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## Hats on for the bush

Running an outdoors Landcare event with seventy primary school students can be dynamic, fun and exciting. It can also be a bit chaotic when groups rotate through activities and students and teachers alike are looking for direction and instructions.

Normally, a badge or uniform helps identify the Landcare leaders but the Waranga Catchment Landcare Collective (WCLC) wanted something a little less 'corporate' to stand out in the crowd.

At a meeting earlier in the year, the committee decided to adopt a unique style by designing bright hat-bands to wear at events.

The people with the elaborate hat bands are the activity leaders; identifiable in any weather.

Last Sunday, a group of Landcare members came together to create the luminous hat bands and learn some felting skills at the same time.

Using natural fibres to create a 'leafy' themed hat seemed appropriate for a Landcare group. It was also a great way to combine art with nature and bring people together to learn new skills.

The hat bands were made under the strict guidance of expert 'felter', Gillian Schoenborn who patiently demonstrated the felting technique.....

Participants were given a bag of orange fleece and taught how to create the background using two layers and then use their own creative ideas to decorate for an individual stamp of their own. Then after much rubbing, rolling and throwing they were pleased with their finished pieces.

Below you can see them proudly wearing their hats.



**From left to right: Lou Costa-Pelle, Allison Trethowan, Esther Costa, Helen Jeffs, Steve Jeffs, Liz Buzza and Pauline Wilson.**



**Shearing for  
Kids with  
Cancer  
TOMORROW  
at  
Corydon, Wanalta.  
Special guest  
Tom Hawkins  
(ex-Geelong AFL)  
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# Shears at the Ready for 11th Annual ‘Shearing for Kids with Cancer Day’ – Friday 25 July

The sheep are prepped, the shears are sharp, and the stage is set for the eleventh annual Shearing for Kids with Cancer Day, happening on Friday 25 July.

This popular community event is once again being hosted by Katrina and Billy Ogden, along with Bill and Val Barlow, at their shearing shed “Corydon” in Wanalta. Over the past ten years, the event has raised significant funds for the Royal Children’s Hospital Oncology Unit and it’s clear the passion and energy behind it is as strong as ever.

The heart of the day is a generous display of community spirit with individuals and businesses from across the sheep industry donating their time, skills and services for a full day of shearing.

To add to the excitement former Geelong Superstar Tom Hawkins will be coming along to join in the action and lend a hand in the shed - he might even shear a sheep!

The day kicks off around 10am and promises fun for all ages with live entertainment,

delicious food and plenty of ways to support the cause. There will be raffles, an auction and kid-friendly activities including a jumping castle.

Lunch will be served from midday with roast meat and gravy rolls and a barbecue will be available as well. (Sausages: \$2. Hamburgers: \$3. Onion and Coleslaw available. Cup of Soup: \$3 Roast Meat and Gravy Rolls: \$5 and there will be cold drinks as well.

Raffle tickets (available now) are \$5 each, with the raffle draw and auction starting around 1.30 pm.

Any Questions? Feel free to contact Katrina on 0439 720 938.

The funds raised on the day will go towards money for clinical research and medical equipment, as well as supporting families of children with cancer.



‘Shearing for Kids’ is a day of family fun as well as lots of hard work for a good cause.

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# From conversation to action: draft Council and Wellbeing plan ready for community review

The July meeting of Campaspe Shire Council saw councillors endorse the Draft Council and Wellbeing Plan 2025–2029 which is designed to bring together the identified priorities of Council with a commitment to community health and wellbeing. Residents are now being invited to provide feedback on the integrated plan, which will set Campaspe’s strategic direction for the next four years.

Prior to the development of the plan, a two-part community engagement program was undertaken by Council, commencing in February 2025. The first phase included a community survey (available online or at service centres) together with targeted discussion groups with young people, First Nations communities, the health and wellbeing sector, and the Diversity and Inclusion Reference Group.

The second phase saw the formation of a Citizens’ Panel held in March, where 35 residents were selected to reflect the demographics across Campaspe to work together to develop the Community Vision and key recommendations for the plan.

Campaspe Shire Mayor Cr Daniel Mackrell said the plan is a direct result of listening to the community.

The draft plan outlines key priorities including revitalising assets and infrastructure, accelerating economic activity, invigorating public spaces, and enhancing community capacity and

wellbeing. While the plan has been generally well-received by Council, some councillors have raised concerns about under-representation of smaller communities. They note that rural communities such as Rushworth, Girgarre and Colbinabbin need stronger inclusion, particularly around environmental issues.

However residents from smaller towns will get a chance to have their say. Council is hosting “Stronger Together” drop-in sessions across the shire from July 25–29, where locals can speak directly with Mayor Mackrell and Deputy Mayor Mitchell in informal settings like cafés and community hubs. Over three days their visiting schedule will include:

- Friday, 25 July**  
11am – 12noon Rushworth Bakery  
12:35 – 1:35pm Toolleen Hotel  
2pm – 3pm Colbinabbin Country Hotel
- Tuesday, 29 July**  
9:05 – 10:05am Tongala Bakery  
10:30 – 11:30am Stanhope Cafe  
12noon – 1:00pm Jen’s Café, Kyabram

**1 Revitalise assets and infrastructure**  
1.1 Services and infrastructure are in place to sustainably support the existing and future population and visitors.  
1.2 Improve connectivity, accessibility and safety of transport networks that considers the safety and wellbeing of all users.  
1.3 A safe and resilient community by mitigating the effects of natural disasters and climate change.

**2 Accelerate economic development**  
2.1 Promote and grow the identity of the Campaspe region including agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, health and other economic drivers to become an attractive destination for investment and lifestyle.  
2.2 A diverse range of housing options are available in Campaspe for different households, employers, workers, including more affordable housing.  
2.3 We understand current and future employment needs, and employment is supported and developed by advocating for training opportunities and fostering connections.  
2.4 Campaspe Iconic Destinations are known for their unique history and offerings and are inviting destinations for visitors.

**3 Invigorate public spaces**  
3.1 Community have access to recreation spaces such as parks and green spaces to encourage physical activities and lead to better health outcomes.  
3.2 Visitors are attracted and returning to Campaspe by a diverse range of events throughout the year, with effective promotion.  
3.3 Campaspe is attractive for people to live, work and play.  
3.4 Natural environments are preserved and protected, including rivers, wetlands and native grasslands.

**4 Enhance community capacity and wellbeing**  
4.1 The community have access to a diverse range of services and programs that enhance liveability and health and wellbeing outcomes.  
4.2 The community has the opportunity for genuine involvement in issues, strategies and plans that may directly or indirectly affect them.  
4.3 Leadership and governance that inspires community trust, participation and engagement.

**Summary: Campaspe Draft Council and Wellbeing Plan 2025–2029.** Residents can review the full draft plan and supporting documents online or visit any Campaspe Shire Customer Service Centre. Submissions can be made through the Council website or in person.

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# Good and bad news at Whroo cemetery

Whroo cemetery had a tidy-up earlier this month. Members of the cemetery Trust, assisted by some Friends of Whroo Cemetery, raked up and removed leaf litter, dug out some intrusive Chinese scrub, and re-oiled the timbers on the information board.

A new project commenced with the positioning of stone borders to protect some of the unmarked graves, which are over 150 years old and visible now just as low mounds of earth. If those graves ever had timber crosses, they have long gone thanks to weathering and termite activity. The stone borders improve their visibility and reflect a similar practice by some families attending to graves so many years ago.

The Trust was most grateful for the participation of friends Margaret Pettifer of Kyabram, Des Mason of Kirwans Bridge, and Norm Cheong and his partner Gina, of Stanhope. Several of Norm’s ancestors are buried at Whroo as are several Pettifers. Des’s mother was also a Pettifer before her marriage. Also appreciated was the donation of stones by Rushworth’s Maurice and Dermot Clarke.

Trust members noticed a new memorial plaque, loosely positioned near a previously unmarked grave numbered 92. The name commemorated is John Papachanzie, who died while mining in 1871 and he is shown as “remembered by his extended family”. Descendants may have placed the plaque in that position. As with all cemeteries, the Trust has policy and procedures to follow prior to the fitting of any new memorials. The Trust needs to hear from those descendants. The Chair is Alan McLean on 0412 143660, or the secretary may be reached on 54441113.

Trust members were appalled to discover two bullet holes in the roof of the visitor information board, unveiled in May 2022. Alan McLean angrily told Waranga News,



Des Mason puts the finishing touches to a new stone border around a very old grave.

“As volunteers, Trust members strive to present this important piece of the district heritage in the best possible way. We don’t expect to be thanked but it upsets us all when some mindless individual, whether visitor or local, has got nothing better to do than take a pot-shot at the cemetery board with a rifle.” The shooting is viewed as criminal damage. The matter has been reported to police.

Anyone who knows anything about the damage is asked to contact Rushworth police, or call Crime Stoppers anonymously if preferred, on 1800 333000. If the guilty party has subsequently regretted the action, a substantial anonymous donation to the Trust, so that repairs can be made may close the matter.

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## Council adopts 2025-30 library strategic plan

Campaspe Shire Council formally adopted its Library Service Strategic Plan 2025–2030 at its July meeting.

The new strategy reflects insights, ideas and aspirations shared by residents during a community engagement process held earlier this year with an online and in-person survey available at all Campaspe libraries inviting residents to share their experiences, preferences and hopes for their local libraries.

In addition to the survey, a series of “Listen at the Library” sessions were held during which community members could speak directly with library consultants Ian and Jacqui Phillips, alongside library staff.

These conversations provided deeper insight into the needs and expectations of a diverse range of library service users.

The Library Service Strategic Plan 2025–2030 will guide service improvements, new initiatives and investment priorities over the next five years, ensuring that Campaspe libraries continue to evolve in line with the changing needs of community members.



# Looking back on Murchison history in NAIDOC Week

by Kay Ball

## Murchison & District Historical Society

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee and the intention of this week is to celebrate and reflect on the history, culture, understanding and respect among all Australians. It is good to relate a positive story of respectful and lasting relationships between our local Indigenous people and white settlers that resulted in beneficial outcomes, namely the establishment of Australia's first Zoo in Melbourne and the study and recognition of our native flora and fauna.

The records of Murchison's earliest history start with the establishment of the Aboriginal Protectorate Station in 1840. This was an area set aside for the exclusive use of the local indigenous people where they were not contained but were free to come and go, located on the bend of the Goulburn at the eastern end of what is now Stevenson Street.

This was a well-intentioned attempt to prevent tension between the original inhabitants and the new settlers coming in to the area. Food, clothing and other provisions were available; there was a school for the children and a doctor was provided to cater for Aboriginal welfare as needed.

Attempts to teach European style farming methods were not successful due to lack of understanding that the long-established Aboriginal culture had their own ways to cultivate 'crops' such as yams and other root vegetables.

The system included three other Protectorate Stations across Victoria that failed by 1853 due to this lack of understanding of how the original inhabitants had lived in harmony with their environment for thousands of years and also poor Government funding and support.

Albert Le Souef spent three years as a teenager living at the Goulburn Protectorate Station while his father William Le Souef was Manager there. He mingled with the Aborigines learning bushcraft and developed a depth of knowledge and understanding, respect and affection for their ways, culture and connection to the environment flora and fauna that lasted his whole life.

This influenced his successful involvement with the Royal Park Zoological Gardens for over 30 years and the notable improvements he instigated during that time. The number of specimens increased from 285 to 1300 under his direction and he brought the collection up to a high standard after travelling the world largely at his own expense, educating himself



'Corroboree On The Lower Goulburn 1842' – Caroline Le Souef (1895)



'Fight On The Lower Goulburn 1842' – Caroline Le Souef (1895)

in the best management of the animals.

He also gave many years of service to the Aboriginal Protection Board formed after the Protectorate system was discontinued.

In 1853 he married Caroline Cotton, daughter of settler John Cotton of Kerrisdale and they raised four daughters and five sons. Four of his sons were also involved

in establishing the Melbourne, Perth and Taronga (Sydney) Zoos.

Caroline also had great rapport with the Aboriginal people and was an accomplished artist. She painted notable oil paintings of scenes of Aboriginal activities on the Lower Goulburn from Albert's descriptions of what he witnessed in the 1840's.

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# ‘Wonderland on the Murray’: Sand Sculpture Trail coming to Echuca Moama this summer

A beloved classic will come to life in Echuca Moama this summer as Wonderland on the Murray brings Alice in Wonderland to the river’s edge in a spectacular sand sculpture trail, running from 13 December 2025 to 9 March 2026.

Jointly delivered by Murray River Council, Campaspe Shire Council and Campaspe Port Enterprise (Port of Echuca), the trail will be crafted by Sandstorm Events, transforming public spaces into a captivating family adventure through a series of large-scale handcrafted sand installations.

The journey will begin at the historic Port of Echuca, where visitors will see Alice tumble down the rabbit hole into a world of wonder, before continuing through the Port and Aquatic Reserve with eight sculptures depicting iconic moments and characters from the timeless tale.

Crossing the Murray River into Moama, the trail will conclude at Kerrabee Reserve, where Alice’s Tea Party, set inside the Soundshell, will mark the magical finale to her adventure.

Featured installations along the trail will include:

- Alice falling down the rabbit hole
- The Caterpillar and Cheshire Cat
- The White Rabbit’s House
- Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum
- The White Rabbit on his way to the tea party

The Queen of Hearts and her Card Soldiers

Alice emerging from the rabbit hole at Kerrabee Reserve

Alice’s Tea Party at the Moama Soundshell

A free event for all ages, Wonderland on the Murray will run for 12 weeks, offering an immersive experience that invites visitors to follow Alice’s journey while exploring the beauty of Echuca Moama.

Murray River Council Mayor, Cr John Harvie said the event will offer a point of



difference and something new over the summer period.

“This experience will fill a valuable gap in our tourism calendar, attracting new and returning visitors during typically quieter months for events.”

Campaspe Shire Mayor, Cr Daniel Mackrell echoed the sentiments.

“With no other town in Australia offering a sand sculpture trail of this kind during the summer months, Wonderland on the Murray is set to become a must-see summer highlight, creating ‘wow’ moments for people of all ages.”

Campaspe Port Enterprise Chair, Joanne Butterworth-Gray said it was exciting to be delivering an initiative that would encourage day-trippers and overnight visitors from across the region, and beyond.

“It will be a unique, visually striking experience and we can’t wait to work with

Sandstorm Events to bring it to life this Summer.”

