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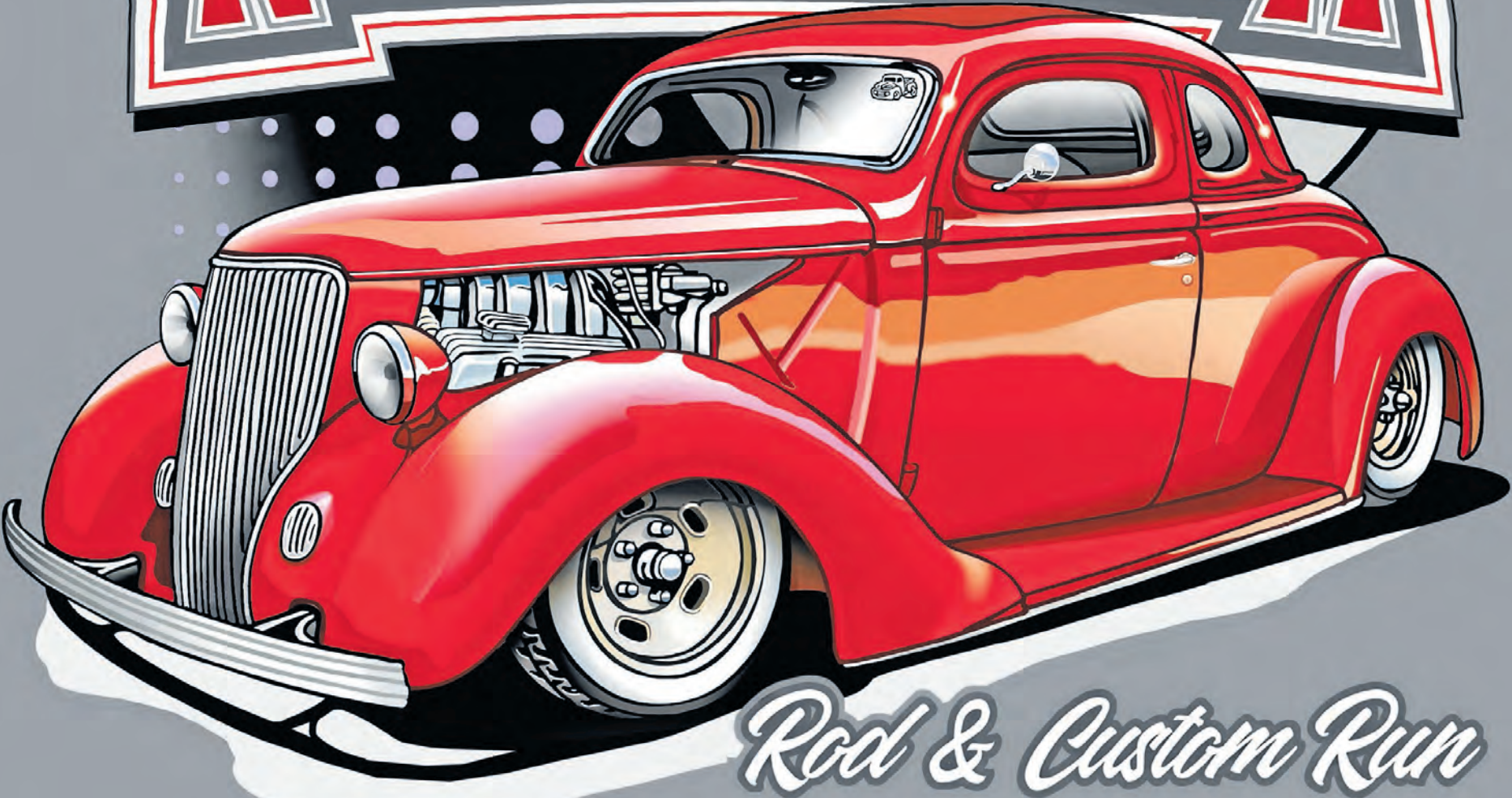
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# Rod & Custom Run

EASTER LONG WEEKEND

## Home away from home



Steve and Kath Alldrick's beloved 1932 Ford Tourer with original steel body.

THE origins of the Earlies Rod Run, held in Narrandera each Easter, actually date back to 1984, when three rodders met over a few drinks and decided they wanted to return to Narrandera.

T-shirts were printed ready for the first big event and the rodders were off to Narrandera for Easter 1985.

While only 20-30 entrants were expected, the number exceeded expectations with 168 entrants and the Lake Talbot Caravan Park was a hive of activity.

One of the Rod Run founders from those days was Ray Alldrick, who is a familiar face in Narrandera at Easter every year and the father of current Rod Run organiser Steve Alldrick.

Several world firsts have been achieved at these Narrandera Rod Runs – Mattel Hot Wheels Racing, Custom Caravan Nationals and a Kids Hot Rod built from cardboard boxes.

Narrandera on the intersection of the Newell and Sturt Highways became a hot rod enthusiasts' home away from home.

The Street Rod Nationals was first held in Narrandera in 1973, with street rodders camping in the Narrandera Sportsground. While the Nationals event moved to other towns and cities and found a permanent home in Canberra, there was a group who liked

the atmosphere in Narrandera and were interested in creating a new event which would have a strong emphasis on families enjoying their cars.

This new event became the Narrandera Rod Run and has been organised by the Earlies Street Rod & Custom Club, which is based in Melbourne and run by Steve and his wife Kathleen.

Steve expressed his thanks to Narrandera businesses and the local Council for their wonderful support.

"We have had a fantastic response from the local businesses with most of the businesses sponsoring from 2019 and some sponsoring us for the first time. We do appreciate their support

as it helps with the cost of the event and to keep the cost down for entrants," Steve said.

"We are encouraging all rodders and their families to spend money in the town – it's been a tough year and I'm sure their support will be welcomed by the local business community," he said.

"We are off to Leeton on Easter Saturday morning for our regular run destination and back to Narrandera for lunch and encourage entrants to return and support the local shops."

Steve said as well as boosting the local economy the event was a chance for entrants to get to enjoy a variety of activities, catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Members of the general public will be able to enjoy looking at a variety of vehicles, from late 1920s to the 1960s, and admire the work that goes into these cars at the Show and Shine at the Sportsground on Easter Sunday as well as cruising about the town over the weekend.

"Don't miss Sunday's show and shine by not registering to attend. There's a cap of 3000 and while we are still a fair way off this you could be disappointed if you don't register early. There is no charge," Steve said.



