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

Youth Health Expo Coming to Birchip

The 12th Buloke Youth Health Expo, bringing together Year 9 and 10 students from the five secondary schools in Buloke Shire will be held on Tuesday, May 20, at Birchip Recreation Reserve.

Established in 2002 the expo provides Buloke youth with expert presentations and a chance to discuss issues, inspiration and aspirations.

The working group has put together a fantastic program of presenters and activities for a day's focus on health and lifestyle issues faced by young people.

Presenters include rapper and mental health fitness guru, Tim O'Donnell, who will get the day started with some creative mental gymnastics. Tim was voted the most popular presenter at the 2023 expo.

Advice

East Wimmera Health Service, health promotion team, Stacey Keller and Maddie Hendy, will provide advice about nutrition and health.

Ambulance Victoria, Paramedic Community Support Co-ordinator, Eliot Walton knows that kids can save lives, and the importance of a quick response with CPR with an information and practical skills session.

Respect, with a capital R.E.S.P.E.C.T, is the topic of the interactive session with Gabrielle Mentz from Women's Health Loddon Mallee. An important session will provide tips and advice about risks and safety around alcohol and other drugs including vaping to round off the day.

Lunchtime

A delicious lunch is provided thanks to the catering team at Birchip P-12. Lunchtime activities include headspace challenges and games thanks to headspace

Swan Hill and Reclink, the Smoothie Bike, Brooke Warren and the KIT (Keep in Touch) van.

Thanks to Anglicare, Buloke Library, Jade Hunter and Active Schools and time to talk to the speakers, and to Buloke Shire's youth team, Rory White and Torri Tillig, about opportunities in the shire.

The Expo is fortunate to receive funding for this event and acknowledge grants from Buloke Shire, FRRR and North Central Learn Local Network which is supporting the mental health speaker.

For further information, or if you are not in a school program, aged 15 to 17 and would like to attend please contact Jacinta Miller on 0407 131708 or Carol Elliott on 0419 911273



• Robyn Howarth with her book, "Faraday".

Robyn to Tell of Her Trauma

On Friday, October 6, 1972, the unthinkable happened when two men kidnapped seven pupils and their 20-year-old teacher from a little isolated country school in rural Victoria.

This school was a little granite building known as Faraday State School 797.

Along with her two sisters, Robyn Howarth, who was 10 at the time, was among those who were kidnapped. Her book tells of the childhood

trauma and effect it had on herself and her family.

After all this time, 62 years later, she can now speak with pride that she came from Faraday.

As guest of the Combined Probus Club of Donald,

Robyn will be in Donald early in June (see advert).

All are welcome to this morning, but a RSVP is important for catering purposes at both venues. Robyn will also join with those present for lunch.

Next Week's "Times"

Saturday, May 17, has been listed as a bye for all three North-Central League team sports – football, netball and hockey.

That being so, there will be no "Buloke Times" on Tuesday of next week, May 20.

After Friday of this week (May 16), the next issue of the "Times" will be on Friday, May 23.



What a Way to Celebrate!

It was four days short of Bill Anderson's 90th birthday anniversary, but the celebrations had been well and truly begun.

No present could have been more fitting than that which came his way at the weekend when, in company with relatives and hundreds of others attending Donald's Anderson Blue Room

(named in honour of his family), he was recognised for his lifelong service to both the Donald Football Club and the North-Central Football League.

• In company with his daughter, Glenda Kelly, Bill was pictured being applauded by a guard of honour formed by Donald and Charlton players as he entered the ground to toss the coin that got the senior game under way.

• Elsewhere in today's "Times" is a report of Bill receiving the ultimate football award.

“Life” for a League Legend

Among the capacity crowd upstairs at the Anderson Blue Room in Donald on Saturday was the president of the North Central Football League, Mick McClelland.

He was on a mission – to acknowledge the lifetime of service to Australian Rules football by Donald’s Bill Anderson, a senior member of the family after whom the Blue Room was named and who is about to join the ranks of the district’s nonagenarians.

Bill already holds life membership of the Donald Football Club, and on Saturday Mr McClelland was there to add the League’s ultimate honour to the growing list of Bill’s achievements.

The following is the text of the League president’s congratulatory message:

“When the footballing days are over, the vast majority of footballers will have taken more from the game than they will have given back to it. A minority will have given back more to their

club and the game than they have received from it.

“Then there are the rarest of individuals who will dedicate the rest of their lives to giving back to the game as much as they are possibly capable of doing. Bill, you are absolutely one of these people.

“Your love of the game and your desire to always remain involved with it has had a profound impact on not only the Donald Football Club, but also the North Central Football League and country football in general.

“Your time as a North Central Football League and Victorian Country Football League selector, where you have promoted and fostered the ambitions of many talented local country footballers from this region, has left an indelible mark on

many of them, which has included the likes of Murray Gilmore, Kevin Adams, and ‘Boozer’ Robertson, who were all selected to play representative football for country Victoria.

“Bill, you represent everything that is great about country football, and your continued involvement has surely inspired many others to a greater level of service to this great game.

“It is my absolute honour, on behalf of the North Central Football League Board, to award you, Bill, with a life membership of the North Central Football League.

“Congratulations”.

- During Saturday’s celebrations, Donald Football Club president Danny Forrest also spoke in glowing terms on Bill’s remarkable contribution to football at all levels.



• League president, Mick McClelland (left), congratulates North-Central’s latest life-member, Bill Anderson.

This Competition is for Rotten Ritin’!

Are you a master of mediocre wordplay? A putrid poet? An artist of sentences so spectacularly bad they deserve an award?

If so, sharpen your quills and prepare for the literary catastrophe that is Donald High School’s Rotten Ritin’ Competition.

In homage to the late great Bulwer-Lytton Contest, where the worst opening novel line wins the highest praise, we invite students, parents, guardians, teachers, and community members to revel in the ridiculous, the overcooked, and the disastrous.

There will be four awful categories to enter: 1. Worst Community Story Starter – Parents, guardians, teachers, locals and anyone else. 2. Worst Community Poetry – Parents, guardians, teachers, locals and anyone else. 3. Worst Student Story Starter – DHS Students only. 4. Worst Student Poetry – DHS students only.

Entries will be judged on ridiculousness, painful phrasing, and sentences so far gone they require therapeutic help. Comedy welcome.

The English department of Donald High School will be glad to present the winners with eternal infamy and literary disgrace.

Deadline: entries close Friday week 6 (May 30).

How to Enter:

All electronic submissions should be emailed to: Christopher.rodger@education.vic.gov.au

Or if you prefer pen and paper, please hand your submission to Mr Rodger of Donald High school.

Please make sure to include your name, category (and contact details if needed). Rules:

- All entries must be in reasonable taste, not obscene or offensive.
- Story starters and poems must be 150 words or less each.
- You may enter your relevant categories only once.
- All entries must have a clear name present in the submission email or on the paper.

As an example, to spur your creativity, Worst Community Poetry Example:

*An Ode to Jam
(By Mr Rodger).
Tasty, sweet, strawberry, raspberry, homemade.
Or maybe a tart and sour marmalade?
Sweet and sticky jam.
Cosy pup, sleeps between lovers on a whim,
Don’t roll over asleep!
You made jam from him.*



*Sweet and sticky jam.
Sweaty teens in the garage, riffs and jamming.
Crusty pits, sticky fringes, guitars whamming.
Sweet and sticky jam.
Beautifully textured toe jam, saved for months.
Too scared to savour and taste, all but once.
Sweet and sticky jam.
And if you don’t love jam, take your opinion and jam it!*

If you would like to see examples of bad story starters, please do visit: bulwer-lytton.com, which keeps an inventory of past competition winners.

So, go forth, embrace the terrible, and let your inner writer shine. Because sometimes, writing that is bad... is just so good.

Fire Brigade Quick to Act

Residents of Donald were alarmed to see a large black cloud of smoke billowing from a property on Woods Street on Sunday morning, and CFA was very fast in its response to the emergency call.

At approximately 9.45 a.m., a backyard burnoff got away from the control of a resident in Woods Street, Donald, quickly consuming sheds and a nearby tree. From the corner of Oakley and Woods Streets, spectators could see a large pine tree being enveloped in flames, well above the height of neighbouring houses.

Two trucks were quickly on scene from Donald’s CFA and the fire was extinguished

before any further damage occurred. A shed was damaged and part of a vehicle, and of course a significantly burned pine tree; however, all neighbouring houses remained untouched.

It could have been a far more disastrous outcome if it wasn’t for the swift arrival of the cavalry, and Donald Brigade captain Dale Anderson said that was largely due to the clear access they had to the fire.

“Every gate was already open when we got there,” he said. “And we didn’t have to try to break locks anywhere, we just drove straight in; it makes all the difference.”

It certainly did make all the difference in this situation and it is likely all property owners in the vicinity share the same opinion. Well done to the Donald CFA and its firefighters for their practised and efficient response.



• The pine tree enveloped in flames as seen from the corner of Woods and Oakley Streets.

Support services

Adult	Youth	Other resources
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Free Dental Gives a Reason to Smile

Families across Northern Victoria are saving up to \$400 a year per child on dental checkups, with the State Government’s Smile Squad school dental program continuing to take pressure off the hip pocket.

For families, the price of a visit to the dentist can be a deterrent to regular checkups – but with Smile Squad, maintaining oral health doesn’t need to be a financial burden.

Delivered by mobile teams of dedicated oral health clinicians who travel across the state in bright orange vans, the program provides free check-ups and follow up care, x-rays, teeth cleaning, application of fluoride and dental sealants, fillings, and root canals to school students.

Register

With Term 2 now under way, parents are encouraged to register their child to take part in the program – and it’s now easier than ever, with a

new simplified form available in 31 languages making sure parents from any background can provide consent ahead of a visit to their child’s school.

Dental conditions are one of the highest causes of preventable hospitalisations for children. Improving access to dental care is critical, with tooth decay now five times more prevalent than asthma among children.

Smile Squad is one of a suite of programs funded by the Government to ease the cost of living pressures on families including the \$400 School Saving Bonus, Glasses for Kids program, school breakfast clubs, discounted

student travel, and free swimming lessons.

More information on the Smile Squad program can be found at health.vic.gov.au/smile-squad.

Saving Time and Money

“Smile Squad is saving families time and money and keeping our youngest smiles bright and healthy,” said Minister for Health, Mary-Anne Thomas.

“Good dental health is part of good health overall – that’s why we are encouraging parents to make sure they have signed their new consent form, so when Smile Squad comes to their kids’ school they can use this free service.”

Backing Men’s Sheds to Grow and Thrive

The State Government is backing men’s health and wellbeing with new grants to strengthen and expand men’s sheds across the state.

Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes announced that applications are open for the 2025–26 Men’s Shed Funding Program and is encouraging Men’s Sheds from across the northern Victoria region to apply for funding.

More than \$860,000 is available to build new sheds, upgrade or extend existing facilities, and purchase machinery and equipment to help sheds grow and thrive.

The program prioritises projects that tackle social isolation and deliver real value for local communities – especially in areas with limited spaces for people to come together.

Some examples of past recipients include \$47,000 for upgrades to the Mansfield Men’s Shed and \$26,000 to

Ouyen Men’s Shed to replace a roof and install an air conditioner.

With more than 360 men’s sheds across Victoria, these spaces continue to provide connection, inclusion and support for men who might otherwise be at risk of isolation.

“Men’s sheds are so much more than just buildings – they’re places where friendships are formed, skills are shared and people look out for one another,” said Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes.

“We’re proud to support the incredible work Men’s Sheds do in local communities across Victoria – helping men stay connected, healthy and supported.”

The Government’s Men’s



• Jaclyn Symes.

Shed Funding Program has provided more than 500 grants to support sheds and support the Victorian Men’s Shed Association.

For more information or to apply, visit: providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/mens-shed-program.

“The Penguin Lessons”

The comedy/drama, “The Penguin Lessons” starring Steve Coogan and Jonathon Pryce will be screening at The Rex this weekend.

Based on the best selling memoir by former teacher Tom Michell, the film is set against the backdrop of Argentina’s political turmoil in

1976. It tells the story of Tom – a disillusioned Englishman – who arrives in Buenos Aires to teach at a prestigious school, expecting an easy

ride. As the city moves into a crisis and his students remain unteachable, Tom’s life is turned upside-down when he rescues a penguin from an oil-slicked beach.

On returning to the school, the bird’s loyalty and presence forces Tom to confront his own repressed past and awaken to the responsibilities of personal and political change.