Sandstorm Events, Australia’s leading provider of large-scale sand sculpture experiences, will bring the trail to life with its skilled team of sculptors, renowned for transforming public spaces into interactive attractions that encourage exploration and create lasting memories. Sharon Redmond, Director of Sandstorm Events, said: “Sandstorm Events is proud to partner with Murray River Council, Campaspe Shire Council and Campaspe Port Enterprise to deliver this landmark tourism experience. Wonderland on the Murray showcases the artistry and storytelling power of sand sculpture at its finest, and we look forward to creating a visually stunning and engaging trail that will enhance the visitor experience across Echuca Moama throughout the Summer.”

## Police Beat

**Greetings and welcome to your local police report for the Rushworth Police Service Area, for the period of 01/06/25 to 18/07/25.**

The following is a list of reported incidents. Any information in relation to these incidents can be reported to the Rushworth Police Station on 58561000, or by calling Crime Stoppers on 1800333000 if you wish to remain anonymous. Any information is greatly appreciated by both victims and police.

- A burglary occurred at a Peppercorn Lane Rushworth property between 26/05/25 and 02/06/25. The shed was unlocked at the time and offenders have stolen a fridge and chainsaw valued at \$2300.
- A theft occurred at a High Street Rushworth business on 08/06/25. The male offender has stolen \$150 worth of assorted

meat.

- A burglary to a Slaughterhouse Lane Waranga Shores property occurred between 26/06/25 and 29/06/25. Locks were cut to sheds with offenders stealing a boat motor, generator, and fishing gear and tackle. The property being valued at approximately \$3000.
- An attempted burglary occurred at an Esmonde Street Rushworth premises between 26/06/25 and 16/07/25. Fly wire screens were removed from windows, but nil entry was gained.
- Police also attended thirteen family violence incidents during this period which is extremely high and concerning.

That is our list of reported incidents. Local members issued nine traffic infringement notices. This is a significant improvement on previous months. The road conditions have been challenging, so it’s great to see people driving carefully. Sergeant Corey WILD has joined us recently while Sergeant PELL takes a well-earned break. Please make him welcome if you see him out and about.

Well that about wraps up another police report. Please stay safe and look after each other. Until we chat again.

*All the best,*  
**Ldg. Sen. Cons Steve Thomson**  
**Rushworth Police**



# A new chapter for local autoglass repairs

Novus Glass Goulburn Valley is pleased to announce the official launch of its new company, expanding the existing Norris Crew operations.

The journey began with a strategic decision to grow the Norris Crew brand by acquiring an established windscreen business for sale in Nagambie — Novus Glass Nagambie. Operated for over 40 years by Ray Bazeley, the business had built a strong presence in Nagambie, Seymour, Wallan, Yea, and Alexandra. With retirement on the horizon, Ray and his wife Sally were eager to start their next chapter, exploring Australia, and the timing was perfect. A deal was reached just weeks before Ray planned to step away from the business. After being on the market for a couple of years with no takers, the right match was finally made.

Owners Benjamin and Jessica Norris had long considered this region a natural extension of their existing service area. Despite their already demanding schedule, the opportunity aligned perfectly with their goals for regional growth. Following successful negotiations, they acquired Novus Glass Nagambie and established the new company: Novus Glass Goulburn Valley. By combining Norris Crew with Novus Glass Nagambie, they created a service model that supports regular, high-volume mobile runs across the region — significantly improving both efficiency and reach.

## Strategic partnership

As part of this transition, Novus Glass Goulburn Valley secured a franchise agreement with Novus Glass Australia, a leading force in the autoglass industry. This partnership enables Benjamin and Jessica to operate a locally owned small business while also gaining access to major insurance and fleet providers for direct billing. Given the increasing complexity and cost of modern vehicles, having windscreen cover is more essential than ever — with some



Ray Bazeley hands over the Novus Glass reigns to new owner Ben Norris.

replacements now exceeding \$3,000. Novus Glass Goulburn Valley strongly recommends RACV for vehicle insurance, based on a solid working relationship and consistent customer support.

To support the increased workload, additional staff were hired during the transition. One notable addition is Joshua Williams, a former employee of the Rushworth hardware store. Joshua quickly adapted to his new role, completing training and now operating his own Novus van with the capability to service most vehicles on the road today.

## Thanks to local community

Novus Glass Goulburn Valley now serves customers from Shepparton to Wallan and everywhere in between. The team expresses heartfelt thanks to the local community for their continued support, without which this expansion would not have been possible.

For inquiries or ideas, the Novus Glass

Goulburn Valley team welcomes contact and looks forward to continued growth and collaboration. Additional photos of the team are also available upon request to support this announcement.



Expanding workforce - Joshua has come on board to work with Ben.





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Around Rushworth

Library celebrates Family History Month

Along with all Campaspe Libraries, Rushworth Library is offering a program of events in August to mark National Family History Month.

Guest speaker on Tuesday 5 August will be author Pam Wells who will speak about the experiences of late husband Lieutenant-Colonel Rod Wells who was a Prisoner of War during WW2. Pam, a former resident (and pharmacist) of Rushworth, has written a biography which tells the story of Rod's horrific experiences as a POW, his release and return to civilian life.

There is no cost for this session but bookings are essential (5481 2400).

'The Tiger has Many Lives: The Story of Rod Wells' will be available for purchase (\$35 cash only).

Who do you think you are?

If you're on the journey to enlightenment about your forebears, personalised help will be available at the library on Thursday 28 August.

Family History expert Victoria Green will be offering one-on-one sessions to assist you in your family research. It will be a great chance to dive deeper into the mysteries of Ancestry, Trove, military records and more — focusing specifically on your own search for answers.

Appointments are essential (and limited): 9.30am, 10.45am, 1pm, 2.15pm or 3.30pm

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Jewels of Murchison

A wander through Murchison is such a pleasant experience. The riverside park with picnic facilities and the playground for the young ones is a delightful spot for a stroll. Stately river red gums are poised along the Goulburn River defining the ancient habitat, providing shade and a wildlife haven.

Opposite the riverside are interesting and fascinating shops and historical buildings to enjoy. The Murchison Bakery provides delicious fare and the supermarket supplies all you would need for a picnic.

Further along is Lindsay's Jewels and Gifts – the garden ornaments and bright façade are hard to miss and with the inviting welcome it is well worth a visit. Lindsay is close to celebrating eleven years in the business and has



a wonderful array of gifts and nick-nacks. They range from Lindsay's own creations of fairy chains and earrings to windchimes, wall ornaments, many crystals and other jewellery.

Opposite Lindsay's Jewels and Gifts is the Murchison Historical Society, an amazing Heritage Centre of international renown. It will re-open for visits in mid-September.

Why not stop on your way through Murchison next time and enjoy the interesting natural and created sights of the area – or take a drive to Murchison and spend some time enjoying the ambience of the area? You could even pop out to Longleat winery to enjoy their produce in the enchanting surrounds.

Murchison welcomes you.

SES Murchison Unit soon to be ready for action

At Wednesday night training Murchison SES unit is working hard towards Crew Member Level 2! What does this mean?

It means the unit will become operational again by the end of August due to much hard work and dedication from volunteers.

If you are interested in joining Murchison unit, you too can get to learn new skills – and join a great bunch of people.

Come along to a training night and see what it's all about (they train Wednesday night 7pm - 9pm) or send a message to [murchison@ses.vic.gov.au](mailto:murchison@ses.vic.gov.au).



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# A musical interlude to relieve the winter doldrums

Here’s something to warm the cockles of your heart!

Local trio, “Angelus” are set to perform at the Corop Community Centre, on Sunday August 10 at 2pm, and St. Mary’s Hall, Echuca on Sunday 17 August.

Lou Costa (Rushy), Emma King (Shepp) and Julie Price (Colbo) make up the group Angelus. Many locals will recognise Lou and Julie as the former duo, “Milkwood”, who sang together for a number of years before Emma joined them on the cello. This magical instrument has added a wonderful new dimension to the group, who enjoy singing original tunes as well as refurbished covers.

The trio will share the stage with other local legends Lou Walsh (Tongala) and Mark Osmond (Shepp), who make up the duo “Maple and Murray”. If you managed to get to OcTolbo in 2024 you will remember their beautiful harmonies and sublime folk style. They won’t disappoint.

Rumour has it that Angelus and Maple and Murray might even pool their talents for a couple of songs to end what should be a lovely afternoon!

Tickets can be purchased online or at the door. Any enquiries to Julie 0408692841. Come along and support local live music!



Emma + Lou + Julie = Angelus.

## Christmas in July at Stanhope

Stanhope’s recent community lunch was a lovely ‘Christmas in July’ roast dinner held at the Stanhope Bowls Club (as the Seniors rooms were having the roof repaired).

The venue was cosy and warm and over fifty people enjoyed the wonderful spread.

Kevyn Patten’s 80th birthday was also celebrated with a candle in a Christmas pudding!

Thank you to all the helpers who prepared and served the food and to all the community members who came and enjoyed Christmas in July. Special thanks to Rick O’Reilly for the donation of the pork, and the Stanhope Bowls Club which offered its hospitality.



Festive fare was on the menu for the July community lunch.



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Kevyn Patten ready to blow out his candle.

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NEWS FROM THE  
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Countdown to Christmas . . really?

My goodness, these fortnights come around quickly. We're half way through the year and I don't know where six months have gone. I saw the first Christmas advertisement on the TV the other night, but I'm hoping that may have been put on by mistake.

Starting off with Food Bank News this week is a request for bottles, glass and plastic, up to one litre volume, with screw tops so that oil and detergent can be dispensed from bulk containers for customers. They have olive and canola oil available for cooking and I know that they are of very good quality.

I have spoken about the garden that the Food Bank volunteers maintain where they grow vegetables and herbs. It is beautifully kept and much better use of a narrow strip of land that previously had scraggy bushes on it. Most things there are dormant at the moment but Christine was very pleased to see a marigold plant that had survived a couple of frosts and was growing strongly. She proudly showed it to other volunteers only to have one of them identify the plant as a male marijuana plant. (I didn't know you had to have male and female marijuana plants – how kinky!) We are not going to question how this particular volunteer knew the identity of the plant, but we have our suspicions! How the seed got into the garden is a mystery but, needless to say, the plant has been destroyed. Christine now combs the garden diligently for any strange looking weeds!

The Op Shop has been busy over the school holidays with many families on day trips or holidays. One extended family came in with so many children I thought they were a choir. Turns out they were all cousins of a

prolific family and, I have to say, the children were very well behaved.

At the moment we have specials on at \$5 for a bag of children's clothes and children's books are three for \$1.

By the time this goes to print I think we will also have a quantity of mens 2XL and 3XL clothing. There are certainly some high vis workclothes on the mens rack. And, of course, suits and smart casual clothes. We also have plenty of games and jigsaws in the shop (but I do have a problem with jigsaws as you can see by this week's poem).

Across at the Little Green Shed I spotted a great old wooden high chair and I know people collect them to display bears and dolls.

A small cane hutch and a round table in very good condition are also for sale (pictured below). The electric organ is still there and I am surprised that hasn't been sold by now.

Samara has asked me to pass on her thanks for all the wonderful donations that have been coming in. Good condition and clean items are welcomed with open arms as they enable us to keep the Food Bank going for the less fortunate members of the community.

Anyway, keep warm everyone and until next time may you have a full tummy and a smile on your face.

Heather



JIGSAW PUZZLES

When I was a child, as I look back over years,  
There were many games and pastimes I'd play with my peers.  
There was skipping, playing house and learning how to juggle,  
But favourite of them all was to do a jigsaw puzzle.

The puzzles were easy pictures and made of solid wood  
And not so many pieces, you could follow them real good.  
The shapes were individual and easy to assemble  
But now I look at puzzles and my knees begin to tremble.

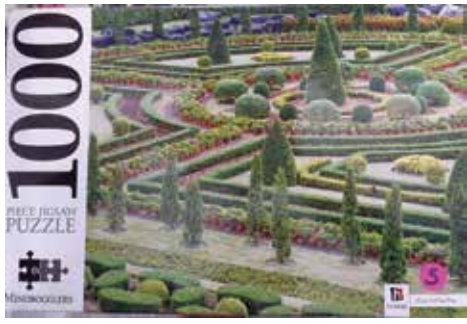
The puzzles have a picture with no distinctive image  
But endless clouds or churning seas (the picture makes me grimace)  
Or boots and shoes or pebbles or banks of endless flowers  
To put together such a thing is way beyond my powers.

And have you seen the size of the teeny tiny pieces,  
One good sneeze, away they go and puzzle solving ceases!  
Because they're made of cardboard and not good solid wood  
You cram them in and hit them down and tell yourself 'they're good'!

You can't do that with wooden ones, you know that they won't fit  
So you have to do it right and you don't end up with bits!  
Nowadays a puzzle takes days or weeks or months  
And if you still can't finish it you really feel a dunce.

So my answer is quite simple, at puzzles I won't look,  
Instead I'll make a coffee and go and read a book.

Heather



Food Bank: Mon, Wed and Fri  
10am-12pm

#9 Op-Shop: Mon, Wed and Fri  
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## “Coroporee” at Colbo Pub

A group of old friends from Corop met for dinner and memories at the Colbo Pub with Katrina Hall and Bill Barkla recently.

Bill and Katrina were ‘movers and shakers’ in the early days of the Corop Community Action Group and the revitalization of Corop twenty-five years ago, with one of their many great initiatives being the highly successful ‘Lunch on the Lake’ on Anzac Day 2003. About 250 people crowded into a marquee in the middle of the dry lake bed, celebrating what was thought to be a ‘once in a lifetime’ event at Lake Cooper which had not been without water for fifty-seven years. Little did we know that it would stay dry for seven years, and has dried up twice more since!

Bill and Katrina moved to Burnie in Tasmania seven years ago, but still enjoy the occasional voyage to the North Island to catch up with family and friends.

It’s probably easy to tell that your faithful TitBits reporter is out of action. Best wishes Glenys and get well soon!



**Attention Colbo community**

**Time Capsule opening 25 years!**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Free barbecue 12.30pm**

**OPENING OF CAPSULE 1pmish**

**at the Colbinabbin Hall playground**

The addition of photos and memorabilia welcome - what could YOU add before it’s buried again on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025?

This time capsule was buried to commemorate the Olympic Torch Relay on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2000

Contact Jen Hayes 0437 068 440 for more info



**FIRE BRIGADE ROSTER**

Nov 19 Bill Johnson, Gerard Stewart

Nov 26 Matt Ryan, Marty Borger

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Siren, radio and test pager at 9am. Crew member should ensure the siren and radio tests are carried out. Vehicles should be checked for fuel and taken for a road test.

