

WARANGA NEWS

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Stanhope Food & Wine Festival – a day to remember!

The Stanhope Food & Wine Festival proved to be a resounding success over the weekend, with perfect spring weather setting the stage for a vibrant celebration of local flavours, music, and community spirit.

Held along Birdwood Avenue, the festival drew an impressive crowd of locals and visitors from across the region. The street buzzed with activity from morning to late afternoon, as guests indulged in a delicious array of gourmet food, sampled premium wines from local vineyards, and enjoyed a stellar lineup of entertainment.

Musician Tim Richards set the tone early with an upbeat set that welcomed early arrivals with smooth tunes and warm vibes. He was followed by a dazzling Indian Fusion dance performance, bursting with colour and rhythm, which captivated the audience and brought a global flair to the regional event.

Rounding out the afternoon was popular Shepparton duo JB & Me, whose high-energy crowd-pleasing set had the crowd singing, clapping and, best of all, smiling.

Families were well catered for, with children enjoying a wide variety of activities, including a jumping castle, horse and cart rides, creative mask-making, colouring stations, and bubbles — making the day a true celebration for all ages.

Organisers extended their heartfelt thanks to the dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring the event to life.

“Your efforts truly made the day shine,” said convenors Christine and Glenda.

Volunteer enthusiasm and hard work were vital to the festival’s success, helping create a day that will be remembered by all who attended.



With such an incredible turnout and overwhelmingly positive feedback, the Stanhope Food & Wine Festival has once again affirmed its place as a highlight on the local calendar.



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October 2025



JOIN OUR COMMUNITY WALKING GROUP



Walking is a great way to improve or maintain your overall health. Just 30 minutes every day can increase cardiovascular fitness, strengthen bones, reduce excess body fat, and boost muscle power and endurance. It can also reduce your risk of developing conditions such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis and some cancers. Unlike some other forms of exercise, walking is free and doesn't require any special equipment or training.

New walkers are welcome to join the Waranga walking group. We meet each Thursday at 8am, out the front of Waranga Health. A reasonable level of fitness is required. For more information or to join the walking group, please contact Michele on 5851 8026.

NATIONAL CARERS WEEK



National Carers Week is a time to recognise, celebrate and raise awareness for people who provide care to a family member or friend.

To show our support and appreciation, and with funding from Carers Victoria, the Rushworth Carer Support group recently enjoyed lunch at the Colbinabbin pub and a visit to the Colbinabbin Silos Art. If you are a carer and would like to join or learn more about the Carer Support group, please contact Michele on 5851 8026.

NATIONAL CARERS WEEK



Congratulations to Waranga Health staff who were recently recognised for service milestones at GV Health's Annual Staff Service Awards. Please join us in celebrating:

- Michele Hanson - 35 years
- Sadie Vale - 30 years
- Sherie Kealy - 25 years
- Tina Jones - 25 years
- Kerry Livesay - 25 years
- Annette Armstrong - 25 years (not pictured)

WELCOME GRADUATE NURSES



We are delighted to have two graduate nurses in their final year rotation currently working at Waranga Health. Karan Bogra is working with our Aged Care team while Danielle Calvert is supporting the District Nursing Service. Welcome Karan and Danielle!

NOTICEBOARD

Community Walking Group
When: Thursdays
Where: Meet front of Waranga Health, 14 High Street, Rushworth
Time: 8am -9am
All abilities welcome

Rushworth AA group
When: Thursdays
Where: Waranga Health
Time: 7pm
Cost: No cost
Contact Jenny 0430 103 145 for more information

Carer Support Group
When: Thursday 6 November 2025,
Thursday 4 December 2025
Time: 2pm – 4pm
Where: Rushworth Community House
New members welcome
Phone 5851 8026 for more information

Women's Health Clinic
When: Wednesday 19 November 2025
Where: Waranga Health
Time: 2pm - 5pm
No cost
Phone 5851 8000 to book an appointment

SAVE THE DATE


Skin Checks
When: Wednesday 5 November 2025
Where: GV Skin & Specialist Centre, Shepparton
Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm
Bookings essential
Phone 5851 8000 for more information or to book an appointment
Transport provided if required

Cancer Information Session
Focusing on Lung, Bowel and Prostate cancer
When: Monday 10 November 2025
Where: Stanhope Men's Shed,
3 Tivey Grove Stanhope
Time: 11am - 12noon
All community members welcome
No cost

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Dargalong Discovery Day at Murchison

Did you know that just a short drive from Rushworth lies a remnant of natural grassland that once extended for millions of hectares across Northern Victoria?

Located at the Murchison Golf-course, the Dargalong Grassland is home to several critically endangered plant species; the Arching Flax-lily, Cut-leaf Burr Daisy and the Dargalong Leek Orchid - found nowhere else in the world. Although this patch is called a grassland, there are more lilies and herbs than grasses creating a proliferation of colourful flowers in Springtime when conditions are right.

The reason for this is because the golf-course managers regularly burnt the area for decades, inadvertently mimicking the management practices of the First Australians who managed grasslands with fire to suppress trees, shrubs and grasses and to stimulate the growth of lilies and herbs which were harvested as root vegetables.

In 2001 the Goulburn Valley Environment Group fenced the site to protect it and recently, Friends of Small Reserves have gained responsibility for

co-ordinating burning and weed control to improve the health of the grassland and prevent the extinction of these beautiful rare plants. The group has also collected seed of the Dargalong Leek Orchid which will be propagated and reintroduced to the site.

Join the team of volunteers this Saturday at the Murchison golf-course, (Murchison-Violet Town Road, 2km East of Murchison East!) from 10am to hear from plant, pollinator and animal specialists and take a guided walk through the grassland to learn more about what makes grasslands tick.

Kids activities and a free BBQ lunch will make this an event for the whole family.

If you'd like to join the 'Friends of Small Reserves' group to help continue their crucial work, call Sally on 0447981765 or email Waranga Catchment Landcare Collective on louise-costa@hotmail.com



Presented by Waranga Catchment Landcare Collective

Citizen of the Year nominations closing soon

While most people who go above and beyond for their community don't do it for the recognition, it's important that the rest of us who benefit take the time to acknowledge when effort and commitment have made our town a better place to live.

The Campaspe Shire Citizen of the Year Awards are your chance to recognise outstanding individuals and groups who make a positive difference in our region. **But don't procrastinate - nominations close on 2 November 2025.**

The awards celebrate the dedication, service, and achievements of people who contribute to their community, whether through volunteering, leadership, sporting achievements, environmental efforts, cultural contributions, or community service.

Shepparton Council also calling for nominations

Greater Shepparton City Council is also inviting individuals, community groups, and organisations to nominate local residents who have made a significant contribution this year, demonstrated outstanding service to the community, or positively impacted Greater Shepparton over many years.

Residents from Mooroopna, Tatura, Dookie, Murchison and Shepparton can be nominated for an Award across the following seven categories:

Citizen of the Year

Senior Citizen of the Year (aged 65 and over) (Not available in Murchison)

Award categories are:

Citizen of the Year

Young Citizen of the Year

Community Group of the Year

Nominees must reside in the Campaspe Shire and have demonstrated commitment to the community in a meaningful way.

For nomination forms and further information, visit campaspe.vic.gov.au or contact your local service centre.

Young Citizen of the Year (aged under 30)

Community Event of the Year

Sport Award

Senior Sport Award (aged 65 and over)

Junior Sport Award (aged under 18)

Nominations close on **Wednesday 12 November 2025 except for Murchison which close on Wednesday 5 November** due to an external judging process.

Nomination forms and guidelines are available online through Council's website at shepp.city/australia-day-form

Heather Wellington
(of Christmas Elves fame - among other things) was 2025 Citizen of the Year.



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Rushworth SES celebrates fifty years

This year Rushworth SES is getting a make-over for its celebration of fifty years service to the town. It has been a long journey from the tin shed which was home to the Unit in the 70s.

The latest ‘sprucing up’ includes a change of colour on the outside and inside and a reconstruction of the amenities inside, with new flooring, carpets and vinyl. With an upgrade to a bigger hot water system and extra toilet, the Unit will be brought

into line as a disability friendly building.

To add to the upgrade the floor in the workshop will be re-surfaced to OH&S standard.

The Unit has already seen a steel barrier put in place out the front of the building to prevent

accidents and it will also have an area built to store sand for filling sandbags in preparation for next year’s wet season.

The improvements will be completed over the next couple of months - a well-deserved upgrade for volunteers after fifty years.



History

Rushworth SES started in an old State Rivers building which was transferred from Murchison in the 70s. In 2004 the building used now was erected by members and locals.

Safety precautions were very different fifty years ago. The cars didn’t go as fast, the equipment was not as advanced and the safety measures were nothing like they are today. If something had to be done, you just got in there and did it!

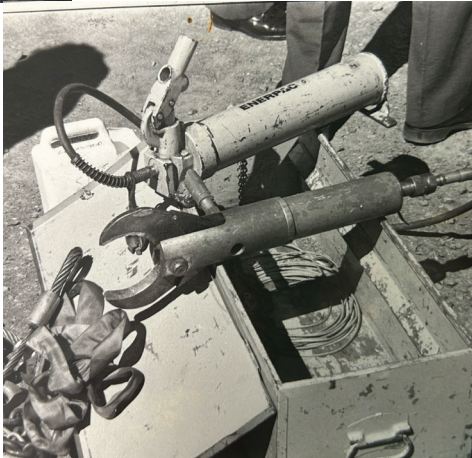
Celebrations for the fifty years of service in Rushworth have been postponed until all renovations are complete. So, look out for a Big Party in the new year - maybe a giant sausage sizzle?



The old caravan used as an Operation Centre.
The old vehicle has nothing on the relatively new truck of today!



Below: The former ‘Region 22’ boat on the Basin.



The old ‘Jaws of life’.



From 1975 – 2025

The Rushworth Unit is always looking for new members. If you think you have something to offer the Unit and the community or are interested in gaining some qualifications please call into the Unit at 4 Barlow Avenue, Rushworth and speak to Ray (Controller) or any of the other members on a Wednesday night at 6.30pm before training starts at 7pm.



Boating is another course which can be taken in the Unit. You can qualify to be just a Crew Member or right up to a Coxswain of the boat.



The Jaws of life are used in extricating trapped people from vehicles. Use is practised in training.



Ladder safety is especially practised when dealing with heights.

Have your say! Have your say! Have your say! Have your say! Have your say! Have your say! Have your say!

Broken Roads = Broken Promises

The time for sitting around on our motorbikes and whinging is over — it’s time to stand up and shout from the rooftops: “We’ve had enough! Fix our roads and scrap the unfair motorcycle levy!”

The Red Knights Australia Chapter 14 (made up of current and former firefighters) and the GV Social Riders (Local Social motorcyclists) are calling on all RIDERS to join a united ride to Parliament House, Melbourne, to demand action on Victoria’s crumbling road network and the ongoing injustice of the motorcycle safety levy.

Riders across the region are fed up with pothole-riddled roads, dangerous repairs, and empty government promises. The message is simple — unsafe roads cost lives, and riders deserve better.

On Saturday 15 November motorcyclists from around Victoria will come together.

This peaceful but powerful ride will send a clear message to decision-makers: “Fix Our Roads and Scrap the Levy.”

Motorcyclists, supporters, and community members are encouraged to take part or show support along the route and attend at Parliament House to show your support.

Event Details

- Local Meet Point: 7:30 am at MOVE (Museum of Vehicle Evolution, Shepparton)
- Ride Brief: 7:50 am
- Stands Up: 8:00 am (No later than 8:15am)
- Destination: 12:00 pm Parliament House, Melbourne (arriving 12:00pm)

Further ride details communicated on the day.

Come fully fuelled up!

