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For the Shire of Buloke, and the districts of Birchip, Charlton, Donald, St. Arnaud, Watchem and Wycheproof

Buloke Withdraws From Development Organization

At its ordinary meeting on Wednesday, June 18, Buloke Shire Council confirmed that it will withdraw its membership from the Wimmera Southern Mallee Development (WSMD).

Wimmera Southern Mallee Development Limited is a regional development organisation that aims to support economic growth and advocate for shared priorities across participating councils in north-western Victoria.

Buloke had joined WSMD on August 9, 2023, under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), but councillors voted unanimously to withdraw after determining the Shire had yet to receive any funding or demonstrated benefit – particularly in relation to

WSMD's focus on addressing housing shortages across the region.

The financial contribution for WSMD membership for the 2025/2026 year is \$62,844, which has been allocated in the Council's newly adopted budget.

"The donation towards it (WSMD) could be very well spent in other places in the tight financial position we (the Council) are," Cr Graeme Milne said at the meeting.

Chief Executive Officer Wayne O'Toole will now provide WSMD with the required 12 months' notice of Council's intention to withdraw, as per the MOU.

Council also raised concerns about WSMD's public stance on renewables and transmission infrastructure, which did not reflect Buloke's neutral position.

"The open letter issued by the WSMD CEO in December 2024 relating to transmission lines, wind energy parks and mining was not reflective of Council's views," the report noted.

"This letter was developed without consultation and created significant concern throughout the Buloke community.

"It is felt that Council's feedback to WSMD on these matters has not been adequately responded to, therefore highlighting the inability of WSMD to accurately represent and advocate for Buloke Shire Council."



Daniel's Day Will Come

Birchip-Watchem has not lost a senior football game this season, and Donald has not won one.

As expected, the brilliant Bulls romped in at Donald on Saturday, though not without finding they'd been in a worthwhile contest against the Royal Blues, led by their first-term playing coach, Daniel ("Tex") Pearce.

In fact, and notwithstanding the final scores, the home side could hardly have been set a better example of working hard against the league's best than that from the new coach, who was awarded the "headspace" trophy for his on-field display against all the odds.

• Pictured with Daniel after Saturday's game were his daughter, Nina (left), and Hadley Harrison.

Entertainment is Coming to Birchip

Birchip Neighbourhood House has combined with LINK Neighbourhood House Kaniva to bring vibrant and inspiring Regional Arts performances to Kaniva and Birchip, thanks to the generous support of the Small Regional Presenters program.

Thanks to a \$14,000 grant from Creative Victoria and the collaboration between the two managers of these Neighbourhood Houses, their community members will have access to two exceptional theatre productions, one designed to appeal to families and another crafted to entertain adult audiences.

"Dinosaur Time Machine"

"Dinosaur Time Machine" by Highwire Entertainment will be shown at the Birchip Public Hall in the July school holidays. Children can take a trip in a giant time machine to get up close and personal with a life sized, juvenile T-Rex and learn about the ancient world of dinosaurs in the most exciting way possible.

Two adventurous performers use science, circus, puppetry and imagination to give children a glimpse into history that they won't forget. This interactive and educational adventure blends science and storytelling and takes young audiences on a thrilling prehistoric journey!

"Garage Girls"

"Garage Girls" by Three Birds Theatre and The Shift Theatre will be shown at the Birchip Public Hall on Friday, August 15.

Manager Simone Christie said, "We are looking forward to providing a heart-warming theatre experience celebrating resilience, creativity, and the magic of storytelling. We've had a Three



• "Dinosaur Time Machine", by Highwire Entertainment.

Birds performance before and it was really well received."

"Garage Girls" features Alice Anderson, a mechanic, trailblazer and entrepreneur. Part history, part farce, part who-done-it, "Garage Girls" shines a light on one remarkable young woman's short but eventful life.

Combined Resources

LINK Neighbourhood House, Kaniva, and Birchip Neighbourhood House have been combining their resources

for several years to bring art and cultural events to their community, because they believe that every community deserves access to enriching cultural experiences, regardless of location.

These initiatives will give children, families and adults living in regional areas the chance to enjoy engaging, high-quality theatre right in their own towns – sparking imaginations, fostering creativity, and creating unforgettable memories.

“No Show” From Transmission Company: Farmers Rally at Wycheproof

(By Carey Brennan)

Around 200 farmers rallied at Wycheproof on Friday, June 20, outside the Buloke Shire Offices ready to greet TCV staff when they arrived to meet with Councillors from Buloke, Gannawarra and Loddon Shires.

Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) had requested Shire Councillors from Buloke, Gannawarra and Loddon Shires attend the meeting that was to precede a “big announcement”.

Cr Alan Getley, Mayor of Buloke Shire read a statement to the crowd from the combined Councils which stated TCV had requested the meeting, the Councillors were unaware of what the meeting was about, nor did they know what the “big announcement” was to be.

Shortly before the meeting, TCV notified Cr Getley that they had concerns for their safety after receiving advice from Vic. Police and would no longer be attending, but would instead hold a closed “zoom” meeting with the Councillors. Surprisingly, the eight Victoria Police officers in attendance were unaware of the advice to TCV causing them to cancel the visit.

Cr Garner Smith, Mayor of Gannawarra Shire made a 3

hour round trip, only to be told that TCV was not attending due to the gathered local farmers and landowners protesting the VNI West transmission lines project.

James Burke (Dooboo-betic) and Ben Duxson (Walla-laloo), spoke about the impact the VNI West project would have on their farm land. Andrew Weidemann (Rupanyup), impacted by turbines and mining, spoke about farmers being under attack from the Victorian State Government through mining, turbines, transmission lines and the emergency services levy. Barry Batters (St. Arnaud), impacted by VNI West stated he had attended the TCV Community Reference Group meetings where he had raised many concerns with TCV only to have them completely ignored, many questions still unanswered.

Ross Johns (Warracknabeal), Chairman of the Wimmera Mallee Environmental and Agricultural Protection group who is impacted by

turbines, talked about food security. Victorian farmers hold 1.5% of agricultural land in Australia but produce 25% of the country’s total food production, this makes up 14% of Australian Export revenue. With a global population of 8.2 billion people and the fact that Australia produces enough food to feed itself 3 times over, we are an important cog in the global food supply chain. The current Governments are intent on taking over productive farm land which produces wheat, canola, barley, fruits, nuts, vegetables, meat, fibre (cotton and wool) and milk to replace it with power production.

Speaking after the meeting Councillors Getley and Smith, joined by Cr Graeme Milne, told the crowd that the meeting had been a waste of time and they had been asked by TCV to persuade farmers and land owners that land access for the transmission lines would be in their best interests. The Councillors assured



• Around 200 farmers had gathered for a chance to speak with TCV staff, with a very clear message.

farmers that their Shires’ stance had not changed and they do not support VNI West in its current form.

The VNI West (Victoria New South Wales Interconnector) 500kv transmission line is required to link the wind turbine projects in the area to the power grid. Part of the \$600 Billion Rewiring the Nation project, this line is to transmit solar and wind generated electricity to the cities

of Melbourne and Sydney. According to Electrical Experts the line is unnecessary as there are already transmission lines in place that can be upgraded and utilised at a far cheaper cost. Despite claims made by TCV, there is no real benefit to our regional communities as specialised workers will be brought in for construction.

Landowners on the current VNI West corridor are angry

that their concerns are not being addressed and as a result, gates to their properties will be locked with access denied to TCV, Vicgrid and their contractors.

The State Government is trying to over ride their property rights with new legislation coming up in Parliament in July. Agriculture and Food are being sacrificed for power to the cities.

Letter to the Editor

Mildura Big Freeze (The Editor, “The Times”)

Dear Editor.– I was incredibly proud to attend the 2025 Mildura Big Freeze and witness the incredible community spirit on display.

There was such a great atmosphere. Families, friends, sporting clubs and local businesses all came together for a cause that means so much to so many. It was one of those moments that really captured the heart of Mildura.

Motor Neurone Disease is devastating. Every day, two Australians are diagnosed and two lose their lives. The Mildura Big Freeze raised more than \$46,000 in much needed funds. That money goes directly towards research and, hopefully, one day, a cure.

A huge congratulations and thank you to Mia Colliccoat for leading the charge. This event could not have been made possible without her tireless work. It is no small task, and

the impact she continues to make is something our whole community can be proud of.

To everyone who supported the day, whether you took the plunge, donated, volunteered or simply turned up, thank you. Our community has once again shown its big heart, and I could not be prouder to be part of it.

Warm regards,

Jade Benham, MP

Wizard of a Show Tonight

The students at Donald High School are very excited to present “The Wizard of OZ-stralia” TONIGHT at the Donald Memorial Hall, starting at 7 p.m., with tickets being sold at the door.

Layla Griffiths stars as Dorothy, who finds herself in a dilemma when a cyclone has taken away her Wi-Fi connection.

The cyclone then sweeps her, and her hilarious dog Toto who is performed by

Arleea Sarre, to a world down under.

Our young Ellie Burke transforms into Glinda, guiding Dorothy down the right track to find the magical Wizard of OZ-stralia, who is played by Marnie Harmer.

However, it’s not all bells and whistles for Dorothy and Toto as they encounter a confused scarecrow, rusted tin-man and a cowardly lion stuck in a dark and spooky forest; performed by Victor Sak, Kailie Krause, and Eliza Rotherham respectively.

The Krause family must have acting in their genes, as the Evil Witch, Ben Krause, is enraged by Dorothy stealing the glittery, red crocs.

With kangaroos, munchkins and more, this performance will have you giggling in your seats.

“Ballerina”

“From the world of John Wick: Ballerina” is this weekend’s movie screening at The Rex.

John Wick (the character immortalised by actor Keanu Reeves), makes a cameo return bringing his usual elegance to the screen in this action-packed narrative. Joining the franchise is Academy Award nominee, Ana de Armas as the dancer/assassin who gives a lethally balletic performance as the graceful action hero.

Set in the John Wick universe and taking place during the events of “John Wick: Chapter 3 – Parabellum”, this spin-off film follows Eve Macarro (de Armas), who is beginning her training in the assassin traditions of the Ruska Roma (a formidable crime syndicate presided over by Anjelica Huston’s cigar-chomping Director), to seek revenge against the people who killed her family.

Directed by Len Wiseman, this fifth installment of the franchise builds slowly – starting with Eve’s years-long training in the cutthroat world of ballet (the cover for her more deadly work), along with her tuition in the art of assassination.

The momentum picks up during the later third of the movie, when in the final act, Eve is being hunted by an entire European village of people who want her dead.

Be prepared for some chaotic stunt work, with a few

comedic touches thrown in and a physically impressive performance by de Armas.

This is one for the “John Wick” fans, and for those craving some action-packed winter entertainment!

“From the World of John Wick: Ballerina” (MA15+ 125 mins | Action | Thriller | Strong violence) screens Saturday, June 28, 8 p.m. | Sunday, June 29, 2 p.m. | Tuesday, July 1, 8 p.m..

