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Mancel's Incredible Record Recognised

On September 9, Mancel Gray Giddings, OAM, was presented with his Order of Australia Medal at a ceremony at Government House, officiated by Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC, Governor of Victoria.

It was a truly special occasion, and Mancel was delighted to once again put his beloved Wycheproof on the map!

Two Wycheproof-born friends Peta Credlin, AO, and Mervyn Keane (Richmond FC Hall of Fame) were also in attendance to celebrate this honour.

The icing on the cake for him was the Calder Lions' multiple Premiership victories later that week. Congratulations, Mick, on this well-deserved recognition and for your outstanding service to the Wycheproof community.

What a Career!

Officially, Mancel's OAM was awarded "for service to the community of Wycheproof".

The following details, however, go so far above and beyond those seven words. Read on, and be amazed:

Mancel Gray Giddings:

For service to the community of Wycheproof.

Community – Local

- Volunteer \$1 Rent a Farmhouse Project.
- Volunteer Meals on Wheels.
- Former member Wycheproof Golf Club.
- Committee Member "Friends of the Mount".

- Volunteer Wycheproof South Fire Brigade and Country Fire Authority Victoria.
- Former member Wycheproof Farmer's Federation.
- Member Wycheproof Men's Shed.
- Volunteer Wycheproof Primary School and Wycheproof Kindergarten.
- Former Committee Member and steward of Wycheproof Agricultural and Pastoral Show Society.
- Former committee member and volunteer Wycheproof Men's Basketball Club.
- Former Captain and volunteer Wycheproof Tennis

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• Mancel Giddings pictured with two Wycheproof-born friends Mervyn Keane (Richmond FC Hall of Fame) and Peta Credlin AO.

Birchip Flower Show – Something for Everyone

It is that time of year again: the finals are over, spring has sprung, and gardens are starting to burst out in colour, a sure sign that the Birchip Flower Show is just around the corner.

This year the show will be held on Friday, October 17, at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre in Morrison Street.

Now in its eighth decade, with only a two year break during COVID, the Flower Show continues to offer something for everyone. While flowers remain at its heart, the hundreds of entries reflect the wide range of skills and creativity within the community.

Regular attendee Jenny Noonan describes it as "a lovely community event with amazing displays of beautiful flowers, craft and photos. I love seeing the work of talented people, both local and from out of town, and the student work displays."

Categories

Alongside the blooms are categories for cooking, craft, photography and "Something I Grew." A newly expanded "Food and Fibre" section

gives local farmers the chance to showcase the quality of their produce and compete for the best fleece, barley, wheat and lentils.

Birchip P-12 School and the Early Learning Centre contribute students' work each year, delighting children and families alike as they admire the ever more sophisticated displays. The little ones also enjoy Lucky Dips, a free sausage sizzle, ice creams and lollies.

Stalls

Stalls will be brimming with fashion and jewellery, homewares, handmade craft, baked goods and plants and for the first time, Birchip Nursing Home residents will present colourful paper flower creations, intricate works that must be seen to be believed.

The flowers the residents have created are part of the around the world adventure they are currently on, taking trips to a variety of places with themed decorations. So far, they have been to Mexico and Hawaii.

Luncheon

The Birchip Friends of East Wimmera Health Service will host a light luncheon from 11.30 a.m. for \$15. Catering will be overseen by Prue McCredden, well known for her Red Caboose coffee van and CWA catering at the Royal Melbourne Show. Barista coffee will be served from the Red Caboose at afternoon tea, complementary with a lunch ticket.

While many rural events have sadly disappeared in recent years, the Birchip Flower Show endures and intends to keep blooming for many more to come.

So do not be shy. Do not hide your light under a bushel (or in the back cupboard) and don't read this article and say, "This isn't for me."

Think about what you make, bake or grow, and come along and share it with your community. The Birchip Flower Show truly is for anyone and everyone.

If you have any questions or need more information about entries or categories, please contact Carol Reid on 0417 854 232 or call at the Birchip Neighbourhood House to collect a 2025 schedule.

School Holidays: Enjoy Outdoor Safety

[From Ambulance Victoria]

The spring school holidays are the perfect time to get back into the great outdoors, and Ambulance Victoria (AV) is urging community members to plan ahead and know the risks so they stay safe.

Many Victorians will be dusting off their camping and hiking gear as the weather warms up and AV Manager Emergency Management Kathryn Haden said it's crucial to be well prepared for your adventure and to know how to get help in case something goes wrong.

"This time of year is a great chance to enjoy activities like hiking, mountain bike riding, 4WDing or camping, but it's important people know their abilities and take preparation seriously," Kathryn said.

"Make sure you're dressed appropriately for the conditions and bring enough supplies, including water, food, sunscreen, a torch, basic first aid equipment and warmer layers in case you're out for longer than expected.

"Research where you're going and make sure your planned trip is suitable for your level of fitness and experience.

"Most importantly, always tell someone where you're going and when you plan to return."

Kathryn said Victorians should consider learning

basic first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as emergencies can happen anywhere and at any time.

"If you're heading somewhere new, look up the nearest Urgent Care Clinic, doctors' clinic or pharmacy beforehand, so you can visit these services if you or someone else is injured or becomes unwell, but it's not an emergency," she said.

"From a safe, sheltered location such as a campsite, you could also access the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED) via video call, for free urgent medical

assessment and advice, without needing to travel anywhere."

As the weather warms up, more Victorians will also head to waterways across the state which present additional safety risks.

"Getting in trouble while swimming in a river, lake or dam isn't the only danger – a lot of our call outs to inland waterways are where people have unintentionally found themselves in a body of water from slips and falls or boating accidents," Kathryn said.

"Whenever you're near water, it's important to be alert and to actively and constantly supervise children."

Kathryn said it's easy to become lost or disorientated

in bushland, especially in unpredictable weather conditions, so it's critical to be able to call Triple Zero (000) in case of an emergency.

"Before you head out, download the EmergencyPlus app, which has a range of features to help you call for help and accurately tell a call-taker where you are, even in remote or unfamiliar environments," she said.

"The app uses your phone's GPS function to identify your address, latitude and longitude coordinates, as well as your 'What3Words' location – three words that emergency services can use to narrow your exact location down to three square metres.

"You may also consider taking a personal locator



beacon (PLB) which, when activated, sends an emergency signal via satellite to emergency services."

Kathryn also encouraged community members to check the VicEmergency app or website for incidents and warnings in the area you're visiting.

St. Mary’s Primary School RUOK Day: Celebrating Kindness – and Connection

[From St Mary’s]

Every year, RUOK Day serves as a poignant reminder for members of our school community to check in on each other’s well-being.

The recent event in 2025 was enriched by the inspiring presence of Emily from Headspace, who helped deepen our understanding of the significance of this day. Her interactive discussion clarified how RUOK Day encourages us to foster connections and support one another.

During her presentation, Emily emphasised the importance of recognising and articulating emotions. She led an engaging activity where students drew around a friend to illustrate how feelings manifest in our bodies. This exercise sparked a lot of conversations, helping students understand that anxiety and excitement can often feel similar, much like having “butterflies in your tummy.” The goal was clear: understanding our own emotions can enhance our ability to empathize with others.

Activites

The day was filled with fun activities that brought the community together. Many students shared their favourite moments, and the games were a highlight for many. One student exclaimed, “The Octopus Game was my

favourite! It taught me how important it is to work together to solve problems.” Through playful competition, they learned crucial teamwork skills while ensuring everyone was included in the fun.

Cupcakes adorned with cheerful decorations and vibrant stands contributed to the festive atmosphere of the day. Students eagerly handed out bracelets and goodies, spreading messages of kindness and support throughout the school.

“I loved handing out cupcakes,” said one participant, “it made everyone smile and created a sense of togetherness.”

Feedback

The feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many students expressing a desire to repeat the event next year.

“Yes, we should do it again because it was fun, and I want to experience it all over again!” another student shared enthusiastically.

Suggestions for future RUOK Days included adding more activities that promote teamwork and kindness, such as team sports or collaborative games that challenge us to work together.

While RUOK Day serves as a specific time to check in with friends, Emily’s message resonated beyond the event. It instilled a sense of responsibility among students to look out for one another continuously. “It’s important to ask how someone is feeling, not just today but every day,” remarked a thoughtful student. The kindness emphasised



during RUOK Day should be woven into the fabric of our daily interactions.

Choices

Students also expressed the wish for more stalls and activities next year, suggesting a broader array of choices. “We should ask more people to contribute by making stalls,” one student suggested, reflecting a desire for community involvement that extends beyond the event. Additional requests for sporty and engaging activities indicated the enthusiasm for keeping the spirit of teamwork alive.

As we reflect on this year’s RUOK Day, it’s heartening to see how students recognised the value of communication, mutual respect, and care. This special day not only encourages us to ask, “Are you okay?” but also to build a culture where kindness and support are part of everyday life. To cultivate this, we must remember that every interaction is an opportunity to make someone’s day brighter and to ensure we’re all looking after each other. Let’s carry these lessons forward and work together as a supportive school community in 2026 and beyond.

Mancel’s Incredible Record

- Continued from page 1.
- Club and associated Labour Day Tennis Tournaments.
- Former committee member Wycheproof VISION.
- Former committee Member and volunteer “Back to Wycheproof” 1967 and 1991.
- Member of Wycheproof RSL.
- Participant (1978) and volunteer Wycheproof King of the Mountain Events.
- Community – History
- Founder and owner of Willandra Museum (Wycheproof Local and Pioneer History) 1991.
- Founding member of Wycheproof HES/PS Community Museum at Wycheproof P-12 College.
- Wycheproof Historical Society Committee Member.
- Friends of the Wycheproof Railway committee member and volunteer.
- Initiated recent recognition of Waltzing Matilda Jet Engine Truck (World Speed Record in Wycheproof).
- Wycheproof-Narraport Football Club
- Former Junior President.
- Former Committee Member.
- Former Coach (10 years+) 1979-1986 Under-16s and Under-17s.
- 5 Premierships (1 Narraport, 4 Wycheproof Narraport) and a few runners-up.
- Former player and winner of 5 Senior Best and Fairest Awards and two Runner-Up Awards.
- Played over 300 games.
- Life Member.
- Recipient of a still-standing record of North Central Football League 4 Best and Fairest Awards (1958, 1960, 1961, 1966) and two Runner-Up awards.
- Vice-Captain Wycheproof-Narraport Seniors.
- Last playing Coach and Captain Narraport Football Club 2 years.
- North Central Interleague Vice-Captain 3 times.
- North Central Runner (injured).
- 10 North Central Interleague matches.
- Coach of winning North Central Under-18s Curtain Raiser team against the Mallee.
- Awards and Recognition include:
- Wycheproof and District Citizen of the Year Award 2012.
- “Herald Sun/Weekly Times” front page “Best Country Footballers” 2023.
- Asked to train with numerous VFL Football Clubs.
- “Herald Sun/Weekly Time’s National Bush Summit nominee 2025.
- Order of Australia Medal Recipient 2025.



