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

Festival Application Refusal

The Buloke Shire Council has advised the organisers of the 2025 Esoteric Music Festival to cancel the event due to Council officers recommending the refusal of a planning permit based on significant health and safety concerns.

With the Festival's previous five-year planning permit expiring after the event last year, an application for a new ten-year permit was submitted in September 2024, with approval required to enable this year's event to be held in Donald from 6 to 11 March 2025.

Insufficiencies relating to the provision and quality of required information resulted in two requests for further information made in October and again in December 2024. A

satisfactory response to these requests was not received which delayed the required referrals and public notice to occur.

Despite these delays, ticket sales for the 2025 Festival have continued without the necessary approvals and permits in place.

With the significant outbreak of Shigellosis affecting over 250 Festival goers at last year's event, and the lack of adherence to previous a Place

of Public Entertainment Occupancy Permit (POPE-OP) as well as a current Building Order, Council officers are not satisfied that adequate public health and safety measures are in place to support the granting of a new planning permit.

Concerns

Council officers have also considered several concerns raised by members of the Buloke Shire Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee, consisting of emergency

services and health agencies such as the Country Fire Authority, Ambulance Victoria and Victoria Police.

After careful consideration, the Council officers have recommended refusing the application for a planning permit. Legal advice sought has also supported the Council officer's recommendation.

"We have been working with the event organisers, consultants and various emergency services, since receiving the planning application last year", said Buloke Shire Council CEO, Wayne O'Toole

"However our officers are not satisfied that the health and safety concerns in relation to the safe running of the event have been met and are therefore recommending the planning permit application is refused.

"We understand the impact this decision will have on the event organisers, patrons and the local community, and acknowledge their disappointment but we are also committed to ensuring any event within the shire is safe and compliant."

Meeting

An Ordinary Council

Meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025, to present the recommendation for the refusal of the application for a planning permit to Councillors for consideration. However, even if the planning permit is issued, the organisers will require a POPE-OP, which is likely to also be refused due to similar concerns with the health and safety of patrons.

• Editor's note: That meeting was scheduled to be held at 5.00 p.m. yesterday (Monday), after today's "Buloke Times" had already been printed and distributed.

The Judges Deliberate

For the Donald Lions Club, it was more than it's "normal" monthly meeting at its headquarters at the Foletti Caravan Park on Thursday night.

This was the occasion on which a group of judges deliberated on the address delivered by Donald Lions Youth of the Year candidate, 17-year-old Donald High School student, Curtis Rice.

The judges pictured were (left to right) Michael Flagg, Megan Tonkin, and Margaret McRae. They interviewed Curtis during the afternoon on a series of subject under the headings of "initiatives, activities outside school, academic achievements, general knowledge, and presentation".

On Thursday night, fronting an attendance of

more than two dozen, led by Lions president Michael Raynes and Donald's Youth of the Year chairman, Lions Chris Rodger, Curtis took to the Lions club rostrum.

His address brought spontaneous applause from all present, and hearty congratulations from judge Michael Flagg, who announced that Curtis would represent Donald at the next round of the Lions Youth of the Year competition to be held at Carisbrook.

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• Left to right: Judges Michael Flagg, Megan Tonkin, and Margaret McRae.

Murray to Moyne and Birchip Auxiliary . . . Making a Difference

The combined efforts of the Murray to Moyne (M2M) fundraising group and the dedicated Birchip Auxiliary have significantly contributed to the positive environment at the Birchip Campus of East Wimmera Health Service.

These two groups work hand in hand, with the funds they raise being combined and managed by the Birchip Auxiliary, also known as the Birchip Friends of East Wimmera Health Service.

The funds they have jointly raised have been put to excellent use, purchasing essential equipment and amenities (identified by the local management team at the Birchip Campus) for both residents and staff.

Murray to Moyne

The Murray to Moyne Ride from Echuca to Port

Fairy is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday April 5 and 6 2025 which coincides with the first weekend of the football season. This has introduced some logistical challenges for the team, which they are currently working through but their training and fundraising efforts are in full swing.

Their major fundraiser, the online auction, will be conducted on their Murray to Moyne in conjunction with Birchip Hospital online Auction' facebook site from April 4 to 11.

The M2M group has made an outstanding impact, raising just over \$69,000 in the past six years, with a large portion of this coming from their online auctions.

The committee is currently seeking donations for the auction, which could include anything from a holiday package, plants, homemade cooking or a cut up sheep, to gifts or a donation of time from a tradesperson. Anyone interested in contributing can contact Darren or Veronica

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• Roma Hogan appreciating the Indigenous Art works purchased by the auxiliary with the M2M funds.

Making a Difference

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Hogan, Kristy Knights, or Brooke Morris.

A Legacy of Generosity

The auxiliary's purchases over the last five years include: Bain Marie for improving meal service efficiency, ECG Machine for enhancing diagnostic capabilities, furniture for the hair dressing salon for residents use, 15 Clocks for Aged Care Rooms, calendars for Aged Care Residents, a Podiatry Chair and Drill and an Australian Indigenous art piece which promotes inclusion in compliance with accreditation standards.

The outdoor area at the aged care residence has also been enhanced with money from the auxiliary and it now features an awning, barbecue and outdoor furniture which is well used by residence and their guests for social interaction and outdoor activities.

Accommodation

Accommodation for staff in EWHS facilities is always problematic, and the Birchip auxiliary has worked closely with management of EWHS

to enhance the accommodation options available in Birchip to make it more enticing and homely for new or visiting staff.

Their funds have been used to purchase air conditioning and a television for the Nurses' House and three beds, bedside tables, and linen for the renovations taking place at the Old Wirrim Lodge, which will see the Northern end of the facility converted into short term staffing accommodation.

Seek 'n' See

Much of Birchip Auxiliary funds are raised in their opportunity shop, Seek n See, in the Old Shamrock Hotel in Cumming Avenue. Recently the Auxiliary used some of their funds to enhance the Op Shop and make it more appealing for shoppers. They purchased and installed new shelving, racks, lighting and signage and they have made a big difference to the ambience.

Community-Driven Impact

The contributions from both the M2M group and the

Birchip Auxiliary have had a profound effect on the well-being of residents and the working conditions of staff at the Birchip Campus. The tireless efforts of volunteers, donors, and the entire community continue to drive improvements, making a tangible difference in the quality of healthcare and aged care services provided at the Birchip Campus of East Wimmera Health Service.

As the fundraising efforts continue, the generosity and commitment of these groups ensure that the Birchip Campus remains well-equipped and prepared to meet the needs of its residents and staff. Their impact is truly invaluable, and the community's support remains essential in maintaining this positive momentum.

With continued support from the community, and through the dedication of their volunteers, the M2M team and the Birchip Auxiliary will ensure that vital resources and improvements keep benefiting the Birchip Campus of East Wimmera Health Service.

To Enhance Online Security...

VicRoads Launches Passkeys

VicRoads has rolled out its latest initiative to enhance customer online security with the introduction of passkeys, offering a simpler and more secure way for customers to access their myVicRoads accounts.

Using fingerprint, facial recognition, PIN or a swipe pattern, passkeys eliminate the need for a password and provide more security for VicRoads customers by reducing the risk of phishing attacks.

VicRoads joins Telstra, myGov and UBank as one of the first organisations in Australia to introduce passkeys.

Milestone

Crispin Blackall, VicRoads Chief Technology Officer says the introduction of passkeys is a key milestone in the organisation's digital transformation and aligns with its focus of modernising registration and licensing products and services.

"The introduction of Passkeys is a demonstration of our commitment to our 4.8m myVicRoads customers,

and the experience they have when interacting with our services," he said.

"It's fantastic to see our customers are already embracing the technology. Our introductory pilot program has resulted in the creation of over 200,000 Passkeys, with adoption on latest smart phones, tablets and computers that support passkey technology exceeding 50%," he said.

New Research

The announcement follows new research from the FIDO Alliance which found growing consumer demand for passkey adoption as individuals increasingly recognise

the limitations of passwords, preferring more secure and customer-friendly authentication methods.

"Customers are quickly realising the benefits of passkeys," Andrew Shikiar, CEO and Executive Director of FIDO Alliance said.

"Since passkeys first launched in 2022, more than 20 per cent of the world's top 100 websites and services have now adopted the technology

"This accounts for more than 13 billion accounts worldwide that can use passkeys to log in."

Bendigo Bank Most Trusted

Bendigo Bank was on friday named Australia's Most Trusted Bank for the twelfth consecutive time in a nationwide poll by Roy Morgan- external site.

The Bank has held the mantle in each Most Trusted and Distrusted Brands ranking consecutively since March 2022. The findings, released quarterly, are based on a comparison of 1,000 brands across 20 categories ranked by customer trust from an annual survey of 60,000 Australians.

In proud acknowledgement of this nationwide recognition, chief marketing officer, Sarah Bateson, said Bendigo Bank's high levels of trust reflect the Bank's keen customer-focus.

"This ranking speaks volumes about our customer-first approach to banking as we strive every day to make fans of our 2.7 million customers,"

Ms Bateson said. "We sincerely thank our customers and communities for the trust they place in us.

"Our Most Trusted title aligns with our consistently high net promoter score, which remains well above the industry average.

"We are a genuine and credible competitor to any bank in Australia, with customers attracted by our quality products, services and brands."

In this latest Roy Morgan poll, Bendigo Bank cemented its position as not only the Most Trusted Bank, but one of Australia's most trusted brands across all categories, ranking at 13th place.



• Above: Mavis Gould, Brenda McCredden and Judy Bowen enjoying the outdoor facilities and the shade awning purchased by the auxillary with M2M funds.

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"FLIGHT RISK"

The action thriller "Flight Risk", directed by Mel Gibson is the movie screening at The Rex this coming weekend.

Starring Mark Wahlberg, the suspenseful, high-stakes narrative tells the story of pilot Daryl Booth (Wahlberg) transporting an Air Marshal, Madelyn Harris (Michelle Dockery of Downton Abbey fame) and a government witness, Winston (Topher Grace) to testify at the trial of a mob boss in New York.

Picking up Winston from his bolt hole in Alaska, their flight across the outback wilderness sees tensions soar as trust in each other is tested. Not everyone on board is who they seem.

While threatening situations unfold in the claustrophobic atmosphere of the plane, characters reveal their real identities with confrontational action and violence peppered throughout the turbulent ride.

This has been a polarizing movie for both critics and audiences alike, so why not check it out for yourself and see who made the best call!

"Flight Risk" (M 92 minutes) screens at The Rex – Saturday 8 March 8 p.m. | Sunday 9 March 2 p.m. | Tuesday 11 March 8 p.m..

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DEATH ADAMS.— Colin

The students, parents, staff and school council of Donald High School are deeply saddened by the passing of Colin, who was a friend and relative to many people involved at our school.

Our sincere condolences to Colin's immediate and extended families at this sad time.

DEATH ADAMS.— Colin

The committee and members of the Donald Lawn Tennis Club are saddened by the passing of long time player, past club secretary, past club men's champion and life member, Colin Adams.

The Club offers their condolences to Simon, Marc and families.

Colin will be greatly missed by all at the Tennis Club.



DEATH BROOKS.— Val

The students, parents, staff and school council of Donald High School are deeply saddened by the passing of Val, who was a friend and relative to many people involved at our school.

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DEATH HOSE (Flett).—

Kathryn Anne "Kathy".
26/02/1958 - 27/02/2025

Passed away peacefully following a short illness, at McKellar Centre Palliative Care Geelong, with her daughters by her side.
Aged 67.

Dearly loved mother and mother-in-law to Claire & Jason; Marcia & Geoff; Tarah & Jason; Sacha, Brydie & Kailey.

Beloved daughter of Bill & Daph (both dec.), treasured sister of Roslyn & Carol (both dec.), Denis, Brenda & twin Barry.

Adored grandma of Aaron; Kiara & Noah; Malakai, Paxton, Rafferty & Elijah; Indiana & Paige.