*Colin Consiglio
Simon Morgan
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Chapter 14*



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Open Letter from Chief Fire Officer: Bushfire Risk Management Program underway

Bushfires are a natural part of the Victorian landscape, but with the right planning and action, we can reduce their impact on communities, the environment and critical infrastructure.

Right across the state, Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) crews are working hard to reduce the risk and impact of bushfires through a combination of planned burning, non-burn bushfire risk management and strategic preparation.

Leaves, small branches, long grass and undergrowth can fuel bushfires making them faster, more intense and harder to control. Bushfire risk management helps reduce this danger by removing excess vegetation (or fuel), protecting communities, the environment and critical infrastructure.

Less fuel means it’s harder for a fire to start and spread, and easier for our crews to contain. That’s why last season we delivered bushfire risk management works across more than 109,000 hectares of public land.

The seasonal bushfire outlook for spring asks Victorians to prepare for an increased risk, particularly in the state’s west, but also the southern coast and areas around Melbourne. With low rainfall over the past 18 months, the outlook shows areas at increased risk stretching from the South Australian border across to Bendigo, the Otways, Melbourne including the Dandenongs and Yarra Valley and parts of south Gippsland.

As soon as favourable weather and forest conditions arrive, we’ll make sure all available resources are delivering planned burning and non-burn bushfire risk management works.

Our bushfire risk management program is underpinned by a significant body of scientific evidence, built over more than 35 years. We acknowledge bushfire science is continually evolving, and we continue to invest in research and the best available science to inform our bushfire risk management program.

We use science and modelling tools to choose the right time and approach for delivery of our bushfire risk management program in each location or landscape, combined with our understanding of the ecological needs of our forests and the plants and animals that depend on them.

Planned burning plays a key role in our work in reducing bushfire risk. It involves the careful use of low-intensity fire to reduce dry vegetation like leaves and small branches

that build up over time and make forests more flammable.

Our crews look for opportunities to carry out planned burning throughout the year, and with drier conditions in parts of the state, we’ve already been able to deliver planned burns over winter, including at Anglesea Heath in the Great Otway National Park, Boggy Creek Nature Conservation Reserve, Gellibrand Bushland Reserve, Wilson Promontory and at Mountain Creek Education Area in Shelley.

In areas where planned burning isn’t suitable, such as near homes, on steep slopes or close to roads and towns, FFMVic uses non-burn bushfire management techniques. These include mowing and slashing long grass, mulching dense vegetation, targeted spraying of invasive weeds and maintaining public road networks in forests and reserves. Each method plays a vital role in reducing fuel loads and improving access for emergency services.

Over the coming weeks, you can expect to see our crews and contractors ramping up the mowing and slashing program. The timing of these works is important; if grass is slashed too early, before it has cured, it will only encourage regrowth.

Our top priority is to protect life, property and the environment from the risk of bushfires. While Victoria will always have bushfires, we want you to know that when fires happen, we are ready to respond. We have more than 1800 personnel on the frontline, including firefighters, fire lookout observers and fire support officers; firefighting equipment, including more than 500 ultralight tankers and close to 100 heavy tankers, and more than 50 aircraft contracted for the season ahead.

But being prepared for the bushfire season is a shared responsibility. While FFMVic crews are working hard on public land, all Victorians are encouraged to start cleaning up around their properties to help reduce bushfire risk in their own communities.

Visit our website to learn more about how FFMVic manages bushfire risk.

And to keep up to date on planned burns near you, sign up to receive notifications at Planned Burns Victoria or download the VicEmergency app.

*Chris Hardman, AFSM, GAICD
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Love Murchison market success

Murchison community service organisations came together on Saturday 4 October, with “Activities in the Park” from Greater Shepparton Council to provide a fun day for family members of all ages.

The delightful weather was a bonus for the many volunteers from Murchison and surrounds to set up their informative displays and present their services to the community.

The day was hosted by Murchison Neighbourhood House and was the brainchild of Jess from Neighbourhood House and Dirk from River Road Caravan Park. They had been “bantering” together about doing something for the town and the “Love Murchison” idea was born. The event gathered together community groups providing for families, retirees, property owners, children, visitors and Hot Rod and reptile enthusiasts.

Among the volunteer groups were the Murchison Swimming Pool, Murchison CFA, the newly accredited Murchison SES who cooked a sausage sizzle, Wybalena Retirement Village, Murchison Cemetery Trust, Murchison Historical Society, Murchison Planning Group, Landcare, Australia Day Committee, Men’s Shed, who served hotdogs and of course the Murchison Neighbourhood House.

Sporting organisations of the Murchison Bowls Club and Murchison Tennis Club also supported the day with activities such as “Guess the weight of the ball” with a prize for closest.

The event was also supported by services to the town - Murchison Primary School and Murchison Medical Clinic both having a site.

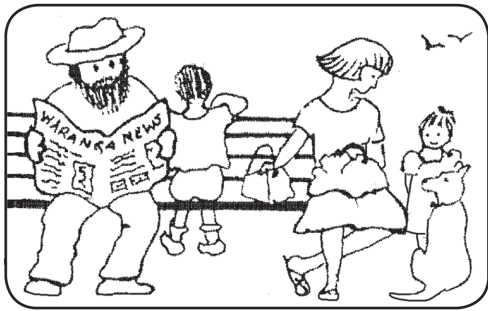
Children and adults alike enjoyed interacting up close with the display of Australian reptiles with their handlers and learnt lots about the strict regulations for owning a native reptile in Victoria.

The atmosphere was bright and cheerful, being added to by the display of cars from the “Valley Kustom Rodders” and the Ludlow twins providing the music.

All community organisations on display at the market expressed their need for more volunteers to support their work for the community. There is a wide range of community organisations you could choose from and all provide fellowship for the volunteers and benefit to the community. If you are interested in volunteering for Murchison and need contacts, you can call in to the Murchison Neighbourhood House in Impey Street and ask Jess and her band of volunteers for further contacts.



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Around Rushworth

Rushworth Pub drought soon to end?

The Bottom Pub has been a hive of activity lately with keenly watched renovations appearing to be well-advanced.

We will all be keeping our eyes open for a Grand Opening. Hopefully it won't be long before the doors will be open to tipplers and diners once again.

Street tree applications

Council is finalising orders for next year's Street Tree Planting program. New trees are scheduled to be planted between May and August next year in streets, parks and gardens across the shire. To obtain a street tree, lodge an online request or contact our Customer Service team for assistance. Applications are open until Friday, 31 October.

Halloween innovation for Rushworth

Re-Grow Rushworth is planning a Halloween event for Rushworth this year.

To be involved they say:

"As it is hard for little ones to walk to every decorated house we are bringing the Halloween spirit to a central location for our new Halloween Haunt.

"Bring a taste of your amazing decorations to our event. Set up a decorated area with a table or gazebo and hand out your treats to all the eager trick-or-treaters. It is a fantastic way to share your Halloween passion and ensure all kids get to enjoy the fun!

"Expect a night of ghostly fun with music, a spooky cave, sausage sizzle, lolly bags, prizes for best costume and best zombie dance. There is a prize for Best Decorated Display.

Local takes the cake at Seymour Show

Judging starts at the Seymour Show on Friday night. There is music on stage, rides and fireworks to end the night.

Saturday is the day to see who obtained those ribbons and certificates for their dedicated time spent preparing for the event. You can watch the animals; cattle handling, dog trials and not to mention the wood chopping, listen to music on the stage and pet the wildlife.

When you walk through the entrance the smell of animals and hay fills the air with their sounds in the distance – goats, sheep, alpacas, cattle, dogs.

But in the sheds you can smell something different. The food! The already judged items displaying their accolades! The food, jams, beverages, plants and other judged produce fill the tables.

But one person stood out this year again with thirteen first prizes, eleven second

prizes and a third prize with two highly commended.

Rushworth's own Hailey Lemin has been cooking for the Show since she was in kinder. Her mother remembers her standing on a stool to bake her first ever exhibit - yo yos and plain biscuits. She certainly has advanced from there.

As a matter a fact, the whole family have been involved for many years; her grandma, grandpa, mum, dad, brothers and Hailey have all baked, grown, arranged, led or shown off some item/s at the Show.

Congratulation to Hailey again this year for the overall Aggregate Award for all her cooking and displays, carrying on the family tradition.

She is going for the trifecta next year!



Hailey was presented with a beautiful bunch of natives along with her sashes, 'Outstanding Exhibitor in her Section Open' (for which she won a glass Decanter) and 'Most Successful Exhibitor Baking Section' (Open), with a certificate for the same (winning a Kenwood rotating cake stand and pro piping bag and nozzle set).

"The night will end with a spooky movie screening for families.

"If you're interested in participating contact Robbie on 04904911432 or msg Facebook page Re-Grow Rushworth."

Rushworth Market

Village Green High st, Rushworth

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Pink morning tea in Murchison

‘Support Goulburn Valley Breast Care’ support group hosted its 10th annual morning tea in Murchison on Saturday 4 October.

Organised by “Ribbons for Courage” founder Sharon Reilly and her team of helpers, the group invites any community members interested in supporting Breast Cancer research and support services to attend a Morning Tea in Murchison on the first Saturday of October – breast cancer support month. All funds raised on the day now go to Goulburn Valley Health Breast Care Support Unit.

Organiser and coordinator of the event, Sharon Reilly advised that originally the group’s fundraising supported the Breast Cancer Council research program, but when asked what their funds were used for, the Council could not give a definitive answer. The support group then decided to contribute the funds raised to Goulburn Valley Health Breast Care Unit thus directly benefitting local breast cancer patients.

The delicious morning tea was enjoyed by about 60 people and there were donated raffle prizes called throughout the morning.

Guest speaker for the morning was Breast Care Nurse from Goulburn Valley Health Breast Care Unit Michelle Parish. Michelle



spoke of the support available in Goulburn Valley for breast cancer patients and their families and the preventative measures everyone needs to do to detect early signs of breast cancer.

Michelle emphasised that men can also be subject to breast cancer and in fact about 1% of all breast cancer diagnoses are men. There

were 221 men diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia in 2024.

The Pink Morning Tea is recommended for a lovely morning with likeminded people supporting a wonderful cause for local citizens. It will be on again on the first Saturday in October in 2026.





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NEWS FROM THE OP-SHOP AND FOODBANK

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Hello, I am filling in for Heather while she enjoys some family time. So, what's happening at the Op Shop and Foodbank?

- The newly revamped Little Green Shed is overflowing with treasures, to be had at bargain prices, up to 40% off!

- Huge range of DVDs, 3 for \$2
- All single flat/fitted sheets only \$1

"A Plea from the Op Shop" a poem from Liz Buzza, is a timely comment on an ongoing problem – the dumping of unsaleable items. Liz's poem says it all.

The Foodbank welcomes all who, for whatever reason, do not have enough food. Our aim is to fairly distribute what we have available, but how to do this?

Rushworth Foodbank is different to most food relief programs – it is supermarket style, where customers can browse the shelves, fridge and freezer and make their own choice of what to take away. Most programs do not allow this freedom of choice.

We trust that people consider other Foodbank users and only take what they need. To help ensure everyone has a fair share, there is a limit to how much can be taken on each visit to the Foodbank. A single person may fill one shopping bag, a couple – two bags, a family – three. This is generally respected, but when it is not and people consider only

themselves, the Foodbank volunteers find their faith in humanity severely tested.

On the bright side, the volunteers are often delighted by the generous, caring people who donate produce and groceries. Thank you, you restore a lot of that faith.

With warmer weather and longer days the Foodbank garden is blooming. Purple lavender, yellow and white chamomile daisies and many other herbs are flowering, attracting all sorts of beneficial insects. Come and spend a few minutes in the garden and see how many different insects you can spot bustling around the flowers. Please feel free to pick a bunch of herbs. The winter crops are just about finished, summer ones will be planted soon.

