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

\$8 Million Water Meter Upgrade

Wimmera Mallee Pipeline customers are set to benefit after the Victorian Coalition Government secured \$8 million to roll out electronic water metering across the region.

The project will provide real-time water readings and improved service delivery for stock and domestic customers, as well as putting an estimated 350 megalitres (ML) back in the system.

"Real-time monitoring means rural customers will have access to daily information about their water use and remaining water entitlements," said Minister for Water, Peter Walsh, this week.

"Electronic metering helps leaks to be detected earlier, usage trends to be identified more easily, and water trading to occur without delay. It can also help identify water theft.

"The technology will give landholders regular updates on their water use and patterns

through their home computers or smart phones.

"Overall, this project is expected to recover 350 ML a year. As the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project has already met its water recovery commitments, all water savings stay in the system, either to be sold or to boost supply security.

"There are also benefits for Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water, whose contractors have been travelling a collective total of 30,000 kilometres annually to manually read 12,700 water meters, four times a year."

"The electronic metering will be installed on existing water meters across the Wimmera and Northern Mallee pipelines and the project also

includes the use of remote reading technology to monitor flow rates and water pressure across the pipeline network.

"This project will provide greater knowledge of water use for future sustainability in the Wimmera and Mallee regions."

The \$8 million comes from savings from the original \$688 million Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project, one of Australia's largest water infrastructure projects that replaced 18,000 km of earthen channel with 8,800 km of pressurised pipeline.

Before the pipeline was built, about 103,000 ML of water was lost in the process of delivering 17,000 ML for end use to rural and urban customers.



• North-Central Football League's 2013 Feeny Medallist Corey Jones (left, Wycheproof-Narraport) with runner-up James McNamee (St. Arnaud).

Corey Crowns Stellar Season

He played 157 games with AFL side North Melbourne, for which he kicked a total of 216 goals.

He accepted the position of playing coach with North-Central's inter-league team against Geelong and District in May this year, leading his charges to victory and being awarded the Syd Mather painting as North-Central's best player.

Last Saturday he kicked 8 goals for Wycheproof-Narraport in the domestic competition's final home-and-away round, finishing second among those in line for the League's Richmond goal-kicking award.

And on Wednesday night, Wycheproof-Narraport's Corey Jones emerged as the clear winner of North-Central's "best and fairest" award, the Feeny Medal.

The Corey Jones story begins, and continues, with the Wycheproof-Narraport Football Club, with which his father, Allan ("Spike") Jones, was a member of a number of North-Central premiership-winning sides.

It was inevitable that Corey would follow in his Dad's forward-playing footsteps, although few would have expected him to burst on to the senior scene as rapidly and spectacularly as he did.

The year was 1997. The senior grand final was won by Wycheproof-Narraport by one point against Donald. Among those who did most damage for the Demons was

Corey Jones. He was 16 years old at the time.

Progressing through the Bendigo Pioneers, he was with Sturt in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) when he was drafted to the North Melbourne Kangaroos in 2000, making his AFL debut in round 4 of 2001. His last game with the Kangaroos was in August, 2010.

Corey could have had his choice of any country club after that, but he chose to return home for the 2011 season.

So committed is he to his home town, indeed, that his Bendigo-based business, which he runs in partnership with his brother-in-law, Jeremy Dixon, is registered as Broadway Builders. (Both Corey and Jeremy were raised in Broadway, Wycheproof.)

To say that football is in Corey Jones's blood would be just about the understatement of the century. Apart from being the son of Allan and Carol Jones, he is also the second grandson of Bob and Flora Coatsworth to have won the Feeny Medal.

The first was the Demons' current coach, James Coatsworth, in 2005, while another grandson, Nathan Wallace, missed out on the medal by just one vote in 2000, the year it was won by Charlton's Mark O'Meara.

On his local club scene (where he coaches the under-16s prior to taking the field himself), Corey was on Sunday named winner of the Geoff Fawcett Memorial Medal as the Wycheproof-Narraport Club's "best and fairest". So, in his three years back with his home club he has won that coveted award twice, and been runner-up once.

Over the years, comparatively few North-Central players have made the grade in the AFL. Even fewer have subsequently given back to their home club and league the silky skills and outstanding service that have marked Corey Jones's return.

And the best may yet be to come. Those same streamlined skills will again be on display when the 2013 finals get under way tomorrow. Win or lose, Corey Jones will have had a hand in yet another action-packed chapter in the history of North-Central football.

Ten Times

In this season's 19-round home-and-away series, Corey Jones attracted umpires' votes ten times for a total of 24, with five best-on-ground performances.

Runner-up for the Feeny Medal (and therefore winner of the Keith Chalmers Memorial Medal) was St.

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Showing and Shining

The Zagame boys of Charlton, along with dad, Luke, were keenly checking out the styles of vehicles being presented at last Sunday's "Show & Shine".

A photo "op" with Bernie Rudolph (back) and his stunning 1936 Ford Cabriolet wasn't to be missed, so (l-r) Ned, Seb, Jackson and Charlie (front), along with dog "Lucky", lined up for the shot.

Bernie, who's a member of the "Grampians Grease Monkeys", had the electric blue car (with white canopy) imported from Argentina.

• Turn to page 7 for more on Charlton's Rod Run 2013

Marine Parks: Other Fish to Fry?

In spite of the Editor’s reluctance to actually catch anything (he doesn't mind eating it, just as he doesn't mind splitting infinitives), this journal has always been sympathetic to the interests of recreational fishers.

For years we have published the activities of anglers’ clubs, and the reports of water conditions from loyal supporters like Robert Loats. Readers will have noticed that a “Fish Tales” report by Jarrod Tyler has been introduced as a prominent feature of our columns.

In current circumstances, we are happy to share that sympathy with our coast-bound cousins, who are facing new difficulties with the Federal Government's policies on marine parks.

In our Wimmera-Mallee environment, what is often lacking is the water. In theirs, there is plenty of water but they are increasingly under threat that the sluice-gates are closed to them.

While still Environment Minister, Tony Burke introduced legislation to declare huge areas, more than 2.3 million square kilometres, in a wide variety of Australian “marine parks” where recreational fishing will be prohibited.

The Coalition moved disallowance motions, but they failed in the House of Representatives. In deciding not to back the Coalition's move, “independent” MP Rob Oakeshott made another of his statements which smack of confusion: “Even though I’m a (recreational) fisher with my family, I actually see more fish in the water as a good thing, not a bad thing”.

Those organised to argue against the mass cutting-off of recreational fishing grounds do not oppose

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protection of breeding grounds, as Mr Oakeshott implied. But he adduced no evidence, scientific or other, that minor and occasional wetting a line to catch a few fish would prevent there being “more fish in the water”.

It appears that recreational fishers are, as the Americans say, collateral damage in a bigger game. A sign of what is afoot was the Environment Minister’s statement that if the Coalition killed off Labor’s marine parks network, oil and gas drilling would become legal again “in iconic areas”, and that his policy would create “the world’s largest network of marine reserves”. There are echoes here of the minority Government's agreement which was to ensure that they did not fall foul of the Greens.

After vain efforts to move Mr Burke, or even to request scientific justification of the “lock-out” policy, the organisation Keep Australia Fishing has taken to inserting in the Press an open letter to both major party leaders in the run-up to the election. Apart from representatives such as independent scientific advisers, the fishing body even has a popular “ambassador” in former Test cricket captain Mark Taylor.

Points they make include:

- 5 million Australians enjoy recreational fishing
- It is discriminatory that fishing families will be banned from the extensive new areas, while unfettered access will continue for recreational and commercial diving activities, large tour operators, bulk cargo and container ships.
- The body does not complain that fishing will still go on in land-based national parks, although that

could have been part of their anti-discrimination plea.

• Defenders of the Government’s action point out that the marine parks start at three nautical miles from the coast. But anglers can and do travel longer distances in their own vessels. Allowing recreational divers and other marine tourists to do this is discriminatory to anglers.

• The fair course would be an independent scientific review of the marine reserves process.

More information, including projected further extensions to excluded areas proposed by “environmental” groups, can be found on the website keepaustraliafishing.com.au. Rather than being opposed to larger marine parks as such, the anglers represented point to “management tools” the Government appears to have ignored, such as catch and release zones, closed seasons, wilderness fishing zones, gear restrictions, and changes to bag and size limits.

There is some prospect that an alternative federal government would soften the blow delivered by the present administration.

In parliament, the Opposition agriculture spokesman said a Coalition government hoped to wind back some of the restrictions, promising to review the network and carry out a new consultation process. With a scientific peer review, “it’s very likely that these management plans would be changed”;

Having passed the Lower House, the regulations would still be subject to a disallowance motion in the Senate.

Marine parks have not figured as a “big issue” which receives pre-election air play. Nevertheless, the recreational fishers' requests have enough validity to warrant close examination, not an a priori flat refusal, when a new federal government settles in.

Corey Crowns Stellar Season

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Arnaud coach James McNamee, who last year tied for the top award with Wedderburn’s Brett Strange. With his inspiring leadership, and all-round ability, James McNamee (who polled 17 votes this year) has been largely responsible for the spectacular rise of the Saints over the past two seasons.

Equal third in the “Feeny” voting, with 13, were St. Arnaud’s Ross Tungatalum and Wedderburn’s Rohan McHugh, next best with 11 being Charlton’s Anthony Judd, Donald’s Tom Bell, and Wycheproof-Narraport’s Boe Bish.

The Voting

- 24: Corey Jones (W-N).
17: James McNamee (St. A).
13: Ross Tungatalum (St. A), Rohan McHugh (W).
11: Boe Bish (W-N), 11, Tom Bell (D), Anthony Judd (C).
10: Luke Kyriakides (C), Jono Lanyon (B).
9: Ricky Allan (W-N).
8: Tom Finlay (C), Lee Stewart (B), James Coatsworth (W-N), Brendan Jennings (D).
7: Luke Mulquiny (C), Ben Walklate (C), Ben Roberts (C), Dion Munkara (St. A), Brett Strange (W), Lucas Anderson (D), Sam O’Connor (C).
6: Jack Dehne (B), Michael Henningson (B), Daniel Gash (W), Sam Barnes (W).
5: Robbie Tonkin (W), Angus McKenzie (C).
4: Adam Baird (D), Daniel Thiesz (C), Aaron Walklate (C), Sam Dehne (B), Nathan Gooding (B), Steve Anderson (B-W), Ricky Allan (W-N),

Rupert Pupangamirri (St.A), Danny Benaim (W).

3: Jacob DeAraugo (W), Ben. DeAraugo (W), Zac White (W-N), Lachy Foott (B-W), Rick Easton (B), Rhys Thompson (C), Ben Roberts (C), Danny Ades (D).

2: K. Sait (C), Carl Thiesz (C), Shane Rogan (C), Sam Taylor (B), Aaron Wilson (B), Zach Holmes (B-W), Terrence Gilla (B-W), Angus Grigg, Cam Postlethwaite (B-W), Declan Lourey (W-N), Josh Chapman (St. A), Ben Batters (St. A), Brady Herdman (W), Ben Rose (W), Ross Funcke (D).

1: Zane Sullivan (St. A.), Russell Grigg (St. A.), Jake Noonan (B-W), Alex Hutchins (B-W), Billy Noonan (B-W), Shaun Lawry (C), Sean O’Connor (C), Darcy Harrison (D).

Reserves and Under Sixteens

Winner of the League’s reserves “best and fairest” was St. Arnaud’s Beau Knight, with 22 votes. Runner-up was Wedderburn’s Clinton Turnbull, 20, while Wycheproof-Narraport’s Joel Pardella polled 15, and Donald’s Lachie Jones and the Demons’ Joel Purdy 13 each.

St. Arnaud’s Jordan Harris scored votes in 12 games, to finish top in the under-16s with a total of 30. Close up on 28 was Birchip-Watchem’s Sean Hogan, who also took the umpires’ eye 12 times.

Next highest scorers were Boort’s Harry Weaver 20, St. Arnaud’s Joe Pickthall 17, and Donald’s Jordan Bath and Sam Dunstan 16 each.

Other Awards

Representatives of all North-Central clubs packed the St.

Arnaud Sporting Club’s function room for Wednesday night’s vote count and presentation of awards.

A special welcome was accorded to guest speaker Jim Jess, a former St. Arnaud and Richmond player, and winner of the 1975 Feeny medal.

In addition to “best and fairest” trophies, awards presented were as follows:

Maurie Morgan Memorial “Rookie of the Year”: St. Arnaud’s Liam Cunningham. Other nominees: Birchip-Watchem’s Kurtis Smith and Jacob Christie.

Presidents’ Award given by the Tooleybuc Sporting Club: A tie between Wycheproof-Narraport’s Corey Jones and Birchip-Watchem’s Zach Holmes, 27 votes each, with St. Arnaud’s James McNamee next on 22.

Richmond Goalkicking Award: Wedderburn’s Sam Barnes, 59 goals.

Reserves goalkicking: Donald’s Lachie Jones, 100 goals.

Under-16 Goalkicking: Kyle Wright (Wedderburn) 51 goals.

East Charlton Hotel Champion Club: St. Arnaud.

AFL Vic Country Most Disciplined Club: Charlton.

• Further details of Wednesday’s Feeny Medal count, and photographs, will, appear next Tuesday.



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Come One, Come All to the DHS Fete

Donald High School cordially invites you all to attend its annual Fete on Friday, September 6, commencing at 12 noon and finishing at 2:30 p.m..

This year’s action packed program promises to bring fun, laughter and delight to all who attend.

There is a vast array of stalls for those of you looking to brighten up your day and tantalise your taste buds with homemade goodies.

The food stalls are always a popular aspect of the Fete, particular for those dropping in during their lunch break. You may choose to dine al-fresco and enjoy a baked potato from the home economics centre, a hot dog or perhaps a hamburger with the lot from the front of the school. For those of you who prefer to sit down and eat, the canteen will be converted into a café serving homemade soup, which will not disappoint! Coffee, Tea, milkshakes and spiders will also be available at the café. You are also invited to sample an old fashioned scone with jam and cream, or perhaps indulge in a slice of cake from the diverse selection on offer.

Don’t forget to purchase a raffle ticket to win the Year 12 Monster Hamper, containing a vast array of useful items donated by the local community, guaranteed to replenish the pantry!

Our Year 10 students will also be selling Fairy Floss, guaranteed to be a hit with kids and adults alike.

The Parents Club will be running a Sausage Sizzle as well as a stall selling Lucky Dips and Show Bags.

Feel like a makeover? Put your faith into some of our creative Year 10 students.

Those needing to revamp their wardrobe can catch up on the latest winter fashions in room 1 at 12.30 p.m. or 1.30 p.m.. Many thanks in advance must go to Mensland and the Clothes Bin who sponsor the fashion parade. And why not purchase some popcorn to nibble on during the parade.

Try your luck with the Spinning Wheel, providing lucky contenders with a variety of prizes donated from local businesses. This will be conducted from noon to 2 p.m.

To add to the atmosphere Mrs Battersby and her talented musicians, plus the Rock band and a surprise band will entertain the crowd with a performance at 1 -1:30 p.m in Room 10.

If activity is what you want then try out the face painting, fortune telling, footy kick, minute to win it, mystery balloons, pinyardas, basketball throw, name the clown, handball, coin in the tank, guess the lolly, chocolate lob, or the gum boot throw – it is all at the Fete.

Father’s Day Market, Sunday

September 1, fast approaches, and what better way to get Dad’s Day off to a flying start than to come and visit the Donald Market, in Memorial Park Donald?

So that you don’t miss all the action, here’s the low down of what’s on, and when.
➤ 9 a.m.: The market kicks off so grab a yummy egg and bacon rolls from the Lions Club.

➤ 10 a.m.: Trailer Backing Competition.

➤ 11 a.m.: Boot Toss Competition.

➤ 12 Noon: Inaugural Donald Market Chook Cup.

➤ 1.15 p.m. Presentations and Raffle draw.

Come along and view the Kids entries in the Fathers Day Competition.

Tug o’ War Family Challenge runs all day through the market so get your family team together.

Oh, and don’t forget, with over 50 stalls and perfect weather tipped for Sunday this is one market not to miss.

Contact Daryl on 0427 194 422 for further information.



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Dads' Day at Playgroup

On Tuesday, Birchip Playgroup celebrated the unique role that fathers play in their children's lives by inviting them along to their weekly playgroup session at the St. Mary's Parish Centre.

The children were very excited to see their dads at playgroup as traditionally Birchip Playgroup is dominated by mums. The dads were kept busy pushing swings, painting, making play dough creations and joining in the daily craft activity.

It was fantastic to see so many dads playing with their children and catching up with the other dads. The friendly morning finished with a barbecue lunch.



• Fathers Aaron Lewis and Robbie Lee busy making craft with Mac and Asha.



• Charlie and Clancy Fischer enjoying playgroup on their visit from Guernsey to see grandparents Eddie and Frances Lee.

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• Aaron and Ajith Kumar at Fathers' Day.

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BIRTH

McLEOD - MARTIN.— Patricia and Travis are happy to announce the early but safe arrival of Eva Isabella, born 15/8/13, at 36 weeks, 7 lb. 3 oz., at W.C.H., Adelaide. A little sister for Axel..

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

HARVEY - FARDY.— Bowen James and Jemma Louise, at the Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club, on Saturday, 31/08/2013 at 2.30. Congratulations and love from Leonie and Geoff and the Cossens family.

DEATH

SMITH.— David Brian Campbell, 18/11/32 - 26/8/2013. Passed away suddenly. In life, an indomitable spirit. Loved brother of Gabrielle and brother-in-law Michael; dear father of Fiona and Francesca, grandfather of Beda, Aisha and Thomas; great grandfather of Billie, Isabella, Toby, Ariel and Sai. A good friend to many including Brendan Hogan and Lorna Guy. A true Christian who shared knowledge and time with all people, never expecting anything in return, saying "A rooster today and a feather duster tomorrow". Sadly missed by all.

All welcome to attend Smithy's sendoff Memorial Service at Senior Citizens' Club Rooms, 4 Hammill Street, Donald, at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 4.

We are very saddened to hear of the passing of Brian Smith recently. What an absolute gentleman. Such a generous man with his time, always there to lend a hand. He has been such a great help to our family over recent years. His cheerful smile will be sadly missed. Rest in peace, Brian. We wish to express our deepest sympathies to his family.

