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Kinder kids get ready for the big move

Across the district, Kinder to School transition days are playing a vital role in helping young children feel comfortable and confident to begin their new school journey next year.

Sessions are designed to familiarise children with their new learning environment, teachers and classmates before the start of the school year. By visiting the school several times, they have the opportunity to explore classrooms, participate in fun activities and become accustomed to school routines in a supportive setting.

Transition days also give teachers valuable insights into each child's strengths, interests and developmental needs, allowing them to plan for a smooth start to their Foundation year. Families benefit too, as they can meet staff, ask questions, and gain a better understanding of what to expect in the first year of school.

The focus is on building positive relationships, reducing anxiety and fostering excitement about learning. Activities often include story time, creative play, rhythm of Prep. By the time children officially begin school they feel more at ease and ready to learn.

Transition programs strengthen connections between early childhood services and schools and each child's successful start to their education journey.



Kinder kids, including Finn (above), are getting a taste of the new and exciting world ahead of them at St Mary's Transition days. (More photos on page 23.)



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Free pool entry returns for Campaspe residents this summer

Campaspe Shire Council has again waived fees for its outdoor pools for the 2024-25 season, continuing the policy of the past three seasons.

At its meeting on 21 October, Council unanimously resolved to waive general admission fees for all outdoor pools during the upcoming summer season. Starting from Saturday, 29 November 2025, residents and visitors will be able to enjoy free access to the Colbinabbin, Kyabram, Lockington, Rushworth, Stanhope, and Tongala pools.

The initiative was originally introduced to encourage pool usage after a period of decline and a hotly contested Council decision to close a number of the outdoor aquatic facilities. The measure has proven successful, with pool visits significantly increasing over recent years.

Campaspe Shire Mayor Cr Daniel Mackrell said the decision demonstrates Council’s ongoing commitment to community wellbeing, as outlined in the Council and Wellbeing Plan, and reinforces its goal of providing accessible recreational opportunities for all.

The decision continues Council’s promotion of active and healthy lifestyles while encouraging people to stay cool and socially connected throughout the warmer months. Building on the success of previous years, Council expects another vibrant and well-attended summer across its aquatic facilities.

To ensure visitor safety, all pool users will be required to complete a free online membership registration before attending.



Inflatable water fun was an added attraction at some of the pools last summer.

This process helps staff respond quickly in emergencies and provides reassurance for families and caregivers.

Opening dates

The outdoor pools will operate from Saturday 29 November 2025 to Monday 9 March 2026. During the school term, pools will be open weekdays from 4–8pm and weekends from 1–8pm. Over the school


holidays, they will open daily from 1–8pm, excluding Christmas Day.

Standard fees will still apply for pool use outside public operating hours, including school swimming lessons and private bookings such as carnivals.


For details on outdoor pool locations and operating information, visit www.campaspeaquatics.com.au.

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Remembering the fallen on November 11

Contributed by Tony Ford

Remembrance Day on November 11 honours those who served and died in wars. Many overseas burial sites preserve the memory of fallen soldiers worldwide. These cemeteries and memorials stand as solemn symbols of sacrifice, unity, and enduring gratitude across generations.

Buried at Gaza

As the Israeli armed forces moved into Gaza City in August 2025, there was concern for the fate of the Gaza War Cemetery. The cemetery contains nearly 3700 burials from the First and Second World Wars and subsequent conflicts. Amongst the 210 burials from WW2 is Sapper Basil Kane (VX13752), of Rushworth.

There was some damage to the Gaza cemetery in 2023 resulting from clashes between Hamas and the Israeli forces with the 2025 actions doing further damage. It is hard to get accurate up-to-date information about the situation on the ground.

Brothers enlist

Basil Kane and his brother, the great Rushworth footballer Keith Kane, both signed up to serve in WW2 in early 1940. Keith finished up in the famous 2/8th Infantry Battalion, which saw service in north Africa, Greece and Crete before moving back to help defend Allied assets and then take the attack to the Japanese in the south-west Pacific area.

Keith had been one of the outstanding footballers in the great Rushworth successes of the 1930s, playing in all five Tigers' GVFL premierships as well as winning the Morrison Medal in successive seasons (1938-9).

Basil, who was a horse breaker by trade, was initially allocated to the 2/7th Infantry Battalion but was later transferred to the 2/13 Field Company of Engineers, where his rank was Sapper. Like Keith, Basil finished up in North Africa. He could well have become one of the famous 'Rats of Tobruk'. He was stationed there just before the start of the long siege of Tobruk when he was accidentally wounded, so he did not take part in the celebrated defence of the town.

Accidental wounding



Basil was unlucky to be wounded in a rare incident in which his rifle exploded, giving him serious shrapnel injuries to the upper body. He was transferred to 61 British General Hospital, at the time located in Nazareth, Palestine. He died shortly thereafter, aged only 23. His army file states that the cause of death was GSW (gunshot wound) to the thorax and the resulting collapsed lung.

A court of inquiry was later held into the shooting during the siege of Tobruk in which it was determined that the incident was purely accidental. No blame was attachable to any individual.



Three generations of the Jaradah Family who have tended Gaza War Cemetery.



Keith may not have been aware of his brother's wounding for some time after the accident, because by the time the siege of Tobruk began, his battalion had been transferred to Greece to try to fend off an invasion by the Germans.

Kane family background

The boys' grandparents, Hugh Kane and Hanora (nee White) had both been born in Ireland. Hugh had sailed to America as a 13-year-old, living in California before coming out to the Victorian goldfields and settling in Rushworth. Their children were born in Rushworth from 1862 onwards, after their marriage in Heathcote in 1861.

Hugh Kane was a miner at Heathcote and Rushworth, before selecting land at Moora in the 1870s and working as a contractor. He was one of the local representatives of the Rushworth Division on the Sandhurst Mining Board for over fifteen years. The fact that this was an elected position shows the level of respect with which Hugh was held amongst the local mining fraternity.

The youngest son of Hugh and Hanora, Daniel, married Esther Cann. They were the parents of Basil and Keith, as well as four other children. Daniel, who was significantly older than Esther, died a decade before WW2. Esther had remarried. She had to bear the anxiety of having her two boys serving overseas, and then the grief of losing one of them.

Commemoration

Ironically, Basil was born in 1917, at the time when Australian Light Horsemen were making a name for themselves in Palestine. He would later be buried at Gaza in the area where many Australians had served in WW1.

The Gaza War Cemetery has been lovingly tended by three generations of a Palestinian family. Their house has been damaged by recent fighting along with other infrastructure. At the time of writing, 10% of headstones have been damaged, albeit none in the Australian section of the cemetery.

At present, it is impossible for the the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC), which manages the cemetery, to gain access to effect repairs. It is sad that over 100 years since the establishment of the cemetery, it is still in the middle of a war zone.

Sources: Hugh Kane Obituary, Rushworth Cemetery website; other websites – AWM, Trove, Ancestry, DVA, Victorian BDM, CWGC

Remembrance Day is held on November 11 because it marks the day World War I ended in 1918. The armistice between the Allies and Germany took effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, bringing peace after four years of fighting. The date honours that moment of silence and the sacrifices made for peace.

Remembrance Day in Rushworth 2025

An unseasonably chilly November wind didn't deter the Rushworth residents gathering in the town centre to remember those who have given their lives in the cause of peace.



Rushworth P-12 students took an active part in Rushworth's November 11 commemoration service, including the raising of the flag by Maltilda Lockwood, laying of the P-12 wreath by Gypsy and Mohammed, and a Remembrance Day address Keileigh Balmer. The atmosphere was once again enhanced by emotive strains of Ramon Rathjen's bagpipes. (Photos by Sharon Perry)

(Turn to page 9 for more photos)

Waranga Rail Trail conservation project

by Graeme Wall

The Waranga Rail Trail has become the focus of a collaborative conservation effort, bringing together members of the Rushworth Field and Game group and students from Rushworth P-12 HOPE program. Excitement was evident as participants checked nest boxes along the trail, eager to observe the impact of their work on native wildlife and were in awe of the success of the hollow replacement program.

Recently boxes were inspected and the main objective was to assess the need for additional bedding material. The students were actively engaged throughout the process, keenly inspecting each box to discover its contents.

As cyclists and walkers travel the rail trail over the coming month, they are likely to witness parent birds moving to and from the nest boxes to feed their young. The project has already seen a remarkable uptake by native species, including Eastern Rosellas, Crimson Rosellas, Ring Tail Possums and Kookaburras, all making use of the boxes. Hen Houses have been made and installed on the stormwater dams on both the east and western ends of Rushworth.

Craig Hunt, the HOPE coordinator expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership

with Field and Game, noting the positive effect on student engagement and attendance. The program highlights the importance of working within the community and offers significant educational and personal development opportunities for the students involved.

Recognition and Future Plans

Rushworth Field and Game representatives were recently honoured at the Field and Game AGM, receiving the National Blue Wing Award in recognition of their ongoing commitment to volunteer conservation and habitat improvement. In addition, a community grant from Fosterville Gold Mine will enable the construction of another 40 hen houses, with students playing a central role in both building and installing these new habitats.

Rushworth Field and Game Conservation officer Graeme Wall would like to reiterate that these awards and the recognition would not be possible without the support of our members and community in many ways and thanks to all those who have contributed to our projects.



Students installing hen house.



Aiden Porter installing a post.



Crimson rosellas have hatched in the nesting box.



Members were proud to receive Field and Game's Blue Wing Award.

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Community grants round for November

The next round of Campaspe Shire Council's Community Grants program is now open, offering funding across four key areas: Events and Tourism, Equipment, Junior Development, and Inclusive Communities. Applications can be submitted from 1 to 22 November through Council's website.

Campaspe Shire Mayor, Cr Daniel Mackrell, encouraged local residents and groups to explore the available opportunities, noting that the recently launched online grants platform makes it easier to access funding and support. The program is designed to assist a wide range of community initiatives — from local events and youth development to equipment upgrades and inclusive community projects.

The Community Grants program has been simplified and is now offered quarterly, opening in February, May, August and November. This schedule provides greater flexibility for community members to plan their projects and apply when ready.

Grant categories include:

Inclusive Communities Grants – up to \$4,000 for projects, exhibitions, or performances that enhance community engagement across the municipality.

Equipment Grants – up to \$2,000 for essential items that support the operations of sporting and community groups.

Junior Development Grants – for young people under eighteen representing Victoria or Australia in arts, culture, or sport.

Community Event Grants – up to \$1,000 for local events and up to \$5,000 for regional events that promote and support Campaspe communities.

Community members are encouraged to apply and seek advice from Council's grants team if needed. Assistance is available by contacting the Grants Officer on 1300 666 535. More details and application links can be found at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/Grants.

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Sam Birrell supports Nationals' move to dump Net Zero

The federal member for Nicholls, Nationals MP Sam Birrell, has voiced his support for the party's recent decision to abandon its commitment to reaching net zero emissions by 2050, arguing that the policy no longer reflects the realities facing regional Australia.

In a media statement released last week Mr Birrell described the Labor government's Net Zero plan to address climate change as "reckless", saying it risks sending industry and jobs offshore.

The Nationals policy claims to put economic security, energy reliability, and the livelihoods of rural Australians above what are described as "symbolic targets."

"The Nationals have adopted a Cheaper, Better, Fairer energy and climate plan that will address climate change and reduction in emissions while protecting our economy and jobs," Mr Birrell said.

"What the Nationals want is an all-technology approach, to deliver the lowest possible energy prices for Australian households and businesses."

The Nationals 'all-technology' focus refers to retaining coal and gas and focusing on nuclear for the future.

Mr Birrell said that regional communities have borne the brunt of energy transitions, with industries such as farming, manufacturing and mining struggling under rising costs and policy uncertainty.

"We will ensure that costs are distributed fairly, not concentrated on regional Australia,"

he added.

Environmental groups and some Liberal MPs have condemned the Nationals' decision as a backward step on climate action.

The policy change highlights a deepening divide within conservative politics over how Australia should meet global climate goals while protecting its economic base — a debate that also sharply divides much of rural and metropolitan opinion about the nation's long-term energy future.