This year seems to be moving along fast. It is a bit scary that Christmas is only 10 weeks away (if I counted correctly) Have you seen the posters around town advertising the free Community Christmas Lunch? Great food and great company at no charge. If you would like to be there, bookings can be made at Rushworth Community Bank, the Op Shop and Foodbank.

That's all I have, so, as Heather says, I wish you all a full belly and a happy smile.

Christine

A Plea from the Op Shop

If you have a tatty shirt,
Button-less and stained with dirt,
Please don't dump it on the shop.
It means they must throw out a lot.
Coffee mugs without their handles
Broken straps on worn-out sandals.
Plates and cups with cracks and chips.
Children's toys with missing bits.
If you saw it on a shelf,
Would you buy it for yourself?
The Op Shop's not a rubbish bin
To throw your household rejects in.
Don't just think "the staff will sort it!"
They will never know who brought it"
Please make sure your goods are fine
And can be used a second time.
The volunteers work long and steady.
They make sure all goods are ready.
Let's all try to do our bit
To keep our Rushworth shop a hit.
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Liz Buzza





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A complete muster of Shane and Robyn Ryan’s family gathered at their home for the wedding of their daughter, Felicity to Nathan Rogers. Central in the photo above are the leaders of the clan, Shane and Robyn with the bride, Filly (holding baby Addison) and Nathan, the groom. The marquee in the beautiful garden setting was just the spot for a wedding!

FIRE BRIGADE ROSTER

Oct 19	Matt Ryan, Martin Borger
Oct 26	Ray McEvoy, Pat Tuohey

If unable to attend for duty, call Chris or Leo.

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.

LIBRARY

Wed 22 Oct	Lynne Rathjen
Wed 29 Oct	Margery West



Cemetery Trust

Mowing Roster (lawn section only)

October	- Barrie Borger
November	- Robert Brown

Colbo Diary

Menfolk Mondays - Mondays 10am at CCH
Coffee and Cake - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10.15am @CCH
Scrabble & Soup - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 10.30am
Colbo Pub Choir - 5pm Tuesdays at CCH
Colbo Community Shed - Thursdays BYO BBQ lunch
New Parents' Group - 1st & 3rd Thursdays 9am @ CCH

NOVEMBER

Wed 26	Cornella Care's 40 th anniversary
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Do you need to look up an old edition of the Waranga News ?
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Christmas gift idea

The Silo Art Calendar, available at the Colbinabbin Country Hotel, showcases murals from across regional Australia – celebrating local artists, stories, and communities. Best of all the September page in the 2026 edition features Colbinabbin silos!

By purchasing the calendar, you’re not just planning your year – you’re supporting the the movement that turns grain silos into tourist attractions, boosting the economies of small country towns. 50% of the calendar’s profits are donated back to regional Australia.

Don't forget:

Colbinabbin General Store's AGM and Special General Meeting is on Wednesday 22 October 2025 at 7pm at the Colbinabbin Memorial Hall. There is important business to discuss, so you're encouraged to be there.

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Car Boot Sale is on in November

As part of the *Garage Sale Trail* being held in Victoria this year, the Community House is hosting a Car Boot Sale to be held on Saturday, 8 November at the Rushworth Community Hub in Horne Street.

The sale will commence at 8.30am and run through to 2pm, and members of the public are invited to participate by booking a “spot” to sell their items.

It costs just twenty dollars to reserve a spot within the Community Hub, and participants will be able to sell *almost* anything that can easily be accommodated on site.

Selling second-hand electrical equipment at car boot sales is controlled by strict government safety regulations, and the House has elected not to allow their sale at the Community Hub on 8 November.

A minimum of fifteen sellers will be required for the event to proceed but space may be limited so get in early. Call the House to book.

Cheese Making Workshop

If you would like to join in the fun of making cheese and plan to attend one or more of our cheese-making workshops in mid-November, please contact the House and let us know your preferences.

There are three workshop options, covering cheeses styles such as Cheddar, Camembert, Danish Feta, Ricotta, Danish Blue, Halloumi and (everyone’s pizza favourite) Mozzarella.

You can get details by calling the House on 58561295 during business hours.

Shire Community Grant a winner

Rushworth Community House was recently awarded a 2024/2025 Community Grant of \$3,146 from Campaspe Shire to acquire new and upgraded service delivery equipment for use in the House’s multipurpose room and commercial-grade kitchen.

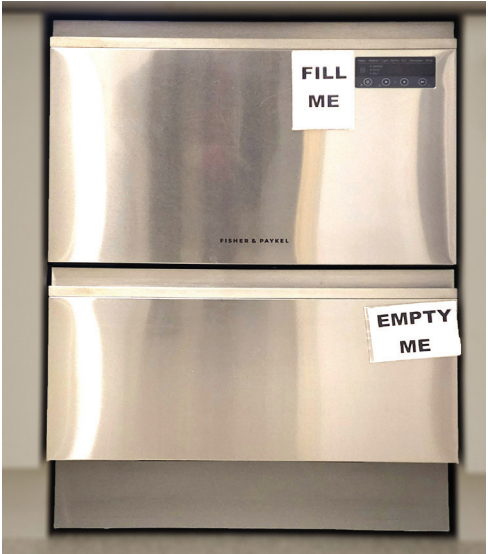
Items purchased for RCH community support activities include a barista coffee machine, a microwave oven and refrigerator for our multipurpose room (MPR), and a water-efficient, dual-drawer dishwasher for the House’s newly renovated kitchen.

First to be installed, the coffee machine quickly underwent a baptism of fire at the hands of students from Rushworth P-12 College during a recent community-wide morning tea.

The microwave and fridge in the MPR room will be especially welcomed by the various groups and individuals who use the room.

The House Committee and Manager would like to express their sincere thanks to Campaspe Shire for this Community Grant.

It will materially benefit everyone who uses the House and the many services it provides.



Another grant acknowledges carers

For many years, Rushworth Community House has actively supported “carers” - ordinary people who have assumed the responsibility of looking after another person who has physical or cognitive difficulties and requires a high level of assistance in their daily lives.

The House holds monthly lunches for our local carers and recently the group enjoyed a great luncheon at the Colbinabbin Hotel, before visiting the nearby silo art displays.

This week is Carer’s Week and the Community House has received the following email from *Carer’s Victoria*:

“Congratulations, your group has been awarded a Carers Victoria Carer Support Group Activity Grant of \$500.00 for you to celebrate National Carers Week.

“We received an overwhelming response and are delighted to award 142 Carer Support Groups across Victoria with grants to fund events for more than 3,300 carers.

“We look forward to hearing how you choose to use your grant to celebrate National Carers Week (Sunday 12 – Saturday 18 October 2025) and acknowledge the amazing carers in your group. We will provide details of our National Carers Week campaign in coming months, for you to share and use in your promotional activities.”



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All at Sea with Dianne Nally and Friends at Ky



Derek the Dragon and Apple Bowls in sculptural metal by Russell Lamb are featured in the All at Sea with Dianne Nally and Friends Exhibition which can be seen at Kyabram Town Hall Gallery this month.



“Just waiting for my costume?”
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Cooks Corner

Citrus Pie

Use up some of the beautiful bounty of citrus fruits that are in season to make this delicious slice. It all comes together to then bake in layers. Serve with yoghurt, cream or ice cream or on its own.

Preheat oven to 170c

Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup of sugar

- Half a cup of melted butter
- Grated rind of an orange
- Grated rind of a lemon
- Half a cup of orange juice
- Half a cup of lemon juice
- 1 cup of milk
- Half a cup of plain flour
- 1 cup of coconut

Place all into a blender.

Pour batter into a deep slice tray.

Cover in flaked almonds.

Bake for half an hour or until set.

Cool before slicing.

Seasonal Kitchen



Garden Hints & Tips

Although not my favourite season, that goes to autumn, spring does bring a magical time to the garden. It never ceases to amaze me how plants just seem to explode into leaf and flower, seemingly doubling in size overnight, which brings me to some of my most favourite springtime plants.

I always get excited when the *Blue Bells* start to flower. They are great left to naturalise in the garden, either in sun or shade and they're perfect under trees. Another favourite is *Lorraine Lee*, a beautiful Australian rose introduced back in 1924. It starts to flower in late winter through to late spring. If you're looking for a small feature tree two favourites of mine are *Prunus Mt Fuji* and the *Prunus Yukon*.

Mount Fuji is a small spreading tree which is often grafted as a weeper, this growth method really helps to show off its magnificent display of double white blooms.

Prunus Yukon is really two trees in one, it has lovely yellow green flowers which turn to a pretty pink as they age. Both trees will grow to around three to four metres.

Other favourites include *Cotinus* for its flash of purple leaves and also the *Loropetalums* "China pink" also for its dark foliage and bright pink flowers.

Plant veggies now

October is also considered the best time to plant tomatoes as well as other vegetables and herbs such as basil zucchini and eggplant. Remember to freshen up the veggie patch



with manure or compost and water them in with the liquid fertiliser to give them a good head start. Unfortunately rainfall has been very scarce so the need to water is ever present. Try to water in a cool parts of the day with good deep watering and if you haven't done so already a feed of good organic fertiliser and a fresh layer of mulch will be very beneficial heading into summer.

October and November are always busy months for open gardens and plant fairs and markets so get out there and enjoy what's on offer and happy gardening.

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Handy Hints

- from Lyn Rumble

*Hi there,
Repurposing or Re-using everyday items - or quick and easy solutions to general household issues that maybe had not even occurred to you – but this is what I like to do. Of course saving a bit on the grocery bill always helps too!*

In this issue – I've focused on how cooking oils can help with some unusual chores outside the kitchen as well as when preparing meals. Hope they are useful for mums and dad's alike!

- Fishing trick for Quick Casting – pack a can of olive-oil spray when on your next fishing trip and spray it on your fishing line before casting. You will find that the line will cast easier and much further in distance.
- Prevent Rice and Pasta from sticking – Most cooks know that adding a little bit of cooking oil to boiling water, will aid in stopping the rice or pasta from sticking together when drained. If you happen to run out of cooking oil – a squirt from your of olive oil spray will do exactly the same thing.
- Grating Cheese can be a bit of a pain – But if you do a quick non-stick spray coat on your grater, it will be much easier in the end. Clean-up will be easier also.
- Cooks know that tomato food tend to stain plastic containers – but if you give a coating of non-stick spray on the inside of the container before putting in the tomato product, should be easier to wash clean after use.
- Cleaning the lawn mower after use is a really messy job – but if you give your blades and inside the blade housing - a spray of olive oil before mowing, should make a much easier job of cleaning up with the water hose / brush afterwards.

Health and Wellbeing

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

— early detection saves lives

Health organisations across Australia join to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month, urging all Australians—especially women aged 40 and over—to prioritise breast health and schedule regular screenings.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australian women, with one in seven women likely to be diagnosed in their lifetime. Fortunately, early detection significantly improves outcomes, with a current five-year survival rate of over 94% for invasive breast cancer in Australia.

Regular screening, knowing what's normal for your body, and acting early on any changes are crucial.

Every story is unique Every journey matters

This year's global theme recognizes the diversity of experiences and reinforces the need for compassionate, timely and quality care for all—regardless of geography, income or background. In Australia the focus has been placed on the importance of making time for a regular breast screen.

Free mammograms are available through BreastScreen Australia for women aged 40 and over, while women aged 50 to 74 are actively invited by state and territory governments for screening every two years.

Self-checks and being alert to any changes in your breasts remain vital. If you notice a lump, skin changes, nipple discharge, or pain—see your GP promptly.

Equitable access to care

While awareness has increased, access to screening and high-quality care can still vary—especially for those in rural areas, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and diverse cultural groups.

Organisations such as the Breast Cancer Network Australia and McGrath Foundation continue working to ensure every person receives the best possible care, regardless of location or background.

Action to take

- Book a breast screen if eligible
- Share awareness messages via social media
- Donate to support breast cancer services and research
- Wear pink and participate in local Pink Day events to show your support

Did you know?