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• The gear checker training day at Donald Pony Club on Sunday, June 15, saw a number of volunteers gain their accreditation: left to right, Linda Gerring (assessor – Maryborough), Gemma Pridgeon (Charlton), Corrie Potter (Donald/riding coach), Asha Fielder (Horsham), Melinda McEwen (Donald), Mia Moloney (Horsham), Charlotte Stewart (Charlton), Carolyn Stewart (Charlton), Tayla Wyllie holding Sapphire (Donald), Kallani Fisher holding Mumsie, Quill McQuilty (Donald), Jessie Adams holding Ollie.

Pony Club’s Accreditation Course

Visiting Pony Club members from Horsham and Charlton attended Donald and District’s June rally, held on Sunday the 15th, to complete a gear checking accreditation course facilitated by Linda Gerring from Maryborough.

It presented a rare opportunity for members from neighbouring clubs to get together for a meet and greet as well as gain valuable knowledge and credentials for the clubs they represent. The group was extremely privileged to be instructed by Maryborough’s district commissioner, Linda Gerring, who is a Pony Club Victoria Qualified National Gear Checker, and also a PCANCAS Level 1 coach, bringing with her a wealth of pony club knowledge.

Linda’s dedication to continually educate herself to the ever-changing rules and policies, made her the perfect mentor for the program. Though she was the first to admit, “I don’t know everything; I just know where to find the answers.”

Having the resources right there is half the battle and real life examples for perspective made the session incredibly informative. Armed with loads of lived experiences and a power point presentation to keep everyone on track, Linda

directed the group through the theory aspect of the course, before taking what was learned outside to practise on real horses.

Earlier in the week, Donald Pony Club members were given the instruction: “Tack up your horses incorrectly, to try catch out the gear checkers.”

They certainly understood the assignment, even bordering on the ridiculous, and much can be said for the gentle temperament and patience

of the horses modelling uncomfortable equipment for educational purposes. Not only was incorrect gear pointed out, it was then discussed by the group to learn why it is so important to inspect equipment, paramount for the horse’s comfort and safety of the rider.

After a successfully educational morning came the delicious barbecue lunch, thanks to all volunteers involved for catering to the many guests. With full bellies, instructor Corrie Potter then took a small group of riders to the arena for a lesson, ensuring all horses had incorrect items replaced with the correct and

comfortable gear before commencing.

Congratulations to all trainees who passed their gear checker accreditation on the day, and many thanks for your time, effort and distance travelled in the undertaking of the course. Education and advancing skills of members can vastly strengthen their clubs, so thanks must go to Linda Gerring for sharing her knowledge and providing this learning opportunity for some of the smaller more isolated clubs within the Midland zone, your support is greatly appreciated. Well done to all involved!

New official Gear Checkers in the Midland Zone area:

Asha Fielder (Horsham and the youngest trainee at 16 years of age), Mia Moloney (Horsham), Charlotte Stewart (Charlton), Carolyn Stewart (Charlton), Melinda McEwen (Donald), Quill McQuilty (Donald), Gemma Pridgeon (Charlton), Corrie Potter (Donald).

The next Donald Pony Club rally will be held on Sunday, July 20 and anyone interested in attending should contact Jill McEwen on 0428 915 269. In the meantime, Charlton’s club will be hosting a “Come and Try” day on July 6. For more information, contact Carolyn Stewart on 0428 927 609.



• The afternoon lesson, left to right: Jessie Adams on Ollie, with mum Linda leading, Kallani Fisher on Mumsie, instructor Corrie Potter, Chelsea Hart on Fred and Tayla Wyllie on Sapphire.

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Combined Exhibition Opens at St. Arnaud on Friday

Naturescapes and the Journey Within is a combined exhibition of textile and mixed media works alongside evocative paintings from Moonambel, opening at the St Arnaud Railery Hub Gallery on Friday, June 27.

Celebrating the beauty of nature and the personal journey of creativity, these works offer a reflection on the way art connects us to both landscape and self.



The Naturescapes element features six Victorian artists: Karen Ridley, Sally Wright, Lyndene Higgins, Narelle Higgins, Caz Rogers, and Mackenzie Petrie, whose practices include embroidery, felting, weaving, collage, sculpture, and the repurposing of vintage materials.

Complementing their tactile artworks are a series of atmospheric landscape paintings by Moonambel artist Russell Drever, whose works capture the essence of the Pyrenees region with depth and sensitivity.

Visitors are invited to the official opening on Saturday, June 28, at 2 p.m. at the Gallery on Queens Avenue, St Arnaud Railway Station.

Each piece in Naturescapes and the Journey Within represents a personal journey – creative expression as a source of mindfulness, healing, accomplishment, and emotional connection.

From the gentle stitchwork of Karen Ridley to the playful, repurposed pieces by Lyndene Higgins, these works draw us into a space of reflection and appreciation for the natural world.

Artists Sally Wright, Narelle Higgins, Caz Rogers, and Mackenzie Petrie bring additional depth through their diverse creative forms, offering fibre collage, mindful stitching, felted works, and mixed media explorations.

Their work creates a layered, immersive environment that speaks to the value of slowing down and creating with intention.

Russell Drever's paintings complement this narrative with images rich with texture and mood, honouring the quiet strength of the local environment. They reflect his relationship to a place that mirrors the textile artists' tactile explorations.

Visitors can also browse a creative market stall featuring handmade goods and fibre packs from the artists, and enter a raffle to win unique donated pieces, including a textile brooch, coiled basket, woven scarf, art journal cover, and more.

The St Arnaud Railery Hub Gallery, Queens Avenue, St Arnaud Railway Station Fridays to Sundays, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Entry is free.

How Much CFA Funding?

The Victorian Government has once again refused to disclose how much funding the CFA will receive in the 2025-26 State Budget, confirming fears the budget is being cut again.

Today in Question Time, Minister for Emergency Services, Vicki Ward, dodged a straightforward question: what is the CFA's base budget for 2025-26 – a figure the Minister previously claimed would be outlined in the State Budget, but wasn't.

Instead of providing an answer, the Minister rambled and refused to give a figure.

Leader of The Nationals and Shadow Minister for Emergency Services, Danny O'Brien, said regional Victorians have every right to feel deeply concerned following Labor's CFA budget cuts, which the government has tried to sweep under the rug.

"It's outrageous. The Government Gazette released on May 30 shows a clear cut to CFA funding compared to previous years, but the State Government keeps denying the facts," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Minister won't confirm the figure, the Treasurer and Premier say it's wrong,



• Danny O'Brien.

yet they can't answer Victorians a simple question – how much money will the CFA receive next financial year?

"The State Government's refusal to answer confirms what we already know: despite Victorians being slugged an extra \$3 billion in tax in the name of our emergency services, their budgets are actually being cut.

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As Fallen Livestock Concerns Grow... Government Urged for Support

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is urging the Victorian Government to step up and deliver immediate support to drought-affected livestock producers by introducing a targeted rebate scheme for fallen stock collection costs.

The VFF has made the request as it continues to work to ensure a long-term, sustainable solution for animal disposal across the state.

The call comes as a new user-pays trial for fallen stock services begins across western Victoria from June 2025, following sustained VFF advocacy to keep the service running in the face of mounting financial pressures.

Fee Structure

The trial will implement the following fee structure:

- \$50 per head paid to farmers for standing, live cows.
- \$200 per pickup paid by farmers for deceased stock.

(Pricing may vary depending on livestock size, volume, or circumstances. Discounts may be available.)

VFF Livestock president Scott Young said the VFF has actively worked with service provider Loc Rivett and Agriculture Victoria to prevent a complete collapse of the system, but now warns the government must intervene.

“We absolutely need this service and we’ve helped keep it operating. Clearly the provider has decided to introduce a service fee and we’re calling on the government to step in and help cover the costs in this time of drought,” said Mr Young.

Rebate Scheme

“We are calling for a rebate scheme to offset collection costs for producers in declared drought-affected areas. Anything less is a failure to support animal welfare and on-farm biosecurity during crisis conditions.

“It’s a complex issue and we’ve been working with the provider, government and farmers behind the scenes for months to ensure there is a service for farmers to access. This vital service remains at an added cost and we think the government needs to step in and cover these added fees.”

Risks

The VFF has consistently flagged the risks of inadequate fallen stock infrastructure,

including animal welfare breaches, biosecurity exposure, and environmental harm. The VFF is working closely with stakeholders to design a fit-for-purpose system, but insists producers must not be left carrying the financial burden alone.

UDV president, Bernie Free, said the trial is a step in the right direction, but it’s missing the financial element to ensure drought-stricken farmers aren’t made to absorb extra costs.

“We’ve worked hard to ensure producers still have access to a collection service, but affordability in times of drought remains a major concern and we can’t lose focus of that,” he said.

“We’re asking the Government to commit funding for a rebate model that recognises the regional impact of drought and helps keep farmers compliant without punishing them financially,” Mr Free said.



Thanks for the Ice Cream!

Seeing our grandson eating an ice cream and really enjoying it reminds me of the old story of another young boy and his ice cream.

A dad tells this story; “Last week, I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, ‘God is good, God is great. Thank You for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mum gets us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!’”

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, “That’s what’s wrong with this country. Kids today don’t even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!”

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, “Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?”

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, “I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer.”

“Really?” my son asked. “Yes” the man replied.

Then, in a theatrical type whisper, he added, indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing, “Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes.”

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and said, “Thanks Dad for the ice-cream”, and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his ice cream and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, “Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes and my soul is good already.”

This young boy in his childish innocence did something which many choose not to do anymore, pausing and saying “Thanks” before a meal.

We only have to do without for a while to realise that we can’t take anything for granted. It is a simple but profound thing to say “thanks” and to have an “attitude of gratitude” for the things we often take for granted, like food or clothing on our backs, a roof over our heads, fresh air to breathe, rain from above, or having the ability to see or hear well.

If enough people paused and said, “Thanks”, to our Creator and to people around us and really meant it, then an “attitude of gratitude” would increasingly permeate society and change it for the better.



• Bruce Stewart

We live in a society now which seemingly has increasing levels of loneliness, anxiety, hopelessness and self-centred “me-ism”. The Bible reminds us to consider the welfare of others, “Let us think of ways to spur one another on to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another” (Hebrews 10:14,15).

Why not dare to be different and say “thanks” to our Creator for our food and to the one who prepared the meal next time you sit down to eat? That will definitely encourage the one who prepared the meal and help us not to take things for granted. In the meantime enjoy your ice cream!

Bruce Stewart.

Farmers Welcome New Water Projects

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) has welcomed the announcement by the Victorian and Federal Governments of new funding for water infrastructure and environmental projects in northern Victoria.

The Commonwealth Government will provide \$132 million for the Broken Reconfiguration Project, \$1.38 million for three new feasibility studies, and a further \$1.935 million for a detailed assessment of the Restoring Flows to the Mallee Floodplain initiative that aims at improving environmental outcomes by maximising the use of existing environmental water.