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— *Love, Mum XXXX.*

FRENCH, Darren M.G. - Fourteen years have gone, 1/9/99 to 1/9/13. It's been so long without you. Being here you were a great mate to me and still you will never be forgotten.

— *Your mate,
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1/9/2012

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— *Loved Dad and Pa to
Sandra, Ross, Erin, Harriet,
Brendan, Shannon
and Daniel.*

THANK YOU

MAURICE FRENCH

Janice, David, Catherine, Pam and James, along with their partners, grandchildren and family would like to thank the local communities and those who travelled from afar for the love and support, which was much appreciated; as were the rose bushes, visits, flowers, food, cards, wood and phone calls after the loss of our most wonderful husband, father, Pa, Big Pop. Special thank you to the doctors and a big thank you to the nurses for their care during his short stay in the Donald Hospital. A big thank you to Matthew Godkin and Donald Fire Brigade on such a fantastic job the day of Maurice's funeral. And to Bernie Hadfield who organised the fire truck for Maurie's destination. It was all so very much appreciated. Please take this as our personal thank you.

— *Janice, David, Cathy,
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BULOKE SHIRE COUNCIL

Saleyards Precinct Local Law No.14 2013 Local Government Act 1989 - Section 119(3)

At its meeting on August 14, 2013 Council resolved to make the Saleyards Precinct Local Law No.14 2013.

Purpose of the Local Law

The proposed Local Law will repeal the Saleyards Precinct Local Law No.8 to apply amended or new requirements to the Saleyards Precinct at Wycheproof to ensure that the saleyard operates in accordance with current legislative requirements and animal welfare practices. The proposed Local Law is intended to increase awareness of risk and health and safety practices and to protect Council's assets and facilities.

General Purport of the Local Law

The general purport of the Local Law includes:

- requirements that will apply to users of the saleyards, including a requirement that they enter in a User Agreement with the Council.
- provisions to ensure that appropriate livestock identification requirements are complied with and such information is provided within an appropriate time-frame.
- amended requirements to apply measures that are directed at the care and welfare of animals brought to the saleyards.
- amended provisions to promote increased awareness of risk and health and safety requirements applying at the saleyards, such as requirements to report hazards or defects in equipment.
- increased enforcement powers given to authorised officers of the Council, including the Saleyards Manager.

The Local Law came into operation on August 15, 2013. The Local Law can be inspected or copies can be obtained from the Council's District Offices or from the Council's website - www.buloke.vic.gov.au

Any enquiries concerning this Local Law can be made to Mr Brendan Ryan on 1300 520 520.

*Warwick Heine
Chief Executive Officer*

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A.G.M.**
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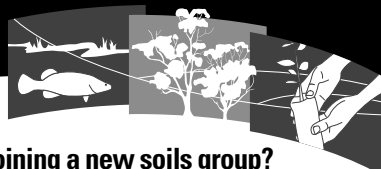
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Public Notice



Are you interested in joining a new soils group? Information session in Wycheproof

The North Central Catchment Management Authority's (CMA) Farming for Sustainable Soils project is calling for landholders from the Quambatook, Wycheproof and Lalbert areas to join a new community soils group. The group will focus on ways to sustain and improve the productive capacity and environmental services of soils in the area.

The new group will be supported by a local facilitator and meet up to six times per year over three years. Membership is voluntary and builds on the successful outcomes of phase one of the project delivered throughout north central Victoria over the last four years.

Date: Wednesday 11 September

Time: 6.30 – 8.30 pm (light supper provided)

Where: Wycheproof Resource Centre, 280 Broadway Street

For further information or to RSVP please call local facilitator Craig Cossar on 0438 937 561.

For catering purposes please RSVP by Monday 9 September.

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Beauty from a Banyena Shed:

(By Rose Harris)

In a recycled shed in Banyena, there is something incredible happening. The wooden floors are scattered with tiny bits of metal, all shapes and sizes. The sounds of a welder and an angle grinder cut in and out over the music drifting through the carefully placed windows.

The ambience exuding from this shed comes in a different tune to most sheds I have experienced (and there have been a few). This shed is the workplace of Dónal Molloy-Drum, artist and sculptor.

Intricate one-off pieces of artwork are produced by Dónal inside his Banyena workshop, surrounded by the wonderful expanse of Wimmera landscape filled with tired trees and big skies.

The depth of history, feeling and delicate skill in each piece creates an aesthetic curiosity which left me studying Dónal's work, at first amazed by how a harsh material such as steel could become so beautiful and refined. Then I was drawn in by the intrigue of the symbols and the story on offer. Then I glanced out the door at the light rain falling on the next-door crops and I was reminded I was in Banyena.

Dónal was born in Ireland, and the rich cultural history of his country fascinated him as a young boy and eventually became one of the main influences of his art. It was always in his heart, the yearning to be creative and to take the images and ideas from his head and transform them into a three-dimensional piece of art.

The journey for Dónal to become an artist took many twists and turns, some creating stories beyond which most of us could imagine. But every turn he made, each refuge he sought, he found art. And he found Banyena's Andrea Drum in London, and then in Banyena he found the perfect spot for creativity. Now just out the road we have a shed like no other.

Statement

Dónal puts it best himself in his artist statement:

"Influenced by Celtic Art at the National Museum of Ireland and a childhood fed on myth and legend, has my work etched with traditional sym-

bols, the most potent for me being that of the boat. Drawn by its volume, clean line and simple shape, its image for me is a metaphor for journeys both physical and spiritual.

"Moving to Australia and living under the vast sky of the Wimmera, my sculptures and medium have become lighter, simpler and more refined. In such open space with the crispness of shadow and silhouette, fleeting visual moments, a tree at dusk or a passing raven, become a part of the passage of time and have stamped the landscape on my imagery.

"From initial notebook sketches, cut-outs, photographs etc, I develop an idea with a chalk drawing on my workshop floor; shapes and lines are then fabricated into a three dimensional work. Quite often a sculpture evolves from an offcut of a previous work with the negative space of one piece becoming the positive space of another."

Amazing Corner

I couldn't describe Dónal's work in words, no matter how hard I tried; it is truly only appreciated in person. However, I will try to tell you the story of this amazing corner of Banyena.

Those visits to the National Museum of Ireland Dónal mentions in his artist statement are as clear in his memory as if they were yesterday. He describes the piece which took him in and fed the burning desire to create artwork to make people stop and rethink their place in the world, the journey their life takes. Whether on school trips as a young boy or later with his teacher during High School, the National Museum held great significance for Dónal.

He was offered a smorgasbord of art styles, techniques and mediums during a foundation year at Galway. Relieved to be out of Dublin for a while,



• Dónal Molloy-Drum pictured at his Banyena workshop where he produces intricate sculptures, as pictured below.

Dónal also found an added bonus in that his housemate had an engineering workshop.

As he studied in Galway, Dónal would find himself in the engineering workshop on Sundays, when his housemate was away, teaching himself to weld and fulfilling a creative outlet. His natural ability for dimensions and balance combined with steel began to produce some amazing pieces. Not even Dónal could have imagined what these tinkering would lead to.

Grounding

Dónal said the wide variety of teachings on offer and traditional training in Galway gave him a great grounding in art, with an emphasis on looking at objects and re-creating them in drawings injected with a range of themes.

Dónal was then placed at Crawford School of Art, Cork. Just minutes into his entrance interview at Cork where he was to major in printmaking it was clear he was meant for sculpture, not printmaking. The tour of the College workshop felt like heaven to Dónal and he "just wanted to start straight away".

His experience at the Crawford School of Art, where he majored in sculpture, continued to feed his ambition and then the door was opened to the world of art history, a new universe of which Dónal could not get enough.

To London

After college, Dónal escaped the crippled economy in Ireland and went to London where he worked in the building industry. In a rare occurrence, Dónal was able to transfer the skills learnt at art college to a building site. His welding ability led to an "interesting" job building market stalls for Petticoat Lane Market, London's largest market.

Dónal had always admired the work of artists such as American David Smith and he shared the love for the hands-on and physical aspect of creating sculptures and working with steel.

In London Dónal met Andie Drum and when it was time for her to return to Australia, he came too, and in the early 1990s they lived in Melbourne for a couple of years before returning to Ireland,



• "Hanrahan's Clan"

where they were married in 1993.

Community Art

In Ireland, both Dónal and Andie worked as community artists for the innovative South Dublin County Council.

This role left an impression on Dónal, as it opened up his appreciation for the effect art can have on a community.

It was during this time Dónal was commissioned to produce his first public installation.

Seemingly ahead of its time, the progressive, forward-thinking nature of South Dublin County Council saw it employ an arts officer and embrace the combined efforts of

the community to artistically enhance the surroundings and improve the lifestyle for residents.

Dónal has "always been keen on pushing the arts in places where it isn't", so working with groups in the tough working class area of South Dublin sat perfectly with him.

The first major public sculpture involved Dónal coming up with a design for a security fence around two community centres in the area to brighten up the place.

"The council found me a workshop in the industrial estate," he said.

"I set it up with some basic equipment, and young people

from the area came in and worked with me.

Large Project

"It was a very large project and it was based on designs from the Book of Kells."

Interacting with the young people who worked on the project and seeing them pick up skills along the way added a new dimension.

Dónal was also employed by an architect to make a large sculpture outside a new Arts Centre and his work was soon being appreciated by the wider public.

After four years in Ireland, Dónal and Andie returned to Australia with the intention to

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• "Whirling Home"



• "Nios Mò"

A Workplace for Works of Art

• *Continued.*

find somewhere to live in central Victoria.

A Place to Stay

During an interim stay in Banyena, the area got under their skin and they decided to stay, taking up residence on Harold Matthews Road in 1997.

Straight away Dónal sought places to have his work shown. The Convent gallery in Daylesford was the first to begin showing Dónal's work in Australia and his pieces immediately hit a chord with Australians, with many selling, leading to the gallery to book Dónal in for an exhibition.

From there another gallery in Melbourne got in touch after seeing the work in the Convent Gallery and now Dónal has work in seven galleries around the State.

After starting out in the open-fronted shed on the property they then rented, one of the first things on the list when the Molloy-Drums purchased their home was to establish a workshop.

After purchasing a couple of disused grain sheds from Bob and Kath Grewar's property, Dónal was able to install his collection of windows and doors he had compiled over the years and then the addition of the second shed doubled the space to enable Dónal to work on several pieces at once, and the all-important floor space for his chalk drawings which form part of his creative process.

Bookshelves filled with design and architecture magazines and a workbench neatly piled with notebooks filled with sketches and pictures cut from magazines and newspapers now fill the sheds which brought with them their own farm history.

The workshop even became an event venue when Andie and Dónal's son Finn, who was born in 2006, was christened.

Commissions

Since moving to Australia, Dónal has been commissioned for several public sculptures in the Horsham area and he sits on the Horsham Rural City Council Public Art Policy Committee. He has had regular exhibitions since the first at Daylesford.

His last exhibition, at Melbourne gallery "Without Pier" in June, had 21 pieces of Dónal's work; they were all made in three months.

The work which goes into each piece is hard to comprehend; Dónal has the added challenge of creating three dimensional pieces, so they have to look good from all three dimensions.

"My art is about beauty and aesthetics, not worldly statements," he said.

An intriguing mix of natural balance with delicate detail gives each piece incredible depth which draws people in.

While the product of Dónal's work might be different to what most people produce in their job, the stereotype of an artist doesn't sit well with



• "Homeward"

Dónal, and he stresses his is a job like any other.

Dónal's job is his life and he loves every minute of it.

Community

His love for the Banyena community has seen Dónal as president of the Banyena Hall for several years. The Banyena dance every two years and social gatherings are important events for the community. Dónal has a deep belief in what a gathering place like a hall can do for community cohesiveness, so he has stuck with the job as president for quite some time.

Recently Dónal and the committee secured a grant for equipment to display power-

point slideshows including screen and wireless microphones to enable new avenues for social gatherings.

Dónal's work is on display worldwide, from the first public piece for South Dublin County Council, to Horsham Rural City Council.

St. Mary's Primary School in Donald recently enlisted the advice of Dónal in the lead up to the school's Art Show. Dónal spoke to the students during a powerpoint presentation about his artistic journey and answered many questions.

Art Show

Dónal will officially open the coming Art Show which will showcase works of each St. Mary's Primary School student and the wider St. Mary's community. The St. Mary's Primary School Art Show opening will take place at the St. Mary's Parish Hall on Sunday, September 8 from 2 - 5 p.m. and is open to everyone in the community. The opening will include live music from Leo Tellefson and a silent auction of selected

works. The exhibition of the student works will then be open for viewing on Monday, September 9 and Tuesday, September 10 between 2 and 5 p.m..


Dónal's website, which includes a gallery of his recent works, is www.molloy-drum.com.

I walked away from Dónal's workshop with a completely different view of steel and a reminder of the depth of talent we are fortunate to have in our region.

How something so beautiful, polished, intricate and bearing the finest of details can rise from a dusty, noisy, gritty shed is quite astounding.

When an audience takes in one of Dónal's pieces under the lighting and pristine environment of an art gallery in Melbourne, they would find it hard to believe such perfection could be born in a recycled grain shed in Banyena.

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OPENING
Sunday 8th September 2-5pm
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st. mary's school art show 2013

• Donal Molloy-Drum will open the coming St. Mary's Art Show.



It's not a new fire levy, it's a fairer fire levy.

On 1 July 2013, as recommended by the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, the Victorian Government is replacing the old fire services levy with a fairer system.

Rather than being added to insurance premiums, the levy will now be collected with council rates. This means all property owners contribute a fair share to the Country Fire Authority or the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

The levy is a fixed charge of \$100 for residential properties and \$200 for non-residential properties, plus a variable charge based on the property's capital improved value.

All funds will go towards supporting Victoria's fire services.

GST and stamp duty charged on the old levy have been removed and, for the first time, eligible pensioners and veterans will receive a \$50 concession. These reforms will save households and business around \$100 million a year.

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Recognition for Charlton Brigade

Acknowledgement of volunteer contributions and the means to assist and improve the fire service work of the Charlton Urban Fire Brigade were the features of last Friday night's awards presentation held at the Charlton Golf Club.

Four Service Medal awards, conferred by Buloke Mayor and CFA Board member, Cr. Reid Mather were presented to recipients Paul Thompson (5 years), Geoff Nicholson (10 years), Leo Sait (50 years) and Mick Fanning (55 years).

A remarkable achievement for both Leo and Mick whose combined tally of more than 100 years of service reinforced comments made by Cr. Mather in his introductory address about Buloke's record as the highest volunteer municipality in Victoria.

Leo and Mick were also recipients of Life Membership awards - making them "firemen for life".

Community dedication was again highlighted during the official hand-over of the Brigade's new Field Command Vehicle by Amanda Millar (MLC Northern Victorian Region) representing Kim Wells (Minister for Police and Emergency Services).

In her first official engagement as a parliamentarian, Ms Millar congratulated all the award recipients before formally handing over the keys to the new vehicle to Charlton Brigade Captain Craig Walsh.

With a price tag of \$78,000, the Field Command Vehicle has been designed to carry strike teams, or to be used at a staging area to manage incidents, and to access difficult terrain.

"This vehicle is very important to this community" said Ms. Millar, "because \$26,000 of that money was raised here in the community in the aftermath of recovering from not one, but two floods. I think that is an amazing

achievement for this community to have raised that phenomenal sum . . . and I congratulate all involved."

The balance of \$52,000 was contributed by the State Coalition Government through the Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program.

In responding on behalf of the Brigade, Captain Craig Walsh extended thanks to the Government, and emphasized the value of the vehicle to both the Charlton Brigade and the Charlton Group in the management of incidents. Craig also thanked the CFA for its contribution towards the funding of the vehicle, along with acknowledging the support of brigade members with raising funds through the fire equipment maintenance program.

Craig also acknowledged the support of the local IGA supermarket through the Community Chest fund. Unable to attend the evening John and Allison Tormey and staff of Tormey's IGA sent a note of congratulations and support, which Captain Craig Walsh shared with the gathering.

The evening culminated in the presentation of the two National Medals for Service to Ron Field (48 years) and Vin Ryan (51 years), both of whom had family members in attendance.

In concluding the evening, Operations Manager John Breaks thanked the Golf Club ladies and men for the catering and serving of refreshments, and acknowledged CFA members for their service, dedication and support to the CFA, the local community, and the wider Victorian community.



• Honoring the extensive contributions given by members of the Charlton Urban Fire Brigade pictured at last Friday night's presentations are (left to right) John Breaks (Operations Manager Buloke Catchment District 18), Leo Sait (Long Service Award - 50 years - and Life Membership), Mick Fanning (Long Service Award - 55 years - and Life Membership), Geoff Nicholson (Long Service Award - 10 years), Buloke Mayor and Member of the CFA Board, Cr. Reid Mather and Amanda Millar (MLC Northern Victorian Region). Absent: Paul Thompson, recipient of a 5 year Service Award.



• The new \$78,000 Field Command Vehicle was formally presented to the Charlton Urban Brigade last Friday night. Pictured (left to right) are Amanda Millar (MLC), who represented Minister for Police and Emergency Services Kim Wells, John Breaks and Captain of the Charlton Brigade, Craig Walsh.

Landfill Burn-offs Begin Next Monday

Buloke Shire Council is scheduled to undertake its annual controlled burn off of green waste at the Donald, Birchip, Charlton, Wycheproof and Watchem landfills.

The controlled burn off is anticipated to begin on Monday, September 2, 2013 (weather permitting) and conclude by Friday, September 20 2013.

All burns-offs have been registered with the Country Fire Authority, and Council wishes to advise residents that they may see smoke in the area, but this will be for a short period only.

Buloke Shire is currently

reviewing the practice of burning off and exploring the best possible options for dealing with the disposal of green waste, and also how Council receive green waste. In line with Council's Buloke Waste Management Strategy 2012-2022, Council is recommended to find alternatives to burning off by 2015.

How can you help?

You can help by reducing the amount of green waste deposited at Council's Landfills by reusing your green waste around the garden.