Men can get breast cancer too - although it is uncommon (approx 1% of cases each year). So check with GP if noticing any changes!

Be prepared in springtime - thunderstorm asthma protection

With thunderstorm season already underway, the Goulburn Valley Public Health Unit (GVPHU) is urging people who experience asthma and hay fever to be prepared and protect themselves from the risk of thunderstorm asthma.

Dr. Will Cross, GVPHU Clinical Director, emphasises the importance of preparation.

“If you have asthma or experience seasonal asthma, it's important to have an up-to-date asthma action plan and manage your symptoms with advice from your General Practitioner”, said Dr. Cross.

An asthma action plan is a simple guide created with your doctor to help you manage your asthma and know what to do if your symptoms get worse.

“Make sure you have your asthma medication with you at all times during this high-risk season,” said Dr Cross

What is thunderstorm asthma?

Thunderstorm asthma is a rare weather-related event that typically occurs during spring but can extend into December, during

the grass pollen season. It occurs during spring thunderstorms when pollen grains are swept up into the air and break into tiny particles. Pollen particles can enter deep into the lungs and trigger sudden asthma flare-ups, particularly in people with pre-existing asthma or hay fever. Episodes triggered during these events can be much more severe than regular asthma attacks, so even those with mild pre-existing conditions should be prepared.

Who is at risk?

You are at higher risk of thunderstorm asthma if you:

- Experience seasonal hay fever
- Have current asthma
- Have a history of asthma
- Have undiagnosed asthma

Kyabram District Health Service Diabetes Support Group

Kyabram District Health Service (KDHS) is pleased to be launching a new Diabetes Support Group, designed to offer connection, education and encouragement to those living with diabetes.

The group is open to anyone with diabetes, as well as their partners, carers, or support persons. Whether newly diagnosed or managing diabetes for many years, individuals are invited to join this welcoming and supportive environment.

The group will be shaped by the needs and interests of its members with activities ranging from guest speakers and educational sessions to gentle exercise and social catch-ups. The aim is to provide a space for people to connect, share experiences and be supported to live well with diabetes.

Details:

Date: Thursday 30 October

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Stanhope Health

Cost: Free

Kyabram District Health Service encourages community members to come along and discover the benefits of shared support and practical advice in managing diabetes.

For more information, contact KDHS on 5857 0236.

Diabetes Outreach Clinic

You can book an appointment at the Stanhope Diabetes Outreach Clinic by calling 03 5857 0451 or you can call into Stanhope Health on Tuesday mornings.

Referrals from GPs and other health clinicians can be emailed to referrals@kyhealth.org.au.

Appointment cost

All appointments with the Diabetes Outreach Care Coordinator are free. Appointments with other health professionals at Stanhope Health are either Medicare covered or have small fees attached.



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Victoria’s duck abundance survey about to begin

The Game Management Authority (GMA) will begin its annual survey of Victoria’s game duck population on Tuesday, 21 October 2025.

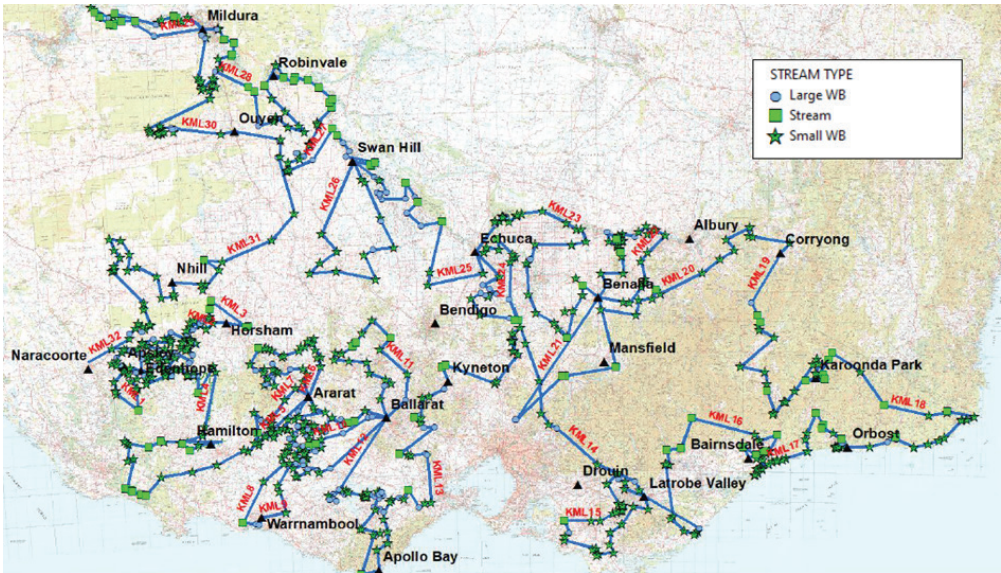
The survey will be conducted by wildlife biologists, who will record the presence, species and number of game ducks at more than 850 waterbodies across Victoria, including wetlands, farm dams, sewerage treatment plants, streams and rivers.

The survey will also include ground counts where the helicopter is unable to operate. Satellite imaging will be used to determine how much water is in game duck habitats in Victoria, which informs an estimate of the total abundance of each game duck species in the state.

The GMA is continuing this research as part of the Victorian Government’s Sustainable Hunting Action Plan. The results from the survey will be used as one of the key inputs to support Adaptive Harvest Management for setting sustainable duck hunting arrangements each year.

GMA Research Principal Dr Jason Flesch said regularly collecting data is critical to understanding what drives the abundance and productivity of game duck populations.

“Results from this survey will help to accurately estimate total game duck abundance, based on the environmental conditions at the time,” Dr Flesch said.



The proposed flight path map.

“This research is the most comprehensive survey of game ducks undertaken in Victoria. It benefits wildlife conservation by increasing our understanding of the ecology of Victoria’s game duck populations and the health of their habitats.”

The 2025 survey is scheduled to take place from Tuesday, 21 October until Saturday, 8 November, inclusive. The flight schedule

may change from day to day, depending on weather conditions or other factors. Residents in surveyed areas may see a helicopter flying at low levels for a short time and for no longer than is necessary. Disturbance to livestock will be minimised or avoided. The safety of people and livestock is a priority. The results of the survey will be published on the GMA website in 2026.

Climate tipping points reached as global warming approaches 1.5°C

A major international report has revealed that Earth has crossed its first critical “tipping point,” marking a dangerous moment in the climate crisis.

The Global Tipping Points report, involving 160 scientists from 23 countries, warns that human-driven environmental damage is pushing the planet into irreversible change. Tipping points are thresholds where small changes lead to significant, often unstoppable shifts in Earth systems — such as ice sheet collapse, rainforest dieback, or the disruption of ocean currents.

The 2025 report identified the widespread dieback of coral reefs as the first climate tipping point. This tipping point was reached when global warming hit the 1.2°C to 1.5°C range, causing severe marine heatwaves. At 1.4°C of warming, a majority of the world’s warm-water coral reefs have been affected by severe bleaching, a major factor in their dieback.

The Amazon rainforest is also closer than previously estimated to a tipping point, with the potential for widespread dieback to begin at 1.5°C of warming.

Some parts of the Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets are showing accelerating ice loss,

bringing them closer to their tipping points. This could eventually raise global sea levels by several meters, with catastrophic consequences for coastal communities worldwide.

The report highlights that these changes are not isolated — they are interconnected and can trigger cascading effects. For example, warming in the Arctic may accelerate permafrost thaw, releasing methane and further warming the planet, which in turn can affect monsoon systems or disrupt global weather patterns.

Importantly, the scientists stress that while one tipping point may have been reached, many others can still be avoided if urgent action is taken. They call for a “global tipping point” in human response — a rapid transformation of energy, food, and economic systems to limit global warming to below 1.5°C.

The findings serve as a warning to world leaders ahead of global climate talks. The report urges immediate, collective efforts to

phase out fossil fuels, protect ecosystems, and promote sustainable development. The next decade is seen as a crucial window to prevent further irreversible damage to Earth’s systems and secure a livable future.


COP 30 in November

The next major global climate talks, COP 30, will take place in Belém, Brazil from 10 to 21 November 2025.

The conference is formally the 30th session of the UN Climate Change Conference (Conference of the Parties, or “COP”) under the UNFCCC framework.

Belém is located in the Brazilian Amazon region, in the state of Pará.

Leading into COP 30, a “Pre-COP” preparatory meeting is scheduled for 14–15 October 2025 in Brasília, Brazil, to help negotiators set the stage for the main talks.



Kirsty couldn’t make our deadline this week as one of her little wombats is ‘not quite right’ and needs all her attention!

ON THE BRINK

Looking at endangered or extinct flora and fauna.

Why worry?

So why *do* we worry if some tiny bug or obscure frog can no longer be found in the wild?

It's likely that there are many people who secretly long for the day when mosquitoes become extinct! But here are some reasons why we should worry - even about critters that seem insignificant or are not pleasant to have around (like mosquitoes!)

1. Ecosystems are interconnected

Even tiny creatures play roles in their ecosystems—like pollinating plants, decomposing dead matter, or being food for other animals. Remove one, and it can have a domino effect:

- Lose an insect, and a bird that eats it might struggle.
- That bird disappears, and predators that rely on it are affected.
- Plants that relied on the insect for pollination may stop reproducing.

It's not always dramatic, but these systems are complex and sometimes fragile.

2. Scientific and medical value

Some obscure species (even bacteria) have led to big breakthroughs:

- A tiny sea snail helped create a powerful painkiller.
- Enzymes from bacteria found in hot springs are used in DNA testing (PCR).

We don't know what potential is lost with each extinction.

3. Biodiversity builds resilience

Diverse ecosystems are more resilient to climate change, disease, and invasive species. Each species is like a layer of protection—remove enough and the whole system can collapse.

4. They're part of the bigger picture

Even “insignificant” animals are part of the Earth's history and natural heritage. Their existence reflects millions of years of evolution and adaptation.

5. Extinction is often a warning sign

When a small species goes extinct, it's often a symptom of bigger environmental problems—pollution, habitat destruction, climate change—that will eventually affect larger species, including humans.

But extinction has been around for a long time (we don't have dinosaurs now)

It's true that extinction is a natural part of evolution - but today, the rate of extinction is much higher than normal, and most of it is caused by human activity—not natural processes.

So the real concern is what that trend means for ecosystems, biodiversity, and us in the long run.

Next: Some little extinctions with big consequences.

Birds of a Feather

Blue-faced Honeyeater



The Blue-faced Honeyeater is one of our honeyeaters that is easy to identify. It is larger than most of our local honeyeaters at about 30 cm in length and has striking plumage with a blue patch around its eye which is not coloured by feathers but is bare skin. Males and females are similar. They have a black head and a bold black streak under their chin and a golden-green upper body. These honeyeaters are usually in pairs or groups up to seven in noisy flocks and like noisy minors they will harass other birds. Although they are a bush bird they are very common around towns and quite common in Rushworth. Blue-faced honeyeaters occur along the east of Australia and across the north but are not in Tasmania or in the dry outback. In Queensland they are known as the Banana Bird as they like to feed on the flowers of the banana plant.

Blue-faced honeyeaters feed on insects and

other invertebrates and like other honeyeaters also feed on native flowers such as hakeas, melaleucas and callistemons which explains why they like to be in towns when there are fewer trees and shrubs flowering in the bush. Because of their liking for sweet things some have even been seen taking sugar sachets on outside café tables, pecking them open, pouring out the sugar and savouring it.

A pair may build a nest together but often will refurbish the old nests of other species such as red wattlebirds, babbler or even magpies. Only the female will incubate the eggs but both parents will feed the young and in some cases younger birds have been seen to help. It's breeding time now so you may soon see the immature Blue-faced Honeyeaters which have a yellow face which will turn greenish before finally turning the spectacular bright blue.