Long History

VFF Water Council chairman, Andrew Leahy, said the VFF has a long history of working with communities along the Broken system and is pleased this project, highlighted in the Victorian Government’s Planning Our Basin Future Together prospectus, can progress.

“VFF members have worked tirelessly for many years to improve water reliability

on the Broken system, as well as to secure improved stock and domestic supply.

“A special thanks must go to former VFF Water Council Chairman and local irrigator Richard Anderson, who worked for years to help get this across the line,” Mr Leahy said.

“This project is a direct result of years of grassroots advocacy and it’s fantastic to see that hard work finally being recognised and realised,”

Feasibility Studies

The VFF also welcomed the new feasibility studies, which will enable further assessment of water projects identified in last year’s Victorian water prospectus.

The VFF has long been critical of the Commonwealth’s focus on arbitrary water recovery targets, often at the expense of genuine environmental benefit. The VFF is therefore pleased to see the Mallee Floodplain project assessing environmental outcomes.

“There’s more to improving the environment than simply adding water. We need to look at the full picture, such as water quality, riverbank condition, ecosystem health, and native species recovery. Assessing overall environmental outcomes is an important first step.

“It’s essential that farmers and local communities are consulted and actively involved in the planning and

implementation of these projects. The VFF will continue to work to ensure that farmers have a strong voice at the table as these projects progress.

“The VFF has written to the Commonwealth Water Minister, Murray Watt inviting him to the region and we look forward to the opportunity to discuss our local issues face to face”, Mr Leahy added.

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Charlton 100 Years Ago

(Information from "East Charlton Tribune")

June 20 to 24, 1925.

Stamina: Rather a remarkable performance was Reg Curnow's win in the Harriers' Mile handicap on Saturday. He was playing for the football team against Narraport; and at first was disinclined to take the track for the race. But to help out the field he consented. As soon as the mid-way bell sounded, he took off his football boots, got into running pumps, and walked straight over to look for his mark. He won the race, got out of his running pumps into his football boots again, and played the second half of the football match. He certainly showed some stamina, and represents the sort of material for which Charlton Harriers are looking.

Buckrabanyule: The separation of the Woosang Juniors from their seniors on certain match days has been unfortunate but unavoidable. It has now been rendered unnecessary by the provision of a ground for the young Maroons at the rear of the Gladstone Hotel. Mr Watt, of that hostelry, consulted Mr James Hindson on behalf of Woosang Juniors, and Mr Hindson not only granted the ground without hesitation, but with Mr Hubert James carried out its preparation. They even went to the extent of neglecting their own work to get the ground ready in time for last Saturday's match. During the present week, they have put further labour on it, the aim being to make it a really good pitch. Mr Watt donated two guineas to the Woosang Juniors.

Inter-School Sport: The Higher Elementary School Basketball Second Team, accompanied by the Sports Mistress (Miss L. Soding) visited Wycheproof to meet the local school. As it was Wycheproof's first match, they were naturally handicapped by lack of experience. Charlton team was: Alice Chandler and Nellie Paterson, defenders; Mollie Grady, defending rover; Edith Paterson, centre; Rita Clark, attacking rover; Edna Arundell and Jean Clark, goal throwers. Charlton won by 16 goals to 4. Edith Paterson played a very big part in the win. Each member of the winning team was well worthy of her place.

Accident: The railway crossing at Dwyer's corner was the scene of an accident which happily was not attended by serious injury to any person. A car with six occupants was returning from the Teddywaddy Rovers-Woosang Juniors match, and just in front of it at the spot referred to was proceeding another car. The one in front exhibited signs of slowing down, the taillight automati-

cally showing. The car at the rear was unable to pull up in the distance, and in order to avoid the one in front the driver turned it to the side, crashing into and carrying away two 10 x 10 red gum posts. The only injury sustained was to Frank Gould, who received abrasions to the face. The front of the car was rather badly damaged. Gould was not at the wheel.

Parking Fee: The charge of 6d for each motor car entering the Football Reserve on match afternoons has not proved altogether popular. It was contended that, while the actual sum was a trifle, the principle was not sound. If there had been a grand stand on the ground, it was argued, the club would have had a better standing; but motor cars were practically portable grandstands, affording shelter for onlookers on wet days. Although no meeting has been held since the annual gathering, the club decided, rather than lose prospective members over the charge, to abrogate it in the case of members.



• Back row: Jack Fanning, Tom Trauaglia, Frank Kauger, Charlie Smith, Rev Day, Stan Bennett, Billy Williams, Len Cassells, H. Arnell, Harold Barber, J. Foxwell. Front row: Reg Curnow, Jack Bishop, Ev Arundell, George Burton, Jack Wright, Tom Maher, Jim Grogan, Perc Spencer. Sitting: Harold Leech, Don Vickers

Sterling Sire: Everyone interested in equines in this district will regret to learn of the death of that wonderful old stallion, Bronte. Bronte was born in 1900, on the farm that Mr Chas Hando now

owns at Buckrabanyule. Mr Hando first raced the horse at Wedderburn, where he won a Maiden Trot. Six years later Bronte was sent to Melbourne and put in the hands of Mr Bambrick to be trained. This

grand horse won the first city race he started in – at Richmond. Bronte afterwards won 2 or 3 good trots and then Mr Hando got him back for stud purposes. As a show horse, Bronte was the most

successful of any outside of Melbourne. Well known trotters sired by Bronte have followed in his footsteps, having consistently won in Melbourne, Bendigo and at all our district shows.

The Ettamogah Pub Mob



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Call for Drought Relief

Northern Grampians' Residents Handbook

The Nationals Member for Mildura, Jade Benham, has called on the Minister for Agriculture to urgently deliver drought relief for farmers across the Mallee, warning that families and communities are facing one of the most challenging seasons in recent memory.

Speaking in Parliament this week, Ms Benham described a “different kind of dry” spreading across the region, with rainfall well below average and subsoil moisture rapidly disappearing.

“Our farmers are resilient, they always have been, but the reality on the ground right now is grim,” Ms Benham said. “Feed and water costs are skyrocketing, farmers are being forced to destock, and many are questioning how they will get through the next few months, let alone the full season.”

Ms Benham said farming families in communities like

Ouyen, Manangatang, Walpeup, Underbool and Patchewollock are doing it particularly tough, with some now also contending with the return of wild dogs following the removal of the non-protection order.

“There’s been a deafening silence from the government while farming families are being pushed to the brink,” she said.

Ms Benham is calling for immediate support including emergency financial assistance for primary producers experiencing severe crop and stock losses, council rate relief and freight subsidies to offset

the rising cost of fodder and water. She is also urging for improved mental health outreach for isolated and struggling farmers, and a simplified process for accessing support, without the bureaucracy.

“These aren’t just numbers on a spreadsheet. They are people, families, and communities that underpin our state’s food and fibre production,” she said.

“Our farmers are not asking for handouts. They are simply asking for a hand up until the seasons turn. We owe it to them to act now, and I urge the Minister to visit the Mallee and see first hand the



• Jade Benham.
severe conditions farmers are dealing with, and to understand the immediate need for practical support.”

People who have made, or are looking to make, Northern Grampians Shire home, can benefit from a new guide showcasing important information for residents.

Northern Grampians Shire Council has released an updated version of its New Resident Handbook, which aims to bridge the local knowledge and awareness gap that can accompany moving to a new town or city.

Mayor Karen Hyslop said council staff had created the guide to ensure new residents felt supported and connected.

“The handbook features a range of information such as introductions to our various townships; details for local businesses, sporting and community groups; and contact information for our health organisations such as medical centres and hospitals,” she said.

“It also includes where to find more about various council services to help make the transition into Northern Grampians Shire a smooth one.

“Whether someone is growing their career, building a strong base for their family to thrive or settling for a slower pace, they can find all they need and more right here.”

Hard copies of the New Resident Handbook are available from council customer service offices and libraries in Stawell and St Arnaud along with local businesses and real estates.

People can also visit www.ngshire.vic.gov.au/Residents/New-Resident-Handbook to read a digital copy.

Community Update

Buloke.

Council adopts new Council Plan 2025-2029

On Wednesday 18 June 2025, Buloke Shire Council adopted its new Council Plan 2025-2029.

The Plan presents a range of strategies to guide Council over the next four years and is structured around five Strategic Objective Areas supported by 13 Strategies and 54 Actions.

The Council Plan aligns with the Annual Budget 2025/26 and the new Revenue & Rating Strategy 2025-2029. These documents were also adopted at the Council meeting.

We are thankful for all the community input, submissions and feedback received to help guide the development of these important strategic documents.

All are now available to view via our website at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/publications



2025 Australia Post Community Grants

Applications for the 2025 Australia Post Community Grants program are now open.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to support locally led, locally delivered projects that aim to improve mental health outcomes and foster meaningful community connections.

Eligible organisations can apply at auspost.com.au/grants, with applications closing on **7 July 2025 at 11:59pm AEST**. Successful applicants will be notified in **late September 2025**.

If you have any questions about the program or your eligibility, please reach out to the Australia Post Community Grants team at grants@auspost.com.au

Free Camping Program Ends

The Victorian Government has ditched its disastrous free camping in national parks initiative after the program backfired.

Labor spruiked that the program would ease cost-of-living pressures, but the brutal reality was the complete opposite.

The poorly-designed program financially cruelled regional small businesses and left families disappointed by a lack of camping spots.

Labor’s free camping policy resulted in people deliberately booking multiple camping sites and then failing to show up, knowing there are no consequences.

It led to low occupancy rates in popular national park campgrounds that would normally be fully booked.

Campsites sat empty during regional Victoria’s peak tourist season, leading to the phrase “ghost camping” being penned.

Solutions Dismissed

Practical solutions to fix the multiple problems put forward by the Liberals and Nationals were dismissed by the Allan Labor Government which backed in its flawed program.

Free camping in national parks was heavily criticised by small business, peak tourist bodies, campers, and regional communities.

Shadow Minister for Public Land Management, Melina Bath, said Labor’s failed free camping in national parks program has quietly been scrapped and instead replaced with “half price” camping fees in the state budget.

Enormous Damage

“From inception, Labor’s policy was systematically flawed and did enormous damaged to small businesses and the regional economy that relies on the peak tourism season for survival.

“The State Government said free camping in national parks would create more Victorians holidaying in the regions, it did the opposite.

“In a cost-of-living crisis, the program hurt regional sales and services and charged Victorian taxpayers \$9 million to deliver it.

“Free camping in national parks should have been abolished when the problems were first identified, yet the State Government refused to listen.”

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→ Applications Close: 6 July 2025

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Events Officer - Charlton

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

→ Applications Close: 6 July 2025

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

Be Prepared for the Cold and Flu Season Ahead

We all know how miserable and unpleasant it is to have a cold, or to suffer from the chills of influenza, which is why it is important to get in early and to build up the body’s resistance to infection.