Some tips for reusing green waste include:

- Compost lawn clippings and garden waste;
- If you have a fire place, use branches and stick as kindling; and
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Welcome, Nate

Nate James Michael nods off in the arms of his parents, Jacki and Brad, of Moama.

Nate was born on July 29, at 8.02 p.m., weighing 3940 kg (8 lb., 11 oz.) He is a grandson for Kerri and Daryl McKenny, of St. Arnaud, Tim Letts, of Alice Springs, and Debbie and Terry Michael, of Donald and Echuca.

Let the Music Move You

On Monday, August 26, the Wycheproof P-6 students were entertained by a performance called “Let the Music Move You”, a one person show presented and performed by “Karina”.

The performance taught the students the idea that music can change your moods. Music can put you to sleep, it can make you feel sad or happy and even make you want to wiggle and dance.

The students had the opportunity to dress up in “groovy” costumes and play a variety of instruments, whilst singing and dancing to songs including “The Lion Sleeps Tonight”.

Some of the students’ favourite songs were Jingle Bells, Every Day I’m Shuffling and Amazing Grace.

Karina changed into a variety of fun costumes and had a very funny sense of humour.



• Abby MacDonald, Bianca Kidd, Savannah Nicholls, Mable Carrington.



• Whitney Jones, Kate Thompson, Hayley Matheson, Ebony Bish with Karina in the background.



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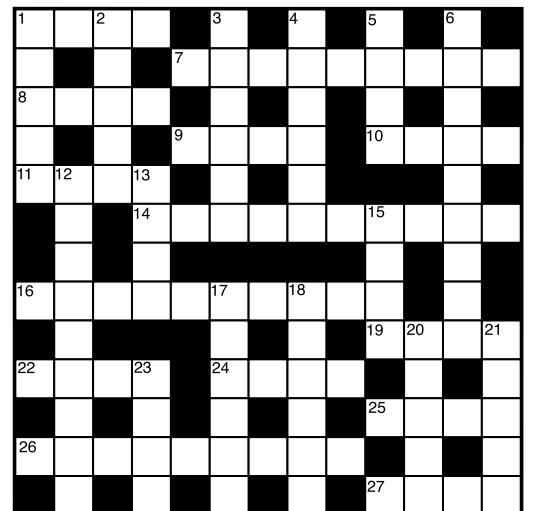
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“Times” Crossword

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ACROSS

1. Ledge (4)
7. Mechanism (9)
8. Gem (4)
9. Lout (4)
10. Tooth (4)
11. Trade (4)
14. Diplomat (10)
16. Outline (10)
19. Tear (4)
22. Bite (4)
24. Flower (4)
25. Floor-covering (4)
26. Pleasant (9)
27. Desist (4)

DOWN

1. Bit (5)
2. Zodiac sign (5)
3. Self-possession (6)
4. Marine mammal (6)
5. Gasp (4)
6. Fortright (9)
12. Spying (9)
13. Whip (4)
15. Declare (4)
17. Outcry (6)
18. Struggle (6)
20. Decree (5)
21. Sag (5)
23. Bird (4)

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Bikes, Bibles, and a Big Ride

(By Rose Harris)

Bikes and bibles are not a common association, but this week “Bike for Bibles The Australia Big Ride” stopped off in Buloke!

When I pulled up at St. Andrew's Uniting Church in Donald on Thursday of last week, I saw a sight not often seen at the Church (well, not to my knowledge).

A very friendly New Zealander was hanging up his washing on a makeshift clothesline strung between the church's verandah posts.

The clothes, being mostly lycra, were the first clue some cyclists were about. The front foyer of the hall filled with muddied bikes was the second, and a convoy of wet cyclists being ferried to and from the hot showers at the Donald Recreation Reserve was the third.

On Thursday the group of 28 had come from Nhill with smiles on their faces, because a tail wind had them sail into Donald a full hour earlier than expected, despite the patchy showers and some soggy cyclists.

But the journey had been far longer than the day's trip from Nhill. You know a journey is a long one when the cycle from Donald to Sydney is described at the “home stretch”.

“Coasting”

On June 30, most of these cyclists set out from Broome. They cycled around the outline of Western Australia, taking in many remote communities including Port Hedland and Karatha.

By Sunday, July 21, the group had reached Perth where it took a well-earned couple of rest days.

Then the cyclists took off towards Albany and continued to head south to the gorgeous Esperance and then the Nullarbor trek began.

As readers would know, I've tackled the Nullarbor – in “Tex” the HX ute – and I found that a challenge, so I have a great respect for a group of people taking on the Treeless Plain on a human powered two-wheel vehicle.

By the time the group rode into Donald on Thursday, most had been pushing the pedals for 6153 k.m. There was only

1061 k.m. remaining in the journey to reach the final destination of Sydney.

Why?

The obvious question was “Why?”. And to that there was a very good answer.

The group signed up to ride from Broome to Perth to Sydney in 64 days to raise money for the Bible Society and in particular two very special projects.

The “Read to Live” project is a literacy project in Latin America in conjunction with the Bible Societies of Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile, Panama and Peru. The Bible Societies are working together to address literacy as well as domestic violence. The second project the funds from “Bike for Bibles” goes towards is the long list of Bible Society Australian Programs.

The “Bike for Bibles” rides have been taking place for 29 years in Australia. Co-ordinator Jim Blaxland said rides of all lengths and intensity are organised throughout the year.

A core group of 28 riders started the journey and intend to see it through to completion, but other riders have joined in along the way for “shorter” stints. The shortest (and I use that word lightly) of those stints was 2,500km from Broome to Perth. The most riders at one time along the journey was 44.

Cyclists pay a fee to take part in the ride and donations are also collected along the way for the important Bible Society causes.

The arrival in Sydney is set down for Sunday, September 1.

Hospitality

On the Thursday Jim said the group would head off early on Friday morning for morning tea at Wycheproof and Friday night would be spent at Boort.

The St. Andrew's parish hosted the bike riders for Thursday night, offering floor space for their bedding and a hearty meal and breakfast as well as a warm welcome.



• Jim Blaxland, co-ordinator of the “Bike for Bibles Australia Big Ride” pictured outside St. Andrew's Uniting Church last week.

Jim said the generosity of people along the route had been fantastic.

“We started off in a very remote part of Australia so we didn't see many towns and we camped for ten nights in the beginning, but every community we have come across has been pleased to have us and offered us wonderful hospitality,” he said.

The remote nature of the early stages of the ride was no more apparent than when Jim had to get one of the riders to a hospital, 700 k.m. away.

The ability to take in the beautiful harshness of the Australian landscape is heightened on a bike.

“In a car you whoosh past things and don't really see them, on a bike you have time to study the landscape, see the animals and appreciate the changing view,” Jim said.

“It is a very different experience.”

The stamina needed to complete the entire trip sees only well-trained riders take part.

“It is one thing to ride 100 k.m. in a day, but to ride 100 k.m. day after day takes a lot of strength,” Jim said.

The Nullarbor

Crossing the Nullarbor, riders covered between 180 k.m. and 200 k.m. in a day. Jim said some of the days which came close to the 200 mark, such as 191 k.m. between Balladonia and Caiguna and 194 k.m. between Madura Pass and Border Village would see the competitive riders make the

extra kilometres to get up over the 200 mark.

“They were calling it the 200 k.m. club,” Jim said.

The love for cycling and the drive to support a worthy cause bring the group together, so the camaraderie, spirit and fellowship of the group is high.

For Jim as co-ordinator, there is a huge amount of organising which goes into creating a journey such as the “Bike for Bibles Australia Big Ride”.

Jim did his first “Bike for Bibles” ride in 1987 and rode every year until 2006 and in February 2007 he became the co-ordinator.

“It is tricky working out distances which are doable and then getting in touch with each and every community to ensure there is somewhere to eat and sleep,” Jim said.

Jim once laughed at the idea of riding 100 k.m. when his friend suggested it, so he finds it amazing that he is now co-ordinating and participating in rides which have seen him take in most of Australia from a bike saddle.

Rehabilitation

It was when his mate injured his leg playing soccer and needed a training buddy to help with the rehabilitation that Jim first got a taste for cycling.

“We started riding 2 k.m., then we thought we were really stretching it to 5 k.m. then my mate suggested we take part in a 100 k.m. ride from Cooma to Canberra and I thought he was crazy. I thought, ‘Why would

you ride that when you could just drive a car?’,” Jim remembered.

But he did, and he loved it, and he rode another 100 k.m., the next year and a cd800 k.m. ride and then stepped it up to 1600 k.m. from Sydney to Adelaide via Broken Hill.

Bob Robertson, of the Donald St. Andrew's Uniting Church team which accommodated the group, said it was great to have their company.

Many volunteers had offered time and food to look after the bike riders and Bob said he was also grateful to “Jumbo” Anderson for helping organise to open and set up the showers at the recreation reserve for the wet and tired cyclists.

More information on “Bike for Bibles” can be found at www.bikeforbibles.org.au. Donations can also be made online.

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Charlton Rod Run 2013

From Jenny Pollard

Street rod enthusiasts from throughout Victoria travelled in perfection-to-polished cars to attend the annual Charlton Rod Run last weekend, bringing colour and sparkling chrome to the streets of Charlton.

A number of the 56 enthusiasts were present for both the initial visit in 2011 and last year's inaugural run. On Saturday morning, they joined the line-

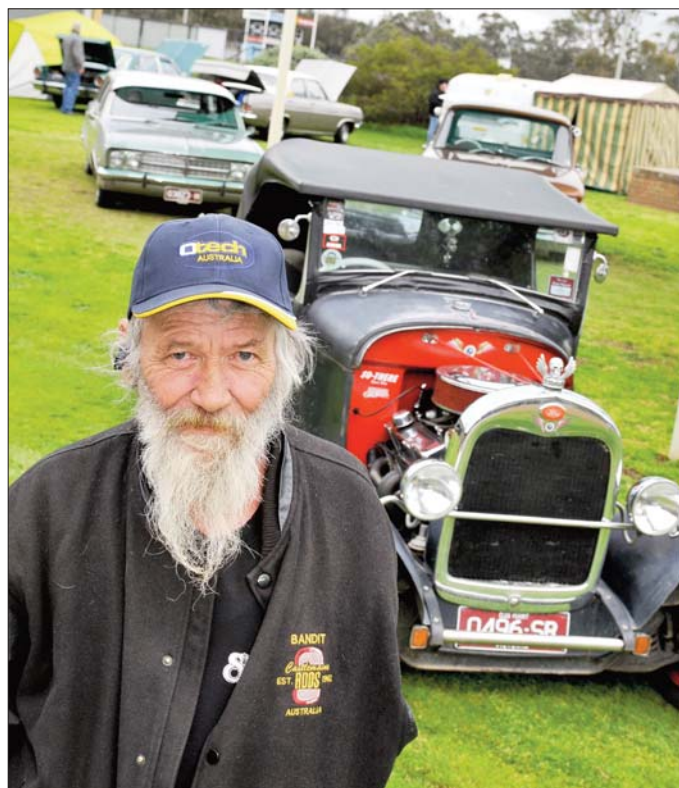
up as street rod and custom cars of many colours of the rainbow paraded bumper to bumper down High Street before cruising out to Wooroonook.

Stallholders set up down the length of the street had a sidewalk view of the parade as they displayed their wares at the street market. Over 70 vendors attended from interstate and throughout Victoria, including from surrounding towns.

The inaugural Big Kids Toys exhibition proved popular with displays of everything from Matchbox toys, model aircraft and train sets, metal 'drum cars', and much loved childhood toys, to full-sized vintage tractors. The latter had to be displayed outside the Shire Hall, along with a full-sized clinker boat.

Charlton resident Bill Miller was the winner of the Most Popular Exhibit, and Nicholas Olive, also from Charlton, won the vote for the Lego Competition People's Choice with his model of the pirate ship Black Pearl built from a kit purchased in England.

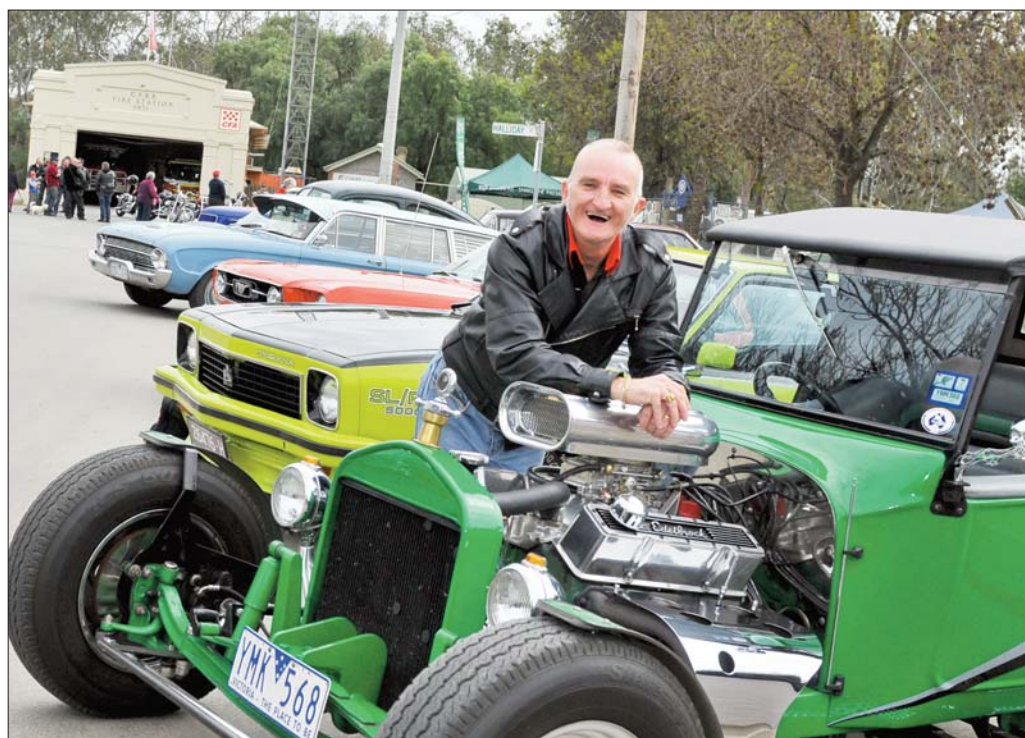
Pinstriper Rick Keyzer travelled from the Mornington Peninsula to apply his delicate, freehand designs to car enthusiasts' vehicles. Rick is a sponsor of the run, and developed the new Charlton Rod Run logo.



• "Bandit" (Peter Gilbert) of Castlemaine Rod Inc. was one of a number of returnees to Charlton, having previously attended during the reconnaissance in 2011, and the inaugural Rod Run Event in 2012. "Bandit" is pictured at Charlton Park with his 1929 Model A Ford Roadster Pickup.



• Surrounded by Lego, Jordan Cook of Wycheproof has a close look at Nicholas Olive's prize winning kit creation of the Black Pearl ship from "Pirates of The Caribbean". The Lego Competition ran in tandem with the "Big Kid's Toys" Exhibition, and enabled the not-so-big-kids to take part in the weekend as well. Nicholas' entry also won the People's Choice award.



• Steve Renfrey of Charlton was happy to show off his immaculate 1923 T Roadster in the lineup of cars at Sunday's "Show & Shine". A member of the Bendigo Centre State Rodders, Steve often gives his distinctive lime-green car a whirl around Charlton.



• Exhibitor Dave Freeman, came all the way from Bacchus Marsh to show his extensive collection of agricultural toys, which held great interest for many of the rural visitors to the "Big Kids Toys" component of the weekend.

Sunday

Sunday morning's Show and Shine display received an unexpected injection of power when 30 black and silver Harley Davidson motor bikes roared into town and joined the line-up at Rotary Park. Ridden from Bendigo by members of the American Motorcycle Club Australia, the bikes added to the spectacle of the event's finale.

President of the Old Farts Rod and Custom Club, Glenn Wallace, thanked the local

community for its support, and the hospitality shown to the street rod enthusiasts.

Cr Reid Mather, Mayor of Buloke Shire, thanked Glenn and the promoter of this year's event Dean Wallace for their efforts in organising the run, Charlton Tourism and Cr David Pollard for their work at the local level, and Frank Cinquegrana, Buloke Shire Council for his enthusiasm as local coordinator.

The Charlton Rod Run is held to benefit the local com-

munity, and proceeds from the 2013 event will be donated to the people of Charlton and placed in a designated rod run fund held by the recently formed Charlton Tourism.

The Old Farts Rod and Custom Club were the organising body for the 2013 Charlton Rod Run, with support from the Australian Street Rod Federation, Buloke Shire Council, Charlton Tourism, Charlton's Lions and Rotary Club(s), and OASIS.



• Man of the moment – Geoff Coote of Gallery 79 in Charlton – was the instigator of the "Big Kids Toys" Exhibition, which was established as an outlet for collectors and hobbyists to share their passions. "We have many creative people come into our shop in Charlton," said Geoff, "and an exhibition like this seemed a good way to share the enthusiasm of their collecting with others". Surrounded by collectable cars, steampunk creations and vintage toys, Geoff was in his element over the weekend.



• Taking note of the leather making techniques at the Saturday Street Market are Jamie and Naomi Cashin with their sons (centre left to right) Thomas and James. Market stalls surrounded the rotunda in Elliot Gardens and extended along High Street, offering a diverse range of items for interested shoppers.



• The end of an institution after 48 years of service – the flood damaged Bush Nursing Hospital, then Charlton Campus of EWHS, gradually succumbs to the demolition team.

Charlton’s Tale of Two Hospitals

August 28 2013 – the end of one hospital era for Charlton as another one is beginning.

Like a reverse of the phoenix story the former Charlton Campus of the East Wimmera Health Service (previously the Charlton Bush Nursing Hospital), is gradually sinking to the ground, as the new campus is rising on its elevated precinct in Learmonth Street.

Like two giant crab’s claws, the machines at the Menzies Street site carefully push debris into piles, before gently nudging walls to the ground. Everything is carried out in an ordered and methodical way, as room by room of the hospital slowly vanishes into the rubble.

Interiors are clearly visible amongst the ordered chaos – reminders of the past and the community efforts which brought the former Charlton Bush Nursing Hospital into existence in 1965.

Just a few streets away the new hospital site provides a stark contrast with its pristine layout. There are still plenty of machines working, but at this location they are creating, not destroying.