Directed by Peter Cattaneo, “The Penguin Lessons” is a delightful story delivered with warmth, wit and subtle insight.

“The Penguin Lessons” (M 122mins | Comedy|Drama) screens Saturday, May 17, 8 p.m. | Sunday, May 18, 2 p.m. | Tuesday, May 20, 8 p.m..



“Times” Crossword

QUICK PUZZLE NO. 8176 - SOLUTIONS

Across - 1, Preponderance. 8, Exult. 9, Chablis. 10, Solenn. 11, Strife. 12, Ovine. 14, Kenya. 18, Lunacy. 20, Sprout. 23, Neglect. 24, Exile. 25, Horse chestnut.
Down - 1, Please. 2, Equal. 3, Ottoman. 4, Duck. 5, Roast. 6, Nullify. 7, Easter. 13, Vinegar. 15, Express. 16, Clinch. 17, Street. 19, Crepe. 21, Onion. 22, Itch.



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Renewable Energy from ACEN



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

Drop-in information hub

Every Wednesday 1pm-6pm

Meet the project team, find out more and provide feedback

30 April - Birchip Leisure Centre

7 May - Charlton Park Community Bank Complex

14 May - Charlton Park Community Bank Complex

21 May - Charlton Park Community Bank Complex

www.corackeastwind.com.au

info@corackeastwind.com.au

1800 498 550

Corack East Wind

Council’s Draft Plan On Public Exhibition

At its Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2025, Buloke Shire Council endorsed its draft Council Plan 2025–2029, 2025/26 Annual Budget and Rates and Revenue Strategy 2025-29 for public exhibition.

The three draft strategic documents outline the priorities that Council will strive to deliver over the coming years to ensure Council is well-placed to deliver essential services, maintain financial sustainability and plan responsibly for the future.

Buloke Shire Mayor, Cr Alan Getley, highlights the importance of these documents as they set the direction for the years ahead and reflect what matters most to the Buloke community.

Proud to Present

“We are proud to present our new draft Council Plan, Annual Budget and Rates and Revenue Strategy to our community,” Cr Getley said. “And we are grateful to all who recently shared their thoughts and ideas through our surveys, workshops, community summit and conversations.

“This input has helped shape these draft strategic documents and we encourage everyone to take a look at them and make a submission to Council.”

In response to the community feedback received, Buloke Shire Council will develop a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan as a standalone document later this year rather than integrate it with the Council Plan, as it has done previously. This is to provide greater focus and guidance to Council in maintaining and improving the health and wellbeing of the Buloke community.

Copies

Copies of the Draft Council Plan 2025-2029, Revenue and

Rates Strategy 2025-2029 and 2025/26 Annual Budget and can be downloaded from the council website at www.buloke.gov.vic.au

Hardcopies can also be viewed at the Wycheproof Customer Service Centre, 367 Broadway, Wycheproof or requested by contacting Buloke Shire Council on 1300 520 520 or buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au

Submissions must be received in writing no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2025 and can be provided in the following ways:

• Email to buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au

• In person by placing a submission in the box at the Wycheproof Customer Service Centre, 367 Broadway, Wycheproof.

• By mail addressed to the Buloke Shire Council, PO Box 1, Wycheproof, Victoria 3527.

Following the consultation and review period, the draft Council Plan 2025-2029, Revenue and Rating Strategy 2025-29 and 2025/26 Annual Budget are scheduled for adoption at the Council Meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

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**Bill Anderson
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14/05/2025

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—Love Mark, Glenda, Alyssa, Dave, Seth, Remy, Miceala, Matt, Alliahna, Jaxon and Cade; Kevin, Trish, Kendra, Jezza, Ava, Jax, Lucas, Larns, Alby, Odie and Teagan; Dale, Megan, Rowie, Cooper and Colby.

**DEATH
BURNNARD (Diwell).—
Sandy**

Passed away 03/05/2025

Loving sister and sister-in-law of Jenny & Greg (dec.). Loved aunty of Matt & Sally and families.

Rest easy Sandy.

GARAGE SALE

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Saturday, May 17
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Come and Join Us
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**Robyn Howarth
Author "Faraday"**
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Friday, June 6
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1. Worst Community Story Starter: Open to Everyone
2. Worst Community Poetry: Open to Everyone
3. Worst Student Story Starter: DHS students only
4. Worst Student Poetry: DHS students only

Deadlines close Friday, May 30 via email to
Christopher.rodger@education.vic.gov.au or
written submissions to DHS, Camp St, Donald
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**Don't forget to include your name, contact details
and the category you're entering.**
Further details see article on page 2.

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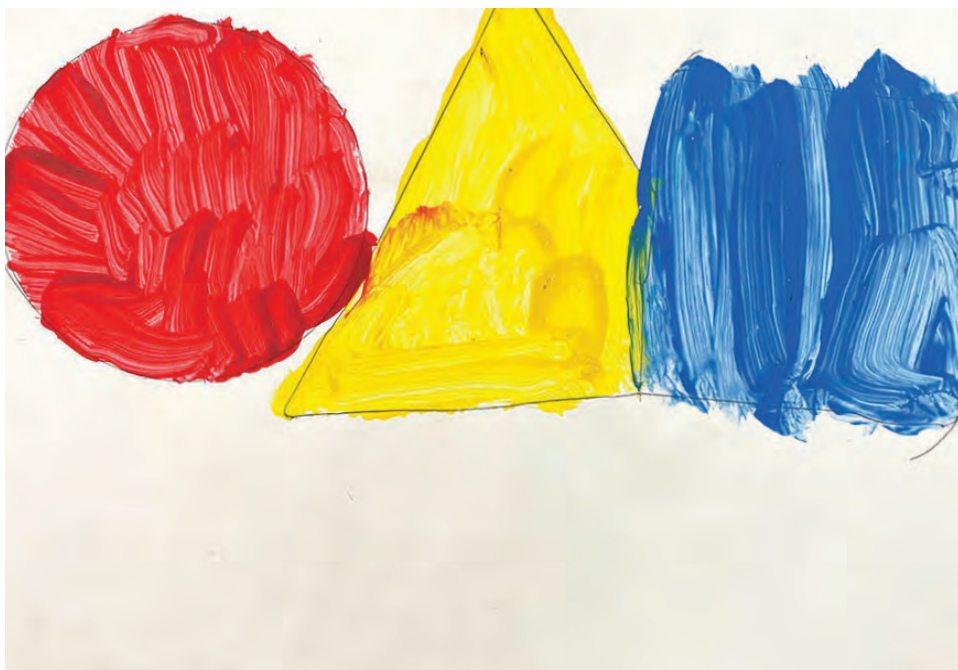


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9 days Monday 28th July \$6215

Highlights: Adelaide, Port Augusta, Central Australia, Coober Pedy, Umoona Opal Mine, Ayers Rock, Kings Canyon, Alice Springs, West MacDonnell Ranges, Standley Chasm, Alice Springs Reptile Centre, Alice Springs Desert Park, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Alice Springs School of the Air, Alice Springs Telegraph Station.

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15 days Friday 29th August \$7540

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Charlton Ladies Golf

A cool day with intermittent light showers saw eleven ladies play Wednesday Stableford events.

Captain Wendy Laffin was the winner with 33 points after 18 holes, whilst Chris McGurk followed up a super pennant round on Monday with 22 points after 12 holes.

Nearest the pin on the 7th was Alison Tormey with a lovely past-the-hole shot.

A competitive pennant round at Wedderburn saw the Charlton team up 2:1 against Sea Lake in the morning. The afternoon round again saw Charlton 2:1 against locals Wedderburn. These results saw Charlton placed second on the ladder.

Next week's round against St Arnaud and ladder leader Donald will be another challenge for the team at Birchip in the autumn warmth.



• Captain Wendy Laffin with Chris McGurk.

Green Nitrate Fertiliser Breakthroughs: Call for Caution

[From Monash University]

Monash University scientists are urging caution around recent claims of breakthroughs in green nitrate fertiliser production, warning there is more work to do before the concept is market-ready.

Research by the Monash School of Chemistry has reviewed 50 published studies claiming to have produced green nitrate fertilisers, and found none that successfully resulted in a sustainably-produced alternative to existing products.

Critical Role

Nitrate fertilisers play a critical role in helping the agriculture industry meet global production demands.

With the current manufacturing process accounting for around 2 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions, the task of finding a suitable green alternative is immense.

Researchers are working on producing nitrate directly from air and water using renewable energy, but serious contamination flaws have resulted in naturally occurring atmospheric contaminants incorrectly being recorded in the final product.

Monash Associate Professor Alexandr Simonov said the difficulty lies in the enormous energy required to break the nitrogen gas molecule.

Disruptive Innovation

"What we need to see in the research is disruptive innovation in the material and process designs to achieve this important goal," Associate

Professor Simonov said.

"Invention of a commercially viable green nitrate technology is a longed-for trophy for both academia and industry."

Monash Research Fellow Dr Mattia Belotti said a regulatory framework of practical, low-cost recommendations could help researchers escape the pitfalls plaguing the field.

"We want to support innovation by helping researchers get it right from the start," Dr Belotti said.

"The path forward requires careful, well-designed science and we need to be realistic about where we are and what still needs to be done."

"At a minimum, we need better contamination controls so we aren't getting these false positives and investing in ineffective strategies."

Sir John Monash Distinguished Professor Douglas MacFarlane said green nitrate could revolutionise the agricultural industry.

Portable Unit

"A portable unit for green fertiliser synthesis powered by a solar panel would allow a farmer to become independent from large scale fertiliser supply, cutting the costs and increasing the security of national food production," Professor MacFarlane said.

"However, we are not there yet, and researchers might need to rethink the strategies currently explored in this critically important field."

Read the paper at <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.joule.2025.101924>

Before the Crucial Fire Services Levy Vote... Farmers Urged to Speak Up

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is calling on all farmers to make their voices heard in a final push against the proposed Fire Services Property Levy changes, with a parliamentary vote expected next week.

The proposal has already sparked widespread backlash from the farming community, with concerns the levy will disproportionately impact primary producers and rural landholders.

In recent days, farmer-led protests have been gaining momentum, including a planned demonstration on the steps of Parliament in Melbourne on Tuesday 13th May, a delegation to the Bendigo office of the Victorian Premier, Jacinta Allan and a letter drop to the office of Ripon MP Martha Haylett in Maryborough. This represents true

grassroots lead opposition to an unfair tax as rural people say enough is enough.

VFF President Brett Hosking said now is the time for farmers to contact their local MPs and express their opposition before it's too late.

"There's already been a huge amount of noise about this, and rightly so. The proposed changes are simply unfair on farmers who are already under pressure from rising input costs, rate hikes and climate challenges," Mr. Hosking said.

"We're urging all rural Victorians to take action now; write or call your local MP. Let them know how this will affect your business, your family, and your community."

"I've had farmers reach out to me telling me this new tax will mean one less full time employee on their farm."

That's one less family in the local school, less support in the local community and importantly less volunteers on CFA tankers when our communities are under threat."

The VFF says the levy will increase the financial burden on farmers without delivering improved services or accountability in return.

"This is our last chance to make sure regional voices are heard loud and clear before the vote," Mr. Hosking said.

Farmers can find contact details for their local MPs at www.parliament.vic.gov.au or use the VFF template.

The rally opposing increases to the Fire and Emergency Services Levy will be held at 11:00 a.m. today, May 13, 2025, on the steps of Parliament House, Spring Street, Melbourne.

Your Blood is Worth Bottling

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

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E-Mailers!

Contributors sending stories and photos to the "Times" via E-mail are reminded to include identifications of any people in photographs.



Year 7 Scientists “On Fire”

Year 7 scientists at Donald High School spent Term 1 learning about “Safety in Science”.

Late in Term 1 they gained their Bunsen Burner Licences after a competency test.

Well, it was about time that the Year 7 scientists conducted an experiment using the Bunsen Burner. Students investigated “Which Flame is Hotter?” And of course, it’s the “blue” flame!

Well done to all students on remembering all the safety rules and the correct way to light a Bunsen Burner and use it to heat a substance.

To stay up to date on current Donald High School news, subscribe to the newsletter and follow the Facebook page.



• Left: Riley Jones and Paul Watson.

• Below left: Max Reilly and Harvey Niero.