• Mancel with Honourable Margaret Gardner AC, Governor of Victoria.

“Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale”

The much-loved Crawley family and their staff take a final bow in this weekend’s Rex movie – “Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale.”

The trials and tribulations of the extended family, led by Robert Crawley (Hugh Bonneville) and his wife Cora (Elizabeth McGovern) as Lord and Lady Grantham, have been a part of television and movie history since the show first aired in 2010.

Six series, including five Christmas specials and three movies (2019, 2022 and 2025) have endeared millions to the fictional characters and landed gentry and their staff in a setting which explored the social, historical and economical contexts of the early 20th century.

“Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale” enters the 1930s with Lady Mary finding herself at the centre of a public scandal after divorcing

her second husband, while the family is also facing financial trouble. As the entire household grapples with the threat of social disgrace, the Crawleys must embrace change as the staff prepares for a new chapter with the next generation leading Downton Abbey into the future.

This is a rich and luxurious production which will appeal to fans of the series as well as those just looking to immerse themselves in a glamorous era.

“Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale” (PG 123 mins) screens: Saturday, September 27, 8 p.m. | Sunday, September 28, 2 p.m. | Tuesday, September 30, 8 p.m. | Wednesday, October 1, 10:30 a.m..

Boort, Miniyip Share Aged Care Funding

(From Senator Jana Stewart)

The Federal Government is committing record levels of funding to rebuild our aged care system so every older Australian can get the world-class care they deserve, wherever they live.

Albanese Government Delivers More Than \$31 Million For Aged Care In Regional Victoria.

To boost access to high quality residential aged care and housing for aged care workers outside of major cities, we’re investing \$300 million in the latest round of the Aged Care Capital Assistance Program (ACCAP).

In Victoria, the Albanese Labor Government is investing more than \$31 million to ensure older Victorians can gain access to world-class aged care including (but not limited to) the following projects:

- \$2.1 million to extend the Morrie Evans Wing Nursing Home in Benalla.
- \$7.5 million to build a new 32-bed residential wing at Karingal Seymour.
- \$2.8 million to build six new staff accommodation

units at the Rumbalara Multi-Aged Care Complex in Shepparton.

- \$329,000 for new prefabricated staff accommodation at Boort District Health.

- \$404,000 for new portable staff dwellings at Dunmunkle Lodge Hostel in Miniyip.

Nationwide

Nationwide, the projects funded in this grant round will deliver 315 new or reopened aged care beds, improving access where it is needed and helping older patients get the care they need, in the most appropriate setting sooner.

This \$300 million funding boost builds on \$651 million already invested by the Government through ACCAP since 2022, bringing our total investment to \$951 million.

For more information about the ACCAP grants,

future rounds and funded projects, visit: www.health.gov.au/accap

Support

“The Albanese Government is supporting more older Victorians age with dignity in the communities they know and love, regardless of where they live,” said Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae.

“Labor’s \$300 million funding boost is the single largest aged care infrastructure investment by any Federal Government.

“ACCAP has now provided almost a billion dollars to help rebuild our aged care system after a decade of neglect. Today’s announcement will deliver over \$31 million in capital funding to ensure older Victorians get the quality care they deserve.”

Great News

“This funding is great news for Nicholls and Mallee,” said Senator Jana Stewart, Senator for Victoria.

Projects in Benalla, Seymour and Shepparton, as well as Boort and Miniyip, will support older locals to access quality aged care services while remaining close to their families and cultural connections.”

“As someone who grew up in regional Victoria, I know how important it is that older people can get the care they need without having to leave their community. These investments will help attract and retain the workforce we need to deliver aged care across our regions.

“Older people play such an important role in our community, and it is essential they are provided the very best in aged care.”

CFA Urges Victoria To Get Fire Ready

CFA is urging Victorians to Get Fire Ready with more than 500 brigades across the state hosting an event this October to help communities prepare ahead of what’s expected to be a challenging fire season.

The Get Fire Ready initiative will kick off on October 4 and 5 and run throughout the month.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said the Get Fire Ready events are designed to inform and educate the community about their local fire risks.

“The seasonal outlook warns parts of Victoria could face an increased fire risk this bushfire season and CFA is getting on the front foot to help communities across Victoria plan and prepare for bushfire season,” Jason said.

“Get Fire Ready is about making sure every Victorian understands their fire risk, has a fire plan and knows where to get emergency information.

“More than 500 brigades across Victoria are either holding events at their station,

at local community events or within the community.

“Brigades will chat to the community about their local bushfire and grassfire risks, steps they can take to prepare and where to get emergency information from.”

One of the brigades taking part is Dimboola, an area that dealt with a large bushfire earlier this year and is again at increased fire risk this spring.

Brigade Captain Lyndon Kuhne said the open days are a chance to strengthen ties with the community.

“We know our patch and the risks bushfire poses. These open days are a chance to sit down with our friends and neighbours and talk through their plans,” Lyndon said.

“Too often people think it won’t happen to them. In Jan-

uary, we saw firsthand the importance of preparing early, having a plan. Don’t wait until fire is at your door.”

CFA is encouraging all Victorians, particularly those in high-risk areas, to attend their local Get Fire Ready event.

Jason reinforced that preparation doesn’t need to be complicated.

“Clearing gutters, mowing lawns, trimming branches, knowing where you’ll go if a fire breaks out and setting a watch zone in the VicEmergency app can make a real difference in an emergency,” Jason said.

To find out when your local brigade is taking part visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/get-fire-ready.



• CFA is preparing to kick off the Get Fire Ready Initiative, starting October 4 and 5.



• TD with Principal Tony Hand and Executive Area Director Suzanne Camm.

Terri’s 35-Year Teaching Career

Terri Dean, or “TD” as she prefers to be called, started her teaching career at Sea Lake High School in February, 1989, as an English and Humanities/History.

Sea Lake High School became Tyrrell College in 1995, and TD was then working in a P-12 where she stayed until the end of 2004 accumulating a total of 16 years at Sea Lake.

During that time, she was a Leading Teacher and then an Expert Teacher. Part of her work with students saw her working in a program in the late 1990s called “As the crow flies”, which was a project based around using what was very revolutionary at the

time – email. This event led her to chaperone students on a trip to South Africa, which is a highlight for her.

In 2005 she moved to St Arnaud Secondary College, where she has continued her teaching for the past 20 years. TD has been the timetabler at the college for at least 10 years and continues to teach Year 11 and 12 History and Legal Studies as well as middle secondary Humanities.

She is a very popular teacher with the students, and

is as creative in the classroom today as she was in the 1990s where she taught across all Key Learning Areas apart from languages.

Congratulations on being recognised for 35 years’ service – 40 years is really only just around the corner!

Terri was educated at the Donald Primary and High School and is the eldest child of Marlene and the late Graeme Davidson, of Donald.

At This Year’s Donald Show... Kids’ Time to Shine

The Donald Show is just around the corner, and one of the best parts is seeing what our local kids bring along to the pavilion and showgrounds.

With school holidays here, it’s the perfect time to get creative, get busy, and prepare your entries!

There’s something for everyone – whether you love colouring, cooking, animals, or making things with your hands. Here are some great ideas to get you started.

Arts and Crafts

• Bendigo Bank Colouring competitions (pick up a sheet from the website or Bendigo

Bank or Choose Food).

• Painting or drawing – from animals to landscapes, let your imagination run wild.

• Lego creations – build a farm, a spaceship, or anything you can dream up.

• Handicrafts – knitting, sewing, or even recycling projects.

Cooking and Produce

• Bake a batch of biscuits, cupcakes, or a simple cake – decorated in your own style.

• Jam, slice, or homemade treats (with a little help from Mum, Dad or Nan).

• Bring along some veggies or flowers from your own garden.

Photography

Snap photos of your pets, the farm, or something that makes you smile.

Why Enter?

It’s not about winning, it’s about having a go, learning new skills, and seeing your work proudly displayed in the pavilion. Kids’ sections are a highlight every year, and it’s always exciting to see what

creative ideas our young people come up with.

Entries are open, so grab the school holidays as your chance to prepare. Check out the full schedule and competition details at www.donaldshow.com.au. Schedules are also available around town.

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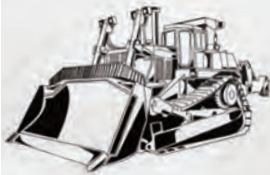
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- Receive the Reports and Financial Statements of the Association for 2024/25.
- Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2025/2026.
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2025 Donald Show

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Labor’s 2035 Target a Costly Shame: Missed It by THAT Much

Member for Mallee, Dr Anne Webster, said every Australian should be once bitten, twice shy on this week’s 2035 emissions reduction target of 62-70 per cent and Labor’s claims power bills will come down as a result.

Noting that Labor promised 97 times before they won Government they would reduce power bills by \$275, Dr Webster said Australians deserve the facts given Labor’s track record.

“Power bills went up by over \$1,000 per year, not down as Labor promised, yet now Labor wants us to believe power bills will fall \$1,000?” Dr Webster said.

“Within 24 hours Minister Bowen has already started walking back the \$1,000 projections, saying it wasn’t a ‘political promise’.” You cannot believe these charlatans.

Frontier Economics managing director Danny Price said the \$1,000 year claim was “so dishonest”, adding “I wish governments would stop lying like this” and “I suspect most Australians know that is a bald-faced lie and those claims just can’t be supported.”

Delusion

Dr Webster highlighted Labor’s delusion of a 100 per cent renewable energy target means 4,000 kilometres of new transmission lines due to Australia’s huge size relative to other, comparatively geographically miniscule European nations with similar 2035 emissions reduction targets.

“As we have seen with VNI West’s 280 kilometres of transmission lines in Mallee, Labor at federal and state levels do not give a rip about regional Australians, passing draconian laws to force their way through – including \$12,000 fines for standing in the way, or \$6,000 for tearing down a TCV sign on a farmer’s own fence,” Dr Webster said

“That’s the danger of Labor’s zealous pursuit of a global ‘COP31’ hosting rights in 2027 – and regional Australians aren’t buying it!

“The PM might have published this nonsense so he can

brag at the UN General Assembly and ‘Climate Week’ in the US next week, but the facts simply must be called out for what they are.

Target

“Every expert not under the Government thumb says Labor will fail to meet their 2030 emissions reduction target of 43 per cent on 2005 levels. Five years out from the 2030 target, emissions are only down 29 per cent. In what delusion do Labor think 62 or even 70 per cent could be reached in ten years? Labor already needs to triple the rollout of wind turbines to reach the 2030 target – and no new turbine projects have been approved this year. Yet this week’s climate announcements indicated for a 2035 target, wind capacity has to quadruple, utility solar capacity tripled, and rooftop and distributed solar doubled.