Cars intermittently circle both sites – checking the progress.

This is a unique time in the history of Charlton’s health service, and these images record just a portion of this transitional phase.



• No longer a playground for school children, the site of the former Charlton Primary School is now the being developed into the home of the new Charlton hospital.

Donald High Doings

Year 10 Program

Donald High has a well-planned approach to implementing year 10 participation in the North Central Trade Training Centre. The students can choose from a VET subject at Charlton or a balanced and varied program at Donald, structured to provide relevant learning to students who remain here without disadvantaging those who attend Charlton.

One of the changes has affected Information Technology. To ensure that year 10 students are not disadvantaged, the staff have begun planning how I.T. and digital learning will be incorporated into other subjects at Year 10 level.

All Occupied

Every student who left Donald High School last year went either to employment, further training or university.

Donald en Francais

The school is developing a new website, called “Donald en Francais” created by Mademoiselle and the students. The website will be regularly updated in both French and English and people are invited to visit mademoiselle.tb.wordpress.com to discover more about Donald students’ work with the French culture.

Brain Bee Challenge

Four students qualified to participate in the Parts A and B of the Victorian State final of the Australian Brain Bee Challenge – Sarah Stuchbery, Jorey Russell, Stacey Rachinskaya and Aselia Karataeva.

They did not make it to the finals, but later were able to listen to guest speakers, including Professor Sir Gustav Nossall, who researched diseases in developing countries; Dr. Megan Munsie, on stem cells and the brain, and Dr.



Olivia Carter on the origin of consciousness.

They were also taken on a tour of the epilepsy research laboratory at the Florey Institute and the DAX gallery, which was for artwork done by people with mental health problems. They also visited the anatomy museum, with preserved pieces of human bodies with the skin taken away so that the tendons and muscles were visible.

In Sarah’s words, “We had fun and learnt a lot”.

\$86m. Calder Highway Plan

Liberal candidate for Mallee, Chris Crewther, has welcomed the announcement of \$86 million to upgrade Victoria’s most notorious black spot at the Calder Highway/Calder Alternate Highway interchange near Ravenswood to the south-east of the Mallee electorate.

“A Tony Abbott led Federal Government would contribute \$45 million to fix the blackspot while the Victorian Napthine Government would contribute \$41 million to completely rebuild the notorious intersection with a grade-separated interchange,” said Mr Crewther.

“Everyone in our region’s north west who travels to Melbourne knows just how unsafe that section of the Calder Highway can be.

“Turning right on to the Calder travelling south can be dangerous, especially at night and in poor weather conditions. We’re going to get on with the job of fixing this blackspot which Federal Labor has neglected to fund, despite it being a Victorian Government priority roads project.”

Mr Crewther said the Calder Highway announcement would improve road safety, boost jobs and provide crucial new infrastructure for regional Victoria.

“Last week’s announcement is a big win for our region, particularly for farmers and the whole agricultural supply chain who use the busy freight corridor to transport produce from Mallee to Melbourne and beyond,” he said.

“It’s equally important for local residents visiting friends and family in Melbourne and students returning home for holidays. It will also deliver a major boost for the tourism industry in Mildura, Swan Hill and Kerang with a smoother, safer way to move tourists to and from our region.

“The Calder Highway is the primary road transport route connecting regions, cities and towns in northern and north western Victoria and south



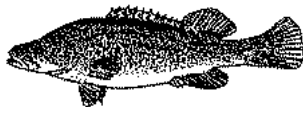
• Chris Crewther

western New South Wales to Melbourne.

“This upgrade will boost the local economy, help create jobs and provide a safer travel route between the Mallee electorate and Melbourne.”

“This is good news not just for Mildura, but anyone from the Mallee electorate who uses this road including residents from Kerang, Swan Hill, Ouyen, and smaller communities throughout the North West.”

Fish Tales



(By Jarrod Tyler)

Another fortnight closer to Spring but the weather over this period has been anything but Spring-like.

Persistent strong winds, rain events and low temperatures have been a feature of recent weather patterns. The good news however, is that further rains have bolstered storage levels around the state and that makes fishing prospects brighter for when Spring does arrive.

One angler making the most of the wintry conditions is Michael Carter from Ballarat. After the re-filling and restocking in 2011, Lake Wendouree is again back to its best for Ballarat anglers. Brown and Rainbow Trout have been heavily stocked into the lake from the nearby hatchery located on the west side of the lake.

On a recent trip, Michael managed to land two healthy Lake Wendouree Trout using mud-eye fished under a bubble. These two fish, one Rainbow and one Brown Trout tipped the scales at around the 2 kilogram mark.

Anyone looking to try their hand at Trout fishing should consider heading to Lake Wendouree. Fly, bait and lure fishing can all be easily carried out around or on the lake with the chance of catching Redfin also available. Rest assured, when the weather turns nasty you can warm up at one of the many cafes situated around the lake. For the report, Michael has qualified for the Fish Tales prize pack draw sponsored by Webbcon Marine.

The Murray

Several reports from along the Murray River indicate that good sized Cod are on the bite. The Wemen area has continued to provide anglers putting in the time trolling large bibbed lures with some good sized fish.

Areas further downstream between Mildura and Wentworth have also produced some quality fish in the order of 25-35lb in recent weeks. This is a welcome sight after the huge fish kills of the 2011 floods had impacted heavily on Cod numbers. Anglers catching these iconic fish are generally doing so for the sport of it and once the evidence of the catch is on film, release these fish back to the river.

The Right Gear

Over the past two editions of Fish Tales, I have outlined how to set yourself up with the right gear to get started fishing with soft plastic baits.

As previously mentioned, the right rod, reel and line are vitally important when using this method of fishing, along with the right choice of plastic bait.

The final factor when increasing your chances of a hook-up is line management and retrieving technique. Unlike conventional lures and spinners, soft plastics are designed to catch fish when you aren't actually winding.

If you take the time to observe the action of these soft plastic baits you will notice a couple of important features. As the weight is positioned at

the nose of the plastic bait or fish, the body of the plastic follows this point of tow and acts in a true fish-like manner.

This means, as you allow the plastic to sink, the plastic bait continues to keep its shape and swim towards the bottom of the waterway. This is the time in which more the 80% of hook-ups occur and leads me to a key retrieval tip.

Once your cast has had time to sink to the bottom, lift the tip of your rod up in 3 short twitching motions so as the plastic bait moves several feet off the bottom. Allow the soft plastic to once again head towards the bottom, ensuring you watch the line also mov-

ing back into the water as this is the time where a strike will generally occur.

The speed in which the plastic will swim towards the bottom depends on the shape and weight of the jig head you have chosen. Be sure to match the jig head accordingly to the size of the plastic.

Common Mistake

A common mistake of anglers unfamiliar with fishing plastics is the incorrect choice of jig heads.

Ensure the hook extends through around half of the plastic with suitable hook exposed, as well as ensuring the hook ends facing upwards in

the body of the plastic. With a bit of practice and fishing with someone who has some experience with this style of fishing, you will soon discover why soft plastics in Australia have become so popular with anglers.

As the weather starts to warm up and the days become longer, I'm sure I will receive more reports from you all about your fishing expeditions. The winner of the first 'Fish Tales' prize pack will be announced in next fortnight's edition. Until next time, *keep on casting* . . .

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• *Right: Michael Carter with his catch of Rainbow and Brown Trout.*



Wimmera Weather Station is Needed

The Nationals Candidate for Mallee Andrew Broad has vowed to be a strong voice in Canberra and fight for a Bureau of Meteorology weather station for the Wimmera and Southern Mallee if elected Member for Mallee on September 7.

Mr Broad said farmers in the Wimmera and southern Mallee were currently forced to check the Mt Gambier and Mildura weather radars if they wanted weather data before making decisions for their property. He said this was an unreliable and untimely method.

“The economy of the Wimmera and southern Mallee relies on its farming industries, with agriculture generating 35.5 per cent of regional exports from that area,” Mr Broad said.



• **Andrew Broad**

“If farmers cannot properly prepare for various weather conditions due to a lack of local weather forecasts, this can affect crop spraying schedules, livestock management, organising contractors, sheep shearing timing – the list goes on.

“It is vital for farmers in the Wimmera and southern Mallee to have real-time, accurate weather data in order to run their businesses most effectively and boost their production levels.”

A Wimmera and southern Mallee weather station providing real time and accurate information will assist the air ambulance in getting injured people back to Melbourne for emergency treatment and the

fire fighting aircraft with water bombing efforts.

Mr Broad said he would fight for a localised weather station for the Wimmera and southern Mallee if elected.

“I see this issue as vital, not only to farmers in the Wimmera and southern Mallee but also to the wider region’s economy,” Mr Broad said.

“The Wimmera Development Corporation has identified that just a 1 per cent increase in agricultural production would boost the economy by \$7.7 million.

“So the benefits of providing a weather station to help farmers grow their production are very clear.”

Cod and Cray Closed Season Begins Sunday

Recreational anglers are being reminded that the closed season for Murray cod and spiny freshwater crayfish begins this Sunday, September 1.

Fisheries Victoria Executive Director, Ross McGowan, said the three month closure for Murray cod provided the species with a chance to breed and contribute to future native fish stocks.



• **Murray Cod**

“Anglers who take Murray cod during the closed season face an on-the spot fine of \$433 or a court appearance if the matter is more serious,” Mr McGowan said.

“The Murray cod season re-opens to fishing on December 1, and will be keenly anticipated by freshwater anglers right across Victoria.

“Many anglers will target Murray cod in waters we have stocked with fingerlings grown at our Snobs Creek hatchery, near Eildon.

“Our native fish stocking program, which released more than 1 million Murray cod last summer, is funded by fishing licence fees and the State Government’s \$16 million Recreational Fishing Initiative.

“The closed season for spiny freshwater crayfish is longer and anglers will need to wait until June 1, 2014 to pursue them again.”

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North-Central Football Votes

Reserves

Birchip-Watchem: Mykel Smith 6, Liam Coffey 3, Luke Garth 2, D. Ferrier, Oliver Noonan, Shane Hogan and Riley Doran 1

Boort: Luke Newell 11, Steven Lanyon 8, Kameron Ritchie and Mark Perryman 4, Jack Smith, Nick Parker and Matt Kane 2, Joe Darker and Mark Nilon 1.

Charlton: Danny Wright, D. McIntyre and Chris Clifford 7, Sean O’Connor 6, Jackson White 5, R. McKee, Luke Zagame, Ryan Maloney and Trent Collins 3, Riley Thiesz, Luke Byrne, Andrew White 1.

Donald: Lachie Jones 13, Jordan May 8, James Heslop, Nathan Dunstan, and Ed.

Guthrie 6, Dion Hawkes 5, Jono Ingram, Nathan Wright, Matt Gilmour and Brad Vallance 3, Paul Brennan, Sean O’Reilly and Jon McLeod 2, Chris O’Rourke, Blake Luehman and Sam Dunstan 1.

St. Arnaud: Beau Knight 22, Mark Ciurleo 9, Kurt Torney 7, Dom Rhoden 5, Brock Ezard 4, Mark McTaggart 3, Jarryd Kell, Daniel Goode, Callum Goode, Zac Notting and Robert Fithall 2.

Wedderburn: Clinton Turnbull 20, Cam Weston 6, Jack McNamara and Alex Gordon-Cook 5, Brad Holt 4, Jacob Piccoli and Ryan Butters 3, Paul Turnbull, Cam Steel, Brett Collins, Nick Holden and Cam Lang 2, Jason Hannah and Andrew Brett 1.

Wycheproof-Narraport: Joel Pardella 15, Joel Purdy 13, Jon. Grylls and Rory White 4, Simon Harrison, Chris Duffy, Jed Bish and Chris Poole 3, Matt Dwyer and Shaun Stone 2, Ash Durie, Rob Fawcett, Danny Harrison and Robert Botheras 1.

Donald: Jordan Bath and Sam Dunstan 16, Edward Landwehr 7, Angus McLennan 5, Jack Landwehr and Liam Leith 4, Josh Potter 3, Brayden Tonkin and Daniel Westerland 2, Jay Parsons, Rory O’Shannessy and Jesse Dixon 1.

St. Arnaud: Jordan Harris 30, Joe Pickthall 17, Shaun Clohesy 6, Cody Aspland, L. Hendy and Harley Durwood 3, Thomas Bertalli and Ryan Neilson 2, Leetyn McKenzie 1.

Wedderburn: Kyle Wright 11, Ash Younghusband 10, Rhordan Holt 6, Louis Holt 5, Jarvis Holt, Steven Sedgley, Joe Lockhart and Will Holt 3, Jayden Keller 2 and Tim Isaac 4.

Wycheproof-Narraport: Morgan Fawcett 6, Jack Robinson 3, Tom Trewin 3, Jack White 1.

Under Sixteens

Birchip-Watchem: Sean Hogan 28, Jake Gleeson 8, Riley Sayle 6, Nikko Garcia and Nick Sands 2, Carl Egerer and Samuel Owa 1.

Boort: Harry Weaver 20, Daniel Waldron 15, Dylan Hatcher 11, Jordan Bleicher 6, Blake Slater 5, Otis Lanyon 4, Joshua Smith 2, Callum Holland 1.

Charlton: Nathan King 13, Jason Ainsworth 7, Kye Jenkyn and Storm Giri 3, Lachlan Homes-Brown 2.

Squash Continues

In this week’s round 5 of the Donald squash competition, Bulldogs and Carlton came to the fore.

Monday

Bulldogs defeated Melbourne 13 games to 11.

Belicia Bowles d. Olivia Coates 15-6, 15-5, 15-4

After an even first set with some good rallies, Belicia proved too strong, with some well placed serves and deep shots.

Mark Donnellon, playing as a substitute, d. Keelan Westerland 15-6, 15-10, 14-15, 15-12.

Mark came out firing, and Keelan struggled to return serve in the first game. Then he warmed up and started hitting some great cross court shots. In the third, both were playing good shots and there were lots of rallies. However, Mark’s more reliable serve was the deciding factor.

Gavin Belleville d. Jim McEwen 15-14, 15-6, 10-15, 11-15, 15-13.

This was a blockbuster. Both played well in all sets and the 5 set length was a fitting result. Actually, there were only 4 points between them at the end.

Melissa Coates d. Kath Campbell 15-13, 15-11, 11-15, 15-14.

Both took a while to warm up, and Kath also did not realize for a time that Melissa was a “leftie”, so Melissa just won the first two sets. Kath bounced back with good low front shots, taking the fourth game, but Melissa came from behind to take the fourth only 15-14. There were great low front shots from both, and good reaching from Kath, but Melissa was just better on the night.

Tony Cashin d. Shaun McNaulty 15-10, 15-13, 15-13.

Tony, filling in as a sub. for Richard Reilly, had a hard fought 3 game win. Each game consisted of long rallies that took each player to all parts of the court. Tony’s consistency in vital points towards the ends of the games saw him come out on top.

Graeme Male d. Heath Griffiths 14-15, 15-14, 15-11, 12-15.

In the four game scores given, Graeme was the winner by one point, indicating that this was a tremendous game

from two very evenly matched players.

Wednesday

Carlton defeated Richmond 15 games to 8.

Jodie Bowles d. Zac Hollis 9-15, 15-6, 15-11, 15-13.

The first game was a ripper, played at great standard by both, with good shots and plenty of running, but Zac’s serve was the difference. Jodie started serving deeper and making Zac run more, so won the second, and the third was close, though Jodie gained it through making a couple of lucky mishits and a couple of errors from Zac. The fourth was anyone’s game, but Jodie’s stamina and good placement got her home. It was a brilliant standard of squash.

Jasmine Hollis,subbing for Jess Wyatt, d. Jody Bowles, subbing for Spencer, 15-7, 15-7, 15-8.

Jasmine started and finished the game in the same way, with good powerful serving and smart shots, moving well round the court and not giving Jody much chance to get into the match. In the third Jody began to feel her way, but Jasmine was determined.

Mark Mortlock d. Ken Rowe 15-11, 15-13, 11-15, 15-7.

With both players warmed up and hitting well, it was a good game. Mark took an early break and maintained it for most of the match. Ken found his feet in the third, but was unable to keep up the pressure.

Heath Griffiths d. Paul Brennan 15-11, 15-6, 15-13.

Paul started well in the first, applying plenty of pressure on Heath, who came back well to take the first. Heath continued his good play, making the most of his drop shots and depth when required. Paul had chances in the third, but did not take the opportunity.

Invitation

Horsham Squash Club has invited any interested members for a social hit. This would lead into an inter-town tournament in the near future. If interested please call Heath on 0427 240572.

Under-16 Football

Birchip-Watchem v. Wedderburn

In a crucial game between Birchip Watchem and Wedderburn under 16s Wedderburn dominated proceedings and proceeded to the finals.

Throughout the season both teams were battling for fourth position and although Birchip Watchem had taken the points in the two previous encounters it was now Wedderburn who was a game and nine per cent clear and in the four. The young Redbacks were keen to show they were worthy of some finals action whilst the Bulls were aware that a strong win could leapfrog them into an extended season.

It soon became apparent however that Wedderburn was ready to make an impact. Birchip Watchem had its share of possession but was often under pressure and had to scrap hard to gain control of the ball. Conversely, Wedderburn ran and spread well, creating options and looking dangerous whenever the ball entered the forward line, which became the pattern for the game. Birchip Watchem only managed three goals with Riley Sayle kicking two and Cajun Fowler one.

The Bulls could not match the intensity or team football of the Wedderburn boys as they scored eleven goals. T. Campbell, K. Wright, H. Yougson all scoring two goals and S. Sedgley, A. Younghusband, C. Youngson, M. Smith and O. Lockhart kicking singles.

With the season over it was time to reflect for the Birchip Watchem footballers and coaches Ben Brady and Jake Hogan. It seemed that a week did not go by when injuries or

illness reduced playing numbers to less than the required 18, however to their credit they stuck to the task of playing a competitive style of football, a style that many teams found it hard to score against and was successful. However the Bulls too often found it difficult to kick a big score as a result of an absence of tall players and needed to rely on a spacious forward line for their runners to exploit.