Many thanks to the doctors and staff at Barwon Health and Epworth Geelong. And an extra special thank you to Palliative Care nurse Kathleen and the kind, caring doctors and staff at the McKellar Centre Palliative Care unit, for taking such wonderful care of Mum in her final days.

HOSE (Flett).— Kathryn Anne "Kathy". 26/02/1958 - 27/02/2025

Kathy, you were way more than just a mum to me. You were always there as a strong role model, a coach, a team mate, a very vocal supporter and a caring grandma to Aaron. Your strength through these tough times was absolutely amazing. We love you and will miss you always.

—Claire, Jason
and Aaron.

"My mum wasn't just a mum. She was made of something different. She was stronger, she was braver. Something I will spend the rest of my life missing."

Thanks for the all the love & support you have given us over the years.

—Marcia & Geoff.

Although Grandma never went easy on us in a game of tennis or scrabble, we still cherish all the time we got to spend with her. We love you Grandma, rest easy.

—Kiara and Noah x

Mum, it was lovely to see you shine in my children's lives, so many happy moments. Grandma's create memories that hearts hold forever.

—Love Tarah, Jason,
Malakai, Paxton, Rafferty
and Elijah.

DEATH HOSE (Flett).—

Kathryn Anne "Kathy".
16/02/1958 - 27/02/2025

"May love be what you remember most."

Rest easy Mum

—with love

Sacha & Kailey.

Grandma, it was sad to see you go but we will always love and miss you.

Thanks for the times we had together, we will cherish those memories forever.

—Love Brydie,
Indi & Paige.

I will be eternally grateful to you for our six beautiful daughters.

Rest peacefully Kathy.

—Des.

HOSE (Flett).— Kathryn Anne

Our hearts are aching deeply at the loss of our Sister and Aunt, who was a strong and courageous woman, devoted to her family and community. Her kindness, resilience, and love will forever inspire those whose lives she touched.

Kathy, you leave behind a remarkable legacy. It was an honour to be loved by you.

—Love from Brenda;
Selina, Mark and Macy;
Brad, Tash and Gray;
Jenna, Ben and Boston.



DEATH HOSE (Flett).— Kathy February 27, 2025

The Donald Hockey Club is deeply saddened by the loss of Kathy.

As a player, coach, and Life Member of our club, Kathy was a passionate advocate for hockey and a role model whose influence is still felt today. She led by example, inspiring and encouraging those around her with her dedication and enthusiasm.

Her energy was infectious, and her bravery in recent months was a testament to the same strength and determination she displayed on the field.

Rest well, Kathy.

DEATH HOSE.— Kathy

Esteemed member of our club. Kathy joined in 2016, played and captained in both midweek, Wednesday night and Saturday mixed competitions. A good sport who encouraged and mentored all players.

Friend to all and will be missed greatly

—Anglesea Tennis Club



DEATH HOSE.— Kathy

The students, parents, staff and school council of Donald High School are deeply saddened by the passing of Kathy, who was a past long-serving staff member, a long-time friend and relative to many, and great supporter of our school.

Our sincere condolences to Kathy's immediate and extended families at this sad time.

FUNERAL HOSE (Flett).— Kathryn Anne "Kathy".

Family and friends are invited to attend a Service to Celebrate the Life of Ms Kathy Hose to be held at Tuckers Chapel, Barrabool Hills Centre, 4-32 Province Boulevard, Highton on Thursday, March 6 at 2 p.m. prior to a private cremation.

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Sunday, March 9 - Men's and Women's Doubles

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Charlton 100 Years Ago

(Information from “East Charlton Tribune”)

February 28 to March 4, 1925.

Radio demonstration: In Melbourne wireless circles, the Radiolian 4 and 5 valve sets have secured a good standing and one of the most important claims made for them is that they are not assembled by a Company, but are designed and assembled to suit the requirements of the particular district and the individual purchaser. One of these sets has been in active use during the past four months at Mr H. E. Wood’s property, where Mr H. Gamble has found it gives excellent results.

Jinker Jagged: About 5 o’clock on Tuesday afternoon, a horse yoked to a jinker stood in the yard of Flockhart’s Cricket Club Hotel, ready to wend the homeward way. The turnout, which was owned by Mr Phil Maher, was left standing in the yard while Mr Maher went to collect some parcels. Something must have got on the nerves of the animal – one of its feet may have become caught in the reins. At all events, it lashed out lustily, and when it had finished there was not much of the gig left intact, save the wheels. The prompt action of Messrs Jamieson and W. Turner prevented further developments.

Wireless While You Wait: An additional pleasure was provided for the players and spectators at the tennis match between St Joseph’s and Wooroonook (which the former won) at Wooroonook during the week end. Taking with him a complete federal D X 4 valve wireless set, Mr F. Kruger journeyed to the lake by motor car. On arrival, he rigged up an aerial between one of the tennis court posts and a tree, and during the afternoon the crowd was entertained from a complete programme presented in Melbourne.

Parting Gifts: The severance of Mr C. McDougall’s long and pleasant association with the Presbyterian Church

was the occasion of a sincere demonstration of the esteem in which he is held. In the presence of a large gathering, Rev. W. G. Fitzgerald, on behalf of the congregation and Choir, asked Mr McDougall to accept a handsome solid leather suit case steel lined, and pair of gold dress studs, mounted with pearls. Mr McDougall had 7 years’ service with the Choir. On Thursday The members of the Charlton Club presented Mr McDougall with a solid silver ink-stand and perpetual calendar in xylonite, also a silver smoker’s outfit.

Cr Dew and a Drain: “The drain from the Power House to the river wants attending to,” declared Cr H. Dew at the Council meeting. It was mentioned by the Shire Engineer that the drain referred to was cleaned frequently – he knew for certain it was flushed and swept out on the previous Friday – but the charcoal from the Power House plant made it look worse than it really was. Apart from the looks, the charcoal acted more as a disinfectant than anything else. Cr Dew said he did not like the look of the drain – it is full of grass, weeds and rubbish. The engineer stated that every week the drain was flushed twice and swept out once.

Charlton Hairdressers: On and after Monday, March 2nd, the following prices will be charged in our saloons:- LADIES – Shingling, first cutting, 3/6; shingle trim, 2/-; Bobbing, first cutting, 2/6; trimming, 2/-; tipping and singeing, 1/6. GENTLEMEN – Haircutting, gents 1/-; hair-cutting, boys 9d (Saturday, 1/-); shaving, 6d; shave and neck shave, 9d; neck lined and shave, 6d; haircut and beard trim, 1/6; beard trim only, 6d; shampooing 1/6; singeing 1/-; razor setting, 1/6. Customers desirous of having a private pot may have same, but must pay above rates. Ike Richards & Owen Smith.



• Flockhart’s Hotel.

The Sun – Essential for Life

On a recent summer’s morning the sun rose looking like a fiery red ball, so eye-catching that I grabbed my camera and photographed it.

I discovered that the redness was caused by smoke from the Grampians bushfire. Since then there have been a number of red sunrises and sunsets caused by far away bushfires.

The sun sure packs a punch at this time of the year when it beats down so strongly. It was Louie Giglio who writes: “We watch it (our Sun) rise and set with glorious splendour and note its stunning beams as they burst forth from the clouds and glimmer through the trees. But, trust me, the Sun is no gentle giant. It’s an orbiting thermonuclear reactor with staggering force and destructive energy”.

The Wonder of it All
I often think of the wonder of it all, the sun, that giant gaseous ball of heat and light around 150 million kilometres away, rising each morning as the earth rotates, the darkness dissipates and the briskness of the night air is replaced by a light and heat. The universe around us is so complex and amazingly designed it leads a cosmologist and physicist like Paul Davies Ph.D to write, “The equations of physics have an incredible simplicity,

elegance and beauty. That in itself is sufficient to prove to me that there is a God who is responsible for these laws and responsible for the universe”.

Essential for Life
The Sun is essential for life – it is necessary for the growth of plants and ripening of crops around the world, sunlight is vital for photosynthesis in plants. It was three months ago that I sowed our corn seed into freshly prepared soil in the vegetable garden. After a week the shoots of the plants burst forth into the warm summer sunlight. It is then the scientists tell us that a chemical in the shoot, chlorophyll, the same chemical that gives the leaf its green colour, begins capturing energy from the sunlight. This light energy is converted into food by an incredible process called photosynthesis.

Like a “Factory”
Every cell of a green leaf of a plant is like a “factory” using the process of photosynthesis whereby the plant uses carbon dioxide, water and sunlight to produce its own food and in the process

emits oxygen which is essential for the survival of humankind and other creatures too!

Some of the glucose that plants produce during photosynthesis is stored in fruit and other produce. Just imagine some of these fruits and vegetables, which are so accessible to most of us now from our gardens or local grocery shops and supermarkets, for example, mangos are so tasty as is the crispness and juiciness of a new season’s apple. So much variety and so many different tastes. All grain, fruits and vegetables ultimately come to us from sunlight and the process of photosynthesis.

Recently we picked some kernels of ripe corn out of our vege patch. We then removed the outer husk and placed the cobs into our vegetable steamer for around 10 minutes, removed the cob and ate from it. It was crisp, juicy, crunchy and full of rich taste, absolutely delicious. Culinary delights indeed!

The complexity and design of Creation is obvious for anyone who has eyes to see



• Bruce Stewart

and ears to hear – and an undeniable witness to the “Designer” existence. “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen; people are without excuse” (Romans 1:20).

Professor Andy C. McIntosh, formerly of University of Leeds says this: “May many see that the argument from design shouts powerfully of the Creator who spans the Heavens and yet stooped to become Man, in order to be our Saviour.”

The next time you see a sunrise or enjoy a freshly picked cob of corn or a crisp juicy apple, or a beautifully ripe peach picked straight off the plant – enjoy and give thanks.

Bruce Stewart.



• Jinkers.



Meet the TCV Team in March and April at your Local Pop-up



Community members and landholders can catch up with the Transmission Company Victoria team in towns across the region through March and April, as the regional pop-ups program continues.

TCV is rotating between Charlton, Kerang, Boort, Donald and Stawell each week – hearing directly from community members, responding to questions and sharing the latest VNI West project updates.

Stop by for a casual chat, ask us about what matters to you and share your thoughts with our engagement team.

All welcome!

Donald

Date
Tuesday, March 4
Tuesday, March 11
Tuesday, March 18
Tuesday, March 25
Tuesday, April 1

Time	Location
3:30pm	64 Woods Street, Donald

Charlton

Date
Wednesday, March 5
Wednesday, March 12
Wednesday, March 19
Wednesday, March 26
Wednesday, April 2

Time	Location
10am	36-40 High St, Charlton

Dates and locations are subject to change, please visit the TCV website for the latest event information.

Visit www.transmissionvictoria.com.au/landholders-community/community-events or scan the QR code to the right for more information about the regional pop-up events.



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For the Mali Heart Festival...
Maha Returns to Create Another Masterpiece

It’s that time of year again when Birchip will celebrate the Mali Heart Festival, and this year another wall will be transformed into a breathtaking work of art for locals and visitors to admire.

Over the next week, keep an eye out as Maha (Matt Hannah) works his magic on the south wall of the Commonwealth bank building, turning the blank brick wall into something extraordinary. What do you think this year’s mural will be? Drop your best guess into the comments page on Birchip Community Forum’s facebook page or let President Steve Nottle know. The closest description will win a Mali Heart stubby holder!

Birchip Community Forum is very grateful to the

Birchip Hotel for generously donating Maha’s accommodation and Noonan Builders for providing the scissor lift to help bring the mural to life.

Maha is no stranger to Birchip, he has already painted the Kelpie dog on the post office wall and the horses drinking from Bill’s trough on the Historical Society wall.

Maha uses spray paints, brush, and roller to create hyper-realistic artworks. Drawing on his 15-year practice of using spray paint, Maha’s work attempts to

merge the worlds of street art and fine art.

His figures share a connection to their background, whether that be reflected through a shared palette or as seen through the layering of transparent figures with suggestions of a fading sense of identity while also exploring our own connection to and place in our world.