• Above right: Group shot with their licences. Back row, Max Reilly, Riley Jones, Harvey Nero, Toby Lydom, Harley Roberts (Professor Bones), Middle row, Paul Watson, Caleb Michaels, Ellie Burke, Erin Clark, Isabelle Sandy, Front row: Laikyn Holland, River, Stirling Karleisha Anderson, Marnie Harmer.



• Madeline Morton and Ellie Burke.



• Erin Clark and Marnie Harmer.

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• Mary Margaret McGrath.

Mary Joins the Centenarians

Mary Margaret McGrath (nee Harty) was born at Donald on the 23rd of January 1925. She recently celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary with her extended family.

Mary grew up on her parent’s farm at Corack East. Mary attended the local school at Corack East and later boarded at St Mary’s in Donald. She married Frank McGrath of Lake Marmal, at St Mary’s, Donald on the 17th May, 1950.

They had eight children together, so her recent 100th birthday celebrations in Melbourne were a large affair with five separate events including a high tea; a “happy hour” at the Mary McKillop nursing home, a party for 130 extended family and friends, a family lunch, and finally her daughter’s choir sang a special selection of her favourite songs!

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• Dom Merlino serves a customer in the Royal Café c. 1960. Photo by Alan Inglis.

Historial Enquiries

Visitors to the Donald archives in April included Diane Martin, who wanted to look at the history of the Walkers and Avon Plains.

Also John Francis Sweeney, descendant of the original owner of the Shamrock Hotel who wanted to look at our history on the Sweeneys.

Nancy and John Merlino travelled to Donald, by train and bus from Newport. They stayed the night in the motel and then spent the evening and the next day wandering around, looking for familiar places and renewing old acquaintances.

John came to Australia in 1962 to join his older brother, Dom (Domenico), and sister, Cathy at The Royal Café in Donald.

The Merlino's left Donald in 1964 and the Motti family then took over the Royal Café. John and Dom set up a similar business between them in Melbourne but when they married they went their separate ways and John and Nancy bought a fruit shop at Newport. Dom, who was one of the older ones of 9 children, has died and so has Cathy.

All three Merlino's married in Melbourne. John is the youngest of the 9 children and is still very fit. He and Nancy have talked often to their children about returning to Donald and finally they decided to wait no longer.

Nancy visited the "Clothes Bin" where Sandra Harris, learning that the Archives was closed, rang Anne Walsh, who immediately came in to meet them, as she remembered Dom, Cathy and John vividly. The Royal Café was where Anne and her siblings spent their lolly money on Fridays and Sunday mornings. John told Dom's story as follows.

Jack Paino had returned to Italy for a visit and Dom and John's father begged him to get some of the Merlino children to Australia. Jack said that he would organise it and in 1956 he sponsored Dom and sent him to Ouyen to work in Lamaro's shop, which was Grace Paino's brother's business.

Soon after Dom joined the Victorian Railways, but after a certain time he had to sit a written exam. Dom's English was still poor and he could not write in English so he lost the job. He came back to Donald and Jack put him to work with George Viola in The Royal Café. Jack had

owned this business but had sold it to George. Dom and George were getting on well but then George said that he would like to sell the business and move on.

Dom decided to buy it and Jack Paino lent him the money and said that he could pay it off in his own time with no interest being charged. The business was going well and Dom thought that he needed a delivery vehicle. He headed off down to the Holden garage to buy a ute. Jack saw him walking and asked him where he was going. Jack then insisted that Dom could have use of his ute whenever he needed it. Jack was very good to Dom and Dom prospered so much so that his two siblings, Cathy and John came to Australia to join him.

The late Alan Inglis took two photos of Dom in the interior of his shop and we will reproduce one here. Nancy and John were thrilled to see the two photos and asked for copies. They also enjoyed Anne relating her story of meeting John at the Essendon Airport in January, 1965, not long after he had left Donald. Anne's mother had taken her brood, accompanied by her aunt, to look at the planes at the airport. Later on, the aunt decided to buy everyone an ice cream and began to jostle her way to the front of the queues at the kiosk. John came along and recognized his old friends from Donald and insisted that he would buy the ice creams. The aunt was accosted by this unknown man, with a very thick accent, who insisted that she should step aside and that he was buying the ice creams. She retreated and came back for an explanation from her niece. It was a very funny day and the Walsh family remember it well. John did not remember it, however, but he does remember painting a sign in front of the shop and splashing paint on a young lady's dress. He thought that she may have been a Walsh. John and Nancy intend to return to Donald some day with their children and grandchildren. James Merlino, the politician, is not related to John but he would be a distant cousin, Nancy thought.

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Sharee Stinger, Harper's maternal great grandmother, was born near Donald in 1885. The place of birth was said to be in the Narraport Parish but must have been almost in Corack. The surname was King but Sharee has been told that her great-great grandfather was a Chinese man called Tommy Ah King. Sharee was happy to find that there was a Tommy Ah Sing, a market gardener, in our "Donald Times" indexes. There was little information on him but this is a possible clue in finding out more about her great, great grandparents.

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Paul Power tells an interesting story about his great-great grandfather, Norman Liddle Sr. Paul is the son of Leigh Power and Millicent Liddle. His grandparents were John Liddle and Louisa Liddle. Louisa was a midwife and ran a private hospital at 25 Houston St in the early 1900s. Family history has it that Norman William Liddle Sr., a Gallipoli veteran (enlistment number 747), was aboard the 3rd boat to land at Gallipoli on the 25th April, 1915 and returned to Donald some time later where the town turned out to welcome him home. Days later he was admitted to hospital with a mild case of footrot, fortunately, the only injuries he suffered during his war service. One of the more interesting facts of Norman's service was that he returned to Donald with a bicycle from the front line which is now housed at the War Memorial in Canberra – the significance of this bike was that it did not have rubber wheels but springs on rims and that this was important intel for our military who were able to ascertain that our enemies were running low on rubber and other materials.

Community Update



Draft Council Plan, Annual Budget and Rates and Revenue Strategy on Public Exhibition

The Draft Council Plan 2025-2029, Revenue and Rates Strategy 2025-2029 and 2025/26 Annual Budget are currently on public exhibition and open for submissions.

Copies can be downloaded from the council website at www.buloke.gov.vic.au

Hardcopies can also be viewed at the Wycheproof Customer Service Centre, 367 Broadway, Wycheproof or requested by contacting Buloke

Shire Council on 1300 520 520 or buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au

Submissions must be received in writing no later than 5pm on Thursday 29 May 2025 and can be provided in the following ways:

• Email to buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au

• In person by placing a submission in the box at the Wycheproof Customer Service Centre, 367 Broadway, Wycheproof.

• By mail addressed to Buloke Shire Council, PO Box 1, Wycheproof, Victoria 3527.

Following the public exhibition period, the Draft Council Plan 2025-2029, Revenue and Rating Strategy 2025-29 and 2025/26 Annual Budget are scheduled for adoption at the Council Meeting on Wednesday 18 June 2025.

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Notice of an Application for a Planning Permit

The land affected by the application is located at Aitken Avenue, Donald VIC 3480 (Apex Park).

The application is for a permit for the **Proposed tourism structure (Mallee Mounted Machinery Trail)**.

The application reference number is **PA25013**.

You may view the application and supporting documents on the Buloke Shire Council website <https://buloke.greenlightopm.com/planning> or by making contact with the office of the Responsible Authority, Buloke Shire Council, Wycheproof on 1300 520 520.

This can be done during office hours and is free of charge. Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the Responsible Authority.

An objection must be made to the Responsible Authority in writing, include the objectors name and contact details, include reasons for the objection, and state how the objector would be affected. An online submission form is available on the Planning page of the Buloke Shire Council website.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before: **29 May 2025**.

If you object to the application, the Responsible Authority will tell you it's decision.

Employment Opportunities with Buloke

Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific, and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply. For more information on equal opportunity, call Human Resources on 1300 520 520.

You can find all current employment opportunities at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment

Applications can be lodged by:

Mail - PO Box 1, Wycheproof
VIC 3527 or

Email - recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au

Systems Administrator
Permanent (Full Time) - From \$100k pa (+ statutory superannuation)

→ **Applications Close: 30 May 2025**

We are looking for a motivated person to provide support and assist with the design, implementation and management of ICT enabled projects on a permanent full-time basis. The position will be based out of Councils Wycheproof Office and has flexibility to support hybrid work.

Manager People and Culture
Permanent (Full Time) - Salary package in the range of \$130k - 146k pa

→ **Applications Close: 30 May 2025**

We are seeking someone to lead change, inspire our people, and foster a culture that supports high levels of employee engagement and performance.

The successful applicant will provide critical leadership to the organisation and our People and Culture Team. Responsibilities include organisational design and development, human resources, performance management, OH&S, reward and recognition and HR systems.

Team Leader Road Services (North)
Permanent (Full Time) - From \$89,000 pa (+ statutory superannuation)

→ **Applications Close: 26 May 2025**

We are looking for a proactive individual to provide leadership and direction to our Road Services Team.

The role will ensure the planning and coordination of its maintenance and construction crews and the delivery of Council's Road Preventative Maintenance program, including grading and patrol activities as well as facilitate timely inspections and response of Council's local road network.

Heavy Plant Operator (Road Services)
Permanent (Full Time) - From \$31.75 per hour (+ statutory superannuation)

→ **Applications Close: 23 May 2025**

We are seeking a self-motivated individual, responsible for the safe and efficient use of heavy road plant, operating as part of our Road Services crew.

The successful applicant will carry out routine, preventative maintenance and improvements to local Council roads to ensure safe local road networks in accordance with Council's Road Management Plan.



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• The crowd listening on as Jock told his tale.

“From Footy Fields to Stawell Gift Track”

Thirty-nine members attended the Charlton Probus Club’s general meeting on Friday, May 9, at the Charlton Shire Hall Supper Room. President Kim Wishart welcomed all present.

The Probus song was sung and committee reports were given. Garry Larmour gave a short talk about the Justice of the Peace petition. Sue Livingstone and Pat Saunders told some jokes and Graham Curnow recited “The Man from Snowy River” poem. Greg Barnard announced the Footy Tipping results with the monthly winners being Pam Rosewall and Kevin Mathews. Pat Mathews is the overall leader with 51 correct tips. The lucky number draw was won by Nick Saunders, and Gill Gretgrix read the Travellers’ Farewell.

Guest Speaker

The guest speaker was Jock Bailey, with the topic “From Footy Fields to the Stawell Gift Track.”

Jock and his partner, Donna, have been proud to call Charlton home for almost

a year. Their move came about somewhat unexpectedly — after selling their home a few years ago, they had been watching the property market around Ballarat, Castlemaine, and Bendigo. One day, while Donna was recovering in hospital from yet another leg surgery, she passed the time by browsing real estate listings just outside our usual search area. That’s when she came across a charming little place in Halliday Street, Charlton — and the rest, as they say, is history.

Jock shared about his connection to the Stawell Gift. His earliest memories of the Gift go back to childhood — watching the races on TV at his Nanna’s house in Minyip. He was always a fast runner during his footy days and continued playing until he was 33. Though he had once

been encouraged to take up running seriously, football won out at the time.

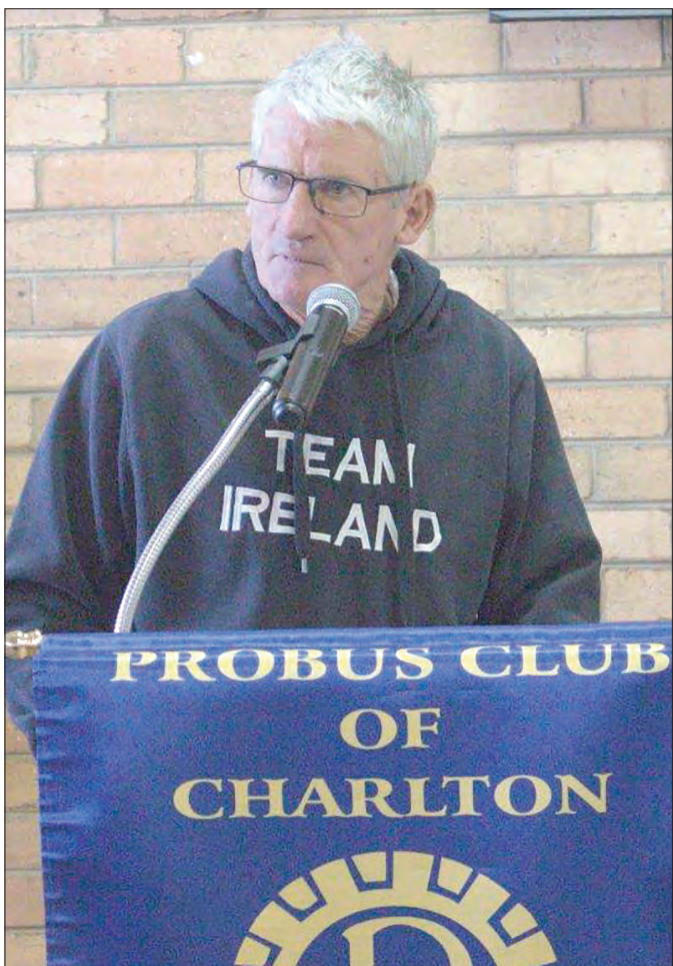
Athletics

It wasn’t until Jock’s kids began competing in school athletics — then Little Athletics — that his family became more immersed in the running world. He got involved behind the scenes, setting up and packing away gear, which eventually led to his daughter running for Victoria and earning a chance to compete at Stawell. From there, they joined Team Ireland, and all three of his kids took part in events. A standout moment came in 2014 when his daughter won the prestigious Stonnington Gift and walked away with \$10,000 in prize money.