Plenty of positives include the continued development of the younger players in only their first or second year of Under 16 football. They may not have picked up many of the weekly awards; however their effort and improvement did not go unnoticed. Similarly, the progress of the boys playing their first season of footy has been pleasing. The foundation has been set and with a bit of luck (and a bit of height) the Bulls will find themselves back in the finals in 2014.

Wedderburn under 16s on the other hand could have a chance to play finals football in 2013 and if they continue to play with the same energy and enthusiasm they could be capable of an upset against the ladder leaders in the next couple of weeks.

Final scores: Birchip- Watchem 3.4 (22) defeated by Wedderburn 11.7 (73).

Best for Birchip-Watchem: S. Hogan (Sharp’s & Noonan’s), J. Ryan (J&B Noonan), J. Lee (BWFC), S. Owa (Doran’s), N. Garcia (BBLC), R. Sayle (Rosie’s).

Best for Wedderburn: J. Lockhart, A. Younghusband, D. Jackson, R. Holt, S. Stephenson, T. Campbell.



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A Day of Presentations and Praise:

Secretary Ben Brady welcomed all club sponsors, life members, players, families and supporters to the earlier than usual 2013 Birchip Watchem football club presentation day on Sunday at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre.

A special welcome was extended to in Hec Dickie and Col Russell, two of the eldest life members of the Birchip and Watchem Football Clubs before the formal proceedings began with the reserves vote count.

Reserves

In most reserves vote counts there is an element of surprise as to who will win, as the leading players spend some time in the seniors, but this year with the Bulls reserves team fluctuating on a weekly basis the count was even more interesting with thirty three players receiving votes throughout the season.

Julian Liston had an early lead in the count, but didn't play the season out, whereas Jon Haslam and Mitch Blackmore were late starters but still made an impression on the count, as did Mykel Smith who spent several weeks in the seniors throughout the season.

It took til the last game to decide the eventual winner of the Boyle family trophy, which was Mykel Smith with 45 votes, two ahead of Mitch Blackmore (Commercial Hotel trophy) on 43 votes.

Coach Brad Sharp congratulated Mykel Smith who could have been playing seniors but

wanted to play reserves with his brother Scott and occasionally his father Ken.

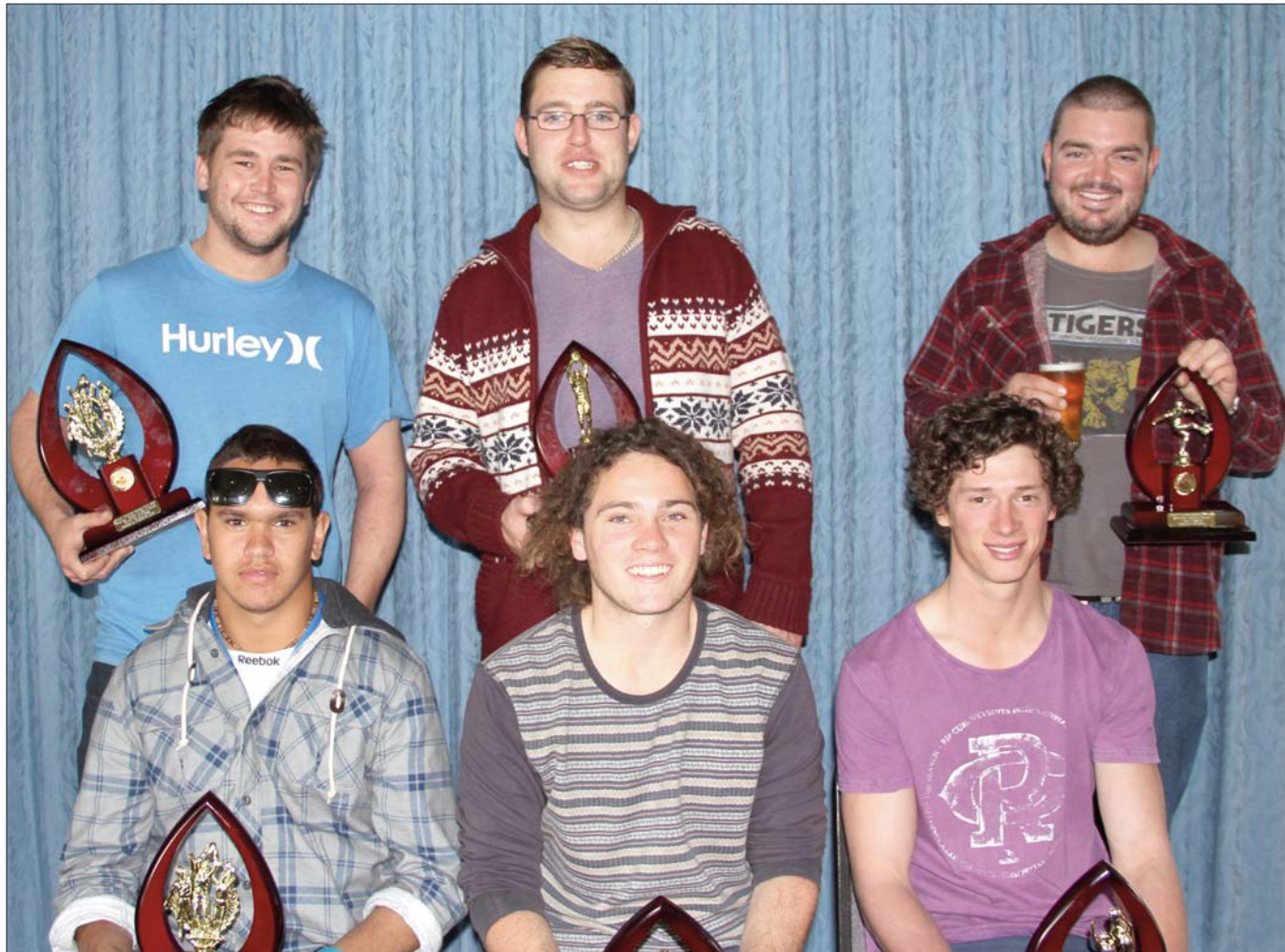
Brad also spoke highly of Mitch, who has been a great addition to the club since he arrived to play with friends Tom Sheridan and Toby McConville.

Mitch thanked his team mates and the coach, saying it would have been an uphill battle to put a reserves side together every week but it had been very much appreciated by the players.

Brad presented additional trophies to Liam Coffey, most consistent (C. & B. Hogan), Shane Hogan, most determined (Boyle Family), Rowan Tierney, most improved (Wimmera Trophies & Gifts) and Jack Daniels, coaches award (Brad Sharp). Others to poll well were Liam Coffey 26, Julian Liston 15, Ollie Noonan 15 and Jon Haslam 14.

Ank Russell Memorial

Gary (Digger) Russell presented the Reserves Ank Russell Memorial trophy for an outstanding contribution to the reserves team to Ronnie Brooks, noting that it was in recognition of all the volunteers who provide a contribution behind the scenes.



• Trophy winners Back Row: Reserves, Mitch Blackmore, Shane Hogan, Jack Daniels (absent), Mykel Smith, Liam Coffey, Rowan Tierney). Front: Seniors, Terrence Gilla, Harrison Christie, Curtis Smith.

Ronnie was privileged to accept the award and thanked the Russell family for making this available.

Brad Sharp concluded the reserves presentations with a list of thank yous to Ronnie Brooks, Darren Hogan, the

water boys, trainers and the fill ins who had helped out at the last minute. Brad announced that this would be his last year as reserves coach and wanted to add his thanks to Lachlan Foott and Zach Holmes for their guidance as the respective senior coaches, club presidents Chris and Leon Hogan, Andrew Lee who had been his mentor during his time as reserves coach and his family for their support.

Brad said he would miss the camaraderie that comes from being directly connected to a football team after twenty five years but would still stay involved in the club. He encouraged all the guys who came late during the season to stick around and hopefully be part of a more successful team in the future.

Seniors

The senior count was also very close, with Gus Grigg getting away to an early lead before he departed mid season. Terence Gilla also polled well early but it was the club's two most consistent and dominant colossus who conquered the count.

With two rounds to go Jake Noonan hit the front, but Zach Holmes finished the season with two outstanding performances to win his third consecutive "best and fairest" with 62 votes, eight ahead of Jake Noonan on 54.

Others to poll well included Terrence Gilla 29, Jake Hogan 23, Gus Grigg 20 and Harry Christie 17.

Coach Lachlan Foott presented the Hogan family trophy to Zach, thanking him for his guidance over the season saying that he had helped him out massively, especially with the midfield and providing sage advice when things were difficult. He said Zach is the ultimate player to have at a club; always helpful and a great mentor.

Zach responded with lots of praise and optimism about a team that had only yielded one scoreboard win for the season.

Zach said it had been good fun and a privilege to play with several of the under 16 players he had coached only three years ago. On Saturday eight of his team mates in the senior side were members of that under 16 team and he said it had made him proud to have played with them and even to have been the making of one.

He went on to say it was a credit to the club and everyone involved that they were still up and about with good crowds at games and functions, even though they were down on the field.

Lachlan presented Runner up Jake Noonan with the Commercial Hotel award and said Jake has been the team's captain and had led by example, and added that everyone in the club looks up to him and respects him immensely. Jake took on the role of assistant coach mid season and always knows the right thing to do, he can fill any gap forward or back and even in the centre and just has a smart footy brain.

Jake also responded very positively about the club and his team mates and said despite the obvious limitations and things being against them this year he was really pleased that they had battled on and hadn't given up.

Jake had loved seeing the improvement of the group during the year and said you need to experience the bad years to enjoy the good, which is astute advice for the young group.

Lachlan presented the most consistent award (Gav & Ange O'Donnell) to Terence Gilla, most dedicated (LP & SM Noonan) to Harry Christie and most improved (Richmond family) to Curtis Smith.

Lachlan thanked everyone at the club acknowledging the amount of work that goes into

keeping a club running. He thanked all of the volunteers who contribute in any way and everyone who has been on rosters during the season.

He extended his thanks to all the players, adding that he had been encouraged to appreciate the little things along the way and having thirteen players under 21 play this season and a core group of seven or eight juniors who have really come on has been a big positive this season. The way the young players have performed in general play, stuck to the plan and finished off the year has been rewarding for him to see.

Lachlan concluded by thanking the selectors and runner (Robbie Lee, Bill Gleeson and Jim Sheahan), reserves coach Brad Sharp, the committee and he wished the club good luck for the future, hoping success was just around the corner.

Final Formalities

President Leon Hogan was entrusted with the final formalities. He reiterated the role volunteers play to sustain the club.

His thank-yous started at Auskick, where Janine Paley and Darren Hogan were thanked for co-ordinating Auskick with a roster system and continued through a long list, from the trainers who dedicate their time to learning new skills to help the players, under 13 umpires Andrew Lee, Mark Bowen and Jim Sheahan, Scribes Chris Lee, Peter Doran, Lyn Boyle, Russell Christie, Noeline Hogan, the Gaylor Brothers and the junior parents, Russell Christie, Andrew Sayle and David Chamberlin for filling in the administration role in Mark's absence, gate keepers, field liners, timekeepers, Hans Egerer the score board attendant, Cathy Young, Sue Cozens for her sewing expertise, Robyn Ferrier and Simone

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• Ank Russell Reserves Memorial medal recipient Ronnie Brooks (centre) with Brad Sharp (left, coach) and Gary Russell.



• Leon Hogan presents the President's Best Club Person Award to Simone Christie.

Birchip-Watchem Ends Senior Season

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Christie helping with Thursday night meals, coaches, water boys, runners, interchange stewards, the netball and hockey club, junior body and everyone who has been rostered on for something.

Leon reserved special thanks for his committee members, senior and junior vice presidents Lachlan Barber and Jim Sheahan, secretary Ben Brady, Mark Bowen who plays an integral role with team and player administration and Tara Sharp who has been an exceptionally talented, tolerant and patient bookkeeper/treasurer.

He spoke of the new program this year to recruit and relocate Terence Gilla, Steven Anderson and Philip Curley to Birchip and thanked Carl McGinnis for accommodating them.

Leon extended the most important thank you to his family and particularly wife Noeline, who has been called upon on numerous occasions for numerous tasks.

Ladies

Junior President Laurie Sands proposed a toast to the lassies and presented flowers to Simone Christie and Bern Hogan as representatives of the ladies committee and Sue Cozens and Robyn Ferrier for their roles.

Treasurer Bern Hogan responded and presented the football committee with \$20,000 on behalf of all the players, families and supporters who have worked in the canteen or in Saturday night meal teams throughout the season.

Captains Shane Hogan and Jake Noonan made presentation to the trainers, Wendy Buteux, Sharee Dobson, Tim

Ward, Murray Paley, Aidy Connelly and Rachel Ferrier presented milestone certificates to Lachlan Foott and Joshua Richmond (100 games) and Liam O'Donnell (150 games).

Ryan O'Connor was invited to speak on behalf of O'Connors Farm Machinery and he commended the Birchip Watchem football club for the relationship they had been able to develop with O'Connors and also personally for the way they had welcomed him to town. O'Connor's make a big contribution to local football, sponsoring over 35 clubs across Australia and on Sunday they presented the Birchip Watchem football club with \$3,800 from the O'Connor's meter sponsorship arrangement.

Best Club Person

The prestigious Best Club person award was awarded by the president to Simone Christie. This year Simone took on the role of co-ordinating the food and rosters for the Birchip Watchem Ladies football sub-committee, supported the committee with many administration and computer generated tasks and assisted with the goods and services auction.

Simone thanked Leon for the award, noting that individual awards are difficult when there are so many people who contribute in so many ways, including all of those who have fulfilled their rostered duties in the canteen and the kitchen. She believes that as a player, or a parent of a player, you have an obligation to contribute and that her reward is that her two boys have an opportunity to play football.

The extensive list of thank yous throughout the day is testament to what is required to keep a football club sustainable. The contributions by everyone throughout the season, no matter how big or small are all very important and essential to ensuring the Birchip Watchem football club can remain vibrant and viable.

And as the president said, "One season goes by and another one comes around."

CHURCHES

DISTRICT CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Donald	10.30 a.m.
Banyena (LWC)	9.00 a.m.
Nullawil (Sat.)	7.00 p.m.
Birchip	8.30 a.m.
Charlton	10.30 a.m.
St. Arnaud (Sat.)	7.00 p.m.
Wycheproof (LWC)	9.30 a.m.
Wedderburn	8.30 a.m.

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SUNDAY
Charlton, 9 a.m. (M.P.).
Donald, 10.30 a.m. (M.P.).
Wedderburn, 11 a.m. (M.P.).



• President Leon Hogan (left) receives donations from Ladies' Committee treasurer Bern Hogan and Ryan O'Connor.

Under-Thirteen Football

St. Arnaud v. Donald

The equation was clear for this final home and away game – a win for either side would provide a double chance and a crack at Birchip-Watchem in the second semi.

The Saints began well, with Bailey Durward and Nick Myers driving the ball forward. Donald's Cooper Anderson, Shaun Sellick, Jye Johnson and Dylan Gowlett were all contributing, as Keelan Westerland broke the ice with a goal on the run. This was soon matched as Lachlan Flanagan marked and goaled.

The second quarter was a tight affair with two evenly matched sides. Dylan Casey, Jake Male, Mitch Egan and Jack Tillig were in everything for St. Arnaud and Donald found it difficult to break the last line of defence. Donald's best for the quarter were Sam Griffiths, Keelan Westerland, Harry Cashin and Jacob Bath.

The Royal Blues juggled their forward line for the third stanza and it seemed to pay dividends. Dylan Gowlett snapped truly and Sam Griffiths added another, and they appeared full of running. Sam Griffiths, Cooper Anderson, Keelan Westerland, Dylan Gowlett, Caeleb Leith, Sam Postlethwaite and Michael Donnellon provided plenty, as Harry Cashin snapped a brilliant goal over his head. Tyler Baldock, Alex Lloyd and Mitch Egan were trying hard for the Saints and were rewarded with a major from the dangerous Bailey Durward.

Donald remained on top during the last period, as Harry Cashin, Cody Brooks and Keelan Westerland gathered plenty of the ball and Tom Letts kept key player Bailey Durward quiet. Fletcher Douglas, Joel Harris and Dallas Flanagan fought the game out for the Saints, who will now play Charlton in this week's first semi-final.

Final scores: Donald 4.8 (32) d. St. Arnaud 2.6 (18).

Awards for Donald: Jacob Bath (Tess Dixon Memorial), Keelan Westerland (Della Vedovas), Harry Cashin (Johnno's Diner), Cooper Anderson (Early Bird Café), Caeleb Leith (Hogan Builders), Dylan Gowlett (Orsino Hair), Michael Donnellon (Buloke

Sand and Soil), Sam Postlethwaite (Donald Uniting Church).

Best for St. Arnaud: Fletcher Douglas, Tyler Baldock, Mitch Egan, Joel Harris, Jacob Hicks, Bailey Durward, Jack Tillig, Mick Myers.

Birchip-Watchem v. Wedderburn

As the sun tried to shine through the clouds the first ball was bounced at the George Cartwright oval on the last home and away match for the season in the under 13 game between Birchip Watchem and Wedderburn.

It didn't take the Bulls long to bring the ball into their forward line. The young Bulls peppered the goal line only to be constantly stopped by Wedderburn defence. Wedderburn cleared the ball out of defence but it was intercepted by Bill Lee who kicked long to Hemi Fowler and scored the Bulls' first goal. With Joe Reid dominating the ruck and Will Sheahan creating great run out of the packs the goals started to flow for the Bulls. Wedderburn tried hard to go forward but the Bulls' backline led by Ben Hogan, constantly repelled their attacks. The Bulls' second goal was through Brady Paley after good play from Darcy Reid, Lachy Braine and Hemi Fowler. Lachy Braine's persistent attack at goal resulted in the next two goals. With the help of Luke Fowler, Bill Lee kicked the Bulls' fifth goal of the quarter and at quarter time Birchip Watchem led 5.2 (32) to nil.