Stay tuned for the big reveal at the Mali Heart Festival on Saturday and of course, don’t forget to say hi to Matt as he brings this masterpiece to life!



• Matt Hannah (Maha) commences work on Birchip’s newest mural in time for the Mali Heart Festival this weekend.

Coalition Supports Little Lake Boort

They say, from little things, big things grow, and Member for Mallee, Dr Anne Webster, hopes a Coalition Government will be able to look back at Little Lake Boort as being where Mallee’s funding drought turned around, after securing a \$950,000 commitment from the Coalition.

“I am absolutely thrilled to back the Boort community in improving the appeal and connectivity of the Tennis Club, Bowls Club, Historic Park, Croquet Club and Swimming Pool,” Dr Webster said.

“Today I am announcing \$950,000 if a Dutton-Littleproud Coalition Government is elected this upcoming election, to activate and reconnect the parklands at Little Lake Boort with community facilities.”

The Loddon Shire project has an estimated total cost of around \$1.4 million for the Little Lake Boort foreshore precinct, with the project masterplan including a skate park, 3-on-3 basketball court, picnic areas, seating and shade areas.

Boort Clubs

The Swimming Pool will also receive a new eastern entrance and new water play features.

The Tennis Club will receive new fencing and two new synthetic courts.

The Croquet Club will receive new storage facilities and a toilet.

“I have to be clear, I can only make this funding a reality if the Coalition wins the upcoming election. The Federal government has reduced spending in Mallee by a factor of 20 to 1 compared to my first term in office under a Coalition government,” Dr Webster said.

“My hope is that Little Lake Boort will be the beginning of Mallee getting back its fair share of federal spending.”

Dr Webster has recently been critical of the Federal Government’s failure to provide a single housing grant to Mallee under the Regional Housing Support program, referring that program to the Auditor-General.



• Dr Anne Webster

Mallee Councils have consistently told Dr Webster Labor’s co-funding demands make it incredibly difficult to successfully apply for funding.

“The Coalition is contributing well over half the cost towards this project, which will be welcome relief to shires like Loddon Shire after Labor has starved small shires with prohibitive project criteria and co-funding expectations,” Dr Webster said.

2025: “Your Best Year Farming Yet”: BCG’s Annual Trials Review Day

On Friday, February 21, BCG’s annual Trials Review Day, supported by the Australian Government’s Future Drought Fund, delivered cutting-edge research and expert insights to help growers make informed decisions for the upcoming season in Birchip.

CEO Fiona Best, posed the question “What can farmers do in 2025 to make it the best year of their farming career?” She encouraged the audience to use the information presented as an opportunity to discuss the year ahead with fellow farmers and industry representatives to help develop strategies and action points for their own farms.

Key Topics

The event covered key topics such as variety selection, weed management, crop water use efficiency and business operating efficiency, featuring BCG staff and external industry experts Dr Kenton Porker (CSIRO), Dr Grant Hollaway (Astute Ag), Peter Newman (Planfarm Advisory) and Mark Congreve (ICAN Rural).

The members-only event attracted 150 growers, advisors, and industry representatives eager to gain insights from the latest research conducted across North West Victoria.

“Trials Review Day is a unique opportunity for growers to access independent, regionally relevant research that directly informs on-farm decisions,” said BCG Senior Manager of Extension and Communications, Grace Hosking. “With so many variables influencing farm businesses, practical, science backed insights are invaluable.”

Soil moisture: more than just last year’s rain

Agriculture Victoria’s Dale Boyd highlighted that moisture reserves from previous seasons can significantly contribute to crop yields. “It’s not just last year’s moisture, but could be the year before, that is contributing to crop yield”, he explained, reinforcing the importance of understanding soil moisture availability at different depths within the soil profile.

Variety Selection and Disease Management

Ultima grower Baden Grey found value in the variety sessions presented by BCG staff Ashlee Tierney, Anna Marcus and Matthew Lade: “We’ve made quite a few changes on farm this year, adopting Thunder lentils, some Shotgun wheat, and we’re growing canola for the first time in 11 years. All the BCG information is useful in decision making, especially around sowing time,” he said.

BCG unpacked the performance of wheat, barley, canola, and pulses under last season’s conditions. Research Agronomist Anna Marcus is “interested to assess the performance of Shotgun over the next couple of years to see whether it really is the next Scepter.”

Shotgun has been the highest yielding variety for the North Central region for the two years it has been in the

National Variety trials however, growers should assess variety performance over multiple seasons,” she stated.

Dr Grant Hollaway from Astute Ag discussed cereal disease management, emphasising the importance of variety choice, inoculum levels and seasonal conditions.

“When these three factors align, disease pressure increases, making proactive management critical,” he said.

“Fungicide resistance is an industry-wide responsibility, and we are starting to see resistance issues across the region. Choosing varieties based on yield alone, without considering disease susceptibility, puts more pressure on fungicides and shortens their effectiveness.”

Maximising Water Use Efficiency

“The most important period of the year is the 20-30 days prior to and after flowering,” said CSIRO’s Dr Kenton Porker. “We need to make sure our crop has everything it needs to grow like it should during the critical period.”

Dr Porker explored the benefits of sowing on time in marginal conditions and challenged growers to assess their confidence in sowing dry.

“The new winter wheat varieties can establish in May and still compete with spring wheats helping to spread risk with frost,” he said.

Farm Business Resilience

Peter Newman provided key insights into financial management and business resilience.

“Every season comes with its challenges, but there are always opportunities to improve business performance,” he stated. “The decisions growers make in the good years has significant impacts on their business’s long-term performance.”

Noting some advice he once received “I haven’t seen a bad farmer expand their way out of trouble” Newman urged growers to “look at operating efficiency and make sure that variable costs match farm income. Then look at below the line costs of finance, personal and machinery.”

Research Driving Profitability

BCG CEO Fiona Best highlighted the importance of Trials Review Day in bringing research outcomes to life for growers.

“Our goal is to ensure that farmers in the Wimmera and Mallee have access to the best available information to drive profitability and sustainability,” Best said. “This event allows us to reflect on the past season, unpack what worked, what didn’t, and what growers can take forward into their decision-making.”

For more details or to become a BCG member, call (03) 5492 2787 or visit www.bcg.org.au/memberships

Funding

This event was supported by the Australian Government’s Future Drought Fund through the Victoria Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub and the Extension and Adoption of Drought Resilience Practices Grant.

The Victoria Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub is a state-wide collaboration of 10 organisations.

Led by the University of Melbourne and with headquarters at UM’s Dookie Campus, the Vic Hub is a Partnership between five farming organisations (Birchip Cropping Group, Food & Fibre Gippsland, Mallee Regional Innovation Centre, Riverine Plains and Southern Farming Systems), four



• Fiona Best (CEO), John Ferrier, Louisa Ferrier (BCG), staff awards.



• Kenton Porker, Grant Holloway and James Consadine (Nutrien Ag Solutions Berriwillock).

universities (UM, Deakin, Federation and La Trobe), and the State Government (through Agriculture Victoria).

One of eight hubs established nationally under the Australian Government’s

Future Drought Fund (FDF), the Vic Hub works to enhance the drought preparedness and resilience of Victoria’s agricultural industries, the environment and regional communities, encompassing

broader agricultural innovation. Engaging with a range of industry and community stakeholders, the Vic Hub links research with community needs for sustainable outcomes.



• BCG staff members.



• Dale Boyd (Ag Vic) at the rostrum.



• Patriot at lunch.

“Ever the masters of political distraction, the Albanese Government has sought to distract Mallee community members reeling from a botched 3G shut-down that created more mobile black spots – and their failure to fill a single black spot over 3 years – by launching their UOMO into the political sky.”

UOMO “a Distraction from Mallee Blackspot Mahem”

“The Albanese Labor Government has attempted to grab a desperate headline by announcing what they are calling a ‘Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation’ (UOMO) on the eve of the election,” Member for Mallee Dr Anne Webster said this week.

“The government claims this will provide mobile coverage, almost everywhere, but has failed to detail which areas will miss out, or how much their Uomo will cost.

“Low Earth Orbit Satellites and Direct to Device offers exciting new technology but they are not yet fully tested, trialled or readily available in Australia.

Shadow Minister for Communications, Melissa McIntosh, said, “The Coalition has always led in the delivery of mobile connectivity to rural, regional, and remote Australia and will continue to do so.”

“This announcement seems rushed and has been pushed out by the government during Estimates and just weeks before Australians go to the polls.”

Dr Webster said Mallee residents desperately need better mobile connectivity, as she has herself experiences

travelling the length and breadth of the 83,412 square kilometre electorate – over one third of the landmass of Victoria.

“Labor’s new Uomo offers empty promises for customers in regional and remote areas who are desperate for better telecommunications connectivity, particularly after the shambolic mess from the closure of the 3G network. I lobbied the Minister and telcos for extension after extension and still Labor couldn’t get it right.

“It rings pretty hollow for Labor to claim on election eve that they care about regional connectivity when they undermined, not improved, connectivity in their calamitous three years in office.

“The government has also failed to declare how much the Mobile Obligation will cost and who will have to pay for it.



• Dr. Anne Webster.

“Australians have been smashed by the Government’s cost of living crisis and will be rightly concerned about the prospect of higher mobile phone bills under the Albanese Labor Government’s last-minute plan.

“Mallee residents already have Uomo – the Unavoidability Of Missing Out – after three wasted years under Labor. It wasn’t so under the Coalition, with mobile black spots funded. Mallee can’t wait for the election and a change of government.”



• Growers looking at SwarmBot.

Regional Victorians Abandoned in Infrastructure Funding Snub

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) says regional Victoria has been left abandoned in the wake of the Victorian and federal government’s city-centric cash splash announced earlier today.

VFF President Brett Hosking said decision makers were playing politics and prioritising votes ahead of fixing genuine issues across Victoria.

“It’s a genuine slap in the face for those living outside of Melbourne. Both the Commonwealth and Victorian governments are proving they have no interest in taking action to fix roads outside of marginal electorates.

“This funding announcement was billed as ‘Victoria’s fair share.’ It should be re-branded as ‘Melbourne’s fair share’, as there is little to smile about from a regional Victorian’s perspective.

“Country roads are crumbling and it’s not only costing tens of millions in lost productivity, tragically people are paying for it with their lives.

“Just recently I called on decision makers to urgently increase funding into our regional roads in the wake of a soaring regional road toll. That’s clearly fallen on deaf ears and to be honest it’s a disgrace,” Mr Hosking said.

“The \$20 million announced for a business case into improving high productivity freight vehicle access is another case of government spending money not to make decisions or pick up a shovel.

“If they just talk to farmers we would tell them exactly the bridges that need to be upgraded to allow for these trucks to get rolling. I doubt the bridges at places like Dimboola, Bridgewater and Numurkah will be on the Prime Minister’s list of visits during the election campaign.”

Mr Hosking added that there’s a genuine sense from those outside of Melbourne being treated as second-class citizens when it comes to re-

ceiving a fair slice of funding.

“For over a decade now, regional Victoria has been neglected and we won’t accept it any longer. It’s not a matter of crying poor, just a matter of fairness and we’re clearly getting the rough end of the stick,” he said.

“Regional Victoria’s population is roughly on par with a city the size of Adelaide and we are Australia’s agriculture economic powerhouse. We can’t grow without investment and we’re not getting it.

“We’ll be asking for an urgent please explain from both levels of government regarding this announcement,”

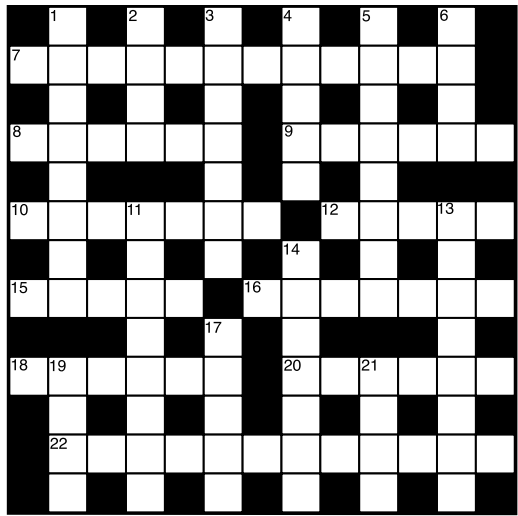


• Brett Hosking.