Climate Change Chris Bowen has criticised the Nationals' decision calling it "monumentally shortsighted" and emphasizing that net zero by 2050 is a scientific requirement and not just a "political construct".

He highlighted Australia's responsibility to act on climate change due to its vulnerability to its impacts and pointed out that regional areas have the most to lose from climate change and to gain from climate action, with renewable energy creating jobs and potential income for farmers.

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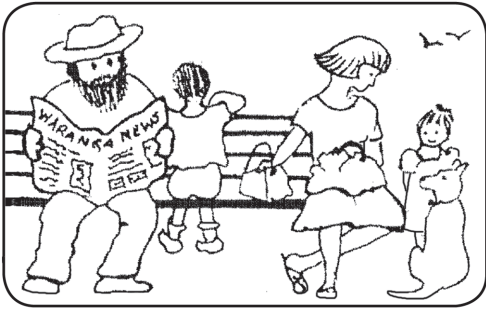
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Around Rushworth

Rushworth Metro Fuel has new owners



Welcome to Harpreet and Rajdee Sandhu, new proprietors of Rushworth’s Metro Fuel. Not so long ago the town was without a fuel supply, so residents (and visitors) are very happy to see the business supported and thriving.



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Old iron, new shine for tractor



On Cup Day the attention was taken away from the ponies when this restored Fordson tractor was shown off at the Rushworth Community Hub. Rushworth’s Machinery Preservation Group member was in the driver’s seat while the vintage tractor was checked out by 3 RW radio announcer Tony Jordan.

SES search for a lost child

It is not very often SES gets positive news from outcomes when the unit gets called out to an event.

Not much good comes from a flooded house, tree damage to property or car/motorbike accidents, all of which Rushworth SES have attended in the last month.

On Wednesday 29 October the unit was called out to Colbinabbin to search for a lost child. The feeling when you hear those words is not good.

Three qualified Land Search and Rescue members were immediately available and deployed with a boat to the last known siting of the child. Dams and channels were obvious water hazards especially for young children.

VicPol had already deployed an Airwing helicopter, (equipped with advanced technology, including infrared cameras) and HEMS (Helicopter Emergency Medical Services) to the site. Other SES units were asked to deploy as soon as possible as the

event was a Code One.

A partly-eaten apple was found near the channel and local volunteers with SES members walked the channel bank while the helicopters searched from the sky.

Then - a green top was seen in the distance! The child was spotted and trepidation turned to elation!

It was a great outcome for not only the parents and family of the little one, but for the volunteer searchers as well. Thanks to all who were involved in this stressful ‘child’s adventure’.

I am sure he had no idea how much angst he caused and is no doubt happily enjoying another apple for morning tea as we speak!

Denise Corbin
Rushworth SES



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Police Beat

Greetings and welcome to your local police report for the Rushworth Police Service Area, for the period of 01/10/25 to 06/11/25. .

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

- A wilful damage occurred on 04/10/25 along McEwen Road in Waranga Shores. A farm gate was driven into with a vehicle causing significant damage to the gate. A quick-thinking witness took a photograph of the vehicle allowing police to subsequently locate and interview a 25-year-old from Shepparton. The male will appear at the Echuca Magistrates Court later.
- On 05/11/25 a window to a private premises was damaged in Rushworth. A 26-year-old male will also appear at Echuca Court later.
- Local members attended 10 family violence incidents during this time. Local members issued 7 infringement notices also.

That is our list of reported incidents. We are involved in a local traffic operation which is underway. Operation Sawdust is running for a couple more weeks and is all about targeting drug driving. Extra drug tests have been made available to local members specifically for this operation. Don't be surprised if you get randomly drug tested in the coming weeks.

We also have some major traffic operations beginning shortly. As we approach summer and the tourist season, we will be increasing our focus on proactive road policing. We will ensure a consistent focus on preliminary breath test sites, mobile and static speed radar, and a high visibility in high-risk locations. Don't get an unwanted fine prior to Christmas.

Well that about wraps up another police report. I would like to quickly thank Sergeant Rodney PELL for his dedicated service to the Rushworth Police Station. Pelly is retiring after 38 years as an officer, with the last nine years here at Rushworth. He has been an outstanding leader and friend who could always be relied upon. He will be greatly missed. I will let you all know our new Sergeant when it is announced. Please stay safe and look after each other. Until we chat again.

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

Remembering . .



Moir Dowd laid the Waranga Hostel wreath.



Luca Formica, laid the wreath for Legacy.



A small group of residents and visitors joined local Robert Ryan for a Remembrance Service at the Colbinabbin Memorial.



Charli Rose and Noah Donders, laid the wreath for Rushworth RSL

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Hello all, I'm back again after a glorious holiday in a very beautiful place – West Australia – white beaches, turquoise waters and fabulous seafood, all enjoyed with family. If you have never been there I urge you to visit, it is truly beautiful.

And while I have been away all the Christmas items that we had stored are now out for sale. We have lights, baubles and trinkets, angels and Father Christmases, serviettes, crockery, clothes, etc. all at extremely reasonable prices. This is your chance to get some bits and pieces to decorate your community tree or Christmas table.

I had a good look around The Little Green Shed and it is amazing what is in there. If you are going on holiday we have suitcases for clothes, surfing body boards and life jackets for the kids to play in the water. Folding chairs, card tables and folding strollers if you are camping and there are plenty of other camping items as well. For your house is an elegant brass and glass hall table, footstool, dining chairs, lamps and a sewing machine. My favourite find was a pair of patterned wellington boots, which look brand new, size 40 and only \$10.

In the Op Shop itself and continuing the holiday theme, we now have bathers out at \$5 a pair. A whole new range of summer clothing has replaced our winter clothing (would someone please tell the weather god that we are over the cold weather!!) and the

range of fabrics and colours is sure to delight you.

We still have 3 books for \$1, DVD and CDs 3 for \$2 and we now have CUSHIONS 3 FOR \$2.

Please, please, please – if you are dropping off donations make sure they are not chipped, ripped, stained, broken or only one of a pair. If you wouldn't buy it yourself in that condition then we don't want it. Thank you to all the lovely people who do donate clean and usable items, your contributions are so welcome to our volunteers.

Our Saucy Chefs have been at work. Margaret Watson still has some marmalade on the shelves and Margaret Raglus brought in a heap of zucchini pickles, chilli and onion jam, spicy onion jam and plain onion jam. Her house must have smelt like a pickle factory by the time she finished!

Until next time may you have a full belly and a happy smile,

Heather

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My shoes come off to put on thongs
Ten minutes later that's all wrong.
My vest gets neatly packed away
And then unpacked the very next day!
Should I wear trackies, jeans or shorts?
'Please Mr. Weatherman' I exhort
'Just give me one season each damn day
And not the four – I'd like to stay
In ONE outfit all day long
Not on and off and off and on'.
My room is like a rubbish tip
With clothes piled up, nowhere to sit.
The weather now is very strange
It needs to be much better arranged.
Now I've had my little moan
I'll raise my broly and toddle home.

Heather

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The Colbo Cricket Club has Division B and C cricket teams which is seeing some of our younger people and a few 'older' people coming off the retirement bench.

Rumour has it that there may be a social community event coming up soon for our summer sports.

AND it's time to check your bathers for moth holes. The Colbo pool will open on 29 November and it's free again - with thanks to the Campaspe Shire Council!

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Wendy and to Jamie, Sarah and Jess and their families on the sudden loss of husband and father, Ian Laurie. A very large crowd attended his graveside service last Thursday at Rushworth Cemetery.

Cornella Care - 40 years!

Don't forget: Wednesday 26 November we'll be celebrating Cornella Care's 40th birthday and anyone is most welcome to join us. Book in for lunch with Julie 0408 602 841 at the Colbinabbin Country Hotel by Monday 24 November. For more information: ring Maree 0413 029 012 or Pam 0428 733 413.

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Colbo Diary
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NOVEMBER
Sun 16 Neil Young's 80th Birthday 3pm @ CCH
Wed 26 Cornella Care's 40th anniversary
Sat 29 Colbo Pool opens - and it's free!
DECEMBER
Sun 7 Advent blessing & Santa

Look who's turned the Big 3-0!



Kelly McIntosh had a party with family and friends to celebrate turning thirty. That's Kelly with her mum, Rosie and Dad, Bryan in the photo. Happy Birthday, Kelly. We hear you had a great time and loved every minute of it.

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There will be a special Advent Blessing for Children at Cornella's 9am Mass on Sunday 7 December. We're expecting Santa to call past after Mass and a cuppa will be served in case Santa is late.

Speaking of Advent

... which officially starts on 30 November, it is hoped to get an ecumenical Advent group up and running in Colbinabbin leading up to Christmas.

We'd probably need to start on Monday 24 November and the suggestion is to meet at 1.30pm at the Avarsds' home, which gives the Strength and Balance people time to have a cuppa and shoot off to exercise classes at 3.30pm at the Colbo Hall.

Contact Glen 0429 329 215 if you want to know more or just come along.

Got some news for the News?

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P-12 Students ran morning teas, where we thanked our own bank for their help in 2025.



RCH and Waranga Health conduct monthly meetings and host lunches for local carers.

A busy year at the Community House

Rushworth Community House has already had a busy 2025 and with seven weeks still to run, the list is sure to stretch a bit longer. Here’s an interesting recap of just a few of our activities during 2025, some of which highlight our increasing success with joint ventures.



Termites ravaged hidden areas of both the Community House kitchen and the Manager’s office, requiring the installation of an entirely new kitchen and a total rebuild of the office.

In April, the Community House partnered with Campaspe Shire and Waranga Health to present a successful Aged Care Services Expo at the Shire Hall. Local residents were able to explore a range of aged care options with staff from several regional service providers.



This year’s Women’s Health Night at the Community House was well attended. Once again, RCH partnered with Waranga Health to present two speakers who discussed topics of critical importance to women of all ages - proactive health habits and menopause.



The Community House’s Quilting Group has been active throughout 2025.



RCH hosted a couple of Community Dances in 2025. Look out for more in 2026.



Tony Ford’s weaving classes have always proved popular at the Community House.



The Container Deposit Scheme at the Hub is hugely popular with Rushworth residents.

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JXSH MVIR: FOREVER I LIVE touring at SAM

The opening of this exhibition at Shepparton Art Museum on Friday 31 October for about a hundred patrons included a smoking ceremony and four Indigenous dancers out the front of the Gallery Kaiela near the lake. The family members then spoke about Josh Muir, his life and work.

JXSH MVIR: Forever I Live reflects on the artistic legacy of late Gunditjmara, Yorta Yorta and Barkindji artist Josh Muir (1991-2022) highlighting the strength of Josh's artistic practice and the important contribution he has made to First People's art and culture in south east Australia and contemporary art nationally and internationally over his short yet prolific career.

Proudly curated by Koorie Heritage Trust, with Josh's mother Justine Berg and partner Shanaya Sheridan as co-curators, the exhibition brings together a selection of bold, vibrant works across painting, digital prints and augmented reality that showcase Josh's unique vernacular of contemporary iconography whilst embodying his staunch love of family and community, reflecting on a range of themes including cultural identity, the impacts and legacies of colonisation, mental health, addiction, personal loss and grief.



At the Friends of SAM coffee morning on 5 November, Gallery Director Danny Lacy gave a talk about the exhibition and is seen here (right) demonstrating the interactive capacity of using an iPad to digitally bring the artworks to life. This exhibition will be on show until February 2026 so it would be a perfect place to take the children in the school holidays.



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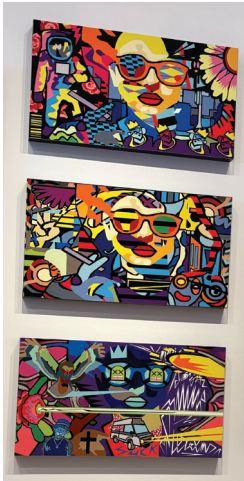
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Oven-baked risotto

Ingredients

- 300g chorizo (chopped)
- 1 onion (chopped)
- 1 clove garlic (chopped)
- 1 cup risotto rice
- 2 tblspn olive oil
- 3 cups stock
- 2 tspn oregano or Italian herbs
- 1 punnet of cherry tomatoes
- 300g parmesan cheese
- 30g butter
- 2 handfuls baby spinach leaves

Method

Pre-heat oven to 200°C. In a frying pan cook the chorizo with one tablespoon of olive oil, then add onion and garlic and continue cooking, adding the herbs for another minute (it should be smelling great now!). Stir in the risotto rice and mix in well. Add the stock and

bring to the boil while stirring.