The second quarter started with pressure by both sides. A big kick by Ben Hogan to Ben Milne brought up the Bulls' sixth goal. The pressure of Wedderburn's backline led by Isaac Holt resulted in only two points being kicked until with a mark in front of goal Nick Ryan scored the next goal. Wedderburn won the ball out of the middle with Luke Holt kicking forward, only to be stopped by Darcy Sheahan who after some persistence managed to get the ball forward again. With great teamwork by Blair Hogan, Bill Lee and Ben Milne Joe Reid was able to bring up the Bulls' eighth goal after a strong mark. Jonty Randall was

showing great form in this quarter with some great play and kicking forward. Ben Milne, relishing his chance on the ball, brought up the Bulls' ninth goal and at half time they led by 59 points.

The third quarter continued in the same vein. Wedderburn tried hard all day only to come up against the force of the Bulls' midfield. Ben Milne kicked his second goal and the 10th for the Bulls. For the first time in the match Wedderburn was able to get the ball to its goal square only to be stopped by Nariel Garcia with a handball to Nick Ryan who cleared the ball out the back line. Wedderburn's Trent Jackson, Natt Hassell and Brodie Keller were attacking the football and driving the ball into their forward line, putting the Bulls' backline under pressure. At the last change Birchip Watchem 10.6 (66) led Wedderburn nil.

The final term opened with the play see sawing between both half forward lines. Jonty Randall kicked a goal after a good passage of play. Wedderburn's defence was under constant pressure, and after some scramble play Nick Ryan's quick snap resulted in a goal. The Bulls could only manage points midway through the quarter until Luke Fowler and Bill Lee kicked the remaining two goals for the game. As the mercy rule had been invoked at the end of the third quarter the final score remained the same.

Birchip Watchem under 13s have had a tremendous home and away season and have finished the year as minor premiers which is a great effort. They still have a lot of work to do to ensure they have a successful finals series and they will need to listen to the advice of coach Roger Blencowe over the coming weeks.

Birchip Watchem Awards: W Sheahan (Sharp's & Noonan's), L Braine (Hogan's transport), J Stevenson (BWFC), H Fowler (The Chip), D Reid (Rosie's), J Randall (BB&LC).

Wedderburn awards: B. Keller, L. Holt, O. Holt, O. Van Veen, J. Van de Wetering, S. Lockhart.



• Milestone certificates: Liam O'Donnell (left, 150 games) and Lachlan Foott (100 games) Absent: Josh Richmond (100 games).

Golfing at Birchip



Juniors

Eight juniors played last Friday. All played the same number of holes and it was the Reid brothers, Joseph and Darcy, who both ended up on 14 nett, to be equal winners. Please note that the junior windup will be on Friday, September 13 this year. It will start straight after school. Juniors will play with an adult partner, with a barbecue to follow.

Sunday

With tournaments and the football vote count drawing people away, ten golfers played in a Charity Day on Sunday. The women held a 9 hole competition, which was won by Beryl Feitz with 16 points. The men played 18 holes of Stableford, with Michael Blencowe the winner on 30 points on a count back from Graeme Reid. The secret pairs was won by Hayden Hogan and Graeme Reid.

Nearest the pin on the Birchip Engineering 7th. was Joan Glen, and on the Hogan's Transport 11th., Graeme Reid.

Wednesday

In delightfully summery weather, eight ladies played Stroke. Winner of the day was Joan Glen 98-26-72; which also won her the Monthly Medal.

Best second shot on the 3rd. went to Heather Hogan. Her 150 metre gobbler on the 14th. was nothing short of sensational.

Nearest the pin on the 7th was Joan Glen, the 11th was Lyn Boyle and the 17th was Joan Glen. Best putter on the day was Lesley Whitling with 24 putts. This was the final round of the Captain's Trophy, and this went to Lyn Boyle with 66 and 78= 144. Thank you to Captain Peg Hogan for donating the lovely trophy.

All golfers please note a change of day for golf for next week only – golf will be on Monday September 1, hit off at 10.15 in a Pinehurst event. This is to avoid a clash with the Schools golf event.

Lance House is not your ordinary footy tragic. Maybe it's because he's from the wild and windswept west coast of Tasmania that he's learnt to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.

Whatever the reason, when it comes to football, Lance thrives on adversity to such an extent that he deliberately seeks out the poorest performing club in the country each year, and travels to that place to share its pain and soothe its sorrow.

This year, in company with his long-suffering wife, Glenda, Lance made his poignant pilgrimage on August 10. At the request of the "Buloke Times", he has penned the following observations on his trip to the team that has lost all of its 18 games this year.

On the Road Again

(By Lance House)

The time had come again for the yearly footy trip. This year it's Piccola North West League's turn. Our chosen team this season is Yarroweyah, the home of the mighty Grasshoppers.

I'll back up a bit at this stage and let your readers (who may not know) the reason for this yearly footy road trip.

The selection of the team comes with very strict criteria. Each year after completion of the first round a team is chosen from country football in Victoria for its ability to be beaten by the largest margin: i.e. 30.18 to 2.1.

Some might say this is a bit harsh, but with the way some of these small country teams are struggling for players, and other pressures which affect all country leagues (which is a subject for another time), I feel these clubs need a little leg up, so to speak, so a visit to their home ground, spending a little cash, is the least I can do.

So with a very patient wife strapped in to the passenger seat, off we go on our eighth footy road trip, this time to Yarroweyah, which is a small dairy area between Strathmerton and Cobram on the Murray Valley Highway.

Upon entering the home of the mighty Hoppers, we paid the entrance fee and purchased some raffle tickets, when I noticed a fire bucket near by. I inquired what today's raffle might be, and was relieved to hear it was a meat tray, not a trailer load of wood. On one trip to Wakool, the raffle on the day was a trailer load of beautiful red gum. The trouble was it was a very cold and windy day, and before the raffle was drawn the poor cold gate-keepers had burnt almost all of the raffle.

On Saturday we found a place on the fence, and were a little bit disturbed to see an elderly gentleman yelling and pointing his finger and the local goal umpire – and it was only the under 13s! Later we found out the gentleman yelling at the goal umpire in fact was the goal umpire's father, who was locked out of the car and wanted his son to unlock it with the remote he had in his pocket, so Dad could get in out of the rain.

It was getting on to one o'clock, so off to the canteen to sample the traditional footy fare – hot dogs, chips, pies, soup (pumpkin) and chicken and gravy rolls. With chicken roll and soup in hand, we went to watch the netball while waiting for the reserves to

come out. It seems the netball teams are going pretty well, and are well placed on the ladder.

The reserves started to run out on to the ground, so off we went to see how they were shaping up. It didn't take long before we noticed a familiar trend at local country football these days – there were only 15 players, soon to be joined by five under-17s who had only just finished playing five minutes ago. It was the same for the seniors, when two reserves were needed to make up the numbers. This didn't help the poor reserves, who were soundly beaten 21.8 to 0.0.

The main game was, as to be expected, a little bit as one-sided as the reserves, which showed in the scores at the end of the game, but not without some entertainment.

With the game into the second half, it was time to seek the local view on how the game was progressing. So off to the club bar (I really didn't want to go, but the story comes first). The club bar was a long tin shed with an open front with two large wooden fire drums each side of the bar, which were two 44 gallon drums cut in half and welded in a row on legs and packed with ice and drinks.

A small group was gathered around the fire enjoying the game, regardless of the score.

We were into the last quarter; everybody seemed to be enjoying the day out, and with the towns so close together (about 10 kms apart), most knew each other, which made me stick out even more.

After a couple of cool drinks, we soon got to know each other and the reason for my trip to the Yarroweyah ground. We agreed the year was a bit disappointing, but they will be back next year and I was to keep an eye on them.

With the game nearly finished, and with the dairy cows looking over the fence from the next paddock outnumbering the spectators, I knew it was time to head back to Cobram, where we were staying, so with a "Good luck for next season" we headed off.

At the end of the day the scores were:

- Strathmerton 29.16 to Yarroweyah 5.3.
- One broken windscreen (by another Strathmerton goal).
- Three broken ribs (by a tackle from a Yarroweyah player).
- One groggy water boy who was hit in the back of the head by a wayward kick.

- Four stubbies, one cup of pumpkin soup, one chicken and gravy roll.

I'd like to leave you with the best sledge (in my opinion) that is printable for the day: "Ay, Hicksy, your Mum said you can kick to your brother – you're on the same team, you know."

With the 2013 season nearing the end, it's time to look towards 2014 and I'll let the teams decide who we will be cheering for next year.

Go Tigers!



• When a team is the victim of a "clean sweep", Lance House is on hand to help in any way he can.

Donald Trio Tackle Gidgee Goose Shoot



• Phil Jardine sets himself for his next shot.



• Jeremy Jardine gets ready for the next target, while Phil Jardine observes.

On August 15, three Donald Field and Game shooters Colin Frankling, Phillip Jardine and Jeremy Jardine and their wives and partners undertook the trip to Milparinka in the North West corner of NSW to attend the annual Gidgee Goose Field and Game Shoot.

The 150 target shoot takes place over two days, the most of which is on the Saturday, leaving some time after the presentations on Sunday for a little yabbing and exploring the area.

Of the 98 shooters attending our local lads shot well with Phillip coming 4th in the "A" Grade on a score of 126, Colin equal 4th in the Vets on a score of 110 and Jeremy shot a 109 to be placed 5th in the "B" Grade.

With the daytime weather topping 25 degrees and just enough breeze to keep the flies at bay, lots of laughs (particularly when someone had his car jump started only to find it wouldn't go anyway with the remote away from the vehicle) and great company made for a very enjoyable weekend.

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Around the Traps



(With Ken Grylls)

Quambatook’s much improved season came to an end last Saturday in the first semi-final at Wakool, going down to Ultima 8.7 to 17.9.

With coach and league’s leading goalkicker Paul Messer sidelined, Quamby struggled big time in trailing at each break, including being down by eight goals at the halfway mark.

But still the season has to be termed successful, and a near-certainty to springboard for bigger things to come next year.

For Ultima its evergreen veteran coach Luke O’Toole again led by example to feature in his side’s better six players. The Roos now enjoy tomorrow off before bouncing back to be a force to be reckoned with in the following weekend’s preliminary final, Macorna against the loser of tomorrow’s second semi-final between Wakool and Nullawil.

Just as well the Ultima senior side won because the other three sides bowed out of contention, with the reserves going down by the barest of margins, one point. No mention of a former Donald player Brett Atkin among the best, but former Wyche-Narraport player Justin Rooney, these days well and truly part of the footballing furniture at Murrabit, figured among Murrabit’s better players.

Hay again emphasised its standing in junior development with its under 17.5 and 14s both prevailing through to preliminary final stage. They have a good record of producing aspiring footballers from the far flung area of N.S.W., including the likes of Daniel Gash (Wedderburn) and Simon Bunyan (Tyntynder) to more recently Ben Mabon, who has caught more than a passing glance from A.F.L club North Melbourne. Michael Harrington is another young prospect from Hay spotted having a run earlier in the season with Central Highlands club Waubra.

An encouraging crowd turned out for the first semi-final action at Wakool evident further by gatetakings in excess of \$6,000. Wakool Football Netball Club catered well in showcasing the league’s first round of finals action.

Off to Quambatook tomorrow where the local club will have its well appointed facility fine tuned for another big day for the league.

The footy action promises plenty right from first of four games launching with the under 17.5s between Moulamein and Wandella. This Moulamein side has been something special, being top of the table virtually all season. Brad Cockfield has been a most reliable goalkicker with 80 during the home and away season to make him a clearcut winner of the league’s leading goalkicking trophy. The Swans also have a couple other handy avenues to goals in Jacob Lucas and Majok Monydhot. Meanwhile a couple of Wandella youngsters worth keeping an eye out for include Cooper Condely and Dillon Treacy.

In the under 14s the watch is for Macorna’s Evan Dorrington, the league’s top goalkicker in this grade with 62. His ability again evident in kicking a further 22 goals in the under 17.5s.

These junior games are a great forerunner to the men from Nullawil and Wakool who meet in both reserves and senior games. Funny thing is, these two sides only met a couple of weeks ago in the final home and away round. Wakool won both on that occasion, though expect the tempo will be much fiercer this time around with the stakes considerably higher with the winners afforded the opportunity of fast tracking into grand final action.

Fancy Nullawil dropping a game in the resses, its only one for the year, but toss Heath Pollington back into help Tony Doran and company and one would expect the Wakool Hawks to quickly be forced into playing catch-up footy.

As for the big one, expect Nullawil to overcome a bit of a flat spot late in the season to take the game right up to the minor premiers especially with co-coach Scott Mahiske undoubtedly a big plus to his side’s chase for ultimate premiership glory.

But still the Maroons will want to be on their best mettle as Wakool with a couple of likely types in Brendan Hancock and Lee Pollock playing quality footy through the mid-field and creating ample opportunities for team mates, including a pretty reliable goalkicker in Luke Kirkland.

Tomorrow’s GRFL second semi-finals at Quambatook, likely winners in CAPS;

Under 14s: MACORNA v. Wandella.

Under 17.5s: Wandella v. Moulamein.

Reserves: NULLAWIL v. Wakool.

Senior: WAKOOL v. Nullawil.

Loddon Valley

Who said you need plenty of notice to host finals, especially with Loddon Valley switching Sunday’s first semi-finals as late as last Thursday from Serpentine to Calivil?

Another double-header kicking off with second semi-finals action at Inglewood and first semi-finals at Calivil with respective winners fast tracking on to grand final day at Marong on Saturday, September 7.

So much for a predicted Serp vs. Pyramid Hill grand final with the Serp boys coughing up a 35-point three-quarter time lead to go down by one point to Bridgewater in Saturday’s second semi. The reigning premiers now on track for fourth consecutive premiership, while Serp faces off against Pyramid Hill in tomorrow’s preliminary final at Mitiamo.

With first year coach Paul Grayling booting eight goals in a best on ground effort, Pyramid Hill powered away to win by six goals over Marong in Sunday’s first semi-final. The lads from the ’Hill bounced back into the winners’ list after just missing out the previous week against Bridgewater, the game being forced into extra time.

This game is expected to go down to the wire tomorrow with both sides desperate for another shot at Bridgewater in the main game of the year.

While there might be a lot between these top three LV senior sides, the other two grades of footy may just appear a little easier to sort for premiership honours. The K. Shevlin coached Newbridge resses appear on track to take the flag as they wait to see who the play, Pyramid Hill or Inglewood.

And in the under 17s Pyramid Hill has gone through to the grand final undefeated, to be as close to a certainty you could get. All that remains is, who will be their rivals, YCW vs Calivil United ?

After tomorrow’s footy grand final final week will kick off this coming Sunday with the respective vote counts and trophy presentations from the 18-game home and away season.

Tomorrow’s LVFL preliminary finals at Mitiamo, likely winners in CAPS;

Under 17s: YCW v. Calivil United.

Reserves: PYRAMID HILL v. Inglewood.

Senior: Bears Lagoon-Serpentine v. PYRAMID HILL.

Central Murray

Like North-Central, Central Murray footy finals also commence this weekend with qualifying final action between Cohuna Kangas and Tyntynder at Balranald tomorrow, followed by the elimination final on Sunday at Kerang between Mallee Eagles (Lalbert) and Woorinen.

The game at Kerang promises to be one of the better finals you could wish for with the league’s leading goalkicker Glenn Boyd providing a reliable avenue to goal for Woorinen, while Mallee Eagles have a very astute coach (non-playing) in Jamie Macri, reportedly a former top quality footballer with Kerang.

In his first year of coaching, Macri already has one huge credit beside his name with the Mallee Eagles the only side this year to beat a very imposing Kerang side.

Girls Take to Footy

Hear plenty these days of girls taking a liking to play Aussie Rules footy (give or take a few modifications) with Bendigo Thunder excelling with a couple of premierships of late.

Golden Rivers can also boast a launching pad for girls wishing to participate with the boys in under 14s footy, not to mention it also helps make up numbers.

A glance at the footy “Recorder” and one will notice no fewer than five girls listed on the Hay list with Chloe Slattery an obvious smart player having kicked 42 goals this season to finish third on the league’s goalkicking tally. Wandella and Murrabit also have a couple of girls each on their lists.

One to complete her time with Wandella last year, Bella Ayre, is this year playing with Huntly under 16s in the Bendigo Junior Football League Youth Girls Competition.

Bella’s talent has not gone unnoticed as she was selected to play for Victoria in the recent State Schools championships in Darwin where, at the conclusion, she won selection in an All-Australian team.

Birchip-Watchem v. Wedderburn

In conditions perfect for football Birchip Watchem and Wedderburn reserves players attacked the ball with vigour, and while it was good to see Andrew Cooney back playing after a serious arm injury earlier in the year, with his rugby learned tackling it was Wedderburn which hit its targets with frequency.

Clinton Turnbull was providing drive and when Cavallo then Piccoli both goaled from wide on the flank, it looked like it was going to be a tough day for the Bulls’ back men. While the Bulls seemed have their share of the ball around the middle with Mitch Blackmore and Mykel Smith prominent, they were unable to move the ball into the forward fifty, whereas when the ’Burn had the ball it was able to hit targets.

Experienced players Jon Haslam and Linc Lehmann had their hands full rallying the troops and considering the pressure they did well to hold the ’Burn to 3 goals for the quarter. At quarter time Wedderburn were ahead 3.6 to 0.

Coach Sharp pleaded with his players to be accountable and encouraged them to keep up the tackling, asking them to try to bring home a win in his last game as coach.

Unfortunately for the Bulls, a fast break out of the centre saw Wedderburn’s Hannah kick his second in only a couple of minutes of play either side

Wyche. Golf

Fourteen players enjoyed the terrific weather and course in a stableford event on Sunday, August 25.

Winner was Cam Turnbull, 35 points.

Ball count: Wayne Such, Vince Grant and Alan Jones. Nearest the pin: Vicki Orchard.

Heard at the 19th.

- Good to see former albatross achiever Cam Tunstall back in town. He obviously has lost none of his golfing talent, since he won the day.

- Vince and his team have the course in tip top condition for our tournament, only a fortnight away.

- A leopard and zebra were seen on the course on Sunday. The outfits must’ve worked, as apparently zebra came from the trees to have a six-pointer, but the leopard was looking a bit awkward.

- The toilets must’ve been full at the raceclub, as Jenna was spotted squatting under a tree on No. 5.

- Mobile phone coverage must be a bit down out Narraport way. An ex-wicketkeeper was spotted on top of his silo with mobile in hand. It must’ve been a long conversation, because he was up there for quite a while!