**Cemetery Trust**

**Mowing Roster** (lawn section only)


November – Laura Tuohey

December - Carmel Turner

**LIBRARY**

Wed 22 Nov Maxine Ryan

Wed 29 Nov Judith Ryan



**Colbo Diary**

Coffee and Cake 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 10.15am @CCH

Colbo Community Shed - Thursdays BYO BBQ lunch

Colbo Pub Choir - 5pm Tuesdays at CCH

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# Join the Court House resurrectors



Rushworth’s historic Court House is one of the town’s most admired tourist attractions, with visitors regularly climbing the High Street hill to admire the old structure and ponder the many and varied cases that have been decided within its very solid walls.

However, the ravages of time have impacted the building, which is now in urgent need of repairs and restoration. As the building is heritage listed, all such repairs must comply with strict guidelines.

A report by a heritage consultancy firm has now been received which outlines the nature and scope of the works to be undertaken before the building is restored to its former glory.

This will be a major undertaking that demands careful oversight of all detailed planning and implementation to ensure that the character of the building is retained.

A public meeting of people who would like to be involved in community consultation on the redevelopment of the Court House has been organised for Tuesday 5 August 7pm, at the Community House. Please come along.

(Below left) Termite damage in the old Magistrate’s Office forced removal of floorboards.  
(Below) Missing eaves timbers have allowed the entry of bats into the ceiling space.  
(Below right) The outdoor toilet with its very outdoor urinal is a sight unique to Rushworth.



## Elder Rights visits again

Elder Rights Australia representatives will be visiting the Community House again at 10am Thursday, 31 July to consult with older members of the community.

The organisation promotes the human rights of all older Victorians to receive safe, quality aged care. ERA provides information, advocacy and social support to people seeking access to or using residential or in-home aged care services.

If you are interested in attending an ERA information session about the rights of elderly folk, or if you know someone who would benefit from attending a session, please contact Anita at the Community House on (03) 5856 1295. One-on-one meetings can also be arranged upon request.



## Planning for emergencies

Emergencies can strike at any time and in many ways. Floods and fires are just two of the emergency types that could hit Rushworth and its surrounds in the future.

On Thursday, 7 August, the Community House is partnering with Campaspe Shire to present an Emergency Planning workshop called ‘The First 72 Hours’. The workshop will examine local risks and suggest ways of avoiding the impact of those risks.

Aimed at improving community and personal resilience, the workshop will advise people how to create their own emergency plan or plans to assist their responses to emergency situations.

This valuable free session starts at 7pm sharp and a light supper will be provided.



## First Aid Training at RCH

This is a reminder that on Saturday 9 August, Rich River First Aid will be delivering an important series of First Aid modules at Rushworth Community House.

The modules to be delivered are:

- Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Provide First Aid
- Provide First Aid (Continuous Learning) P3
- Provide First Aid in an Education and Care Setting
- Provide First Aid in an Education and Care Setting (Continuous Learning) P3

To participate in any of these course, go to <https://richriverfirstaid.com.au/> then select **Training Dates**. Scroll down to 9 August and select your preferred module.



# Arts & Tourism

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## Amazing Aboriginal Art Gallery at Mitchelton

The Mitchelton Gallery of Aboriginal Art showcases some of the largest works by Australia's most esteemed Indigenous artists.

Established by Adam Knight and Gerry Ryan OAM, both passionate about Indigenous art, the gallery offers a vibrant space for locals and visitors to experience the powerful expressions of Australia's first peoples.

The gallery exhibits pieces from over fifteen art centres and communities across Australia.

A permanent highlight of the gallery is the Message Stick Vehicle. The Land Rover, originally a Vietnam War ambulance, has been transformed through the work of over 200 Aboriginal artists.

Located on Taungurung Country, the gallery acknowledges the traditional custodians who have maintained their cultural practices and ceremonies for centuries.



One of the artworks with a price tag of \$90,000 (seen here) is The Emu Men and the Windmill by Linda Syddick Napaltjarri (Pintupi) 2015.

## Harvesting, storage, and preparation of fibres workshop

When is the right time to harvest, store, and prepare fibres to make a basket?

This workshop will teach the techniques and includes twining, weaving and making string.

Full day workshop with your tutors, Margaret and Gillian at Kyabram Town Hall on Saturday, 30 August.

All materials included \$120.00.

### Any questions

Gillian Banks . Email: [gillians191@gmail.com](mailto:gillians191@gmail.com)

### Bookings

[HTTPS://www.trybooking.com/DDPSD](https://www.trybooking.com/DDPSD)



Kennedy Shiraz 2019, Kennedy Cambria (Reserve) 2014, Kennedy Pink Hills Rosé 2021, Henrietta Shiraz 2020  
Henrietta Rose 2022 available online and being served at Colbinabbin Country Hotel.



# Cooks Corner

## Rhubarb and lemon muffins

Rhubarb and lemon is a zesty combination, but you can substitute with other fruit, such as chopped apples or blueberries or a mix of fruit. The key to a light muffin is not over-mixing. Lumps and visible flour are okay.

### Ingredients

- 200 gm of fresh rhubarb chopped into 1 cm pieces
- 3/4 of a cup of sugar
- 2 cups of plain flour
- 2 teaspoons of baking powder
- 1/2 a teaspoon of cinnamon
- Two eggs
- Half a cup of olive oil
- 1 cup of Greek yoghurt
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla
- Zest of 1 lemon (about 1 tsp)
- 18 muffin papers or oil/butter for greasing muffin tins

### What to do

Preheat the oven to 175°C (fan forced). Using two muffin tins, line and grease eighteen muffin cups.

Combine chopped rhubarb and sugar in a medium sized bowl and set aside. Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda and cinnamon into a large bowl. In a large jug, whisk the eggs, olive oil, yoghurt, vanilla and zest until combined. With a wooden spoon, stir the yoghurt mixture into the dry ingredients until barely combined. Do not over mix. Clumps and visible flour are ok. Add the chopped rhubarb and sugar mixture and continue to fold with the wooden spoon until just combined. Again do not over stir the mixture or the muffins will be heavy not light in texture. Place the mixture into the prepared muffin cups. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until muffins are golden brown and a skewer comes out clean when inserted in the centre. This mixture makes eighteen standard muffins and is freezer friendly. Allow muffins to cool completely. Place muffins in a single layer in a zip-lock bag and expel any air. Place zip-lock bag inside a labelled container and freeze for up to three months. Defrost at room temperature. Recycle zip-lock bags - wash and dry upside down in your dish rack to reuse.

Seasonal Kitchen



Rhubarb and lemon Muffins

## Handy Hints - from Lyn Rumble

Hi there,  
Repurposing or re-using everyday items or quick and easy solutions to general household issues that maybe you hadn't thought of, is what I like to do. I've been on a bit of a cooking spree of late, so here's a couple of hints on cooking shortcuts I've come across over the last year or two that could help!

Lyn

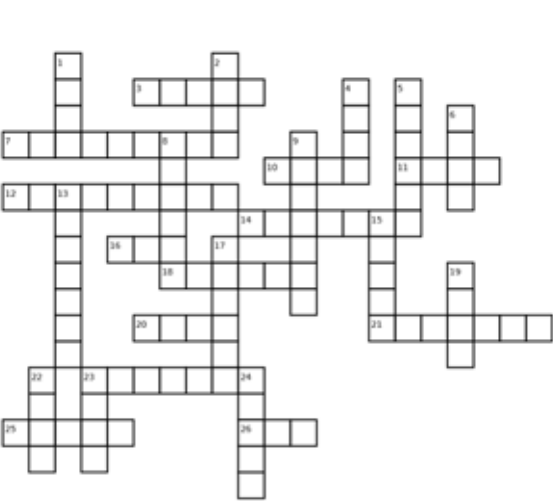
# Garden Hints & Tips

## Winter in the garden

Whoever said that winter was a time for gardeners to relax somewhat certainly did not leave my place! The extended long and dry summer seems to have tricked my deciduous trees into thinking that autumn had not arrived yet! Consequently they are still dropping their leaves. My Melia Azedarach (known by many other names, white cedar, persian lilac, cape lilac, chinaberry, bead tree and rosary tree!) is still dropping leaves. Around this tree is a seating area which has a topping of small stones, as does our driveway. I must admit that I am not normally a big fan of "leaf blowing" machines. I obtain great pleasure in raking up leaves and

sweeping my paths with a good old fashion broom. But I have discovered how great a leaf blower is around stone areas! I can 'blow' the leaves off said stones and rake them up from the grass area. So much better than raking up half my driveway along with the leaves. Enjoy your wintertime in the garden. Prune and tidy up as well as moving those plants that are not quite in the right spot, while they are dormant. Bare-rooted plants are now available and should be planted as soon as possible once you bring them home. Give the roots a good soak in a bucket of water prior to planting. Now is also a good time to liquid feed bulbs which are now appearing.

Babyboomerbloomer



- Down:**

  - 1. Can be sown
  - 2. White
  - 4. A necessary gardening tool
  - 5. Small, sweet smelling flower
  - 6. "There's no I in..."
  - 8. Hand protection
  - 9. Inactive
  - 13. A vital addition to the soil
  - 15. A pest
  - 17. The secret...!
  - 19. Makes great jam
  - 22. Climate area
  - 23. Ebb and...
- Across:**

  - 3. Found in the garden shed
  - 7. Requires a lot of water
  - 10. "A..... by any other name"
  - 11. A type of soil
  - 12. Not evergreen
  - 14. Citrus
  - 16. Garden worker
  - 18. Part of a flower
  - 20. A gardener's enemy
  - 21. Dry period
  - 23. Agricultural production
  - 25. A pungent smelling vegetable
  - 26. Doesn't mix with

- 1. Birthday cake decoration – chocolate coated marshmallows make great candle holders for the top of birthday cakes. This saves any stray candle-wax getting onto the top frosting, plus the marshmallow tastes good!
- 2. Whipped cream will stay fresh for a couple of days if you add a pinch of bicarb of soda during the whipping stage. If you are a bit sensitive on the taste of bicarb, just add a drop or two of vanilla essence.
- 3. If you are making a chocolate cake, try dissolving the cocoa in the milk instead of mixing it with all the dry ingredients and you will find it will increase the moisture of the cake once baked.
- 4. Rich fruitcakes can get very dry when cooked but if you put a heat-proof container of water in the bottom of your oven when cooking, the steam will help to keep the cake moist. Still be careful on testing your cake to make sure it is cooked all the way through properly.
- 5. Does your fruit sink to the bottom of your cake when baked? Make up your mix minus the fruit first, then toss the sultanas, currants and/or raisins in the flour lightly, then add them to your cake mix, stirring them in gently before putting the complete mix in the baking pan.



# Health and Wellbeing

## Influenza A - treatment in Australia

Influenza A can be a serious illness, although most people recover within a week without specific treatment. It's more serious than the common cold and can lead to complications like pneumonia, breathing difficulties, and even death, particularly in vulnerable groups.

In Australia, treatment for Influenza A, like other influenzas, primarily focuses on managing symptoms and preventing complications, especially for those at high risk. Antiviral medications are available but are most effective when started early after symptom onset.

### Treatment Options:

#### • Symptom Management:

Resting, staying hydrated, and using over-the-counter pain relievers (like paracetamol) and fever reducers are crucial for mild cases.

#### • Antiviral Medications:

Oseltamivir (Tamiflu), zanamivir (Relenza), peramivir (Rapivab), and baloxavir marboxil (Xofluza) are registered antiviral medications in Australia that can reduce the duration and severity of the illness, particularly when started within 48 hours of symptom onset.

#### • Hospitalization:

In severe cases or for those with high-risk conditions, hospitalization may be necessary to manage complications like pneumonia.

#### • Preventing Complications:

People with chronic conditions, pregnant women, and those with weakened immune systems are at higher risk of complications from influenza, and should consult their doctor early about antiviral treatment options.

#### • Antibiotics:

Antibiotics are not effective against influenza, as it is a viral infection. However, they may be prescribed if a secondary bacterial infection develops, such as pneumonia or sinusitis.

#### • Vaccination:

Annual influenza vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older in Australia to reduce the risk of infection and severe illness.

## Free skin cancer check and awareness unit to visit Tatura

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world and Lions Clubs are doing something practical about reducing that level and its impact on families.

The incorporated charity, the Lions V Districts Cancer Foundation, has put a skin check and awareness unit on the road following excellent financial support from Lions Clubs and generous public and private supporters.

The Lions Club of Tatura is proud to announce that the Skin Check van will be visiting Tatura on the 16 and 17 August at the corner of Hogan and Casey Streets.

The van will provide a free skin checking service to local people and will be operated by fully trained certificated and professionally supervised volunteers. The unit will also be a valuable resource for local people to access not only the skin check, but valuable and timely information about skin care and self-checking techniques.

We know early detection of skin lesions

potentially saves lives, so this visit will be a timely support and reminder to local people of the need to take care of their skin.

Following the skin check, visitors will be issued with a referral to their GP if there are any suspected spots or lesions. The unit is not a medical clinic, so diagnosis or treatment requirements are not discussed – it simply provides the skin check and alerts the visitor to skin lesions that require further checking and attention: a great first step in ensuring urgent needs are addressed.

The air conditioned van has three fully equipped checking rooms an entry foyer, as well as a disabled lift and entry at the rear.

To book a free skin cancer checking, local and surrounding residents should contact Helen Hoskin on 0408 378 057 or by email at [tatura@lions201v5.org.au](mailto:tatura@lions201v5.org.au)

## Staying ahead of COVID

With COVID still amongst us it is timely to remind people of the do's and don'ts of looking after ourselves and others.

### Wear a mask:

Wearing a well-fitted and high quality mask when you're in a crowded place and you can't physically distance. Also, if you are visiting a hospital or aged care facility,

### Let fresh air in:

People can catch COVID-19 through tiny water droplets, which float through the air in an enclosed space. Opening windows and doors, using air purifiers or air conditioners, and fans

### Testing, testing

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should stay home and use a rapid antigen test (RAT). PCR testing is also available for those who have symptoms at testing sites.

### Connect to care

Most COVID-19 cases can be managed

at home with rest, lots of water, and pain medication if needed. If your symptoms get worse or you're worried about them, you should contact your GP. COVID-19 medicines can stop you from becoming seriously unwell.

### Get vaccinated

Vaccinations help your body prepare in case you get COVID-19.

### Stay home if unwell

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms – such as a cough, sore throat, runny nose, fever, shortness of breath, or chills – should stay home and take a RAT.