Transfer the risotto to a baking dish, cover tightly with foil and bake for about 25 minutes (until all the liquid is absorbed and the rice is 'al dente').

While the risotto is baking in the oven, halve the cherry tomatoes, place on a lined oven tray, drizzle or spray with olive oil, season lightly with salt and pepper and roast for about 15 minutes until they're blistered.

When the risotto is cooked, stir through a splash of water to loosen the rice, if needed.

Stir in the parmesan cheese, the butter and baby spinach leaves. Gently fold in the roasted tomatoes and serve.

Now, for a confession because the photo of our risotto doesn't match the recipe: one of our sons had brought all the ingredients with him and brought some fresh mussels as a treat . . . our family all love seafood. And seeing I'm 'coming clean' on that point, I'd better confess that he whipped up the whole thing - but it was in MY kitchen, so I did have something to do with it.

He prepared the risotto as per recipe (having replaced 2 cups of stock with 2 cups



Baked risotto with the addition of fresh mussels - and yes, it made it even more delicious!

of water as the mussels produce a lot of salty water as they cook) and then pressed the mussels, complete with shells, into the risotto. He covered it again with foil and continued baking it in the oven for another 10 minutes. Need I say, it was delicious!

Glen



Making a difference

A big question I guess many of us ask ourselves in these times when the changes that are happening to our world aren't what we would wish for, could be, how can I make a difference?

How can one person change things without being a politician, a banner holding protester, a public speaker, a journalist. Just us feeling frustrated about what is happening to our world and not knowing what can be done.

There is a small group of people who are making changes in the background, not under the cover of darkness but in the fresh air and daylight with positive attitudes working towards the same goal.

For a few hours a week these people know in their hearts that they are making change and helping others along the way.

How do we make the air cleaner? How do we improve the landscape, provide habitat for our birds and local wildlife whilst giving ourselves green spaces to go to for relief from the hustle and bustle of our crazy lives?

This group of people provide friendship, laughs and optimism about making a difference for all of us.

They are growing seed that becomes plants and trees that improve our mental and physical health. This group makes these plants available to everyone to be able to afford to make their spaces greener and their environment healthier for us and our creatures.

By Easter these young healthy plants that have been nurtured by this amazing team of individuals will be available to you so you can go on to make your own difference to you, your family, friends and your surrounds.

These plants are all beautiful but hardy plants, many local to our own climate so they will thrive in your space. These plants will grow to produce food for our precious native birds and bees as well as our diverse native creatures.

Yes, you can make a difference in your own creative way. You can plant to provide a legacy for your children, grandchildren and future generations to enjoy whilst improving the environment for years to come.

If you'd like to be part of this incredible team of inspiring people, visit us on a Tuesday morning and shop with us in Autumn.

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Handy Hints - from Lyn Rumble

Hi there,

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

In this issue - I'm starting my Christmas preparations early - so here goes the Christmas prompts for you too - hope it helps to alleviate the last minute panic!

1. Xmas - Cooking for Christmas now is sensible and cost effective - It makes sense to prepare early and cook and freeze dishes able to be stored. That just makes it another item ticked off the list, so if you know you're the one cooking - start the shopping now and buy while the specials are still available. (You had better hide the good stuff - just in case prying eyes see it and it gets eaten way before Santa comes down the chimney!)
2. Xmas - Don't throw away the small net bags that oranges etc. come in! - They make terrific little packages filled with special chocolates for that hand-made Christmas stocking tied and labelled just by you!
3. Xmas - We don't always get to be with distant friends and relatives when our kids are opening presents sent to them from relatives. As a reminder - why not take a photo of them opening a relative's present so that you and your child can send to that kind relative with love and a season's greeting message.
4. Xmas - Aerosol fake snow decoration - Do you use this aerosol fake snow stuff? I remember using this years ago - and it was terrible to remove. Here's a tip - if you need to - simply spray the window glass with oven cleaner and leave it for about 5 minutes and then wipe off with a wet rag.
5. Xmas - I promise to write and send my Christmas Cards early this year! - Does that sound familiar? I know - I do it too - and I love making cards! One of MY next year's resolutions is - I'm going to put in a handy hint around July and hopefully I'll get to send them early too! But that's next year - not too late to do them now for 2025. Overseas ones better be done in the next week or so - but you'll have to send air-mail!

Lyn

Health and Wellbeing

Bulk Billing Incentive Program

From 1 November, 2025, the Australian government expanded Medicare bulk billing incentives to all eligible patients through the new Bulk Billing Practice Incentive Program (BBPIP).

To participate, general practices must register and commit to bulk billing all eligible services and patients. Participating practices will receive an additional 12.5% incentive payment on eligible Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) benefits, split evenly between the GP and the practice.

Previously, bulk billing incentives were limited to children under sixteen and concession card holders. Now, all Medicare-eligible patients can be bulk billed.

This program is voluntary for practices and offers a significant financial incentive for those that commit to bulk billing every eligible patient for every eligible service.

Waranga Medical Clinic is one of over 1,000 GP practices that were previously mixed billing and have signed up to become fully bulk-billing practices. All Medicare eligible patients are now bulk-billed at the practice.

Women’s pain is real

The Victorian Government’s Inquiry into Women’s Pain has confirmed what many women already know — their pain is real, and the health system must do better.

The recently released ‘Bridging the Gender Pain Gap’ report was informed by the experiences of more than 13,000 women and girls aged 12–79, along with carers, clinicians and advocacy groups.

The report highlights widespread gender health inequities, with many women reporting their pain was ignored, dismissed, or minimised by clinicians. Chronic pain was found to disproportionately impact women, affecting daily life, relationships and mental health. Key findings revealed that 90% of respondents experienced pain lasting more than a year, 54% lived with daily pain, and 89% said it affected their mental wellbeing. The most common conditions were menstrual and hormonal disorders (40%), endometriosis (26%) and musculoskeletal problems (26%).

Despite 95% of women seeking medical help, 71% reported dismissal by healthcare professionals, while 68% cited cost as a major barrier. Discrimination linked to gender, race, disability and weight also emerged as a concern.

In response, the Government has committed to immediate and long-term reforms across five key areas: unmet healthcare needs, research gaps, gender bias, community barriers, and systemic change. Immediate actions include:

- Rolling out the ‘green whistle’ (Penthrox) for pain relief during IUD insertions across all twenty Sexual and Reproductive Health Hubs.
- Establishing a statewide Women’s Pain Standard, developed with experts and women, to ensure consistent and respectful pain care across public hospitals.
- Creating a Children and Adolescent Clinic at the Royal Children’s Hospital (opening in 2026) to address pelvic and reproductive pain in girls and young women.

A Women’s Pain Action Plan will also be developed within six months, guiding future system-wide improvements. These reforms build on the Government’s \$153 million women’s health package, which is transforming care through new health hubs, mobile clinics, and Victoria’s first Aboriginal women’s health clinic.

Read the full report at health.vic.gov.au/inquiry-into-womens-pain.

Time to start thinking about avoiding mosquitoes

November marks the beginning of mosquito season across Victoria. As temperatures rise and the final spring rains fall, mosquitoes begin to breed and soon start to bite.

These bugs are capable of spreading serious diseases such as Japanese encephalitis and Buruli ulcer, making avoidance the best form of protection from bites.

Health authorities advise Victorians to develop the habit of applying mosquito repellent whenever venturing outdoors, particularly at dawn and dusk. Around the home, it is essential to remove or empty any containers or areas of stagnant water that could provide breeding grounds for mosquitoes. The most effective repellents contain DEET or Picaridin and should be applied over sunscreen. For young children, repellent should be applied to their clothing rather than directly to their skin, avoiding the

hands and face to reduce the risk of ingestion.

Mosquito-borne diseases can cause severe illness and, in some cases, be fatal. To manage these risks, mosquitoes are trapped and monitored weekly across the state to detect viruses they may be carrying. Monitoring focuses on the presence of Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV), Murray Valley encephalitis virus, Ross River virus, Barmah Forest virus, and West Nile (Kunjin substrain) virus. The data gathered assists the Department of Health in assessing disease risks

and providing public health advice to protect communities, travellers, and livestock managers.

Chief Health Officer Caroline McElnay stated that diseases such as Japanese encephalitis and Buruli ulcer can have serious health impacts but are preventable. A free vaccine for Japanese encephalitis is available to eligible Victorians, particularly those living or working in the northern regions of the state. Residents are encouraged to speak to their doctors to determine eligibility or to confirm whether a second dose is required.



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Why are your energy bills high?

Some politicians say renewables are causing high energy prices, others say they're the cheapest form of energy. Who can we believe?

Energy prices are shaped by many factors—fuel costs, infrastructure, market design, and policy—not just renewables. In fact renewable energy itself doesn't drive up prices, as new solar and wind are often the cheapest source of power, especially in recent years, when the cost of generating electricity from wind and solar has fallen dramatically.

However, renewables require upfront investment and grid upgrades, so high energy bills can occur during the transition due to the costs of integrating new technologies, building new infrastructure such as transmission lines and investing in storage (eg batteries) to ensure a reliable supply.

Additionally, rising prices are influenced by continued reliance on the more expensive fossil fuels for backup and also due to external market factors like the price of gas. Fossil fuel prices are volatile and can spike sharply, as seen during global supply disruptions.

Some costs (mostly short term) associated with integrating renewables:

- **Firming infrastructure:** Building new infrastructure like transmission lines, grid-scale batteries, and pumped hydro is necessary to introduce wind and solar power.

These costs are passed on to consumers.

- **Grid upgrades:** As renewable energy sources become more common, grid infrastructure needs to be upgraded to handle the new flow of energy.
- **Backup generation:** Until battery infrastructure is in place the system relies on dispatchable, often more expensive fossil fuels, like gas, to fill the gaps when renewables are not generating.

Some costs not associated with renewables:

- **Fossil fuel prices:** Despite the growth of renewables, the overall electricity price is still significantly influenced by the cost of fossil fuels, which are subject to global market volatility.
- **Aging infrastructure:** The cost of maintaining and operating aging coal and gas plants is increasing, and when they have outages, it can cause significant price spikes.
- **Wholesale market structure:** The way electricity is priced in the wholesale market can mean that a single expensive generator can set the price for all the electricity used. When this is a gas plant, it can drive up prices for everyone.

Long-term benefits of renewables

- **Lower generation costs:** Once the initial investment is made, the operating costs for renewables are extremely low, as the "fuel" is free.
- **Lower wholesale prices:** As the share of renewables in the energy mix increases, the need for expensive peak power from fossil fuels decreases, leading to lower wholesale prices.
- **Price stability:** A system heavily reliant on renewables with storage is less prone to the price shocks and supply disruptions associated with volatile global fossil fuel markets.

Politicians who blame renewables often overlook these complexities or focus on short-term costs. Those calling renewables the cheapest form of energy are usually referring to long-term generation costs, not necessarily current consumer bills.

So, both claims contain truth—but context matters. Short term: prices can rise; long term: renewables lower costs and stabilize energy markets.

10 bits of plastic we CAN do without

We all realise by now that even though the invention of plastic formed a benchmark for modern manufacturing and consumption, its existence has become a curse on the planet.

And as we watch film clips of ocean waters suffocating in plastic and beaches strewn with the paraphernalia of the modern world, we wonder what on earth we can do about it. Plastic has become so accessible. Almost everything we buy is wrapped in the non-biodegradable stuff and we're so used to it that we don't even bother to find alternatives. Indeed, becoming a 'plastic free' society seems an impossibility.

But there are some simple choices we can make to avoid the use of plastic and contribute to its minimisation.