During this time, Jock faced some health challenges. A serious back issue eventually required surgery, but once he recovered, he gave running another shot. While the synthetic track wasn’t kind to him, he found better luck on the soft grass — just as his boys began playing for the Garfield Football Club. His own fitness improved, and by 2017 he took the plunge and started running with the Victorian Athletic League (VAL). It took some time, but he eventually became competitive, and to date, has proudly earned seven sashes. He has also taken on a logistical role with the VAL as equipment manager, driving the van full of gear across the state to help ensure race meetings go off without a hitch.

To stay fit during the off-season, Jock served as the runner for Garfield’s senior team.

From cheering on his kids at Stawell to standing on the track himself, it’s been a rewarding and unexpected journey. The running community — and events like the Stawell Gift — have become a big part of Jock’s life, and he is grateful for every stride along the way.



• Jock Bailey speaking on the topic of “From footy fields to the Stawell Gift track”.



• Noonan family: Charlie and Hamish Noonan with their grandmother, Jenny Noonan.

School Focuses on Mothers

Birchip P-12 School placed a focus on celebrating the mothers in our lives this past week with writing and crafts activities in class, as well as a Mother’s Day breakfast and stall.

The annual Mother’s Day Breakfast, run by the Breakfast Club co-ordinator Bernadette Smith, and volunteers served 160 attendees last week. On offer was a variety of breakfast options: muffins, pancakes, fruit and toasties. This event is a lovely celebration of the mothers in our community, and it provides another opportunity to welcome families into the school to see their children’s learning spaces and connect with other parents.

The Parent Network generously ran the Mother’s Day

stall again this year. The stall gives the students the opportunity to purchase thoughtful gifts for the mum in their life. As our student cohort does not readily have access to a variety of shops this is lovely way to allow them the chance to shop with independence and practise their numeracy skills.

Foodbank

Birchip P-12 School is proud to announce that it has raised an incredible \$2,100 in support of Foodbank Victoria. This vital organisation helps

feed more than 69,000 Victorians every single day, including support to over 1,000 schools and 533 charity partners.

Birchip P-12 School benefits directly from their generous support through our Breakfast Club program. Funds were raised by the Student Board with the assistance of the Breakfast Club coordinator Bernadette Smith, “Healthy Food Day” lunch event and catering at one of the Birchip Community Leisure Centre’s Thursday night teas.



• Ferrier family: Darcy Ferrier, Charlie Ferrier and Sam Ferrier with their mother De Ferrier and Grandmother Robyn Ferrier.



Keep Abreast with Local Happenings!

Don’t forget Your Local Newspaper

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Art Comes to Birchip Playgroup

Last Friday’s playgroup session at the St Mary’s Parish Centre in Birchip was filled with colour, creativity, and the joy of discovery, thanks to a special visit from Jess Khune from “Young Expressions”.

Jess brought with her a treasure trove of art supplies and everyday household items, transforming the morning into a sensory-rich celebration of artistic play. From vibrant paints and original pictures to coloured rice, lentils, and corn, children had the chance to explore, create, and express themselves in imaginative ways.

Birchip Playgroup focuses on providing a range of experiences for young children, with a wide range of activities, toys, play equipment, and craft materials available.

Sessions

They offer both non-structured and Supported Playgroup sessions on Monday and Friday mornings for families with children from 0-5. The sessions provide a relaxed and welcoming space where kids can play, learn, and make friends, and parents and carers can also socialise and build connections with other families in the community.

Themed sessions and seasonal activities like this week’s activity with Young Expressions help keep the

program engaging and fresh, encouraging children to enjoy the rhythm of the year through play and exploration.

Great Way to Connect

Whether you’re looking to join a regular session or just curious about what’s on offer, Birchip Playgroup is a great way to connect with other local families and support your child’s development in a fun, welcoming environment. To find out more follow Birchip Playgroup on Facebook or for more information on the facilitated sessions reach out to Carolyn, the Supported Playgroup Facilitator, on 0487 459 772.



• Finn and Anna Beasley playing with the grains.

New Projects Supporting Tiny Towns in Victoria

The State Government is making Northern Victoria’s tiniest towns better places to live, work, stay and play, by investing in new community-building projects through the Tiny Towns Fund.

Minister for Regional Development and Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes announced 14 new projects are being delivered through round 2 of the Fund for towns with populations of fewer than 5,000 people.

From walking track upgrades to community centre renovations, the grants of between \$5,000 and \$50,000 will help local communities across Victoria flourish, and in many cases, support local workers during project development.

These projects include:

- Yarriambiak Shire Council has received \$50,000 for Yaapeet streetscape works.
- Birchip Development Group has received \$50,000 for the Birchip Silo Art project.
- Nandaly Public Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee of Management has received \$50,000 for their tennis court refurbishment project.
- Ultima Progress Association has received \$22,720 for their Memorial Park Stage 1 project.
- Kerang Historical Society has received \$31,188 for their “I need a roof” project.
- Bamawm Extension Pony Club has received \$9,610 for their extension of the recreation reserve project.
- Alexandra Park Reserve Committee Management in Kerang has received \$15,400 for their Wellington Street Gate project.

“Rural and Regional Victoria has so much to offer,



• Jaclyn Symes.

which is why we’re continuing to support projects that enhance our tiniest towns, strengthen community connections and encourage more visitors to all corners of the State,” said Minister for Regional Development Jaclyn Symes.

“The Tiny Towns Fund is refreshing community halls, creating new walking tracks, upgrading local sporting facilities and boosting the regional art scene, making our smallest towns are great places to live, work, stay and play.”

Almost 350 projects are now being supported through round 1 and round 2 of the Tiny Towns Fund across more than 300 towns.

The fund is a part of the Government’s record \$45 billion investment over the past decade in projects and programs that support regional and rural Victoria.

For more information about the Tiny Towns Fund, visit rdv.vic.gov.au/tiny-towns-fund



• Willow Gerbes, Shannon Gerbes, Amaia Taiwhanga, Kiwa Taiwhanga.



• Jess Kuhne from Young Expressions with Arti Samuels and Eloise Noonan.



Taking Care of Your Feet

Looking after your feet is important! After all, they are the workhorses of your body, taking about 5,000 steps a day. That’s around four kilometres each day! Not to mention that your feet have to bear the weight of your body every step of the way. In addition, we cram them into shoes and stand on them for long periods of time. Those hard-working feet deserve a little more attention than you’re probably giving them. Here’s what you need to know.

When your feet are sore and aching from standing a lot during the day, or just because they’re constrained in shoes for a long time, a foot bath will do wonders to revive them. Add three tablespoons of bi-carbonate soda to a basin of

hot water and soak your feet for at least ten minutes. For extra sore and aching feet add one tablespoon each of sea salt and bicarbonate of soda to a bowl of hot water, swish around until completely dissolved then add three to

five drops of rosemary oil. Leave to cool slightly and then soak your feet. After ten minutes revive your feet with a quick dip into a basin of cold water, and then back again. Continue doing this as long as the footbath water remains hot.

If you don’t have the time for a footbath, rub rosemary essential oil or diluted apple cider vinegar into your feet, massaging for about five minutes, before you take a bath or shower.

At the end of a busy day, a self-foot massage is a real treat. Before you start, however, your feet should be bathed to freshen them up.

Add a few drops of rosemary oil to some almond oil, then put a small amount of the oil mixture in the palm of the hand and lightly rub the hands together. Place one under the sole of the foot and the other on top. Gently stroke both hands up to the heel and down to the big toe several times, working the oil well into the foot.

Next, place your hands on each ankle, thumbs resting on top. Commence circular kneading movements all around the ankle and foot, then knead up and down the top part of the foot with your thumbs, pressing the sole from beneath with your fingers.

Move to the toes and knead each one up and down between your thumb and forefinger. Then wrap your hands around the foot, so your thumbs meet the sole, while your fingers rest on the back, and knead the entire sole between your thumbs and fingers. You will need to use good firm pressure, as the sole is a heavily padded spot. Rest your thumbs on the heels and slide along from the heel to the toes, moving from the sides of the foot to the centre of the soles. Repeat this movement several times, again using firm strong strokes.

Repeat procedure with the other foot.



• Alan Hayes Remember, when you take care of your feet, they take care of you! Visit Alan on the Net - www.itssonatural.com

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Helping Farmers Hone Agribusiness Skills

Rabobank's Rabo Client Councils have partnered with rural training provider AgriFocused to deliver farm business skills for primary producers in NSW, Victoria and Tasmania.

The practical online Farm Office Plus program provides tools to improve management of the "office side" of farming businesses.

The hands-on training aims to assist with establishing easy record-keeping systems, streamlining bill payment and book-keeping, reduce accounting fees, minimise filing time and develop time management skills.

The initiative has been spearheaded and funded by food and agribusiness banking specialist Rabobank's Rabo Client Councils, a group of innovative, forward-thinking clients who are passionate about making a difference in their communities and who support initiatives with the goal of making a meaningful impact on the vibrancy and resilience of rural Australia.

Through the support of the NSW and Victoria and Tasmania Rabo Client Councils, farm businesses can sign up for Farm Office Plus training at a discounted price. Course participants do not have to be Rabobank clients. The discounted positions are limited to 160 and will be distributed in order of registration.

Rabobank's NSW Client Council member and Gunning-based sheep and cattle producer Lucy Knight said there is a "need and thirst" amongst farmers to build office administration skills.

"Many farming businesses are becoming larger, more complex and operating with fewer staff – managing the farm office is not immune from these pressures – farmers are looking for ways to

streamline administrative processes," Mrs Knight said.

The Farm Office Plus training is designed for people who may have been "battling in the office for a while and looking for an opportunity to upskill", she said.

Mrs Knight said the training aims to enhance farmers' "non-paddock skills" and boost their confidence in managing their farm office.

The training will be delivered by AgriFocused founder Carmen Quade. Ms Quade has worked as a university lecturer in accounting and agribusiness, as well as having experience in local government, focused on economic and community development and corporate governance. Together with her husband and family members, Ms Quade is a partner in a mixed farming business at Tallimba, in the Northern Riverina.

Ms Quade said the administrative requirements of running a farming business have grown exponentially.

"Staying on top of finances, managing the email load and fulfilling record keeping requirements can take a lot of time, often impacting on farm operations and family life," she said.

"Efficient and effective systems and a better understanding of tech solutions can win back hours. And timely information can lead to less stress and better decisions."

Rabobank state manager for NSW Toby Mendl said Rabobank's Client Councils are helping rural communities flourish.

"Alongside local Client



•Rabobank's NSW Client Council member and Gunning-based sheep and cattle producer Lucy Knight.

Council members, we engage in listening and learning about the key issues that matter most to our clients, communities and the broader food and agriculture industry," he said.

Rabobank's Rabo Client Council network is focussed on developing meaningful grassroots initiatives to support key themes focusing on building industry capacity, championing rural wellbeing, sustainability and strengthening the rural/urban connection.

Mr Mendl said the AgriFocused training is "empowering farmers by providing the tools and systems that help with the growing complexity of the administrative tasks associated with farming businesses. Ultimately, this allows them to make timely decisions, spend more time in the paddock and allocate more time on other aspects of their business".

Farm businesses based in NSW, Victoria and Tasmania can sign up for the Farm Office Plus training and receive a \$200 discount. This offer is available until March 2026, or until supported positions are filled.