You should also not work at or visit hospitals and aged care facilities for at least five days after you test positive or if you have symptoms.



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# All about wildlife

*Kirsty Ramadan from BoHollow Wildlife is a wildlife rescue expert. Here she shares some of her knowledge about our very familiar wildlife neighbours.*

## Wilbur wombat

Things have been busy at Bohollow. This time of year Deb at our Kotupna shelter is always flat out with roo joeys while here at our Bunbartha shelter the daily patient numbers coming in slow down a little. During the winter months we are always busy with raptors, particularly owls but winter is always the time of year we work hard on the maintenance aspect of shelter work so everything is shipshape coming into the busy baby bird season of spring and summer.

We do have a very new critter currently in care with us.

Little Wilbur Wombat.

Wilbur came to us after being found in his deceased mother's pouch and only weighed in at 350g. It's always a nervous time when critters come to us so young, particularly when the entire experience of suddenly becoming an orphan can be severely stressful for the creature involved.

He settled in pretty quickly though which has been a relief and is already beginning to get his hair and is putting on weight nicely. On arrival, Wilbur was pink and naked...now he is still pink but has a beautifully soft five o'clock velvet

shadow.

Wombats are a true commitment to take into your care as a wildlife carer. Out of all the different species we take into care at Bohollow, wombats have the longest time in our care from pink joeys to release stage. They take many months to develop and become independent from their mother and this is why wombats only have a joey once in every two or three years. Wilbur is a two and a half year commitment, or depending on the wombat, maybe even three.

Life at the moment revolves around wombat feeds around the clock every four hours, in between attending rescues and working on some flood recovery repairs on our flight enclosures. The shortage of sleep and the time put into little Wilbur's care will be totally worth every second if we are able to help him grow to be the wild wombat he was set to become before his little life was turned upside down.

Thank you to all the people who attended the Nurture Nature event in Murchison last week! We had a great turn out and it was wonderful to see so many kids and adults alike genuinely interested in learning more about our unique native wildlife and getting involved in nature. We love



working alongside our friends at RiverConnect and GM Landcare Network to allow people to connect and get closer to nature.

Awareness is the precursor to understanding and protecting the intricate web of life, of which we are all a part of.

# Family History Month at Campaspe Libraries

August is National Family History Month and there's no better time to delve into researching your family history. An extensive program of events is in store for Campaspe libraries. For bookings phone 5481 2400 or our website [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library)

### KYABRAM LIBRARY

#### Wednesday, 13 August

1:1 sessions with Victoria - Appointments Essential - 9am, 10.15am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2.15pm or 3.30pm

Drawing on the expertise and knowledge of library staff they will offer sessions to assist you in your family research. Discover some tips and tricks to support your research.

#### Saturday, 16 August 10am

Family History Chat group meets at Kyabram Library

### TONGALA LIBRARY

#### Thursday, 7 August 10am - 11am

Ancestry - Victoria Green - Learn tips and tricks to using the genealogical database "Ancestry", available free at your local library as Ancestry Library Edition.

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### ROCHESTER LIBRARY

#### Friday 1, 15, 22, 29 August 10.30am

1:1 sessions with Natalie - Appointments Essential - Drawing on the expertise and knowledge of library staff they will offer sessions to assist you in your family research. Discover some tips and tricks to support your research

#### Friday, 8 August 10.30am

Guest Speaker: Jenny Date  
See separate flyer

### RUSHWORTH LIBRARY

#### Tuesday, 5 August 1.30pm

Guest Speaker - Pam Wells  
Please see separate flyer  
Thursday, 28 August

1:1 sessions with Victoria -Drawing on the expertise and knowledge of library staff they will offer sessions to assist you in your family research. Discover some tips and tricks to support your research. Appointments Essential: 9.30am, 10.45am, 1pm, 2.15pm or 3.30pm

### ECHUCA LIBRARY

Echuca Moama Family History Group at the Echuca Library - Members of the group will be available to assist you with family history enquiries  
2nd, 6th, 14th, 19th, 30th August

See separate flyer for times

#### Friday, 8 August 1.30pm

Guest Speaker: Jenny Date

See separate flyer

#### Monday, 11 August 11am - 12noon

Ancestry- Victoria Green - Learn tips and tricks to using the genealogical database "Ancestry", available free at your local library as Ancestry Library Edition

#### Tuesday, 12 August 1.30pm - 3pm

Inspired by Trove - Jenny Mustey - Join Jenny for a creative non-fiction writing workshop where we will discover 'treasures' from Trove to spark imaginative short stories, poems and prose.

#### Thursday, 22 August 1.30pm

Guest Speaker: Helene Sutherland  
See separate flyer

#### Thursday, 21 August 10am and 11.15am

#### Wednesday, 27 August 1.30pm and 2.45pm

1:1 sessions with Victoria - Appointments Essential - Drawing on the expertise and knowledge of library staff they will offer sessions to assist you in your family research. Discover some tips and tricks to support your research

PROV - Victoria Green - Monday, 25 August 11am - 12noon Learn what records are available free online from the Public Records Office of Victoria and how to find them.



## ON THE BRINK *by Neil Laurie*

Looking at endangered or extinct flora and fauna.

### The ecology of fallen wood

Loss of habitat is a major driver in the decline of our wildlife populations. Most people only think of habitat in terms of the broader landscape that supports the larger, more visible species of the ecosystem. In truth, habitat and species extend down to include the microscopic level. Habitats must provide for the needs of all the flora and fauna they contain, mostly nutrition, water and shelter. Habitats involve complex webs with the microscopic being their foundations. So how does it work in our own forest here at Rushworth?

At the microscopic level, the forest soil is full of microbes that make nutrients more accessible to plants. The soil also has fungi that have the same role (every species of terrestrial orchids in our forest has a symbiotic relation to a soil fungus attached to its root system that allows it to absorb soil nutrients. The orchids will die without their fungi). Fungi have another very important role. They are one of the few organisms that can break down the cellulose that makes up the cell walls in wood. White ants (termites) can also break down cellulose (or rather the bacteria in their gut can). Breaking down the cellulose allows the nutrients in the wood to be released into the ecosystem.

Our forest is mainly on poor soil (the better land having been cleared for agriculture) so the release of wood-based nutrients is vital for the ecology of the forest and is often the foundation for various food chains. The termites can in turn be eaten by larger creatures such as echidnas, leapfrogging several stages. In a similar way the leaf litter breaks down, almost like a compost heap.

Microbes, fungi and insects play important roles in breaking down the leaves with the white-winged choughs accelerating the process by aerating the leaf litter in their search of food (lyrebirds and bush turkeys have this role in other forests). The freed nutrients support plants and insects that in turn support larger creatures.

We are now in the throes of winter, which seems all the colder after the mild autumn and those of us with wood heaters are finding firewood is becoming a problem. There are fewer suppliers and it has become quite expensive. There is a temptation to go out into the forest and cut up a fallen tree for firewood...and some people do just that...and it is illegal.

To collect wood from the forest you need to buy a permit from DEECA which will allow you to gather wood from designated areas during designated collection periods. It is also illegal to cut wood on the roadside. There have even been cases of people going onto farmers' properties to cut firewood (in one instance it was a farm where supplying firewood is an important income stream). People who illegally take wood justify their actions by saying that it was only going to waste or that it was a fire hazard that needed cleaning up. What these people fail to understand is that they are not only stealing from DEECA, the local government or the farmer, they are also stealing from the forest.

Every block of wood removed not only removes habitat for small creatures but also nutrients from the forest ecosystem.

If firewood seems too expensive, the above farmer bought chainsaws, a sawbench, a log splitter, a front-end loader and a small truck for his firewood business, not to mention it is his own trees he is cutting up and his time and effort being spent. Is it really so expensive to buy firewood?



**Rotting wood and fungi play an important role in the local ecosystem.**

## Birds of a Feather

### The Australasian swamphen

The Rushworth railway ponds may be only a small wetland but they are in the centre of town and give people an opportunity to see some wetland birds.

The Australasian swamphen (*Porphyrio melanotus*) can be seen there all year round and even when there were only a few puddles of water in last summer's drought there were still some swamphens present. During the winter their numbers may be in single digits but after breeding there can be twenty or more seen in the ponds or feeding in the surrounding vegetation and lawns while really large numbers of up to one hundred have been seen in Greens Lake recently.

The Australasian Swamphen was once called the Purple Swamphen which reflects the beautiful purple colour of its neck and lower body but that name is now retained by its close relative in Asia. Swamphens have a red shield on their head which is an extension of their red beak and also have a white vent which is the name for the underside of their tail.

The swamphen is the largest rail in Australia and compared with other large rails such as coots and moorhens it has very long legs and long toes and an upright stance. Swamphens are very aggressive and even their call sounds aggressive. They will attack other birds and eat small ducklings and other small chicks even though they are usually seen eating vegetation or dining on small invertebrates. They seem to enjoy eating cumbungi (bull rushes) – I once watched one bird pulling on a large cumbungi stem for several minutes before holding it up, seemingly in triumph, and then holding it with one foot and eating the fleshy bulbous flesh at the bottom of the stem much like someone eating an ice cream.

Swamphens have an unusual breeding system called co-operative breeding. A group of six or more swamphens have a hierarchy in which there are dominant males and dominant females with the other younger members as helpers. The most dominant birds grow the largest red shields which are a prominent feature of the swamphens. The group work together to build a nest in an isolated and hidden spot in the reeds. The two, or sometimes three most dominant females may mate with several of the dominant males and then the females lay their eggs in the communal nest. Interestingly, unlike many other bird species the dominant males do not fight or compete for the females attention despite their aggressive nature, and show no signs of concern when other males are mating with the females. The females sit on the nest during the day and then the males take over at dusk.

In spring we can expect to see the small chicks in the railway ponds with their seemingly outsized feet as they stick close to the adults of their group to help them feed and to protect them. It's worth a look to see these little black balls of fluff.

*The Rushy Birder*





## *Fifty years ago in our district....*

**Looking through the pages of past 'Rushworth Chronicles'  
.....compiled by former district resident Alan McLean**



### **Shire crisis and busy Court House in July 1975**

Waranga Shire Council learned that Shire vehicles needed replacement, plant was aging, and equipment was an issue. Running costs were up. Breakdowns were costly. Rising wages added to concerns, and staff positions were no longer fundable. Workers compensation insurance premiums had doubled. *(The only thing not high would have been staff morale.)*

For the umpty-third time, Council discussed safety concerns at Whroo's Balaclava mine. An advisor suggested that "tunnels into the mine could be re-opened and the area developed as a working model of mining in the period". *(Sounds ambitious.)*

### **Doctor**

It was announced that Dr Knox Jamieson. O.B.E., would commence at Rushworth in early October. He had been a Presbyterian church missionary doctor in the New Hebrides, now Vanuatu.

### **Court, or caught**

Magistrate Mr A. J. Curtain at Rushworth remanded three escapees from Dhurringhile Rehabilitation Centre to appear in Shepparton Court. They had cut wire from a first floor dormitory window at the Centre, then used a rope to slip away, walking across country to Rushworth, met in the street by Sergeant Durston who encouraged them to accompany him to the station. The men reported colliding with a few electric fences on their expedition.

### **Coroner**

Coroner Curtain, reviewing the drowning of two young people after an overnight vehicle accident near the Basin Outlet in April, praised farmer Ron Wootton for rescuing two others from the water, saying that he had saved their lives.

### **Schools**

St Mary's Mothers' Club had new President Mrs Pat Barlow, who had seen twelve of her children enrolled at the school. Mrs Avard was secretary and Mrs Julie Barlow treasurer. A big issue was the design of the sports uniform for girls in Grade 4 and upwards.

Grades 4 and 5 at the Primary School were making anti-smoking posters. More threatening in tone was news that "our parents are coming to school to collect our reports. They will find out how we have been working".

Grades 5 and 6 had found a 1967

newspaper, with "a picture of three-year-old Wendy Hawking at a fancy-dress contest, and a picture of Darryl Roberts when he was eight". *(Ask Wendy Morgan about this if you see her in Colbo.)*

### **Community**

Addressing Rushworth-Colbo Apex Club was Jack Davenport, President of the Goulburn Valley Sheltered Workshops Committee, explaining how they sought meaningful employment for people with disabilities.

A Shepparton performance of the stage show "No No Nanette" included chorus girls from Rushworth, Mrs Zane Poulson, her daughters Catherine and Louise, and Vicki Durston.

Joining Brownies at Murchison was Rachael Hammond, with Jenny Tuena joining Guides and following sisters Kerry and Claire.

Rushworth Guides Janet Hawking and Fiona Taylor were selected to attend Britannia Park camp near Healesville the following January, allowing six months to prepare.

Geoff Durston's report to the Youth Club AGM noted that the RSL Hall was being broken into on weekends. Without criticising the RSL, he said the Hall was no longer suitable for youth work, the toilets were shocking, and the hall itself faced closure. He urged a search for a new premises. One or two new leaders were needed for the boys.

A large crane was used when an old tram was removed from behind a Rushworth café, prior to its planned restoration at Forbes in NSW.

### **Personal**

Kathy and Eddie Clarke welcomed Adam's sister Rachael Susan at Kyabram Hospital, with a nice photo in the paper.

Patrick and Patricia Stewart welcomed fourth child Jaqueline at Waranga Memorial Hospital where Patricia had worked previously as a nurse.

Buried at Colbinabbin cemetery was Charles Price aged 82. He had been a farmer and grocer at Colbinabbin for many years in the 1930s and 1940s, before retiring to Heathcote in 1950.

Seed wheat and barley, phone Tom Morgan, Colbinabbin 75. Lara Seed Barley, top quality, unpickled, phone Claude Stone Colbinabbin 20. *(If those phone numbers are not answered, leave a message after the tone.)*

Richard Sullivan and sister Rhonda, formerly of Rushworth, set out on a world

trip, Richard having been selected as Trans Australian Airlines (T.A.A.) apprentice chef of the year.

Bob McLean and Trevor McArdle were introduced as new representatives for Elder Smith Goldsborough Mort, these days just known as Elders.

### **Football**

Top-of-the-ladder Nagambie were too strong for Murchison who sat second, the latter having success in the Seconds and Thirds.

"Very inconsistent umpiring" was reported when Colbo belted Elmore by 83 points, 16-17 to 4-7. Egan got seven goals and the half-back line was Bryon McIntosh, Ian Reid, and Bryon's neighbour Ken McMurtrie. Gerry Brown was 19th man and Ross Burge was 20th.