Plastic bags. Simply put, they are not necessary. We don't need them. We can carry reusable shopping bags and baskets - we just have to remember to do it! As for the old chestnut about needing plastic bags to line your rubbish bin, the provision of green bins should mean all compostible materials go straight into them or be fed to the chooks. Everything else is relatively clean apart from perhaps meat scraps which can be wrapped in newspaper.

Drinking straws. Unless you're unable to sit upright; whereby a flexible drinking straw is a masterful piece of innovation, you don't need a drinking straw.

Cosmetic scrubs containing micro-plastics. Beauty products are over-rated at the best of times but many products (which needless to say, also come in plastic bottles) are full of microscopic bits of plastic. These provide the 'exfoliation' required for 'a healthy glow' but they never, ever, ever decompose. They are washed down our drains and eventually make their way into the environment; often into waterways where they are consumed by the fish we like to catch and eat. You could call that recycling but really, it's quite scary. Microplastics absorb or carry organic contaminants, such as PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyl), pesticides, flame retardants and hormone-disrupting compounds of many kinds. If all that gives you the creeps, why not try natural products like oat or salt? Ultimately, the 'healthy glow' comes from what you put in and not what you put on!

Plastic toothbrushes. A good alternative to plastic toothbrush handles (if you can find them in your supermarket), are bamboo handles.

Plastic water bottles. This is a no-brainer. Not only are plastic water bottles unnecessary, they are expensive! In Australia,

we have the luxury of clean water. You can drink clean water from any tap, even garden taps are unlikely to carry germs. Reusable bottles last for years so it's a false economy if you think it's cheaper to buy plastic water bottles. Next they'll be selling us oxygen!

Coffee capsules or pods are bad, okay! They are difficult to recycle and yet another single use item designed to make us think we are hip. Let's face it, coffee brewed in a percolator tastes better and is better value for money. You can also use coffee grains in your compost.

Take away coffee cups. Like water bottles, take away coffee cups can be replaced by a reusable 'keep cup' which will last you for years. Unlike water bottles, take away coffee cups are NOT RECYCLABLE! Some coffee shops even give a small discount if you provide your own cup.

Plastic cutlery - well it's just silly, really.

Soap - bars rather than liquid shower gel in plastic bottles is the obvious choice here - just try to find soap that is palm oil free because everyone loves Orangutans!

Last but definitely not least - **plastic wrapped vegetables.** Now that's just crazy. Crazy!

ON THE BRINK

Looking at endangered or extinct flora and fauna.

When we think of extinction of a species our minds often seem to think fluffy white polar bears or the not so cute Tasmanian Tigers. However when we talk of biodiversity, equally important is the planet's flora that is crucial in sustaining a vital and healthy ecosystem.

Flora biodiversity is important because it provides essential ecosystem services like clean air, water, and fertile soil, which are critical for human health and survival.

It also supports food security, provides raw materials for medicines and industrial products, and helps regulate the climate by absorbing carbon dioxide.

A diverse range of plant life creates more resilient ecosystems that can better withstand disturbances like drought or disease.

Ecosystem services

Clean water and air:

Plants filter water and release oxygen, while diverse plant communities and soil microbes help clean water sources and regulate their flow.

Soil health:

A variety of plants, fungi, and microbes enriches soil, improving its ability to store carbon, cycle nutrients, and resist erosion.

Climate regulation:

Plants absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and diverse forests and wetlands store large amounts of carbon, helping to regulate the climate.

Pest and disease control:

Biodiversity helps to naturally suppress pests, diseases, and pathogens,

reducing the need for harmful chemicals.

Human benefits

Food security:

A diversity of plants is necessary for a variety of crops, and plants are pollinated by other organisms in the ecosystem, ensuring a stable food supply.

Medicines:

Many of our medicines originate from plants and fungi, and countless others may be undiscovered.

Raw materials:

Flora provides materials for building and industry, such as timber, latex, and rubber.

Health and well-being:

Access to green spaces and nature has been shown to improve mental and physical health.

Resilience and stability

Ecosystem resilience:

A wide variety of plant species makes an ecosystem more resilient, allowing it to recover more quickly from events like fires, floods, or disease outbreaks.

Interdependence:

Every species, no matter how small, plays a role in a functioning ecosystem. The loss of one species can have a domino effect, impacting many others.

Birds of a Feather

Darters

The Australasian Darter is sometimes called the Snake Bird. This is because of its unusual swimming method as it swims with its body completely under water with just its long neck and head above the water. It can do this because it can fill the spaces between its feathers with water which reduces buoyancy. It can swim quite quickly propelled by its webbed feet so it is quite a sight to see its snake-like head and neck moving along in a lake. It's no wonder that it's called the snake bird.

Our Australasian Darter is one of only four species world wide in the Anhinga family. Although they have some similarity with cormorants the darters have their own family. Like cormorants they need to dry their wings before they can fly and so can often be found with their wings spread out resting around the edges of wetlands. They are easily distinguished by their very long snake-like necks and by their streamlined head with a long sharp pointed bill. The male is mostly black with white and brown feathers that give it an attractive appearance while the female is similar but with white on the underside. They also have a long whitish stripe from the bill to part way down to where the neck has a kink.

Darters are found in freshwater, brackish wetlands and slow moving rivers and feed mainly on fish but also will eat insects and other small aquatic animals including tortoises. Darters have a different method of catching fish to cormorants and egrets which catch fish in their open bill. Darters spear fish with their long sharp bill and with the fish dangling on their beak it takes quite a bit of maneuvering of the fish get it into a position where they can toss it in the air and catch it to swallow it head first.

Darters nest in trees that are usually near or in water, sometimes nesting alone, but they may also nest near other water birds in colonies. Nesting is usually in spring but will depend on water supply and food.. The nest and brooding is done by both males and females.

In our area you may find darters around the Waranga Basin but they are easier to find in the Corop wetlands. They are usually along the shoreline sitting on logs or low branches often with their wings spread to dry but if you are lucky you may see them swimming and then appreciate why they are called the snake bird.



Bohollow calendar 2026

The 2026 Bohollow calendar is set to be available this week and is an excellent Christmas gift for that hard-to-buy-for person, who cares about local wildlife.

Photographs from 2025 have been chosen for each month from a variety of rescue animals and birds throughout the year, many of which have featured in stories and articles.

The calendars will be available at most of the veterinary clinics in our surrounding area as well as the Kyabram Fauna Park and the Waranga News, or you can secure a copy by contacting Bohollow with your order and address so it can be mailed out to you.

Price is \$25 per calendar plus postage.

ALL proceeds go directly back into Bohollow to help cover the costs of caring for the critters at both of our shelters and the costs of our 24/7 rescue service.

This is Bohollow's ninth calendar and the feedback has been great from the previous years - so take the opportunity and have our native wildlife brighten your year in 2026 .

All photographs are taken by Kirsty Ramadan. For orders you can contact Kirsty on 0447 636 953

Share your news with the Waranga News
- and we will share it around!

Fifty years ago in our district....

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



Front page news with a difference in November 1975

Making the front page in early November 1975 was an upcoming sheep gadget show at Heathcote. Six types of crutching cradles were to be exhibited, with crutching able to be done by the relatively unskilled. Several types of shearing gear were to be demonstrated. Sheep yard design was to include consideration of sheep instinct and psychology. *(I could not be making this up! Any specialists around who can explain the psychology of the sheep, beyond their style of following other sheep? Show organisers may have had to lock the gates. To keep the crowd in.)*

Also on the front page was the headline "Stanhope quits G.V.L." after a packed meeting in the RSL Hall voted the football club to affiliate with the Heathcote District Football League. The meeting was reported as having plenty of heat after Brian Auld moved and Gordon Emmett seconded that Stanhope re-affiliate with the Goulburn Valley League. This motion was defeated.

Speakers against GVL and pro HDFI included Paddy Meehan, Keith Sadlier, Kevin Thompson, Harry Boerkamp, Darrell Tuohey, Roy Barrett and Phil Trist. A big committee was elected under the presidency of Gavin Poole. Alex Green was elected secretary

Editor Peter Davidson thanked Rushworth's Les Hoyling for his assistance at the meeting, putting names to the speakers so Peter could prepare his report.

Shire of Waranga

Health Inspector Astley Morris was to inspect a number of houses in the shire for suitability for occupancy and to assess availability. Cr. Bob Barlow said that teachers were reluctant to take appointments to local schools as housing was in short supply, particularly for married couples.

Crime

A Rushworth youth narrowly avoided gaol after repeated convictions for traffic offences and misbehaviour in the streets. Car and motorbike licences were suspended, a good behaviour bond was reset, and fines of \$170 were decided by the magistrate. The youth's mate was fined \$60 after a road accident in Dunn Street.

A motorist from Rushworth recorded a .05% blood alcohol conviction after Constable Hromenko noticed him driving a car down High Street with a passenger sitting on the bonnet. The breathalyser confirmed what the constable suspected.

A Stanhope youth was fined \$210 for riding a motorcycle without licence or helmet. Perhaps unwisely, the youth told the

magistrate that he planned to apply for a car licence.

Another Rushworth man was fined \$20 for driving along the wrong side of High Street, and a further \$20 for leaving his car with engine running and keys in the ignition.

Schools

High School Form Six students were photographed sitting their exams in the Shire Hall, further away from school than the RSL Hall but much more suitable.

Community

Rushworth Youth Club signed the band Take 5 to play at a dance in the Shire Hall, Admission \$1.

Rushworth Guides who travelled to Melbourne to stand in the rain while waiting to see Princess Margaret were Dianne and Susan Barber, Janet Hawking, Isabel McLean, Michelle Bates, Susan Robbins, Hilary Whitehead and Susan Coyle. *(What a treat!)*

Guiding Colbinabbin Guides were Mrs Nell McTaggart (President) Mrs M. Morgan (vice-president, Mrs D. Brown (secretary), Mrs L. Burge (treasurer) and Mrs T. Morgan (badge secretary).

Christmas cakes were available for purchase from members of Lions Clubs at Rushworth and Stanhope, \$2.50 each. *(So that sales tradition is at least 50 years old now.)*

Methodist Ladies Guild held a big flower show, attracting 311 entries in categories such as pot plant in bloom, foliage pot plant, Australian arrangement, modern arrangement, pot of cacti and a puzzling "arrangement of weeds". Prominent prize winners included Mrs Peg Taylor, Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Radanov, Mrs W. Raglus snr, Mrs Heather Jones and Mrs Dorrie Jones, after two independent judges from Kyabram assessed the entries.

Susan Robbins, Wendy Jones and Ellen Goodwin enjoyed success in the children's section.

The very active CWA branch held their annual meeting, noting that a year's highlight was the Australia Day celebration back in January. The branch planned a Christmas lunch, each member to bring a gift for distribution to another member. Presents were not to exceed 50 cents in price.

The Catholic Ladies Guild elected Mrs Dodd as President, re-elected Mrs Comer as secretary, assisted by Mrs O. Kenny. The treasurer was Mrs Bazeley. Plans were advanced for the annual dinner at the Stanhope Motel.

People

Ross and Beryl Coyle added Sandra Elizabeth to the clan, joining Susan, David

and Leonie.

G. and L. Blackshaw, operating their mixed business on the hill in Stanhope Road, were offering grocery savings by selling half-case lots.

Football

Colbinabbin's premiership captain-coach Jeff McCubbery was appointed 1976 coach of Kennington, a struggling team in the Bendigo League. He had completed three seasons with Colbo, making the finals each year and winning the 1975 flag.

Tennis

Rushworth C-grade men had rather a bad day in local tennis, contributing just two games to the scorecard out of a possible 36.

Cricket

Wet weather had ruined the early season cricket. A scribe calling himself Cowdrey commenced reporting Rushworth cricket. In reply to Stanhope A-grade's 102, Rushworth sneaked home with 105. Trevor Hawking 38 not out, Graeme Johansen 29 and Geoff Hawking 17 were mentioned, after Trevor had taken 4/36 and Geoff 2/27. Leading players for Stanhope were not mentioned.

In B-grade Charles Potter took 3/33, and in the juniors Danny Forte 3/24, both in losing teams.