“The Prime Minister has lost his grip on reality, mired in the B.S. he spoke about at Ballarat recently. Australians aren’t buying it, they won’t be taken for fools.

“Labor keeps calling ‘renewables’ the ‘cheapest form of electricity’ but hides the hundreds of billions of dollars Australians already pay, and will pay, on Labor’s renewables-only craze, through government subsidies, grants, on their energy bills and in their taxes.

“Labor’s failing renewables-only policy is impacting regional communities right now – damaging agricultural land and food production, steamrolling the rights of communities and increasing energy costs for families and businesses. Every time you receive your power bill, it should have Anthony Albanese’s and Chris Bowen’s face on it.”

The Environment

“Labor is destroying the very thing the climate movement claims it wants to pro-

tect – the environment – with its all-renewables obsession at any cost. We are seeing the native environment being ripped up with transmission lines, industrial solar panels and wind turbines.

Australia’s emissions profile is 1 per cent of global emissions, while China is responsible for 30 per cent of global emissions, the USA over 11 per cent, India about 8 per cent and Russia 5 per cent – those four together accounting for over half the world’s emissions. Brazil, Indonesia, Japan and Iran all emit more than double what Australia does.

Ten Year High

Last year alone, China hit a ten year high of new coal-fired power installations, beginning construction of almost 95 gigawatts (GW) of new coal power plants. By contrast, Australia has just 20 GW of total installed capacity. The world has 2,270 GW of installed coal-fired power capacity. Every year this decade, installed coal fired power capacity has grown.

Australia has reduced emissions by about a quarter on 2005 levels compared with the USA (down 17 per cent), China (up 60 per cent) and India (up 130 per cent).

After over 3 years under the Albanese Labor Government, energy prices are up, reliability is down and emissions reduction have stalled.

The planet naturally emits 4 times the greenhouse gases than man-made emissions, so Australia’s less than 1 per cent of “anthropogenic” emissions is just 0.15 per cent of all annual emissions on the planet.

“There is no justification for Labor’s unscientific, ideological and political target for 2035, because it will continue to economically hurt Australian businesses and families,” Dr Webster said.

Machete Bin Program Condemned

Victorians are paying the price for yet another Labor failure, with the state government blowing \$13 million on a machete bins program that could have instead paid for an extra 130 police officers in Victorian communities.

The Nationals’ Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy, said Labor had spent the eye-watering amount on 45 bins – including one in her electorate, in Horsham – while simultaneously cutting \$50 million from the police budget and leaving 41 police stations operating on reduced hours. She said Labor’s priorities could not be more out of touch.

“Regional communities do not have a machete problem. They have a law-and-order problem caused by insufficient police, under-resourced courts, and a government that fails to back our frontline officers,” she said.

“Instead of investing in frontline policing, improving court access, and properly managing offenders, this government is wasting mil-

lions on expensive gimmicks that will do little to help make our communities safer.”

Ms Kealy said charities used similar types of disposal bins across Victoria for a fraction of this cost.

No Justification

“There is simply no justification for the \$13-million price tag – it is an outrageous waste of taxpayers’ money,” she said.

“Regional Victorians deserve better. We deserve a government that backs our police, restores vital services, and takes community safety seriously.

“More than 1100 police positions remain unfilled, and since November last year 43 police stations have either shut their doors or reduced hours simply because there are not enough officers to



• Emma Kealy

keep them open.

“In regional Victoria, this means longer response times, fewer patrols, and communities left vulnerable while crime continues to rise.

“The Liberals and Nationals will back our police, fill frontline vacancies, restore services, and make sure dangerous offenders face justice.”

Stats Reveal Lack of Funding

Newly-released figures reveal the full extent of the State Government’s disregard for basic road maintenance.

A Parliamentary Budget Office Report proves the government spends significantly less than New South Wales and Queensland on arterial road and bridge maintenance.

The State Government spends an average of \$26,676 per kilometre yearly on roads maintenance, trailing behind New South Wales (\$30,608) and Queensland (\$27,282).

Damningly, Victoria on average is spending 13 per cent less

on road maintenance per kilometre than New South Wales.

The figures in the report are based on data from a 10-year block from 2014-15 to 2023-24.

Shadow Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Danny O’Brien, said: “There is no way Labor can spin these numbers – they are one of the reasons why Victoria’s roads are in such a poor state.

“Labor, over a 10-year

period, has spent well under the national average on road maintenance per kilometre, and considerably less than the two other most populous states New South Wales and Queensland.

“The roads that take Victorians to and from home, work and school are a crumbling mess as Labor oversees \$48 billion in cost blowouts on mega projects.”

Nationals Slam Qantas

Qantas’ proposal to shut Mildura, Hobart and Canberra bases has been condemned as another crippling blow to regional aviation in Australia.

On top of the collapse of Rex and Bonza, Qantas has decided to consolidate the home base of pilots and cabin crew to Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, affecting around 70 crew and their families.

Nationals Senate Leader and Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, Senator Bridget McKenzie, and Dr Anne Webster, Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government, Territories and Regional Communications, whose electorate of Mallee is directly impacted by the changes, have condemned the Qantas proposal.

Dr Webster described the move as short-sighted, poorly consulted and damaging to Mildura, a busy regional capital, which had already experienced an increase in fares.

Senator McKenzie said the proposed closures show Qantas had dealt a stunning blow to people in regional Australia which had come on top of the gutting regional services.

“Qantas will be adding to the retreat of professional careers from the regions and disrupting families who have built their lives around doing what you love where you live,” Senator McKenzie said.

Mockery

“This makes a mockery of an airline that was born and raised in regional Australia.

“Qantas is undermining communities, relocating pilots and crew, while insisting services will somehow be unaffected,” she said.

“And let’s be clear: Mildura is regional Victoria’s largest airport, and Hobart and Canberra are capital city ports. These are not remote airstrips. Their closure as Qantas bases underlines how far Qantas has drifted from its founding mission.

“Qantas executives have said the jobs of Hobart, Mildura and Canberra based pilots and flight crew are not at risk but that is not the view of staff affected.”

“Gut Punch”

Coverage in Tasmanian media described the Hobart decision as a “gut punch” for Tasmania, with crew who only recently relocated now facing upheaval again.

Dr Webster said Mildura’s inclusion in the closures is devastating for her electorate, where the local Qantas base has been vital for connectivity and certainty, and has been critical to attract professionals to work in the region.

“Qantas has been running down these bases by stealth. Scheduling rosters in ways that undermine efficiency and now declaring the regionally-based staff model will not work for the airline’s future.

“It’s an insult to workers who are long-time Mildura res-



• Ann Webster.

idents, and to the communities who rely on them. For Mildura, this is not just about jobs – it’s about access, confidence and long-term viability.”

Both leaders were critical of Qantas’s staff consultation process, saying flight crew fear they will be worse off, connection to their regional and capital city communities lost, and urged Infrastructure and Transport Minister Catherine King to step in.

“Australians, especially those outside Sydney and Melbourne, deserve better than this cycle of closures, uncertainty and consolidation. The Government cannot stand by while the national carrier shrinks its footprint,” Dr Webster said.

Senator McKenzie added, “This isn’t just about workers, it’s about connectivity, liveability and the future of regional Australia. Qantas needs to stop retreating into the big cities and start looking after the nation that gave it its wings.”

Letter to the Editor

Dementia Action Week
(The Editor, “The Times”)

Dear Editor.– This 15–21 September marks Dementia Action Week, culminating in World Alzheimer’s Day on Sunday, 21 September. The theme this year is simple but powerful: when it comes to dementia, nobody can and nobody should do it alone.

Dementia touches more than the 433,000 Australians living with the condition. It also impacts families, friends, carers and the wider community. Sadly, many people with dementia tell us that after diagnosis, friends and even family can drift away. Often it is not intentional, it comes from not knowing what to say or how to help.

The statistics are stark. Nearly four in ten people living with dementia say oth-

ers no longer keep in touch. More than a third feel they are treated differently. Over half of families and carers report feeling unfairly treated. Caring for a loved one is emotionally demanding, and too often it is isolating.

For me, this issue is personal. My maternal grandmother lived with dementia for decades and much of that time, living with us in our family home, so I saw firsthand the toll it takes. Not only on the person diagnosed, but on the whole family. My mum, as the only daughter in her family, shouldered much of that responsibility alone. She did it with love, but she should never have had to do it alone. That experience taught me that compassion, patience, and support from others are essential, because dementia is

not something any family should face on their own.

That is why I am proud to support the work of Dementia Australia during Dementia Action Week. Together, we can help reduce stigma, strengthen community connections, and build a more dementia-friendly future here in the Mildura electorate and across the nation.

This week, I encourage everyone in the community to take one small step; make a call, pay a visit or simply reconnect with someone impacted by dementia because nobody can, and nobody should, do it alone.

To learn how you can get involved, visit: www.dementia.org.au/DementiaActionWeek.

Warm regards,
Jade Benham, MP.

Charlton 100 Years Ago

(Information from “East Charlton Tribune”)



• Charlton Bridge opened on September 16, 1925.

September 19 to 23, 1925.

New Bridge: The new bridge was opened on 16th Sept. A procession marched from the State School to the bridge, and after the ceremony to the showgrounds where the children were royally entertained at lunch followed by a sports meeting. The bridge was declared open by Mr J. Weaver M.L.A., Cr Rogan, President of the Shire, welcomed everyone and Mrs Rogan cut the ribbon stretched from side to side. The official bridge dinner was held at the cricket club in the evening. A band concert was also held in the evening with the proceeds in aid of the band rouda.

The Gun: The gun club held a £100 (open) pigeon handicap. The meeting was most successful financially, but the weather was unpleasant. The competitors had to shoot in the rain, which also had a bad effect on the birds. First sweepstake of 10/- brought 15 entries. The second sweepstake had 30 entries. For the open handicap shooters were represented over a wide area of Victoria. The local shooters showed good form. The result was: L. Weaver (Boort), N. Frahm, I. A. O'Donnell and J. Lazarus (Charlton) who carried both nominations drew £8/14/- each. Shooting was carried on to a late hour.

Harriers' 220yd handicap: At the Show ground, the Harriers held a 220 yards handicap during an interval in the children's sports. There were 21 entries. Considering it was his first run, although a member of the club since it was formed, Con Fanning ran remarkably well. The race was won by a most promising young runner, R. Curnow, who now has three victories out of three starts to his credit, the mile, the quarter mile, and the 220 yards. Result: R. Curnow (scratch) 1st; E. Arundell (14 yards) 2nd.

Trophies won by members of the club will be presented during the interval at the pictures on Saturday.