Mounts were coming good at the end of the season, as usual, defeating Rushworth 17-12 to 15-9, with Bill Whatley and Terry Frawley booting three goals each for the victors. John Bianco and my mate the other Alan McLean got four each for the Tigers. John Lambden, Mark Mackinder and Ross Williams appeared in the best players, while the Mountain men were well served by Frank Tuohey, John Tuohey and Barney Tuohey.

Heathcote League hopes of adding a new team from Strathfieldsaye in 1976 were gone, as a club could not be created. (Thirty years later a senior club was formed and joined the strong Bendigo League, with success.)

### **Other sport**

Rushworth golf course was being damaged with many un-replaced divots, as reported by the Associates. Marjorie Hawking won a B-grade event, on a countback from Norma Bolden.

45 stableford points were recorded by A-grader Mal McLeod, 44 to J.P. Williams and Reg McIntosh. B-grader and schoolboy Jimmy McIntosh got 46 points, saying, "I beat the old man!"

Juniors Paul Hicks and Patrick Bourke did well at Murchison golf.

John Greenaway of Stanhope South was burning up the Stanhope Car Club hill-climb track near Corop, in his lightweight Mini, weighing just nine hundredweight (450 kilos).

It was getting late in the winter but a meeting was called to form a table tennis association and elect a committee for 1975. Contact John Raglus, Alan Mee or Robert Bull if you wish to enter a team.





## Settlers at the buffalo

Six Hammond brothers were involved in the family sawmilling business established along the Murchison to Rushworth railway line. Father of the Hammond boys, Edward Ebenezer Hammond, and his wife Emma and surviving son Fred, emigrated from England in the 1850s. The family first lived in Brunswick, an inner Melbourne suburb, then took up land in the Lancefield area, before a further move to select land between Doctor's and Buffalo Swamps in 1879. As selectors, they were used to dealing with timber because one of the first jobs of most selectors was clearing the land. Trees would be ring-barked, then later cut down.

When the Murchison to Rushworth railway line was established in 1890, two stations were built between the two larger towns. These were the Waranga Railway Station and the Whroo Road Siding, known as Hammond siding from 1906. Mills were established at these places by the Hammonds, as well as a small village at the former. These stations were officially closed in 1955, but Hammond's sawmill siding at the Waranga station had been decommissioned much earlier, in 1927.<sup>1</sup>

## Hammond Bros Mill at Waranga

One of the larger wood mills that opened up after the establishment of the Murchison to Rushworth railway line was run by the Hammond brothers – Ebenezer, Thomas, Alex, Alf, Arthur and Fred – at the Waranga station. They appear in the Waranga rates books in 1900 as the ratepayers for a sawmill at Waranga railway station. They later also had a mill at the Whroo Road siding close to Doctor's Swamp.

The Hammond mills employed a large number of wood cutters (reports vary, but probably up to 20), with the timber being carted to the mills by horse and bullock teams. Author Bill Bossence stated that "Each member of the firm had a particular task – Arthur was the engine driver and mill supervisor, Thomas was the benchman, Ebenezer wood lumper, Alex teamster and bullocky, Alfred cook and general handyman, while the two sisters ran the house."<sup>2</sup> Fred, the eldest son in the business, was called "Boss" Hammond, and was respected by all in his role as business manager.

By the early 1920s, the brothers were



**Hammond Bros Mill, Waranga**

listed in the rates books as "farmers" rather than "sawmillers", having acquired further substantial landholdings by that time. It would be fair to assume that the profits from sawmilling enabled the family to extend their landholdings. "Boss" is reputed to have said that when the family acquired irrigable land north of Murchison (part of the carve-up of the Dhurringile estate), sale of the grey box timber from the property recovered the entire purchase price.

## Village of Waranga

A small village grew up around the Waranga railway station, which comprised "at least a score of buildings, surrounded by the railway station including a school (ed. opened in 1891) and a church, and for the benefit of the men working for them, the Hammonds established a general store..."<sup>2</sup> The church was Methodist, and was leased to the Education Department for use as a school on weekdays. There was another building erected by the Hammonds which provided similar services to a Mechanics Institute – a billiard table, library and board games, mainly for the benefit of their employees.

A combined World War 1 honour roll lists the names of 39 men who enlisted for the war who had attended the Waranga Railway Station School (No 3095) and Waranga East (No 2714, which had closed in 1908), giving an indication of the number of people living in the area in the early 20th century. The honour roll was unveiled early in the war, so other names were added later as more men signed up. It is now located at Murchison PS.

Alfred George Hammond is one of the names on the honour roll. Known as "Boy" he had completed a science degree at Melbourne University before enlisting and serving in the artillery. Sadly, "Boy" was killed by shrapnel on the Western Front in France in 1917.

"Boy" was the son of Edward George and Jane (nee Bennie). Edward was the one son in the Hammond family who was not closely connected with the sawmilling business. He had property near the Waranga railway station and was chairman of the school committee in 1916 when a new school was built and opened.

## Forest Nature note

One of the shrubs that has fared poorly because of the dry first half of the year is the bushy hakea/needlewood (*Hakea decurrens*). It is a very spiky shrub that normally has spectacular creamy flowers in winter. This year though, it has really struggled to flower.

*References:* 1 VICSIG website – Infrastructure; 2 Bossence, Bill, Murchison – The J G Kenny Memorial History (1965) p 67; Other – PROV – Waranga rate books; Ancestry, Vic BDM and NAA websites



**Seed pods of Bushy Hakea**



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# Welcome to Term 3 at St Mary’s School

St Mary’s School is excited to welcome everyone back for the start of Term 3. It is hoped that the break provided time for rest, recharging and reconnection. This term promises to be a busy and productive one, filled with opportunities for learning, growth and community involvement. The school community looks forward to working together to support all students in reaching their full potential.

## Aquamoves Swimming Program – Term 3

This term students will participate in the Aquamoves Swimming Program—a fantastic opportunity to build confidence and develop important aquatic skills in a fun, safe environment.

Through structured lessons and water-based activities, students will:

- learn essential swimming techniques
- improve water safety awareness.

Staff are looking forward to seeing students grow their confidence in the pool throughout the program.

## Bishop Shane booklet

As Bishop Shane prepares to conclude his time as Bishop of the Diocese of Sandhurst and begin his new role as Archbishop of Brisbane, students have been invited to contribute messages, reflections, prayers, or drawings for a special commemorative book in his honour.

This is a meaningful opportunity for students to express their gratitude and best wishes as Bishop Shane enters this new chapter. The school community thanks him for his dedicated leadership, guidance, and care during his time in Sandhurst, and wishes him every blessing and success in his new role.

## Breakfast Club – Term 3

Breakfast Club will continue this term on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings before school. This program provides all students with a great start to the day through a healthy and delicious breakfast.

Sincere thanks are extended to Rushworth Bakery and Rushworth IGA for their generous

## St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day – Friday 8 August

The school community looks forward to celebrating the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia’s first saint and a woman of deep faith, courage, and service. This is a cherished occasion of special significance for St Mary’s.

To mark the day, a special Mass will be held at St Mary’s Church.

Note a slight change to this year’s Feast

Day celebrations: Gen Bryant will visit St Mary’s later in Term 3, on Wednesday 17 September. On this day, St Mary’s will welcome students from St Joseph’s Nagambie for a day of music, fun, and collaboration as both schools celebrate Mary MacKillop’s legacy together. More details about this exciting event will be shared closer to the date.

support in helping make this program possible. Their contributions ensure students are well- nourished and ready to learn each morning.

## Father’s Day Mass – Friday 5 September

The school looks forward to celebrating Father’s Day with the community on Friday 5 September. This special event will be a chance to honour and give thanks for the wonderful fathers, grandfathers, and father figures in students’ lives. Further information will be shared with families soon.

## Tabloid Sports – coming soon!

Later in Term 3, St Mary’s will hold its much- loved Tabloid Sports Day—a fun-filled event featuring rotational activities, multi-age group participation, and lots of school spirit.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to be active, collaborate and enjoy a variety of games and challenges.

Parents and families are warmly invited to attend and cheer on the fun.

Stay tuned—more details will be shared closer to the date!

## Come and Try morning – Foundation 2026

Friday 19 September 8:30am – 11:30am

The first session of the “Building Foundations” transition program at St Mary’s School, Rushworth, will take place on Friday 19 September.

Is your child starting Foundation in 2026?

These “Come and Try” mornings offer a wonderful opportunity for children and families to experience the welcoming and supportive environment of St Mary’s.

Children will have the chance to:

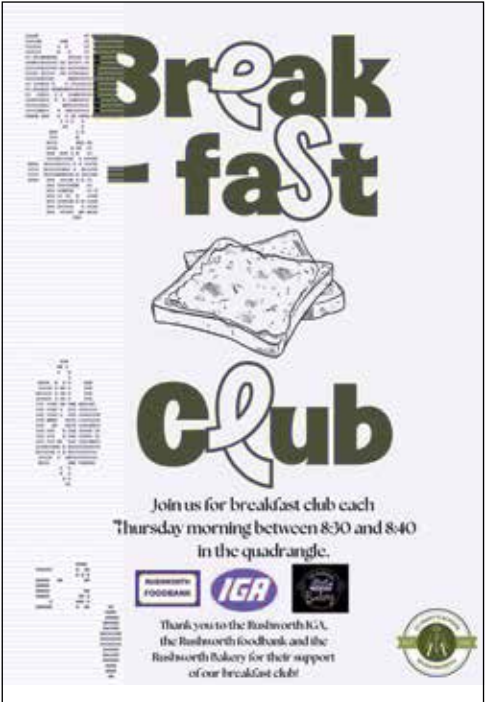
- meet the friendly teaching staff
- make new friends
- explore vibrant learning spaces
- enjoy fun and engaging activities

Enrolment packs are available now from the school office.

School tours with the Principal, Mr Vincent Ryan, can be arranged by calling or visiting the school (5856 1347).

Let St Mary’s help your child feel confident, comfortable, and ready to begin their school journey! **Katherine Jamieson**

*St Mary’s PS*



## Prioritise road safety around schools

RACV is reminding all road users to exercise extra caution around school zones as students return to classrooms across the state.

RACV Head of Policy, James Williams said motorists need to be careful when driving and parking around schools.

“When we obey speed limits and exercise patience and caution, we are role-modelling road safety behaviours.”

According to the Transport Accident Commission (TAC), approximately seven children aged 0-15 die each year on Victorian roads. Children are particularly vulnerable around roads due to their reduced visibility, limited ability to judge speed and distance, and tendency to act impulsively.

School speed zones

- Most Victorian schools have designated speed zones reducing limits to 40km/h where regular limits are below 80km/h, and to 60km/h where regular limits are 80km/h or higher
- Time-based school zones typically operate 8:00-9:30am and 2:30-4:00pm on weekdays during school terms
- Research shows that pedestrians hit by a vehicle travelling at 40km/h have significantly higher survival rates than those hit at 50 or 60km/h
- Motorists face fines and demerit points for failing to comply with posted limits



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# P-12 students inspired by Youth Summit experience



The summit brought together a diverse group of young people to engage and share ideas - an inspiring time for all.



During the recent school holidays, Rushworth P-12 students Tilda and Emily had the opportunity of a lifetime, attending the 2025 Magic Moments Youth Summit in Sydney – thanks to the generous support of Community Bank Rushworth.

The annual summit brought together 67 like-minded young people from across Australia, offering a powerful program focused on personal development, leadership skills, and community engagement. For Tilda and Emily, the experience was not only educational but also deeply inspiring.

Both students returned to Rushworth with renewed confidence, motivation, and a desire to make a difference in their local community. The impact of the summit was so profound that Emily has already applied to return in 2026 as part of the Magic Moments Graduate Program – a highly regarded leadership pathway for past participants.

A spokesperson for the Community Bank Rushworth said it was proud to support such meaningful opportunities for young people in the region and looks forward to seeing what Tilda and Emily will achieve next.

(Left) Tilda, Crystal (Community Bank Rushworth) and Emily.



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# St Mary’s Pastoral Council plans Jubilee pilgrimage trip in spring

A Jubilee Year is a special liturgical period in the Catholic Church, celebrated typically every 25 years. It draws from the Old Testament concept (Leviticus 25) of a time for liberation, forgiveness, and restoration—a period when debts are canceled, slaves set free, and land returned. In the Church, it’s a time for spiritual renewal, reconciliation, and renewed commitment to mission and mercy.

The 2025 Catholic Jubilee, officially called the Holy Year of Hope, began on Christmas Eve, 24 December 2024, and will conclude on the Feast of the Epiphany, 6 January 2026

The late Pope Francis named this Jubilee “Pilgrims of Hope”. The theme highlights:

- A faith journey rooted in hope in Christ
- Practical expressions of hope through forgiveness, mercy, and justice (e.g., debt relief for poor nations)

As part of the Sandhurst celebrations for the Year of Jubilee, five places have been nominated in the Diocese as destinations for pilgrimage. They represent opportunities to be pilgrims of hope, commemorating and drawing inspiration from the contribution that people of faith have made to building community throughout our history. St Mary’s Pastoral Council has chosen the recently established St Mary of the Cross garden and history trail at Numurkah for a parish pilgrimage, which is planned for 21 September, coinciding with the annual Seasons of Creation celebration. The site at Numurkah commemorates the first school established by Mary Mackillop and her Josephite sisters in Victoria, so is very relevant to us (as a Josephite parish). Anyone is welcome to join parishioners on 21 September for the trip to Numurkah – more details to come but put the date into your calendar now.

The Season of Creation is an annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for the environment, held from 1 September to 4 October each year. It is a time when Christians around the world unite to reflect on and respond to the call to care for God’s creation.

## Thanksgiving Mass



Recently ordained Fr Isaac Demase SJ celebrated a Thanksgiving Mass in his home parish of St Brendan’s, Shepparton. Jac Avard and Nicky McEvoy of Colbinabbin were there to congratulate him and join in the celebrations. (Isaac is godfather to one of Nicky and Ben’s children).

### District Church Times and Contacts

#### Anglican

- St Paul’s, Rushworth: 0419 512 632
  - 9.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month - Communion
  - 9.30am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month - Lay led service
- Christ Church, Murchison: Rev Richard Pennington: 0405879554
  - 11am service every Sunday
- St Matthews, Stanhope: 0419 855 964 (Church Warden)
- St John’s, Colbinabbin: 0428 329 344 (Mick Clayton)

#### Shine Church, Stanhope

Sunday services at 10am at the Stanhope Community Hall. Kids church running as well during service. More info call Wal Sinapius 0408 393 398.