The following week in B-grade Tony Hatters took seven wickets for 24 runs against Tongala, but eight Rushworth batsmen failed to trouble the scorers, within a team total of just 20. The duck shooters included non-regular cricketers Noel Lloyd, Noel Perry and Ian Rogerson. Regular player Donald Clarke was no help. He also made a duck. Top score was Charles Potter on 7 runs, followed by Ross Williams with 5. The following Saturday they fared better, making 107 in the second innings, Tony Hatters getting 34 and Donald Clarke 4, but Tongala won outright.

Bowls

Victorian Bowls held a pairs championship region by region. Eliminated in the semi-finals of the Goulburn Valley section were Stanhope ladies Mavis Meadowcroft and Jean Roulston.

Rushworth men's pennant teams had comfortable wins in A2 and B1 sections, both against Mooroopna Golf, with B2 recording an uncomfortable loss to Mooroopna.

Waranga Boat Club

Races for 34 different classes of yachts attracted a record 171 entries in a two-day regatta on Waranga Basin, marred only by light breezes on the Saturday, when the courses had to be shortened. Almost all yachtsmen and women were visitors from well outside the district.



Aliens, Prisoners, Refugees, Unemployed, Soldiers and Sussos

At various times in its history, work has been carried out in the Rushworth forest by a broad array of different ethnic groups and people suffering financial hardship. For instance, when there was unemployment, such as in the Great Depression of the 1930s, work schemes were set up which provided employment. When there were labour shortages, such as during the two world wars, disparate groups like prisoners of war and so-called "aliens" (civilians who had lived in Australia or other British countries who were deemed to be a security risk) were put to work in the forest. Post-war, there were refugees who had migrated to Australia and needed a start in life in their new country. Also, soldiers had returned who needed time to readapt to society, and the forest was a pretty good place to ease back into life in Australia.

Ex-Soldiers

By 1918, soldiers were beginning to return to Australia from World War 1. Many were physically injured or mentally traumatised by their experiences. There was also a shortage of manpower because so many young men had gone overseas with the AIF.

One of the employment schemes that was devised was to employ ex-soldiers in the Rushworth-Heathcote forest "cleaning up dead timber and useless debris". Much of this timber was wastage from harvesting of products such as railway sleepers and telegraph poles. Where possible, the workers produced "cord wood" i.e. engine fuel as well as salvaging whatever they could for domestic firewood.¹

Economic Downturn

During periods of unemployment, extra men were sometimes employed in the forest. There was a depression in the 1890s and a camp was set up outside Rushworth, close to Whroo. The men were supplied with tents, tools (saw, file, axe, maul and grinding stone) and rations and worked under the supervision of a forest officer. Initially there were 90 men at the camp, most of whom were cutting firewood. A small number produced railway sleepers. The men were paid small sums of money for the products they produced.²

In 1903 a gang of fifteen local unemployed men were engaged "thinning out and clearing up" the forest around Whroo. First preference was given to married men who had already had some experience working in the forest.

Great Depression

In 1929 at the start of the Great Depression, levels of unemployment were rising rapidly. Employment of more men in the forest areas of Victoria, including Rushworth, was urged.³

By mid-1931, as the situation worsened,

forest camps were set up in eighteen locations in Victoria, including the Rushworth forest. Each camp housed 25 men, 30% of whom had to be from the ranks of the local unemployed. The men worked a four-and-a-half-day week, receiving 11/11 a day (about \$1.20).

The men worked under the supervision of Forest Commission officers and employees. One of their main duties was thinning trees to accelerate the growth of the best trees. They also produced products such as fence and telegraph posts. Sales of these items were intended to offset the cost of the scheme.⁴

Prisoners Of War And Internees

During World War 2, camps were set up around the Waranga Basin to house prisoners of war (Camp 13) and civilian internees (Camps 1-4). There was also a forest camp at Graytown. Some of these people were put to work in the Rushworth forest.

In the forest south of Rushworth, there is a spot still referred to as Aliens' Hut. There remains a dam and the concrete slab of the shower block still on the site but the accommodation hut has long since been removed. The workers were often of Italian descent because they were generally regarded to be more trustworthy than some of the other groups of internees and prisoners. However, they were not always compliant. An alien named Antonio Villante was charged with refusing to cut wood in 1943.⁵ Soon after that, two Germans (Gerhard Hartlich and Richard Miczek), both in their 20s, escaped from a wood cutting party in the forest. They were captured near Echuca about a week later.

At Graytown, some of the survivors of the crew of the German raider "Kormoran" were housed for a time at the Graytown camp and worked in the forest. The "Kormoran" had sunk HMAS Sydney off the coast of Western Australia in 1941 and was damaged herself, having to be scuttled. Over 300 prisoners finished up in camps in Australia, some of whom made Australia their home after the war.

References: 1 *The Herald* 9/4/1918; 2 *The Age* 24/7/1893; 3 *The Age* 11/7/1929; 4 *The Herald* 16/7/31; 5 *Shepparton Advertiser* 28/5/43.



A Name from the Past

Cornella's John Kennedy (jnr.) died young

News of the death of John Kennedy junior was written in beautiful style in the Rushworth Chronicle of 24 July, 1914. Two things are missing from the obituary. It fails to name his siblings. In the style of the day, when a person had a prolonged illness, that affliction was not shown. It is reasonable to guess that cancer may have been the problem.

Only 53 years, John was clearly well-liked and, as with many obituaries, he was "held in the highest esteem", a term not often seen in obituaries today.

"Quite a gloom was cast over Cornella and surrounding districts when the knowledge of the demise, on Sunday evening last, of Mr John Kennedy, jnr, second eldest son of Mr John Kennedy, of Cornella, was received.

The deceased, who was 53 years of age, had been ailing for the past fourteen months, and was seriously affected for the past few months. It is, indeed, very consoling to all his relatives and friends to know that he passed a very peaceful death.

He was very well-liked by all with whom he came in contact; his cheerful and bright personality, his deeply inoffensive character, his warm, sympathetic nature, and his genial disposition endeared him to all and thus contributed to his recognition.

He was born at Donnybrook, but, for the past forty-odd years has resided at Cornella, his father being one of the earliest settlers. This lengthy residence, combined with character, made him as well respected as he was.

That he was held in the highest esteem and appreciation, was evidenced by the fact that about one hundred conveyances, whose occupants represented all sections of a community of good magnitude, followed his remains to their last resting place, in the Colbinabbin cemetery, on Tuesday afternoon last.

Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved father, brothers, sisters and relatives, who are left to mourn their loss.

The Rev. Dr. Meyer, of Heathcote, officiated at the graveside, whilst Mr Anderson, of Rushworth had charge of the mortuary arrangements."

100 conveyances in 1914 will have been horse-drawn buggies and gigs, parked near the Colbo cemetery.

There are multiple generations of Kennedys in the district who may be related to John, but no direct descendants as he was a single man.

Alan McLean

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P-12 students on the Trail

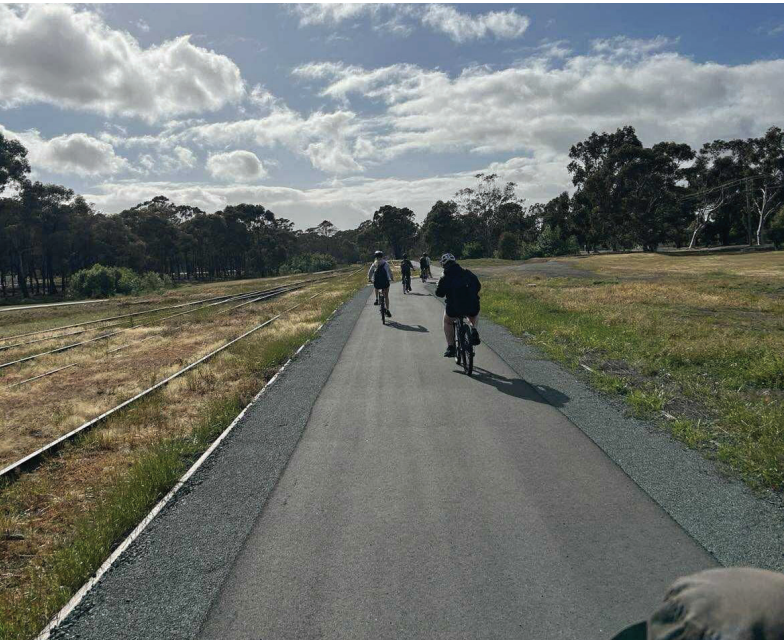
Rushworth P-12 1 & 2 OES (Outdoor Environmental Studies) students demonstrated exceptional resilience as they tackled the Waranga Rail Trail Rushworth to Murchison on Monday 27 October.

The students prepared for the trip, planning everything from the gear list, route cards and menu to working out weather contingency plans and completing the risk assessments. The strong winds made for a tough ride but the students should all be proud of the resilience they demonstrated.

Thanks to Louise Costa-Pelle from the Waranga Catchment Landcare Collective who met us along the way to share some knowledge around the local environment, they also came away with an increased understanding of local biodiversity and land management strategies, both traditional and current.

A huge thank you as well to the Waranga Chapter of Cycling Without Age for the loan of their incredible accessible bike for Doz, who was unable to ride, and a huge well done to Charlie for riding the bike with more than just the one passenger at times.

*Amanda Kelly
VCE Outdoor Environmental Studies*



**Students left Rushworth for Murchison via the Waranga Rail Trail.
Brendan giving Doz a trial run in the Cycling Without Age bike.**



Ag/Hort out exploring

Our Ag/Hort and HOPE students enjoyed a day learning about how sheep get to and from the Livestock Exchange in Bendigo and what happens in the middle with agents selling/buying sheep. After a morning at the market, it was off to Stanhope to visit a dairy farm and learn about breeding and milking cows.

Leah McCloy

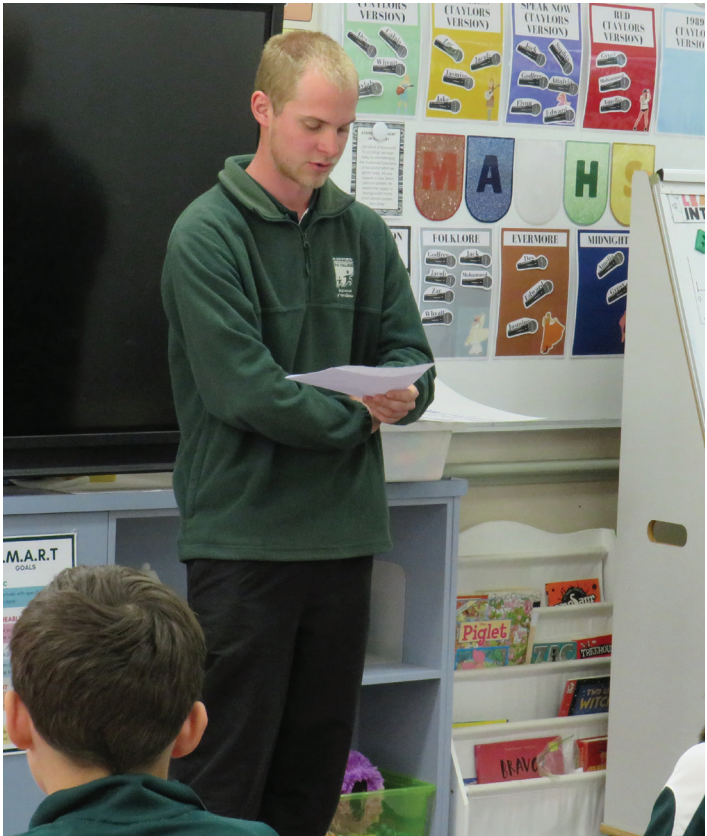


Keileigh, Will and Archer amongst the livestock at Bendigo recently.

Year 12 ‘School Life’ Primary school presentation

The Year 12 VCE VM class visited the primary class to tell them a little about their school life and pass on some advice on how to take the transition to Year 7. The students spoke with confidence and engagement and offered some stories of high school life. This oral presentation was a part of their final Literacy assessment and all the students did extremely well.

*Daniel Walsh
VCE VM teacher*



Year 12 student Jack imparting his wisdom on to the current Year 6 on how to do your best during secondary school.