- The magician “Jezza” has been at it again. This time he managed to bend a steel post without putting a finger on it! Don’t believe me . . . ask one of the netball girls for a look at a picture on their phones – they have plenty.

- What were Danni and her brother from another mother discussing Sunday night?

- Happy 84th birthday anniversary to one of our golfing stalwarts, George Tunstall.

— “Woof Wow”

Reserves Football

of the quarter time break. He was proving to be a handful and would finish with a game high of five goals. Not to be denied, the Bulls continued to press forward and when the oldest man on the ground (not Lee), Ken Smith, managed to get his foot to the ball he was able to put the first score on the board for the Bulls.

The Bulls continued to persist and Mykel Smith looked likely, but missed everything. All the while Wedderburn was adding to its score, but fortunately for the Bulls, the ’Burn’s accuracy was proving to be a problem. The next-to-oldest man on the ground, Andrew Lee, kicked long to the goal square and Mykel Smith swooped, kicking the Bulls’ first major score. At half time the visitors had extended their lead to 6.11 to 1.1.

Connor Buteux in the ruck gave his all, but Wedderburn continued to win the ball out of the middle and pepper the goals with first Piccoli then McNamara, Hannah (for his fourth) and Johnson from a long shot giving them four for the quarter. Andrew Lee, moved onto the ball, gave encouragement to his younger teammates and endeavoured to lift the Bulls. Good play through Coffey and O’Toole saw a long kick to the square and Ken Smith marked, played on and kicked the goal. At three quarter time Wedderburn led 10.16 to Birchip Watchem 2.1.

Going into the last the Bulls needed to find something and Mykel Smith did his bit with two final quarter goals. Haslam continued his good form and Rowan Tierney defended well, Wedderburn fought the game to the finish and set itself up for the finals with five final quarter goals.

Final scores: Wedderburn 15.18 (108) d. Birchip-Watchem 4.2 (26)

Best for Birchip Watchem. Best: M Blackmore (Donnellon’s), M Smith (Commercial Hotel), J Haslam (Birchip Hotel), C Buteux (Bourke’s Butchers), R Tierney (The Chip), A Lee (Birchip Motel). Wedderburn. Jordan Cavallaro, Jason Hannah, Sam Johnson, Ryan Butters, Jacob Piccoli, Brad Holt.

It must be noted that the Bulls had 18 players injured or unavailable on the weekend and it’s a credit to the coaches that they were able to field a reserves side at all.

Coach Brad Sharp has done a tremendous job all year considering the string of injuries the Bulls have had this season. The reserves coach always has the unenviable job of chasing up numbers to fill sides each Saturday and with good humour and a sense of fun he has blooded boys from Ireland, New Zealand and even Estonia (need a map to find where it is?) and taught them the intricacies of our great game.

While our football is Aussie Rules it proves you don’t have to be Aussie born to enjoy our great game. Names like Waitere, Laube and even an Irish Hogan, who is joint captain of the seconds, adorn rugby and soccer fields normally, but they have learnt and adjusted to our game with good coaching and a sense of fun. English may not be a first language or even a third and at

times when Shane Hogan got excited the language might not have been anything other than blue, but it hasn’t been an issue.

The players and supporters thank “Sharp”, “Brooksie” (Ronnie Brooks-runner/selector), the local boys from near and far, and our visiting mates from overseas for an entertaining year.

Summer Basketball Changes

As difficult as it is amongst the business of the end of the football, netball and hockey season it is time to start considering Summer Basketball.

The Donald Basketball executive committee is looking forward to a good representation from basketball families at the AGM this Monday night at the Mt. Jeffcott Hotel at 7.30.

Discussion will be around altering the age of the junior competitions to accommodate the numerous up and coming junior members based on last year’s membership numbers.

There will be the consideration of Under-14 competitions and Aussie Hoop age group competitions, as well as the timing of senior competitions to work in with harvest, tertiary students and end of year commitments.

If these changes are to occur, the backing of parents, referees and coaches is needed to assist in the week to week running of the summer competition.

All basketball families are encouraged to spread the word and if they cannot come along convey their thoughts to Secretary Kerry Wood on 5498 6228 prior to the meeting.

Mt. Wycheproof August Shoot

Mt. Wycheproof Field and Game held the monthly shoot on Sunday, August 25, when 47 shooters attended the 75 target handicap event, proudly sponsored by Graincorp.

High Gun: Ryan Barnes (Echuca) 61/64.

Handicap High Gun: Jamie Hogg (Wycheproof) 45/69).

AA: Shane Storm (Bar-rook) 57/60, 1; Leo McIntyre (Echuca) 50/53, 2; Darren Gervasoni (Wyche) 48/51, 3.

A: Luke Ralph (Bendigo) 59/65, 1; Andrew Reading (Minyip) 57/63, 2; Geoff Patching (Wyche) 57/63, 3.

B: Trent Storm (Bar-rook) 47/62, 1; Mick King (Pinegrove) 43/61, 2; Graham Jardine (Donald) 41/56) 3.

C: Daniel Nalder (Wyche) 39/66, 1; Sean Estcourt (Bar-rook) 41/65, 2; Mark Rawson (Wyche) 36/63, 3.

Vets: Wally Lawrie (Wyche) 35/53, 1; Alan Street (Grampians) 17/44, 2; Ray Krause (Minyip) 29/38, 3.

Ladies: Christine Street (Grampians) 51/57, 1; Julie Hogan (Wyche) 27/54, 2; Kathy Lowrie Wyche) 24/51, 3.

Juniors: Connor Hooper-Dixon (Wyche), 37/61, 1; Anthony Wilkin (Minyip) 34/49, 2; Cody Storm (Bar-rook) 48/57, 3.

North-Central Hockey

Birchip-Watchem v. Wedderburn

Birchip Watchem hockey had a good day on Saturday against Wedderburn on its home ground in the final home and away game of the season.

Underage recorded a 3 all draw against the top team to ensure their season continues into the finals. Awards: J. Reid (newsagency), E. Bales (Karlee's Hair Design) and M. Clark (BWFC).

In the last game of Minkey the award winners were H. Cook (Kawaii Kids) and T. Colbert (Hardware).

In the junior "A" a depleted team took the field once again due to illnesses. After borrowing some players from the Minkey and Wedderburn team, the game got under way. The game began as an even contest with Darcy Reid displaying great ball control as he weaved his way around players. Tadhg Lowry had an early shot at goal for the Bulls but it just missed to the side. Wedderburn responded quickly with a goal after goalie Malachy Lowry performed a great save, getting his foot to the ball, only to see it bounce off and into the goals. Wedderburn then applied a lot of pressure around their goals but Malachy Lowry was staunch in the goalie position and was able to save a number of attempts. Bodie Colbert was defending well in front of goals as well but Sam Giorlanda of Wedderburn sent the ball at a cracking pace into the goals to score the visitors' second goal. Sam O'Donnell and Ty Colbert were tackling well In their first game in the Under 13s. Darcy Sheahan and Malachy Lowry continued to block off the ball in the defence area which saw the half time score remain at 2-0.

The second half began well for the Bulls with Brodie Connelly performing a great interception and sent the ball into defence. Unfortunately, Wedderburn were able to cut it off and despite great defensive work by the Bulls, were able to score another goal to take their lead to 3-0. A good stoppage by Darcy Sheahan saved what looked like another probable goal to Wedderburn and when the ball came into the Bulls' goals area Ty Colbert almost snagged a great goal for Birchip Watchem. With great persistence, it didn't take much longer for Ty Colbert to sneak one through to bring up a goal for the Bulls, much to everyone's excitement. Talei Brooks tackled well throughout the entire game and Brodie Connelly ran the game out well, always presenting as an option. The entire team worked well together and did a terrific job, especially with the combination of regular players, young players up from Minkey and unfamiliar players from Wedderburn. Final score : Birchip Watchem 1 to Wedderburn 3.

Birchip-Watchem awards: Malachy Lowry (Birchip Hardware), Talei Brooks (Carly's Hair Design), Brodie Connelly (Sharp's Bakery).

Donald v. St. Arnaud

With the positions of the opposing teams firmly cemented at St Arnaud third and Donald fourth, this final match for the season would primarily be a forerunner to the first semi final.

With captain/coach Claire Schofield on the sidelines this week, Chelsea Hawkes had been called in to bolster the team. Umpire James Young was in training, mentored by St Arnaud's Glenn Rusk.

The opening stages of the match were even, with both teams sharing control of the play. Marcia Berry, in her usual way, was in good position for several goaling attempts but was unsuccessful. Pam McConville, in her ever dependable defensive position, thwarted St Arnaud's attempts to breakthrough to score. Zoe Tonkin was determined in attack, capitalising on opportunities created by free hits. St Arnaud won the first corner of the match but failed to score. Daniel Griemink repelled many balls, demonstrating his "thinking goalie" approach by reading the play brilliantly. At one point, he was lured out from the goal by the opposition players, but the goal was averted when Pam stepped in to defend the goal line. Kathy Hose cleared many balls in stressful moments, using her wealth of experience to reverse the play. Hannah Hogan's season has continued to improve, with her playing some of her best hockey this match.

St Arnaud's motivational half time huddle must have been effective because Brylea Swanton confidently hit St Arnaud's first goal early in the second half. Joan Pearce, a stalwart defender, consistently fought off St Arnaud's attack, playing her best game this season. Much of the second half was heavy slogging by both teams, with Donald showing some hesitancy to fight for that elusive goal. Brylea Swanton desperately tried to repeat her early scoring, but was brilliantly stopped by Morgan Green and goalie Daniel. Sarah Stuchbery's positive and well positioned play continued well into the final stages of this match. The game concluded with a final corner to St Arnaud on the whistle, followed by a scoreless second corner after another infringement.

It was a good team effort this week so thanks also to Bella Milne, Ros Olle, Kailey Hose and Eliza Goode.

Final score, a hard fought victory to St Arnaud 1-0.

Awards: Bullock's Head Tavern BOG, Joan Pearce; Early Bird Energy, Daniel Griemink; Buloke Sand and Soil Encouragement, Hannah Hogan; Della Vedova (Hogan's Builders) best team mate, Daniel Griemink.

As this is this scribe's last women's hockey report for the season, thanks to the "Buloke Times" for its weekly publication of these reports. Best of luck to the Donald women's team, the club's only representative in the finals, as they repeat this match next Saturday in Charlton.

Underage: The game was relatively free flowing from the outset, with the ball being moved up and down the field and both sides having opportunities to score. Evan Douglas for St Arnaud initiated many runs down the field and was dangerous when the ball was within range of the St Arnaud goals. He was well supported by Bronte Harris and Jessie Meagher across half back and through the centre. The Donald defenders were under a lot of pressure but the run and tackling of Kaily Hose across half back, solid work by the other defenders and some good intercepts by Olivia Connell, enabled Donald to clear the ball and initiate attacking moves. The first goal was scored by Evan Douglas for St Arnaud from a short corner, and a second followed soon after, again scored by Evan Douglas following a run down the field. Donald lifted its intensity and through the run of Aiden Goode, Tom Mathews and the other forwards, applied more attacking pressure and had several shots at goal. Strong defensive work by Bill Egan and Pat Knights for St Arnaud, and some good saves by Nathan Grigg in the goals, prevented Donald from scoring.

Donald maintained the intensity after the break and had an opportunity to score when awarded a penalty stroke within the first 30 seconds of the half. While this was successfully defended, Donald dominated play. Intercepts and second efforts by Eliza Goode and the half backs, and accurate passing and running to position by the forwards led to many scoring opportunities for Donald. This style of play reduced the influence of St Arnaud's Evan Douglas on the game, but St Arnaud defended well and still launched several moves into their attacking zone which produced shots at goal. Tackling and some good stops in front of goal by Lauren Pearse, Sarah Stuchbery and the other Donald defenders prevented any score to St Arnaud. Despite dominating the play, Donald was unable to score.

Final scores: Donald 0 lost to St Arnaud 2.

Awards for Donald: Johnno's Diner best on ground, Kaily Hose; Weir's Energy, Morgan Green; Donald Newsagency Encouragement, Shannon Coates; Della Vedova best team mate, Olivia Connell For St Arnaud: Sporting Club, Nathan Grigg; Canteen, Evan Douglas, Johanna Meagher; Bakery, Bronte Harris.

Demons Break New Ground

In a first for North-Central hockey, Wyche-Narraport's men's team will take part in the finals, meeting Wedderburn in the first semi-final, and will be very hard to beat.

In the women's Donald will be looking to reverse last Saturday's results against the Saints, and should win, 1-0.

And in the Underage, the Saints should prevail against a determined Birchip-Watchem.



• In a tight underage game, Birchip Watchem defenders including Elise Bales and James Paley (goalie) did well to earn a 3 all draw with top team Wedderburn giving Birchip Watchem an opportunity to play in this week's first semi final. Elise Bales is pictured confronting Wedderburn's Tim Isaac as he heads towards goal.



(By Ivor Hooke)

The Golf Club Annual Tournament was successfully completed last weekend with the weather getting better all the time.

Results

On Friday the 23rd. twenty- three pairs competed for the 4 ball best ball event.

Division 1 winners were P. Kaffagellis and R. Gallagher, 44 points; runners-up, N. Dewhurst and K Purdow, 43. Better nine, A. and F. Lee, 23.

Division 2 winners, C. and G. Stopps, 42 points; runners-up, G. Tunstall and V. Grant, 41 on a countback from G. Wood and M. Harris. Better nine, G. Wood and M. Harris, 21.

Nearest the pin on the 14th, L Kelly; 16th, D Marshall.

Saturday, 27 hole Stroke Event

"A" grade 27 holes scratch, B. Hancock, 109. Handicap, L Kelly, 101. 18 holes scratch, T. Steele, 76 in a playoff from D. Beavman. Handicap, R. Dumnesy, 68. 9 hole a.m., L. Skypko, 33. 9 holes out, p.m., S. McDonald, 33 1/2. 9 holes in, R. Gallagher, 34 1/2.

"B" grade 27 holes scratch, M. Duke, 129. Handicap, S. Jones, 107. 18 holes scratch, K. Adamson, 82. Handicap, P McKenzie, 71. 9 hole, a.m., D. McDonald, 33 1/2. 9 holes out, p.m., T. Green, 31 1/2. 9 holes in, A. Bayles, 34 1/2.

Nearest the pins, 3rd, L. Kelly; 7th, S. McGregor; 14th, B. Morton; 16th, A. Adamson.

Best 18 holes overall, G. Brassier, 64.

Sunday, Mixed Pinehurst

Scratch winners, R. Gallagher and J. Pearce, 78. Handicap, M. Marchment and D. Barling, 72 1/2; runners-up, W. and M. Knights, 72 7/8. 9 holes out, A. Bayles and L. Morgan, 36 1/2. 9 holes in, R. and D. Burton, 35 1/4. Nearest the pins, 3rd, J. Pearce; 7th., L. Willcock; 14th., C. Cullen; 16th, L. Willcock.

Heard at the Nineteenth

Andrew Bayles, who won Donald CFA's "Fireman of the Year" award the previous Saturday night, appropriately won two smoke alarms during the tournament.

During the various days' play, president Robert Burton and incoming vice president, Wayne Gniel, thanked everyone involved with the successful running of the tournament and in particular the generosity of the sponsors.

The winner of the wood raffle was Dianne Jackson. The golf club would like to thank everyone who generously supported the raffle.

Football tipping (sponsored by Donald Auto Electrics) K. Clark, 144; R. Marshall, 142; M Cullen and M Raynes, 141; W. Livingston, K. Willey and S. O'Shea all 140.

Coming Events.

Tomorrow is a stableford event. A reminder that Wycheproof and St-Arnaud tournaments are on the next two weekends.

Down the Middle?

Eleven ladies took to the field in perfect conditions on Wednesday, but again, we had three "pikers". We suspect the unusually warm weather was too much for them and they succumbed to heat exhaustion.

Of those who did finish the scores weren't too flash, so we won't mention them. I did however hear that they had a genuine excuse.

The vicious swooping of the magpie on the 6th. and 7th. put them off their game completely. They said it was nearly as bad as having to play with a Magpies supporter!

The event for the day was Par and the winner was Mandy (myself) Male. Runner-up was Jenni Campbell, on a countback from Ev Adams.

Mandy was also the nearest the pin on the 3rd and the 14th with Ev Adams nearest on the 7th. and Jenni Campbell on the 16th..

Last Thursday was our Ladies' Day tournament with the winners being:

Division 1 Scratch:-- Helen Leech; 81, Handicap: Wendy Laffin; 74, 9 holes in, Mandy Male; 38 and 9 hole out, Eily Rosewell; 36.5.

Division 2 Scratch: Gay Sim; 97, Handicap: Sharon Erwin; 78, 9 holes in, Lyn Jensen; 37.5 and 9 holes out, Chris Niewand; 38.5.

Nearest the pins: 3rd Wendy Larkin, 7th. Wendy Laffin, 14th. Heather Hogan, 16th. Dot Beattie.

Next week is stroke and on Thursday it's Wycheproof's tournament with a 4-ball aggregate.

Congratulations to Fay Lockhart on being made a Life Member of Wedderburn Golf Club.

Also our sympathy to the Sait family on the passing of Eily, a dedicated and loyal member of Charlton Golf Club.

North-Central Netball

Donald v. St. Arnaud Under-13 “A”: Donald 38 d. St. Arnaud 5.

Best for Donald: Cheyenne Parsons (Early Bird Café), Ruby Landwehr (LisonLanders).

For St. Arnaud: Imogen Amos, Brooke Clohesy, Kimberley Morrow.

Under-16 “B”: Donald 36 d. St. Arnaud 5.

Best for Donald: Jorey Russell and Sharney Harberger (Donald Newsagency), Rachel Downes (Woods St. Cafe).

Under-16 “A”: In the first quarter both teams came out firing, with shooters being accurate and intercepts hard to come by. Donald kept fighting and was able to put lots of defensive pressure on St. Arnaud’s shooters to get some much needed rebounds late in the quarter. Donald was able to break St. Arnaud’s zone defence by throwing some long passes into their shooters who were able to score off these opportunities.