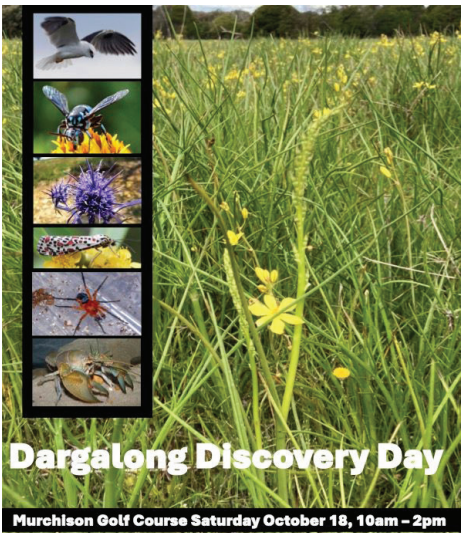
The Rushy Birder

Waranga Catchment Landcare Collective

WCLC invites everyone to come along to the WCLC Dargalong Discovery Day at Murchison Golf Course on Saturday October 18th, from 10 am.

Learn about this remnant native grassland which was discovered and protected in the late 1990s by Goulburn Valley Environment Group (GVEG) with local ecologists and landcarers.

There will be kids activities, Landcare displays and live wildlife displays featured. Lunch is provided - and the weather forecast is a balmy 21 degrees!



Murchison Golf Course Saturday October 18, 10am - 2pm
Meet some of the residents of this wildflower wonderland with expert ecologists and local land-carers. Activities for kids. Free BBQ lunch.

Presented by Waranga Catchment Landcare Collective

Fifty years ago in our district....

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



Big occasion for Toolleen in October 1975

Cr. Ron Hickson opened the new Toolleen Sporting Centre, which had been a big achievement for a small district. The multi-purpose pavilion was to become the hub for local sporting clubs, community groups and for public meetings. A series of grants and ratepayer contributions had combined to enable erection of a brick building of 28 squares, at a cost of just on \$62,000.

A big crowd attended the opening in the evening of Saturday 18 October, including local MPs from State and Federal Parliaments, with the main address by the Hon. Jock Granter, Member of the Victorian Legislative Council.

On behalf of the community, resident Mr Michael Ryan expressed thanks to Cr. Hickson as the driving force behind the project, before a supper dance in the new facility.

(Many of us remember the old change-rooms when playing footy against Mount Pleasant. A small corrugated iron shed divided by a wall of the same iron, with a concrete floor, and some very average showers down the south end. Around the walls were nails to hang your clothes. From memory, after the new pavilion came into operation, the dividing wall was taken down so that visiting footy teams had use of the whole shed.)

Crime

Shepparton C.I.B. and Rushworth police were investigating after 150 posts belonging to Eddie Gleeson were stolen from the forest road leading to the old Buffalo diggings. Tools had been stolen and a tractor damaged while being used to haul the robbers' vehicle out of a bog. Mr Gleeson offered a reward for information.

Senior Constable Hromenko had been busy, handing out invitations to speeding motorists to attend the Court House. One was an Army cook based at Puckapunyal, using a NSW driving licence as his Victorian licence had been cancelled!

Fines and loss of licence arose for two local men found driving over .05% blood alcohol, while another was convicted of driving an unregistered truck on the Midland Highway near Stanhope. The defence in the latter case was that he had to feed cattle on his own land, but could only get past floodwaters via a gateway on the highway.

Shire of Waranga

The Stanhope tip was closed due to flooded roads.

A part-time vacancy as Kindergarten Directress was advertised over the name of Terry Larkins, Shire Secretary.

Two senior officials from the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission (*remember the Commission?*) spoke to a Council meeting, outlining plans to hand over leasehold land around Waranga Basin for Council control, as part of a general policy to give local communities a greater say in land use on the margins of the water. The Commission planned to stay involved and to provide grants for specified works. The plan would exclude Crown Land, such as the Basin caravan park.

Farming

President of the Victorian Farmers Federation, Jim Heffernan, visited Colbinabbin, welcomed by local VFF branch president Ernie Chiswell and secretary Ian Laurie. In a time of rampant inflation, farmers were faced with massive stock culls and minimal prices at wool sales, and these topics dominated Mr Heffernan's address.

Mr Heffernan, a woolgrower, travelled from Apsley near the South Australian border. He spoke and answered a series of questions. Mr Chiswell called on Norm Wright to move a vote of thanks which was carried by acclamation.

Haymaking services were offered by Tom Morgan (Colbinabbin), Don Sefton (Girgarre) and Russell Hacon (Rushworth).

Community

The Seymour Band entertained members of Rushworth Old Boys and Girls Association at their annual get-together, transferred to the Shire Hall from Whroo due to wet weather. Photographed were Jack Barry (President) and Bill Nurse (secretary), chatting to Jim Service. Also smiling for the camera were Mrs Jack Hawking of Boronia, Mrs Bessie Hawking of Rushworth and Mrs Garvin of Stanhope.

The Apex Club of Rushworth and Colbinabbin hosted a successful gymkhana at Colbinabbin Recreation Reserve, which drew contestants from around the state. Local riders doing well were Len Tennant of Stanhope South and Karen Bennett of Stanhope. Concerns that rain would make the oval difficult for the horses were unfounded, with competitors reported as pleased with the surface.

Rushworth Country Womens' Association ladies performed at the Shire Hall for the local Senior Citizens Club. Doreen Fenton, Heather Jones, Mary Beck, Norma Bolden, Peg Taylor and Joyce Kolenaty sang songs while dressed as the popular television

characters, the Black and White Minstrels. Outfits included blackened faces, white blouses and black slacks. *(There may be sensitivity to the blackened faces if a similar concert was given today.)*

People

Don and Florence Perry hosted a big party in the Shire Hall to celebrate the 21st birthday of twins Dianne and David (Pluto).

Allan and Lynette Breen (nee Auld) welcomed Daniel Allan at Kyabram Hospital.

Rushworth's Ron Pearce, known as Johnson Pearce, died at Kyabram. Also passing was Mrs Bridget Bailey of Rushworth, aged just 71. She was the mother of Clarrie Bailey, a well-known supporter of the local RSL.

Gladys Newton, formerly of Murchison and mother of Gordon, died at Mooroopna.

Bowls

Heavy rain washed out most district bowls, but Tuesday pennant for the Associates saw Stanhope ladies 88, way ahead of Rushworth on 40. Mavis Meadowcroft, Nancy Tudor and Jean Roulston were the successful skippers, over Dot Aitken, Florence Perry and Anne Pearce.

Runners-up at a bowls day in Shepparton to support Legacy were Jack and Elsie Laurie and Ted and Joan Whitehead.

Bowls were very popular in 1975, the newspaper publishing full results in most editions, naming all the players. Teams selected for the following Saturday were also in the Chronicle each Thursday.

Tennis

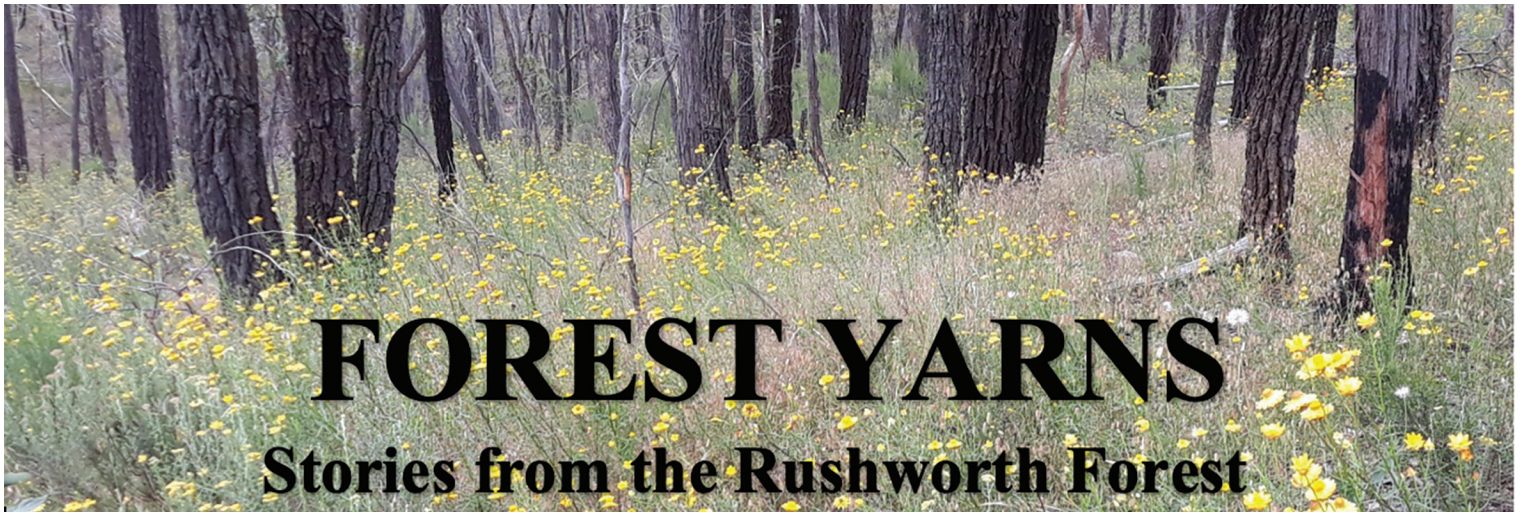
The newspaper left out one of the men in the Rushworth 1 team in A-grade tennis, naming Alan McLean (the other one), Graeme Bolden, Mark Mackinder, Nan Jessup, Beryl Home, Norma Bolden and Cheryl Hawking. (I will guess at Colin Barlow as the missing man.)

Wanalta and Colbo people made up most of Rushworth A3 team, being Ian Reid, Rob Ryan, Trevor Branson, Neville Thompson, Sandra Wallace, Shirley Raglus, Nola and Valma Pepperell.

Junior A-grade team was Wes Draper (c), Wayne Raglus, Gillian Risstrom (to play as a boy, as numbers were short), Carolyn Home, Elizabeth Caygill and Isabel McLean.

Waranga Boat Club

Winners at a weekend regatta included locals Byron Gray of Rushworth in the Pacer class of yachts and Colin Walker of Stanhope in the Mosquito class.



A Rushworth Invention

In a town where the timber industry was important for many years, it is perhaps unsurprising that locals invented things that had a connection to the industry. One such invention was devised by Eric Ollov Risstrom Junior of Rushworth.

Eric was the son of Eric Ollov Risstrom Snr, who was born in Sweden, and Mary Ann (nee Davidson), who was born in Ireland, and was one of nine children. His father came to Australia in 1859. Eric Jnr was born in Steiglitz, an old gold mining town west of Melbourne, in 1870. He married Margaret ("Maggie") Taylor in 1894 and they, in turn, had ten children, all born in Rushworth.

Eric Jnr worked at Walbran's store, before opening his own store, known as The Block Emporium in High Street. He advertised that business in the local paper for three years from 1903-5, then as The Furniture Arcade and Emporium (usually known simply as "The Arcade"), on the corner of High Street and Moora Road, until 1914 when he moved to Melbourne.¹ He did not work in the Rushworth forest but would have had regular contact with many men who did. Their ideas may have helped Eric to shape the final product covered by his patent.



Eric Risstrom Jnr in lodge regalia

Patent application

In 1902, Eric Risstrom Jnr applied for a patent for his invention, which was approved as Patent No 19047, "improvements in show stands for axes and the like."² The Rushworth museum contains an example of the invention, as well as a scale model built by Eric to show how his invention would look and work. Eric Snr was a carpenter and had clearly passed some of his skills on to his son.

The rotating stand was not really intended for private use. It was more a way for retailers to display a range of axes in their retail outlets without taking up too much space. The design was such that the axes faced inwards to protect the blades. In the application, Eric stated that "as is well known axes are of different patterns and different weights, and it is a trade custom to brand the weights on the back of the axe head or near thereto at the back of the handle." Customers could see the weight of each axe as they turned the revolving axe stand around.