A whole-food diet that includes plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables and fresh herbs, including garlic, will help the body systems combat harmful bacteria and viruses. Garlic is especially useful in building up the body’s resistance, as it contains vitamins A, B and C, and copper, sulphur, manganese, iron and calcium. It is also considered to be a natural antibiotic if taken in large enough amounts.

The following garlic cold remedy is ideal for people who do not take garlic on a regular basis and begin to suffer from the symptoms of cold, or have a bad cold, the following garlic remedy may give relief. Put in a pre-warmed ceramic mug, two cloves of crushed garlic, half a teaspoon ground ginger, one tablespoon honey, the juice of one lemon and pinch of cayenne pepper. Add one cup of boiling water, cover and

allow to steep for 10 minutes. Strain, reheat and drink immediately. A herbal tea made by combining equal parts peppermint, elder flower and yarrow will also help to alleviate the symptoms of cold, fever and influenza. Steep one teaspoon of the dried herb mixture in a cup of boiling water for 10 minutes, strain, reheat, sweeten with honey and drink as hot as possible 3 to 4 times daily. Peppermint is rich in volatile oils, including menthol, which help to relieve head and chest congestion. Taken on its own, peppermint tea is very beneficial in reducing fever; its effect is increased when combined with yarrow flowers. Peppermint also helps to allay nausea and acts as a soothing sedative to induce relaxation and sleep.

Elder flowers are rich in the mineral salt potassium chloride - a vital salt for dealing with the second stage congestion of colds, flu and fevers. It has a relaxing, calming and blood purifying effect, and also helps to induce perspiration. Yarrow is a tonic and stimulant, serving to reinforce the body’s vitality and strength. It is useful in mild fevers, producing perspiration and opening the pores of the skin. Free perspiration encourages the elimination of toxins and waste products from the body. Poor elimination is one of the primary factors leading to the development of colds, fevers and flu. This herb also contains the mineral salt iron phosphate, which is especially effective in treating infectious colds and fevers that are aggravated by bacteria.



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Diverse Farming Boosts Profits, Controls Weeds

(By Cindy Benjamin, WeedSmart)

Results from over a decade of farming systems research have illustrated that many factors need to be considered and implemented for a cropping enterprise to be profitable, manageable, and to minimise risk.

Tony Swan, a CSIRO farming systems researcher, says that decisions related to weed control vary depending on the crop rotation implemented. Multiple factors, including stubble management, nitrogen use, grain storage, and machinery cost, influence the profitability of the rotation.

"Field trials often focus on one or two critical factors, aiming to understand the effect between treatments," Tony says. "It is important when conducting trials at a small plot scale, that the researcher, agribusiness consultant and the grower are confident the results can be scaled up to commercial 'whole-farm' level."

With a large body of research findings on a wide range of weed management strategies, crop rotations, and stubble management options in the southern NSW region, the multidisciplinary team scaled up the results and tested them in real-world scenarios for farms with 3000, 5000 and 10,000 ha of crop.

"For example, when it comes to planting equipment, irrespective of opener type, we found no difference in the profitability or effect on weed numbers where more expensive herbicides were used," Tony said.

"Tynd openers were more effective when lower-cost herbicides, such as trifluralin, were used, mainly because fewer of these herbicides are on-label for a disc opener."

Growers who implement the WeedSmart Big 6 strategy, which includes both herbicide and non-herbicide tactics, should be able to achieve high profitability while keeping the weed seedbank low.

This year, Geraldton is hosting WeedSmart Week on July 29 and 30, showcasing how growers can develop a profitable farming system using the WeedSmart Big 6

framework to make sure that weeds are not calling the shots.

Good Stubble Management Control

Zero-till, stubble retention and fallow weed management have been widely adopted in Australian cropping systems – and for good reason. In combination, these farming system practices protect the soil from erosion, aid in moisture infiltration and storage, and reduce weed numbers in fallow.

However, it is important not to let heavy stubble compromise the timeliness of operations or hinder weed, disease or pest management. A stubble load of 2–3 t/ha (i.e. 70% ground cover) is enough to achieve erosion control and water infiltration outcomes.

If the stubble exceeds 3 t/ha, consider using any of these post-harvest management tactics to reduce the load: mulching, incorporation+nutrients, baling, grazing or late strategic burn (especially before a second wheat crop or before sowing canola). Including a legume in a diverse crop sequence will help manage stubble, improve nitrogen efficiency and assist in converting the cereal stubble into organic carbon.

Cereal stubble is a good source of carbon (C) but provides very little nitrogen (N) for subsequent crops. Therefore, when stubble is retained and incorporated, there can be significant N tie-up. To compensate, in a canola-wheat rotation, apply deep band N and add 5 kg N/t of cereal stubble at sowing. Alternatively, sow a pulse legume, such as faba bean, lentil, chickpea or vetch, into the wheat stubble, followed by a canola crop.

From a weed management perspective, be flexible and proactively manage stubble to suit your seeding system. Both tynd and disc systems

are equally effective for weed management and crop performance when stubble load is managed appropriately to allow for diversity in pre-emergent herbicide use.

Keeping Ryegrass Numbers Low

Initial testing of weeds for herbicide resistance is crucial to determine the most appropriate herbicide and the best management options available. A crop rotation that includes a double-break of two non-cereal crops, such as faba bean-canola or vetch-canola, was found to be the most effective tactic for reducing herbicide-resistant annual ryegrass numbers.

A "diverse-low-value" system (low-N, faba bean-canola-wheat) that includes a pulse crop in either a 3- or 4-year sequence matched or improved the profitability and reduced the financial volatility compared to the "baseline" systems (canola-cereal-cereal) at both the small plot and whole-farm scale.

Where there is an existing annual ryegrass weed issue, the "diverse mix" systems (low-N, vetch hay/BM-canola-wheat) where pulse crops can be brown manured or cut for hay may be more profitable than a "diverse" system with a pulse grain

crop, depending on how the resistant weed is managed. The combination of experimental and whole-farm data supports the agronomic value of including a pulse crop (e.g. faba bean, chickpea, lentil, vetch) in farming systems in southern NSW.

Other Management Systems

The profitability and sustainability of this system rely on the farming enterprise having adequate machinery and labour resources in place.

When scaling up to the "whole-farm" for a cropping operation that incorporated legume crops in the rotation, it was apparent that factors such as on-farm storage for pulse grain and adequate machinery and labour resources were critical to the profitability of the farm and the subsequent effectiveness of the weed-suppressive cropping program.

The economics easily stacked up for new grain storage facilities to enable better marketing of pulses such as lentils, chickpeas and faba beans. On the other hand, the rapid increase in machinery costs made it difficult to justify the investment in machinery for more timely operations. The recommendation is to carefully consider purchasing quality second-hand equipment.



• Tony Swan, CSIRO farming systems researcher. Photo: CSIRO).



• Double breaks are weed suppressive. (Photo: CSIRO).

Soil Action Plan Research Boost

Agriculture Victoria's soil research capabilities at its Horsham and Tatura SmartFarms have been boosted with a \$1.49 million investment from the Australian Government's National Soil Action Plan (NSAP).

Agriculture Victoria Research Scientist Dr Katherine Dunsford said the "Improving soil structure for resilient ecosystems" project will fund critical research into increasing drought resilience.

"In Australia soil is the basis for most agriculture, both food and fibre, and directly tied to our food security and economy," Dr Dunsford said.

"This project funding has helped us appoint a dedicated soil physicist Dr Anne Yusuf to our soil physics laboratory facility at the Tatura SmartFarm.

"Dr Yusuf will apply her soil science, hydrology and ecosystem knowledge to our project and make the most of the technology and facilities available at the soil physics lab and our SmartFarms.

"Poor soil structure limits rainfall capture and root access to water, shrinking the soil's water bucket.

"It can also lead to increased greenhouse gas emissions and reduced fertility, resulting in lower plant production and poor environmental outcomes.

"Soils can have naturally poor structure or as a result of management decisions, such as excessive tillage or trampling by cattle in wet conditions.

"Our research focuses on understanding how different soil amelioration strategies such as organic materials and gypsum can improve soil structure and soil function," she said.

Dr Dunsford said they are looking to expand understanding across a wider range of soil types and industries, particularly grains and dairy.

"The goal is to guide farmers to effective soil improvement strategies to maintain or boost productivity, enhance drought resilience, and increase environmental services in a changing climate.

NSAP is a 5-year plan under the 20-year National Soil Strategy. The funding aligns to priority actions which aim to improve Australia's soil health and long-term security.

Learn more about NSAP at agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/natural-resources/soil/s-national-soil-action-plan.

Don't Sacrifice Perennial Pastures

(By Cindy Benjamin, WeedSmart)

Results from over a decade of farming systems research have illustrated that many factors need to be considered and implemented for a cropping enterprise to be profitable, manageable, and to minimise risk.

With good rain across most of Victoria, farmers may be looking to return stock to paddocks following months of containment feeding.

Agriculture Victoria Livestock and Land Management Extension Officer, Neil James, said returning stock too early may result in damage or death of deep-rooted perennials such as phalaris, cocksfoot and fescue.

"The loss of perennial pasture is primarily caused by over grazing, but when combined with extended dry periods, pasture decline can intensify.

"Perennial ryegrass, however, rarely survives prolonged dry periods, regardless of grazing pressure.

"Many pastures are already under stress due to the prolonged dry conditions. Late season rainfall will have triggered some green leaf growth.

"However, repeated grazing of these new shoots can deplete the plants' root reserves, ultimately leading to plant death.

"Ideally, livestock should be held in containment until pastures have grown sufficient leaf area to maximise photosynthesis and rebuild their root reserves. This may take 4 – 6 weeks following rain or longer, depending on the starting condition and temperature.

"Where stock containment is not possible due to the onset of lambing, or excessively wet

conditions, farmers might consider containing stock in a paddock corner or using part of a laneway to form a small sacrifice paddock.

"Keeping the area small minimises paddock damage and reduces energy requirements of stock when compared with searching for feed over larger areas.

"Resowing perennial pastures is extremely expensive, often exceeding \$200/ha, and producers planning to sow new pastures are encouraged to review how those species have performed in environments similar to their own.

"The Pasture Trial Network developed and hosted by Meat

& Livestock Australia, compiles data from independent trial sites assessing a wide range of pasture varieties. It can be used to compare the performance (seasonal and total dry matter production) of tested varieties of legumes and grasses."

For more information about perennial pastures, visit the Agriculture Victoria website: Getting the most out of your old perennial pastures. Contact Neil James for more information on neil.james@agriculture.vic.gov.au

For more information about drought and dry seasons support visit: <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons> or call 136 186.

What's On

GRDC Farm Business Update

Join GRDC Farm Business Update online – Financial Management 101 – the key profit drivers for decisions makers.