To find out more about the progra, visit: <https://agrifocused.com.au/rabobankfarmofficeplus/>

Stubble Management for Weed Control

(By Cindy Benjamin, WeedSmart)

Having a large cropping program to manage, Jason Coleman keeps their crop rotation simple and concentrates on optimising their profitability. He constantly reassesses their weed management practices and adapts their farming methods to improve the long-term sustainability of their business.

Jason is the third generation of the Coleman family to farm "Moascar" in the Temora district of NSW, along with his wife Stacey, his parents Peter and Lyn, and three permanent staff members.

The Colemans grow hybrid canola varieties for their high yield, and having a highly competitive crop in each paddock every second year is a very effective, non-herbicide tactic that provides paddock-wide weed control.

If weed pressure starts to build up, the Colemans implement a double-break tactic of vetch brown manure followed by canola to run down the weed seedbank before returning to wheat. They are also prepared to spray out weedy patches in wheat crops as required, choosing to sacrifice small areas of the crop to reduce weed pressure for future years.

By 2009, the family had phased out their sheep enterprise and implemented a controlled traffic farming system with inter-row sowing. They use a range of stubble management tactics to ensure even crop establishment and optimal herbicide application conditions for early weed control.

"In the last 4 or 5 years, we have had several big crops in a row, which has caused stubble management issues at seeding," says Jason.

"Under these circumstances, we burnt most of the wheat stubble and mulch the canola stubble with harrows or a Kelly Chain. Burning the wheat stubble provides a weed control benefit similar to narrow windrow burning, which we have practised for over 20 years."

Following a high-yielding season, a blanket burn in autumn to reduce the stubble load is also a cheap non-herbicide tactic that helps kill weed seeds at and near the soil surface and reduces slugs. In lower-yielding years, they usually harvest low to the ground, leaving shorter standing stubble,

which interferes less with pre-emergent herbicide applications and allows interrow sowing.

If weeds establish in less competitive crops, Jason attaches a chute to the harvester to collect the weed seeds into a narrow windrow. He follows up with a hot burn of the windrows the following autumn to kill the weed seeds collected at harvest.

"After attending WeedSmart Week in 2023, I decided to go back to 250 mm row spacing after sowing on wider spacing for the previous 15 years. The evidence is clear that the narrower row spacing gives crops a competitive advantage over weeds," says Jason.

"Having also reduced the stubble load after big crops, the tined seeder works well to inter-row sow on the narrower rows, and we can use a broader range of pre-emergent herbicides more effectively."

This year, WeedSmart Week is in Geraldton, WA on July 29 and 30, 2025, showcasing how the Big 6 tactics are safeguarding the profitability of large-scale cropping enterprises.

Having noticed areas around the farm that consistently grew poorer crops and allowed more ryegrass to grow, Jason has been grid sampling the farms for several years to identify areas of low soil pH. They have implemented a liming program on their predominantly red loam and red-brown clay soils to lift the pH to around 6 across the farms, to promote even crop growth and reduce the opportunities for weedy patches to establish.

"Our other recent priorities have centred on using desiccation as a strategic weed control tool, keeping our non-crop areas weed-free, and monitoring for weeds more often – recording size, location and numbers, across the farms," he says.

The Colemans recently purchased a self-propelled Case Patriot 4350 sprayer with pulse width modulation (PWM). This

technology gives the operator more flexibility to adjust pressure without compromising ground speed and water rate. Turn compensation also helps avoid low-dose application around trees and power poles.

In 2020, they purchased a WEED-IT boom to help them manage herbicide-resistant weeds in summer fallow. They use the double-knock tactic with a blanket spray of glyphosate followed by the WEED-IT to apply paraquat with a Group 14 [G] spike 14 days later to control fleabane and any other survivor weeds. Jason makes it a priority to treat weeds before they grow large or become stressed.

The Colemans are contending with patches of glyphosate-resistant annual ryegrass and long-term resistance to fop herbicides. Every few years they test their wild oats and annual ryegrass populations for susceptibility to the key herbicides.

With valued input from their agronomist, Craig Warren from Nutrien Ag Solutions in Temora, the Colemans follow a diverse herbicide program, optimise spray efficacy, stop weed seed set and maximise crop competition.

By using all the tactics in the WeedSmart Big 6 strategy, the Colemans are keeping weed numbers low and reducing the impact of herbicide resistance on their farming enterprise.

For more information about stubble and weed management, visit the WeedSmart website: www.weedsmart.org.au



AMBULANCE PHONE NO. 000

What's On

Insights Into Nitrogen Decision Making

Date: June 11, 2025, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m..

Description: Peter Hayman, SARDI Effective decision making and risk management is an essential component for any farm business. Peter provides insights from the nitrogen sub-project of the national GRDC funded RiskWiSe project.

GRDC online events are topic specific, interactive, interview style discussions that address the application of new and relevant information to the latest farming systems.

Contact: Matt McCarthy. Email admin@orm.com.au or phone 03 54416176

Registration: https://events.humanitix.com/grdc-grains-research-update-online-insights-into-nitrogen-decision-making?utm_source=grdc&utm_medium=event_calendar&utm_campaign

GRDC Farm Business Update – Horsham

Description: The GRDC Farm Business Update events drive innovation and adoption of improved farm business management practices across the grains industry.

Date: June 18, 2025, 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m..

Location: Horsham Town Hall, 71 Pynsent Street, Horsham, VIC, 3400.

Contact: Jane Foster, email admin@orm.com.au, or phone 03 5441 6176.

Registration: <https://remote.orm.com.au/EventProConnect/Registrations/Welcome.aspx>

Pasture Pathways Program

Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) has unveiled the new Pasture Pathways program for grazing advisors, with applications now open from interested groups to participate.

Pasture Pathways is a unique training and development initiative designed to equip new, graduate, and developing advisors with additional skills and knowledge needed to provide enhanced pasture agronomy and grazing management advice to red meat producers across Australia.

According to MLA's Program Manager for Adoption, Sally Leigo, Pasture Pathways is an 18-month development program aimed at addressing the shortage of pasture and grazing land management advisors.

"Organisations providing pasture agronomy and grazing land management advisory

services are invited to apply to participate in this innovative program," Ms Leigo said.

There are up to 10 places available and the program prioritises participants in Northern Australia, with half of places designated for regions including Queensland, the Northern Territory, and northern Western Australia.

"Northern Australia faces a significant gap in local pasture and grazing land management advisory capabilities compared to the more intensively managed southern regions," Ms Leigo said.

"This is due to the distances in Northern Australia, the extensive size of grazing

properties and the prevalence of native pastures, which require different management. Expanding advisory services in northern Australia will be instrumental in enhancing local expertise and providing better support to red meat producers in these areas."

The Pasture Pathways program commences in July 2025 and concludes in December 2026. It features:

- Training in MLA programs and guidance from experienced advisors.
- Development of personal skills critical to a sustainable career in pasture advisory.
- A combination of face-to-face workshops, online learn-

ing, and self-paced e-learning.

• Networking opportunities with industry experts, advisors, and MLA managers.

Applications close May 18, 2025. Interested businesses and individuals can submit an Expression of Interest to Program Manager Ben Reeve at breeve@meridian-ag.com.au

This program will be managed and delivered by Meridian Agriculture, co-funded by the MLA Donor Company (MDC), with training provided by over 25 industry experts.

Pasture Pathways builds on MLA's commitment to supporting innovation and excellence in Australia's red meat and livestock sector.

Blast from the Past

(From the “Donald Times”, May, 1925)

May 1 Missing money. Defendant Released on Bond. Alexander Fore Hamilton was charged with having at Carron, between March 22 and 26, stolen a £10 note, the property of George James Johnson.

Senior-Constable Gibson conducted the prosecution. George James Johnson, farm labourer in the employ of Mr. M. Burton, said that on Sunday, March 22, he went to Litchfield, having a £10 note and some silver in his possession. He did not cash the note. He spent the evening at Mr. Darcy’s home and arrived back at Carron about 1 a.m., folding his trousers up and placing them at the bottom of his bed. He did not feel in his pocket to see if the £10 note had fallen out, although he always carried it in a pocket which was buttoned. Four days later, he went out and found that the £10 note was missing, subsequently informing Mr. Burton. Accused had no authority to take the note from his pocket. Constable Morrison said that at 8 p.m. on April 24 he went to Carron. He saw the accused and said “I suppose you know what we are here for?” and he said “about Johnson’s £10 note.” He said he knew nothing at all about it, and, further, that he had sent a £10 cheque to his mother before the harvest. He denied having sent a £10 note a month previously, but on being informed that his mother had made a statement that she had received a £10 note about that time, he said he would make a “clean breast” of it and thereupon made a statement as follows: “I am a farm labourer in the employ of Mr. M. Burton. At about 6.30 a.m. on March 22, I saw a £10 note on the floor of the hut near a box used by Johnson. I picked it up and put it in my trousers pocket. I then put it in an envelope next day and addressed it to my mother, handing it to Mr. Burton to post. I took the £10 because my mother was hard up.”

Accused pleaded guilty and said he wished the case to be dealt with in Donald. He had seen the money on the floor, staring him in the face, and he had taken it to send to his mother.

Senior Constable Gibson said that accused had previously been convicted and fined at St Arnaud for having illegally used a bicycle. Cr. M. Burton said he known accused for about eighteen months, and had always found him a splendid worker. Employment had now been found for him and he had a position to go to by the first train. He would go bail for him if required.

Mr. A.J. Pyers, J.P. said that he had known the accused for 3 years, having employed him for 2 years. He had always found him a good, reliable worker and was willing to go bail for him if required.

Senior-Constable Gibson asked whether accused was prepared to make restitution of the £10 which had been taken, whereupon the Bench was informed that Mr. Pyers would guarantee payment of

the money.

Accused said that all he had was £3/10/-, which was owing to him by Mr. Burton, but that he was willing that it should be applied to the repayment of the £10. The Bench said that accused was extremely fortunate in having Messrs. Pyers and Burton to speak on his behalf. He would be sentenced to six month’s imprisonment, sentence to be suspended on his obtaining a surety of £25 and furnishing a personal surety of £25 to be of good behaviour of twelve months.

May 5 Cope Cope School Annual Concert, (From our correspondent). On Friday last the children at the Cope Cope school presented their annual concert to a large and appreciative audience. Although the hall has recently been enlarged, it was filled almost to overflowing.

Miss Olive Goldsbury, a 7th grade pupil at the school, played all the accompaniments in such an efficient manner that all were delighted with her performance.

There is no doubt that this young pianist has a future before her. In different items the children more than excelled themselves, and many items had to be repeated, thus reflecting great credit upon themselves. The parents and friends provided supper, which was handed round at the close of the concert. Many thanks are due to all who in any way helped to make the evening the success it was. After supper dancing was indulged in until a late hour. It is expected that the school funds will benefit to about the extent of £16. Miss Olive Goldsbury, Mr. A. Penfold, Mr. Pritchard and others played for the dances.

May 8. Bridge to be Examined. At the last meeting of the Donald Shire Council, the Shire Engineer (Mr. F. W. Rigg C.E.) reported that repairs had been affected to the decking of Guthrie’s bridge, but, in his opinion, further repairs would be required in the not far distant future. Mr. Rigg further stated that he thought some of the piles appeared to be ant-eaten, and it would be necessary for him to give them a thorough testing. Cr. Sproat moved that since this was a boundary bridge, the engineer inspect and report on its condition, forwarding a copy to the Dunmunkle Shire in order that they might be able to sanction whatever repairs were jointly effected. Their motion was carried.

May 12 Ho! Ho! Record Drive. The final hare drive was held by the Donald Coursing Club during the weekend, Laen being chosen as the hunting ground. There was a fine muster of 95 per cent, “good sports”, nets being set in the first paddock at 3 p.m. From then on a continual stream of hares and quail made its way towards the nets. Another paddock across the fence was subsequently beaten back, the total catch being 35 hares. A quick shift of a mile was then made, nets being hung on the fence. Again, hares were plentiful and boxes re-filled. A mile distant, nets were again hung

on the fence, and after a kindly “sport” had lent a number of boxes, the beat began once more. After the final drive it was discovered that a grand total of 73 hares had been secured, 67 being alive and in fine fettle. The drive was well attended and formed a striking contrast to the early-day drives conducted by the club when saddle horse, gigs and buggies were used. In this instance they were replaced by expensive motor cars and the previous record catch (56 hares) which had withstood all assaults since 1913, was easily eclipsed. Many of the “old originals” were present, and their experience at the nets was of considerable assistance. As usual foxes were “started”, and although two got into the nets, only one was killed. The Donald Club having all the hares required for the forthcoming season, 66 of those captured in this drive were immediately dispatched to Wonthaggi. At 30/- per pair, this constitutes an item of revenue of £49/10/- to the club, and will, to some extent, pay for the improvements which will shortly be completed.