New Mill to be Erected Here: Mr R. P. Tootell of Noske Bros. Pty Ltd announced that his company has definitely decided to erect an up-to-date mill at Charlton. Certain influences had been deciding factors: they had been assured by two prominent councillors and leading farmers of their support; the Progress Association and Agricultural Society expressed their assurance of the district's support; the new bridge had become an accomplished fact; and the Lonsdale Water Scheme would give Charlton a plentiful supply of good water. The mill would have a capacity of 40 sacks of flour per hour. The anticipated wages bill will be in the vicinity of £10,000 per annum.

Obituary: Deep regret will be felt at the death of Mr Frank Killeen, senr. On Wednesday last he was seen standing under a tree near the road on the hill about half a mile from the Buckrabanyule station, sheltering from the inclement weather. Shortly afterwards Mr Grose, for whom he was working, found him dead beneath the tree. Mr Killeen, originally a native of Galloway, Ireland, came here over 40 years ago. He was 65 years of age and well known to many people in the district. His eldest son, Frank, was killed during the war. He left behind a wife and family of five, namely Alice (Mrs H. Cadusch, Kerang), Rose, Eileen, Thomas and William.

Wedding Bells: The marriage of Monica, the eldest daughter of Mr A. C. Bertoli, to Mr Stewart Halliday, of Berri, took place in St Martin's Church. The church was beautifully decorated and during the ceremony was so packed that over 40 people failed to gain admission. The bride wore an ivory georgette frock. The bridesmaids were Miss Zoe Halliday (bridegroom's sister), and the Misses Isobel, Gladys and Amy Bertoli. The wedding breakfast was served at the Parish Hall. After the breakfast the happy couple left by car for the honeymoon which is to be spent at Aldgate, in South Australia.

Show Exodus: The Royal Show exodus reached its highest point on Monday when a large number of Charlton leading business men caught the early train. A number went to Bendigo by car, thence by train to Melbourne, while yet others motored right through.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Buloke.



DRAFT ASSET PLAN, FINANCIAL PLAN, ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN AND BULOKE HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

The Draft Asset Plan 2025-2035, Financial Plan 2025-2035, Road Management Plan and Buloke Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2035 are currently on public exhibition and open for submissions.

Copies can be downloaded from the Have Your Say webpage via the council website at www.buloke.gov.vic.au

Hardcopies can also be viewed at the Wycheproof Customer Service Centre, 367 Broadway, Wycheproof.

Submissions must be received in writing no later than 5pm on **Thursday 9 October 2025** and can be provided in the following ways:

- **Email:** buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au
- **In person:** Place a hard copy submission in the box at the Wycheproof Customer Service Centre, 367 Broadway, Wycheproof, VIC 3527
- **Mail:** Address your submission to – Buloke Shire Council - Submissions, PO Box 1, Wycheproof, VIC 3527.

To ensure your submission is valid please include your name, postal address, a contact phone number, email address (if you have one) and details of your submission.

Please indicate in your submission if you would like to attend a Submissions Hearing to discuss it with Council on Wednesday 8 October 2025 in Wycheproof.

Following the consultation and review period, the Asset Plan 2025-2035, Financial Plan 2025-2035, Road Management Plan and Buloke Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2035 will be recommended for adoption at the Council Meeting on **Wednesday 15 October 2025**.

For more information or assistance with making a submission, contact us on 1300 520 520.

COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following recipients who were awarded funds under our Community Grants Program, at the September Council Meeting:

Community Grants Program:

\$1,273.00 - Charlton Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc. – Project Level Up! - Gaming Events

\$2,000.00 – Granite Community Church Incorporated – Project: Storage cupboard used for Youth Group

\$400.00 – Charlton Golden Grains Museum – Project: Victorian Collections Training

\$1,000.00 – Wheels on A79 (auspiced by Charlton Neighbourhood House) – Project: Wheels on A79 Show & Shine

Sustainability Grants Program:

\$2,169.33 – Donald Men's Shed – Project: Beating the Blues

Sponsorship Grants Program:

\$500.00 – Donald Pastoral & Agricultural Society Inc. – Project: Friday Family Evening - Shining a Light on the health and wellbeing in our community

Do you have a project that benefits the Buloke Shire community? You could be eligible for a Council grant too! Email grants@buloke.vic.gov.au to find out more or call 1300 520 520.

CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

The Connected Circus

WHAT TO EXPECT:
Participants will have the opportunity to learn a range of Circus props including: Spinning plates, Poi, Flowerstix, Dragonstaff, Sticks and Rolla Bolas!

Sessions are free for all Primary & Secondary aged students.

WHEN & WHERE:
Wednesday 1st October
10-11:30am:
Charlton Senior Citizens - 1 High St
12:30-2pm:
Wycheproof Senior Citizens - 367 Broadway
3-4:30pm:
Sea Lake Community Complex - Complex Drive
Thursday 2nd October
10-11:30am:
Birchip Hall - 81 Cumming Avenue
12:30-2pm:
Donald Hall - 35 McCulloch St

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Participants will have the opportunity to learn a range of fun circus skills, including Spinning Plates, Poi, Flowerstix, Dragonstaff, Sticks, Rolla Bolas. Perfect for all skill levels! Come along, give it a go, and have a blast!

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Thursday 2nd October

- 10-11:30am: Birchip Hall - 81 Cumming Avenue
- 12:30-2pm: Donald Hall - 35 McCulloch St

No bookings needed, just turn up and join the fun!



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Farmers Deserve Federal Respect

Communications “Response”

Insults Regional Australians

Farmers deserve federal climate carve-out as 40% of fruit and vegetable growers already consider quitting.

Member for Mallee Dr Anne Webster, has urged the Albanese Labor Government to stick to its pledge to rule out binding greenhouse gas emissions targets on agriculture with a 2035 target imminent, as a major fruit and vegetable industry survey indicates 2 out of 5 growers already intend to down tools.

“Energy Minister Chris Bowen and former Agriculture Minister Murray Watt both pledged previously that agriculture would not have binding emissions targets – they need to stick to that,” Dr Webster said.

“Labor’s respect for farmers is at record lows if you look at their behaviour in my electorate and regional Victoria, hitting drought affected farmers with new taxes and railroading them with new transmission lines and hefty fines for standing firm for their property rights. Australian food security has never been at greater risk.

“Labor needs to respect farmers’ concerted efforts to reduce emissions and the importance – acknowledged in the Paris Climate Agreement – that food security has to come first.”

Food Security at Risk

The 2025 AUSVEG Industry Sentiment Report released this week shows Australia’s

food security is at risk, as two in five growers consider leaving the industry.

“Every Australian should be worried that 40 per cent of the fruit and vegetable industry is considering leaving within the next year, with a further 40 per cent saying they would also quit if they had a viable exit strategy,” Dr Webster said.

“It is not that long ago we were paying record prices for lettuce and other vegetables due to supply constraints – the cost-of-living will rise further, prices will be more volatile, biosecurity will be at risk and we will suffer further supply shocks if up to 80 per cent of our growers leave the industry.

Financially Worse Off

Dr Webster noted the survey indicated 62 per cent of farmers were financially worse off compared to 12 months ago, and 53 per cent expected to be worse off by July, 2026.

“The cost of compliance for vegetable growers has gone up to \$213 million per annum. This huge cost is also impacting our farmers mentally, with nine in ten reporting negative impacts of compliance audits on their stress levels and mental wellbeing.



• Ann Webster.

“Growers should be focusing on their crops, not being forced to fill out forms. It is no wonder confidence across the industry has been smashed. It is worrying that Labor not only has no plan to fix it, but continues to increase the burdens farmers face.

“Our farmers produce the nation’s food and fibre – they should be supported by Labor to get the workers they need, and by Labor being tough on supermarkets, instead of being slapped with more red and green tape and compliance to make food production even harder.

“I am not sure that Australians would want to live in a country where we are importing vegetables and not growing our own – but this is the road Labor is taking us down.”

The Coalition says Communications Minister Anika Wells is clearly out of her depth, with the Albanese Labor Government’s woefully inadequate reports on regional telecommunications released last week under the cover of 2035 emissions reduction targets.

Shadow Communications Ministers, Melissa McIntosh, and Dr Anne Webster, said regional Australians have been insulted and disconnected by the overdue government response to the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee (RTIRC) report and the short consultation timeframe on its Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation (UOMO) proposal.

“The Coalition is shocked that Minister Wells has committed no funding to improving regional connectivity in yesterday’s announcements and kicked the UOMO can down the road to 2028,” Ms McIntosh said.

“This is the first time a government response has been so flippant. Previous government RTIRC responses specifically addressed recommendations, respecting RTIRC and the communities that participated in community forums.

“Communities across the country are going to be very disheartened by such lack of care and commitment.”

No Clear Signal

Shadow Minister for Regional Communications Dr Anne Webster said regional

Australians have been left with no clear signal on whether Labor will fix regional connectivity at all in this term of office.

“Time and again Labor shows no respect for those that live and work in the regions, trying to play regional Australians for fools,” she said.

“Labor misled regional Australians before the election about UOMO, but the only ‘universal’ thing about it is it is full of black holes – funding black holes, committing black holes and continuing connectivity black holes.

“Regional Australians need action, not more talk.”

Promise

Labor promised to legislate UOMO in 2025, but with just four sitting weeks left this year, it looks likely to be another casualty of this lazy and hapless government.

Shadow Minister Webster said regional Australians were still reeling from a botched 3G shutdown, which also sits squarely on Labor’s shoulders after they failed to plan the shutdown appropriately with telcos.

“Labor has learned nothing from the 3G shutdown,” she said.

“Regional Australians miss out in so many ways. They deserve respect, not a rushed, tick-a-box ‘consultation’ so the Government can press on with their own agenda regardless of how it impacts those that live in the regions,” Dr Webster said.

“Telecommunications is an essential service for regional Australians and critical to overcome the tyranny of distance and boosting efficiencies in business, agriculture, markets and healthcare.”



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Blast from the Past

(From the “Donald Times”, September 15 to 29, 1925)

September 15. Donald Police Court. Henry Delehey was charged with having travelled in a first-class carriage on the Victorian railway while in possession of only a second-class ticket. James McNally, conductor, said that on May 5, between Watchem and Birchip, he found defendant in a first class compartment. He produced a second-class ticket from Melbourne and said he had been placed in the carriage further down the line. There was plenty of room in the second-class. Delehey did not appear, but forwarded a letter. In answer to the P.M., McNally said he did not know whether the train was crowded on leaving Melbourne. Defendant was fined 20/-, with 14/- in costs.