One version of the stand had two tiers which could each hold 24 axes. Each axe-head had its own separate compartment. The handles of the axes on the top tier pointed upwards; those on the bottom tier downwards. The central pillar could be free-standing or bracketed to a wall.

Eric continued to pay the fees to renew the patent until at least 1909, so hopefully the sales were providing him with some regular income.

Move to Melbourne

While many of the Risstrom family stayed in the local area, Eric and his family moved to Northcote in Melbourne in 1914 after the failure of his business. This was a major loss to Rushworth, as Eric had been very active in community organisations such as the Mechanics Institute, the fire brigade, Empire Day committee and the rifle club.

The iconic store, which still stands on the corner of Moora Road and High Street, was taken over by Daniel Wilson. In Melbourne, Eric pursued a career as a carpenter and joiner, specialising in making church furniture.

Both in Rushworth and Northcote, the Risstroms were closely connected to the Methodist church. Eric was a lay preacher for 50 years. When he was in Melbourne,

he served for a time as the President of the Rushworth Old Boys and Old Girls Association. He regularly visited patients at the Alfred Hospital, where he was known as "the man with the harp".³

Many members of the Risstrom family remained in Rushworth and district. Eric's brother George ran a well-known sawmilling business and was president of the Rushworth Football Club during its glory years in the 1930s and again after World War 2. He was succeeded in the business by his son Ron, and he in turn by his son Wes.

The Risstroms had a forge at their mill where they made a lot of their own tools. Perhaps this inventiveness had its origins in the trade skills of Eric Risstrom Snr, and the intellect and design skills of his son that are clearly demonstrated in his patent application.

References: 1 Bons, Tracy, *Rushworth Businesses and Their Owners Vol 1* pp 96-7; 2 *National Archives of Australia*, Item A131149, 19047; 3 *The Herald* (Melbourne) 6.3.1945.

Patented axe stand held by Rushworth & District Historical & Preservation Society



Valé Kathleen Mary Bates

12/4/1927 — 18/4/2025

Contributed by Stephen Bates.

Mum was born in the Old Women's Hospital in Carlton. Her parents were Joseph Mutton of Fawkner and Kathleen Mutton (Laracy) of Wanalta. Mum had an older sister, Eileen, and a younger sister, Ann.

Her association with Rushworth began at an early age, spending time with her grandparents, Tom and Lizzie Laracy of A'Beckett Street.

School was initially in Catholic schools and later Boundary Road North Melbourne. She even spent a short time at school in Rushworth during the 1930s.

Life was tough for many families during the Depression years of the 1930s. Nana, Mum and Auntie Ann battled on in North Melbourne and many stories were told of the Vic Market and the daily struggle to get by.

Mum finished school in 1940. At just 13 years and 9 months old, she entered the workforce. Someone reported her for being underage and she had to appear before a tribunal. The magistrate recognised that, like so many families, hers needed the extra income and allowed her to continue.

By April 1941 she had turned 14 and was fully employed. One of her first jobs was at a textile mill on the edge of the city. Rain, hail or shine, she would walk from North Melbourne to the city, often in the dark. The mill was extremely noisy and the only "health and safety" provided was a glass of milk a day to cope with the fibre-laden air. Mum was glad to leave that job and over time took on many others.

Mum found a waitressing job in a café. This began a long association with a woman named Minnie Dusting. Before long she became an integral part of Minnie's enterprise. During World War II, when the Americans arrived in Melbourne, Minnie saw an opportunity and purchased a boarding house in St Kilda. Mum worked tirelessly often eighteen hours a day, seven days a week. Mum proudly recalled that she was paid three pounds a week, the same wage as a man.

After the war ended Minnie bought another large house in St Kilda. This was converted into a boarding house and while working there Mum met Dad. The house was sold as Minnie bought a grand mansion in Elizabeth Bay, Sydney. It was originally J.C. Williamson's Tudor Hall which stretched right down to the water. Mum and I went to see it in 1973 only to find that it had just been demolished.

Mum married Alfred Stephen Bates in 1951. They lived in and around Sydney,



eventually settling at Green Gables in Potts Point where they made lifelong friends. In 1959 they welcomed their first child, Stephen Philip Bates.

A move to get away from the city and to enjoy a better life took us to Coffs Harbour and they settled in the then tiny hamlet of Sawtell. Unfortunately, a recession was underway and work was limited so they returned to Sydney.

On our return to Sydney Kath worked for a Mrs Stanley in a dressmaking factory right in the heart of Sydney. Kath rose to run her section and further developed her sense of fashion.

A move was made to a new home in the Western suburbs with Liverpool the closest major centre. The new suburb was called Heckenberg, named after a family of famous axemen. All the streets were named after the Snowy Mountains Scheme. At 32 Guthega Crescent Michelle was born on 14/3/1965 followed by Robert John on 29/8/1966.

With only one car in the family, which was common, Mum had to take the bus or walk to shopping centres. Not easy with three small children in an area poorly provided with public transport.

Dad had a bad car accident in 1968 and that proved to be the catalyst to move back closer to family. We headed back to Rushworth.

After a short stint in the family home we lived in various homes around Rushworth, Nine Mile Rd next to Tom and Leila Simpson, Church St next to the Potters and for many years in Murchison Rd. In 1980 the family moved into 17 Boulton St.

Dad passed away in 1997 and Kath lived there on her own, independently and with

quiet strength until about 2018/19. Kath then lived with Michelle and Bill in Yarrowonga until she could get into a nursing home.

Everybody in the family loved Mum. Kath did not believe in having favourites and everyone was loved and treated equally. Kath continued to help her children broaden their experiences and took Michelle and Robert on trips as well as Michelle's first three children, Amy, Eileen and Tom. Ziggy sadly missed out on those adventures.

Kath was very fashion conscious and even on a budget dressed well. Her life in Melbourne and Sydney fostered her desire to travel. In the 1990's she travelled overseas to Britain and Europe — the highlight of her journeys — as well as a trip to Humpty Doo to see Robert and to be a tourist in North Queensland with her three nieces Sally, Anne and Jill. Kath would always be involved with any excursion put on by the Senior Citizens and was quite adamant that such opportunities should be embraced.

Kath belonged to what is often called the Silent Generation. They went through the Depression, poverty and the uncertainty of the second World War and many other hardships without complaint.

Kath led by example, embodying kindness, honesty, generosity and hard work. Unsurprisingly, these values saw her rise from the shop floor to positions of leadership in her working life.

A devoted partner, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother — and a true Australian.

Having lived to 98 years of age, it is difficult for us to imagine life without her. She was with us for what feels like an eternity, and her absence leaves a great void.



Murchison Retirement Village – Wybalena

Do you know about the Murchison Retirement Village?

Wybalena is a retirement village of eleven independent living units for couples and individuals who have retired. It is conveniently situated in the town of Murchison and is close to all local amenities – Medical Centre, Supermarket, Bakery, Post Office, Pharmacy, Bowling Green, Churches, Ambulance service and many local community organisations including Men’s Shed, Neighbourhood House, Community Garden and the picturesque riverside gardens of Murchison.

Wybalena Village features eleven modern two bedroom independent living units with a carport available for each unit. All units have a bright outlook and are fitted with carpets, drapes, under-floor heating, reverse cycle air conditioning and a modern kitchen. A large community room is conveniently located on the premises for use of residents. There is an

Emergency Call system connected to each unit. Buildings and grounds maintenance is organised by the Management Committee.

Wybalena Village is managed by the Murchison Retirement Village Committee of Management which consists of elected volunteers. This committee ensures the village is financially viable, complies with the Retired Villages Act and Consumer Affairs requirements.

Currently there is a waiting list of people interested in moving into a unit at some time in the future – as units become available this list is used to determine the next eligible residents. All residents are required to be a member of MRV with an annual fee of \$5.

Anyone can become a member or MRV Inc and the committee would love to see more people from the community become members of MRV. Support is required from



the whole community to maintain and plan adequately for the future. This Village was established by community volunteers more than 40 years ago for people of retirement age to retire in Murchison. The committee needs to ensure this continues and required support and greater involvement from the Murchison community. Please consider joining the committee – there are vacancies available now. Contact can be made by calling President Stan on 0416 052 885.

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Since 2021, the working vineyard and brewery in the heart of the Heathcote wine region has hosted free live music every weekend – more than 400 shows – bringing local and touring acts to its laid-back bush stage. The format has drawn thousands of visitors each year for lazy afternoons of beer, wine, wood-fired pizza, and the kind of unhurried hospitality only found off the highway.

Now, the venue will once again welcome big-ticket artists for two special evenings under the stars:

**Friday 24 October –
Tim Rogers with Millie Strange**

In collaboration with Central Victorian touring circuit Beat’n Tracks, Tim Rogers - frontman of You Am I and one of Australia’s

wit and soulful rock to Cornella. Rising talent Millie Strange will open the evening with her powerhouse voice and smoky, bluesy style.

**Friday 7 November –
Mick Thomas’ Roving Commission with Hana & Jessie-Lee’s Bad Habits**

Beloved songwriter Mick Thomas (Weddings Parties Anything) leads The Roving Commission in a rollicking night of folk-rock, ballads, and storytelling. Melbourne’s Hana & Jessie-Lee’s Bad Habits will set the tone with their swaggering blend of twang, blues, and soul.

For Shiraz Republic manager Spencer Page, the move back into ticketed concerts is a natural progression.

“We’ve built a loyal crowd with our free



Tim Rogers

These ticketed shows let us bring in bigger names while keeping that same relaxed, regional atmosphere people love.”

With its panoramic vineyard views, in-house wines and beers, and a stage just metres from the vines, Shiraz Republic offers a music experience that’s uniquely rural yet world-class.

Event Details

Venue: Shiraz Republic, 507 Hamblin Rd, Cornella VIC

Tickets: Available now at shirazrepublic.com.au/live-music

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(Left) Mick Thomas’ Roving Commission with Hana & Jessie-Lee’s Bad Habits.



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A wonderful start to Term 4 at St Mary's

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Classrooms are already buzzing with engaging learning activities, and students have settled quickly back into their routines. Across all year levels and specialist programs, there has been a strong focus on curiosity, creativity and collaboration.

As we move through this final term, there is much to look forward to — from special events and celebrations to continued growth in learning and personal achievement. We are proud of the positive start our students have made and look forward to a rewarding and successful Term 4 for everyone.

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District Athletics

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Did you know Monday was M&M day?

On Monday, the Grade 3/4 class celebrated by graphing the data we collected from a bag of mini M&M's and a bag of crispy M&M's. We used excel to display our data (we were careful not to eat any before the final count to ensure our data was accurate!)

Highlight of the Week – Week 1, Term 4

Last week's Progress Monitoring in InitialLit for Foundation students, has highlighted strong growth for all students. A solid foundation for our students to further build upon in their learning.

A fantastic achievement for all - well done!



Basketball Court

The long-awaited painting of our basketball court has begun this week! We are very excited to see the progress and can't wait to enjoy the

finished result. There's already a buzz of excitement around the school, and we're sure our students will be thrilled to use the newly painted court during break times and sport classes.



Emily Risstrom-Riley baptised at Colbinabbin UC



The family group after the Baptism: very proud big brother, Oliver Riley, Kimberley Risstrom and Daniel Riley (holding Emily) with big sister Alexandra (Lexi) in front.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival
30 November to 2 December 2025.
Talk to your parish or school if you would like to be part of the journey.



Very dear friend, Mary Beck, was delighted to be part of the baptism celebrations of Emily Grace.

Heather Woodman lead the Sunday service with Rev Brian Spencer of Waranga Uniting Churches carrying out the official Baptism proceedings.