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Primary students the Bendigo Discovery Centre

On Thursday 23 October the F-6 students travelled to the Discovery Centre in Bendigo. Students took part in an education session where they experimented with wind tunnels, creating prototypes to see if an object would fly, hover, stick or sink. many tests were conducted, and many were successful in adapting their designs to make their object fly or hover.

After their education session they were able to test their nerves by attempting to go down the Vertical Slide, which is the tallest vertical slide in the Southern Hemisphere at seven metres tall and travelling at speeds of up to forty km/hour.

Students then got the chance to explore the centre and test out many of the hands-on exhibits. We were also lucky enough to go into the Planetarium which took us on a journey of the universe which was enjoyed by all!

We all had a great day and learnt and tried many new things!

Miss Russell & Miss Kent

‘My favourite part was the vertical slide because it was fun. I also liked the planetarium, the mirror maze and the games because they were fun.’ Shylah P

‘My favourite part was the mirror maze, the fish game, the workshop, the vertical slide and the bus ride because I had fun at the workshop and enjoyed watching my classmates go down the vertical slide.’ Elora H

‘My favourite was the planetarium because the sun was going up and down.’ Huddy H

‘My favourite was the planetarium because we got to see the solar system, and I learned about constellations.’ Reece F

‘I liked the music box because I learnt that even the smallest sound can make the biggest change.’ Edward W

‘I liked the mirror maze because it was so much fun and funny.’ Flynn B



Students were excited to attend the Bendigo Discovery Centre.



Gypsy looking glorious amongst the bowl of fruit.



Sophia trying out a pulley chair.

ACMI Melbourne Excursion

A lucky group of students got to go to Melbourne for the day and visit the Games World Exhibition at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI). This playable

exhibition allowed the students to play classic PC games as well as modern games using hands free eye tracking to participate. The students also explored The Story of

the Moving Image and learnt a little about Australian cinema. Overall, a really fun day out in the city.



James and Noah exploring Minecraft together.



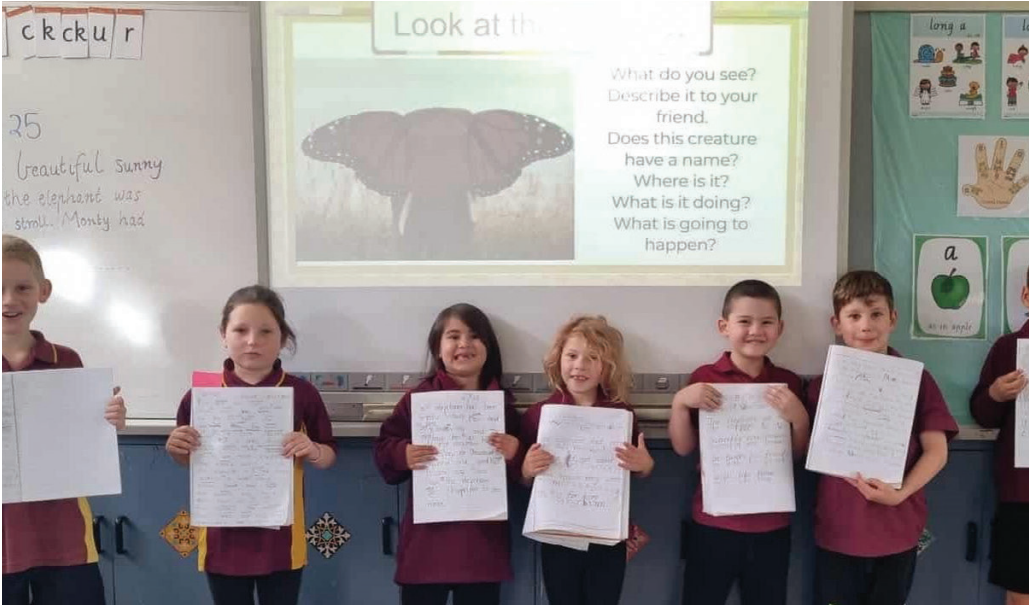
Students got to explore all manner of games.

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Stanhope Primary School - Visit from ‘The Butterphant’

Contributed by Michaela Rosenberg



Students used a fun and quirky photo prompt - “The Butterphant” (above) and amazed us with their imaginative stories! We loved seeing how each student brought their own ideas to life, describing this unique creature and the adventures it might have. Wonderful creativity on display!



Prep – Grade 2 students are proud of their imaginative stories.

Remembrance Day Service at Stanhope Primary School

Students and staff joined with members of the Stanhope RSL Sub-Branch and Stanhope community to honour those who paid the supreme sacrifice for this year’s Remembrance Day Service.

The service commenced at 11am at the School’s Memorial Gates, led by members of the Stanhope RSL Sub-Branch, where One Minute’s Silence was observed followed by the Last Post, Ode to the Fallen and Reveille. Grade 4 student Leon raised the flag, after which the RSL members, school students and community members

laid wreaths and tributes. Those assembled then moved into the School’s undercover area to enjoy the remainder of the program, featuring the singing of the Australian National Anthem, a welcome given by Principal Fiona Wallace, the reading of poems by Vicki Collings and students Leon and Caleb. RSL members Phil Chapman, George Gemmill and James Bell also spoke eloquently. A barbeque lunch was then provided courtesy of the Stanhope RSL and Stanhope Men’s Shed.



The community assembled at the School’s Memorial Gates.



Grade 4 student Leon raising the flag.



RSL member George Gemmill casts a watchful eye as Caleb and Oliver lay their tributes.



RSL President Phil Chapman invited Mercedes and Spencer to lay the School’s wreath.

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St Mary's Rushworth - Community Spirit and Learning in Action

Contributed by Angela Fiske-Kealy

Breakfast Club and mental health

At St Mary's, we are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of our wonderful local community. Thanks to the generosity of Rushworth IGA and the Rushworth Bakery, we are able to offer Breakfast Club four mornings each week for our students. This initiative is particularly valuable for our farming families and local students, ensuring everyone begins their day nourished and ready to learn.

Breakfast Club also complements our Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHIPS) program beautifully, supporting both the physical and emotional wellbeing of our students. Teachers love starting the day sharing breakfast and conversation with students — it's a joyful way to build connection and set a positive tone for learning.

Earth and Space Science

With a continued focus on Learning and Teaching, our junior classrooms are a buzz of curiosity and creativity. Students have been exploring Earth and Space Science through inquiry-based learning, observing weather patterns, seasons and daily changes such as day and night. Their enthusiasm and thoughtful observations have led to some wonderfully creative work.

Literacy growth

Our low-variance literacy and numeracy programs continue to show strong results, with student growth evident as teachers analyse data in preparation for end-of-year reports.

BFT mornings

The Building Foundations Transition Mornings have also been a highlight of the term. Our newest learners have settled beautifully into the routines of the F/1/2 classroom, growing in confidence as they explore their new learning environment. Although the InitialLit program is not yet formally implemented during these sessions, students are engaging in structured literacy experiences that mirror its approach - listening to rich storybooks, building vocabulary, and participating in phonemic awareness activities.

Beyond the classroom

Our new students have enjoyed exploring the playground, meeting current students and developing new friendships. Their positive interactions reflect the warm, inclusive culture that makes St Mary's such a special place.

RE values

In Religious Education, students have been reflecting on the many wonderful gifts God has created for us to care for and enjoy. They created thoughtful time lines of their own lives, celebrating how they have grown and imagining who they might become in the future. This activity encouraged gratitude, reflection and a deeper sense of belonging - values we hold close at St Mary's.

As the year draws to a close, we are incredibly proud of our students' achievements, their care for learning and the community spirit that continues to thrive throughout our school.



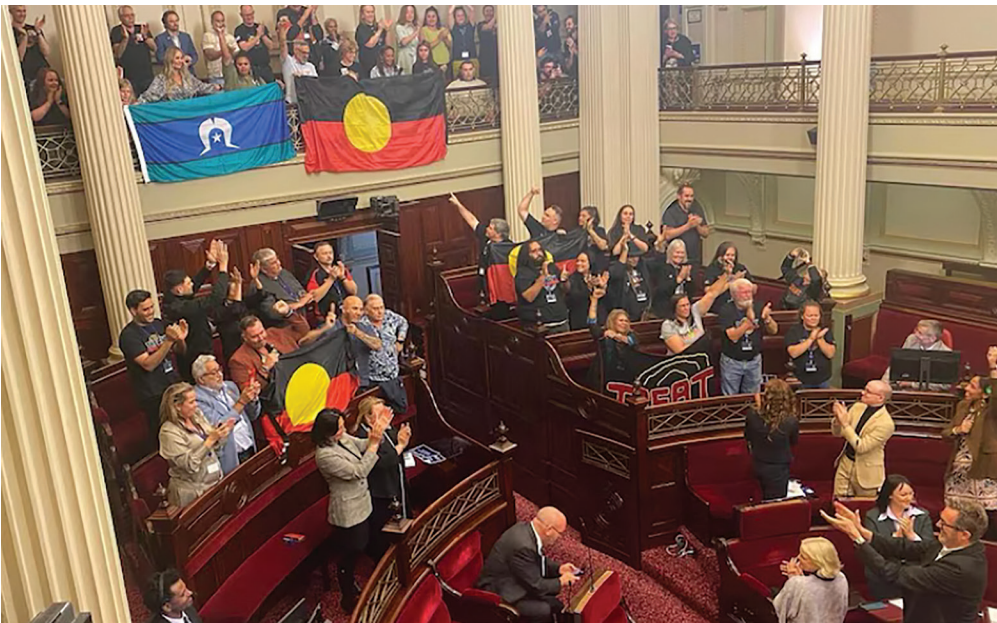
The Breakfast Club is popular thanks to the support of the Rushworth IGA and Rushworth Bakery.



Transitioning can lead to new friendships.



Victoria’s Treaty legislation - a deeply spiritual one



Rev Salesi Faupula, Moderator, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania of the Uniting Church has commented that the passing of the Treaty legislation through Parliament marks a profound and hopeful moment, not only for First Peoples, but for all who call this land home.

In a statement posted online, Rev Salesi Faupula says:

“This is the first time in Australia’s history that a state has enshrined in law a pathway for Treaty with its traditional owners. It is a moment born of courage, truth-telling, and the long journey of faith and endurance led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

“As people of faith, we recognise that this is more than a legal or political milestone, it is a deeply spiritual one.

“The call to Treaty invites us to reflect on who we are becoming as a people: to

walk humbly, to listen deeply, and to seek reconciliation not as a destination, but as a shared pilgrimage of the Spirit.

“For the Uniting Church, this moment affirms what we have long held: that First Peoples are sovereign, created in the image of God, and that sovereignty has never been ceded.

“We give thanks for the generations of Elders and leaders who have kept the flame of justice and hope alive, whose love for their people and land continues to inspire and challenge us.

“The Treaty offers a pathway for renewed

A Prayer

Creator of all,
We give thanks for this moment of new beginnings.
For the wisdom, courage, and endurance of First Peoples,
For those who have walked long and hard for truth and justice,
And for the leaders who have listened and acted in hope.
May your Spirit guide us as pilgrims of peace:
to walk humbly on this land,
to speak with compassion,
and to act with courage born of love.
Renew our hearts and communities,
that together we may walk in right relationship,
and bear witness to your reconciling grace.
Through Christ, who heals and makes all things new.
Amen.

relationship, grounded in truth, respect, and shared responsibility for the future we build together. It calls each of us to continue the journey of reconciliation, to hold one another in grace, and to keep seeking the Spirit’s guidance as we learn what justice and healing look like in our own contexts and communities.

“As Pilgrims of the Spirit, we walk with gratitude for those who have led us this far, and with faith that God’s renewing presence will continue to guide us forward into deeper truth, stronger partnership, and the flourishing of all creation”.

District Church Times and Contacts

Anglican

- St Paul’s, Rushworth: 0419 512 632
- 9.30am 2nd Sunday of month - Communion
- 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.

Presbyterian

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

Generations Church, Tatura

5824 3240 (Pastor Jeremy Burr)

Salvation Army: 5852 3875

Uniting Church

Waranga Uniting Churches – Rushworth, Colbinabbin, Murchison and Tatura.
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Each week one congregation will host the service with people in other congregations participating in leading the readings, sharing news and fellowship via the magic of Zoom.