The livestreams are free, topic specific, interactive, interview style discussions that address key farm business priorities to maximise the performance of grain growing businesses across Australia.

Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 1:00p.m. – 2:00p.m.

Register: <https://events.humaniitx.com/ls-6-grdc-farm-business-update-online-financial-management-101>

Spread Smarter, Grow Better

Spread Smarter, Grow Better! workshop – Ouyen

Date: June 24, 2025 at 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

'Spread Smarter, Grow Better!' is a free practical workshop for smarter fertiliser use and spreader calibration. Led by fertiliser and soils consultant Wayne Pluske (Equii, WA), this session will challenge you to rethink your fertiliser use.

Location: Ouyen Golf Club, 33 Cooper Street, Ouyen.

Contact: Kylie Matthewson on kylie.matthewson@msfp.org.au or phone 0429 006 156.

Nine Events at Donald Races –

On the day of winter solstice, Donald and District’s Racing Club crammed as much as daylight would allow into a nine-race program held in beautiful sunny conditions.

Jockeys inspecting the track early on provided feedback that the ground was walking better than a heavy rating, resulting with its upgrade to a soft 7, with the rail out by three metres for the entire circuit.

The warm afternoon perhaps attracted the enthusiastic crowd; however, there were many notable achievements and accomplishments to be celebrated and many trackside to share them.

Most notable was jockey Will Gordon’s four wins on the day; riding Star Canto for trainer Ciaron Maher in the second race, Plenty Of Grunt for Symon Wilde in the third, Itwasonlyakiss for Patrick and Michelle Payne in the sixth, and Naval Force for Andrew Payne in the seventh.

Something else to be celebrated in the seventh was apprentice jockey Ruby Lamont’s first race ride, coming third in a close finish riding Cheeky Blinders for Daniel Williams. At twenty-one years old, Ruby was accompanied by Racing Victoria’s apprentice jockey mentor, Darren Gauci, who, in his day, was one of Australia’s top jockeys. The pair were found

watching the replay following the race and discussing Ruby’s overall performance, to which Darren stated, “She did everything right; she could have won.” Also celebrating Ruby’s “nerves of steel” regardless of the place she rode, were her thrilled parents and extended family, all trackside on the day to show their support.

World-Wide Race Rides

International jockey Valentin Le Boeuf has the hit Australian racing circuit nearly 12 months ago, and had his first run at Donald on Saturday in the final race on Gusmao, having come from a ride at Casterton earlier in the day. Beginning in New South Wales, Valentin rode for Bjorn Baker and Ciaron Maher for roughly nine months before moving further south to Ballarat, where he has been riding for Victorian trainers in the past three months.

Remaining in Australia is his number one objective, and he hopes for some success on the track to ultimately gain sponsorship. In the meantime, in addition to Australian circuits, he has ridden

races last winter in France as well as scheduled to race in New Calendonia next week. From there? Who knows for this jet-setting jockey?

Racing Results

Five maiden races on the program kicked off with the Pacific Fuel Solutions short course over 1006 metres and the heavily supported Cool As Ice, trained by Maddie Raymond and Patrick Bell, ridden by Jake Duffy, took the win following a big run down the outside straight. In second place, Lots of Torque, ridden by Tom Madden for Simon Gebert. In third and fourth places came Te Awam Utu and Imacree dytwo respectively. There was roughly a half a length margin between each of the placegetters in this big finish, with a photo decider between third and fourth.

The Russ Studio Jewellers 1356 metre maiden was the first of Will Gordon’s winning run, and it was a big run indeed. Star Canto came from the rear of the pack, breaking away to the outside and putting on an impressive burst of speed with 400 metres to go. More Give It had been steadily ridden by Brad Rawiller, sitting behind the lead



• The first of a training double for Warrnambool trainer, Peter Chow. Bruzani, ridden by Neil Farley, defeats Tosen Impact, ridden by Mitchell Aitken in the Megelec Electrical Maiden Plate.

runner and looking to win, until overtaken at the last and defeated by a head and neck. A gap of nearly two lengths came before the next place getters with third taken by Supido’s Littleone and fourth, Sungazer, with very little margin between them.

Will Gordon got his second win in the Donald Steel Metaland sponsored third, riding Plenty of Grunt in another big run to take a

comfortable win, over the 1356 metre distance. Two lengths behind in second place came the favourite Karasmatic, ridden by Brad Rawiller, with only a head margin between third placegetter, Two Cubed; Miss Maverick came two lengths behind in fourth.

The distance increased to 1628 metres for the Donald Megelec-sponsored fourth and Bruzani, ridden by Neil Farley, took the win by a close margin, in a first of a double for trainer Peter Chow. In second place, Tosen Impact, ridden by Mitchell Aitken followed half a length behind by one of the front runners, Judge Jenni, in third. A huge margin separated the top three from fourth placegetter, Russian Escape.

The Mackay’s Family Jewellers fifth tested out the runners at the same distance and favourite punters had their moment of glory when favourite, High Tempo, ridden by Lachlan King for the Hayes racing stable, took the win coming from fifth place in the pack and to the delight of a local syndicate of owners present on the day for the event. Unleashed along the straight, High Tempo left second placegetter three lengths behind, the second-favourite Omamori, ridden by Ryan Hurdle. Third-favourite, Cliste, appropriately took third place (trifecta winners would be pleased) with a long shot Milady in fourth.

The sixth was the first handicap race of the day, sponsored by Donald Motor Lodge over the same distance as the last. Will Gordon gained his third win on Itwasonlyakiss, coming from sixth place to take the win along the straight, by a head on Late Harvest, ridden by Brad Rawiller in second place. Third and fourth places went to Moscow Red and favourite Morthan Efficient respectively.

The Goldacres Handicap was over 1356 metres and Will Gordon’s fourth win for the day on Naval Force. This was a close finish at the post and a photo decider with the front runner, Lucinda Boyd’s

trained and ridden, Quizlet, gaining second place. Cheeky Blinders, ridden by debut apprentice jockey Ruby Lamont came in third and Pentegra was the fourth runner.

Favourites dominated in the Buloke Plumbing 1006 metre sprint. Cool the Jets, ridden by Brooke King for Jyi Lukey broke away with 200 metres to go, taking first place by nearly a length and a half. Per Sempre, ridden by Neil Farley had come from last place in the run and broke through the pack with 150 metres to go to take second position. Half a length behind in third place was Cool Charlie with Shadow Black taking fourth position.

The final race of the day over 1206 metres was won by Tallapoosa at whopping odds of over 30:1 and after a whopping run from last position. Jockey Sarah Field took the outside track along the straight to take the win closely in a double for trainer Peter Chow. Margins were close between all placegetters, with second place awarded to Villianesque, ridden by Lachlan King, Gusmao and his international jockey taking third, and Cavill Tycoon in fourth.

Track News

In other news, the Donald and District Race Club welcomes new track manager Oscar Hier, who is a Donald local returned from Swan Hill after completing his apprenticeship at Murray Downs Golf and Bowls Club. In addition to this new member of the local racing team will be new additions to the entrance and ticketing booth with work set to commence in the near future. No doubt the racing community will appreciate the new additions to the club and show its support for future race meetings.

Donald is due to meet again on Saturday, July 12, then again on Saturday, September 13, before the big calendar event for the year, the Donald Cup, scheduled to be held on November 16. Get behind your local racing club and be trackside for all the excitement of the country racing season!



• The closest finish of the day: On the outside, Naval Force, ridden by Will Gordon, defeats Quizlet (middle) ridden by Lucinda Boyd and inside, Cheeky Blinders, ridden by Ruby Lamont. This was Will Gordon’s fourth winner on the day; the winner was trained by Andrew Payne.



• The finish of the Donald Motor Lodge handicap. Itwasonlyakiss, ridden by Will Gordon defeats Late Harvest and Moscow Red. The winner is trained by Patrick and Michelle Payne, who had an amazing five winners on the day between the metro. and Donald meetings; an exceptional day for the Payne family.

Four Wins to Jockey Will Gordon



• Jet-setting jockey Valentin Le Bouef, has been racing in Australia for nearly 12 months, originally from France, he had races there last winter, as well as a race in New Caledonia next week. Who knows where his chosen profession might take him next?



• Apprentice jockey Ruby Lamont's first race ride at Donald attracted some solid trackside support from her family: left to right, Paul Anglis (uncle/godfather), Darren Gauci (Racing Victoria apprentice jockey coach), Philip Lamont (proud father), Ruby Lamont (apprentice jockey after taking third place on Cheeky Blinders in the seventh race), Marg Anglis (proud mother), Ian Lamont (uncle).

Magpies Cream Rises

Despite the home side Charlton's game efforts, Saturday's tussle in Round 9 North Central Football League action, top four aspirant Boort's class shone out.

On a sunny June day at Charlton Park, and with the early morning frost being felt in the biting breeze, the 6th placed Charlton Navies ran out against the 4th placed Magpies. Fresh in Charlton players' minds, and no doubt supports, was the near 200 point belting handed to them back in round 2.

From the first bounce it was obvious that a determined Navies outfit was desperate to erase those thoughts and create a contest at every opportunity. Both sides have undergone a number of personnel changes since that first meeting some 10 weeks ago; Charlton without three of its prime movers in the Woods brothers Sam and Rhyen, along with homegrown jet, Tom Finlay watching on from the stands, Boort more stable, but missing established stars and frequent Charlton taunters Jarrod Fitzpatrick and James Keeble.

Before the game, players and officials came together with headspace to spread the message and ensure we are looking out for each other, a tremendous initiative in today's environment, and a message that can never be received too many times. A tight opening seven or eight minutes ensued, both sides feeling each other out a little, throwing jab after jab, neither side really able to penetrate deep inside 50 as the defensive lines held firm. After eight minutes of play, a solitary behind was on the scoreboard.

Enter Jhye Baddeley-Kelly, after a sterling effort quelling the league's leading goalkicker last week, Bailey Dixon was handed the task of standing the current leading chaser for that title. Two vastly different players Edwards and JBK, equally as challenging for any defender, Baddeley-Kelly digging in to his deep bag of tricks, turning opportunist to kick Boort's opening two goals before going aerial to

kick the next two and have Boort's opening four goals on the board. Charlton coach, the hard-nosed Mitch Collins levelled the goal count after Baddeley-Kelly's opener, a long range effort after some fluid Navies ball movement. The Magpies had all the momentum late in the quarter, goals to Lachlan Hall and Jacob Mulquiny taking the lead out to 33 points by quarter time.

Kicking with the breeze in the second, many pundits would have been wondering "how far Boort?" come the halftime break, the Navies, however, knuckled down, determined not to be easily overrun. Collins and Rhys Thompson along with Ben Xiriha did what they could to quell the influence of Boort's on-ball brigade, Peter Barbopoulos shouldered the majority of the ruck duties, Jayden Dick, Tom Potter and co. leading the ground support. Charlton's backline general Jed Thompson was marshalling his troops, Pat Soulsby, Elliott Fitzpatrick and Jackson Zagame standing tall against the marching 'Pies. Down the other end of the ground it was Kieren Wilson at his intercepting best, continually reading Charlton's movement forward. Neither goal umpire particularly busy during the term, Boort added four goals straight, including a fifth first half goal for Baddeley-Kelly, to Charlton's one goal one behind. Boort leading by an even 50 points at the main break.