May 15 A Pioneer Passes. By the death of Miss Margaret McGowan of Houston Street meant that another of the district’s pioneers being removed from our midst. The deceased lady, who was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John McGowan was 72 years of age at the time of her death, which took place on Friday last, May 8th, at her home in Donald. She came to this district with her parents 54 years ago when they settled in the Witchipool area where she continued to live prior to moving into Donald seven years ago. She was born at Geelong and had practically never enjoyed robust health although she reached such a ripe age. In December she injured her eye while splitting a piece of wood, and her eye remained affected until the time of her death. Miss M. McGowan of Donald, who was a constant and loving attendant upon her sister, is left to mourn her loss, while the other members of the family were the late James McGowan and the late John McGowan of Sea Lake. The death of Miss McGowan will occasion regret to a very wide circle of friends among the old residents, to whom she endeared herself during her life.

May 19 Shearers’ Demands. The general secretary of the Australian Workers’ Union (Mr. E. Grayndler) has lodged a summons in the Commonwealth Arbitration Court for a variation of the pastoral award and the case is set for hearing on 19th May. For shearing flock sheep a claim has been lodged for £3 per hundred, with proportionate increases for all other piece-work rates. For shed hands the rate claimed is £6 per week and keep. A minimum rate of £4/10/-per week and keep, with provision for holidays, is claimed for general station hands. Increases of wages are also asked for wool classers, wool pressers, wool scourers, cooks, experts and all allied

occupations.

May 22 No Football Special. On Wednesday next Birchip will travel to Watchem, Litchfield-Carron to Donald and Cope Cope to St Arnaud. This being so, there will be no special train charted. An extra car will be attached to the “fast” in the afternoon to convey passengers from Birchip, Litchfield and Cope Cope, but no special train will run from St Arnaud in the evening. Cope Cope supporters who travel to St Arnaud will be under the necessity of returning by car, while northern supporters and players will return by the evening or midnight trains. Excursion fares will operate on all these trains.

May 26. Hot Shower Installed. Footballers of the Donald and visiting teams will doubtless appreciate the latest convenience which has been installed at the show-grounds by the committee of the Donald Football Club. It consists of strongly constructed bath heater and shower, and is quick and convenient in action.

May 29. Donald Police Court. (Before Messrs. H.R.McDonald, P.M. and T.W. Cantwell J.P.), S.W. Fielding junr. was charged with, having being in charge of a motor car, having failed to carry a rear light in the prescribed position as required by the Act. Constable Morrison said that at 7.45 p.m. on May 2 the defendant’s car was standing in front of Messrs. Oakley and Thompson’s office in Wood Street. No light was burning. Defendant came to the car at 10.35 and, when asked why the rear light was not on, he said that before going away he had turned the

lights down and they must have gone out. Mr Oakley, who appeared for the defendant, said that Fielding was not aware that the lights on his car had gone out, although it was admitted that they were

not showing when he came back late in the evening. He (Mr Oakley) understood that this was the first prosecution under this heading in the district. A fine of £1 was inflicted.

North-Central Hockey



Results of round 5 —
Under-12s: Sea Lake-Nandaly 0 def. by St Arnaud 4; Donald 1 def. by Charlton 3; Birchip-Watchem 4 d. Wedderburn 1; Calder United 5 d. Boort 0.

Underage: Sea Lake-Nandaly 0 def. by St Arnaud 7; Donald 0 def. by Charlton 6; Calder United 0 def. by Boort 3.

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

Men: Sea Lake-Nandaly 0 def. by St Arnaud 7; Donald 7 d. Charlton 0; Calder United 4 d. Boort 1.

POSITIONS OF TEAMS

Women											
	P	W	D	L	F	For	Agst	SD	Pts	WR	
Calder United	4	4	0	0	0	19	3	16	12	100	
St Arnaud	5	5	0	0	0	17	4	13	15	100	
Charlton	4	3	0	1	0	16	6	10	9	75	
Boort	5	2	0	3	0	19	19	0	6	40	
Wedderburn	4	1	0	3	0	7	10	-3	3	25	
Donald	4	0	0	4	0	2	19	-17	0	0	
Sea Lake-Nan	4	0	0	4	0	1	20	-19	0	0	

Men											
	P	W	D	L	F	For	Agst	SD	Pts	WR	
Calder United	4	4	0	0	0	20	3	17	12	100	
Donald	4	3	0	1	0	11	6	5	9	75	
St Arnaud	5	3	1	1	0	19	4	15	10	67	
Wedderburn	4	2	1	1	0	10	8	2	7	58	
Boort	5	2	0	3	0	25	7	18	6	40	
Sea Lake-Nan	4	0	0	4	0	1	25	-24	0	0	
Charlton	4	0	0	4	0	1	34	-33	0	0	

Underage											
	P	W	D	L	F	For	Agst	SD	Pts	WR	
Charlton	4	4	0	0	0	26	2	24	12	100	
St Arnaud	4	3	0	1	0	24	1	23	9	75	
Boort	5	2	0	3	0	14	21	-7	6	40	
Donald	5	2	0	3	0	13	23	-10	6	40	
Calder United	4	1	1	2	0	5	7	-2	4	33	
Birchip-Wat	4	1	1	2	0	11	25	-14	4	33	
Sea Lake-Nan	4	1	0	3	0	7	21	-14	3	25	

Under-12s											
	P	W	D	L	F	For	Agst	SD	Pts	WR	
Charlton	5	5	0	0	0	10	1	9	15	100	
Birchip-Wat	5	4	0	1	0	31	5	26	12	80	
St Arnaud	5	4	0	1	0	17	2	15	12	80	
Calder United	5	4	0	1	0	17	3	14	12	80	
Sea Lake-Nan	5	1	1	3	0	1	21	-20	4	27	
Boort	5	1	0	4	0	1	14	-13	3	20	
Wedderburn	5	0	1	4	0	1	8	-7	1	7	
Donald	5	0	0	5	0	3	27	-24	0	0	

North-Central Netball



Last Saturday’s results:
“A” Grade

Donald 49 d. Charlton 39; Sea Lake-Nandaly 50 d. St Arnaud 26; Calder United 42 d. Boort 38; Birchip-Watchem 48 def. by Wedderburn 54.

“B” Grade

Donald 44 d. Charlton 27; Sea Lake-Nandaly 35 def. by St Arnaud 46; Birchip-Watchem 43 def. by Wedderburn 62; Calder United 40 def. by Boort 53.

“C” Grade

Donald 52 d. Charlton 49; Sea Lake-Nandaly 34 d. St Arnaud 32; Calder United 46 d. Boort 28; Birchip-Watchem 44 def. by Wedderburn 55.

“C” Grade Reserves

Sea Lake-Nandaly 72 d. St Arnaud 19; Calder United 27 def. by Boort 34; Birchip-Watchem 31 d. Wedderburn 30.

Seventeen-and-Under

Sea Lake-Nandaly 45 def. by St Arnaud 64; Calder United 61 d.

Boort 26; Birchip-Watchem 73 d. Wedderburn 26; Donald 18 def. by Charlton 56.

Fourteen-and-Under “A”

Calder United 11 def. by Boort 25; Birchip-Watchem 32 d. Wedderburn 2; Donald 36 d. Charlton 6; Sea Lake-Nandaly 3 def. by St Arnaud 33.

Fourteen-and-Under “B”

Birchip-Watchem 17 d. Wedderburn 14; Calder United 7 def. by Boort 14; Sea Lake-Nandaly 2 def. by St Arnaud 32.

“A” GRADE

	P	W	L	D	B	FW	FL	F	A	Pts	%
Wedderburn	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	256	156	20	164
Boort	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	266	208	16	128
Sea Lake-Nan	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	215	179	12	120
Birchip-Wat	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	236	217	12	109
Donald	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	237	220	8	108
Calder United	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	195	218	8	89
Charlton	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	172	251	4	69
St Arnaud	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	152	280	0	54

“B” GRADE

	P	W	L	D	B	FW	FL	F	A	Pts	%
Wedderburn	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	302	163	20	185
Boort	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	260	185	20	141
Birchip-Wat	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	251	204	12	123
Calder United	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	238	210	12	113
St Arnaud	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	198	230	12	86
Donald	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	177	215	4	82
Sea Lake-Nan	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	184	266	0	69
Charlton	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	111	248	0	45

“C” GRADE

	P	W	L	D	B	FW	FL	F	A	Pts	%
Calder United	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	252	139	16	181
Sea Lake-Nan	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	178	154	16	116
Boort	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	195	172	16	113
Wedderburn	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	209	199	12	105
St Arnaud	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	201	150	8	134
Birchip-Wat	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	198	186	8	106
Charlton	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	158	246	0	64
Donald	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	125	270	0	46

“C” GRADE RESERVES

	P	W	L	D	B	FW	FL	F	A	Pts	%
Sea Lake-Nan	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	250	104	20	0.48
Boort	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	122	70	8	0.58
Calder United	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	135	97	8	0.35
Birchip-Wat	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	65	117	4	0.19
Wedderburn	4	1	3	0	1	0	0	95	169	4	0.14
St Arnaud	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	62	172	0	0.12

SEVENTEEN-AND-UNDER

	P	W	L	D	B	FW	FL	F	A	Pts	%
Calder United	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	389	109	20	357
St Arnaud	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	271	161	16	168
Boort	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	207	167	16	124
Birchip-Wat	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	284	193	12	147
Sea Lake-Nan	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	183	267	8	69
Charlton	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	197	196	4	101
Wedderburn	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	138	307	0	45
Donald	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	94	363	0	26

FOURTEEN-AND-UNDER “A”

Birchip-Wat	5	5	0	0	0	0	155	45	20	344
Boort	5	5	0	0	0	0	142	50	20	284
Donald	5	3	2	0	0	0	131	72	12	182
St Arnaud	5	3	2	0	0	0	102	62	12	165
Calder United	5	2	3	0	0	0	90	94	8	96
Wedderburn	5	1	4	0	0	0	35	116	4	30
Sea Lake-Nan	5	1	4	0	0	0	45	150	4	30
Charlton	5	0	5	0	0	0	31	142	0	22



• Frances McClelland and Lucy Rickard dressed in pink for PLAY4BCNA Pink Sports Day.

North-Central Sports Support for Pink Day

On Mother’s Day weekend, North-Central sport clubs came together for a cause close to many hearts, hosting a vibrant and heartfelt PLAY4BCNA Pink Sports Day, and the united splash of pink served as a powerful symbol of community strength, care, and action.

Players, officials and supporters embraced the pink theme to raise awareness and funds for Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA), showing their solidarity with those affected by breast cancer.

Courts and fields were adorned with pink streamers and balloons, players added pink socks and pink ribbons to their uniforms and netball and hockey umpires donned pink shirts, making a bold visual statement in support of breast cancer awareness.

Each day in 2025, 58 Australians will be told they have breast cancer – amounting to over 20,000 people this year alone. Among them, an estimated 217 will be men. These diagnoses impact not only the individuals but also ripple through families, workplaces, sporting clubs, and entire communities.

North-Central’s Pink Day recognised that reality and used sport as a platform to make a difference. Whether participating on the field or cheering from the sidelines, every piece of pink helps in-

spire action for a future free from breast cancer.

The PLAY4BCNA Pink Sports Day is more than just a fundraiser – it’s an opportunity for communities to come together, show support, and acknowledge the vital role women play in grassroots sport.

By embracing this initiative, North-Central clubs highlighted the power of sport in promoting awareness, encouraging open conversations, and honouring those who have been affected by breast cancer.

One Hundred Years Ago

From the “Birchip Advertiser”, May 15, 1925.

Local and General

Beneficial Rainfall: During last Monday and Tuesday 114 points of rain fell in Birchip. Oat crops and grass are beginning to spring, and farmers are engaged in preparing for the sowing of wheat.

Birchip Scoops the Pool: At the recent annual sports at Brim, P. Green won the Sheffield Handicap, the Sprint and the 220 Yards. A. Hogan secured the high jump, and a Birchip team prevailed in the tug-of-war.