You are welcome to join us in person or from your lounge room via Zoom.
The link for the Zoom service can be found on our website warangaunitingchurches.net.au or can be emailed to you each week.

*As you gather around the dinner table,
join hands to give thanks to God for all his blessings.*



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“And I said, ‘How much rain did you get?’”

There’s an art to small talk in the country.

We can talk for ages about rain; how much we got, how much we didn’t, or how the radar fooled us again. It’s safe ground. Familiar. Nobody gets uncomfortable talking about millimetres.

But every so often, beneath the easy chatter, something else tries to surface.

A neighbour might say, “Yeah, it’s been a bit tough. The crops are hanging on... and Mum’s back in hospital again... but at least we got a bit of rain.”

And before we know it, we’ve replied, “Oh yeah? How much rain did you get?”

We skip right past the middle bit; the part that really mattered.

I’ve come to think of these as three-pronged comments.

The first prong is polite; a conversational greeting, the thing we’re all comfortable with.

The second is tentative; the honest, human bit where someone lets a little truth slip through.

The third prong is the safe retreat; the move back to neutral ground.

It’s often that middle prong that carries the weight. It’s where people quietly test the waters: Will you stay with me if I go here? Is it safe to say more?

And more often than not, we don’t. We play it safe. We talk about the rain.

The missed moment

But what happens when we miss that middle prong? We kick ourselves!

We realise what they were really saying; or nearly saying, and we wish we’d noticed.

Then we tell ourselves, It’s too late now. The moment’s passed.

But here’s the thing: once something is on the table, it’s still on the table.

You can always circle back.

It can be as simple as saying, “The other day you mentioned your mum was back in hospital; I’ve been thinking about that. How’s she going?”

Or, “You said things were pretty tough at work last week. How are you travelling now?”

People don’t forget when someone notices the middle bit.

It tells them they were heard, that their passing comment landed somewhere, that



maybe it’s safe to speak again.

We sometimes imagine deep conversations as long, serious affairs.

But often they begin with a single, gentle sentence.

The key is courage; not the loud, heroic kind, but the quiet courage to ask, to care, to risk an awkward pause.

Responding to the feeling

We do better, and go deeper, when we respond to the feeling rather than the content.

When someone says, “Mum’s back in hospital,” they don’t need advice about specialists or stories about our uncle who was in hospital too. They’re testing if we’ll recognise what they’re feeling.

Instead of jumping to fix or analyse, we might reflect what we hear beneath the words:

“You sound anxious.”

“That must be hard.”

“That sounds scary.”

Or even, “I really don’t know what to say; but I’m here.”

It’s not about drawing someone out; it’s about stepping into their world for a moment, standing beside them instead of facing them with solutions. That’s where connection happens; in shared humanity, not shared expertise.

Jesus at the Well

It reminds me of one of the most remarkable conversations in the Gospels; Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well.

It begins like small talk. He asks for a drink. She replies, cautious and curious. They’re strangers, from different communities.

But Jesus doesn’t stay at the surface. He listens for the middle prong. When she hints at the complicated tangle of her life, he doesn’t flinch or turn away. He steps into her story, speaking with truth and gentleness.

He doesn’t argue or correct her theology. He doesn’t give her a lecture about morals or worship.

He simply enters her world.

He recognises her pain, her isolation, her longing.

And because he stays with her; because

he refuses to retreat to safe ground, she finds her own voice. She runs back to her village saying, “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did.”

That conversation began with water and ended with transformation.

It happened because someone dared to stay with the middle bit.

An incarnational way of listening

When we respond to the feeling rather than the fact, we’re doing something profoundly spiritual.

It’s what you might call an incarnational way of listening.

God didn’t shout love from a distance, waiting for us to rise to divine heights.

God stepped into our world; our language, our hunger, our pain.

That’s what incarnation means: God with us.

Not fixing from afar, but entering in.

When we listen that way; when we meet someone in their worry, their fear, or their silence; we mirror that same divine pattern.

We don’t need perfect words, only the courage to show up; to sit beside someone, to witness their pain without trying to mend it.

Sometimes, the most Christ-like thing we can say is, “That sounds really hard.”

Or even, “I don’t know what to say, but I’m here.”

A good life, and a deep one

The good life isn’t only found in our vineyards and gardens, or in how much rain we’ve had this week. It’s found in these fragile, grace-filled moments when we choose to notice, to return, to stay.

Next time someone drops that small hint; that middle prong in the middle of a casual chat; maybe we can take a breath before asking, “How much rain did you get?”

Because the rain will keep.

But the person beside us might be thirsting for something deeper; a kind of living water that begins with simply being heard.

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

*Brian Spencer, Minister
Waranga Uniting Churches*

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LAURIE, Ian: Sending our deepest sympathy to Wendy, Jamie, Sarah, Jess and families on the sudden loss of their husband, dad and grandfather.
Fond memories of a wonderful, loyal and cheeky brother in law and uncle.
Peter and Norma, Tait and Dallas Hamilton and families.

LAURIE, Ian - 27/10/2025
Treasured memories we hold following the sudden passing of Ian. Another link in the family chain broken. Love and support to Wendy, Jamie, Sarah, Jessica and their families.
Brother-in-law to Wil and John (dec)
Uncle to Troy and Jodie, Bowden and Tanya, Bree and Jeremy.

LAURIE, Ian.
The families of Jack (dec) and Elsie (dec) Laurie express their condolences for the sudden loss of Ian.
“So sad”.
Our hearts and thoughts are with Wendy, Jamie, Sarah, Jessica, Pam, Yvonne and their families.

Ian, a very good man who loved his Family, Friends and Farming. Respected by us all.

Ken and Bev Wilson and Family
Marg and Allan Howard and Family

LLOYD, Lily Lorraine.
Passed away peacefully on 8th November 2025.
Cherished mother of Ray and mother-in-law to Sheryl.
Adored Nana to Kymberleigh and Lee, Jacob and Sharni.
Loved great grandmother of Anna, Lilly, Harry (dec), Henry, George and Isabelle.
Forever in our hearts

LLOYD (Shipp), Lily Lorraine.
21/1/1932 - 8/11/2025
Loved elder daughter of Lil and Bert Shipp.
Loving sister and sister in law of Alberta and Kel Francis (dec).
Loved Aunt Peg of Haydon and Judy.
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Sat 15	Hands on Cheesemaking at Shire Hall Book: Rushworth Community House 9am - 4pm
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

DECEMBER

Sun 7	Stanhope Community Market from 8am
Sat 20	Rushworth Market, High Street - 8.30am to 1pm
Thu 25	Community Christmas Lunch - 11am -3pm 5 course Lunch free entry for all - By Red Knights Aus 14 Book at:

Meetings & Activities - around the district

- Alcoholics Anonymous(AA) meetings, Thursdays 7pm from 6 Nov, Old Seniors Citz,
- 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 Historical Society - meet 1st Wednesday bi monthly (even months)
- Rushworth Band practice: 7.30pm every Monday night
- Rushworth Market: 3rd Saturday of month - 8.30am to 1pm
- Rushworth ART Depot (RAD) - every Market day - Sat 10am -1pm
- Rushworth Museum: every Saturday 10am-12 noon, 1st and 4th Sunday 11am - 1pm
- Rushworth & District Community Bank Board: meets 1st Tuesday monthly, at 6pm
- Rushworth Events Inc: meets bi-monthly, fourth Tuesday at 7pm at Community space
- 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

This year's annual swimming pool painting program covered the Kyabram and Stanhope swimming pools. The painting works at both locations are now completed ready for summer. Council is offering free general entry to its outdoor pools in Kyabram, Stanhope, Colbinabbin, Lockington, Rushworth and Tongala this summer.



Coming Up Council meeting | 6pm Tuesday, 18 November 2025 | Echuca Civic Centre
Meetings can be streamed live: www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/livestreaming

Immunisation sessions

By appointment only. Register at campaspe.vic.gov.au/immunisations

If you are feeling unwell or have any cold or flu-like symptoms, you must cancel or reschedule your appointment.

Wednesday, 19 November

- 9-10:30am | Kyabram Senior Citizens' Centre

Thursday, 20 November

- 10-10:30am | Gunbower Primary School
- 11:30am-12 noon | Lockington Bush Nursing Centre
- 5:30-6:30pm | Echuca Library

Monday, 24 November

- 9-10:30am | Tongala Shire Hall
- 11:30am-12 noon | Rushworth Service Centre

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Free Glow Up Disco tickets

The 2025 Youth Glow Up 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, visit www.trybooking.com/DFWKB

Community grants

Round 4 of the Community Events and Tourism, Equipment, and Inclusive Community grants is now open. Applications will close on November 22.

Rural Tree Scheme

Are you a rural landowner who'd like more indigenous plants on your property at a discounted price? If so, consider Council's Rural Tree Scheme, which gives rural ratepayers access to subsidised indigenous plants. Orders are open now until 1 December (unless fully subscribed earlier).



Echuca East levee design

Council is inviting residents and stakeholders to review and provide feedback on the final draft functional design for the levee to protect Echuca East from future flooding. This final

draft incorporates revisions following earlier community consultation.

Feedback can be submitted online, via email, by post, or in person at Echuca Service Centre. Submissions close Monday, 17 November.

2026 #myCampaspe calendars out now!

The 2026 #MyCampaspe calendar is available to pick up from Council Customer Service Centres and Libraries. The calendar is free to all residents and features the best photos from our local amateur photographers.

For centre locations and hours, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/contactus



Works notice

Dust suppression trial works

Dust suppression trial works will be undertaken on various unsealed gravel roads in and around Echuca, Gunbower, Kyabram, and Tongala on 19 and 20 November, weather permitting, between 7am and 4pm. Roads will be graded one week prior to the dust suppression application, and traffic control will be in place as required while the works are under way. For any inquiries related to these works, please phone Council on 1300 666 535.

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Involved in a community group or event you'd like to promote? You can add your listing to our website for FREE! The Community Directory lists community organisations, special-interest groups and clubs. The Events Directory lists upcoming events across Campaspe Shire. There is a helpful video on each page to show you how to create a login and upload your listing. Visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/communitydirectory and www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/eventsdirectory

Welcome to the 2025 Debutantes

The beautiful photos of the Deb from 3 August, held at St Mary’s Hall have finally taken shape and aren’t there some stunners!

What an unforgettable night the Deb was! From the moment everyone arrived, there was a special buzz in the air.

The girls looked absolutely stunning in their dresses, all glowing with excitement and the boys scrubbed up so nicely as well. After weeks of preparation and countless hours spent at Deb training — filled with laughter, nerves and unforgettable memories — it was

amazing to see how it all came together so perfectly.

We had so much fun dancing the night away until our feet ached! By the end of the night, no one wanted it to end. We all had the most incredible time — dancing our hearts out, celebrating with friends and family and creating memories that will last forever. Deb wasn’t just a night of beautiful dresses and

fancy suits; it was a night we’ll never forget.

A huge thank you to the footy club, Sophie and Beth in particular for organising it, Janelle for being the MC, all the parents who drove their kids to training and appointments for deb, Amy Newton for her amazing work as the dance teacher and to everyone else who helped make the night so special.



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Rushworth Football Club Deb Ball



Madalen Knight & Corey Robertson



Matilda Brew & Liam Sharples



Millie Newton & Jack Perry



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The 2025
Deb group



Readers' Corner

- interesting things to know
and do!

BOOK IT IN
A Voyage Around the Queen.
by Craig Brown.

Published by Harper Collins, 2024

Anyone who read “Ma’am Darling”, an exposé of the foibles of the late Princess Margaret reviewed in the Waranga News some months ago, will know what to expect from another book by author and comedian Craig Brown about the Queen. This book is understandably a more gentle and uncritical look at the Queen who fulfilled her role for many years with dignity and discretion but, for a small and un-threatening woman, she had the extraordinary ability to reduce strong men and women to jelly by just being herself. Many looked back on their contact with the Queen with deep embarrassment, having been unable to say a thing or else attempting to tell her their whole life story until she tactfully moved away. Even the Queenly worm could turn sometimes though. She is on record as telling comedian and actress Miriam Margolyes (who could talk for England) to “shut up” in no uncertain terms!