Mr Hosking concluded.

“Times” Crossword

QUICK PUZZLE NO. 8167



ACROSS

- 7. Go to pieces (12)
- 8. Gun (6)
- 9. Crowd (6)
- 10. Woodwind instrument (7)
- 12. Hirsute (5)
- 15. Bird (5)
- 16. Animal (7)
- 18. Dive (6)
- 20. Vegetable (6)
- 22. Abusive (12)

DOWN

- 1. Aggressive (8)
- 2. Herb (4)
- 3. Cheese (7)
- 4. Stone (5)
- 5. Vehicle (8)
- 6. Sharp (4)
- 11. Might (8)
- 13. Pertinent (8)
- 14. Blood-sucker (7)
- 17. Jumped (5)
- 19. Worship (4)
- 21. Carry (4)

• Solution next issue.

Don't Let Garden Weeds Get You Down

Most of us see weeds as something that should be immediately eradicated from the garden.

However, more often weeds can be used to help our gardens flourish. Learn to appreciate them, and their many attributes. They stabilise soil by helping to prevent soil loss from rain and water in cultivated areas, and reduce moisture loss from their increased leaf cover.

Weeds are also natural indicators of the condition of your garden soil, and will make the job of correcting soil pH far easier. If you have sorrel growing you'll know that your soil is acid, whereas bracken indicates a nitrogen deficiency.



Thistles and stinging nettle mean that your soil is rich in nitrogen.

Deep-rooted weeds are excellent additions to your compost. They bring up leached elements from deep in the soil, and when included in your compost heap will eventually return these nutrients to other garden plants.

Weeds also help in the natural control of insect pests by providing a haven for both pests and their predators. So, when unwanted insect pests build up, predator numbers increase to match them, maintaining a harmonious balance. However, you should not let weeds overtake your garden. Use them wisely throughout your garden, and if you do need to control them either dig them out and compost them or kill them with an environmentally safe spray.

Natural Herbicide

Sulphate of Ammonia is a natural herbicide that is extremely effective in killing plants, so use with caution and don't allow it to come in contact with plants you don't wish to eradicate. Add undiluted sulphate on ammonia to a pump-spray bottle and spray onto the leaves and the base of plants.

Vinegar can be used to successfully kill off weeds, but the strength of the vinegar needed will vary depending on the age of the weeds. A five to ten-percent concentration will kill weeds during their first two weeks of life, whereas older weeds required higher concentrations of vinegar of about 20-percent to kill them. Most bottles of household vinegar are around five-percent concentration, so you will need to source a supply of

vinegar other than your local supermarket to spray onto older plants.

Provided weeds and grasses are shallow-rooted, they can also be eliminated from garden beds, between pavers, and so on, with a safe herbicide made from human urine. After collecting the urine allow it to stand in a covered bucket for 24 hours or more before using. Apply using a pump-spray bottle to the leaves and base of weeds.

Natural Control Method

Green manuring will help to suppress weeds. Green manure crops - lupin, field peas, cowpeas and Japanese millet - will grow quickly to free the soil of other plants, which may otherwise take over. Sow the green manure thickly so they choke out weeds. Once top



growth has developed, slash them down and dig it into the soil to rot, or harvest them just as they about to flower, then dig into the soil.

In addition to the crops already mention, sunflowers, borage (which self-seeds freely to the point it can almost get out of control), marigolds and clover all make excellent green manure crops. Sunflowers should be sown thickly and slashed and dug in while still immature and tender, before flower heads begin to form. Borage can be dug in once mature and is an excellent plant for bringing leached elements up from deep in the soil. Marigolds will help to control soil nematodes, and



• Alan Hayes

clover, if dug in before it flowers, will fix nitrogen in the soil and aerate it.

Visit Alan on the Net - www.itssonatural.com

YOUR THREE-DAY TV GUIDE

Tuesday

ABC TV (2) 6.00 Morning Programs. 10.00 Aust Story. 10.30 Optics. 11.00 Muster Dogs: Collies And Kelpies. 12.00 News. 1.00 Call The Midwife. 2.00 Fake Or Fortune? 3.00 Simply Nigella. 3.25 Grand Designs. 4.15 Long Lost Family. 5.00 A Bite To Eat. 5.25 Antiques Roadshow. 6.25 Hard Quiz. 7.00 News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Foreign Correspondent. 8.30 The Role Of A Lifetime. 9.20 Queensland. 10.25 The ABC Of. 10.50 News. 11.05 The Business. 11.25 Four Corners. 12.10 Late Programs.

ABC FAMILY (22) 6.00 Kids' Programs. 1.15 Octonauts. 1.40 Ben And Holly. 2.05 Paddington. 2.45 Beep And Mort. 3.00 Play School. 3.40 Mecha Builders. 3.55 Andy's Dinosaur Adventures. 4.25 Builder Brothers Dream Factory. 5.20 Kangaroo Beach. 6.05 PJ Masks Power Heroes. 6.45 Ben And Holly. 7.00 The Deep. 7.35 Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. 7.50 Little Lunch. 8.05 Operation Ouch! 8.40 Deadly 60. 9.10 Foxes: Their Secret World. 10.00 Merlin. 10.50 Late Programs.

NITV (34) 6.00 Morning Programs. 2.00 The Casketeers. 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 Eddie's Lil' Homies. 3.35 Spartakus. 4.05 Cities Of Gold. 4.35 Motown Magic. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Indian Country Today News. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.30 The Real Stories Of Basketball. 8.35 Ice Vikings. 9.30 Over The Black Dot. Return. 10.00 Hunting Aotearoa. 10.30 MOVIE: Mekko. (2015) 12.00 It Takes A Village. 1.00 Persons Of Interest. 2.00 NITV On The Road: Mbantua. 3.00 Late Programs.

SBS (3) 6.00 Morning Programs. 12.00 BBC News At Ten. 12.30 ABC World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS News. 2.00 Saving Lives At Sea. 3.00 The Weekly Football Wrap. 3.40 The Cook Up. 4.10 Britain's Beautiful Rivers. 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. 6.00 Mastermind Australia. 6.30 News. 7.30 Great Coastal Railway Journeys. 8.30 Insight. Return. 9.30 Dateline. Return. 10.00 SBS News. 10.30 Guillaume's Paris. 11.30 Prisoner. 12.40 Fargo. 2.25 Late Programs.

SBS VLND (31) 6.00 Morning Programs. 12.00 France 24 English News. 12.30 In My Own World. 1.25 VICE. 2.00 Dark Side Of The '90s. 2.55 Queer Sports. 3.50 BBC News At Ten. 4.20 ABC World News Tonight. 4.45 PBS News. 5.45 The Fast History Of. 6.10 Underground Worlds. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 Dark Side Of Reality TV. 10.20 Black Comedy In America. 12.10 Dark Side Of The '90s. 1.00 The Devil You Know. 2.40 Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) 6.00 Sirocco. Cont. (1951) 6.50 Whina. (2022, Maori) 8.55 Sissi: The Young Empress. (1956, German) 10.55 Shiva Baby. (2020) 12.20 Fame. (1980) 2.45 Bran Nue Dae. (2009) 4.20 Sissi: The Fateful Years. (1957, German) Romy Schneider. 6.20 From Here To Eternity. (1953) 8.30 Amadeus. (1984) 11.30 Iron Sky 2. (2019) 1.10 Clean. (2021) 2.45 Raging Bull. (1980) 5.00 From Here To Eternity. (1953)

SEVEN (6) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. 12.00 News At Noon. 1.00 Australian Idol. 2.45 Surveillance Oz. 3.00 Beat The Chasers UK. 4.00 News. 5.00 The Chase Aust. 6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Home And Away. 7.30 Australian Idol. 9.10 The Hunting Party. 10.10 The Irrational. 12.10 Sun, Sea And Surgery. 1.10 Travel Oz. 2.00 TBA. 2.30 Shopping. 3.00 TBA. 3.30 Shopping. 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Sunrise Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.

7TWO (62) 6.00 TBA. 6.30 Escape To The Country. 7.30 Harry's Practice. 8.00 Million Dollar Minute. 9.00 Medical Emergency. 9.30 NBC Today. 12.00 Better Homes. 1.00 Escape To The Country. 2.00 Creek To Coast. 2.30 My Greek Odyssey. 3.30 Harry's Practice. 4.00 Medical Emergency. 4.30 Better Homes. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Call The Midwife. 8.45 Inspector George Gently. 10.45 Air Crash Inv. 11.45 Bargain Hunt. 12.45 Late Programs.

7MATE (64) 6.00 Morning Programs. 9.00 Motor Racing. Night Thunder. John Day Speedcar Classic. Replay. 10.00 Storage Wars. 10.30 American Resto. 11.00 American Pickers: Best Of. 12.00 Pawn Stars. 1.00 Outback Opal Hunters. 2.00 Adventure Gold Diggers. 3.00 Billy The Exterminator. 3.30 Jade Fever. 4.30 Storage Wars. 5.00 American Resto. 5.30 American Pickers. 6.30 Pawn Stars. 7.30 Outback Truckers. 9.30 Railroad Australia. 10.30 Deadliest Roads. 11.30 Late Programs.

NINE (8) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. 11.30 9News Morning. 12.00 Married At First Sight. 1.30 Getaway. 2.00 Pointless. 3.00 Tipping Point. 4.00 9News Afternoon. 4.30 Tipping Point Australia. 5.30 News. 6.00 9News. 7.00 ACA. 7.30 Married At First Sight. 9.00 Madam. 10.20 Footy Classified. Return. 11.20 9News Late. 11.45 The Equalizer. 12.30 Tipping Point. 1.30 TV Shop. 2.30 Building Ideas. 3.00 TV Shop. 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. 4.30 ACA. 5.00 Today Early News. 5.30 Today.

9GEM (81) 6.00 Danger Man. 7.00 Creflo. 7.30 Skippy. 8.00 TV Shop. 9.30 Newstyle Direct. 10.00 TV Shop. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. 12.00 Days Of Our Lives. 1.50 Good Karma Hospital. 2.30 Antiques Roadshow. 3.20 MOVIE: The 14. (1973) 5.30 Filthy Garden SOS. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 New Tricks. 8.40 Shakespeare And Hathaway. 9.40 Agatha Christie's Marple. 11.40 Only Fools And Horses. 12.20 Antiques Roadshow. 1.00 Creflo. 1.30 Late Programs.

9GO! (82) 6.00 Morning Programs. 9.30 Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. 10.00 Ninjago: Crystallized. 10.30 Pokémon Horizons: The Search For Laqua. 11.00 Tom And Jerry. 11.30 Bakugan. 12.00 Gossip Girl. 2.00 The Golden Girls. 2.30 The Nanny. 3.30 Seinfeld. 4.30 The Addams Family. 5.00 Bewitched. 5.30 I Dream Of Jeannie. 6.00 The Golden Girls. 6.30 The Nanny. 7.30 Seinfeld. 8.30 MOVIE: The Expendables 2. (2012) Sylvester Stallone. 10.30 Seinfeld. 11.30 Late Programs.

TEN (5) 6.00 Drew Barrymore. 7.00 Neighbours. 7.30 Farm To Fork. 8.00 Bold. 8.30 Deal Or No Deal. 9.00 Lingo. 10.00 Ent. Tonight. 10.20 Australian Survivor. 11.30 Judge Judy. 12.00 Farm To Fork. 12.30 Family Feud. 1.00 News. 2.00 Wheel Of Fortune. 2.30 Lingo. 3.30 News. 4.00 Neighbours. 4.30 Bold. 5.00 News. 6.00 Deal Or No Deal. 6.30 The Project. 7.30 Australian Survivor. 8.45 NCIS. 10.35 News. 11.00 The Project. 12.00 Stephen Colbert. 1.00 Shopping. 4.30 CBS Morning.