Hostilities resumed after the long break, the teams emerging from the rooms with renewed vigour for the contest, as was the case in the second quarter, Charlton opening the scoring just over two minutes in with a behind. A real stalemate followed, stoppage after stoppage, both sides finding fluency difficult despite the almost perfect

conditions. Ryan McGhie and Kayne Rutley provided run for the visitors, while Aaron Schofield played his best game in Navies colours, showing his wares on a wing and up forward. Collins finally put through the opening goal of the second half, some 10 minutes of play later. That once again awoke Boort from its half-time slumber, remembering the four points aren't just handed over for turning up. Will Perryman got the scoreboard ticking again, before Potter and Baddeley-Kelly added further to stretch the half-time lead to 61 points by the three-quarter time siren.

Play opened up in the last term, tight checking forgotten in a free flowing final stanza, Jack Smith goaling for Boort before Schofield replied for the home side. Encouragingly, Charlton found some run from behind the footy, and while there is still clearly work do to for coach Collins, the improvement is undeniable and is giving supporters hope of things to come with this young group of players.

Boort would have received a reminder at three-quarter time that, despite the game being well in hand, valuable percentage late in the season was still on offer. With Charlton's energy levels dropping with the temperature half way through the last term, the Magpies were able to get some junk time majors to help their chances of remaining in the four come finals time, kicking the last five goals of the game to eventually run out 92 points in front. Baddeley-Kelly finished with eight goals to his credit, and spent a chunk of time through the midfield.

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

For Charlton: Ben Xiriha, Patrick Soulsby, Rhys Thompson, Jed Thompson, Aaron Schofield, Dan Whykes.



• Ben Xiriha and Jayden Dick battle it out for the ball.



• Pat Soulsby leaping sky high.

North-Central Football Roundup

Goldacres Seniors

CALDER UNITED	4.6	7.10	8.12	12.13	(85)
SEA LAKE-NANDALY	2.1	4. 3	5. 6	6. 9	(45)
Goals for Calder United: Dale Pearce 7, Jack Exell 2, Cody Green 2, Rylee Smith.					
For Sea Lake-Nandaly: Max Cahoon, Thomas Cox, Bryce Delmenico, Wade Donnan, Tyson McKenzie, Adam Pattison.					
Best for Calder United: Dale Pearce, Oscar Madden, Jack Marlais, Steven Kennedy, Zachary Cacciavello, Koby Hommelhoff.					
For Sea Lake-Nandaly: Wade Donnan, Adam Pattison, Trent Donnan, Billy Poulton, Tyson McKenzie, Cruz O'Sullivan.					
BIRCHIP-WATCHEM	5.6	9.11	13.13	19.16	(130)
DONALD	1.1	1. 1	2. 2	4. 2	(26)
Goals for Birchip-Watchem: Ben Edwards 8, Rhona Conboy 3, Nicholas Rippon 3, Jacob Christie 2, Meyrick Buchanan, Tom Gibson, Ben Lakin.					
For Donald: Jett Adams, Samuel Arho, Joshua Smulders, Ross Young					
For Birchip-Watchem: Nicholas Rippon, Austin Dean, Ben Lakin, Meyrick Buchanan, Daniel Bell, Rhona Conboy.					
For Donald: Thomas Reekie, Ross Young, Jett Adams, Daniel Pearce, Robert Walker, Joshua Talty.					
BOORT	6.4	10.4	13.5	20.7	(127)
CHARLTON	1.1	2.2	3.5	5.5	(35)
Goals for Boort: Jhye Baddeley-Kelly 8, Tom Potter 2, Peter Barbopoulos, Carlos Egan, Lachlan Hall, Kieren Jaksic, Jacob Mulquiny, Will Perryman, Kayne Rutley, Tyson Rutley, Jack Smith, Nick Whyte.					
For Charlton: Mitchell Collins 2, Bailey Kemp, Aaron Schofield, Rhys Thompson.					
Best for Boort: Jayden Dick, Jhye Baddeley-Kelly, Lachlan Hall, Ryan McGhie, Carlos Egan, Kayne Rutley.					
For Charlton: Ben Xiriha, Patrick Soulsby, Rhys Thompson, Jed Thompson, Aaron Schofield, Dan Whykes.					
WEDDERBURN	6.6	11.10	19.13	23.16	(154)
ST ARNAUD	0.0	2. 1	4. 3	6. 7	(43)
Goals for Wedderburn: Mitch Jensen 6, Oscar Holt 3, Mitch McEwen 3, Jye Mortlock 2, Mackenzie Smith 2, Danny Benaim, Louis Holt, Darcy Jackson, Hamish Lockhart, Joe Lockhart, Jackson McEwen, Mitchell Woods.					
For St Arnaud: Bailey Nicholas 2, Max Hungerford, Owen Lowe, Jackson Needs, Jacob Tillig.					
Best for Wedderburn: Joe Lockhart, Jackson McEwen, Mitch Jensen, Noah Furlong, Hamish Lockhart, Darcy Jackson.					
For St Arnaud: Bradley Organ, Kurtis Torney, Max Hungerford, Thomas Bertalli, Matthew Goode, Mitch Birthisel.					

Haeusler’s Reserves

CALDER UNITED	2.2	3.5	7.8	12.9	(81)
SEA LAKE-NANDALY	1.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	(26)
Goals for Calder United: Joel Turner 4, Brett Barker 2, George Forrester 2, Angus Forrester, Billy Forrester, Zac Kelly, Heath Senior.					
For Sea Lake-Nandaly: Chase Tait 3, Tye Griffiths.					
Best for Calder United: Joel Turner, Rowan Jones, Billy Forrester, Thomas Trewin, Brett Barker, Les Cooper.					
For Sea Lake-Nandaly: Connor Michael, Chase Tait, Brandon Stadon, Harry Pitchford, Cooper Allan, Tom Considine.					
BIRCHIP-WATCHEM	3.7	11.11	18.17	22.24	(156)
DONALD	0.0	0. 0	0. 0	0. 0	(0)
Goals for Birchip-Watchem: Matthew Berry 7, Bailey Baxter 2, Bodie Colbert 2, Riley Doran 2, Alexander Hay 2, Tison Wiantara 2, Connor Boyle, Harry Cook, Riley Hogan, Connor Lee, Samuel Simmons.					
For Donald: Nil.					
Best for Birchip-Watchem: Samuel Simmons, Riley Hogan, James Lindeback, Matthew Berry, Matthew Rickard, Tison Wiantara.					
For Donald: Kalon Green, Glen Burke, Ben Farmer, Glenn Pearse, Brod Harrison, Chase Campbell.					
BOORT	6.3	10.7	13.14	16.18	(114)
CHARLTON	0.2	0.2	0. 2	0. 2	(2)
Goals for Boort: Alex Cockerell 5, Max Beattie 3, Chris O'Rourke 3, Willem Toose 2, Chris Hatcher, Patrick O'Rourke, Jaxson Vella.					
For Charlton: Nil.					
Best for Boort: Alex Cockerell, Max Beattie, Fraser Millar, Angus Trethowan, Jack Hall, Willem Toose.					
For Charlton: Luke Dunne, Cooper Boyle, Declan Ryan, Ethan Needs, Fergus Bourke, Marcus Campbell.					
ST ARNAUD	4.2	6.5	11.7	14.9	(93)
WEDDERBURN	1.0	1.1	4.4	5.6	(36)
Goals for St Arnaud: Jake Hicks 4, Joshua Hicks 3, Heath McNally 2, Hayden Torney 2, Ben Greenaway, Jarryd Kell, Jimmy McKenny.					
For Wedderburn: Matthew Lockhart 2, Bradley Smith 2, Andrew Roberts.					
Best for St Arnaud: Jake Hicks, Ben Greenaway, Jimmy McKenny, Jarryd Kell, Zachary Notting, Joshua Hicks.					
For Wedderburn: Hayden Polglase, Robert Tonkin, Ashley Younghusband, Joshua Hall, Dylan Caruana, Callum Miller-Govett.					

Community Bank Charlton & District Under-17s

SEA LAKE-NANDALY	1.0	3.1	4.3	4.3	(27)
CALDER UNITED	0.2	0.5	1.6	3.7	(25)
Best for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Nate McClelland, Benjamin Barbary, Scott Barbary, Jacob Cox, Callum Mott, Cooper Kelly.					
For Calder United: Rhett Hogan, Tiger Vearing, Angus Cowell, Darcy Coles, Tynan Perry, Max Fawcett.					
DONALD	4.2	11.4	13.8	20.10	(130)
BIRCHIP-WATCHEM	0.1	0.1	3.1	5. 2	(32)
Best for Donald: Jesse Lydom, Baxter Donnellon, Charlie Burke, Judd Geddes.					
For Birchip-Watchem: Noah Dean, Bayley Kemp, Jack Knights, Willow Ryan.					
BOORT	0.1	2.5	3.6	4.11	(35)
CHARLTON	1.1	1.1	2.4	2.5	(17)
Best for Boort: Cooper Gooding, Luke Boyd, Deklan King, Darby Perryman, Cooper Gould, Rylan Chislett.					
For Charlton: Ethan Soulsby, Jarvis Wright, Xav Good, James Fitzpatrick, Sebastian Zagame, Leigh Van Boven.					
ST ARNAUD	2.3	5.3	12.5	15.9	(99)
WEDDERBURN	1.1	3.3	4.4	4.6	(30)
Best for St Arnaud: Austin Lowe, Bob Donald, Jack Batters, Nathan Saludes, Ethan Hilton, Archer Reyne.					
For Wedderburn: Aaron Smith, Noah Winslett, Trav Lowe, Deacon Tansley, Aaron Thomas.					

Next Round

Round 10, Saturday, June 28 -

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

Uniting Church Under-14s

SEA LAKE-NANDALY 13.4 (82) D. CALDER UNITED 2.2 (14)
Best for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Henry Cox, Riley Allan, Kaiden Wight, Aydan Smith, Harry Wight, Hamish Landry.
For Calder United: Zeke Harrison, Van Harrison, Jed Harrison, Cooper Allan, Beau Hogan, Desmond Polzin.
DONALD 12.7 (79) D. BIRCHIP-WATCHEM 2.0 (12)
Best for Donald: Noah Michael, Nullah Clapham, Jake Italia, Toby Lydom, Samuel Mortlock, Lithil Hitihamillage.
For Birchip-Watchem: Willow Ryan, Sadidas Gardiner-Paikea, Garth Kilroy, Samuel Ferrier.
BOORT 11.4 (70) D. CHARLTON 5.4 (34)
Best for Boort: Seth Muller, Luca Lanyon, Tyler Stringer, Brady Gilmore, Xavier Bramley.
For Charlton: Rhys Gahan, Joshua Bartlett, Flynn Zagame, Vincent Roberts
ST ARNAUD 16.14 (110) D. WEDDERBURN 0.0 (0)
Best for St Arnaud: Chase Hendy, Finn Evans, Charlie Kirk, Finn Wilson, Isaac Johns, Leo Kay.
For Wedderburn: William Huismann, Jagger Benaim, Wayde Collins, Brodie Turnbull, Blake Collins.