This is a very entertaining book to read. We believe that we came to know the Queen after all the years of her long reign but she was always a private person and we only saw what she chose to show us. In recent years however, the mystique around the Queen and her family has lifted markedly.

This began in 1969 with a documentary shown on television about the Royal Family going about their daily lives. It was very popular but some likened it to “letting the light in on magic”. It was the first step in attempts to show that the Queen and her family were just like us. They got cross and bored. They had likes and dislikes. They had some funny habits and they make mistakes. Some of them were good people and some of them were not. As they became like a modern family, we knew them better and we criticized them more. Craig Brown’s book is another step in this process. Through his stories we can laugh at them and with them. It’s a thick tome but it never fails to entertain.

There are some stories about the extraordinary viciousness of the corgis; stories about Prince Philip and his ‘foot-in-mouth’ problems and how the rest of the family responded when he was first suggested as a possible consort; stories about the strange ineptness of successive Poet Laureates forced to compose poems about significant royal events, - the list goes on. All great fun and quite a few surprises. Letting the light in indeed!

The Bookster.

Did you know? . . .

1. Before alarm clocks, people would pay someone to knock on their window and wake them up. They were called knocker-uppers.
2. In your lifetime, you will spend 25 years sleeping. (Unless you have a lot of children...)
3. Play-Doh was originally invented as wallpaper cleaner - to clean the soot off the walls.

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. Sea floor (5,3)
5. ... & papa
7. Moved in water
8. From the menu (1,2,5)
9. Dodged (duty)
12. Chiefs
15. Fellow-feeling
19. Window canopies
21. Sporadically (3,3,2)
22. Sector
23. Pip
24. Noise stoppers

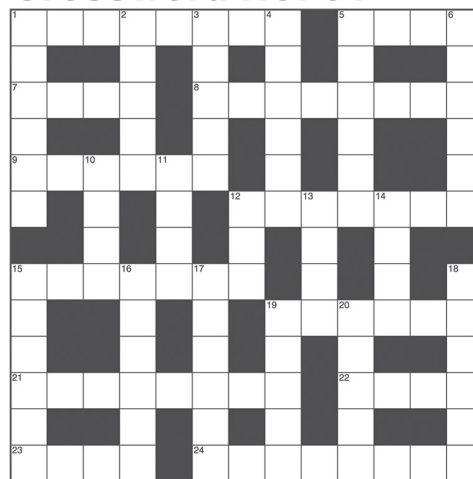
Down

1. Pearl source
2. Directed
3. Whiskers
4. Achievable
5. Complained
6. Revises
10. Upon
11. Ireland's currency
12. Ignited
13. Diva's song
14. Wicked
15. Mechanical men
16. Warsaw is there
17. Puzzling question
18. School compositions
19. Person beyond help
20. Crowd fight

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Crossword No: 64



U is for Umbrella



... and how often did we look out the window lately and hope we'd need an umbrella that day?

The farmers have been watching their crops struggle to produce a good harvest and what was needed was a couple of good bursts of rain.

U is also for uniform (like you wear for school or if you're a policemen, soldier, sailor etc). And what about unicorns - which you'll find only in story books, but not in real life.

I made an upside down cake once, although it wasn't meant to be. I tipped it onto the floor as I took it out of the oven, so rather than waste it, I just scraped it up and said it was an upside down cake. Have you heard of udon?

They are thick Japanese noodles

made from
wheat flour -
used in soups
or with stir-fry
vegetables.
Isn't that
all useful
information?



Rushworth cricket - Star players well rewarded



Wednesday 29 October Under 13s

Rushworth def LGCC

The Under 13s played against Lockington/Gunbower (LGCC) at Ironbark Stadium. Rushworth batted first and scored 2/120 after the allotted 20 overs. LGCC scored 5/34 at the end of their 20 overs. Under 13s either face 15 balls or make 15 runs.

Best batsmen: Thomas Ogden, retired on 23 from 17 balls and Ollie Walker retired on 20 from 19 balls. Rushworth won.

Best bowlers: Josh Hawking with 2/1 from his 2 overs, Thomas Ogden 1/1 from 1 over, Archie Chillingsworth 1/0 from his 1 over and Zoe Perry 1/2 from her 2 overs.

Player of the match: Ollie Walker.



Ollie Walker U13 Player-of-the-match 29 October.

Saturday 1 November B Grade

Rushworth def KFBCC

B Grade hosted Kyabram Fire Brigade Red (KFBCC) at Ironbark Stadium. Rushworth batted first scoring 9/191 to defeat KFBCC who were all out for 124.

Best batsmen: Jak McMillan 47, Dan Newton 45, Declan Baldwin 20 and Josh Maudsley 16 (no).

Best bowlers: Regan Hanson 4/26 from 7 overs, Tommy Stevens 2/11 from 7 overs and Ahmad Karamat 2/38 from 7 overs.

Saturday 1 November D Grade

Rushworth def Murchison

D Grade went to Murchison for their game. They had a hard win defeating Murchison.

Murchison batted first and were all out for 120, while Rushworth scored 8/122.

Best bowlers: Heath Ogden 3/15 from 6 overs, Charlie McLean 3/23 from 7 overs, Declan Hawking 2/16 from 6 overs and Thomas Ogden with 2/24 from 6 overs.

Best batsmen: Jac Barrett retiring on 52 (no) and Charlie McLean on 19.

Wednesday 5 November Under 13s

Rushworth It Tongala

Under 13s played Tongala in another tight game coming down to the last over with Tongala winning but 3 runs.

Tongala were the first to bat making 8/122 defeating Rushworth 3/119. It was great to see so many runs taken by the juniors.

Best bowlers: Thomas Ogden 2/5 from 2 overs, Harrison Northausen 1/3 from 2 overs, Archie Chillingsworth 1/13 from 2 overs, Ollie Walker 1/14 from 2 overs and Hunter Thompson 1/19 from 2 overs.

Best batsmen: Thomas Ogden retiring on 20 from 12 balls, Archie Chillingsworth retiring on 17 from 20, Isaac Perry and Liam Jarrett both retiring on 14 from 20 balls faced.

Player of the Match: Zoe Perry



Zoe Perry U13 Player-of-the-match 5 November.

Saturday 8 November B Grade

Rushworth It Echuca

B Grade hosted Echuca at Ironbark Stadium. Rushworth batted first scoring 107 and were defeated by Echuca 5/111.

Best batsmen: Jak McMillan 18, Dan Newton 45, Shannon Jarrett on 17 and Tommy Stevens 16 (no).

Best bowlers: Shannon Jarrett 2/20 from 8 overs, Kade Dearing 1/14 from 7.5 overs and Ahmad Karamat 1/24 from 8 overs.

Saturday 8 November D Grade

Rushworth It Echuca

D Grade went to Echuca Primary School and were defeated by Echuca. Echuca batted first and were all out for 118, while Rushworth were 8/96. Christie Thomas making her debut senior game was welcomed into the side.

Best batmen: Peter Raglus 27, Daniel Kelsey 23 (no) and Brett Pateman on 16.

Best bowlers: Daniel Kelsey 3/24 from 6 overs, Thomas Ogden 2/3 from 3 overs (including 2 maidens), Declan Hawking 2/15 from 6 overs, Heath Ogden with 1/8 from 6 overs, David Baldwin 1/1 from 2.2 overs and Brett Pateman 1/39 from 6 overs.

Sunday 9 November Under 13s

Rushworth def Moama

Our Under 13's had a make-up game against Moama for the one that couldn't be played due to the weather.

Rushworth lost the toss and batted first making 5/127 after the allotted 20 overs. Moama were 4/81 at the end of their 20 overs.

Best batsmen: Thomas Ogden retired on 21 from 14 balls (including 4 fours), Archie Chillingsworth retired on 16 from 15 balls and Liam Jarrett retired on 15 from 15 balls.

Best bowlers: Thomas Ogden 1/12 from 2 overs, Bodhi Howe 1/9 from his 2 overs and Liam Jarrett 1/1 from his 1 over.

Player of the match: Thomas Ogden.



Thomas Ogden U13, Player-of-the-match 9 November.

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Rushworth Football Netball Club Presentations



After a very successful year it was time to reward the players for their well deserved achievements

Football

Under 10s

- Best & Fairest - Issac Perry
- Goal Kicking Award - Bryce Hudson
- Coaches Award - Rex Raglus
- Most Improved - Kaan Hanson
- Most Consistent - Hunter Thompson
- Best Team Player - Conor French

Under 18s

- Best & Fairest (*R. Hoyling Memorial*) - Tighe Clarke
- Runner-up - Flynnn Clarke
- Coaches Award - Michael Ndisa
- Best Utility - Riley Knight
- Most Improved - Jimmy Edward
- Most Consistent - Will Duke
- Best 1st Year Player - Angus Maher

Reserves

- Best & Fairest (*N. Clarke Memorial*) - Daniel Kelsey
 - Runner-up - Josh Newton
 - Coaches Award - Jack Rissstrom
 - Most Determined - Jack Keane
 - Most Consistent - Josh Maudsley
 - Most Improved - Nick Jonker
- ### Seniors
- Best & Fairest (*Lambden Trophy*) - Liam Francis
 - Runners-up - (*Ryan Beale & Paul Vavlitis*)
 - Coaches Award - Troy Damon
 - Most Determined (*Ian Borger Memorial*) - Dylan Arnold
 - Most Improved - Jac Barrett
 - Most Consistent - Ethan Arnold
 - Best Team Man (*Pluto Perry Memorial*) - Liam Adlington
 - Best Utility (*Alec Horne Memorial*) - Nico McKinley
 - Best First Year - Jackson McRae

Netball

13 & Under

- Best & Fairest - Pippa Lockwood
- Runner-up - Sofia Perry
- Coaches Award - Amelia Ackroyd
- Most Determined - Ruby Griffin

15 & Under

- Best & Fairest - Kade Starling
- Runner-up - Byron Chapman
- Most Improved - Billie Johnstone
- Most Determined - Emily Walker

17 & Under

- Best & Fairest - Emma Francis & Emily McLean
- Runner-up - Makayla Lockwood
- Coaches Award - Keileigh Balmer
- Most Consistent - Tyra Roberts
- Most Improved - Millie Newton

C Reserve

- Best & Fairest - Eliza McDonald
- Runner-up - Amy Francis
- Coaches Award - Sophie McLean
- Most Improved - Millie Newton

C Grade

- Best & Fairest - Madalen Knight
- Runner-up - Laura Martin
- Most Consistent - Anita Barlow
- Most Improved - Caitlin Brown

B Grade

- Best & Fairest - Christie Thomas
- Runner-up - Crystal Pateman
- Players Player - Beth Parker
- Most Determined - Ella Cooney

A Grade

- Best & Fairest - Ashlyn Materne
- Runner-up - Janelle Doolan
- Most Consistent - Lilly Waasdorp
- Most Determined - Kacey Barlow

Club Awards

- Junior Endeavour Award Football (*Rushworth & District Community Bank*) - Tighe Clarke
- Junior Endeavour Award Netball (*Rushworth & District Community Bank*) - Emma Francis
- Harris Family Junior Club Person - Lailah Francis
- Williams Family Senior Club Person - Calvin Gleeson

AGM - results

- President - Regan Hanson
- Vice President - Daniel Kelsey and Alek Stokes
- Secretary - Christie Thomas
- Treasurer - Alek Stokes
- Junior Football Director - Position Vacant
- Senior Football Director - Daniel Kelsey
- Junior Netball Director - Lauren Parker
- Senior Netball Director - TBC
- General Committee Members: Jess McLean, Janelle Doolan, Sarah Jones, Shannon Jarrett, Georgia Francis, Helene Perry, Sharon and Calvin Gleeson, Sheree Starling, Brynne Schumacher

Netball Trial Dates

- Wednesday 12 November 6pm
- Wednesday 19 November 6pm

Football Preseason Dates:

- Wednesday 26 November 6pm
- Wednesday 3rd December 6pm
- Wednesday 10 December 6pm
- Wednesday 17 December 6pm
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