Ray Charlton's 'Border Raider' 1932 Ford 5-window coupe.



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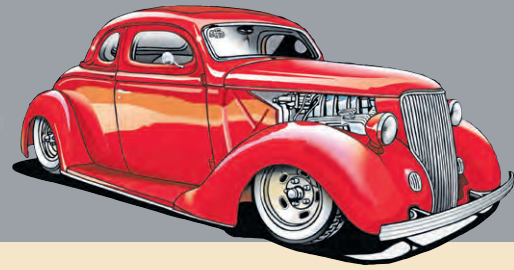
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## New and old at Farmers Markets

QUITE a few new stallholders are combined with the old favourites at the Narrandera Good Friday Farmers Market.

The markets will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Shady Gum Nursery, Pine Hill with live entertainment, food, gourmet produce, artisan goods and gifts.

Gold coin entry helps the local Can-Assist and they will be running an Easter raffle filled with goodies from all the stallholders.

Among the new stallholders is Grunt Pork Smokehouse, a genuine paddock to plate enterprise from Grong Grong and serving pulled pork rolls with smokey cheese and bacon along with small goods, fresh pork and sausages.

Home made pies sausage rolls, quiches, cakes and pavlova will be offered by Grandma's Home Treats complimented by the coffee fix from How ya Bean!

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Bob – "The Cement Man" has hand painted animal sculptures, there are flower themed knick knacks at Grace's Stall, personalised gifts from Littler Dreamer Designs, fairy floss and slushies from the Narrandera East Infants School, plus antipasto and olives from Noona's Goods, Griffith.

Possum Patch has fresh produce from the Darlington Point farm, includ-

ing pumpkins, black garlic and fresh flowers while there will be beer tasting and the famous Ginger Ninja alcoholic ginger beer from Tumut River Brewing Company.

There will be River Road Farm's Artisan Cordials, Valencia cordial, candied orange slices and dipped orange peel. Their Authentic Grenadine is made by cold pressing pomegranates and is a great addition to gin or enjoyed with lemon and sparkling water.

Narrandera Rotary members will

be cooking up a storm with fish and veggie burgers, bacon and egg rolls and sausages in bread.

Visitors can also check out the laser cut products made from timber by Verj Designs.

Catch the Lions train – they are always happy to commute market goers to and forth on the hour for a gold coin– check out the map for pickup/drop-off points around town.

## Book online for entry

EARLIES Rod Run organiser Steve Alldrick has urged people who want to attend the Narrandera Show 'n Shine on the Easter Weekend Sunday, April 4 at the Narrandera Sportsground to register ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Registration is free but if you want to attend but you must register online.

"Registrations are necessary because there was a definite limit of 3000," he said.

"Restrictions have eased slightly so we can now offer 5000 tickets.

"No tickets will be available at the gate."

Gates open to the public from 11am to 3pm. Pedestrians must enter

at the corner of Argyle Street and Victoria Avenue, while entrant access is via Elizabeth Street opposite the showground.

- Tickets will not be available at the gate for pedestrians.

- Anyone wishing to bring a Hot Rod car and enter on the day will not be admitted. You must become an entrant prior to the event.

- To become an entrant email narranderarodrun@outlook.com

This year's Rod Run event will look a little different due to the impacts of COVID-19 and restrictions.

All details are subject to change due to changing COVID-19 restrictions and requirements.

## What's on and where

### Thursday, April 1

**3pm – 6pm** Early arrivals registration, Event merchandise sales, licensed venue NO BYO

**Venue:** Narrandera Golf Club, Racecourse Rd

\* Think about staying for dinner at your own expense, please remember to book table by calling the Narrandera Golf Club on 02 6959 1327

### Friday, April 2

**9am – 3pm** Registration and merchandise sales

**Venue:** Narrandera Golf Club, Racecourse Rd

#### 9am onwards

Shop Local – please explore Narrandera and support all of our wonderful sponsors, they will have an event poster in their windows.

#### 10am – 2pm

Narrandera Farmers Market at The Shady Gum Nursery

**11am – 1pm** Ladies Morning at Sew Fab (111 East St)

There is a limited number of 20 that are able to attend. Please place your name down at registration if interested.

#### 1pm – 5pm

Friday entertainment – all new pool, water slides, splash zone available, Music by ITCHY FINGERS, bring chairs, picnic rugs, picnic. Some food and drinks available to purchase. No glass.

**Venue:** Lake Talbot swimming pool, Lake Drive.

### Saturday, April 3

**9am – 10.30am** Last registration pick up

**Venue:** Narrandera Sportsground, Victoria Ave

**9am – 10.30am** Ladies Morning at Sew Fab (111 East St)

There is a limited number of 20 that are able to attend. Please place your name down at registration if interested.

**10am** Assemble for observation run

**10:30am** Observation run departs for Leeton, look out for the people in yellow!

Return to Narrandera and shop local. Please support all our wonderful sponsors.

### Sunday, April 4

**11am** Gates open for Show n Shine, Live Band ITCHY FINGERS, Merchandise Sales, Market & Food Stalls, Trade Stands, hot rod artwork by Peter Close

**Venue:** Narrandera Sportsground (enter via Elizabeth St, opposite the showgrounds)

**1.30pm** Voting closes for Top Ride, Top Rod and Top Custom please return your voting slips to the Earlies merchandise stand by 1.30pm

**2.30pm** Trophy Presentations on main stage

**3pm** Rod Run concludes  
Thank you to everyone for attending this year's event see you in 2022!

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## Teenage dream started Colin's love of cars

AS A young fella growing up in Narrandera, Easter was always the highlight of the year for Colin Pettigrew.

"I remember back as far as 1975 when I was five-years-old and my mother took my sister and myself down the main street to watch the hot rod parade," Colin said.

"The main street was packed there were so many people and cars.

"From that day on I became interested in hot rods and custom cars.

"At the age of 12 I asked my mother if I could buy a car to do up but she made me wait until I was 15. And that's where it all started."

Over the years Colin has built a few cars.

"It all started here in Narrandera and probably because of the influence of the Narrandera Rod Run and some older people I had met at a young age," he said.

"To me the Rod run is the best weekend in our home town and we are so fortunate to have the Earlies Rod Club continue to keep coming back to Narrandera all the way from Victoria.

"It's really a huge job to undertake each year and they do such a great job and it's also a benefit to our town and businesses."