Positions of Teams

Goldacres North-Central Seniors

Teams	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	B	For	Ag
Birchip-Watchem	9	36	337.50	9	0	0		1269	376
Calder United	9	28	298.94	7	2	0		1133	379
Boort	9	28	166.45	7	2	0		1007	605
Sea Lake-Nandaly	9	24	250.12	6	3	0		1083	433
Wedderburn	9	16	145.00	4	5	0		812	560
Charlton	9	8	23.87	2	7	0		300	1257
St Arnaud	9	4	39.59	1	8	0		426	1076
Donald	9	0	12.10	0	9	0		185	1529

Haeuslers Reserves

Teams	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	B	For	Ag
Calder United	9	36	667.36	9	0	0		961	144
Boort	9	32	397.66	8	1	0		851	214
Birchip-Watchem	9	28	291.00	7	2	0		905	311
Sea Lake-Nandaly	9	20	162.04	5	4	0		747	461
St Arnaud	9	12	93.53	3	6	0		477	510
Wedderburn	9	12	35.36	3	6	0		303	857
Charlton	9	4	33.66	1	8	0		279	829
Donald	9	0	7.28	0	9	0		94	1291

Community Bank Charlton and District Under-17s

Teams	P	Pts	W	L	D	B
St Arnaud	9	36	9	0	0	
Sea Lake-Nandaly	9	28	7	2	0	
Boort	9	24	6	3	0	
Calder United	9	20	5	4	0	
Donald	9	16	4	5	0	
Charlton	9	16	4	5	0	
Wedderburn	9	4	1	8	0	
Birchip-Watchem	9	0	0	9	0	

Uniting Church Under-14s

Teams	P	Pts	W	L	D	B
Sea Lake-Nandaly	9	32	8	1	0	
St Arnaud	9	32	8	1	0	
Donald	9	24	6	3	0	
Wedderburn	9	20	5	4	0	
Boort	9	12	3	6	0	
Calder United	9	12	3	6	0	
Birchip-Watchem	9	8	2	7	0	
Charlton	9	4	1	8	0	

Tooleybuc Sporting Club Presidents’ Award

Voting for round 9:	
Calder United:	D. Pearce 3, O. Madden 2, S. Kennedy 1.
Sea Lake-Nandaly:	W. Donnan 3, A. Pattison 2, T. Donnan 1.
Birchip-Watchem:	N Rippon 3, R. Conboy 2, A. Dean 1.
Donald:	D. Pearce 3, T. Reekie 2, R. Young 1.
Boort:	J. Dick 3, C. Egan 2, J. Baddeley-Kelly 1.
Charlton:	B. Xiriha 3, P Soulsby 2, R. Thompson 1.
Wedderburn:	J. Lockhart 3, J. McEwen 2, M. Jensen 1.
St Arnaud:	M. Hungerford 3, B. Organ 2, K. Torney 1.

Saturday’s Leading Goal Kickers

Seniors	Reserves
Ben Edwards (B-W) 8	Matthew Berry (B-W) 7
Jhye Baddeley-Kelly (Boort) 8	Alex Cockerell (Boort) 5
Jack Exell (CU) 2	Zachary Wemyss (SLNT) -
Mitch Jensen (Wedd) 6	Alexander Hay (B-W) 2
Max Cahoon (SLNT) 1	Heath Senior (CU) 1
Nicholas Rippon (B-W) 3	John Summerhayes (SLNT) -
Kayne Rutley (Boort) 1	George Forrester (CU) 2
Lachy McClelland (SLNT) -	Harry Weaver (Boort) -
Thomas Cox (SLNT) 1	Joel Clohesy (SLNT) -

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

	Snr.	Res.	U-17	U-14	Ttl.
Boort	10	6	4	2	148
Calder United	10	6	0	0	148
Sea Lake-Nandaly	0	0	4	2	144
Birchip-Watchem	10	6	0	0	136
St Arnaud	0	6	4	2	80
Wedderburn	10	0	0	0	72
Charlton	0	0	0	0	44
Donald	0	0	4	2	28

Tough Tussle: Lions Tame Tigers

The Calder United Lions made the trek north to Sea Lake on Saturday charged with the challenge of taming the formidable Tigers.

Both sides had notable absentees, Josh Jenkins, Oscar Brownless, Jackson McMahon, Cooper Roberts, Joel Donnan and Jarvis Keogh all omissions for the Tigers. The Lions were missing Matt Wade, Kobe Lloyd and Boe Bish, who is continuing his tour of “cultural enrichment” in Europe.

On the plus side, Calder countered its “outs” with the return of joint coach Jordy Humphreys, while unveiling new recruit Dale Pearce, in from SA.

From the outset it was clear there wouldn’t be any easy leather, both sides showing intent to win the hard ball, tackle, chase and harass their opposition.

It was Calder who took the early ascendancy however, through the agency of Cody Green who had two on the board in 6 minutes. The Tigers hit back with one of their own through Pattison.

Enter Dale Pearce, for his first start with the Lions, he cut an imposing figure. Without putting a tape over him, he’d stand 6’4” in the old language, showed a leap, sure hands and a long accurate kick. He would kick the next 6 goals for the Lions from the 13 minute mark of the first, till the end of the third.

Two of his goals came in the latter half of the first while ever-reliable Tigers midfielder Wade Donnan slotted one for the Tigers to keep the

margin under 3 goals at quarter time.

Sea Lake-Nandaly started the better in the second term. Goals to two that would need to be held if the Lions were to upset the Tigers, Tyson McKenzie and Thomas Cox, brought them to within 5 points and spelled ominous signs for the Lions. The Tigers were halving the stoppages now and using the wide expanses of their home ground to advantage.

The Lions’ defence stood tall, intercepting, rebounding and being accountable for their opponents. Calder wrestled back momentum in what would prove a pivotal period of the game. With the inclusion of Pearce, coach Wilson and his staff were able to change the dimensions of the side upfield. Released from deep forward, Jack Excell gathered telling possessions all over. Zane Keighran, now playing deeper in defence was winning the ball and instigating attack.

Kennedy, Hommelhoff and Turner in the middle were getting the hard balls underneath ruckmen Dean Putt and Matt Trzeciak and around the ground. Rylee Smith and Zach Caccaviello were getting plenty of the footy and using it well. Three more Pearce goals throughout the second saw the Lions’ lead extend to 4 goals at the main break.

The premiership quarter was a dour affair. Scoreboard

attendants weren’t bothered too much, Sea Lake-Nandaly scoring 1-3, Calder 1-2. The lack of scoring didn’t detract from the spectacle. Big hits, tough tackling, hard running and desperate defence the order of battle for both sides.

Come three-quarter time, the Tigers might have hoped to have decreased the margin by more than a solitary minor. Not to be; 23 points the difference. It was all to do for the home team in the last.

Expecting the challenge, Calder was up for it. A Jack Excell goal 3 minutes in gave the Lions the start they needed, and when Rylee Smith goaled on the end of 3 bounces at the 10-minute mark, the large lady began to clear her throat.

A bit of “feeling” crept into the final stanza, with umpires directing a couple to the pine for indiscretions. Dane McLennan provided a highlight with a big “don’t argue” midway through, and Pearce added another to his tally to finish with 7. Calder managed 4 for the term, restricting the Tigers to 1, running out what would appear comfortable winners by 40 points. There’s no such thing as a comfortable win against Sea Lake-Nandaly at home, however, and the Lions can be pleased with their efforts and eventual outcome.

Final scores: Calder United 12.73 (85), Sea Lake-Nandaly 6.9 (45).

Coach Wilson tempered the win in the rooms after the game, acknowledging the list of outs for the Tigers. Wilson singled out Cody Green and Jack Excell for executing “jobs” that were asked of them. Zane Keighran was awarded the Headspace Player of the Match on the ground after the game. Dale Pearce, Oscar Maddern, Jack Malais, Steven Kennedy, Zac Caccaviello and Koby Hommelhoff were named better players for Calder, while plenty of others made telling contributions without earning accolades in a team without passengers on the day.

Sea Lake-Nandaly as always was served well by Wade Donnan, Adam Pattison, Trent Donnan, Billy Poulton, Tyson McKenzie and Cruz O’Sullivan.

From headspace:

Congratulations to all of our match ball and hockey stick winners at today’s headspace round across North Central.

The awards went to players who played consis-



• Kirsty Jacobs from headspace Swan Hill, presents the senior football award to winner Zane Keighran.

tently and were team players and displayed the following attributes:

- seeks help from others.
- makes plays to support others on the team.

• encourages their team members in the face of difficulty.

Thanks to the clubs for getting behind this message today.

Charlton Golf

After the second round of the Club Championships, the leaderboard shows a log jam of players jostling for top position in all three grades.

Rarely has there been such a situation where most of the field is still in contention to win going into the third and final round next Sunday.

“A” Grade: Wayne Southwell on 174, holds a 2 shot buffer from Troy Heenan 176. Within striking distance is John Headon 183 and Matt McGurk 184.

“B” Grade: Anthony Hargreaves 175 leads by 2 strokes from Mark Hamley 177 with Chris Mathew’s 179.

“C” Grade: Jamey Soulsby 188 leads by 1 stroke from Benno Catherine 189, further back Trevor McGurk 191.

Daily stroke event results: Jeff Cox 98.27.71 had the best net of the day to receive 3 balls. Anthony Hargreaves 86.13.73 was runner-up, after surviving a countback from Benno Catherine 90.17.73. Next best in a 3 way countback was Chris Mathew’s 88.14.74 from Wayne Southwell 85.11.74 and Peter Sexton 97.27.74.

Nearest the pins, sponsored by Charlton Newsagency: 2nd, J.Headon; 7th, M.Hamley; 14th, W.Southwell.

Championship dinner to be held after play on Sunday at 6 p.m.. Please bring a casserole or sweet to share and celebrate the winners.



• Tigers’ Billy McInnes marks from new Lions’ recruit Dale Pearce. (Photo Carol Elliott.)

Bulls Secure Headspace Round

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To the third term, and Donald refused to fold. After Edwards slotted his fourth for the Bulls, Donald’s George Morgan landed a brilliant tackle, then passed to Sam Arho who bombed a long goal. Nic Rippon, Ben Lakin and Edwards added three

more and it was an eleven-goal lead to Birchip-Watchem at the final break.