#### Catholic

St Mary’s Parish. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays: Cornella 9am; Stanhope 10.30am. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays: Rushworth 9am; Murchison 10.30am. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: One Parish Mass - Rushworth. Contact a team member on the parish mobile phone: 0459 898 925. Sunday Mass continues online from St Kilian’s Sundays 10am.

#### Presbyterian

- St Andrew’s, Rushworth: Sunday 9am: Minister Kalpan Vasa 0477 241 042 or Elder Gary Dunstan 5856 1332.
- St Andrew’s, Stanhope: 5831 6494 (Rev Kyung Rae Ee)

#### Generations Church, Tatura

5824 3240 (Pastor Jeremy Burr)

#### Salvation Army: 5852 3875

#### Uniting Church

Waranga Uniting Churches – Rushworth, Colbinabbin, Murchison and Tatura. Service Times: Weekly at 9.30am (with the ‘room’ open for a chat at 9am)

Every congregation is open for services which will be streamed each week into all four of our church buildings.

Each week one congregation will host the service with people in other congregations participating in leading the readings, sharing news and fellowship via the magic of Zoom.

You are welcome to join us in person or from your lounge room via Zoom.

The link for the Zoom service can be found on our website [warangaunitingchurches.net.au](http://warangaunitingchurches.net.au) or can be emailed to you each week.

*As you gather around the dinner table,  
join hands to give thanks to God for all his  
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## One Thing Needed

I've spent the last week trying to balance rest and responsibility as I let a head cold run its course while keeping up with the relentless task of winter pruning in the vineyard.

The vines don't care that you're sick. They still need to be pruned in time for spring. Thankfully, Willy, Lina, and their crew are doing the lion's share of the work, but I still feel the tug of the task. "Should I stop? Can I stop? Who'll keep things ticking along in the vineyard if I don't?"

The tension between resting and doing, being and producing feels pretty universal. Most of us are constantly managing competing inner voices: our 'To Do' list, our guilt if we slow down, our frustration when others don't seem to carry their weight, and underneath it all those voices there is a quiet longing for something simpler and more whole.

There's a short but loaded story in Luke's Gospel that captures this tension with uncanny precision. Jesus visits the home of two sisters, Mary and Martha. Martha welcomes Jesus in and immediately sets to work preparing food, tending to the house, making everything just right. Meanwhile, Mary sits. She plants herself at Jesus' feet and listens to him, in the way disciples sat at the feet of their Rabbis at that time.

Martha, understandably, gets annoyed. She says to Jesus, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

It's a scenario so familiar to us, isn't it? It could be a description of any family kitchen, Staff Meeting, or Volunteer Committee.

While it feels familiar to us, it also reveals a deeper problem to us. Martha isn't just complaining. She's 'triangulating.' She doesn't speak directly to Mary but, instead, speaks about Mary to Jesus, wanting him to take her side.

'The Drama Triangle', a psychological model about conflict, developed by psychiatrist, Stephen Karpman in the 1960's, describes what Martha did.

Karpman argued that when conflict occurs, there are three players:

- The Victim: "Poor me, I'm doing everything!"
- The Persecutor: "They're the problem. They are lazy, selfish, and wrong."
- The Rescuer: "You fix this! Tell them what to do!"

In the story above, Martha cast herself as the Victim, Mary as the Persecutor, and Jesus as the Rescuer.

Many of us fall into this pattern, especially when we feel overwhelmed, unappreciated, or burnt out.

What's remarkable is how Jesus responds to Martha's behaviour! He refuses to enter the triangle she has created. He doesn't scold Mary at all, and he doesn't correct Martha harshly. Jesus simply says to Martha, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. One thing is needed. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her."

Jesus doesn't criticise Martha for choosing to keep doing housework, while he visits her. After all, hospitality is a sacred thing. The issue is her distraction. It is her anxious, resentful heart. She's not just cooking; she's comparing. She's not just serving; she's stewing.

In contrast, Mary is fully present. She's doing something radical for a woman of her time: sitting as a disciple, listening deeply to Jesus. She's chosen presence over pressure. Focus over fuss.

This story is often interpreted as a warning against busyness, but in context, it's more nuanced than that. Just before this passage, there is another well-known story, the parable of 'The Good Samaritan.' In that story, a man's compassion is depicted, not through his quiet reflection, but through his bold, practical action. When Jesus finished telling the story he said, "Go and do likewise."

The two stories, appearing one after the other, create a challenge and dilemma for us:

- Act boldly, like the Samaritan, but also stop and listen, like Mary.
- Serve like Martha, but don't compare yourself to others and become resentful.

This isn't about choosing between contemplation and action. It's about knowing what the moment calls for. And more than that, it's about recognising how we show up. Are we 'centred' and 'in the moment' or are we distracted and reactionary?

The 17th-century monk, Brother Lawrence, described his spiritual life as "Practising the presence of God." He believed that peeling potatoes in the kitchen could be just as holy as kneeling in church, if done with love and attention. His was a gentle, counter-cultural wisdom, arguing God is not confined to sacred spaces or quiet hours. Rather, God

is found in the middle of mess and motion, if we're paying attention.

Another idea fits here. It is 'Flow', which is our state of being when we're fully immersed in something meaningful. Artists know this state well. So do athletes, gardeners and musicians. It's the reality when action and presence align. Time seems to dissolve. The state of 'Flow' is not passive. It's an active and assertive engagement. You can experience 'Flow' while writing a letter or pruning a vine, making soup or singing a song.

I think Mary was in the state of 'Flow'. She was grounded, attentive, absorbed. Martha could have been, too, if she hadn't got trapped comparing herself to Mary and dealing with her frustration by 'triangulating'. The problem wasn't that Martha was serving. It was that she became disconnected from the task of serving by becoming resentful and turning her attention to that.

The two stories in the Gospel of Luke leave us with a challenge. Here are some questions for you:

- Where in your life are you distracted from what matters?
- Where are you 'stewing' instead of serving?
- Where are you hoping someone will play 'Rescuer' for you, when what is needed is you honestly and directly talking with the person you feel upset about yourself?
- Where might Jesus be saying to you, "come back to the centre, come back to the one thing needed."?

The good life isn't about doing everything or doing nothing.

It's about finding the rhythm of being and doing, listening and loving, serving and receiving.

It is about stepping out of unhelpful 'triangles', out of anxiety, and, intentionally stepping back into the presence of God, wherever we are, whatever we're doing.

As Jesus said to Martha, "One thing is needed."

That 'one thing' might just begin with our showing up, fully, quietly, gratefully, right where we are.

This is the gospel, and it's good news.

**Brian Spencer, Minister,  
Waranga Uniting Churches.**

## Farewell events in Sandhurst Diocese

### • Farewell Mass for Fr Joe Taylor

A farewell Mass will be celebrated for Fr Joe Taylor at St Brendan's Church, Shepparton on Sunday 28 September at 11.00 am. The Mass will be followed by a lunch in Sacred Heat Hall (formerly known as Mons Bones Hall). More details will be shared closed to the date.

### • Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Shane

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## Kids Trivia answers

1. Melbourne Cup, 2. Kangaroos, 3. Rod Laver Stadium, 4. Boomers, 5. Cycling, 6. Wallabies



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**Down:** 1: Seed, 2: White, 4: Rake, 5: Violet, 6: Team, 8: Gloves, 9: Dormant, 13: Compost, 15: Aphid, 17: Garden, 19: Plum, 22: Zone, 23: Flow, 24: Grown.



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Thu 31	Elder Rights Australia - Rushworth Community House 10am

AUGUST

Sun 3	Stanhope Community Market from 8am
Tue 5	Author Pam Wells visits Rushworth Library 1.30pm
Tue 5	Redevelopment of the Courthouse - RCH 7pm
Thur 7	Emergency Planning Workshop - RCH 7pm All welcome. Light supper provided
Sat 9	First Aid Training Rushworth Community House
Sat 16	Rushworth Market, High Street - 8.30am to 1pm
Sat 30	Rushworth Arts, Antiques, Crafts & Collectables Market, Shire Hall

Meetings & Activities - around the district

- Alcoholics Anonymous(AA) meetings, 14 High st, Rushworth, Thursdays 7pm
- Colbinabbin Library: Wednesdays
- Colbinabbin Community Shed: most Thursdays (old Shire Depot), 10am
- Colbinabbin: Chris's exercises at Colbinabbin Hall Mondays 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Colbinabbin Pub Choir 5pm Tuesday's at the Colbo Pub. No experience or talent necessary! Call Julie 0408602841.
- Ladies Coffee and Cake - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month 10.15am Colbo pub
- Carers and Bubs Catch up - 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month 9am Colbo pub
- Soup and Scrabble - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 10.30am starts 8 July. \$10, bookings 54329230 Colbo pub.
- Friends of the Hostel: Third Monday at 1.30pm monthly
- Murchison Mens Shed: Wednesdays 10am – 3pm
- Murchison CFA: Meeting 1st Monday 8pm - training on 3rd Monday 6.30pm
- Murchison Community Garden: Wednesdays 9am - 11am
- Rushworth CFA: Tuesday nights
- Rushworth SES training: Wednesday evenings at 7pm
- Rushworth Food bank: Mon 10am -12pm, Wed 10am-12pm, Fri 10am-12pm
- #9 Op-Shop: Mon, Wed and Fri - 9am - 2pm Saturday 9am to 12pm
- Rushworth Community Garden every Wednesday
- Rushworth Community House - Genealogy, every Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm
- Rushworth Band practice: 7.30pm every Monday night
- Rushworth Market: 3rd Saturday of month - 8.30am to 1pm
- Rushworth ART Depot (RAD) - every Market day - Sat 10am -1pm
- Rushworth Museum: every Saturday 10am-12 noon, 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11am - 1pm
- Rushworth & District Community Bank Board: meets 1st Tuesday monthly, at 6pm
- Rushworth Events Inc: meets bi-monthly, third Wednesday at 7pm
- Rushworth Community Walking Group: Thur 8 - 9am meet at front of Waranga Health
- Rushworth: Chris's exercises at Rushworth Community House Mondays 1 - 2pm
- Rushworth Garden Lovers Club meet 3rd Thursday Month 1.30pm at Community Space
- Rushworth Historical Society, meets 1st Wed bi-monthly - even months.
- Stanhope Walking Group: Tuesdays at 9.30am at McEwen Place
- Stanhope Community Garden: Wednesdays 8.30am to 9.30am
- Stanhope Mens Shed: Mon - Wed - Fri 9am - 12 noon
- Stanhope: Chris's exercises at Seniors: Mondays 10.45am
- Stanhope Community Market 1st Sunday of month from 8am

Local clubs or groups who would like to display their event, occasion, community service, entertainment, meeting or opening times, give Waranga News a call or email to be included in our events calendar.

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## Project update

Works in Johnson Street, Colbinabbin were completed in June. Works included road rehabilitation which provided a renewed pavement and asphalt surface, two accessible car parks adjacent to Colbinabbin Hotel, new stormwater drainage, renewal of an open drain and off-street gravel hardstand to the east and west of Johnson Street.



## Coming Up

**Council meeting** | 6pm Tuesday, 19 August 2025 | Echuca Civic Centre  
Meetings can be streamed live: [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming)

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### Monday, 28 July

- 9.00 – 10:30am | Tongala Shire Hall
- 11.30am – 12 noon | Rushworth Service Centre

### Tuesday, 5 August

- 5.30 – 6:30pm | Rochester Service Centre

### Thursday, 7 August

- 9.00 – 10:30am | Echuca Library

### Wednesday, 20 August

- 9.00 – 10:30am | Kyabram Senior Citizens' Centre

### Thursday, 21 August

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## Employment

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- Organisation Development Advisor (closes 27 July)
- Senior Infrastructure Engineer (closes 27 July)
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**For all positions currently open and application details, please visit Council's website.**

## Zero Tolerance Policy

Campaspe Shire Council's Zero Tolerance Policy and Statement were endorsed at the Council meeting held on 17 June.

The purpose of the policy is to promote a safe, respectful and productive environment for all Council employees, contractors, volunteers and Councillors. It outlines Council's stance on unreasonable and unacceptable behaviours and actions, and the promotion of a 'zero tolerance' culture. You can read the statement on Council's website.

## Now Open

For all open projects and applications, visit: [campaspe.vic.gov.au/nowopen](http://campaspe.vic.gov.au/nowopen)

### Draft Council and Wellbeing Plan 2025–2029

Campaspe Shire Councillors have endorsed the Draft Council and Wellbeing Plan 2025–2029 and are now inviting community feedback. This integrated plan outlines strategic priorities for the next four years, blending Council goals with a strong focus on community health and wellbeing. Developed through extensive engagement, including surveys, targeted group discussions, and a Citizens' Panel, the plan highlights key areas such as infrastructure revitalisation, economic growth, public space enhancement, and community wellbeing. Feedback is open from 16 July to 22 August, online or at any Customer Service Centre.

### Seniors Program Grants

Seniors Program Grants provide financial support of up to \$1,000 per grant to deliver events, programs or activities that promote positive ageing and support the health and wellbeing of Campaspe Shire's older residents. If you need assistance to apply, please contact Council's Development Coordinator on 1300 666 535 or email [shire@campaspe.vic.gov.au](mailto:shire@campaspe.vic.gov.au). Applications close on 3 August.

## Tenders

### Request for Tender 25027 Echuca Holiday Park Cabin Refurbishments – Stage 2.

Council is seeking submissions from suitably experienced providers for the above work. Submissions must be uploaded to the eProcure tender portal no later than 2pm on Friday, 8 August 2025. Late submissions will not be accepted.

### Jaycee Park Kyabram

The community is invited to have a say in the development of the masterplan for Jaycee Park, Kyabram. Have your say via an online survey, and stay up-to-date on this project via [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/jayceepark](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/jayceepark). Survey closes 25 July.

### Applications open for stallholders at Youth Fest

Council is seeking applications from service providers and community groups to take part in Youth Fest 2025 in Echuca on 5 September. Youth Fest will be a fun and engaging event designed to showcase what our local community has to offer young people. Applications close on 1 August.

### Free community grant-writing information sessions

Council, in partnership with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR), is hosting a series of five free community grant-writing information sessions across the shire in August to support local recovery and capacity-building efforts. Sessions will be held in Echuca, Rochester, Kyabram and Rushworth. Places are limited and bookings are essential.