Shire Rates: Ratepayers are reminded by special notice that unless rates are paid on or before June 10, interest will be charged, and they will not be enrolled on the Council Voting Rolls.

Golf: The Golf Club has fixed its opening day for Wednesday next, 26th inst., at 2.15 p.m. the recent beneficial rains have made the course excellent for playing and great improvements have been effected to the course by the addition of new bunkers on every fairway. It is expected that the coming year will be most successful in the history of the club, as the committee has obtained the coveted Victorian Golf Association medal from the executive for competition. This medal is much sought after by Clubs, and Birchip club is to be congratulated on obtaining one of the fine medals open for competition throughout the State.

All members and intending members are invited to the opening day match, which will take the form of a tournament.

Birchip and District: Since opening the school, it has gathered 64 scholars and students, under headmaster Robert C. Dean (Dip. /ed. 1st honors), and his three assistants. The building, entirely brick, cost £7,000, and it is situated on a block of ten acres of land donated by Mr. Harold Bolden. The Educational committee spent £200 within the past six months in improvements, including two tennis courts, two basketball courts, and a football ground. It is also the intention to plant trees around the borders and divide portions of the area by hedges, and to lay out garden plots. There is ample accommodation in the high school buildings for 150 scholars, The State school, which is separated from the above by several blocks, has 111 children on the roll, and could accommodate 200. Mr. Dean, with two assistant teachers and two junior teachers, is in charge of the State school also.

H. E. School Tennis Championship: Excitement ran high on Wednesday, May 14. When the local school boys and girls fought gallantly for the possession of the silver cups donated by Mr. W. McClelland. The standard of the tennis was high and visiting players were heard to

remark that Birchip need not fear a death of tennis players in the future.

At the conclusion of the tournament Mr. W. McClelland presented the cups to the winners – Betty Reseigh and Roy Brockett. He congratulated the players on the fine manly spirit in which the contests were decided, and he gave great credit to the winners on their wonderful performances. The outstanding feature of the matches was the fine display of strokes by Roy Brockett.

Mr. Dean thanked Mr. McClelland for the trophies and the interest he takes in the sport of the school. The school greatly appreciates such generous, public-spirited men. Such friendly rivalry teaches the children to “play the game” in work as well as in play.

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North-Central Football Roundup

Goldacres Seniors

SEA LAKE-NANDALY	5.9	12.12	19.19	20.25	(145)
ST ARNAUD	1.0	3. 1	3. 2	4. 2	(26)
Goals for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Tyson McKenzie 5, Max Cahoon 2, Wade Donnan 2, Ryan O'Sullivan 2, Adam Pattison 2, Chase Tait 2, Thomas Cox, Bryce Delmenico, Jarvis Keogh, Cruz O'Sullivan, Jack Poulton.					

For St Arnaud: Joshua Hicks 2, Max Hungerford, Bradley Organ.
Best for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Adam Pattison, Jack Poulton, Wade Donnan, Max Cahoon, Tyson McKenzie, Thomas Cox.

For St Arnaud: Kurtis Torney, Jay Kirwood, Zac Phillips, Sam Male, Max Hungerford, Joshua Hicks.					
CHARLTON	6.1	7.6	12.10	14.10	(94)
DONALD	0.3	3.3	5. 3	5. 5	(35)

Goals for Charlton: Kris Clifford 3, Luke Dunne 3, Mitchell Collins 2, Bailey Kemp 2, Rhys Thompson 2, Mason Heenan, Seb Zagame.
For Donald: George Morgan 2, Daniel Pearce 2, Brent Arho.
Best for Charlton: Ben Lanyon, Mitchell Collins, Sean O'Connor, Elliott Fitzpatrick, Ben Xiriha, Mason Heenan.

For Donald: Daniel Pearce, Dyson Bell-Warren, Charlie Campbell, Nicholas Atkins, Kalon Green, Luca Rice.					
BIRCHIP-WATCHEM	2.4	4.6	6.6	13.9	(87)
WEDDERBURN	1.1	1.2	4.2	6.3	(39)

Goals for Birchip-Watchem: Ben Edwards 7, Rhona Conboy 2, Nicholas Rippon 2, Lachy Foott, Tom Gibson.
For Wedderburn: Danny Benaim 3, Darcy Jackson 3.
Best for Birchip-Watchem: Hamish Hosking, Ben Lakin, Nicholas Rippon, Meyrick Buchanan, Joseph Reid, William Lee.

For Wedderburn: Darcy Jackson, Danny Benaim, Zach Pallpratt, Corey Lowry, Jake Pallpratt, Tom Metherell.					
CALDER UNITED	2.4	10.7	15.15	23.16	(154)
BOORT	2.1	2.4	3. 4	4. 5	(29)

Goals for Calder United: Jordan Humphreys 8, Jack Exell 3, Zane Keighran 3, Steven Kennedy 2, Spencer Allan, Mitch Farmer, Billy Forrester, Kobe Lloyd, Oscar Madden, Dean Putt, Matthew Wade.
For Boort: Peter Barbopoulos 2, Ethan Coleman, James Keeble.
Best for Calder United: Zane Keighran, Jordan Humphreys, Oscar Madden, Steven Kennedy, Jack Exell, Dean Putt.
For Boort: James Byrne, Lachlan Hall, Tom Potter, Jayden Dick, Keiren Wilson, Ethan Coleman.

Haeusler's Reserves

SEA LAKE-NANDALY	2.3	2.4	7.4	9.6	(60)
ST ARNAUD	1.3	3.7	5.7	5.9	(39)
Goals for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Joel Clohesy 3, John Summerhayes 2, Tom Considine, Codey Elliott, Ethan Ellis, Charlie Mitchell.					

For St Arnaud: Frankie Donald, George Gorrie, Jarryd Kell, Zach Notting, Tristan Ward.
Best for Sea Lake-Nandaly: Codey Elliott, Joel Clohesy, Isaac Durie, Wayne Landry, Nathan Wight, Bryce Baskin.

For St Arnaud: Simon Elliott, Benjamin Greenaway, Sam Penfold, Zachary Notting, Frankie Donald, Austin Lowe.					
CHARLTON	5.4	7.9	11.13	15.14	(104)
DONALD	0.0	0.0	1. 2	3. 3	(21)

Goals for Charlton: Ethan Needs 6, Angus Johnstone 3, Tom Parkinson 2, Travis Salmon 2, Tyler Bates, Lachlan Holmes-Brown.
For Donald: Sam Goldsmith, Zac Livingston, Jesse Lopes.
Best for Charlton: Fergus Bourke, Ethan Needs, Tom Parkinson, Benjamin Roberts, Hugh Sait, Dan Whykes.

For Donald: Jesse Lopes, Ethan Clapham, Beau Morgan, Braxton Hollis, Sam Goldsmith, Cody L F King.					
BIRCHIP-WATCHEM	4.0	9.3	14.6	16.10	(106)
WEDDERBURN	2.0	3.0	4.0	5. 1	(31)

Goals for Birchip-Watchem: Alexander Hay 9, Connor Boyle 2, Bailey Baxter 2, Callum Goode 2, Matthew Berry.
For Wedderburn: Hudson Pidoto 2, Chris Hargreaves, Matthew Lockhart, Joshua Turnbull.
Best for Birchip-Watchem: Riley Hogan, Alexander Hay, Alexander Noonan, Connor Lee, Bailey Baxter, Joshua Woods.

For Wedderburn: Robert Tonkin, Rhordan Holt, Luke Last, Aaron Smith, Hudson Pidoto, Finn Turnbull.					
CALDER UNITED	1.3	2.8	6.10	9.14	(68)
BOORT	1.1	3.1	4. 1	4. 1	(25)

Goals for Calder United: Cody Green 5, Brett Barker, Dude Kelly, Dane McLennan, Thomas Trewin.
For Boort: Brodie Arnold, Alex Cockerell, Nick Scott, Harry Weaver.
Best for Calder United: Angus Forrester, Dude Kelly, Tiger Vearing, Thomas Trewin, Jack Morrison, Dane McLennan.
For Boort: Harry Weaver, Chris O'Rourke, Jordan Sheahan, Jacob Coleman, Angus Potter, Jett Hird.

Community Bank Charlton & District Under-17s

ST ARNAUD	1.3	2.6	7.7	10.9	(69)
SEA LAKE-NANDALY	0.0	0.1	1.3	1.4	(10)
Best for St Arnaud: Talan Berryman, Frankie Donald, Chase Zander, Aidan Wickham, Jack Batters, Tynan Thomas.					

For Sea Lake-Nandaly: Brayden Allan, Jack Hedley, Nate McClelland, Angus Renney, Coby Wight, Jacob Cox.					
CHARLTON	3.2	5.3	5.5	9.6	(60)
DONALD	1.1	3.2	5.3	6.4	(40)

Best for Charlton: Sebastian Zagame, Isaac Bourke, Joseph Monaghan, Murphy Fitzpatrick, Mitchell Boyle, Charlie Zagame.
For Donald: Jesse Lydom, Jack Reilly, Ethan Clapham, Jam Borden.
WEDDERBURN 3.1 8.3 10.6 17.9 (111)
BIRCHIP-WATCHEM 1.3 1.3 2.5 2.5 (17)

Best for Wedderburn: Aaron Smith, Tate Lovett, Liam Budge, Deacon Tansley, Max Dean.					
For Birchip-Watchem: Willow Ryan, Noah Dean, Oliver Cook, Archie Tyler.					
CALDER UNITED	2.1	3.5	5.7	9.8	(62)
BOORT	3.0	6.1	6.6	7.8	(50)

Best for Calder United: Tiger Vearing, Angus Cowell, Darcey Poyner, Harlan Bartlett.
For Boort: Cooper Gooding, Riley Wagner, Brodie McPherson, Jake O'Flaherty, Cooper Gould, Deacon Hird.

Next Round

Round 6, Saturday May 24 -

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

Uniting Church Under-14s

ST ARNAUD 3.4 (22) D. SEA LAKE-NANDALY 2.4 (16)
Best for St Arnaud: Chase Hendy, Ned Ezard, Noah Hando, Duncan Kirk, Arley Reyne, Zach Green.
For Sea Lake-Nandaly: Tom McClelland, Kaiden Wight, Seth Pearce, Toby Kiley, Max Conlan, Brodie Barry.

DONALD 7.6 (48) D. CHARLTON 1.0 (0)
Best for Donald: Jake Italia, Noah Michael, Max Reilly, Abraham Beavis, Laikyn Holland.
For Charlton: Xav Good, Charlie Zagame, Henry Lanyon, Flynn Zagame, Chace Dixon.

WEDDERBURN 8.6 (54) D. BIRCHIP-WATCHEM 1.5 (11)
Best for Wedderburn: Jagger Benaim, Tyler Pearce, Bastian Noordennen, Brodie Turnbull, Addison Roberts.
For Birchip-Watchem: Willow Ryan, Jed Coffey, Aki Norton, Liam Spezza.

CALDER UNITED 6.2 (38) D. BOORT 3.4 (22)
Best for Calder United: Smith Morrison, Levi Hall, Harry Humphreys, Ryder Harrison, Ollie White.
For Boort: Tristan Broad, Connor McNally, Matthew Soumelidis, Malawi Marsh, Maxwell Twigg.