There was still plenty of good football played in the final stages. Donald’s Tom Reekie is growing in stature as a ruckman and doesn’t take a backward step, and Jett Adams is increasing in confidence and was rewarded with a goal. Another local youngster, Luca Rice, weaved through traffic and passed to the ever reliable Ross Young who

made no mistake. The Bulls’ Ben Edwards also enjoyed himself with three more late goals, taking his tally to 72 goals for the season.

Scores: Birchip-Watchem 19.16 (130) d. Donald 4.2 (26).

Best for Birchip-Watchem: Nic Rippon, Austin Dean, Ben Lakin, Meyrick Buchanan, Dan Bell, Rhona Conboy.

For Donald: Tom Reekie, Ross Young, Dan Pearce (headspace medal), George Walker, Josh Talty.

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North-Central Hockey



Results of round 9 —

Under-12s: Sea Lake-Nandaly 0 def. by Calder United 5; Donald 0 def. by Birchip-Watchem 7; Charlton 3 d. Boort 0; St Arnaud 3 d. Wedderburn 0.

Underage: Sea Lake-Nandaly 1 d. Calder United 0; Donald 5 d. Birchip-Watchem 1; Charlton 7 d. Boort 0.

Women: Sea Lake-Nandaly 0 def. by Calder United 2; Charlton 6 d. Boort 0; St Arnaud 5 d. Wedderburn 0.

Men: Sea Lake-Nandaly 1 def. by Calder United 5; Charlton 0 def. by Boort 9; St Arnaud 6 def. by Wedderburn 1.

POSITIONS OF TEAMS

	Women									
	P	W	D	L	F	For	Agst	SD	Pts	WR
Calder United	8	7	0	1	0	29	9	20	21	88
St Arnaud	8	7	0	1	0	29	9	20	21	88
Charlton	7	6	0	1	0	30	8	22	18	86
Boort	8	3	0	5	0	22	31	-9	9	38
Wedderburn	8	2	1	5	0	12	18	-6	7	29
Donald	7	1	1	5	0	7	22	-15	4	19
Sea Lake-Nan	8	0	0	8	0	1	33	-32	0	0

Men										
Donald	7	6	0	1	0	18	7	11	18	86
Calder United	8	6	0	2	0	37	12	25	18	75
St Arnaud	8	5	2	1	0	31	7	24	17	71
Boort	8	4	1	3	0	37	9	28	13	54
Wedderburn	8	3	1	4	0	15	19	-4	10	42
Sea Lake-Nan	8	1	0	7	0	7	38	-31	3	13
Charlton	7	0	0	7	0	4	57	-53	0	0

Underage										
Charlton	8	8	0	0	0	50	4	46	24	100
St Arnaud	7	6	0	1	0	39	2	37	18	86
Donald	8	4	0	4	0	25	26	-1	12	50
Boort	8	3	0	5	0	23	34	-11	9	38
Calder United	8	2	1	5	0	8	14	-6	7	29
Sea Lake Nan	7	2	0	5	0	8	32	-24	6	29
Birchip-Wat	8	1	1	6	0	14	55	-41	4	17

Under-12s										
Birchip-Wat	9	8	0	1	0	59	6	53	24	89
Calder United	9	7	1	1	0	32	6	26	22	81
Charlton	9	7	1	1	0	21	9	12	22	81
St Arnaud	9	5	1	3	0	24	13	11	16	59
Wedderburn	9	3	1	5	0	11	11	0	10	37
Boort	9	1	1	7	0	2	29	-27	4	15
Sea Lake-Nan	9	1	1	7	0	1	38	-37	4	15
Donald	9	1	0	8	0	7	45	-38	3	11



• Photographed are the two senior sides commemorating headspace round from the Donald v. Birchip-Watchem match.

Bulls Secure Headspace Round

In a David versus Goliath clash in which Birchip-Watchem was expected to dominate, Donald made the Bulls earn every possession in probably their best performance for the season.

This week was headspace round, aiming to promote positive mental health and wellbeing by encouraging players, clubs and communities to come together on and off the field.

It was also billed as the Heritage Round with Birchip-Watchem wearing guernseys featuring the Birchip Swans' white with a red "V" and the Watchem Corack Panthers red with a blue "V".

It was noticeable early that the Bulls oozed their normal class but were not going to

have it all their own way. The Rippon brothers, Nic and Marshall were busy and goals were produced from Nic Rippon, Rhona Conboy, Jacob Christie and Ben Edwards, his first of eight for the game. Edwards's battle with Donald's Charlie Campbell was a beauty and both can hold their heads high. Donald's, George Walker and headspace award winner, Dan Pearce repelled many attacks and eventually were rewarded when Josh Smulders scouted and kicked their first.

Birchip-Watchem entered the second term with a four goal lead and increased this to eight by half time with majors to Nic Rippon (a karate kick in the goal square), Ben Edwards (2) and Meyrick Buchanan. The Blues' "Scatt" brothers, Nic and Dan Atkins, were in everything and the crowd cheered when Brady Griffiths produced a superb, "run down" tackle. Blond speedster, Austin Dean, was noticeable for the Bulls as were Ben Lakin, Dan Bell and Dale Hinkley in defence.

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• Daniel Atkins goes over Birchip-Watchem's Rhona Conboy as the ball slips out the side. (Photo Blake Lee.)



• First to the ball is Donald's George Morgan. He is surrounded by the Bulls' Dan Bell, Austin Dean and Cormacc Wilson (right), and Donald's Sam Arho.

North-Central Netball



Last Saturday's results:

"A" Grade

Sea Lake-Nandaly 42 d. Calder United 29; Charlton 30 lost to Boort 60; St Arnaud 22 def. by Wedderburn 77; Donald 45 def. by Birchip-Watchem 57.

"B" Grade

Sea Lake-Nandaly 29 def. by Calder United 49; Charlton 38 def. by Boort 69; St Arnaud 42 lost to Wedderburn 71; Donald 45 lost to Birchip-Watchem 63.

"C" Grade

Sea Lake-Nandaly 37 def. by Calder United 55; Charlton 19 lost to Boort 49; St Arnaud 35 def. by Wedderburn 49; Donald 17 lost to Birchip-Watchem 58.

"C" Grade Reserves

Sea Lake-Nandaly 43 d. Calder United 28; St Arnaud 20 lost to Wedderburn 51.

Seventeen-and-Under

Sea Lake-Nandaly 27 def. by Calder United 65; Charlton 22 def. by Boort 34; St Arnaud 76 d. Wedderburn 20;

Donald 22 lost to Birchip-Watchem 71.

Fourteen-and-Under "A"

Donald 18 def. by Birchip-Watchem 32; Sea Lake-Nandaly 1 def. by Calder United 31; St Arnaud v. Wedderburn; Charlton 14 def. by Boort 39.

Fourteen-and-Under "B"

Sea Lake-Nandaly 5 def. by Calder United 10; Donald 2 def. by Birchip-Watchem 22; St Arnaud v. Wedderburn.

Results of round 9:

"A" GRADE

	P	W	L	D	B	FWFL	F	A	Pts	%
Wedderburn	9	9	0	0	0	0	513	280	36	183
Boort	9	7	2	0	0	0	500	370	28	135
Birchip-Wat	9	6	3	0	0	0	474	400	24	119
Sea Lake-Nan	9	6	3	0	0	0	379	325	24	117
Calder United	9	5	4	0	0	0	388	362	20	107
Donald	9	2	7	0	0	0	383	435	8	88
Charlton	9	1	8	0	0	0	313	483	4	65
St Arnaud	9	0	9	0	0	0	262	557	0	47

"B" GRADE

	P	W	L	D	B	FWFL	F	A	Pts	%
Wedderburn	9	9	0	0	0	0	564	323	36	175
Boort	9	8	1	0	0	0	485	366	32	133
Calder United	9	7	2	0	0	0	444	353	28	126
Birchip-Wat	9	6	3	0	0	0	461	373	24	124
St Arnaud	9	3	6	0	0	0	371	461	12	80
Donald	9	1	7	1	0	0	355	437	6	81
Sea Lake-Nan	9	1	7	1	0	0	330	450	6	73
Charlton	9	0	9	0	0	0	224	471	0	48

"C" GRADE

	P	W	L	D	B	FWFL	F	A	Pts	%
Calder United	9	8	1	0	0	0	522	235	32	222
Wedderburn	9	7	2	0	0	0	424	339	28	125
Birchip-Wat	9	6	3	0	0	0	433	296	24	146
Boort	9	6	3	0	0	0	385	327	24	118
Sea Lake-Nan	9	6	3	0	0	0	357	315	24	113
St Arnaud	9	2	7	0	0	0	335	373	8	90
Charlton	9	0	9	0	0	0	257	509	0	50
Donald	9	1	8	0	0	0	200	519	0	39

"C" GRADE RESERVES

Sea Lake-Nan	7	7	0	0	2	0	368	155	28	0.34
Boort	6	5	1	0	1	0	340	120	20	0.47
Calder United	6	3	3	0	2	0	206	160	12	0.21
Birchip-Wat	5	2	3	0	3	0	123	210	8	0.12
Wedderburn	7	2	5	0	2	0	191	332	8	0.08
St Arnaud	7	0	7	0	1	0	141	392	0	0.05

SEVENTEEN-AND-UNDER

Calder United	9	9	0	0	0	0	666	211	36	316
Birchip-Wat	9	7	2	0	0	0	502	309	28	162
Boort	9	6	2	1	0	0	376	308	26	122
St Arnaud	9	5	3	1	0	0	452	329	22	137
Sea Lake-Nan	9	5	4	0	0	0	365	410	20	89
Charlton	9	2	7	0	0	0	293	372	4	79
Wedderburn	9	1	8	0	0	0	255	545	4	47
Donald	9	0	9	0	0	0	196	621	0	32

FOURTEEN-AND-UNDER "A"

Boort	9	9	0	0	0	0	272	98	36	278
Birchip-Wat	9	8	1	0	0	0	267	102	32	262
Donald	9	6	3	0	0	0	235	124	24	190
Calder United	9	5	4	0	0	0	192	139	20	138
St Arnaud	8	3	5	0	0	0	142	142	12	100
Wedderburn	8	2	6	0	0	0	59	191	8	31
Charlton	9	1	8	0	0	0	78	253	4	31
Sea Lake-Nan	9	1	8	0	0	0	63	259	4	24

FOURTEEN-AND-UNDER "B"

St Arnaud	7	6	1	0	1	0	132	36	24	0.52
Boort	7	6	1	0	2	0	121	52	24	0.33
Birchip-Wat	7	5	2	0	2	0	120	59	20	0.29
Wedderburn	7	3	3	1	1	0	80	92	14	0.12
Calder United	8	2	4	2	1	0	59	74	12	0.10
Donald	8	1	6	1	1	0	52	147	6	0.04
Sea Lake-Nan	8	0	6	2	1	0	29	133	4	0.03