September 18. Left Out. When the grants from the Country Roads Board to the Donald Shire were made known recently, it was noticed that although £3,000 had been

voted for work on the Donald-Sheep Hills road and a similar amount for the Rich-Avon road, the Donald-Minyip road had been cut off “without a shilling” as it were. Taking into account the importance of this highway, and the amount of traffic it is called upon to bear at all periods of the year, no little surprise was expressed. Accordingly, at the last meeting of the council, Cr. Adams moved that a sum of £500 be taken from each of the grants for the Donald-Sheep Hills and Rich Avon roads, and that £1,000 so obtained be expended on the Donald-Minyip road. Cr. Coats thought they should not take any money from the Sheep Hills road, although a lot had been spent on the Rich Avon road last year. Cr. McPherson said that although against the principle of diverting any of the funds that had been voted, he had been over the half-mile at the end of the metalling on the Donald-Minyip road, and could vouch

for it being an absolute bog. For this reason he would support the president, although the precedent was not a desirable one. The engineer read a letter from the Country Roads Board, agreeing to such a proposal, should the Council think fit, and, after discussion the president’s motion was carried. This means that the £4,500 will be divided equally between each of the roads mentioned instead of being expended only on two.

September 22. Personal. Messrs. W. Sproat and R. Reseigh left Donald yesterday on their way to the Queensland prize in Brisbane. They will leave Melbourne today, and expect to be at their destination on Thursday. The best wishes of the riflemen of the state, and particularly of the Donald Rifle Club, will accompany the marksmen, and it is hoped that the former, who is this year’s Victorian captain, will have the pleasure of leading his men to victory in the Commonwealth teams’ match.

September 25. Donald Mechanics Institute. It is to be hoped that subscribers to the Donald Mechanics Institute will bestir themselves as to attend the special general meeting of that body tonight, when tenders for the renovation of the building, which cannot be stated to be in very creditable state of repair at the present time, will be considered. At a recent meeting it was decided that something would have to be done in a way of renovation, and a sub-committee, consisting of Dr. Flanagan, Mr. C.J. Robinson and Mr. B.M. Basset, would be appointed to draw up specifications and call tenders for the necessary repairs.

A vote of thanks was also tendered to Messrs. G. Clempson, W. Bandy and Varley, who had, at the request of the secretary, inspected the building and given their opinion regarding it. The book committee has purchased many new books of late, and the work of repairing the binding of those which have been worn or damaged had been undertaken. New periodicals which have made their appearance on the reading room table include several topical periodicals.

September 29. Annual School Bazaar. An annual event which is deservedly popular is the D.H.E.S. Bazaar. This fixture has been a fruitful source of revenue since its institution, and the money raised has, through the school committee, been well spent in carrying out a scheme of substantial improvement to

the grounds and various school appointments. The bazaar is to be held at the Memorial hall on Saturday next, during the afternoon and evening, and the official opening will be in the hands of Cr. R. A. Adams, the Shire president. The various competitive sections are attracting a great

deal of interest, having been widely advertised by means of printed dodgers distributed by the children. The usual attractive stalls and kiosks will be in evidence and the patronage of the public is all that is needed to again make the function the success it has been in recent years.

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Down - 1, Damage. 2, Remit. 3, Austere. 4, Ogre. 5, Occur. 6, Intense. 7, Tiller. 13, Despair. 15, Gorilla. 16, Crutch. 17, Veneer. 19, Mango. 21, Boast. 22, Beer.

September at St. Joseph's School:

[From St. Joseph's, Charlton]

September has been a month full of energy, learning, and togetherness at St Joseph's School, with a focus on fun and wellbeing.

From celebrating our dads to cheering on our footy teams, our school has been buzzing with activities that brought students, staff, families, and the wider community together.

We began the month with our Father's Day Breakfast, where the smell of bacon and eggs filled the surrounds. Students were excited to share a special morning with their dads and father figures, enjoying delicious food, some Dad Jokes, and even some friendly games like soccer, basketball, Connect Four and Jenga! It was a beautiful reminder of how important these connections are in our school community.

Wellbeing

A few days later, we turned our attention to wellbeing with R U OK? Day. Students and teachers wore a touch of yellow, shared conversations, and reminded one another of the power of simply asking, "Are you okay?"

Activities focused on kindness, checking in with friends, and learning how to support one another when times are tough. Students were treated

to some yellow cupcakes, bananas and cookies! In the afternoon students worked with Mrs Wright to learn about this special day, to meditate, to make badges and posters and to learn how to be a "good" friend.

Fairy Tales

Stories came to life when The Flying Bookworm Theatre visited, enchanting us with their retelling of classic fairy tales. This was a brilliant way to celebrate a Friday focus on fiction and fairy tales!

The actors brought to life "Jack and the Beanstalk", "The Enormous Turnip" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". With lively acting, colourful costumes, and plenty of laughter, students were inspired to see books and stories in a whole new way and they loved getting involved by playing some of the characters. We were joined by the P/1/2 students from St Mary's, Donald, and some of our younger siblings.

Time Machine

September also saw the keenly-awaited school concert, "The Time Machine." Our talented students performed

with confidence and creativity, taking the audience on an incredible journey across the ages. From dancing dinosaurs to futuristic explorers, the concert was a showcase of imagination and teamwork. Families filled the hall with proud smiles and cheers that made the night very memorable for the students. Bravo everyone!

Footy Colours Day

Of course, no September would be complete without Footy Colours Day! To finish the term, students and staff proudly donned their team's scarves, guernseys, and jumpers, filling the school with a rainbow of colours. The day was full of friendly rivalry and a special excursion to St Arnaud to watch St Patrick's School perform their annual musical, Oliver with a Twist.

For our soon-to-be students, Kinder Transition Days continued this month. These special times help our soon-to-be preps get a taste of school life, meet their teachers, and start building friendships that will last for years to come. It is wonderful to see



• Students in footy colours.

their enthusiasm and confidence growing each visit.

To conclude the term, our staff enjoyed a day of learning and growing together. Professional development in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives gave

teachers deeper insights to Indigenous culture, history, and ways of knowing.

This important learning will continue to enrich our classrooms and ensure that our students grow with understanding, respect, and appre-

ciation for the world's oldest living culture.

September has truly been a month to remember! We can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings! Happy holidays everyone. Term Four commences Monday, 6th October.



• Grade 2/3 Boot Scootin'.



• The Kelly Gang: Daniel Johnstone, Patrick Winslade and Lochie Caine.



• Johan Siju (Neil Armstrong), landing on the moon.



• Ethena Getley with her uncle Kelvin Getley, father Bradley Getley and grandfather Alan Getley.



• Ruby Wright and Vinny Robert aboard dinosaur.

Connection, Creativity and Community



• Flying Bookworm actor and Wyatt Steenhuis (goose).



• Ivy Giles (giant), Flying Bookworm actors and Madeline Adams (harp).



• William and Ian Donaldson.



• Sophie Roberts (mad professor), Finn Schofield (King Arthur) and Maddie Lanyon (professor).



• Anthony and Toby Bourke.



• Ivy Giles is the giant from Jack and the Beanstalk.



• Sally and Justin Armstrong

A Healthy, Happy You

My grandmother would always say to me: “If you are healthy and have a well-balanced diet of herbs and natural foods, you’ll feel happy!”

That simple statement had a definite impact upon my out-look toward life. I’ve never yet found it to be wrong.

Health and happiness was a very important issue with Nan. An old-time herbalist, she believed that health and diet were related. She was absolutely correct. Today we now realise that the food we eat has far more influence upon our health than any other single factor in life. In fact, our choice of food determines, without doubt, the basic quality of our entire physical organism.

Yet today, people stuff their stomachs with a variety of foods, saturated with chemicals and synthetic ingredients. They are attracted to these foods by advertising and colourful packaging, both of which declare their so-called benefits. What the advertisements and labels fail to tell, is that to grow and produce these foods, sometimes inorganic poisons, such as Benzene Hexachloride, Lead Arsenate, Calcium Arsenate and others, are used.

Modern humans are literally dining on poisons and

calling it a satisfying meal. It may taste good, but stomachs still remain unsatisfied; so, more and more food is consumed. But because of our modern lifestyle, these toxins and drugs are not eliminated from the body. Instead they are stored in the fatty tissues, including such organs as the liver and brain.

Eating and the preparation of food, however, has become a twofold experience for human beings: for the enjoyment it gives our senses and the nourishment it gives our body. But unless what we eat provides suitable nourishment, the enjoyment of the senses is very short-lived.

Yet the answer is simple: If you maintain a healthy diet of herbs, fresh fruit and vegetables, sprouts (living foods,



pure water and an appropriate exercise regime to suit your circumstances), your body will thank you. To get healthy, or to remain healthy, however, your body still needs the right foods, in correct proportions, from all the food groups: carbohydrates (including fibre), protein, and fats. You also need a correct balance of vitamins, minerals, trace elements, and water.

Many of the chronic illnesses suffered by civilised human beings, such as hyperactivity, hypoglycemia, arthritis, cancer and heart disease, are a direct result of unnatural living and eating habits. This is especially so with the modern diet – processed, refined

and devitalised foods that are out of balance with nature, and so, too, are those who wittingly, or unwittingly, fuel their bodies with such a diet.

Life should be full of joyful experiences, not a merry-go-round of ill health or feeling run down and out-of-sorts all the time. To enjoy life to the fullest you must treat your body with care and nourish it with a healthy, natural diet. Freedom from non-chemical foods promotes continual good health.

Remember, you are what you eat! Modern processed foods promote an inner body environment that is congested and a feeding ground for disease. But being healthy is not



• Alan Hayes

dependent upon a miracle solution, it just as simple as replacing “will power” with “won’t power”.

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YOUR THREE-DAY TV GUIDE Tuesday

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The Next Big Thing in Lentils

A new large seeded red imidazolinone (IMI) tolerant lentil variety with the highest combination of disease resistance is on show at field days this spring. Named GIA Colombo, after the capital of Sri Lanka which is a key market destination for this product.

GIA Colombo has been provisionally rated R/MR to ascochyta blight and MRMS to botrytis grey mould. This makes it a great fit for lentil growers in disease prone medium to high rainfall regions, with heavier textured soils or for early sowing times.

Grains Innovation Australia's (GIA) South Australian based breeder, Dr Larn McMurray, said, "If growers do have concerns about diseases this variety will give them more confidence in managing their crop, particularly in seasons with a wetter spring. Fungicides are still required in crop, but less than for more susceptible varieties.

"Areas where lentil intensity is high and crop rotations tight will also find this variety useful to help minimise ascochyta infections," said Dr McMurray.

GIA's Victorian breeder Dr Michael Materne said, "national variety trial (NVT) data showed the new variety

stacked up well against industry benchmarks in a broad range of settings.

"The all Australia NVT predicted MET yield across 25 trials in 2023 and 2024 showed GIA Colombo to be the highest yielding of all the large and medium sized IMI red lentil varieties," said Dr Materne.

"We developed the variety from a PBA Jumbo2 lentil background, and it has a similar plant type and reaction to boron and salinity. It also has a moderate to good vegetative frost reaction and mid maturity rating, like PBA Jumbo2 and GIA Thunder."