### Request for Tender 25032 Kyabram Kindergarten and MCH Renewal.

Council is seeking submissions from suitably experienced providers for the above work. Submissions must be uploaded to the eProcure tender portal no later than 2pm on Friday, 15 August 2025. Late submissions will not be accepted.



Readers' Corner

- interesting things to know and do!

BOOK IT IN

Joan Lindsay by Brenda Niall

Published 2025

The Text Publishing Company

Joan Lindsay, the famous author of 'Picnic at Hanging Rock' and 'Time without Clocks' was the wife of Daryl Lindsay who was a member of the famous Lindsay family and a director of the National Gallery of Victoria and advisor to the Felton Bequest committee. She was born into a wealthy Melbourne family and, as Joan Weigall, she studied at the National Gallery Art School where she met Daryl, also a painter. Joan and Daryl married in 1922 and spent some time in London but returned soon after to Australia where Daryl began work as a commercial artist and continued with his painting. They bought land on the Mornington Peninsula with help from Joan's family and there they built 'Mulberry Hill' a substantial house which became the centre of Joan's life.

As Daryl became well known in the art world for his re-organisation of the National Gallery and his acquisition of important art for the Felton Bequest, Joan must have decided that her major role in life would not be as an artist in her own right but as a support to Daryl's burgeoning career as an art administrator. Daryl himself seems to have been a somewhat ungracious man, dismissive of Joan's talents as a painter and her attempts to make her name as a writer and he says very little about Joan or her support in his autobiography 'The Leafy Tree'.

But, as we know, Joan had her revenge! In 1962 she wrote the autobiography 'Time Without Clocks' and, while she chose to ignore the difficulties of her own marriage, it gave recognition to the importance of her own voice. In 1967, however, she wrote 'Picnic at Hanging Rock' in just a few weeks at the age of seventy-one. It became a publishing phenomenon and Joan burst onto the Australian literary scene like a blazing comet! Even today there is discussion about the ending of this extraordinary story. What happened to the girls and their teacher on that menacing and unforgiving monolith? Joan never told! The book was translated into other languages and Joan became a public figure. Her fame spread even further when the book was made into a film that almost single-handedly changed the reputation of the local film industry into a maker of high quality movies.

As Daryl's health declined and he became withdrawn and irascible, Joan began to enjoy not just financial security from the film and book royalties but also the status of a matriarch in the literary world. She died at Mulberry Hill in 1984, much loved, much admired and her own woman at last!

The Bookster

KIDS' QUIZ

1. What is the name of the famous Australian horse race held each November?

2. What is the nickname of the Australian National Rugby League team?

3. What is the name of the main tennis stadium for the Australian Open?

4. What is the nickname of the Australian Men's Basketball team?

5. Which sport takes place in a velodrome?

6. What is the nickname of the Australian National Rugby Union team?

Did you know? . . . A group of frogs is called an army. They can also be called a chorus or colony. A group of toads, on the other hand, can be called a nest or a knot.

Sudoku and Crossword puzzle

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Remember no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.

Across

1. Fuzzy leather

7. Explosive stick

8. Closes (curtains)

10. Embroidery

12. Offspring's lad

14. Corrosive liquid

16. Pronunciation defect

17. Outmoded

20. Relinquishing

23. Ventilated

24. Irregularly

25. Stinking

Down

1. Rail shunting line

2. Up & ...

3. Tinted

4. Relief carving

5. People no longer married

6. Escaped (of fluid)

9. Squalid

11. Sickens

13. Coronation regalia, ... & sceptre

15. Diva, prima ...

16. Confederacy

18. Undermined (confidence)

19. Snake, puff ...

21. Egyptian river

22. Donate


Crossword No: 56

Solutions will appear in the next edition.

M is for moon

and monkey, and moose, and mouse, and money, and medley, and mealtime . . . and Mummy!

But we have found so many interesting facts about the moon you might have to go to Mr Google to find out about all the other Ms!



- The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite! It goes around our planet and is the fifth largest moon in the solar system.

- The Moon doesn't make its own light. It shines because it reflects the Sun's light—kind of like a mirror!

- You could jump higher on the Moon. Gravity on the Moon is much weaker than on Earth, so you could jump up to six times higher!

- The Moon seems to have different shapes. Sometimes it looks full, half, or like a tiny sliver. These are called phases of the Moon.

- The Moon causes ocean tides! Its gravity pulls on Earth's oceans, making waves and tides go up and down.

- The Moon isn't made of cheese! Truly! It's actually made of rock and dust.

# CFA - Local Rushworth brothers follow in their father's footsteps

**Brendan and Daniel Moylan, sons of Wendy and John, started their CFA journey in Rushy with their father at the age of sixteen years.**

Brendan has been a member of the CFA for twenty-one years in November and Daniel a member for eighteen years in November. In this time they spent years attending fires with their father John (Life Member) at the Rushworth unit before Brendan transferred to Nhill and Daniel to Echuca for their partners and work.

Both boys have been on the front line of dangerous, devastating fires and are well equipped and experienced in their field.

Daniel has coached the Juniors fire Brigade boys and competed in fire competition. He is now in his third year as

Captain of the Brigade.

Brendan has now taken the roll of Captain in Nhill this year as of 1 July.

John and Wendy are very proud of their boys and their achievements over those years and especially being Captains at the same time.

They have third and fourth generations being members as Brendan's son, Oakley is in the Junior Brigade at Nhill and Daniels son, Xavier is also in the Junior Brigade at Echuca and has finished his first year. Family traditions were captured in Nhill.

Well done to all the boys and men concerned and safe work for the future.



**Above - L-R - Brendan and son Oakley, John and Daniel and son Xavier. Left and below - Boys in uniform.**



## Partnership escalates benefits for wildlife

The ongoing partnership between Rushworth Field and Game and the Rushworth Golf Club continues to deliver growing benefits for local wildlife. During a recent nest box maintenance check, volunteers observed parrots, sugar gliders, ringtail possums, and a particularly exciting new arrival—a brush-tailed phascogale.

This success is part of a broader hollow replacement program led by Field and Game, which Rushworth has fully embraced. Working with various organisations and individuals, the initiative is significantly enhancing habitat opportunities for native fauna.

Conservation Officer Graeme Wall expressed his gratitude, noting how inspiring it is to witness such strong community support. “The uptake of the nest boxes made and donated to our branch is just incredible,” he said.

Each Wednesday, dedicated volunteers gather for working bees—building or repairing nest boxes and hen houses, installing them, or maintaining existing sites.

The appearance of the brush-tailed phascogale is a particularly promising sign. These small, nocturnal marsupials are endemic to Australia and rarely seen due to their shy nature. Known for their short lifespans and fast-paced lives, they prefer box-ironbark forests like those around Rushworth. Unfortunately, their numbers are threatened by habitat destruction, foxes, and feral cats.

Rushworth Field and Game’s efforts to control fox populations through regular fox shoots directly contribute to the survival of species like the phascogale. Their existence around Rushworth underscores the importance of staggered fuel reduction efforts in preserving critical habitat. Large hot fires destroy their habitat and small fuel reduction plots are showing signs of benefit.

As the breeding season approaches, the team is hopeful that even more native species will begin to use the installed boxes.

“It’s quite remarkable,” Wall said. “An organisation built on the pillars of hunting, clay target shooting, and conservation is now



**Phascogale nesting in a box built by Rushworth Field and Game.**

leading the way in habitat restoration through hands-on work in the field.”



# RFNC - Rushy juniors topple Longwood

It is good to see the club juniors doing so well at the Rushworth. Without them the future of the club is in doubt. They fight hard and train just as hard. Congratulations to the players and coaches for keeping them fit and motivated.



## Round 13 - 12 July

### Netball

#### 11/U

Rushworth 12 def Longwood 3

#### 13/U

Rushworth 32 def Longwood 11

The Under 13s had a solid win over Longwood, playing four consistent quarters.

1st incentive: Sophie

2nd incentive: Stella

3rd incentive: Amelia

#### 15/U

Rushworth 59 def Longwood 21

Rushy worked well as a team and it showed with goals scored. They had the ability to switch positions around and keep the flow of the game going nicely. Everyone played their roll with a full court defence being the highlight of the game.

Best on court: Zanna Chapman

2nd incentive: Kaitlyn Garvey

3rd incentive: Kaley Knight

#### 17/U

Rushworth 47 def Longwood 34

The girls had a slow start today but showed great determination and teamwork to come away with a well-earned win.

1st incentive: Matilda

2nd incentive: Millie

3rd incentive: Keileigh

Lolly award: Matilda.



### C Reserve

Rushworth 14 lt Longwood 31

Despite the loss and changes to the team, there were great sets of play and awesome defensive pressure and work in the ring. The girls have a positive attitude, determination



and continued laughs throughout. They really enjoyed playing against Longwood,

Incentives: Jess Clarke, Keileigh Balmer and Sophie McLean.

### C Grade

Rushworth 21 lt Longwood 47

It was a challenging game but the girls pushed through showing great determination. Unfortunately the score didn't reflect the efforts.

1st incentive: Jessica McLean

2nd incentive: Emily McLean

3rd incentive: Ella Johnstone

### B Grade

Rushworth 35 def Longwood 25

B Grade started slow but turned it on in the second and third quarters coming away with the win.

1st incentive: Taylah Griffin

2nd incentive: Ella Cooney

3rd incentive: Pip

### A Grade

Rushworth 54 def Longwood 22

The girls played a much more consistent game this week which is promising. They have some big matches coming up so they need to focus on their patience and discipline. Having the ability to win isn't enough to get them over the line. A big shout out to Zahley for stepping up from U17s.

Best on court: Montana Mylon

2nd incentive: Ashlyn Materne

3rd incentive: Lilly Waasdorp Football

### Football U18s

Rushworth 133 def Longwood 24

The boys faced another must-win challenge

as they took on Longwood. the first half started well with the midfield linking up and the forwards having plenty of chances to score. The backline held tight and prevented Longwood from impacting the scoreboard. In the second half coach Raglus changed the team around to give the boys a chance to play in different positions. This was the most complete performance for the boys and they ended up winning by 109 points.

Best players: Will Duke, Michael Ndisa, Cody Brown, Nixon Nikora, Manyuol Padual, Riley Knight.

### Reserves

Rushworth 51 lt Longwood 89

After a tight tussle the boys lost out.

Better players: D Smith, J Newton, W Robertshaw and Matt Caton

### Seniors

Rushworth 43 lt Longwood 84

Longwood were hungry to make their mark on the contest early and Rushy were unable to get reward for effort and trailed by 19 points at half time. The second half began and the backline was under pressure from the start, however in the end the home team proved too strong and inflicted a 41 point loss.

Best players: Ryan Beale, Isaac Griffin, Nick Oaten, Shaun Young, Andrew Clarke and Nico McKinley.



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## A night of glam at the Rushworth Shire Hall

On Saturday 12 July, after taking on Longwood, everybody travelled back to Rushworth for a night of Hollywood glam at the Shire Hall, and what a night it was! It was fantastic to see so many familiar faces dressed to the nines, ready to celebrate, dance and enjoy each other's company.

A huge highlight of the evening was the crowning of this year's Mr and Mrs Rushworth. Congratulations to Isaac Griffin and Janelle Doolan on taking out the title. The dance floor was full all night as everyone danced the night away and made memories to last.

A special shout-out to Pugs and Josh for working behind the bar and keeping everyone refreshed - you are stars in your own right! Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the night such a success. We look forward to doing it all again next year!



# RFNC - Nagambie too strong for Rushy Seniors



The Reserves shone this week for Rushy netballers as the seniors were denied a win.

## Round 14 - 19 July

### Netball

#### 11/U

Rushworth 6 It Nagambie 17

The girls played an amazing game.

**Best on court:** Indi Lockwood

**Second incentive:** Sienna Gleeson

**Third incentive:** Aliesha Barlow

#### 13/U

Rushworth 26 It Nagambie 32

The Under 13's had a tough game against a strong opposition. Although they lost, the girls played some excellent netball.

**1st incentive:** Sofia

**2nd incentive:** Stella

**3rd incentive:** Pippa



#### 15/U

Rushworth 60 def Nagambie 10

The girls showed how much they have improved so far this season with a big win. Everyone played well.

**Best on court:** Lailah Francis

**2nd incentive:** Kade Starling

**3rd incentive:** Byron Chapman

#### 17/U

Rushworth 45 def Nagambie 35

The girls played an amazing game today. The game started off close, with both teams keeping the score tight, but in the final quarter, our girls stepped it up and finished strong to take home a well-earned win.

**1st incentive:** Tyra

**2nd incentive:** Emily

**3rd incentive:** Emma

**Lolly Award:** Makayla

### C Reserve

Rushworth 12 It Nagambie 54

Although the C's haven't managed a win, they keep on enjoying each other's company on the court and are lucky to have new members join throughout the season to keep them going.

**Incentives:** Sahara, Jess C and Sarah-Jane.



### C Grade

Rushworth 29 It Nagambie 58

C Grade came out firing. They played one of their best games. The team work, support and communication across the court was outstanding.

**1st incentive:** Ella Johnstone

**2nd incentive:** Laura Martin

**3rd incentive:** Chloe Johnstone

### B Grade

Rushworth 24 It Nagambie 59

B Grade had a fierce competition and managed to show just how much they've grown since the start of the season, closing the gap since their last meeting. With some of the more experienced players out for the week they had some of the U17's step up and get some great court time under their belts.

**1st incentive:** Zahley Francis

**2nd incentive:** Mary (Christie)

**3rd incentive:** Makayla Lockwood (who played her first B Grade game).

### A Grade

Rushworth 36 It Nagambie 47

A disappointing loss today against a well drilled team. The girls were in it at half time being level but let themselves down in the second half.

**Best on court:** Lilly Waasdorp



### Football

#### Thirds - Bye

#### Reserves

Rushworth 99 def Nagambie 25

The boys came out raring to go. It was their most complete four quarter performance for the year. The midfield in particular worked hard and defensively well all day. Great to finally get some reward for effort and come away with the 4 points.



**Best players for the day:** Josh Newton, Will Robertshaw, Matt Caton, James Robertshaw and Hayden Gray.



### Seniors

Rushworth 53 It Nagambie 76

Today was a massive game for the club. Unfortunately things didn't go to script. Riley Edwards was a welcome return to our forward and kicked two goals for the half, but the Lakers lead by 22pts in the first half. The boys endeavour lifted in the second half lead by captain Liam Francis, but half time lead went down by 23pts.