Colin Pettigrew's 1959 FC Holden, originally purchased 22 years ago, spent six months as the family car before being stored. Colin started working on it six years ago, stripping it back and totally rebuilding it in his shed, finishing it in time for this year's Rod Run. Photo supplied.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe  
*Easter holiday!*



The Buggy rods are on their way to Narrandera for Easter. Photo supplied.

## Can't wait to get to Rod Run

AFTER the disappointment of last year's Rod Run being cancelled due to COVID, long time participant Tim Buggy and his wife Jenny can't wait for this Easter at Narrandera.

It should be their 20th in a row, but because of last year's cancellation it will only be their 19th.

"The Narrandera Rod Run is something we look forward to every year. We get to catch up with friends we only see there. Lifelong friends," Tim said.

"We will be attending with our two hot rods as we always try to do. Apart from just attending, we now also help out with the Earlies to make the run one of the best in Australia.

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# Barellan heritage is off to Sydney Show

BARELLAN'S famous team of Clydesdales pulling a wool wagon are set to make their debut this week at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in a heritage spectacular.

Barellan Working Clydesdale Committee president Bruce Bandy and Australian Draught Horse breeder from Lake Cargelligo, Steve Johnson, will have a composite **Bruce Bandy (pictured left) and Steve Johnson will parade their team of 12 heavy horses and a wool wagon in a heritage display at Sydney Royal.** Photo: Kim Woods.

team of their horses pulling an historic Bennett wool wagon.

The team of 12 horses will parade twice a day around the GIANTS stadium at 12.20pm and 7.30pm followed by Barellan farmer David Irvin on a vintage tractor owned by his grandfather and pulling a train of Furphy water carts.

Five of the heavy horses belong to Mr Bandy and seven have been supplied by Mr Johnson.

They will be accompanied by Paul Bandy and Colin Bandy.

The heritage display will be held each day in the main arena from April 1 to 12.

Mr Bandy said a Sydney Royal representative had attended the 2019 Good Old Days Festival and organised to have the heavy horse team at the 2020 Sydney Royal.

But the show was cancelled due to COVID just a few weeks out.

Mr Bandy hopes the display will raise the profile of Barellan and the Good Old Days Festival among the show's visitors.

David Irvin will drive a 1927 McCormack Deering 1530 originally owned by his grandfather Rube Irvin, who swapped four Clydesdales for the tractor in 1931.

David's parents, Laurie and Dawn Irvin, maintained the tractor through the decades.

"And here it is going to the Big Smoke to show herself off," David said.

Owen Brown, Binya, has contributed one of the collectible Furphy water carts to make up the Furphy train.



Owen Brown, Binya, and David Irvin, Barellan, right, with the Furphy train and tractor to be part of the heritage display at Sydney Show. Photo supplied

# No regard for easing financial burden

**Liz Lawrence**

THE Narrandera Shire Council would be totally opposed to any changes in Block and Repair grant programs as part of a review of the classification of roads under way.

Council General Manager George Cowan said the NSW Government was undertaking this review and had appointed an expert panel to lead the consultation process.

"Our Council representatives have attended a couple of seminars relating to that process but there has been no discussion so far about changes in funding of the sort mentioned by Shadow Minister for Local Government Greg Warren and Shadow Minister for Rural Roads Mick Veitch," Mr Cowan said.

"Council is aware the NSW Government is undertaking a review of the classification of roads in NSW and has appointed an expert panel to lead consultation on that

review. Our reps have attended a couple of seminars relating to that process.

"There has been no discussion at this point about changes in funding of the sort mentioned and Council would be totally opposed to any such changes."

However, documents obtained by Labor show regional councils stand to lose their \$187.1 million Block and Repair Grant programs funding under a secret plan proposed by Transport for NSW and the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole.

The two funding schemes are separate, but a new report lays bare the Government's plans to merge the two, which will severely impact local councils' ability to maintain regional road infrastructure.

Despite the report being finalised in January 2020, and appearing in the Transport for NSW 2019-20 Annual Report, Minister Toole told

a Budget Estimates hearing he was only "made aware of this report last week" after Labor received it under freedom of information.

The report warned the Government's preferred new funding model would result in some councils receiving "a significantly lower funding allocation due to the revised structure."

Labor's Shadow Minister for Regional Roads Mick Veitch said the two funding streams were significant for local councils and scrapping them could lead to thousands of job losses.

"We've been asking the Government for months to give an assurance on funding and jobs through this funding scheme but have been left in the dark until this report," Mr Veitch said.

"Minister Toole has failed to rule out cutting jobs or funding to local councils across the state, saying he 'can't guarantee anything' in

response to repeated questions from Mr Veitch.

"Many councils could be substantially worse off and the Government has no plan to support regional road infrastructure which is already in desperate need across NSW.

"What's worse is that these funding and job cuts were prepared in secret, without informing local councils, peak bodies, or unions about the proposed plans."

Minister Toole told the Budget Estimates meeting these basic stakeholder engagement conversations were thus far "not a discussion that we've had".

Despite being repeatedly pressed to guarantee no jobs will be lost under the roads reclassification program, Minister Toole refused every opportunity to protect existing jobs and council funding.

Labor's Shadow Minister for Local Government Greg Warren said

the Government's election commitment to transfer road maintenance to the State was meant to help ease financial burdens on councils.

But a previous request for tender documents highlighted by Labor revealed the government's plan to centralise road maintenance contracts, robbing local communities of the local council jobs they have relied on for years.

"It is now evident the Government's plan was to save money and they have no regard for keeping jobs in regional NSW or easing the financial burden of local councils," Mr Warren said.

Transport for NSW documents have previously confirmed the government is looking to rip more than \$151.5 million in grants from rural and regional councils every year when 15,000 kilometres of council-owned roads are transferred to the State.

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**Rain, hail or shine, dedicated community member and mother Julie Birrer serves hot sausages and chicken burgers to the local community at Marie Bashir Park. Photo supplied.**

## Chillin’ and grillin’

IT’S A Monday night in Narrandera and a small group of people have gathered around the barbecue area in the Marie Bashir Park.

Here you will see dedicated community member and mother Julie Birrer serving hot sausages and chicken burgers to the local community with a smile on her face, come rain or shine.

It’s nice not having to cook tea on a Monday night, but this little gathering is so much more than that. ‘The Hangout’ as it is officially known, is the brainchild of a group of five people and was started to provide a space for youth to make friends and engage in the community.