10 BOLD (53) 6.00 Shopping. 8.00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. 8.30 Jake And The Fatman. 9.30 Diagnosis Murder. 11.30 JAG. 1.30 My Life Is Murder. 2.30 Jake And The Fatman. 3.30 Diagnosis Murder. 5.30 JAG. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Bull. 12.15 Shopping. 2.15 Diagnosis Murder. 4.05 JAG.

10 PEACH (52) 6.00 Morning Programs. 10.00 Family Feud. 10.30 Drew Barrymore. 11.30 Deal Or No Deal. 12.00 Stephen Colbert. 1.00 The Neighborhood. 1.30 King Of Queens. 2.00 Becker. 2.30 Frasier. 3.30 The Neighborhood. Final. 4.00 Farm To Fork. 4.30 King Of Queens. 5.00 Becker. 5.30 Frasier. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 Big Bang. 9.30 Two And A Half Men. 10.30 The Neighborhood. 11.00 Frasier. 11.30 Late Programs.

Wednesday

ABC TV (2) 6.00 Morning Programs. 12.30 Press Club. 1.35 Media Watch. 1.55 Fake Or Fortune? 2.55 Simply Nigella. 3.25 Grand Designs. 4.15 Long Lost Family. 5.00 A Bite To Eat. 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.30 Hard Quiz. 7.00 News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Hard Quiz. 8.30 Optics. Final. 9.00 Guy Montgomery's Guy Mont Spelling Bee (NZ) 9.45 Planet America. 10.20 Spicks And Specks. 10.50 News. 11.05 The Business. 11.20 Gold Diggers. 11.45 Late Programs.

ABC FAMILY (22) 6.00 Kids' Programs. 12.35 Teletubbies. 1.15 Octonauts. 1.40 Ben And Holly. 2.05 Paddington. 2.45 Beep And Mort. 3.00 Play School. 3.40 Mecha Builders. 3.55 Andy's Dinosaur Adventures. 4.25 Builder Brothers Dream Factory. 5.20 Kangaroo Beach. 6.05 PJ Masks Power Heroes. 6.45 Ben And Holly. 7.00 The Deep. 7.35 Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. 7.50 Little Lunch. 8.05 Operation Ouch! 8.40 Abbott Elementary. New. 9.25 Doctor Who. 10.55 Late Programs.

NITV (34) 6.00 Morning Programs. 1.25 Boomerang Today. 2.00 The Casketeers. 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 Eddie's Lil' Homies. 3.35 Spartakus. 4.05 Cities Of Gold. 4.35 Motown Magic. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Te Ao With Moana. Return. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.30 Great Australian Talks. 8.30 MOVIE: Moonlight. (2016) 10.25 Talking Language. 10.55 Kaugere: A Place Where Nobody Enters. 12.00 It Takes A Village. 1.00 Persons Of Interest. 2.00 Late Programs.

SBS (3) 6.00 Morning Programs. 10.50 Revolution: Ideas That Changed The World. 12.00 BBC News At Ten. 12.30 ABC World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS News. 2.00 Dateline. 2.30 Insight. 3.40 The Cook Up. 4.10 Britain's Beautiful Rivers. 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. 6.00 Mastermind Aust. 6.30 News. 7.30 Australia: An Unofficial History. 8.35 The Jury: Murder Trial UK. 9.30 Rogue Heroes. 10.35 SBS News. 11.05 Blackwater. New. 12.15 My Brilliant Friend. 3.20 Late Programs.

SBS VLND (31) 6.00 Morning Programs. 12.05 France 24 English News. 12.35 Hudson & Rex. 2.15 Cryptoland. 3.15 The Weekly Football Wrap. 3.50 BBC News At Ten. 4.20 ABC World News Tonight. 4.45 PBS News. 5.45 The Fast History Of. 6.10 Underground Worlds. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 MOVIE: Kimi. (2022) Zoë Kravitz. Devin Ratray. 10.10 Am I Being Unreasonable? Return. 11.55 Girl, Taken. 1.40 Letterkenny. 2.35 Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) 6.00 From Here To Eternity. Cont. (1953) 7.10 Sissi: The Fateful Years. (1957, German) 9.10 The Man Who Knew Infinity. (2015) 11.10 Iron Sky. (2012) 12.50 Iron Sky 2. (2019) 2.30 Sirocco. (1951) 4.20 Minari. (2020, Korean) Steven Yeun. 6.30 Breaker Morant. (1980) 8.30 Platoon. (1986) 10.45 Arkansas. (2020) 12.40 20th Century Women. (2016) 2.55 The Road Dance. (2021) 5.00 Breaker Morant. (1980)

SEVEN (6) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. 12.00 News At Noon. 1.00 Australian Idol. 2.45 Surveillance Oz. 3.00 Beat The Chasers UK. 4.00 News. 5.00 The Chase Australia. 6.00 News. 7.00 Home And Away. 7.30 The 1% Club UK. 8.30 The Front Bar. Return. 9.30 Full Sweat. New. 11.00 Autopsy USA. Return. 12.00 Covert Affairs. 2.00 TBA. 2.30 Shopping. 3.30 TBA. 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Sunrise Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.

7TWO (62) 6.00 TBA. 6.30 Escape To The Country. 7.30 Harry's Practice. 8.00 Million Dollar Minute. 9.00 Medical Emergency. 9.30 NBC Today. 12.00 Better Homes. 1.00 Escape To The Country. 2.00 Weekend. 2.30 Air Crash Inv. 3.30 Harry's Practice. 4.00 Medical Emergency. 4.30 Better Homes. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Heartbeat. 8.45 Lewis. 11.45 Law & Order: UK. 11.45 Bargain Hunt. 12.45 My Greek Odyssey. 2.00 Late Programs.

7MATE (64) 6.00 Morning Programs. 9.00 Motor Racing. Night Thunder. Sprintcar Muster. Replay. 10.00 Storage Wars. 10.30 American Resto. 11.00 American Pickers. 12.00 Pawn Stars. 1.00 Outback Truckers. 3.00 Billy The Exterminator. 3.30 Jade Fever. 4.30 Storage Wars. 5.00 American Resto. 5.30 American Pickers. 6.30 Pawn Stars. 7.30 Highway Patrol. 8.30 The Force: BTL. 9.30 World's Wildest Police Videos. 10.30 World's Scariest Police Chases. 11.30 Late Programs.

NINE (8) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. 11.30 9News Morning. 12.00 Married At First Sight. 1.30 My Way. 2.00 Pointless. 3.00 Tipping Point. 4.00 9News Afternoon. 4.30 Tipping Point Australia. 5.30 News. 6.00 9News. 7.00 ACA. 7.30 Married At First Sight. 9.00 Big Miracles. 10.00 9News Late. 10.30 Casualty 24/7. 11.30 The Equalizer. 12.15 Tipping Point. 1.05 Your Next Cruise. 1.30 TV Shop. 2.30 Global Shop. 3.00 TV Shop. 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. 4.30 Late Programs.

9GEM (81) 6.00 Danger Man. 7.00 Creflo. 7.30 Skippy. 8.00 TV Shop. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. 12.00 Days Of Our Lives. 2.00 Shakespeare And Hathaway. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 MOVIE: Private's Progress. (1956) 5.30 Filthy Garden SOS. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 The Manor Born. 8.00 Yes Minister. 8.40 Midsomer Murders. 10.40 The Closer. 11.35 The Real Murders Of Orange County. 12.30 Antiques Roadshow. 1.00 Creflo. 1.30 Late Programs.

9GO! (82) 6.00 Morning Programs. 10.00 Ninjago: Crystallized. 10.30 Pokémon Horizons: The Search For Laqua. 11.00 Tom And Jerry. 11.30 Bakugan. 12.00 Gossip Girl. 2.00 The Golden Girls. 2.30 The Nanny. 3.30 Seinfeld. 4.30 The Addams Family. 5.00 Bewitched. 5.30 I Dream Of Jeannie. 6.00 The Golden Girls. 6.30 The Nanny. 7.00 Basketball. WNBL. Grand Final Series. Game 1. 9.00 MOVIE: RoboCop 3. (1993) Robert John Burke. 11.05 Seinfeld. 11.35 Late Programs.

TEN (5) 6.00 Drew Barrymore. 7.00 Neighbours. 7.30 Farm To Fork. 8.00 Bold. 8.30 Deal Or No Deal. 9.00 Lingo. 10.00 Ent. Tonight. 10.15 Australian Survivor. 11.30 Judge Judy. 12.00 Farm To Fork. 12.30 Family Feud. 1.00 News. 2.00 Wheel Of Fortune. 2.30 Lingo. 3.30 News. 4.00 Neighbours. 4.30 Bold. 5.00 News. 6.00 Deal Or No Deal. 6.30 The Project. 7.30 Dog House Aust. 8.30 Elsbeth. 9.30 NCIS: Hawaii. 10.25 News. 10.50 The Project. 11.55 Stephen Colbert. 1.00 Shopping. 4.30 CBS Morning.

10 BOLD (53) 6.00 Shopping. 8.00 NBL Slam. 8.30 Jake And The Fatman. 9.30 Diagnosis Murder. 11.30 JAG. 1.30 My Life Is Murder. 2.30 Jake And The Fatman. 3.30 Diagnosis Murder. 5.30 JAG. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 The Weekly Kick-Off. 11.00 Evil. 12.00 Jake And The Fatman. 12.55 Shopping. 2.25 Diagnosis Murder. 4.15 JAG.

10 PEACH (52) 6.00 Morning Programs. 8.30 Ent. Tonight. 9.00 Neighbours. 9.30 Bold. 10.00 Family Feud. 10.30 Drew Barrymore. 11.30 Deal Or No Deal. 12.00 Stephen Colbert. 1.00 The Neighborhood. 1.30 King Of Queens. 2.00 Becker. 2.30 Frasier. 3.30 Rules Of Engagement. 4.00 Farm To Fork. 4.30 King Of Queens. 5.00 Becker. 5.30 Frasier. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.30 Big Bang. 10.00 Becker. 10.30 Frasier. 11.30 Late Programs.

Thursday

ABC TV (2) 6.00 Morning Programs. 10.30 Back Roads. 11.05 The Role Of A Lifetime. 12.00 News. 1.00 The Newsreader. 2.00 Fake Or Fortune? 3.00 Simply Nigella. 3.30 Grand Designs. 4.15 Long Lost Family. 5.00 A Bite To Eat. 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.25 Hard Quiz. 7.00 News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Back Roads. 8.30 Sue Perkins' Big Adventure. 9.20 Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. 10.05 The Role Of A Lifetime. 10.55 News. 11.10 The Business. 11.30 Late Programs.

ABC FAMILY (22) 6.00 Kids' Programs. 1.15 Octonauts. 1.40 Ben And Holly. 2.05 Paddington. 2.45 Beep And Mort. 3.00 Play School. 3.40 Mecha Builders. 3.55 Andy's Dinosaur Adventures. 4.25 Builder Brothers Dream Factory. 5.20 Kangaroo Beach. 6.05 PJ Masks Power Heroes. 6.45 Ben And Holly. 7.00 The Deep. 7.35 Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. 7.50 Little Lunch. 8.05 Operation Ouch! 8.40 Secrets Of The Zoo. 9.20 Chopped Jr. 10.05 Merlin. 10.50 Late Programs.

NITV (34) 6.00 Morning Programs. 1.30 Talking Language. 2.00 The Casketeers. 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 Eddie's Lil' Homies. 3.35 Spartakus. 4.05 Mysterious Cities Of Gold. 4.35 Motown Magic. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 The 77 Percent. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.30 Going Places. 8.30 The Boy. The Queen And Everything In Between. 9.20 MOVIE: Million Dollar Baby. (2004) 11.45 Nalujuk Night. 12.00 It Takes A Village. 1.00 Persons Of Interest. 2.00 On The Road. 3.00 Late Programs.