"This makes GIA Colombo well suited to longer and more favourable growing season environments," said Dr Materne.

Janine Sounness, commercial manager at PBSeeds, the distributor of the new variety, said "there will be plenty of seed available for the growers to sow in the 2026 season for growers interested in produc-



ing large lentils.

"The large lentil market isn't as big in volume as the small size lentil market but at times large lentils can offer a premium price over small and medium types. GIA Colombo is well suited for the Sri Lankan market with its grey seed coat and seed size a little larger than PBA Kelpie and a little smaller than PBA Jumbo2," she said.

Dr Larn McMurray was a guest speaker talking about what's on the horizon for lentils including GIA Colombo at the Hart Field Day on Tuesday, September 16.

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• GIA Colombo was on display at the Birchip Cropping Group annual September field day at the pulse variety session with Dr Jason Brand (right) and Janine Sounness.

Managing Weeds From Introduced Fodder Sources

(From Richard Smith, Dairy Extension Officer)

With many farmers purchasing more fodder than usual, it's a timely reminder about the increased risks of introducing weeds to your property.

There are key steps that farmers should follow to minimise the risk of introducing and spreading unwanted weeds and pests.

To minimise the risk of these weeds and pests establishing across your farm, make sure all purchased fodder is fed in a designated containment area, feedpad or sacrifice paddock, which has been sited to mitigate risks.

Feeding out in restricted areas allows for better observation of any new plants germinating and enables quick eradication and control of any weeds or pests that might emerge, therefore reducing the risk of these weeds and pests becoming established in the area.

Ongoing drought conditions are creating significant challenges for Victoria's livestock industry, particularly a critical shortage of fodder, with farmers needing to look interstate to source supply.

Agriculture Victoria is providing a free and tailored service to suppliers, transporters and farmers to help them to efficiently navigate the permit requirements to bring feed into Victoria while managing biosecurity risks.

When purchasing feed, famers are encouraged to re-

quest a Commodity Vendor Declaration with every load. Commodity Vendor Declarations contain background information about the fodder source, including whether it has been sprayed or treated with chemical that is still within a withholding period (WHP), export slaughter interval (ESI) or export animal feed interval (EAFI).

Permit applications for fodder are being prioritised by Agriculture Victoria to allow for timely fodder movement. To ensure that fodder movement occurs, once a Plant Biosecurity Permit is applied

for, Agriculture Victoria will contact the farmer within 2 working days to discuss and assess the specifics of their import request.

A plant biosecurity permit will be issued free of charge for fodder movement. If an inspection of fodder by Agriculture Victoria is required on its arrival to Victoria (which will be stipulated as a permit condition), the cost of this inspection will also be waived.

For more information go to <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/drought-support/moving-hay-and-fodder-across-states>



• Group led by Cathy McGowan.

For the 2026 Women on Agricultural Boards Program: Applications Open

Australian Women in Agriculture calls for applicants and partners to support equity in agricultural leadership

Australian Women in Agriculture (AWiA) is proud to open applications for the Women on Agricultural Boards 2026 program, an initiative dedicated to empowering women in agriculture to step into governance and leadership roles across the sector.

Now in its second year, the program is designed to equip women from all agricultural backgrounds with the confidence, knowledge, and networks needed to pursue board and committee positions at local, regional, and national levels.

"Women on Ag Boards is about more than training, it's about creating a pipeline of capable, confident women

leaders who reflect the diversity and strength of the Australian agriculture industry," said Cressida Cains, Acting President of AWiA.

Applications are open to all women in agriculture, including early- to mid-career professionals, farmers, agribusiness employees, and those engaged in advocacy or community leadership.

Alongside the call for applicants, AWiA invites industry leaders and organisations to partner with us in the Women on Ag Boards program 2026. Demonstrating their commitment to driving real change by ensuring more women step into boardrooms and leadership roles across Australian agriculture.

"By investing in women's leadership, sponsors contribute directly to more resilient and representative decision-making across agriculture," said Emily Blackburn, AWiA General Director.

Key Dates: Applications close: 30/9/25.

Program commences: January 2026.

Sponsorship inquiries welcome until: December 2025.

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://www.awia.org.au/women-on-agricultural-boards-project>

To request a sponsorship prospectus, contact: womenonagboards@awia.org.au

What's On RMCG Water Market Workshop

When: Thursday, September 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Swan Hill Club, 5/17 McCallum Street, Swan Hill.

What can you do to manage water risk? Join RMCG for these upcoming workshops to gain some insights to the water market and what you can do to help manage your water risk.

Limited numbers available – respond quickly! This event is being delivered by RMCG on behalf of Agriculture Victoria as part of the Victorian Government's statewide Drought Support Package.

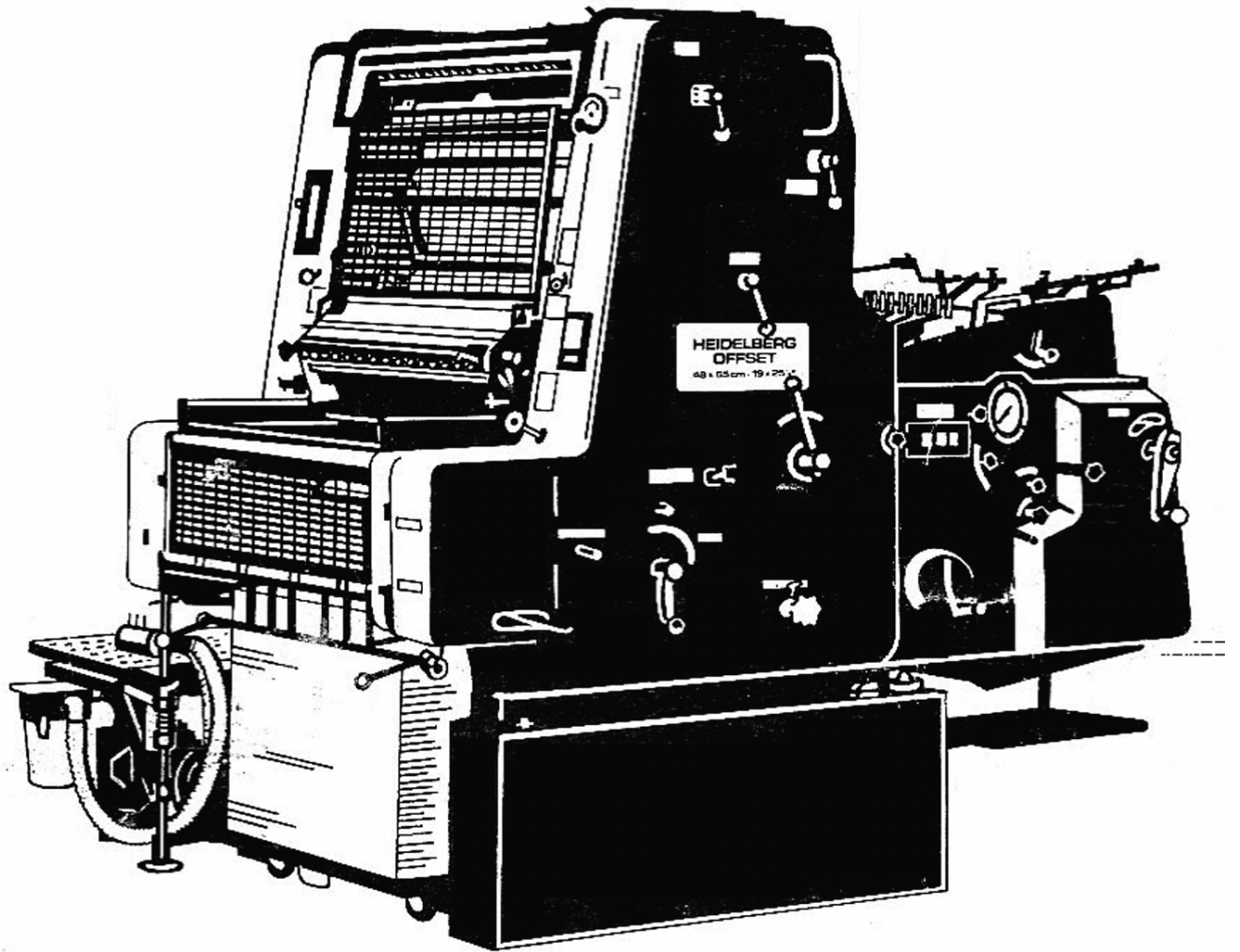
Ultimately, producers will be better equipped to plan, respond, and adapt their water use in the face of drought and market uncertainty.

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“Old Photo Stirs Up Memories”

(By Anne Walsh)

As stated in a previous article, Charles Green’s unnamed 1945 Donald Football Club photo caused a lengthy investigation by one person at the Donald Archives.

The 1945 season didn’t start till May 28. There was no NCFL and teams played in the newly formed Donald Football League with 7 teams: Wooroonook, St Arnaud, Donald, Corack, Laen-Litchfield, Cope Cope and Charlton.

The “Donald Times” indexes showed that Donald had played in the first semi-final in 1945 against Wooroonook, which Donald lost by just 3 points.

The two teams were named in the article, so it was just a matter of fitting the names to the players. The archives has the 1946 DFC named photo and this helped to identify all except two of the players.

I enlisted the help of Robin Letts, who unfortunately was out of town from 1944-1947 and then Bill Anderson, who sorted out the last two names. I’m embarrassed to say that the last person I named was my own father. The photograph was given to Charles Green by Stuart Dunn’s daughter. Stuart had also played for Donald during the year and was inspired to photograph the team before they took the field.

On this page is the photo and the names are as follows.

Back: Bill Quick, Harry Allen (postal worker), Kevin Flanagan, Roy Lemon, Charlie Westblade, Frank Walsh.

Middle: Allan Crone, Fred Rowley Jr., Gerry Clohesy, Jimmy Clarke, Don Howlett (in front), Max Broughton.

Front: George Templar, Jimmy Makin, Bernie Templar, Wally Sparks, Stan Letcher, Jack Tellefson (behind).

Wally Sparks was carried off in the first ten minutes and was replaced by Kevin Richards, the 19th man.

The Wooroonook team was also named, but we have no photo of them.

Wooroonook: Leo Hogan (captain), Ron Hogan, Lawrence Hogan, Coley Conlan, J.J. “Jack” Donnellon, Vince Donnellon, Jim Donnellon, Jack V. Brennan, William Brennan, Keith McLoughlan, Francie McLoughlan, Ken Lynas, Jack Burke, Con Powell, Des Mulquiny, John Dixon, Frank Dixon, Edgar Tonkin; 19th man Tom Donnellon, who replaced Lawrence Hogan.

There was a lengthy front page description of the game and the play which, to my surprise, showed that Dad had played a “blinder” and had kicked four of Donald’s eight goals. I include one excerpt, but will supply the write up to anyone who wants it, as I copied it out for family members.