Sadly they have struggled to have the greater community and council rally behind them, due to the fact that the town already has sports clubs and youth groups.

Not everyone shares this view, as local business Vinnies Fruitz as well as Coles supermarket have donated fruit and meat for the Monday night barbecue.

Other businesses such as Camjai Catering , Bendigo Bank, Mitre 10, Custom Music, Second Chance, Cafe Shazaray, Narrandera Exhaust and Tyres, Narrandera Milk and Smallgoods and the Narrandera Post office have also supported the Christmas Pool Party last year.

“It is so great to see the community coming together to support positive and inclusive community events and activities,” Julie said.

“While there are plenty of sports organisations and church youth groups

that provide rich and exciting opportunities for the youth in our town – there is a real lack of support for those with special needs, differing interest and mental health issues.

“Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other mild disabilities often struggle with social communication and anxiety disorders that create barriers for them to access local services.”

The Hangout aims to provide a quieter, smaller environment where these youth can also have their needs met.

“There has been a significant increase in mental health issues especially on the back of COVID and it more important than ever to look after the mental health of our youth,” Julie said

By creating a space for children from the age of 10 and up to engage in safe and community fostering activities, the town is setting its youth up for a more productive future.

“Youth delinquency and mental health issues do not simply ‘just happen’ yet are a product of lack intervention and the right help being given.

“Narrandera as a community have a chance to create a space where children and youth can flourish and create a positive and lasting impact in our town.

“Instead of comparing organisations, the aim is to work together, to create a diverse and engaging range of youth orientated activities where our children can flourish – no matter their abilities and interests.”

## Dog owners be alert

NARRANDERA resident Lorna Quilter is so concerned for the regional working and pet dog population she has handed out 500 fliers in the town.

The focus of Lorna’s concern is the deadly disease Ehrlichiosis which is killing dogs in almost every state of Australia.

Ms Quilter said she was concerned farmers may be unaware of their valuable working dogs picking up the disease.

She said the majority of urban pet owners had never heard of the disease.

Since Erlichiosis was first detected in the Kimberley region of Western Australia in May 2020, there has been growing public concern about what this disease may mean for pet dogs Australia-wide.

Veterinarian Dr Bonny Cumming has been closely following the impact of Erlichiosis through her role as Program Manager – Strategic Delivery for Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities.

Ehrlichiosis is a bacterial disease transmitted by the bite of infected Brown Dog Ticks (Rhipicephalus sanguineus). Dogs can get Ehrlichiosis when a Brown Dog Tick carrying Ehrlichia canis bites them, having

sucked blood from a dog infected with Ehrlichia canis.

The Brown Dog Tick has historically been considered a tropical parasite, occurring through northern and central Australia, but typically not found as far south as Perth, Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne or Hobart.

Dr Cumming said while the Brown Dog Tick generally preferred warmer climates, it is good at establishing indoors or in kennels.

Acting NSW Chief Veterinary Officer Paul Freeman said NSW had a surveillance plan which includes testing dogs with clinical signs consistent with E. Canis and targeted surveillance, including retrospectively testing historical samples.

“People moving or bringing dogs from interstate or adopting rescue dogs should ask questions about where the animals came from and what tick prevention they have.”

Symptoms include fever, loss of appetite, abnormal bleeding, pain and weight loss.

Dogs which have been diagnosed and are undergoing veterinary treatment for ehrlichiosis do not pose a health risk in transferring the disease to other dogs.

## New Rex flights

NARRANDERA will have new daily flight schedules from regional carrier, REX, this week.

Rex informed the Narrandera Shire Council economic taskforce committee the carrier was busy on the Narrandera route with all flights full and daily flight schedules planned from March 29.

Rex revealed pre-COVID the Sydney-Griffith services was its biggest route catering for 73,000 passengers.

The route has carried 1171 passengers in the four weeks from January 17 to February, only eclipsed by Adelaide to Mount Gambier on 1286.

Qantas has moved into these routes and Rex announced they would be unable to viably support two carriers.

Rex deputy chairman John Sharp said the Rex Board had decided to stand its ground in these routes even if inevitably both carriers will be making significant losses.

“Unfortunately, the expected drag on Rex’s financial position from the losses on the routes will mean Rex will be unable to continue subsidising marginal routes that we have serviced for the past 20 years,” Mr Sharp said.

## Dog seized, men arrested

TWO men have been charged following an investigation into the distribution of child abuse and bestiality material at Leeton.

Earlier this year, detectives from Murrumbidgee Police District began an investigation after receiving information relating to the alleged production and dissemination of child abuse material in the Leeton area.

Following extensive inquiries, two men – aged 61 and 76 – were arrested in Leeton on March 25 and taken to Leeton Police Station.

A short time later, a search warrant was subsequently executed at a home in Leeton.

During the searches, police seized electronic devices, which will undergo further examination.

Investigators also seized a dog which was taken into the care of RSPCA NSW.

The 61-year-old man was charged with three counts of disseminate child abuse material, animal cruelty, and bestiality.

The 76-year-old man was charged with three counts of disseminate child abuse material, two counts of possess child abuse material, and bestiality.

It will be alleged in court that the men were involved in the online distribution of child abuse and bestiality material.

It will be further alleged a dog seized at the home had been subjected to animal abuse.

The pair were refused bail and appeared in Griffith Local Court on March 25.

Investigations are continuing.

## Budget top up for tank

A TENDER worth almost \$1 million has been accepted by Narrandera Shire Council to build the new Pine Hill Reservoir.

Quay Civil have been approved as the preferred tenderer for the price of \$910,884 and Council also approved an increase in the total project budget by \$200,000 to be funded from the Water Reserve.

A total of seven quotes were received ranging up to \$2.3 million.

Council made changes to the water main reticulation layout in the Pine Hill area in 2019 to improve service pressures for residents.

This increased demand on the already undersized Pine Hill reservoirs necessitated the construction of a new larger water reservoir.

Councillors heard two 5000 kilolitre concrete tanks would be needed to cater for future demand.

## Arts Fair plans

PARTICIPANTS appreciated the gentle, informative and inclusive way artist Cory McKenzie conducted his cultural workshops in Narrandera recently.

Feedback has been really positive from both the adults and young people who attended, according to a Create Narrandera spokesperson.

The next workshop, Between the Folds, will be conducted by Lindee Russell and combine eco printing, intuitive mark making and painting to create an accordion folded book and other small works on paper.