SBS (3) 6.00 Morning Programs. 10.50 Revolution: Ideas That Changed The World. 12.00 BBC News At Ten. 12.30 ABC World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS News. 2.00 Saving Lives At Sea. 3.05 Shepherdess. 3.40 The Cook Up. 4.10 Britain's Beautiful Rivers. 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. 6.00 Mastermind Aust. 6.30 News. 7.30 Finding Your Roots. 8.30 Hidden Volcano Abyss. 9.30 Boiling Point. 10.40 SBS News. 11.10 Golden Boy. 12.05 Blackport. 2.35 Late Programs.

SBS VLND (31) 6.00 Morning Programs. 11.50 France 24 English News. 12.20 Patriot Brains. 2.10 Cowboy Kings Of Crypto. 2.40 Insight. 3.45 BBC News At Ten. 4.15 ABC World News Tonight. 4.40 PBS News. 5.40 The Fast History Of. 6.05 Over The Black Dot. 6.35 Travel Man. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 James Brown: Say It Loud. New. 10.10 The UnXplained. 11.00 Homicide. 1.45 Dark Side Of The Ring. 3.35 NHK World English News. 5.00 Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) 6.00 Breaker Morant. Cont. (1980) 7.05 After Yang. (2021) 8.50 Minari. (2020, Korean) 11.00 Amadeus. (1984) 1.50 From Here To Eternity. (1953) 4.00 The Man Who Knew Infinity. (2015) Dev Patel. 6.00 The Age Of Innocence. (1993) 8.30 Dangerous Liaisons. (1988) 10.45 Nowhere Boy. (2009) 12.35 Rush. (2013) 2.50 Platoon. (1986) 5.00 The Man Who Knew Infinity. (2015)

SEVEN (6) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. 12.00 News At Noon. 1.00 MOVIE: Glass Houses. (2020) Bree Turner. 3.00 The Chase. 4.00 News. 5.00 The Chase Australia. 6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Football. AFL. Opening Round. Brisbane Lions v Geelong. 10.30 AFL Post-Game Show. 11.00 Kick Ons. New. 11.30 Autopsy USA. 12.30 Damnation. 1.30 Travel Oz. 2.00 TBA. 2.30 Shopping. 3.00 TBA. 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Sunrise Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.

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NINE (8) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. 11.30 9News Morning. 12.00 Married At First Sight. 1.30 Mr Mayor. 2.00 Pointless. 3.00 Tipping Point. 4.00 9News Afternoon. 4.30 Tipping Point Australia. 5.30 News. 6.00 9News. 7.00 ACA. 7.30 RBT. 8.30 Emergency. 9.30 A+E After Dark. 10.30 TBA. 11.20 9News Late. 11.50 Tipping Point. 12.40 Pointless. 1.30 TV Shop. 2.30 Global Shop. 3.00 TV Shop. 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. 4.30 ACA. 5.00 Today Early News. 5.30 Today.

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9GO! (82) 6.00 Morning Programs. 11.00 Tom And Jerry. 11.40 Motor Racing. IndyCar Series. Round 1. Grand Prix of St Petersburg. Highlights. 12.50 Motor Racing. FIA World Endurance Championship. Round 1. Qatar 1812 km. Highlights. 2.00 The Golden Girls. 2.30 The Nanny. 3.30 Seinfeld. 4.30 The Addams Family. 5.00 Bewitched. 5.30 I Dream Of Jeannie. 6.00 The Golden Girls. 6.30 The Nanny. 7.30 Survivor 48. 9.00 MOVIE: Bad Moms. (2016) Mila Kunis. 11.00 The O.C. 12.00 Late Programs.

TEN (5) 6.00 Drew Barrymore. 7.00 Neighbours. 7.30 Farm To Fork. 8.00 Bold. 8.30 Deal Or No Deal. 9.00 Lingo. 10.00 Ent. Tonight. 10.30 Dog House Aust. 11.30 Judge Judy. 12.00 Farm To Fork. 12.30 Family Feud. 1.00 News. 2.00 Wheel Of Fortune. 2.30 Lingo. 3.30 News. 4.00 Neighbours. 4.30 Bold. 5.00 News. 6.00 Deal Or No Deal. 6.30 The Project. 7.30 Gogglebox Aust. 8.30 The Graham Norton Show. 9.40 Law & Order: S.V.U. 10.40 News. 11.05 The Project. 12.05 Stephen Colbert. 1.00 Late Programs.

10 BOLD (53) 6.00 Shopping. 8.00 Everyday Gourmet. 8.30 Jake And The Fatman. 9.30 Diagnosis Murder. 11.30 JAG. 1.30 My Life Is Murder. 2.30 Jake And The Fatman. 3.30 Diagnosis Murder. 5.30 JAG. 7.30 NCIS. 8.25 Blue Bloods. 10.20 Evil. 11.20 Jake And The Fatman. 12.15 Shopping. 2.15 Diagnosis Murder. 4.05 JAG.

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• Owner and Managing Director of YBS, Tom McLoughlan, Mark Hutchings, Brady Paley (Technical Officer), and BCG CEO Fiona Best.

With In-Kind Sponsorship: Local Business Supports BCG

Birchip Cropping Group (BCG) is thrilled to announce the generous support of YBS, a valued local business, through an in-kind sponsorship of a \$3,000 workshop trolley and tools.

This contribution will enhance BCG’s growing research equipment fleet, ensuring the team remains well-equipped to deliver high-quality agricultural research for farmers across the region.

BCG CEO Fiona Best expressed her gratitude for the partnership, emphasising the value to BCG of local business support.

“Support from businesses like YBS is invaluable to our operations,” she said. As our research expands, so do our equipment needs, and this generous contribution will go a long way in supporting our team. Strong local partnerships are the backbone of regional communities, and we are incredibly appreciative of YBS’s commitment to our work.”

Owner and Managing Director of YBS, Tom McLoughlan, echoed this sentiment, highlighting the company’s dedication to supporting local initiatives.

“At YBS, we believe in backing organisations that make a real difference. BCG plays a crucial role in advancing agriculture in our region, and we are proud to support their research efforts,” he said. Investing in local partnerships strengthens our community, and we’re delighted to contribute to BCG’s continued success.”

BCG extends a sincere thank you to YBS for its support and looks forward to ongoing collaboration with local businesses to drive innovation and excellence in agriculture.

Community Update Buloke.

Have Your Say – Buloke Shire Aquatic Strategy

Council is seeking community input into the development of its new Aquatic Strategy. The strategy will provide a framework for future strategic direction, infrastructure development, and operational enhancement of our seven outdoor pools in Berriwillock, Birchip, Charlton, Donald, Sea Lake Watchem and Wycheproof.

Community consultation is currently open until 17 March 2025.

Survey now open

Complete the online survey by scanning the QR code OR visit the Have Your Say page at www.buloke.vic.gov.au

Hardcopies of the survey are also available from any one of our pools or the Wycheproof Customer Service Centre.

Pop-up community consultations

Come and chat to our consultation team to share your experiences and ideas about our pools at one of the following locations:



Date	Town	Time	Location
Wed 5 Mar	Nullawil	11am-12pm	MCH Building, 6 Calder Hwy
	Culgoa	12.25pm-1.15pm	Mallee Bunker Café, 6 Main Street
	Birchip	1pm-2pm	Sharp's Bakery, 47 Cummin Av
	Nandaly	2.15pm-3.15pm	Nandaly Travellers Rest, 4 Messines St
	Donald	4pm-5.30pm	Donald Swimming Pool
	Watchem	6pm-7pm	Watchem Swimming Pool
Thu 6 Mar	Charlton	6.30am-8am	Charlton Swimming Pool
	Sea Lake	11.30am-1pm	Sea Lake Foodworks, 65 Best St
	Wycheproof	3pm-4pm	Wycheproof Swimming Pool
	Berriwillock	4.30pm-6.30pm	Berriwillock Swimming Pool

For more information about the Buloke Shire Aquatic Strategy, contact 1300 520 520 or email buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au

Immunisation Team School Visits

Reminder for parents of Year 7 & Year 10 students in Buloke Shire.

Our Immunisation Team will be visiting schools over the next month as part of the Secondary School Immunisation Program.

To register for this Program, please enter your child's details in the Vitavo link provided by your school.

For more information please visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools or contact our Immunisation Coordinator on 0418 506 109 and leave a message with your number for a call back.



Animal Registrations 2025/26

It is time for cat and dog owners to ensure they have registered their pets.

Cats and dogs who are aged over three months must be registered by 10 April 2025.

Pet owners will soon receive notices in the mail with instructions on how to register their pet. All cats and dogs must be microchipped before they can be registered.

For more information about registering your pet or if your details have changed, please call us on 1300 520 520 or email buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au



Employment Opportunities with Buloke

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

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

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Administration Assistant (Casual) - Wycheproof
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Applications Close: 21 March 2025

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join Council's Customer Engagement Team as an Administration Assistant. Successful applicants will join a casual pool of candidates who will be allocated shifts on an as needed basis. In this role you will be working alongside staff to provide administrative support to various Council departments and business units, as well as providing sound customer service to the community.

Urban and Parks Maintenance Operators (Casual). From \$38.17 per hour (incl. industry allowance, casual loading + statutory superannuation)

We are looking for pro-active and self-motivated individuals to join our Open Spaces team and help with routine upkeep and improvement to Councils' outdoor spaces and urban areas. Successful applicants will join a casual pool of candidates who will be allocated shifts on an as needed basis and have the potential to join the open spaces team permanently, given the availability.

Building Maintenance Officer - Permanent (Full Time). From \$34.54 per hour (+ statutory superannuation)

We are looking for a team oriented and motivated person to join the Building and Property team. In this role you will be carrying out building and asset maintenance services to Council owned buildings, associated structures and furniture in a manner which complies with all legislative and regulatory requirements.

Open Spaces Maintenance Officer - Permanent (Full Time). From \$34.54 per hour (+ statutory superannuation)

We are looking for a team oriented and motivated person to join the Building and Property team. In this role you will be carrying out maintenance services to Council owned properties and associated infrastructure in a manner which complies with all legislative and regulatory requirements.

Blue-Green Algae Warning

From Grampians Wimmera-Mallee Water.

Recreational water users are advised to avoid direct contact with water in Taylor's Lake following the detection of elevated blue-green algae levels.

Visitors can still enjoy recreational activities such as boating, bushwalking, sightseeing and other activities at the lake that do not involve direct water contact.

Warning signs have been positioned at major recreational areas around the lake and will remain in place until blue-green algae levels drop below the threshold considered safe for recreational use.

We Recommend:

- Avoiding all contact with affected water.
- Affected water not be used for cooking, drinking, washing/showering or any other domestic use. Boiling the affected water will not make it safe to use.
- If you come into contact with the affected water, you should wash the area of skin exposed immediately in clean water.
- Those experiencing any health issues after being in contact with blue-green algae affected water should seek immediate medical advice.

Blue-Green Algae Facts:

- Blue-green algae occurs naturally and can be dangerous to humans and animals.
- Characteristic signs of algae contact are skin rashes or itchiness, sore eyes, ears and nose; or if swallowed, nausea or vomiting.
- Pet owners should prevent pets from drinking or having direct contact with blue-green algae affected water.
- It is not possible to predict how long the algae will remain at high levels within the lake.

Anglers wanting more information please visit Victorian Fisheries Authority website at www.vfa.vic.gov.au and search on "blue-green algae".