**Best players:** Tighe Clarke, Liam Francis, Ethan Arnold, Riley Edwards, Dylan Arnold and Nick Collins.





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# CFNC - Seniors too good for Leitch/Gunbower

**Round 13:**  
**Colbo v Leitch/Gunbower**  
**Football**  
**Seniors**

**Colbo 10.9. 69 def Leitch/Gunbower 9.2. 56**  
The second placed senior team took to the field against the fifth placed Leitchy/Gunny boys. An early jump on the scoreboard from Colbo was mowed down by the Bombers to make it a close scoreline by half time. The third quarter still belonged to opposition as power was lost around the ground and the siren went missing so the old fashioned Netball Honker was used. With no scoreboard it was anyone's guess what the score really was. The last quarter gave Colbo a two-goal buffer as Leitchy tried to the reel it back in. The boys did well to hold onto a 13-point margin,  
**Goal kickers:** Brandyn Grenfell 4, Alex Carr 3, Nathan Basile 1, Nick Knight 1, Dan Hill 1  
**Best on ground:** Dan Hill, Nathan Basile, Brandyn Grenfell, Angus Martin, Matty Riordan, Toby Howlett  
**Reserves**  
**Colbo 13.11. 89 def Leitch/Gunbower 2.2. 14**  
The Leitchy boys managed to grab the first goal of the game but soon after that it was all Colbo. The boys went ahead and piled the goals on to make a statement. These are the games that the Magoos tend to let the opposition back into but not on this occasion.  
The Colby twos got the big win propelling them into fifth spot with a 75 point win.  
**Goal kickers:** Joe Fiske-Kealy 5, Hugh Barlow 2, Sam Coughlin 1, Dan Morgan 1, Nic Palmer 1, Clay Bedwell 1, Jasper McArdle 1, Lee Murdoch 1  
**Best on ground:** Joe Fiske-Kealy, Jasper McArdle,

Clay Bedwell, Will Brown, Tyler Howlett, Jude Mussared  
**Under 18s**  
**Colbo 6.16. 52 def Leitch/Gunbower 4.3. 27**  
A great contest was expected and that's what was presented. The scoreboard was even. It wasn't until late in the last quarter that the Colbo boys were able to power away with three goals to none. A great show of reward for effort, and the boys aren't finished there, with a few more wins to come. They took the cake on this occasion by 25 points.  
**Goal kickers:** Mannix Grieve 3, Logan West 1, Jacobi Kramer 1, Kade Pearce 1  
**Best on ground:** Jackson Morgan, Jack Brennan, Kade Pearce, Henry McFadzean, Jacobi Kramer, Mannix Grieve  
**Netball**  
**A Grade**  
**Colbo 93 def Leitch/Gunbower 33**  
As usual it was a pleasure playing the Leitch Gunny girls, always providing a strong contest, which was the case. As always, a great fight from the Leitchy girls, but Colbo managed to pull away with the win.  
**Best on court:** Chelsea Imanisani and Chelsea Whittle  
**A Reserve**  
**Colbo 57 def Leitch/Gunbower 33**  
The A Reserve girls started the game with great intensity and managed to maintain this for the game's entirety coming out with a fantastic win.  
**Best on court:** Lucy White and Morghan Hughes  
**B Grade**  
**Colbinabbin 35 def Leitch/Gunbower 27**  
**Best on court:** Meg Hill

**B Reserve**  
**Colbinabbin 31 lt Leitch/Gunbower 44**  
Colbo B Reserve took to the court to play the Lietchy Gunny girls. With a few away this week, the girls mixed up the positions to fill the gaps. While it was a great effort from the B Res girls, unfortunately it wasn't enough to match the drive and skill of Leitchville Gunbower, who walked away with the win.  
**Best on court:** Amber Clarke  
**Under 17s**  
**Colbo 20 lost to Leitch/Gunbower 69**  
Patience and persistence were the theme of the game with all the girls giving it their best effort.  
**Best on court:** Phoebe Rathjen and Ciana Hinck  
**Under 15s**  
**Colbo 32 lt Leitch/Gunbower 35**  
Another week without a full team. Although not the girls best game, some encouragement and energy from some senior netballers really helped to fuel an impressive last quarter comeback from ten goals down to just three.  
**Best on court:** Audrey McFadzean and Logan Sparkes  
**Under 13s**  
**Colbo 24 def Leitch/Gunbower 19**  
Coming up against one of our tougher opponents, the match against Leitchville-Gunbower was tightly contested. The game was an even battle with there being only a few points in it on numerous occasions.  
The mid court worked tirelessly all game. Through patience and trust the Under 13's were able to gradually creep away in the last to win by five goals.  
**Best on court:** George McFadzean

**CFNC Valued Volunteer Award**  
- Sponsored by Colbinabbin Country Hotel  
This week 16 July Claire Lowe took home the award this week and it was well and truly deserved!  
We are so lucky and grateful to have Claire around the club, as she has been for many years. This year, she's back in full swing helping out with the catering for Thursday night and function dinners. She's an absolute delight to have around and does a lot of work behind the scenes.  
Thanks for everything you do Claire!



**CFNC Valued Volunteer Award**  
- Sponsored by Colbinabbin Country Hotel  
This week's 11 July award went to Matilda McIntyre. As well as being a very talented netball player, Matilda is also very generous with her time and knowledge for the club. She's taken on the coaching role of the Under 15s this year and helping out with the Under 17s. On top of this, she's often driving from Melbourne on a Thursday to take training for both the juniors and seniors.  
Thanks for all you do Matilda - we love having you as part of the Colbo community!



**Colbo re-signed 2026 senior football coaches**  
**Head Coach:** Linton Jacobs  
**Assistant Coaches:** Patty O'Brien, Chris Guinane and Tim Kelly  
The energy around our club this season has been huge and we are looking forward to the growth and success in the future.



# CFNC - Colbinabbin too good for Elmore

Black armbands were worn to pay respect to Anne Ryan, wife of Life Member Maurice. Her grandkids play netball for the club and her nephews and great nephews and nieces are involved with the club in playing capacities and committee and volunteer roles.

## Round 14: Colbo v Elmore

How good was it to see the Auskickers having a run at half time of the seniors! The future is bright at Colbo.

### Football Seniors

#### Colbinabbin 25.13. 163 def Elmore 4.2. 26

After a slow first quarter, the boys got things moving in the second, taking a solid lead into half time, setting the standard for the rest of the game. The Hoppers piled on 15 goals in the second half, 10 goals in the last quarter alone. It was a statement win with the job done by 137 points.

**Goal kickers:** Brandyn Grenfell 10, Alex Carr 5, Nick Knight 4, Nathan Basile 3, Will Lowe 1, Dom Monteleone 1, Clint Shields 1

**Best on ground:** Nathan Basile, Dean Smith, Angus Martin, William Lowe, Brandyn Grenfell, Alex Carr

### Reserves

#### Colbinabbin 16.18. 114 def Elmore 3.1. 19

The Colby twos put themselves back into the top five and a percentage booster would be a nice bonus to keep climbing the ladder. After getting off to a great start the boys never looked back, keeping plenty of pressure on the scoreboard. The last quarter ramped up and it was a great win by 95 points.

**Goal kickers:** Julian Bull 6, Jimmy McMurtrie 3, Hugh McMurtrie 2, Ned Morgan 2, Samuel Coughlin 1, Christopher Guinane, Elijah Wallace

**Best on ground:** Samuel Coughlin, Jimmy McMurtrie, Julian Bull, Hugh McMurtrie, Bodey Abbott, Xavier Maher.

### Under 18s

#### Colbinabbin 2.1. 13 lost to Elmore 15.13. 103

The thirds had a hard job on their hands against Elmore who have improved and added to their fleet of players. The much bigger, older and faster side were always going to be a tough task. The lads worked tirelessly to stay within an arm's length of Elmore but the boys ran out of puff. Their efforts still don't go unnoticed. Another win or two will be just around the corner for these young hoppers.

**Goal kickers:** Charlie McLean 1, Zac Morgan 1

**Best on ground:** Jake Munro, Brock Edwards, Henry McFadzean, Jackson Morgan, Jaxon Kelly, William Ogden

### Netball

#### A Grade

##### Colbinabbin 70 def Elmore 23

The girls had a strong start, creating countless turnovers, pulling in intercepts, speedy drives and flawless feeds into the circle. The attack end kept Elmore's defenders on their toes. A few nasty knocks were given to our defenders. All in all, Elmore put up a tough battle for the day, but the Colbo girls were able to come away with the win.

**Best on court:** Olivia McEvoy, Dom Palmer and Macy McCaig

#### A Reserve

##### Colbinabbin 56 def Elmore 32

A Reserve girls hit the court with intent and intensity securing a confident 56-32 win over Elmore. From the first whistle, Colbo took control of the game, applying pressure right across the court and executing with precision in attack. The first quarter set the tone with a 10-point lead. In the second quarter Colbo's defence locked down Elmore completely, holding them to just 8 goals and extending the lead. The third quarter saw a solid contest with Elmore pushing back. The fourth quarter was a show

of depth and fitness, as Colbo ran out the match strongly adding 16 goals and sealing a dominant win.

**Best on court:** Aggie Minne

### B Grade

#### Colbinabbin 53 def Elmore 35

From the first whistle, the intensity was high and the team rose to the challenge. Our goalers were outstanding, shooting with great accuracy under pressure and making the most of every opportunity. The defensive end worked tirelessly, applying consistent pressure and creating crucial turnovers throughout the game. The midcourt played a pivotal role, running the game out with strong drives, smart decisions, and great composure under pressure.

It was a full team effort, and the girls should be proud of their performance. Colbo came away with the win in what was a hard-fought and well-deserved victory.

**Best on court:** Maisy Pinniger

### B Reserve

#### Colbinabbin 28 lost to Elmore 53

B Reserve had a tough task against a much taller Elmore side. The girls came out strong in the first half Defenders worked hard to turn the ball over while the mid courters had some nice passages of play down the court. The game snowballed in Elmore's favour after half time with Colbo not being able to match them.

**Best on court:** Letisha Mountjoy

### Under 17s

#### Colbinabbin 20 lt Elmore 25

Short on players, it was super close at some points, but Elmore just tipped the girls at the end to win by 5.

**Best on court:** whole team

### Under 15s

#### Colbinabbin 27 def Elmore 26

From the first whistle it was back and forth all game with both teams managing to go a few goals up before the other team closed the gap again. Overall, a really great game by the girls the defensive pressure from everyone was through the roof!

**Best on court:** Harriet East and Evie Coghill

### Under 13s

#### Colbinabbin 25 def Elmore 17

What an exciting game from Under 13s as they faced second placed Elmore. From the first whistle, it was a closely contested battle, with both teams pushing hard and showing plenty of skill and determination.

Elmore gained momentum going into the final stages just one goal behind. But the hoppers showed maturity and were able to halt Elmore's momentum, coming away with a 7-point win.

**Best on court :** Isla Knight and Gracie Cox

## Netball milestones

### Dominique Palmer – 100 games

Dom joined Colbo as a junior player and has been in the green and gold ever since.

Dom is an incredible goaler who has gone from strength to strength over the last few years.

She was awarded Runner-up in the league A Reserve Best and Fairest in 2024 where she had an outstanding year.

Dom is calm and composed. She is the barometer of the A Reserve team.

Her goal-attack game has become a go to for the club with her incredible arms and defence pressure. Dom is passionate and supportive of her team members, she has played many impressive games for Colbo.

Perhaps it is her 101st game after last week in A Grade when she stepped up as our defenders dropped one by one with injury and played almost a full game in defence.

It was very impressive.

We love that you joined us as a junior and have stuck around, becoming a valuable member of the club!

Congratulations Dom, looking forward to the next 100.

### Ella Kerlin – 100 games

Ella has been part of the Colbo club since a young hopper, playing through the junior grades and continuing her senior career at Colbo. Ella's talent was seen from a young age where she notched up a few senior games while still playing juniors. After joining the senior competition, she cemented her spot in the A Grade team where the majority of her 100 games have been played.

Ella is one of the leading goalers in the league and Colbo is so lucky to have her through her junior and senior time.

She is leader of the A Grade team and her accuracy and composure in goals is exceptional. Ella has received many awards and accolades throughout her junior years and has also made a name for herself in the senior competition.

She has been Colbo A Grade Best and Fairest, Runner-up in the Easter Cheatley Medal and in the Team of the Year in 2024.

Also, Colbo A Grade Best and Fairest, Runner-up in both 2023 and 2022 and League Rising Star in 2022.

Ella is wonderful team player with speed to burn and impressive defensive skills throughout the mid-court, often getting intercepts that seem impossible.

The club is so lucky to have Ella still even though her talents could take her anywhere. Congratulations Ella on an incredible 100 games!

Football - Seniors		Football - Reserve		Football - U18	
Club	Wins	Club	Wins	Club	Wins
Nth Bendigo	11	Nth Bendigo	12	Nth Bend	12
Colbinabbin	10	Huntly	11	Heathcote	9
Mt Pleasant	10	Mt Pleasant	8	White Hills	9
Huntly	7	Lock/Bam	8	Mt Pleasant	8
Leitch/Gumb	6	Colbinabbin	7	Lock/Bam	7
Elmore	4	Leitch/Gumb	6	Elmore	4
Locking/Bam	3	White Hills	3	Colbinabbin	3
White Hills	2	Elmore	1	Leitch/Gumb	3
Heathcote	1	Heathcote	0	Huntly	0



# Tigers in action



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Believe it....or not! A missing half?

## Rushworth golf rarity on the course

Sunday 13 July saw Max Jenkins win with 35 Stableford points on a count-back from Sam Perry. Max also scored a rare 5 point hole with an eagle 2 on a par four hole.

**Sunday 20 July**  
Members played a stroke round with Tony Geisler greeting the judge after carding a fine 74 nett 68, followed by Frank Stewart's nett 70.

**Four- ball Knockout Cheatley Shield results:**

- Jim Perry and Frank Stewart defeated Max Jenkins and Allan Akerstrom
- Tony Geisler and Rob Geisler defeated Bomber Rathjen and Dean Pontin
- Sam Perry and Kelly Cheong defeated Greg Muir and Bill Barlow

**Coming events**

**Sunday 27 July**  
- 4bbb Perpetual Cup

**Friday 1 August**  
- Open Tournament 4bbb

**Sunday 3 August**  
- Open Tournament 18 Hole Stroke

Our course is still presenting a fair challenge to the players each week with good play rewarded and proportionate penalty to lesser quality play.

With the wild flower season approaching consider taking a walk around our course, you will enjoy this wonderful part of the world.

*Slim Perry*