To be held April 10-11, this will be a fun and exploratory weekend workshop for people of all levels of artistic and creative experience.

Create Narrandera has been working behind the scenes on the artist weekend, Arts and Creative Fair, on May 1-2 and June 19-20. It will be held at the Narrandera Art Centre where visitors can chat with an artist, or watch them at work.



# “Cartoonish” mural sparks anger

Kim Woods

A BITTER stoush has erupted over a proposed water tower mural at Yerong Creek with the community labelling the art work as garish and cartoonish.

A deputation to Lockhart Shire Council's March meeting pleaded for a replacement design, with their petition of 100 signatures and suggestions passed on to a selection committee and a decision was due to be made this week.

Residents were “insulted and angry” over the short consultation time frame on a design already endorsed by Council.

Lockhart councillors heard at the December meeting community consultation had taken place over five days face-to-face at Yerong Creek.

Council received 42 separate feedback forms, plus those from Committee members.

The painting of a high quality, large scale mural on the Yerong Creek Water Tower is one of a number of projects nominated by Council for funding under the Australian Government's Drought Communities Programme Extension grant.

An Expressions of Interest document was prepared in consultation with the Yerong Creek Progress Association inviting proposals from selected artists.

Three artists responded to the four broad themes on transport, education, sport and agriculture, with two designs submitted last September.

A selection panel was established comprising representatives of Council, Riverina

Water, the local community and Eastern Riverina Arts.

The Yerong Creek residents were consulted in relation to the two designs and feedback was also sought from members of Council's Tourism and Economic Development Steering Committee.

The feedback obtained from the community and TEDSC members was provided to the selection panel when it met in December to review the designs.

Council endorsed the selection panel's preferred design for the mural in December.

Yerong Creek resident Shayne Collins said the water tower murals at Lockhart and Milbrulong were tasteful, simplistic and blended in with the surroundings.

Mr Collins said the resident's views on the proposed mural for Yerong Creek were not disrespectful to the artist Heesco.

“Yerong Creek, being the oldest village in the shire has a rich history and some interesting characters ranging from Mad Dog Morgan to Gunning Plunkett,” he said.

“It also had a strong Chinese presence through the early years with the remnants of dams and other construction carried out during their time here still evident in some places.

“Surely worthy of consideration for possible themes, alongside our strong agricultural industry – past, present and future.”

Mr Collins said Council had invested a great deal in the Shire's heritage conservation areas.

“Yerong Creeks main street, Plunkett

Street, is a strong example of that,” he said.

“That said, the main part of Plunkett Street is on the junction of the road where this tower is going to be painted with bright colours and cartoon characters. Surely not a visually acceptable “blend”. “

Mr Collins said the community felt simple changes could not be made to the mural to make it less colourful, busy and cartoonish.

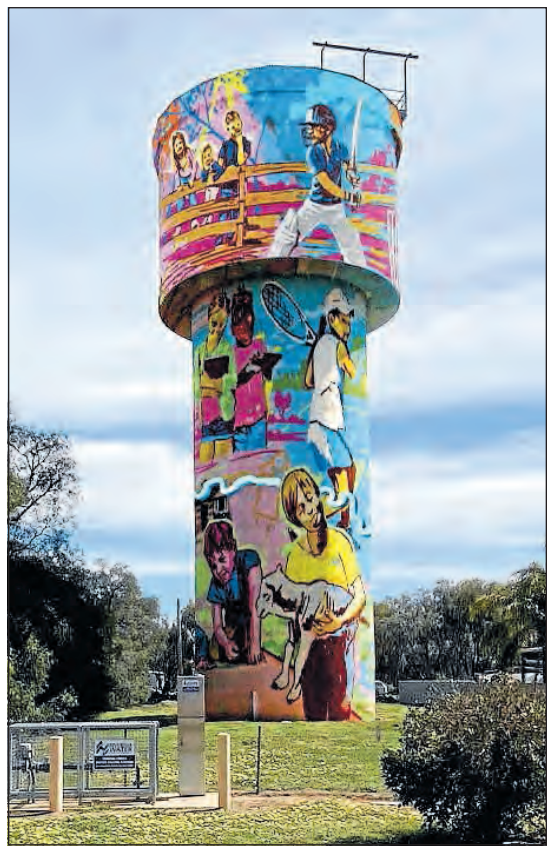
“If only in-depth community consultation had been done at the start we probably would not all be faced with this quandary,” he said.

The residents worked with graphic designer and former Yerong Creek resident Holly Willis to present an alternative concept design to Council.

Lockhart Shire Council general manager Peter Veneris said this latest round of consultation has resulted in a petition being submitted to Council with approximately 95 signatures expressing concern the design in its current format was not reflective of the village of Yerong Creek and calling for more community input in to the final design.

Mr Veneris said in addition to the petition Council also received individual submissions both in support of and against the proposed design.

“The Council received the petition and listened to the presentation and agreed to convey the petitioners' concerns and the feedback received from the individual submissions to the Selection Panel for review,” he said.



The proposed mural design for the Yerong Creek Water Tower has been labelled as too colourful, busy and cartoonish by residents. Photo supplied .

## Teacher's spooked and walk off

NSW Teachers Federation members at Darlington Point Public School walked off the job last Thursday over the Government's failure to properly staff schools in rural and regional areas.

NSW Teachers Federation claims teachers have been spooked over a proposal to reduce transfer points and are predicting a mass exodus from the western region's small schools.

NSW Teachers Federation Deputy President Henry Rajendra said the school was constantly struggling to attract and retain teachers to fill vacancies.

“Teachers at Darlington Point are concerned the Department of Education is undermining confidence in the state-wide transfer system by suggesting schools close to regional towns are not ‘rural and remote’ and should be stripped on incentives to attract new staff,” Mr Rajendra said.

“The school has been unable to recruit teachers for the COVID intensive learning position.

“And when they do find a teacher to fill a position, applicants often decline job offers because it is hard to find somewhere to live in Griffith.”

Mr Rajendra said Darlington Point is forced to combine classes when teachers are on leave or attending

professional learning courses.

“This is simply unacceptable and places enormous pressure on the staff when teachers are not replaced or teaching jobs remain unfilled,” he said.

“Over the past decade the NSW Government and Department have weakened previously successful processes that ensured adequate staffing of all schools across the state.

“The NSW Government has let down students, parents and the wider community by failing to provide teachers for every student and every class.

“The Education Department have known of the dire teacher shortage for some time but failed to address the problem. It is grossly unfair for students, and in many cases, those with the most complex learning needs.”