It was just a short stroll across the road for family and guests from the church to the Colbinabbin Country Hotel where festivities continued over lunch.

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 - 9.30am 4th 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. 1st and 3rd Sundays: Cornella 9am; Stanhope 10.30am. 2nd and 4th Sundays: Rushworth 9am; Murchison 10.30am.
5th 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.

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- St Andrew's, Rushworth: Sunday 9am: Minister Kalpan Vasa 0477 241 042 or Elder Gary Dunstan 5856 1332.
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Who Am I Now?

Finding identity in exile

My mother had six children between 1945 and 1958. For nearly twenty years she had nappies on the line and a kitchen full of hungry mouths. She was a full-time mother—cooking, washing, cleaning, and running errands for both family and farm.

As my three older brothers left school and began working on the dairy farm, the work didn't ease off—it simply changed. There were midday meals for farmhands and piles of muddy overalls to wash. Mum's world revolved around service, rhythm, and responsibility—a life defined by others yet filled with meaning and motion.

By the early 1970s, there were still four of us at home and then within just eighteen months three of us married and left and my youngest sister headed off to university. Mum's daily purpose, her role, her sense of who she was evaporated almost overnight.

In her early fifties, she found herself in a quiet house. The washing line stood still and empty. She was going through what we now call empty nest syndrome, but it was more than that—an identity crisis. The person she had been, mother at the centre of everything, no longer existed. She was adrift, needing to learn who she was when her children no longer needed her.

Losing my place

At nineteen I felt called to the ministry. After five years of study, I was ordained in 1977 and began my first full-time placement in Dareton, a small community on the Murray River near Mildura. I believed I had found my life's calling—my purpose and place in the world.

But life, like faith, rarely follows the neat lines we imagine. In 1985, after the

breakdown of my marriage, I was dismissed by the congregation I was serving in Melbourne. Overnight, the identity that had shaped me—Minister, Pastor, Leader—was gone. I was lost.

What I had once believed to be a lifelong vocation abruptly ended. I found myself outside the only world I'd known. Like my mother before me, I faced the painful question: Who am I now?

It would be twenty-seven years before I was again employed as a minister. In that long in-between time I had several career changes and seasons of searching. I learnt new skills, took on new jobs, met new people—but always secretly carried my identity as a minister in my heart. I still believed ministry was my calling even though, in reality, I was no longer recognised by the structures that once gave me that name.

Faith in exile

My long season of exile taught me something I couldn't have learned otherwise—that our identities are not fixed to a role or title. They are formed, tested and transformed through change.

The people of Israel went through such a journey during their exile in Babylon. Before that, their faith was centred on place—the Temple in Jerusalem. That was where they believed God lived, sacrifices were offered and their identity as the chosen people was affirmed.

When the Temple was destroyed and they were carried off to Babylon, their entire world collapsed. They had to ask: If we can't go to the Temple, is God still with us? Who are we now, having lost the centre of our world?

It was during that season of displacement that their faith was re-born and re-formed. They discovered that God's presence was not confined to a building or a nation. God was everywhere—even in Babylon. Their understanding of faith shifted from local to universal, from ritual to relationship. They came to see that God is not simply our God,

but the Creator of the whole world.

From that discovery came renewal. The Israelites built houses, planted gardens, raised families and began to pray and study in new ways. They sought "the welfare of the city" (Jeremiah 29:7), because they now understood that God was there too.

Most of us will go through some form of exile in our lives. It might come through redundancy, divorce, retirement, illness, or the death of someone dear—or even through success that leaves us strangely empty. At these times we ask ourselves: Who am I now, if I'm no longer the parent, teacher, farmer, or spouse I used to be?

Our culture often defines us by what we do, but those roles are temporary. They change with time, age and circumstance.

The good news—the gospel news—is that beneath all the shifting identities of our lives lies a deeper one that never changes: we are God's beloved children.

Before Jesus began his ministry, before he healed, taught or performed a single miracle, he heard a voice from heaven: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased." (Luke 3:22) That was the foundation of his life—and it can be ours too.

Beloved, where we are

When everything else is stripped away—titles, jobs, roles and reputations—this truth remains: we are loved. We are known. We belong.

This truth sustained my mother in her empty nest. It sustained me through my years in exile from ministry. And it can sustain every community, every church, every soul learning to live in a changing world.

Our true identity is not found in what we once were or in what we hope to become, but in the One who calls us Beloved—even while we are in exile, no longer sure of who we are or who we are meant to be.

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

*Brian Spencer, Minister
Waranga Uniting Churches*

The new Archbishop of Canterbury

The Uniting Church in Australia congratulates The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, who has been appointed Archbishop of Canterbury.

Bishop Mullally makes history as the first woman to serve in this globally significant role.

Uniting Church President Rev Charissa Suli said, "This is an affirmation of our deep and long-held belief that the gifts and call of the Holy Spirit are poured out freely, without

boundary or restriction of gender, for the leadership of Christ's church.

"May her ministry be a blessing to the Anglican Communion and to the whole people of God and may she be sustained always by the Spirit's renewing grace.

"We assure Bishop Mullally of the prayers of the Uniting Church in Australia."

Photo at right: The Rt Revd Sarah Mullally, who has been appointed Archbishop of Canterbury.



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20-26	National Water Week
Wed 22	Let's Grow: Waterwise Gardens 7pm Eastbank
Thu 23	Campaspe Murray Business connect - Guest speaker: Bastien Treptel speaking Impacts of AI & Cybersecurity Moama
Sun 26	Girgarre Open Garden Festival

NOVEMBER

Sun 2	Stanhope Community Market from 8am
Sat 15	Rushworth Market, High Street - 8.30am to 1pm
Sat 15	Showdown at the Soundshell - Gargarro Botanic Gardens
Sat 29	Rushworth Christmas & Art & Craft 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.
- 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
- Community meals - Wednesdays 12pm at Murchison Neighbourhood House
- 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 Museum: every Saturday 10am-12 noon, 1st and 4th 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 old Senior Citizen's building
- 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

Council has officially opened off-leash dog parks in Tongala and Kyabram. Delivered with support from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program, the parks were identified as community priorities through the Kyabram and Tongala place-based plans.



Coming Up

Council meeting | 6pm Tuesday, 21 October 2025 | Echuca Civic Centre
Meetings can be streamed live: www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming

Public Notice

Notice of intention to sell subject land.
Council gives notice of its intention to sell by private treaty the following parcels of land (the Land):

- Crown Allotment 45 TP487376U comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5552 Folio 285 known as 940 Rochester-Strathallan Road, Strathallan; and
- Crown Allotment 65 TP487281K comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5252 Folio 319 known as 1010 Rochester-Strathallan Road, Strathallan to Strathallan Community Group Inc. for a total of \$110.00 (GST inclusive).

The proposed sale will be subject to contractual terms satisfactory to Council
Any person may make a submission on the proposal to sell the Land. Any person wishing to make a submission can do so in writing by Thursday, 13 November 2025. Following the consideration of any submissions, Council may decide to sell the Land, part of the Land or not to sell the Land.

Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and can be delivered to Council's Civic Centre at 2 Heygarth Street, Echuca, posted to Campaspe Shire Council, PO Box 35, Echuca 3564 or emailed to shire@campaspe.vic.gov.au.

Submissions received on the proposed sale of the Land may be included in the Council Agenda and Minutes published on Council's website, including the personal information of the submitter. Please indicate in your submission if you do not wish your personal information to be identified in the Agenda and Minutes.

Further information regarding the proposal, including a plan of the land, may be obtained from Council's Property Manager on 03 5481 2200 or on Council's website.

Pauline Gordon
Chief Executive Officer

Now Open For open projects and applications, visit: campaspe.vic.gov.au/nowopen

Citizen of the Year Nominations

The Citizen of the Year Awards celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals and community organisations or groups in our region. Nominations are open for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, and Community Group of the Year. Visit the Now Open page for more details on the nomination process. Nominations close Sunday, 2 November.

Glow Up Disco

Free tickets are now available for the 2025 Youth Glow Up Disco! The Glow Up Youth Disco is a drug-free, alcohol-free, vape-free and smoke-free event for ages 12-17 years, supervised by youth workers to ensure a safe environment. It's on Friday, 14 November, from 6.30-9.30pm at Fuzion Café, 258 Pakenham Street, Echuca. No pass-outs will be allowed. To book tickets, head to www.trybooking.com/DFWKB

Street Tree Applications

Council is finalising orders for next year's Street Tree Planting program. Trees are scheduled to be planted between May and August 2026 in streets, parks and gardens across the shire. To obtain a street tree, lodge an online request or contact our Customer Service team for help. Applications close 31 October.

Mental Health Month

October is Mental Health Month, and Council along with Campaspe Murray Mental Health and Wellbeing Network are promoting events that aim to educate and support community members - including free movie matinees on 15 and 22 October at Echuca Library. To find out more about the events in October, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/eventsdirectory

SPARK your creative practice

SPARK arts and cultural grants applications are now open. Individual artists, creatives, cultural practitioners, arts groups or community organisations can apply for this funding opportunity, which offers grants of between \$5000 and \$10,000 to support creative projects, practice and new ideas. Applications close 7 November at 5pm.

Free mulch and discounted delivery

Free garden mulch is available at Council's Colbinabbin, Echuca, Mt Scobie, Lockington, Rushworth and Rochester Resource Recovery Centres, while stocks last. For a limited time, Council is offering discounted delivery of mulch loads of five cubic metres (5m3) and over. To seek a quote for discounted delivery, visit the Now Open section on our website.

Emergency Services Expo

Join us for a free and family-friendly Emergency Services Expo on Saturday, 25 October from 10am to 2pm at Hopwood Gardens in Echuca. This event is designed to help community members prepare for emergencies, with demonstrations, activities, and expert advice. Free children's entertainment will include a jumping castle, face painting, games, and more. This event is funded by the State of Victoria through Emergency Recovery Victoria's Recovery Hubs Program.

Campaspe Murray Business Connect
6-9pm, Thursday, 23 October

Join us at Moama Bowling Club for an evening of networking and inspiration. Featured speaker Bastien Treptel brings a wealth of knowledge about the latest advancements in AI and Cybersecurity, and how these impact you and your business. Light refreshments included. Book tickets via www.investrivercountry.com.au/events



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Readers' Corner

- interesting things to know
and do!

BOOK IT IN

Beyond the World of Pooh

Selections from the memoirs of Christopher (Methuen 2001)

All those years ago, when we said goodbye to Christopher-Robin and Pooh and all their friends, things were about to change in the Hundred Acre Wood. Christopher-Robin knew this but Pooh didn't understand, so as they set off on their last adventures Pooh walked back into our childhood memories and Christopher-Robin walked forward into the future – to boarding school, to Cambridge, to the Second World War and to marriage and fatherhood.

Growing up as a small boy in the shadow of his father's literary success and his own fame as the real but also fictional Christopher-Robin, Christopher-Milne became a rather shy and timid boy who became a shy and diffident young man. Gently articulate but attempting for much of his life to escape the expectations and misconceptions of those who expected him to step right out of the pages of the books, Christopher-Milne had some difficulties finding his place in the world. Eventually however, with his wife Lesley and their disabled daughter Clare, he found his true calling as a bookseller in the small seaside town of Dartmouth on the English coast where they established "The Harbour Bookshop" which ran successfully for many years.

Over his lifetime (he died in 1996), he wrote four memoirs of his life. Firstly 'The Enchanted Places' about his early life at Crotchford Farm with his parents and much loved nanny, then in 1980, 'The Path Through the Trees' about his pleasure in country life. In 1982 he published "The Hollow on the Hill' and in 1988, "The Open Garden' in which he described the long story of his escape from Pooh. 'Beyond the World of Pooh' contains excerpts from all these books and gives us many glimpses of the mature years of this delightful man. For those of us who still regard the stories of Christopher-Robin and all his friends with the pleasure and delight that they first gave us, this is a book with which to finish that story that we first began many years ago!

