	26	34	87		
Birchip-Wat	13	11	0	2	0	68	10	58	33	85		
St Arnaud	13	7	1	5	0	35	19	16	22	56		
Wedderburn	13	4	1	8	0	22	16	6	13	33		
Boort	13	2	1	10	0	5	41	-36	7	18		
Donald	13	2	0	11	0	15	67	-52	6	15		
Sea Lake-Nan	13	1	1	11	0	1	51	-50	4	10		



“Times” Among Finalists for Racing Media Award

As the “Times” reaches the 150th Anniversary of its first publication in 1875, word has come through that the bi-weekly newspaper has been named as one of the leaders for the award for media promotion of Victorian country racing.

The following is from Josh Maginness, of Country Racing Victoria: The three finalists have been announced for the SEN Jack Styring Country Racing Victoria Media Award, to be presented at the bet365 CRV Awards Night on Saturday, August 23.

The award recognises journalism that best captures the spirit of Victorian country racing that was produced during the 2024-25 racing season, across a range of digital and traditional media platforms.

SEN Jack Styring CRV Media Award, Finalists

Alexander Dabb (“Seymour Telegraph”): Seymour residents celebrate extraordinary Melbourne Cup triumph.

Edward Sadler (Racing.com): They Once Raced Here – series promoting the lost racecourses throughout Victoria.

Quill McQuilty and Peter Hibberd (“The Buloke Times”): Coverage of country racing throughout Donald and corresponding area across 2024-25 racing season.

Alexander Dabb (“Seymour Telegraph”)

Dabb’s feature article on the reaction of Seymour locals in the aftermath of Knight’s Choice winning the 2024 Melbourne Cup, highlighted the journey of Rod and Cameron Bain, winning owners of the race that stops a nation.

The Bains have supported country racing for the best part of 50 years, having owned horses across the state, in particular throughout the Mitchell Shire, and celebrated their moment in the sun after

the extraordinary triumph of 90-1 outsider, Knights Choice taking out Australia’s great race.

Alexander Dabb articulated their story, and the reaction of locals, effectively, detailing the unbridled joy that can come from racehorse ownership, as well as the impact the result has had on the town.

Several other pieces from Dabb throughout the season highlighted his and the newspaper’s commitment to country racing across the region.

Edward Sadler (Racing.com)

Sadler’s popular series, “They Once Raced Here”, hosted in conjunction with author, Chris Ganly, explored the range of lost racecourses throughout Victoria, and provided a detailed synopsis of a select group tracks across the state where racing once ruled the respective towns.

Feature segments and stories from Ocean Grove, Woodend, Newstead, Queenscliff and Belmont highlighted the history of each race track, its standing within the community, and why the club/course is no longer in operation.

The feature on Ocean Grove is particularly fascinating, which ran races and race meetings on its famous beach for decades. Whilst stricter regulations in the past 20 years put paid to the concept, Sadler and Ganly portray a tale of when racing and events at these particular small-town regions was such a popular, must-attend event, embodying the spirit of community that resonates so fondly with

country racing across Victoria.

Quill McQuilty and Peter Hibberd (“Buloke Times”)

The “Buloke Times”, a newspaper circulated throughout the Buloke Shire and the districts of Birchip, Charlton, Donald, St Arnaud, Watchem and Wycheproof, submitted a portfolio of its coverage of country racing from various meetings at Donald & District Racing Club, on the back of the work from reporters Quill McQuilty and Peter Hibberd.

Covering everything from race results, jockey milestones, meeting previews and reviews, and Fashions on the Field pieces, the “Buloke Times” commitment to reporting on racing throughout the region highlights the passion and dedication for the code across its readership and beyond.

“Times” reporters clearly enjoy attending and reporting on country races, not simply regurgitating racing results, but also capturing the excitement and romance of the sport.

Other Awards

Other awards that will be presented at the CRV Awards night on Saturday, August 23, include:

- Tony Shanahan Award for Services to Country Racing presented by Pan Pacific Melbourne.
- bet365 Country Racing Victoria Horse of the Year.
- TAC Country Racing Victoria Apprentice Jockey of the Year.
- Neville Wilson Medal; Country Racing Victoria



• As one of the finalists for the Jack Styring Country Racing Victoria Media Awards, racing reporters Quill McQuilty and Peter Hibberd will attend the awards ceremony on August 23 representing the whole team at the “Buloke Times” which works together to promote country racing in our region.

Jockey of the Year, presented by Red Tomato.

- George Hanlon Trophy; Country Racing Victoria Trainer of the Year, presented by Fantasy Cocktails.

Country Club Awards

Four Country Club award winners will also be announced on the night:

- Kelly Sports Country Racing Victoria Event of the Year.
- McPhails Furniture Country Racing Victoria Community Club Event of the Year.
- Racing.com Country Racing Victoria Community Club of the Year.
- bet365 Country Racing Victoria Club of the Year.

Rain Highlights Wedderburn Clash

While Donald and Wedderburn players may not have welcomed the conditions, the steady rain was a welcome sight for district farmers.

Donaldson Park was water logged, adding a unique element to the match. Given the broader benefits, few would be bold enough to complain.

In a game which sometimes resembled mud wrestling, it was extremely difficult to string together passages of play, although the Redbacks’ forward, Mitch Jensen, handled the ball as if it was dry and was a stand out with seven goals and assisted in a few more. He booted two in the first quarter with Hamish “Hammer” Lockhart, Zach Pallpratt, Jye Mortlock and big man Mark Robinson all gathering plenty of the ball.

Donald’s ultra consistent Dan Pearce was at his best while its entire backline led by Josh Smulders, Harry Forrest, Dyson Bell-Warren and Charlie Campbell worked overtime. The Blues’ Kalon Green and Ryan Bath also bored in, the latter getting used to these conditions train-

ing on the South Warrnambool ground.

Wedderburn’s best quarter was the second, banging on six goals. Apart from Mitch Jensen’s day out, Zach Pallpratt kicked three goals, the fleet-footed Noah Furlong two, as did Ben Bacon, which may be an anomaly such was the reaction from his team mates.

For Donald, full marks for those who played in the reserves’ first win for the season and then fronted up again for the senior encounter, particularly George Morgan, who chalked up his fiftieth game.

Scores: Wedderburn 17.19 (121) d Donald 0.0.

Best for Wedderburn: Zach Pallpratt, Mitch Jensen, Jye Mortlock, Noah Furlong, Mark Robinson, Mitch McEwen.

For Donald: Dan Pearce, Josh Smulders, Kalon Green, Harry Forrest, Dyson Bell-Warren, Ryan Bath.



• Time to wash off the mud for Donald’s senior team.

“Times” Crossword

QUICK PUZZLE NO. 8186 - SOLUTIONS

Across - 1, Lock. 7, Raspberry. 8, Bare. 9, Hard. 10, Soya. 11, Abet. 14, Admiration. 16, Impeccable. 19, Rude. 22, Onus. 24, Beam. 25, Stub. 26, Gondolier. 27, Band.
Down - 1, Libra. 2, Curve. 3, Salaam. 4, Spider. 5, Less. 6, Greyhound. 12, Badminton. 13, Tale. 15, Tier. 17, Cobalt. 18, Beaker. 20, Ultra. 21, Ebbbed. 23, Side.