NSW Teachers Federation organiser Brett Bertalli told the *Argus* teachers at Darlington Point and other small schools would lose professional learning and financial incentives.

Mr Bertalli said at Darlington Point teaches were at risk of losing a 70 per cent rental subsidy and a \$30,000 bonus.

“They will have to take a big pay cut and be forced to compete with

schools in Griffith if transfer points are reduced and the smaller schools will struggle to attract teachers.”

Mr Bertalli said Darlington Point staff were not ruling out further stop work action and moved a resolution to write to the Minister to lift their transfer points.

He said schools at Leeton and Binya were also at risk due to their proximity to Griffith.

“My concern is people with no understanding of the transfer system and the importance of it are having input.

“Schools and teachers are getting on the front foot and indicating to the Minister we feel very strongly about this and won't walk away from any discussion about reduction in transfer points.

“We need to lift transfer points for schools that are difficult to staff, not decrease them.

“It really has spooked teachers – there is a track record of the government doing this in the past.

“There will be a mass exodus from the far West of NSW if the Minister goes down this path.”

Mr Bertalli said in 2008 Bourke High School lost the principal, two deputies, four head teachers and seven classroom teachers, spooked over the proposal to reduce transfers.

“The school began 2009 with half of their staff and created absolute turmoil.”

## Historic drowning location sought

Liz Lawrence

HARRY Kirchner is trying to find out the location on Bundidjarie Creek where his great grandfather and his son drowned rescuing a 12-year-old girl in 1927.

Harry's grandmother was John Funnell's daughter and he would like to visit the site to pay his respects and possibly even explore the funding of a memorial.

He wants to find out the exact location the drownings took place and hopes that archives or an historical society can help him with his search.

The story recounts how it was a family picnic gone wrong when John William Funnell, aged 54, and his son Leslie William Funnell, 23, were drowned in the creek when a 12-year-old girl got into difficulties in the creek.

Mr and Mrs Funnell and their son were having a picnic with four other children on the banks of the creek.

A girl, 12 years of age, was

bathing in the creek when she got into difficulties. Leslie Funnell went to her assistance and succeeded in bringing her out of deep water and placed her on a tree. Immediately after doing this he appeared to get into difficulty himself, called to his father for help, and, without further warning, sank.

It was believed that he was seized with cramp.

His father rushed to his rescue, but before he had gone very far he also sank.

Both men were powerful swimmers.

Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause of the father drowning.

The bodies were recovered soon afterwards but efforts to resuscitate the two men were unsuccessful, leaving a widow and her four young children, the youngest of whom was five years of age.

Anyone who can help with information is urged to contact this newspaper or email Harry Kirchner at [harrykirchner@iinet.net.au](mailto:harrykirchner@iinet.net.au)

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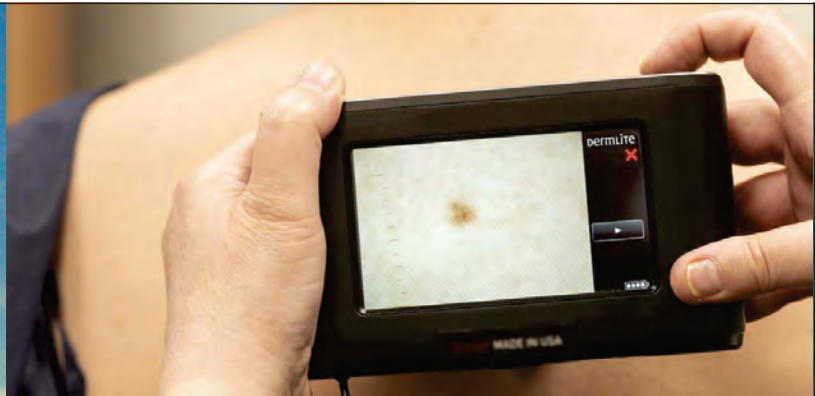


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The Marrambidya Bila Wirramarri dance group, led by Richard Gilbert (pictured left), performed at Koori Beach on March 25 and will again on April 24 for Wirramarri – Long Way from Home. Photos supplied.

# Bringing culture home to Narrandera's Koori Beach



LEFT: Neville Bamblett and John Ingram light a camp fire the traditional way.

BELOW: Narrandera Elder Aunty Jennifer Johnson with Teresa Johnson, Natalie Bright and Cherie Johnson.



NARRANDERA'S newly formed Aboriginal dance and cultural group Marrambidya Bila Wirramarri, performed at Koori Beach on March 25, dedicating their initial performance to the Narrandera Aboriginal Elders.

The group was established in an attempt to bring the Aboriginal Community together to celebrate culture and country.

The group want to love and show respect to their Elders and ancestors by bringing back local traditional dance and customs.

The dancers have been practicing for about four weeks, and participants include children and other Aboriginal community members.

Recently some of the dancers went on a trip to Tumut, where they learned traditional customs and practices from Uncle Shane Herrington, including how to start a fire traditionally and how to make stone axes.

These boys were able to bring this knowledge back and share with the group as a collective.

Richard Gilbert has been instrumental in co-ordinating traditional choreography and technique, explaining to the group what each movement symbolises.

Richard has existing knowledge and has trained with dance group Wiradjuri Echoes.

Members of the group had been preparing the dancing circle at Koori beach and have received support from the Narrandera Shire Council who arranged a tidy up of Koori Beach by mowing the grass area and dropping off sand for the

performance circle.

With the event being a great success, many in attendance remarked how proud they were of witnessing this cultural event.

There were 34 dancers, the males wearing traditional Lap Laps generously supplied by local artist Lillardia Briggs-Houston.

The male dancers all had spears locally sourced by the participants, and each dancer was painted with traditional ochre markings that was also gathered locally.

Narrandera parent Kristy McDuff said the performance included the traditional welcome dance and another ceremonial fishing dance.

"The Group have unified as they aim to re-ignite culture and bring the local Aboriginal community together on Country for celebrations that are positive, as too often the coming together of their people is for sorry business," Ms McDuff said.

"The group want to continue to learn the ways of their ancestors through storytelling, knowledge, dance and traditional skills.

"They want to ensure these customs and traditions are taught to the local Aboriginal children for future generations, and they are committed to continuing to perform at Koori Beach and local events for the wider community to be able to learn more about Aboriginal Culture."

Elder Neville Bamblett said the culture enhancing skills benefitted the primary and high school male and female students.