“For twenty minutes neither side scored and it appeared as though the scores would be nil at the first change. However, when Templar forwarded, Walsh marked and goaled, but no sooner was the ball bounced than Leo Hogan and Conlan carried it to Lynas, who goaled for Wooroonook.”

For those interested, Corack defeated Laen Litchfield in the second semi-final, then Laen Litchfield defeated Wooroonook in the preliminary final. There were no reserves in 1945, so someone arranged for the Donald team to play Merbein as a curtain raiser.

The Laen Litchfield team, which defeated Corack in the grand final, was named and I was excited, hoping that it might show that the grandfathers of Lewis Melican (Swans) and Travis Boak (Port Adelaide) had played together at Laen Litchfield. Both Jack Melican and Alex “Acky” Boak were born and raised on farms in the Litchfield area. Jack Melican wasn’t in the 1945 team and

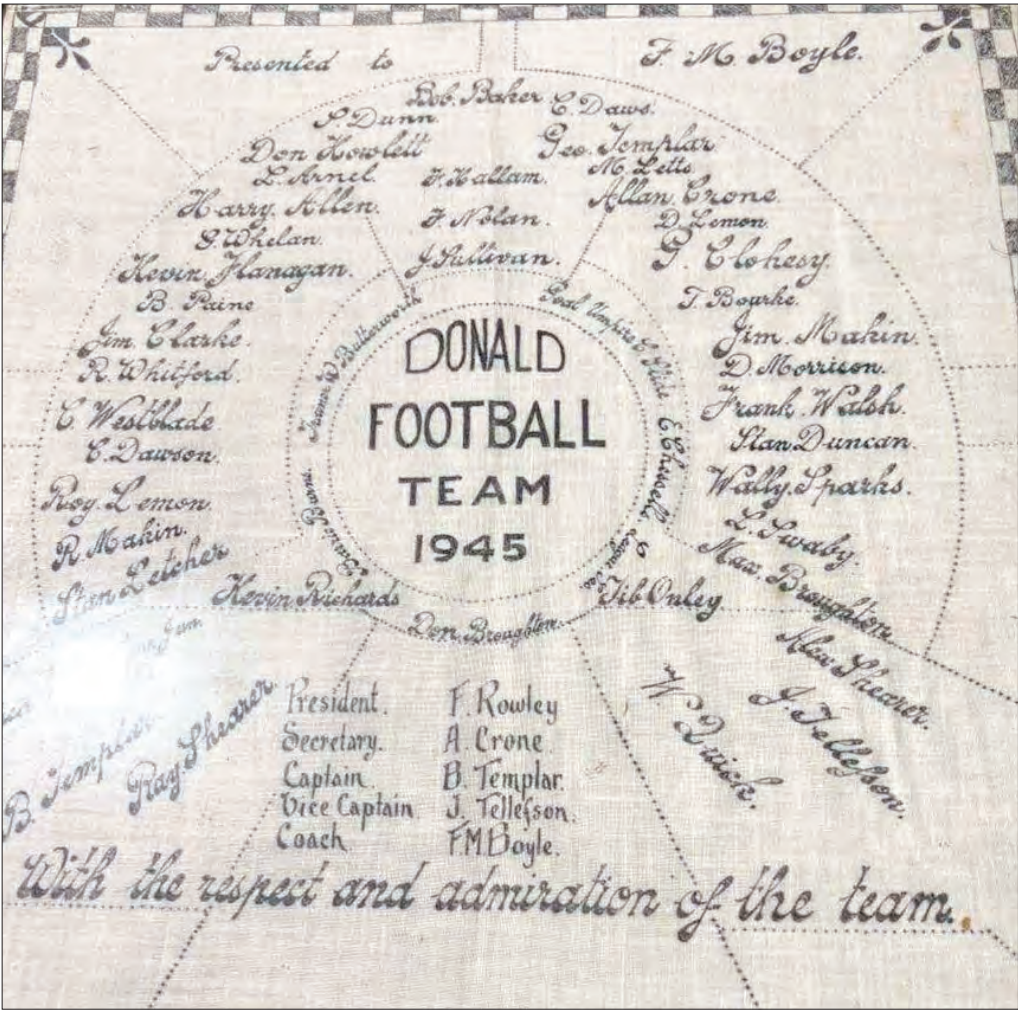
looking at the 1945 premiership photograph, the A. Boak turned out to be Allan Boak. Jim “Spud” Hepworth assured me that Jack and Acky had played together, so I kept looking.

In subsequent years only A. Boak was written, but I eventually found a match in June, 1950, where Jack was vice-captain of Laen Cope Cope Litchfield (LCL) and Alex (Acky) Boak was named in the team, as well as Allan Boak. Jack and Acky may have played together in earlier years, but this is definite proof. Jack was nearing the end of his career and Acky was just starting out, so 1950 is just about right. It is a pity that I hadn’t researched it when the two young men took the field in 2025 and were direct opponents, as it would have been one for the AFL commentators. Travis Boak has now retired so it won’t happen again.

Then just when I thought that the story was exhausted, my nephew, Dennis sent me the following letter and photograph. The letter is from Stephen Boyle, the grandson of Constable F.M. Boyle who coached Donald in 1945 and 1946. Stephen sent it to Peter Faulkner, the secretary of the Donald Football Club.

“Dear Peter, this item was presented to my grandfather 80 years ago and has been in my ‘Man Cave’ for the last 40 years. My wife and I are downsizing and relocating at the moment. Unfortunately, the next generation are not interested in retaining family history. I hope this has some value to the football club historians. Kind regards. Stephen Boyle.”

The “item” mentioned is also pictured and is self-explanatory. I believe that it has found a valued place at the Donald Football Club Rooms.



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Taekwon-do Testing at Donald

(From Phill Zdybel, Buloke Taekwon-do)

Students from across Buloke and Yarriambiack shires graded/tested on Saturday at Formfighting Gym in Donald.

That now signifies the end of four school terms this year, and the first at our own premise; it is still an ongoing process across the board.

Saturday was a solid testing and was not designed to bring in numbers, but to recognise those who have persevered continuously in and out of class.

Some even withheld themselves from previous testings to be more proficient on the day, oh what maturity! Others went the extra mile, with indomitable spirit – that is when you say you are going to do something and do it even when no one is watching; that’s the real test.

To say I am very happy with your results and performances on Saturday is an understatement.

Special Mentions

All students get a special mention – not that you need any applause, you have all earned something deeper.

Many thanks to Fynnian Carlin and Joshua Zdybel for your assistance; in the past and in the future.

6th Gup: Lisa Woods, Joshua Woods, Dean Bennet.

7th Gup: Cameron Jones, Harvey Thomas, Rubin Jane-Higgans.

8th Gup: Diyon Ciju, William Henderson, Jackson Cooksley.

Students came from Wycheproof, Sea Lake, Hopetoun, Warracknabeal, and of course Donald.

Coming Up

Next testing date is on December 6 in Donald 9 a.m. and will be followed by the ITF Victorian Regional Championships, commencing 12 noon. It is hoped to be big, awaiting confirmation from Mildura, and Geelong plus some individuals.

More details will be available closer to date, but with Buloke TKD hitting the 50 mark, across both shires here and actually participating, it is a real possibility.



• A group of those who tested.



• Joshua Woods performing/demonstrating an axe kick.



• Dean Bennet demonstrating a twin knife block.



• Back row, left to right: Fynn Carlin, Phill Zdybel, Lisa Woods, Cameron Jones, Harvey Thomas, Dean Bennet, Joshua Woods, Joshua Zdybel (My son, Geelong Taekwon-do Head Instructor). Front: Jackson Cooksley, William Henderson, Diyon Ciju, Jonathan Woods, Rubin Jane-Higgins.

Charlton Golf Ends its Season

Twenty-eight players contested the final event at Charlton on Sunday to mark the end of the golf season.

The event was a four person Ambrose and as often happens, the scoring was evenly spread and a count-back was required to decide the winners.

With a net 60 strokes, Anthony and Wendy Hargreaves, Alison Tormey and Jamey Soulsby survived the count-back from Benno Catherine, Mark Hamley, Trevor Budds and Jacko Zagame also with a net 60.

The match play knockout final was also played, the contestants being Wayne Southwell and Jeff Cox with the winner taking home the coveted matchplay trophy donated by Roy Postlethwaite.

It was a grandstand finish, all square after 18 holes. A playoff was called for and it was Wayne who outlasted Jeff on the 19th hole for the win.

Wayne has built a reputation as the playoff specialist having survived a couple of playoffs on his way to the final.

Nearest the pins: 2nd Wayne Southwell, 7th Trevor Budds, 14th B. Byrne.

After play, a sociable barbecue tea was enjoyed by members, a fitting conclusion to a memorable season, highlighted by the successful hosting of the Victorian Sandgreen Championship.



• Wayne Southwell (right) receives the matchplay trophy from President Jamey Soulsby (left).

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Vote Count and Awards for Bulls' Juniors

The Birchip-Watchem Bulls community came together on Sunday morning for the junior vote count and presentation day, to celebrate the club's youngest beginners through to the under-17s netball, football and hockey players.

A highlight of the day was the strong turnout of parents, grandparents, siblings, supporters and officials filling the room.

The atmosphere showed just how proud the Bulls community is of its junior player, and how grateful the players, their families and the club executive are to the volunteers who make junior sport possible week after week.

Junior players participate in sport for many different reasons. Some dream of becoming future stars, some value the opportunity to develop their fitness and improve their skills, some achieve individual success, and others don't even enjoy sport that much, they just enjoy being with their friends.

What shone through in their eloquent acceptance speeches though, was their joy of being part of a team, their gratitude to those that make it happen and their desire to enjoy the ultimate team success with their teammates.

Four of the club's seven competitive junior teams reached the finals series and the junior "B" and under-17 netball sides and the under-12 hockey team competed on grand final day. The under-12 hockey players and coach Tim McClelland were the toast of the club over the weekend, claiming the club's sole premiership in 2025.

While only one team in each grade can hold the premiership cup, the day highlighted that success is not measured only by the scoreboard, it is the friendships built, the resilience learned and the personal and physical skills the players develop that are just as important.

In every grade and development program the club ran in 2025, the players' hard work, determination and energy was acknowledged positively. The Bulls' junior players from Prep through to Year 12, were recognised for their commitment, enthusiasm and the improvement they have shown across the season, with coaches proudly highlighting their growth in confidence, skills and teamwork.

Players, families and officials extended their gratitude to the coaches who have made

this possible and presented them with gifts of appreciation.