The Bookster

MATHS QUIZ

1. The perimeter of a circle is also known as what?
2. True or false? A convex shape curves outwards.
3. What is the bigger number, a googol or a billion?
4. $7 \times 9 = ?$
5. True or false? In an isosceles triangle all sides are unequal.
6. $87 + 56 = ?$
7. True or false? Opposite angles of a parallelogram are equal.
8. Which prime number is the only even one?

Sudoku and Crossword puzzle

HOW TO PLAY

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in:

Each of the nine vertical columns

Each of the nine horizontal rows

Each of the nine
3 x 3 boxes

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

Across

1. Track down
5. Infrequent
7. Hangman's rope
8. Deteriorate by use
9. Distinction
10. Resist openly
11. Expense
13. Whirlpool
14. Firebomb liquid
18. Colonise
21. Donkey/horse cross
22. Baghdad natives
24. Ascertain
25. Exist
26. Seep out
27. Vow
28. Poultry products
29. Consecrate as priest

Down

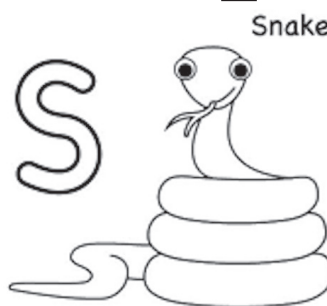
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3. Doorway
4. Gigolos (3,4)
5. Mirror
6. Shape again
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20. Facing the rising sun
22. Lead-in
23. Keep clear of

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Crossword No: 62

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S is for snake sssss



Snake

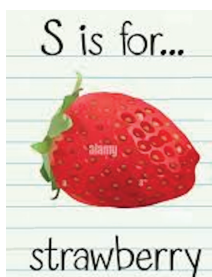
We in Victoria have some of the most venomous snakes in Australia. And now, is snake time. I've seen brown snakes, a red-bellied black snake and a tiger snake around our house. I've even had a snake or two, inside our house - and although I'm not really afraid of snakes, I draw the line at welcoming them

indoors! Snakes are protected by law in all Australian states and territories. If you find yourself in the company of a snake, the safest course of action is to slowly back away - and call a licensed snake catcher. Here's a tongue twister for you to try:

Sheila is selling her shop at the seashore, for shops at the seashore are so-so to lose.

Now she is not sure of what she should be selling. Should Sheila sell sea-shells or should she sell shoes.

S is also for **s**nails and **s**trawberries - and if you have **s**trawberries, you're bound to have **s**nails!



International guest and Field and Game CEO visit Rushworth group

by Graeme Wall

Rushworth P-12 College students had the opportunity this week to learn firsthand about sustainable hunting and conservation from two special guests — Lucas Cooke, CEO of Field & Game Australia, and Robbie Kroger, founder of The Origin Foundation, a podcast dedicated to wildlife conservation and ethical hunting.

The visit began at the Field & Game where Lucas and Robbie spoke to students about their work and the often-overlooked environmental benefits of responsible hunting. They discussed how conservation efforts are supported through habitat management, education, and community involvement.

After the presentation, the pair joined the H.O.P.E. (Hands-On Practical Education) students and Rushworth Field and Game members to inspect nesting boxes that had been built and installed earlier in the year as part of a collaborative conservation project. The inspection proved successful, with students discovering a ringtail possum and two baby galahs making use of the boxes along with eastern rosella eggs. Robbie was in Australia to do various Expos and engagements and said he had been following the projects and added our normal Wednesday morning working bee to his schedule.

The day concluded with a visit to the Rushworth wetlands, where Robbie recorded an



Rushworth P-12 students met with The Origins Dr Robbie Kroger.

episode of his podcast with Graeme Wall, discussing trends in local hunting participation and celebrating the environmental successes achieved in the region.

The event highlighted the ongoing partnership between Field & Game Australia and Rushworth P-12 College, reinforcing the value of practical environmental education and community-driven conservation initiatives.

After Lunch Robbie and Lucas accompanied some Field and Game members to the Corop wetlands discussing land and water management. It was particularly interesting comparing American and international strategies with Australian issues.



Robbie Kroger checks out one of Rushworth’s nesting boxes.

Field & Game collaboration with The Origins Foundation

Field & Game Australia has joined forces with Dr Robbie Kroger, founder of The Origins Foundation (formerly Blood Origins).

Originally from South Africa and now based in the United States, Dr Kroger holds a PhD in Environmental Science and is internationally recognised as one of the leading advocates for conservation through hunting. His life’s work is dedicated to telling the real story of hunters — as stewards of wildlife, protectors of habitat, and contributors to the future of conservation.

Through The Origins Foundation, Robbie has built a global platform that connects science, storytelling and humanity. Its Blood Origins Podcast has become one of the most

popular conservation and hunting podcasts in the world — reaching millions and frequently ranking #1 in the U.S. wilderness category and among the top outdoor and nature podcasts overall. The show brings together voices from across the spectrum — hunters, scientists, and everyday people — to demonstrate that conservation and hunting are not opposing forces, but deeply co-dependent.

Field & Game Australia is proud to stand alongside Dr Kroger and The Origins Foundation in championing this message — that ethical, sustainable hunting is one of the strongest forces for conservation on the planet.



Photos by Sharon Perry

Murchison/Toolamba FNC Junior Presentations

Presentation time at the club and the junior Hoppers of the club did very well this year. A huge thank you to our junior coaches, team managers, parents, committee members and club members for a fantastic 2025 season.

Netball - 11 and Under

Our 11's team was proved very popular amongst the littlest Hoppers this year. The team had a great season and learned so much along the way. The club is excited to see what the future of the Hoppers looks like. Congratulations to the 2025 award recipients.



Football - Under 9s

Congratulations to our Under 9 football team on a fantastic 2025 season. They braved all kinds of weather conditions this year (those Friday night games were mighty cold) but their resilience and love of football kept them going. Well done boys!



Netball - 13s!

The 13s netball team had a fantastic season, with lots of wins on the board. It was great to see the strengths each player brought to the team and how they were able to use them to the team's advantage. Congratulations to the award winners for the 2025 Season.



Football - Under 12s

Another tenacious group who really enjoyed their footy this year. Congratulations to the award winners for 2025.



Netball - 15 and Under

A very successful season having had a taste of finals, the girls will be keen for another chance in 2026. A great group of girls with lots of love for the game. Congratulations on an brilliant season.



Football - 15 and Under

An amazing season for an amazing junior team. Lots of talent and dedication displayed on and off the field making the future bright moving into senior football in the coming years. Well done to everyone on a great season, and congratulations to the award winners for 2025.



Junior Club Person Award


Congratulations to Mia Hodgkisson and Benji Mann

Congratulations to Sidney Nihill and Max Ewart for making the V/Line Under 15 Goulburn Murray Bushrangers teams. Sidney is in the Division 1 team and Max in the Division 2 team. This is an exceptional achievement and a big step in their football development.

MTFNC - Seniors Football Presentations

Congratulations to the Senior football team who took home the Premiership Trophy for the second year in a row. What a fantastic effort. The club would like to congratulate their senior football award-winners on their achievements and contributions to a successful 2025 season.


Football - Seniors Premiers!
Best and Fairest - Ashton Cashion



Congratulations to
Ashton Cashion

Best in finals - James Lloyd

SENIORS BEST ON GROUND




Seniors Runners-up Best and Fairest - Andrew Lloyd and James Milne



Congratulations to
Andrew Lloyd & James Milne

Seniors Most Courageous - Josh Wilde
Seniors Goal Kicking and Runner-up B and F Award - Andrew Lloyd
Seniors Players Player - Tye Borg
Seniors Unsung Hero - Brayden Cecchin



Football - Reserves
What a roller-coaster ride our Reserves team provided for its fans in 2025! A stellar season really showed us what they were capable of achieving.
Best and Fairest - Tristan Castle
Best and Fairest R/up - Jedd Harrison
Most valuable player - Corey Morse
Players player - Luke Cecchin
Best in finals - Shane Kay




Congratulations to
Jedd Harrison



Congratulations to
Shane Kay

Frank Hogan Memorial Award
The Frank Hogan Memorial Award goes to a player who goes beyond playing, is a true representative of the club and the values that the club hold. He helps out with extra tasks around the club to ensure everything is taken care of.
Frank Hogan Memorial Award
- Tim Magann



Football - Under 18s
Congratulations to the U18s on a very successful 2025 season having made it through to the finals.
Best and Fairest - Max Elder (top)
B & F Runner-up - Jayden Barnett (left)
Coaches Award - Kye Goodwin (right)



Life Member
Congratulations to Hayden Ewart recipient of MTFNC Life Membership.



2025 Best Male and Female Club Person Awards
Congratulations to Carly Tuhon and Peter Davies on being awarded Best Male and Best Female Club Person for 2025.
Your hard work and dedication to our club are to be commended.
Best Female Club Person - Carly Tuhon
Best Male Club Person - Peter Davies



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MTFNC - Netball Presentations

A Grade

Some very experienced and talented individuals making up this 2025 side.



A Grade Best and Fairest - Kelsey Gaskill and Tacita Lloyd (above)



A Grade Runner-up B & F- Jade Kay

A Grade Most Determined - Georgie Baker
A Grade Most Improved - Maggie Harrison

C Reserve

Another taste of finals! Congratulations to the C Reserve netballers who had a solid year.



Best and Fairest - Shae Archie (above)
Runner-up Best and Fairest - Hanna Turner
Most determined - Katie Clothier
Best in Finals - Ellie Parr

B Grade

These ladies started the season with some fresh faces along with the strength and experience from a few of the long time Hoppers.



B Grade Best and Fairest - Mel Brown



B Grade Runner-up Best and Fairest and Most Determined - Eliza Pyke (above)
B Grade Coach's Award - Carly Walker

Netball - 17 and Under

Congratulations to the Premiers and award winners. Your hard work and dedication have certainly paid off.



17U Best and Fairest - Lexie Anderson

C Grade

Another team who made the finals. The girls worked hard to achieve their goals and it really showed on the court. The award winners are standouts who are hardworking and dedicated to their team. Congratulations!



Above: Best and Fairest - Jade Golightly and Molly Connors (absent)



Runner-up and Most Determined - Jill Mulraney (above)
Best in Finals - Bridie McCormick
Most Determined - Jill Mulraney

17U Runner-up B & F - Marli Young
17U Most Improved - Reagan Connors
17U Coach's Award - Hanna Turner

Rushworth Cricket Club season off to a great start

The Rushworth cricket season started for the B Grade players on 10 October. D Grade players will don their caps on 25 October

The B Grade captain this season is once again Liam Francis and D Grade captain is David Baldwin.
Thank you to the continued sponsorship from Fuzztrans, Jak McMillan Electrical, Arbor Dynamics, Jarrett Tree Service, Work-Mate Earthworks, Newton Livestock Transport and T n' M Plumbing.

October 10
B Grade played Stanhope at the Ironbark Stadium with Rushworth losing the toss and Stanhope asking Rushworth to bat first.
Scores
Rushworth (139) def Stanhope (124)
Best batsmen for Rushworth was Liam Francis (45) including 5 fours, Josh Francis

(21) two fours and one six, Jake Perry (19), Shannon Jarrett (15).
Best bowlers for the today were Tommy Stevens 2/11 from 8 overs, Shannon Jarrett 2/21 from 8 overs, Ahmad Karamat 2/24 from 7.2 overs and Charlie McLean 2/14 from 4 overs.

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Rushworth & District Financial Services Limited

Annual General Meeting

Rushworth & District Financial Services Limited the company that operates Community Bank Rushworth would like to invite our shareholders, customers and community members to our 2025 Annual General Meeting.

When Thursday 27 November 2025

Time 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Where Rushworth Senior Citizens Centre
34 Esmonde Street, Rushworth

Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