"We are encouraging those out of school as well to jump on board and



James Moffit and Janareen Charles-Bamblett prepare for the cultural dance performance.

come along," he said.

"We are trying to bring the community together. It's important to our people as it is who we are and our kid's identity."

Mr Bamblett said there would be more performances in the future, including 'Wirramarri – Long Way from Home' at Koori Beach on Saturday, April 24 at 5pm.

"We want people to be aware of who we are, embrace our culture and showcase it to our community and the town."

[www.narranderaargus.com.au](http://www.narranderaargus.com.au)

## Venues back at full capacity

THE state's peak business organisation, Business NSW, says the lifting of a number of COVID restrictions by the NSW Government is welcome news for the business community across the Murray Riverina.

The easing of restrictions came into place on March 29 and included the change to allowing one person per two square metres at all venues, with a minimum of 25 patrons before the per square metre rule applies while full capacity can return at seated entertainment venues including stadiums and theatres.

"NSW has led the way with how we've been able to manage the response to the pandemic, and the Government should be applauded for this proactive step," Business NSW Regional Manager Anthony McFarlane said.

"It's been a tough period for many business owners and their employees, and hopefully this news will give them a great boost in the lead up to the Easter break. It's time to put the dancing shoes back on," Mr McFarlane said.

"This of course doesn't mean the dangers associated with the pandemic have ended, far from it, and businesses must still insist that customers fill in QR codes where appropriate and that proper record keeping measures remain in place.

The easing of restrictions also coincides with the start of a new \$1500 rebate for small business from early April.

The rebate (announced by the NSW government as part of last year's NSW budget) can be used to pay off government fees such as licence fees (eg liquor licence and food authority licences), council rates and vehicle registration fees.

The money will be available to those businesses and non-profit organisations that don't pay payroll tax. The payroll tax threshold is set at \$1.2m for the current financial year.

Eligible business owners will be reimbursed through Service NSW after payment of the fees.



## TALKING TAFE

Welcome to another instalment of Talking TAFE with Josie, keeping you up-to-date with

all the latest and greatest developments at TAFE NSW Narrandera.

With JobKeeper ending this month and uncertainty still swirling about how the future jobs market will look, there's never been a better time to consider how you can reskill through TAFE NSW.

TAFE NSW Narrandera has a smorgasbord of courses on offer, from short courses through to higher-level qualifications.

Short courses in particular are a great way to upskill or reskill to be whatever you want to be, offering practical skills and experience in a range of industries.

Best of all, they can be completed in just days or weeks.

Among the short courses being offered at TAFE NSW Narrandera in April are:

- TAFE Statement in Mental Health Awareness
- TAFE Statement in Understanding the Impacts of Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Statement of Attainment in Computer Applications
- Statement of Attainment in Food Handling
- Statement of Attainment in Pathways to Early Childhood Education
- TAFE Statement in Accidental Counselling

TAFE NSW has recently unveiled a list of fee-free short courses under the JobTrainer package. For more information, go to [www.tafensw.edu.au/jobtrainer](http://www.tafensw.edu.au/jobtrainer)

There's always so much going on at TAFE NSW Narrandera and we are proud to provide facilities for the community to not just learn, but to connect.

An example is the Boori Dreaming Women's Group, which meets each Thursday at TAFE NSW Narrandera.

We are appreciative of the young mums that attend the group, their children and the Elders that so generously give their time.

We are excited to be starting the Our Storytime class early next term for the Boori group.

The state-of-the-art TAFE NSW Narrandera Connected Learning Centre is operating its normal hours, Monday to Friday from 9am to 4.30pm.

We have measures in place to keep our students safe, including sanitiser stations and changed room layouts to ensure social distancing.

Feel free to drop in and say hi, or enquire about a course.

If you'd rather enrol from the comfort of home, you can find out more by calling 131 601 or visiting [www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au).

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## Services in the shire      Artworks create wellness

### LOCKHART

RETURNED Services League sub-branches in the Lockhart Shire are preparing to commemorate ANZAC Day this year.

Lockhart will hold a memorial service at the obelisk at the Lockhart Cemetery at 9am, followed by a march leaving from outside the Commercial Hotel at 10.30am to the cenotaph in Hebden Street, where the commemoration and wreath laying ceremony will take place.

Pleasant Hills has scheduled a commemoration and wreath laying at the Pleasant Hills Public Hall at 9am and Yerong Creek a similar ceremony at Stanley Galvin Park at 11am.

The Rock will host a dawn service at the Soldier Memorial in Urana Street

at 6am, followed by a gunfire breakfast at The Rock Memorial Bowling Club.

Residents and returned services personnel will congregate for the main march in front of the Club at 10.15am and be ready to march to the cenotaph in Urana St at 10.30am. Lunch will then be served at The Rock Memorial Club.

NSW Health has issued an exemption to the restrictions on public gatherings and movements that apply to any outdoor ANZAC Day marches or services outside Greater Sydney between April 18-25.

They must not exceed one person per two square metres to a maximum of 3000 people. COVID safety plans and registration of people participating are required.

## Bids fly at poultry auction

### COOLAMON

A POULTRY and general auction at the Coolamon Showground has raised \$571 towards the proposed multi-purpose facility to be built at the local showground.

Spokesman Jeremy Crocker said the rain probably lowered numbers slightly but the clearance rate was good and prices fair.

He thanked Rob Neale, Mackenzie Bond, Jared Evans, Sheriden Palmer and William Palmer for their help in

setting up and running the auction.

The showground received funding of \$30,800 for improvements under the NSW Government's Showground stimulus package.

These included installation of fire extinguishers and fire blankets; replacement of a damaged support column in the horse stalls; new stairs for the men's and ladies change rooms; replacement of exhaust units in the all-purpose building; patch, seal and paint toilets; and to demolish an old shed.

## Outdoor Art Trail tour

OPEN ROAD, NRMA's bi-monthly magazine journalist Dorian Mode travelled along the Riverina Outdoor Art Trail for four nights from March 14 to 18.

The trail will feature in a four-page editorial spread (850,000 reach),

digital (5,000 reach) and social (197,000).

Dorian was travelling with his wife and photographer Lydia. Due to the time frame of the trip, they were unable to visit Lockhart and Darlington Point.

## Museum a labour of love for families

### GRIFFITH

HISTORICAL names such as Sharam, Kissell, Rathbone, Evans, Delves, McRae and McKern will converge on Griffith Pioneer Park Museum to celebrate the Museum's 50th anniversary on April 10.