In 2025 the netball coaches were Kelly Angel (17A), Sasia and Eva Coffey (14A), Tylah Haslam and Zali Angel (14B), and Lauren Baker with Ada Bourke (Net Set Go). Junior football was guided by Bill Lee and Jarrod Tyler, with runner Ty Colbert (under-17), Ben Hogan and Sam Simmons (under-14), and Jake and Billy Noonan in the Future Stars program. Hockey was led by Tim McClelland (under-12), Sasha Salzano, Xanthe Fitzpatrick and Allie Knights (under-15), and Julie and Frances McClelland with Archie Tyler (Minkey).

Whilst the youngest players in the development programs such as Net Set Go, Future Stars football and Hook Into Hockey and Minkey were acknowledged at the conclusion of the home-and-away season, officials paid tribute to these programs that continue to give children their first taste of sport, allowing them to build skills and confidence with every session.

These programs, guided by current and former players who give their time and knowledge willingly and happily, ensure the future of the Bulls remains bright. It is also the first time many families connect with the Bulls community and thus it is imperative these programs are friendly, fun and welcoming for not only the players, but for their families.

It was wonderful to see the new families and grandparents coming along to these non-competitive games on Saturdays, to the Thursday night meals after training and generally getting involved in the club. Because, as Kelly Angel thoughtfully articulated in her coaches address, "Parents are a players' first sponsor".

The progress of the Birchip-Watchem girls' under-15 football team was also celebrated, with Joe Reid providing an update. Now in their fourth season in the CVFL, the girls' program is supported by a dedicated group of volunteers and parents. The club was especially proud of

Eva Coffey's success, with Eva part of the Pioneers program and Woorinen's CVFL under-18 girls premiership side this year, a clear sign of the opportunities and pathways opening up for local girls.

The junior session concluded prior to lunch with a final thanks from MC Fiona Best to all those who contribute behind the scenes: scorers, trainers, umpires, groundkeepers, first aiders, team managers, scribes, photographers, committee members and weekly award sponsors whose combined efforts ensure every child can take the field or court each week.

Their efforts, along with the support of parents, siblings, grandparents and the community on the sidelines, remain at the heart of the club's strength.

In every code and every age group, Birchip-Watchem's juniors have worked hard, improved their skills and enjoyed the experience of being part of the Bulls. Whether chasing awards, striving for premierhips, or simply enjoying time with friends, every child had something to celebrate at Sunday's presentation day, trophy winners as follows:

Netball

17-&-under "A" Grade Best & Fairest: Zali Angel (sponsored by Noonan Contracting).

17-&-under "A" Grade Best & Fairest runner-up: Asha Lee (sponsored by Yield Finance).

17-&-under "A" Grade Coaches Award: Cassie Tynan (sponsored by BWNC).

14-&-under "A" Grade Best & Fairest: Sienna Richmond (sponsored by Peta Ryan).

14-&-under "A" Grade Best & Fairest Runner Up: Alana Caldwell (sponsored by O'Connors).

14-&-under "A" Grade Coaches Award: Lucy Coffey (sponsored by BWNC).

14-&-under "B" Most Improved: Isla Ferrier (sponsored by Noonan Contracting).

14-&-under "B" Most Determined: Frances McClelland (sponsored by Wimmera



• Netball first year players: Addison Hamilton, Lucy Coffey, Stacey Bowen, Hannah Hogan, Georgia Tynan.

Mallee Accounting).

14-&-under "B" First year players: Stacey Bowen, Hannah Hogan, Georgia Tynan, Addison Hamilton, Lucy-Coffey (sponsored by Kawaii Kids).

14-&-under "B" Best in Finals: Frances McClelland (sponsored by Kawaii Kids).

17-&-under "A" Best in Finals: Zali Angel (sponsored by Red Caboose).

14-&-under "A" Best in Finals: Alana Caldwell (sponsored by Red Caboose).

Hockey

Underage Best & Fairest: Lana Angel (sponsored by Lee family in memory of Frances).

Underage runner-up Best & Fairest: Frances McClelland (sponsored by Robyn & John Ferrier).

Underage Bulls Spirit: Max Field (sponsored by Birchip Hardware).

Underage Most Tenacious, Jed Coffey (sponsored by Red Caboose).

Under-12 Most Improved: Sammy Ferrier (sponsored by O'Connors).

Under-12 Coaches Award: River Ryan (sponsored by Tim McClelland).

Under-12 Best in Finals: Denley Tyler (sponsored by BWHC).

Football

Under-17 Best & Fairest: Ollie Cook (sponsored by Robert and Sue Cozens in memory of Gareth).

Under-17 Best & Fairest runner-up: Noah Dean (sponsored by Leo and Bev Ryan).

Under-17 Best Utility: Bayley Kemp (sponsored by Kevin and Colene Delaney).

Under-17 Coaches Award: Cameron Jones (sponsored by Bill Lee).

Under-14 Best & Fairest: Willow Ryan (sponsored by

The Lee family in memory of Eddie).

Under-14 Best & Fairest Runner Up: Archie Tyler (sponsored by Gus & Jenny Noonan).

Under-14 Most Determined: Des Coffey (sponsored by Scott and Belinda Randall).

Under-14 Most Consistent: Denley Tyler (sponsored by Chris and Claire Cook). Under-14 Most Improved: Jed Coffey (sponsored by Andrew and Michelle Lee).

Under-14 Coaches Award: Aki Norton (sponsored by Sam Simmons and Ben Hogan).

More detailed information on the vote counts can be found in beautifully designed booklets containing coaches and presidents reports and teams photographs, available from the Birchip Newsagency or Birchip Neighbourhood House.



• Junior football trophy winners: Aki Norton, Denley Tyler, Des Coffey, Jed Coffey, Cam Jones, Bailey Kemp, Archie Tyler, Willow Ryan, Ollie Cook, Noah Dean.



• Junior netball: Lucy Coffey, Cassie Tynan, Isla Ferrier, Frances McClelland, Asha Lee, Zali Angel, Sienna Richmond, Alana Caldwell.



• Hockey trophy winners: Jed Coffey, Lana Angel, Max Fields, Denley Tyler, River Ryan, Sammy Ferrier, Frances McClelland.

Navies Netballers Celebrate Season 2025

A day to celebrate the year that was. It was a special day this year with all 3 codes coming together on Sunday the 17th to go through each grades counts and award presentations.

Kicking off with the junior sides in the morning followed by a beautiful lunch (thank you to all those who helped prepare/serve!) and finally the senior grades in the afternoon.

A big congratulations to all those who received an award for their hard work and dedication over the 2025 season.

Award winners:

14-and-Under

Best Team Player, Lila Schofield; Most Improved, Anna Fitzpatrick; Most Determined, Rosie Fitzpatrick; Rookie of the Year, Maddie Lanyon; Coaches, Claudia Lee and Sarah Blair; Team Managers, Tash Roberts and Laura Fitzpatrick.

17-and-Under

Best & Fairest, Anika Holmes-Brown; Runner-up, Lacey Smith; Coaches award, Stella Nicolson; Coach, Holly Thompson; Team Manager, Isabel Soulsby.

"C" Grade

Best & Fairest, Jac Leslie; Runner-up, Annie Olive; Players Player, Brooke Prior and Emmy Nelson; Coaches Award, Emmy Nelson; Most Improved, Brooke Prior; Coach, Jac Leslie; Team Managers, Chelsea McCallum, Jess Giles and Remi Jeffery.

"B" Grade

Best & Fairest, Anika Holmes-Brown; Runners-up, Bec Sexton and Kate Stuchbery; Players Player, Holly Thompson; Coaches award, Abby Mulquiny; Coach, Leah Smith; Team Manager, Amy Nicolson.

"A" Grade

Lucy Fitzpatrick Best and Fairest, Remi Jeffery; Runner-up, Megan Bruns; Players Player, Claire Smith; Coaches award, Claire Smith; Coach, Leah Smith; Team Manager, Abby Mulquiny; Best Club Person Award, Holly Thompson; Maddison Fitzpatrick Rising Star Award, Maggie Riley; Junior Incentive Award, Isabel Soulsby.



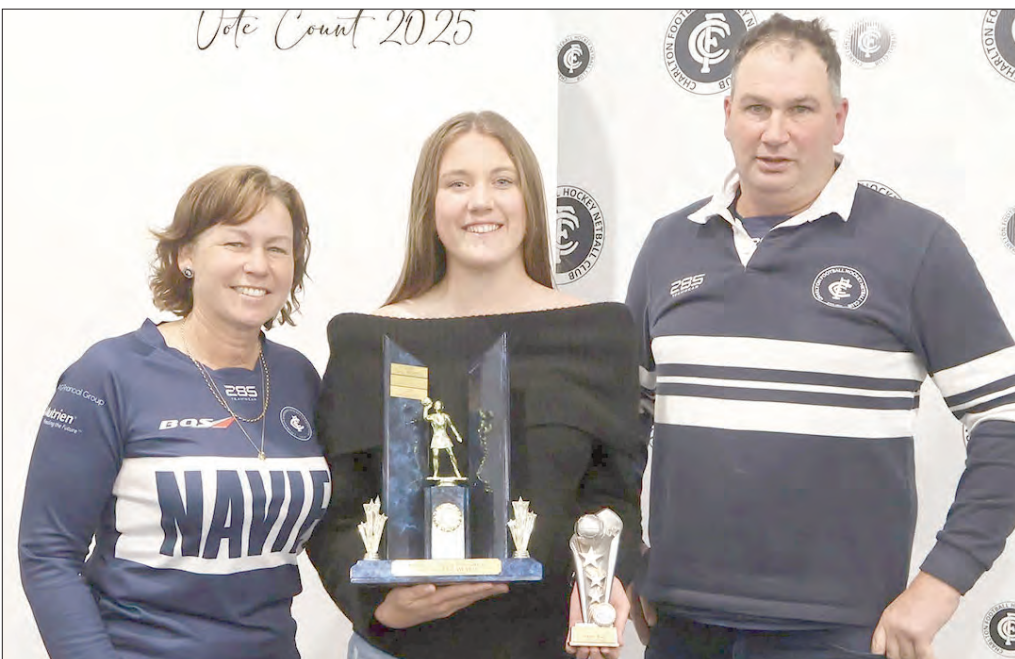
• Best Club Person: Holly Thompson with Jenny McGrath.



• "A" grade: Claire Smith, Remi Jeffery and Megan Bruns.



• "B" grade: Holly Thompson, Bec Sexton, Anika Holmes-Brown, Kate Stuchbery and Abby Mulquiny.



• Maddison Fitzpatrick Rising Star: Kim Fitzpatrick, Maggie Riley and Shane Fitzpatrick.



• Under-17s: Stella Nicolson, Lacey Smith and Anika Homes-Brown.



• Under-14s: Rosie Fitzpatrick, Lila Schofield, Anna Fitzpatrick and Maddie Lanyon.



• "C" grade: Brooke Prior, Annie Olive, Jac Leslie and Emmy Nelson.