We will continue to monitor the lake regularly and will keep the community informed of any changes regarding blue-green algae alerts through our disruptions website page at <https://www.gwmwater.org.au/bga>

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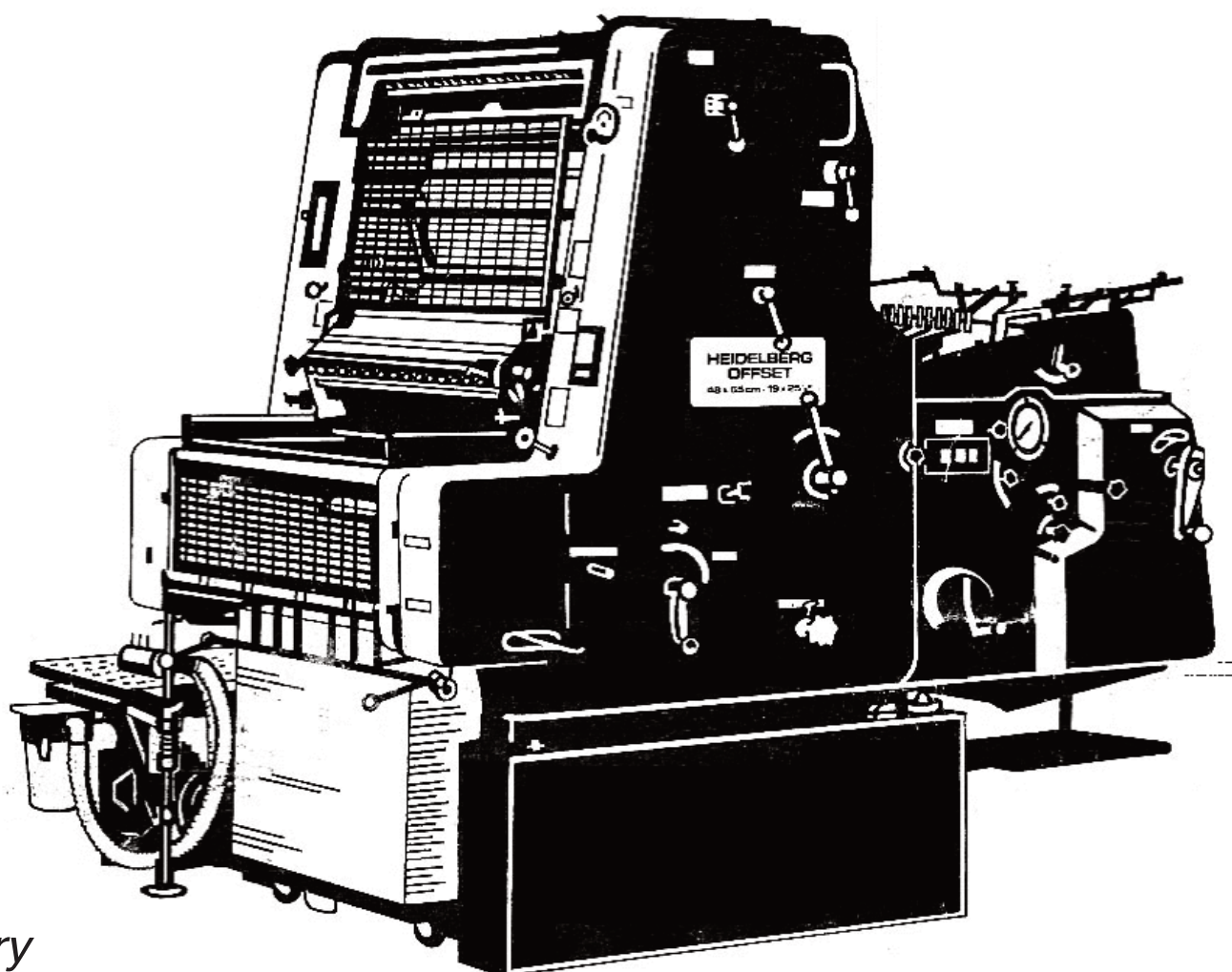


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Planning for Tomorrow: BCG Succession Workshop

Farm succession is often complex, emotional, and uncertain.

To help farming families tackle the issue, BCG is hosting a Succession Planning Workshop on Wednesday, March 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Birchip Community Leisure Centre, as part of GRDC's RiskWiSe initiative.

The event will provide practical discussions and expert insights to support a smooth transition between generations.

Guiding succession with experts

James Hamilton from Cultivate Advisory will lead the day, helping participants navigate the key challenges of succession planning. With years of experience supporting farm businesses, Hamilton understands that successful succession is about maintaining both business viability and family harmony.

"At the end of the day, the goal is for everyone to turn up at Christmas and be happy," Hamilton says. "Good communication, planning, and clear expectations are key."

Tackling the Tough Conversations

Succession involves financial, legal, and emotional considerations. The workshop will break these elements down into manageable discussions, helping families take control of their future.

Jack Langley from Farrell Goode Solicitors will delve into Capital Gains Tax and timing, including the implications that follow.

Tim Findlay from Cato Advisory will discuss the characteristics of farm businesses

that are well-positioned to transition to the next generation, ensuring long-term scalability and viability. He will also address how rising land prices have changed the dynamics of succession planning and what this means for those looking to transition their farms.

Beyond financial and legal considerations, succession planning is also about relationships and mindset. Neville Brady from Brows Up Consulting will lead a session on managing emotions and separating family relationships from business decisions. Participants will also complete a DISC behavioural profile assessment, helping them understand their communication and decision-making styles - an essential tool for navigating family dynamics.

Who should attend?

This workshop is designed for farming families at any stage of the succession process. Whether actively transitioning management, planning for the future, or simply seeking guidance, the session will provide practical insights and expert advice.

BCG RiskWiSe project manager Meg Conlan emphasises the importance of understanding risk when planning for the future: "Succession planning isn't just about handing over the farm, it's about ensuring the business remains viable for future generations," she said. "Having a plan in place helps avoid difficult, last minute decisions and sets the next generation up for success."



Participants will walk away with actionable steps and a clearer understanding of how to begin or refine their own succession plans.

About RiskWiSe

RiskWiSe is a 5-year, \$30 million national initiative (2023–2028) aimed at helping Australian grain growers navigate increasing levels of risk from weather variability and price volatility. By improving understanding of the risk-reward relationships in on-farm management decisions, RiskWiSe supports growers in making informed, confident choices that maximise rewards and minimise potential losses. RiskWiSe is conducted in partnership with grower groups, 6 action research group leads, research/extension partners, CSIRO and the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC). Find out more <https://grdc.com.au/research/partnerships-and-initiatives/strategic-partnerships/riskwise>

To register for the event or for more information, visit bcg.org.au/events or scan the QR code.



• Planning for tomorrow, BCG's workshop is aimed at educating farming families to make the succession as easy as possible.

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St. Mary's			
D.Westerland (c) c: C. Anderson b: L. Jones	66	L. Jones b: Colby Schmidt	14
C. Schmidt b: D. Atkins	10	J. Adams c: B. Dennes b: C. Schmidt	2
B. Watts/bw: D. Atkins	1	K. Westerland c: B. Watts b: L. Somers	15
L. Somers b: N. Atkins	34	R. Bath not out	10*
N. Priest st: K. Westerland b: L. Jones	2	Sundries	7
B. Dennes c: A. Schofield b: N. Atkins	0	TOTAL (for 5 wickets)	123
L. Westerland b: N. Atkins	1	Bowling: L. Somers 1/30 (7), B. Dennes 2/13 (8), B. Watts 0/20 (4), H. Nixon 0/23 (4), C. Schmidt 2/27 (6), A. Keys 0/5 (1.1).	
H. Nixon not out	4	Birchip Swans d. Marnoo	
J. Thomas b: L. Jones	1	MARNOO	
C. Zanker b: D. Atkins	0	J. Duxson c: H. McCredden b: J. Randall	1
A. Keys b: D. Atkins	0	D. Lang (vc) c: R. Smith b: L. Randall	18
Sundries	2	N. Newton b: C. Lee	22
TOTAL (for 10 wickets)	121	B. Baird (c) c: M. Trollope b: L. Randall	18
Bowling: E. Landwehr 0/10 (4), D. Atkins 4/11 (6), J. Adams 0/18 (3), C. Anderson (c) 0/22 (5), L. Rice 0/29 (8), L. Jones 3/13 (5), N. Atkins 3/17 (5).		D. Shelley c: W. Marks b: R. Smith	51
DONALD-JEFFCOTT		B. Cameron c: R. Smith b: R. Doran	5
C. Anderson (c) not out	50	S. Lang b: J. Paley	9
A. Schofield c: D. Westerland b: B. Dennes	1	D. Cameron b: R. Smith	4
D. Atkins b: Brodie Dennes	24	C. Reading b: J. Paley	0
		T. Caldwell not out	0*
		A. Duxson b: R. Smith	0
		Sundries	12
		TOTAL (for 10 wickets)	140
		Bowling: J. Randall 1/19 (8), R. Doran (c) 1/32 (6), R. Smith 3/27 (7.4), L. Randall 2/14	
		(6), C. Lee 1/39 (5), J. Paley 2/6 (2).	
		"B" Grade	
		Donald-Jeffcott D. Southern Mallee Giants	
		SOUTHERN MALLEE GIANTS	
		D. Shannon b: C. Anderson	25
		M. Roberts b: N. Nanayakkara	1
		K. Bellinger (c) c: T. Reekie b: J. Needs	9
		C. Castleman c: S. P. b: T. Reekie	22
		P. Hallam b: N. Nanayakkara	26
		J. Vanderburg b: N. Nanayakkara	1
		C. Williams c: A. Tatchell b: C. Anderson	2
		A. Decker not out	9
		F. Shannon b: C. Anderson	0
		C. Decker not out	2
		N. Jones did not bat	
		Sundries	11
		TOTAL (for 8 wickets)	98
		Bowling: T. Reekie 1/27 (7), N. Nanayakkara 3/22 (8), J. Needs (vc) 1/7 (7), C. Anderson 3/12 (8), J. Donnellon 0/25 (6), A. Tachell 0/5 (4).	
		DONALD-JEFFCOTT	
		S. P. c: A. Decker b: K. Bellinger	41
		J. Tellefson (c) not out	23
		A. Bayles not out	32
		Sundries	4
		TOTAL (for 1 wicket)	100
		Bowling: D. Shannon 0/22 (3), P. Hallam 0/21 (3), K. Bellinger (c) 1/42 (6), C. Castleman 0/13 (5).	
		Watchem Panthers d. Charlton	
		WATCHEM PANTHERS	
		T. Colbert run out: A. soulsby, B. Sexton	62
		D. Slater b: E. Soulsby	39
		D. Tatarskyj b: E. Soulsby	12
		A. Dean b: H Sait	0
		C. Boyle (c) lbw: H. Sait	9
		J. Woods b: C. Boyle	1
		S. Milne b: P. Soulsby	0
		R. Hogan b: C. Boyle	2
		J. Borden b: P. Soulsby	9
		N. Dean not out	0
		S. Lowry c: B. Sexton b: C. Boyle	1
		Extras	20
		TOTAL (for 10 wickets)	155
		Bowling: E. Fitzpatrick 0/22 (6), P. Soulsby (c) 2/22 (8), C. Boyle 3/27 (6.3), A. Soulsby 0/11 (2), H. Sait (c) 2/38 (8), E. Soulsby 2/26 (6).	
		CHARLTON	
		P. Soulsby (c) c: S. Lowry b: T. Colbert	27
		H. Sait (c) c: C. Boyle b: A. Dean	3
		B. Sexton (vc) run out: T. C., D. Tatarskyj	28
		E. Fitzpatrick c: J. Woods b: A. Dean	14
		C. Boyle b: C. Boyle	2
		S. Mohan Mohanan Sreekala lbw: A. Dean	6
		L. Van Boven lbw: A. Dean	1
		E. Soulsby not out	23
		A. Johnstone b: C. Boyle	0
		A. soulsby b: T. Colbert	0
		E. Needs c: T. Colbert b: S. Lowry	2
		Sundries	8
		TOTAL (for 10 wickets)	108
		Bowling: A. Dean 4/24 (8), C. Boyle (c) 2/20 (8), S. Milne 0/18 (6), T. Colbert 2/28 (8), S. Lowry 1/14 (3.4), J. Borden 0/1 (0).	

And Then There Were Four

Last Saturday, eight teams were involved in Wimmera-Mallee cricket's "A" and "B" grade semi-finals.