In the second, Donald made some changes to positions, as did St. Arnaud. Donald attacked the ball and was able to pick up some loose balls and convert them into goals. The quarter flew by in the fast pace, as Donald was leading strongly for the ball and having some great set plays running down the length of the court.

In the third quarter Donald made some more changes to the line up having some fresh legs in the centre and a change of shooters as well. The game was starting to get very physical in some patches as St. Arnaud wanted another win for the year. Donald was able to increase its lead to 8 goals at the three quarter time break.

In the final quarter, Donald’s coach decided to make some “fun” changes to the players to put them into different positions that they were not used to before the girls finals campaign’ took place. Changes included Jasmine Hollis to GK, Meg Cumming to GA, Danielle Campbell WA, Keiarah Brooks to GD, and Isabella Griffiths to WD and we had some stability with Meg Cashin as Centre. Donald, although having fun, were scoring very few shots and St. Arnaud came close to levelling the score. Donald, was still able to come away with a win of just 3 goals.

Best for Donald: Jasmine Hollis (The Clothes Bin) and Meg Cashin (Woods St Café).

For St. Arnaud: Kaleisha Craddock, Torri Tillig, Monique Tillig.

“C” grade: St. Arnaud 44 d. Donald 35.

Best for Donald: Celeste O’Shannessy (Bullock’s Head Tavern), Catherine McLean (St. Arnaud Club).

For St. Arnaud: Olivia Goode, Aleisha Tannock, Jade Greene.

“B” grade: The weather was fine for the last home and away game. Donald started well with great defensive pressure from Jodie Westerland GK and Bess Errey GD, leading the way with numerous intercepts. Donald converted well through these intercepts to lead by 18-7 at quarter time.

The second quarter saw a change in the defence line up with Hayley Clark into GK who combined well with Bess Errey GD. With strong play in the mid court through Kirstie Davidson WD, Grace Brennan WA, Kara Harberger C, Donald extended its lead to 40-14.

The third quarter saw Caitlyn Wood come on to GK who gave direction and encouragement to her team mates as she so often does. This encouragement helped extend Donald’s lead. 52-23

In the final quarter St. Arnaud came out strongly, with nothing to lose. Rebecca Arbuckle GD and Brittany Tannock GK worked very hard against the strong combination of Kath Campbell GS and Nikeshia Grant GA who both goaled well all game. St. Arnaud’s Jenna Hick’s GS continued to goal well with Anika Torney C working hard. Donald was too strong on the day, with all players contributing and combining well for the road ahead in the finals, winning 69-31.

Best for Donald: Bess Errey (Donald Hotel), Nikeisha Grant (Buloke Sand and Soil).

For St. Arnaud: Jenna Hicks, Kirri Ezard, Tan Clohesy, with special mention of Carla and Britt.

“A” grade: With previous games being played in the wet it was a new ball game to see how we played each other in the dryer conditions. St. Arnaud started the game off strongly with Yelana Jennings C and Ali Egan WA fiercely passing into the ring with Julianne Baldock GS and Chloe Douglas GA converting strongly. Donald grabbed the lead at the end of the first quarter. 11 to 9.

Second: Donald’s defenders Jess Henderson GD and Renee Sheridan GK were working hard to shut down St. Arnaud’s goalers. Caitlyn Wood WD helped bring the ball down to Donald’s attack with multiple scores. 25 to 12

Third: With Grace Brennan coming on as WA and positional changes Megan Tonkin C and Sara Adams WD, Donalds lead continued to increase but St. Arnaud was always there to contest every ball. 37 to 18

Fourth: St. Arnaud continued to play strongly and give Donald a good run in the last quarter. Donald’s strong goalers Teagan Anderson GS and Jess Wyatt GA continued to score goals. Intercepts from St. Arnaud’s defence India Griffiths GD and Matilda Douglas GK kept the quarter even, Donald coming off with a win 47 to St Arnaud 27.

Donald awards: Renee Sheridan (Johno’s Diner), Meg Tonkin (Woods St Café).

For St. Arnaud: Matilda Douglas, India Griffith, Eliza Tillig.

Birchip-Watchem v. Wedderburn

It was perfect weather for netball on Saturday as Birchip-Watchem hosted Wedderburn for the final home and away round of the season. With some teams fighting for a chance to play in finals, and others fighting for the double chance it was sure to be an exciting day of netball.

Under-13 “B”: This final game excellently displayed how far these young netballers had come from the beginning of the season. Both teams exhibited the skills they had learnt for the year, with improvements they should be proud of. There were many great leads and some stellar intercepts, and the defence of both teams was tight. It was a great game to end the season with. Awards: Chloe Gleeson



• Donald’s Meg Tonkin is surrounded by St. Arnaud’s Eliza Tillig (left), Yelana Jennings and Chloe Douglas as she prepares to pass off during last Saturday’s “A’ grade game at St. Arnaud.

(’Connors), Niamh Lewis (Karlee’s Hair Design).

Under-13 “A”: This game started off goal for goal with both teams converting goals with their centre passes. Khiana Brooks played well in the defensive end and was complemented well by Courtney Sayle in the centre court, however as the game progressed Wedderburn pulled away. Final score Wedderburn 14 defeated Birchip-Watchem 9. Awards: Courtney Sayle (Hogan’s Transport), Khiana Brooks- (The Chip).

Best for Wedderburn: Sam Giorlando, Rebecca Turnbull. **Junior “B”:** With Wedderburn struggling to find enough players to field a side, it pulled up some under 13 players, who did a tremendous job. Birchip-Watchem played a strong game and gelled well together to have an excellent finish to the season. Birchip-Watchem came away with a massive win 30 to 6.

Awards: Madeline Paley (Greg’s Digging), Jessica Bidstrup (Commonwealth Bank). **Junior “A”:** This would prove to be a tough match between the first and second positioned teams on the ladder. Birchip-Watchem started determined to make amends for the loss against Wedderburn the last time they met. Terrific pressure from the home team’s defence created many turnovers which the attackers and goalies capitalised on. Both teams played at a high intensity but Birchip-Watchem had a deserved win, 41 to 26. Awards: Ashlee Tierney (Dave Walsh Transport), Emily Thomp-son (BWFL).

Best for Wedderburn: Jo Isaac, Ella Turnbull. **“C” grade:** With both teams clearly in the finals, it was always going to be a tough game for the Bulls against top side Wedderburn, which had not lost a match all season. The first half was an even affair, with the Burners shooting well and the Bulls defence working overtime, but Birchip-Watchem went into the second half with a two goal lead. The second half was again contested evenly with Rebecca Barbetti intercepting all over the court. It came down to the final seconds of the match to determine a winner, with the Bulls’ Jay Connelly shooting a

goal on the whistle to provide them with a one goal win. The final score of Birchip-Watchem 48 to Wedderburn’s 47 sets up an exciting finals season.

Awards: Sophie Hogan (Mallee Steel), Rebecca Barbetti- (The Chip).

“B” grade: Birchip-Watchem had many new faces in the “B” grade side, with illness and injuries pulling many of its regular players out. This game also started out very evenly with both sides starting out well. Wedderburn had less mistakes than the Bulls girls, and De Fernandez made it hard for the Birchip-Watchem defence to intercept the ball. Wedderburn again proved too strong for the Bulls, winning by 41 goals with a final score of 87 to 46. Both sides are looking forward to playing in the finals.

Awards: Sophie Noonan (RSL), Kylie Walsh (Birchip Hotel).

Best for Wedderburn: Deanne Wingfield, Paigan Gould.

“A” grade: After a loss last week, the Bulls “A” grade side needed to win this game to stay in finals contention, and came on the court determined for win. This was a well contested, fast paced match which displayed good passages of play from both sides. Many unforced errors from the Birchip-Watchem side allowed Wedderburn to break the centre passes. Deanne Ferrier (Birchip-Watchem) worked tirelessly with accurate passing into the goal ring and great positioning. The Bulls’ Hayley Hogan stepped up to the challenge of a positional change to goal defence, but the accurate shooting and free flowing netball played by Wedderburn allowed it an easy win in the end. The final score of 59 to 35 meant that the Bulls “A” Grade will not be appearing in finals this year. Awards: Deanne Ferrier

(Noonan’s Builders), Hayley Hogan (Watchem Hotel).

Good luck to all teams as we enter into the last part of an excellent season of netball.

Best for Wedderburn: Maddi Holt, Tara Wingfield, Meg Lockhart.

Finals Tomorrow

In the “A” grade first semi-final, Donald will need to be at its best to overcome a very determined Boort. Royal Blues by 4 goals.

“B” grade: Donald takes on Birchip-Watchem and should win.

“C” grade: Birchip-Watchem should put an end to St. Arnaud’s finals dreams, by 1 goal.

16-and-Under “A”: Donald to defeat Boort.

16-and-Under “B”: Wedderburn to defeat St. Arnaud.

13-and-Under: Charlton to defeat St. Arnaud.

Under-Sixteen Football

St. Arnaud v. Donald

The match was played at St. Arnaud. Donald got away to a good start with Eddie Landwehr getting some telling possessions in the middle.

Rory O’Shannessy to Sam Dunstan produced Donald’s first goal. Donald kept attacking but Jordan Summers and Tom Bertalli were defending well for the Saints. Bayley Burke kicked Donald’s second goal. When the Saints went forward they were having trouble getting past Jordan Bath, Clarence Barlow, Josh Potter, and Jordon Moss, who all worked hard for the Royal Blues in the first quarter. Cody Aspland goaled for St. Arnaud. Donald was teaming well as it came out of the backline, Bath, to Landwehr, to Dunstan was good football.

Quarter-time: Donald 2.4, St Arnaud 1.0. Angus McLennan took a strong mark at half forward and kept running forward showing Donald’s intent. Burke goaled and Donald was starting to build a lead. Lachlan Hendy was good at half back for the Saints and Shaun

Clohesy was providing run through half forward for them. Jesse Dixon marked and goaled for Donald.

Half-time: Donald 4.6, St Arnaud 1.1.

The third quarter was a good one for the visitors. Sam Dunstan goaled after a strong mark in the goal square, and Blake Hogan kicked two opportunist goals in succession. Donald was out by six goals. Josh Smulders, to Jordan Murray, to Angus McLennan to Sam Dunstan who goaled was excellent team football.

Many of Donald’s attacking moves were starting from centre half back where Jordan Bath was in everything.

Three-quarter time: Donald 8.7, St. Arnaud 1.1.

Eddie Landwehr continued his good form of the day, and teammates Josh Smulders and Zac Cumming were providing run from the half back line for the visitors. Young players Cam Berry and Jack Landwehr were getting into the play for Donald. Daniel Flanagan kicked a goal for the Saints. Liam Leith was determined all day but had a good

last quarter and using his possessions by finding teammates

Final scores: Donald 8.7 (55) d. St Arnaud 2.3 (15).

Donald had not beaten St. Arnaud before this match. The victory has thrown the finals race wide open. Donald was able to secure the double chance with a second semi final against Boort. St. Arnaud will now have to go back and play Wedderburn in the first week. Donald showed that if it can work as a team in trying to keep possession of the ball instead of indiscriminate kicks it may have some chance in pushing Boort in the second week.

Donald award winners: Jordan Bath (Johno’s Diner) Eddie Landwehr (Eddie Harris Mensland) Sam Dunstan (Bullock’s Head Tavern) Josh Smulders (Donald Hotel) Jordan Murray (Wiers IGA) Clarence Barlow (Donald Uniting Church-“Free Kick”)

St Arnaud’s best: Tom Bertalli, Jordan Summers, Toby Pickthall, Shaun Clohesy, Joe Griffith, Harley Durward.

Let the Premiership Battle Begin



• Wycheproof-Narraport dynamo Corey Jones, one of the most influential players in tomorrow's first semi-final.

Preliminary rounds in North-Central's 2013 season have been completed. Now we turn our attention to the business of deciding the premier team of the competition between Charlton, St. Arnaud, Wycheproof-Narraport and Wedderburn, starting with the first semi-final at Charlton tomorrow.

There will be no second chances for the Demons and Redbacks. The winner will live to fight another day, while the loser will join Donald, Boort and Birchip-Watchem as interested spectators only, with the premiership still to be won.

Wycheproof-Narraport has been very consistent throughout the season, winning 11 of its 16 matches, including two victories over tomorrow's opponent.

Corey Jones has been an inspiration for the Demons, producing consistently outstanding performances over many weeks.

At full strength and with players of the calibre of coach James Coatsworth and Matt Dillon to support Jones, Wyche.-Narraport can match it with any other combination in the league.

It's fair to say that Wedderburn's season has fluctuated from some very unRedback-like efforts resulting in five losses and a draw, to complete domination of opposition, as was the case last Saturday against a very inexperienced Birchip-Watchem.

That lacklustre form is the reason the defending champion sits in fourth place on the ladder, and no certainty to survive past the first semi-final.

It needs to be recognised that the Redbacks have rarely been at full strength this season, with injury and unavailability reducing their stocks of playing personnel.

Over the eight weeks, however, Daniel Gash and his charges have racked up six consecutive victories and are hitting their peak at the right time.

Sam Barnes is a case in point, with 15 goals from his last outing — an ominous warning for all defenders.

The fitness of three of Wycheproof-Narraport's best, Coatsworth, Dillon and defender Trevor Rumbold, will have a huge bearing on the outcome of tomorrow's clash.

Without their influence, the Demons might struggle to contain the Redbacks over the full duration of the game.

Boe Bish leads a defensive unit with plenty of grunt and he will need unwavering support from Josh, Jesse, Jake

and Rolly White and Spencer Allan to contain Wedderburn's power-packed attack, headed by Barnes and Brady Herdman.

The inclusion of ruckman Zac White has been a timely boost for the Demons, as it provides great support for Jones and his fellow on-ballers and releases Josh White to be the team's pinch hitter, capable of tackling any trouble spots that might occur, in defence or attack.

Zac White's clash with Brett Strange will be just one of the game's highlights.

Another will see Jones, Sam Driscoll, Joel Turner and Coatsworth go head to head with Ben DeAraugo, Cam Taylor, Rob Tonkin and Redback maestro Daniel Gash, in an unrelenting contest of strength, skill and desire.

Wycheproof-Narraport's Achilles heel could be its attack, with Jones called on in most games to be its most consistent goal scorer.

Against the likes of Rohan McHugh, Danny Benaim, Jacob DeAraugo and Hayden Polglase, Demons George Turner, Declan Lourey, Kristian McNicol and Kieran Prestidge must hit the target often throughout the afternoon, to take the heat off Jones and to apply scoreboard pressure on Wedderburn.

In previous games this season, the Redbacks have been made to look slow and not anywhere near as threatening by opponents who can free the ball up and move it into attacking positions with pace and precision.

The challenge for the Demons is to do it in one of the biggest games of the year.

With Coatsworth and Dillon fit and firing they are a chance, but without them at their best, Wedderburn to win — by 27 points.

Even Contest

There's not a lot separating Wedderburn and Wycheproof-Narraport reserves.

An abundance of talent at senior level has resulted in a boost for their respective reserves' teams, which, in turn, should produce a very keenly contested first semi..

Wedderburn's quest will be let by dynamoes Clinton Turnbull and Cam Steel, who will be looking to coach Adam



• An inform Wedderburn sharp shooter Sam Barnes, the danger man as far as Wyche.-Narraport is concerned.

Ritchie and Sam Johnston to finish off in front of goal.

Alex Gordon-Cooke, Jason Hannah and Cam Weston are others who will need to be at the top of their game to answer a strong challenge from the Demons.

Wyche.-Narraport will be looking to talented youngsters Robert Fawcett, Chris Dufft and Joel Purdy to lead its charge, with the experience of Glenn Bish, Jonathon Grylls and Rory White to be invaluable.

Wedderburn won the last encounter in convincing style, and tomorrow's clash should produce a similar result, but the margin will be smaller.

Saints or Redbacks

Completing a day of red and black tomorrow, Wedderburn's Under-16s meet St. Arnaud in a cut-throat final.

The Saints were very disappointing against Donald last weekend and now have to fight their way through the preliminary rounds to get to the grand final.

Wedderburn won't be a pushover, with players of the calibre of Kyle Wright, Joe Lockhart, Ash Younghusband and Darcy Jackson all prepared to get down and dirty to win the football. And the

young Redbacks have knocked off the Saints already this season.

St. Arnaud's best football is outstanding, with Jordan Harris, Jordan Summers, Toby Pickthall and Tom Bertalli all capable of rebounding strongly after last Saturday.

A strong four quarter effort should see the Saints win. Anything less will let the Redbacks in.

St. Arnaud by 20 points.

Saints and Navies to Set the Tone

St. Arnaud and Charlton Under-13s will be the first football teams to grace the field in a final and on past performances will set a high standard for others to emulate.

Both line-ups are chock full of capable young players keen to strut their stuff on the big stage.

St. Arnaud will be hard to beat, with Fletcher Douglas, Tyler Baldock, Mitch Egan, Jack Tillig and Joel Harris all performing well in the lead-up to the finals.

Trent Cossar, Nathaniel Holmes-Brown, Matt Sarre, Jed Thompson and Wally Townsend will provide stubborn opposition in what promises to be a very entertaining pipe-opener to the day's action. St. Arnaud to win by a goal.

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First Semi-finals

at Charlton
Saturday,
August 31

9.30 a.m.: Under-13s, St. Arnaud v. Charlton
10.50 a.m.: Under-16s, St. Arnaud v. Wedderburn
12.30 p.m.: Reserves, Wedderburn v. Wyche.-N'port.
2.30 p.m.: Seniors, Wyche.-N'port. v. Wedderburn

HOCKEY —
12.30 p.m.: Underage, St. Arnaud v. Birchip-Watchem
1.40 p.m.: Women, St. Arnaud v. Donald
3.10 p.m.: Men, Wyche.-Narraport v. Wedderburn

NETBALL —
9.30 a.m.: 13-&-Under, Charlton v. St. Arnaud
10.20 a.m.: 16-&-Under "B", Wedderburn v. St. Arnaud
11.20 a.m.: 16-&-Under "A", Donald v. Boort
12.30 p.m.: "A" grade, Boort v. Donald
1.45 p.m.: "B" grade, Donald v. Birchip-Watchem
3 p.m.: "C" grade, Birchip-Watchem v. St. Arnaud

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