Positions of Teams

Goldacres North-Central Seniors

Teams	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	B	For	Ag
Birchip-Watchem	5	20	288.38	5	0	0	0	695	241
Boort	5	16	199.68	4	1	0	0	615	308
Calder United	5	12	198.51	3	2	0	0	534	269
Sea Lake-Nandaly	5	12	166.67	3	2	0	0	430	258
Wedderburn	5	8	123.76	2	3	0	0	375	303
Charlton	5	8	33.83	2	3	0	0	205	606
St Arnaud	5	4	56.90	1	4	0	0	264	464
Donald	5	0	17.20	0	5	0	0	139	808

Haeuslers Reserves

Teams	P	Pts	%	W	L	D	B	For	Ag
Calder United	5	20	770.83	5	0	0	0	555	72
Boort	5	16	478.95	4	1	0	0	546	114
Birchip-Watchem	5	16	256.92	4	1	0	0	501	195
St Arnaud	5	8	108.40	2	3	0	0	271	250
Sea Lake-Nandaly	5	8	89.38	2	3	0	0	286	320
Wedderburn	5	8	32.20	2	3	0	0	161	500
Charlton	5	4	56.11	1	4	0	0	225	401
Donald	5	0	5.71	0	5	0	0	42	735

Community Bank Charlton and District Under-17s

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

Uniting Church Under-14s

Teams	P	Pts	W	L	D	B
Sea Lake-Nandaly	5	16	4	1	0	
St Arnaud	5	16	4	1	0	
Wedderburn	5	16	4	1	0	
Donald	5	12	3	2	0	
Calder United	5	8	2	3	0	
Boort	5	4	1	4	0	
Birchip-Watchem	5	4	1	4	0	
Charlton	5	4	1	4	0	

Tooleybuc Sporting Club Presidents' Award

Voting for round 5:
Sea Lake-Nandaly: A. Pattison 3, W. Donnan 2, T. McKenzie 1.
St Arnaud: J. Kirwood 3, K Torney 2, J. Needs 1.
Charlton: B. Lanyon 3, M. Collins 2, S. O'Connor 1.
Donald: D. Pearce 3, D. Bell-Warren 2, C. Campbell 1.
Birchip-Watchem: H. Hosking 3, B. Lakin 2, N. Rippon 1.
Wedderburn: D. Jackson 3, D. Benaim 2, Z. Pallpratt 1.
Calder United: J. Humphreys 3, O. Madden 2, S. Kennedy 1.
Boort: L. Hall 3, J. Byrne 2, T. Potter 1.

Saturday's Leading Goal Kickers

Seniors	Reserves
Ben Edwards (B-W) 739	Harry Weaver (Boort) 118
Jhye Baddeley-Kelly (Boort) -28	Alexander Hay (B-W) 916
Kayne Rutley (Boort) -16	Alex Cockerell (Boort) 115
Joseph Reid (B-W) -16	Heath Senior (CU) -14
Nicholas Rippon (B-W) 215	Chris O'Rourke (Boort) -11
Jack Exell (CU) 315	Matthew Berry (B-W) 111
Mitch Jensen (Wedd) -13	Joel Clohesy (SLNT) 311
Peter Barbopoulos (Boort) 212	Max Beattie (Boort) 410
Tyson McKenzie (SLNT) 511	Ethan Needs (Charl) 610

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

	Snr.	Res.	U-17	U-14	Ttl.
Boort	0	0	0	0	78
Birchip-Watchem	10	6	0	0	76
Calder United	10	6	4	2	74
Sea Lake-Nandaly	10	6	0	0	62
St Arnaud	0	0	4	2	50
Wedderburn	0	0	4	2	44
Charlton	10	6	4	0	40
Donald	0	0	0	2	14

Bulls’ Late Blitz Breaks ’Burners Shackles

A resolute Birchip-Watchem overcame a determined Wedderburn with a withering finishing blitz running out 47-point victors after the Burners had got within 5 points in the last quarter, continuing the Bulls’ impressive start to the season and be left the league’s only undefeated team.

On a magnificent sunny day, perfect for football, not a zephyr of wind, no MAGA hats in sight this week, the election done and dusted, Danny Lowry up off the deck, shellshocked, just recovering his composure and strength to attend, the George Cartwright deck pristine yet both sides found scoring difficult.

The Burners were jamming down on Bulls forward entries and it wasn’t until the last 15 minutes of game time where the Bulls broke the Burners shackles with six unanswered goals to run away with a comfortable score-board win, which was far from that, with Wedderburn providing stiff opposition all day, particularly from itsdefensive back six.

It was Bulls monster big man Hamish Hosking who yet again shone for them and delivered up silver service for his plethora of running midfielders. He’s developed an amazing rapport with Nick Rippon and some of their set plays from out of the ruck contests had to be seen to be believed, Rippon constantly booting it to advantage having received it shoved down his throat from a Hosking hitout. The big man is motoring, as the “Weekly Times” described him when he arrived in 2024, the Number One ruckman in country Vic footy. Just he didn’t then but is making up for it now, clearly injury free and also beneficiary of the new rule where he can use his great physicality to straight arm block opponents in the ruck contest. He racked up quality possessions as well to be a clear BOG.

Whilst the Bulls were clearly winning the centre clearances in the first stanza a well drilled and highly organised Burners defensive group was able to muzzle their forward entries and keep the scoreboard from ticking over, coach Tom Metherill their architect across half-back matched by new arrival Jake Pallpratt equally as proficient in intercepting the multiple Bulls entries and repelling the ball back across the arc. Entertaining but low scoring football, Bulls with the clear higher possession numbers, Burners effective in defence, their midfielders also pushing deep to assist, just meant when they crossed back across the centre line they were left skinny and the Bulls mopped up, pushing it back forward.

A quick goal to Ben Edwards had the Bulls off to a sharp start for the second quarter then again back to the dour contest that was a repeat of the first, Bulls clear winning around the ground contests, Burners well organised defence repelling and nullifying the repeated entries, Pallpratt becoming more prominent with his intercepts and excellent footskills. With Hosking dominant the Burners

mids found the going tough, Rippon, Buchanan carrying his strong form from the week previous into this match and Bill Lee was strong at ground level gathering plenty of ball and sending it forwards. Still the Burners defence stood firm despite the ball raining in, Metherall had his troops well marshalled and one who was particularly standing tall was Corey Lowry.

A running back flanker their brainstrust had come up with the seemingly genius move to place the not even Collingwood 6-footer up against Bulls goal kicking machine Ben Edwards and he was relishing the contest, able to get a hand on the ball just in time, many times blocking a sure thing Edwards mark, Edwards with only 2 goals to half-time, which is well below par by his lofty standards, though his task was made more difficult by the pressure being applied by the Wedderburn defence on the ball carrier coming in.

A dour contest was under way, a scoreboard of just 4.6 to 1.2 favouring the Bulls at half-time reflective of the state of play; both defences were on top, Ben Lakin for the Bulls just plucking everything from the air that came inwards from the Burners, he was outstanding, the ball pinging between the arcs, tensions rising, plenty of niggles.

Bulls started brightly after the long break, Rippon on the end of it yet again using his dynamic pace and duly slotted the shot, surely not long before the Bulls could break the Burners spirit, very difficult to maintain a defensive mindset for a whole 100 minutes, but these Burners are nothing but determined. Their midfield group was starting to read the Hosking dominance better, Joe and Hamish Lockhart and Mitch McEwen digging in collecting possessions at ground level and pushing more ball to their attacking fifty arc. Grunt mid Darcy Jackson with a fine snap shot out of the pack got them a desperately needed goal and then old stager Danny Benaim using all his guile waited at ground level as 3 Bulls went up to spoil an inward long ball and gleefully grabbed the ball as it hit the ground and waltzed in for the easiest of goals.

Up and about they were, finding their voice, Jackson again found the big sticks, this time with a 45 metre set shot; he was becoming a thorn in the Bulls side, shouldering the ground contests, winning plenty of possessions. Edwards with an excellent set shot from long out just before siren time pushed out the margin to two goals to provide the Bulls some breathing space.

Benaim got them off to a brilliant start with consecutive goals. At 41 years of age he’s still providing plenty, no

longer a playmaker from the middle of the ground but a clever creative foil up forward. The Burners within 5 points, had just willed their way back into contest with a preparedness to get to the fall of the ball, win it and pump it forward. Bulls were fortunate that Lakin was holding firm down back.

Then the Bulls awoke and Edwards found his mojo finally shaking the Lowry hold. Two in a row from him and then a Hosking masterclass tap to a running Lachy Foott for another. In a sharp five minutes the Bulls had stretched back out to a 4-goal lead before their class rose to the top, finishing with another 4 goals, two of those from Edwards to finish with 7. Just another quiet day for him, from a 5 point margin at the ten minute mark the Bulls had blown out to a 48-point win. Where had that come from?

Plenty to like about the Burners, their defence is highly organised, Metherall in his second year as coach has them well organised down back, they’ve played the big three already this year and have not conceded more than 90 points which speaks volumes and they are even across the ground, the Pallpratt brothers are excellent pickups, they just currently lack a key forward but have one in highly rated Mitch Jensen sitting injured on the sidelines who will be back later in the year. They just have to hang tough and conjure some scores until he returns.

The Bulls juggernaut continues to roll on, loads to like



• Clear space for Birchip-Watchem’s, Joe Reid.

about them. They can play tough if required as it was Saturday, or break open a game when the opportunity arises with playmakers across the park, their depth strong with a bunch of local lads riding high on the shoulders of their giants, Charlie Frank, Ty Colbert and Austin Dean all enjoying plenty of ball Saturday, Lakin and Conboy from

Horsham are ripper contributors, Hosking’s contribution just enormous, he’s paving a way open for his quality midfield. They’ve weathered the early season storm adapting to the nuances of new coach Connick’s game plan and looking the real deal, but there’s plenty of quality opposition at the top to deal with.

Final scores: Birchip-Watchem 13.9 (87) def. Wedderburn 6.3 (39). Best players for Birchip-Watchem: Hamish Hosking, Ben Lakin, Nick Rippon, Meyrick Buchanan, Bill Lee, Joe Reid, Charlie Frank. For Wedderburn; Darcy Jackson, Danny Benaim, Zach Pallpratt, Corey Lowry, Jake Pallpratt, Tom Metherill.



• The Bulls’ Riley Hogan breaks clean.

Navies Reign Over Royals

Under clear blue skies and before a spirited home crowd, the Donald and Charlton Football Netball Clubs took a moment to pay tribute to one of local footy's great servants — Donald stalwart Bill Anderson.

In a fitting pre-game ceremony, Bill was honoured with life membership of the North Central Football League, marking decades of contribution to the game. With daughter Glenda by his side, he walked through a guard of honour formed by both senior and reserve players before tossing the coin to get the senior clash under way.

It was also a time to celebrate the two hundredth game in royal blue colours by Darcy

Harrison. "Pistol" has had setbacks from injuries, but has been a superb player for Donald and over the years, forwards have licked their lips over the sight of him swinging on to his left side and drilling passes with deadly accuracy.

Donald made several changes to its lineup from recent rounds. Daniel Pearce was given extended time on the ball, producing a lion-hearted performance and led

by example. Joe Sheridan was called up from the reserves to bolster the ruck stocks and didn't look out of place.

Charlton drew first blood through young gun Mason Heenan, who showed his pedigree with a clever snap reminiscent of his father's playing days. The Navies soon found their rhythm, with Luke Dunne slotting two majors from the wing, Mitch Collins adding another, and Aaron Schofield kicking truly against his former side. By quarter-time, the visitors had jumped to a commanding six-goal lead.

The second term was Donald's best for the season. After Rhys Thompson dished a major for Charlton, Donald nabbed three, Dan Pearce from outside fifty, George Morgan after a familiar dash from Dyson Bell-Warren and again after selling candy and kicking truly. Donald's Nick Atkins, Charlie Campbell and Dyson Bell-Warren were in everything, while the Navies' Sean O'Connor and defender Elliott Fitzpatrick were also busy.

It was Charlton which came out firing after half time. Clever forward Kris Clifford kicked the first two of his three goals for the game and Bailey Kemp, Luke Dunne and Mitch Collins added three more. Donald's forward Brent Arho slotted one and the infatigable Dan Pearce another, but Charlton's lead had grown to more than seven goals at the final break.

There were only two goals booted in the final period, to Charlton's Bailey Kemp and Kris Clifford. Ben Xirha and Mason Heenan would have been pleased with their contributions for Charlton as would Kalon Green, Luca Rice and Will Noble with Donald. Overall, it was a competitive



• The League's newest lifetime member Bill Anderson tossing the coin to start the seniors' game.



• Bill posing with the coin.



• Donald's Darcy Harrison leads his team out for his 200th game. Also pictured are his children Harley and Wes and teammate Ben Arho.

game by two sides where wins will come at a premium. Scores: Charlton 14.10 (94) to Donald 5.5 (35).

Best for Charlton: Ben Lanyon, Mitch Collins, Sean O'Connor, Elliott Fitzpatrick, Ben Xirha, Mason Heenan.

For Donald: Dan Pearce, Dyson Bell-Warren, Charlie Campbell, Nick Atkins, Kalon Green, Luca Rice.



• Charlton's best for the day was Ben Lanyon seen here tapping the ball down. The Donald players are Luca Rice, Charlie Campbell contesting the ruck and Nic Atkins (background).



• Charlie Campbell breaks clear for Donald. The two Charlton players are Luke Dunne and Josh Harris and Donald's number 2 is Callum Van Den Driest.