By the close of play, that number had been halved, with Donald-Jeffcott to meet Birchip Swans in the "A" grade decider, and Watchem Panthers to tackle Donald-Jeffcott in "B" grade.

On the Jeffcott ground in Donald, St. Mary's "A" grade chose to bat first, with captain Daniel Westerland setting the example. Unfortunately for the team, his 66 runs, with 34 from Leigh Somers, and 10 from Colby Schmidt, were the only innings to reach double figures, the all-out total being 121.

Sharing the bowling honours for Donald-Jeffcott were the Atkins brothers, Daniel 4/11 (6), and Nick 3/17 (5), and talented all-rounder Lachie Jones, 3/13 (5).

As was the case with St. Mary's, Donald-Jeffcott captain Cooper Anderson was top-scorer, batting right through the innings for 50 not out. He was partnered by Daniel Atkins, 24, Lachie Jones 14, Coby Westerland 15, and Ryan Bath 10 not out. The team booked its grand final place at 5/123 in 30.1 overs. St. Mary's wicket-takers were Brodie Dennes 2/13 (8), Colby Schmidt 2/27 (8), and Leigh Somers 1/37 (7).

After the loss of an early wicket on its home ground, Marnoo settled in to build a competitive score, with Dylan Shelley contributing 51, Ben Newton 22, and David Lang and captain Nic Baird 18 each. With the lower order batting struggling, however, the innings was terminated at 140 in 34.4 overs. All six Birchip bowlers shared the wickets, with Rylee Smith taking 3/27 (7.4), Lachy Randall 2/14 (8), and James Paley 2/6 (2).

In reply, a 70-run partnership by Will Marks 47 (8 fours), and Hudson McCred-den 20, gave Birchip the start it had hoped for, and with captain Riley Doran 35 and Connor Lee 11, both remaining not out, the total reached 5/141 in just 17.3 overs. Marnoo's wicket-takers were Ben Newton 2/33 (5), Dylan Shelley 2/48 (8), and Darcy Cameron 1/25 (4).

"B" Grade

On the Goff Letts Oval at Donald, Southern Mallee Giants chose to bat first, totalling 8/89 from their 40 overs. Leading the way were Dale Shannon 25, Parker Hallam 26, and Clint Castleman 22. Doing the most damage

for the home team were Niluka Nanayakkara 3/22 (8), and Colby Anderson 3/12 (8). Then, three Donald-Jeffcott players took their team's tally to a winning 1/100 in 17 overs, Sam Postlethwaite scoring 41, captain Jack Tellefson 23 not out, and Andrew Bayles 32 not out.

Watchem Panthers took their best batting form to Charlton, where they produced the top total of the day, 155 in 36.3 overs. An opening partnership of 86 by Ty Colbert 62, and 39 from Daniel Slater, set the foundation for the score, while Daniel Tatarskyj added a handy 12. Charlton's top bowling figures were those of Cooper Boyle 3/27 (6.3), Patrick Soulsby 2/22 (8), Hugh Sait 2/28 (8), and Ethan Soulsby 2/26 (6). After the break, and despite the batting efforts of Billy Sexton 28, Patrick Soulsby 27, Ethan Soulsby 23 not out, and Elliott Fitzpatrick 14, Charlton was all out for 108 in 34.4 overs. Leading the Watchem attack were openers Austin Dean 4/24 (8), and Connor Boyle 2/20 (8), while Ty Colbert followed up with 2/28 (8), and Seamus Lowry 1/14 (3.4).



• Charlton's Patrick Soulsby and Billy Sexton on the run. (Photo by Kim Fitzpatrick)



• Bowler is Birchip's Riley Doran 1/32 & 35 not out, Marnoo batter Stuart Lang. Umpire Chris Guthrie. (Photo by Amanda Casey)



• Mainstay of St. Mary's innings was Daniel Westerland with 66 runs.



• 26 valuable runs contributed by Giants' Parker Hallum.

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• Among the bowlers contesting Saturday's grand finals at Wycheproof were, from left, Ian Hall (Wedderburn), watching Wycheproof opponent Matt Nicholls delivers his bowl, Lance Standfield, Rob Grylls, and on the mat in Div 1, St. Arnaud's Greg McNally, Terry McSwain and Darren Shepherd. At right, is Wedderburn's Robert ("Chicken Man") Ashley, making his way towards the other end of the rink.



• Newcomer to North Central pennant bowls, St. Arnaud's Allan Welsh, is pictured early in Saturday's Division 1 grand final, bowling against Donald Golf's Stewart Hollis,



• Rob Grylls, the skipper, orchestrating all the early damage for Wycheproof against Wedderburn, sends his bowl towards the head during Saturday's Division 2 grand final.



• Sixteen-year-old Seth Wellington bowls in the Div 2 grand final, against Wedderburn's Tony Benaim.

St. Arnaud and Wycheproof Share Bowls Titles

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One rink in particular was the focus of much attention, with Rob Grylls, teaming with his lead, 16-year-old Seth Wellington, Vince Grant and Donald Denney, literally putting the Lance Standfield combination of Rob Tonkin (l), Tony Benaim and Leon Holt to the sword. After 7 ends had been completed Wyche. led 21-0, a margin that blew out to 34-0 when the break was taken, 13 ends completed.

It took the Wedderburn rink until the 14th. end to enjoy any success, such was the rub of the green favouring Wyche., 2 shots being that start of something of a comeback. And by the completion of 25 ends, the Standfield quartet had reach a score of 16 shots, but the Grylls quartet was able to continue scoring consistently and finished with a total of 45 shots.

No matter how well the Wedderburn rinks of John Grant, with Robert Ashley (l), Ruth Hall and Colin Mill (Wedderburn's only winning rink) and Ian Hall, with Stephen Lear (l), Neville White and Allan Noordennen bowled, against Paul Connolly, with Des Nicholls, Steve Barratt and Jeannie

Grylls, and Paul Bagley (l), John McLean and George Coatsworth respectively, there was little opportunity for them to apply pressure on their opponents, the final margin of 30 shots overall, being a clear indication of Wyche.'s dominance.

Matt Nicholls gave Wycheproof a second winning rink, by 6 shots over Ian Hall, while Paul Connolly came up against stiff opposition in his battle with John Grant, the final margin in Wedderburn's favour being 5 shots, in contests more resembling a season decider.

Details:
Wycheproof 90 d. Wedderburn 60.

Des Nicholls, Steve Barratt, Jeannie Grylls, Paul Connolly (s) 18 lost to Robert Ashley, Ruth Hall, Colin Mills, John Grant (s) 23.

Paul Bagley, John McLean, George Coatsworth, Matt Nicholls (s) 27 d. Stephen Lear, Neville White, Allan Noordennen, Ian Hall (s) 21.

Seth Wellington, Vince Grant, Donald Denney, Rob Grylls (s) 45 d. Robert Tonkin, Tony Benaim, Leon Holt, Lance Standfield (s) 16.

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• St. Arnaud's Division 1 2024-'25 premiership team: Back row, left to right, Phil McRae, Allan Welsh, Steven Zsigmond (skipper), Darren Shepherd, Tony Marland, Greg McNally. Front: Terry McSwain (skipper), Ashley Dyke (skipper), Thomas Amos, Maurie Wood, Glendon Hancock, Colin Marchment.



• Wycheproof's Division 2 2024-'25 premiership team: Back row, left to right, Donald Denney, Rob Grylls (skipper), Vince Grant, Matthew Nicholls (skipper), Paul Bagley. Front: George Coatsworth, Paul Connolly (skipper), Seth Wellington, Jeannie Grylls, Steve Barratt, John McLean, Des Nicholls.

St. Arnaud and Wycheproof Share Bowls Titles

St. Arnaud (Division 1) and Wycheproof (Division 2) are North Central Playing Area's weekend pennant champions for the 2024-'25 season, having defeated Donald Golf and Wedderburn respectively in Saturday's grand finals, played at Wycheproof.

Premiership medallions and shields were presented to the victors at the conclusion of a very entertaining day of lawn bowls, played in ideal autumnal conditions, on a very fast green, the degree of difficulty increased by a constant cross breeze.

North Central officials congratulated all finalists and thanked the host club for its hospitality and the presentation of the greens.

St. Arnaud and Wycheproof will now represent North Central in the Wimmera Region weekend pennant play-offs, to be hosted by North Central on Saturday, March 15.

Perseverance Pays Off

St. Arnaud eventually won the Division 1 grand final by

18 shots over Donald Golf, but not before a titanic battle played out in front of an appreciative audience.

Donald Golf grabbed the early ascendancy, to lead 8 shots to four after 9 of the 75 ends had been completed. But even then, the precision of St. Arnaud's bowlers was starting to show, with skipper Ashley Dyke, who was on his game from the start, dead ending one potentially productive end for Golf, which was holding several shots.

Dyke was very well supported by his lead, Darren Shepherd, second Colin Marchment (who shows all the qualities of a good red wine, getting better the older with each passing year), and Phil McRae, their battle with Golf's Geoff Rigby, with

Merilyn Frank (l), George Geddes and Robert Adams, remaining closely contested until the 25th. end.

Fellow skipper, Terry McSwain's rink also started to flex its considerable talent, which included recruit Alan Welsh, playing third, picking up 5 shots against Peter Hibberd on the third end, the first of several hauls of "big numbers" that eventually overpowered the Donald Golf rink.

After 16 ends, just two shots separated the two clubs overall, 23 to St. Arnaud and 21 to Golf, Daniel Pettifer's combination of Bill Livingston (lead), Adrian Humphrey and Robert Reeseigh providing Golf with a confidence boost, leading Steven Zsigmond's crack team

of Thomas Amos (l), Greg McNally and Glendon Hancock by 3 shots.

When the afternoon tea break was taken, 34 ends having been completed overall, the scores could not have been closer, 32 shots apiece, Dyke leading Rigby by 1 shot, 11-10, McSwain four shots to the better of Hibberd, 16-12, while Daniel Pettifer remained the ray of hope for Golf, up 5 shots on Zsigmond 10-5.

Pettifer increased his lead to 9 shots after 12 ends on his rink (40 overall), Golf leading by 3 shots, but from that point, St. Arnaud started to lift, led by the Zsigmond rink, which picked up 3 shots on the 13th. end, and trailed by only 2 shots after completing 15 ends.

With 51 ends completed across the board, St. Arnaud held a handy 8 shot lead, 52-44, the skills and experience of the likes of Welsh,

Marchment, McRae, the leading of Shepherd, Marland and Amos, and the steadying influence provided by skippers Dyke, Zsigmond and McSwain, really started to count.

Sixty-three ends completed saw St. Arnaud up by 12, 67-55, and after 70 ends, the margin was 15 shots.

Golf was able to produce mini fightbacks, Pettifer regaining the lead after surrendering it briefly, and Rigby trading shot for shot with Dyke, who was able to pick up four shots on the 25th. end to win by 6.

Peter Hibberd's team could do nothing to stem the flow of shots going Terry McSwain's way, eventually going down by 14 shots, 34-20, Welsh in particular bowling superbly.

Daniel Pettifer led Golf's only winning rink, accounting for Steven Zsigmond by 3 shots, 24-21, with the final end not being bowled, such was St. Arnaud's overall lead.

Details:

St. Arnaud 83 d. Donald Golf 65.

Darren Shepherd, Colin Marchment, Phil McRae, Ashley Dyke (s) 27 d. Merilyn Frank, George Geddes, Robert Adams, Geoff Rigby (s) 21.

Thomas Amos, Greg McNally, Glendon Hancock, Steven Zsigmond (s) 22 lost to Bill Livingston, Adrian Humphreys, Robert Reeseigh, Daniel Pettifer (s) 24.

Tony Marland, Maurie Wood, Allan Welsh, Terry McSwain (s) 34 d. Geoff Stopps, Belinda Murray, Geoff Rigby, Peter Hibberd (s) 20.

Wedderburn "Grylled"

The Division 2 grand final could not have been more different to the Div. 1 contest, with Wycheproof establishing an early advantage over Wedderburn, and extending it with every change of ends.

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