Over the last 50 years these names have become synonymous with the Museum, working to establish what has become a popular tourist destination for the Riverina.

Griffith Regional Arts Acting Manager Margaret Andreazza said 60 members of these families will come together on April 10 in celebration of this significant milestone.

"Griffith Pioneer Park Museum has been a labour of love for many, including these families who played an integral part of its development over the last 50 plus years," Ms Andreazza said.

"Each volunteer – not just those named – have all left their mark and it is an honour to be able to hold this luncheon to celebrate their achievements."

Joining the original families will be

long serving volunteers and/or their families, as well as current and previous staff members.

A highlight of the luncheon will be the unveiling of the 'Sharam Square' sign, a story board about the Museum's volunteers, by Mrs Beryl Marcus, Charlie Sharam's daughter, and showing of a new exhibition about Pioneer Park called 'One Man's Dream: Treasures of Pioneer Park Museum'.

The exhibition will be on display from April 5-12 from 10am to 3pm each day. Floor talks on the exhibition will be conducted by the Curator throughout the week, with bookings essential.

Special guest Adrienne McKern-Wilson, who will be turning 102 this year, is the longest surviving original volunteer of the Museum and will have the honour of cutting the celebratory cake.

"The museum would not be where it is today if it were not for the forward thinking and dedicated volunteers who have helped preserve our region's history for generations to come," Ms Andreazza said.

### MOULAMEIN

ARTWORKS by students from Moulamein and Booligal public schools, made to bring joy into the lives of sick children, are included in an exhibition launched at the Art Gallery of NSW.

The successful local students are Rhys Wilson and Jazmyn Worboyes from Moulamein Public; and Grace McLean, Hope Job, Lily Plum and Dusty Plum from Booligal Public.

The Operation Art Touring Exhibition will be heading to Wollongong, Cowra, Wagga Wagga, Maitland and Port Macquarie.

The 50 artworks will be included in the Children's Hospital at Westmead permanent art collection after the tour ends.

Operation Art was founded 26 years ago and involves students from Kindergarten to Year 10 creating artworks for children in hospital.

It draws on research that shows an optimistic outlook reflected in art can help improve a child's wellbeing and play a vital part in the recovery and healing process.

NSW Department of Education's Arts Unit Operation Art Officer Heidi Windeisen said the 2021 exhibition was unique because the artworks were influenced by the pandemic.

She said it was exciting to see artworks created by students while many of them were learning from home.

"Many students have created their artworks at home with only materials which were readily available to them, and many have created works as a direct



Artworks by Moulamein Public School students Jazmyn Worboyes (above) and Rhys Wilson (right) are among the 50 artworks included in the Children's Hospital at Westmead permanent art collection after the tour ends. Photos supplied.

response to their own experiences of isolation," she said.

A team of judges including Westmead Children's Hospital art curator Ivy Baddock had the difficult task of selecting 50 artworks for the touring exhibition.

"I am excited every year to see what the students have created for Operation Art and the impressive standard of work makes my job so much harder," Ms Baddock said.

"The artworks offer patients and their families respite from the clinical hospital environment by helping reduce stress, make



our hospitals more welcoming and enhance spaces where quiet moments can occur."

Operation Art is an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the NSW Department of Education and in collaboration with Sydney Olympic Park Authority.

## Discover the Riverina's dining with vouchers

NARRANDERA, Federation, Lockhart and Murrumbidgee local government areas are now eligible to apply for vouchers for Dine and Discover NSW.

Millions of customers will be able to take advantage of the State Government's much anticipated Dine & Discover NSW program, thanks to the program going live state wide.

Dine & Discover NSW will be rolled out progressively across NSW, with the first two stages underway.

Minister for Customer Service Victor Dominello said the vouchers are simple and easy to use, with customers able to spend them via the Service NSW app.

"The app is seamless, contactless and safe. We are using digital technology to make life easier for customers and businesses," Mr Dominello said.

"Throughout the testing and

pilot phases, customers spent an average of \$39, which is almost double the money going straight back into the community."

NSW residents will be able to easily apply online to receive their vouchers through the latest version of the Service NSW app and website, and a non-digital solution will be made available to customers who don't have a smartphone or compatible device.

Every NSW resident aged 18 and over will be eligible for four \$25 vouchers worth \$100 in total, to spend in participating businesses.

Dine & Discover NSW vouchers will be divided into two categories:

- Two \$25 vouchers to be used for eating in at restaurants, cafes, bars, pubs and clubs 7 days a week, excluding public holidays.
- Two \$25 vouchers to be used

for entertainment and recreation, including cultural institutions, live music, and arts venues, available 7 days a week, excluding public holidays.

Businesses can register to participate in the program at any time and vouchers are valid until 30 June 2021.

The vouchers can only be used at eligible businesses that have implemented a COVID Safety Plan and are registered as COVID Safe.

Throughout each week, vouchers will become available in more Local Government Areas. Customers will receive an email letting them know when it's their turn to apply for their vouchers, or they can use a simple eligibility checker online.

The rollout schedule is available at [www.service.nsw.gov.au/dine-discover-nsw-vouchers-local-government-areas](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/dine-discover-nsw-vouchers-local-government-areas).

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Hot air balloon pilots recently ran a test flight from the Yanco sportsground. Photo Kim Woods

## Up, up and away

### LEETON

HOT air balloons are set to return to Leeton this Easter with flights for all ages across the four days.

Picture This Ballooning plus other pilots from around Australia will launch flights from the oval at St Francis College at dawn and dusk on Good Friday right through to

Easter Monday.

The cost is \$330 per adult and \$275 per child with bookings on 03 9429 0277.

The popular balloon glow at No 1 Oval will not be held this year in line with it's operation as part of the biennial SunRice Festival, which was cancelled in 2020.

## Musicians on show

### ARDLETHAN

THE team at Ardlethan Country Music Club have been working hard behind the scenes to bring a COVID safe, family friendly music festival to the Riverina on April 9-11.

The three days of live music, buskers, markets, Talent Quest and camping will be at the Ardlethan Showground.

The event kicks off Friday afternoon with guest artists taking the stage from 3pm followed by the vocal section of the Talent Quest and then walk-ups for any interested musicians interested in taking the stage.

On Saturday there will be a full day of entertainment from 9am to 10pm with the main show starting at 5pm

with Gayle O'Neil, Owen Blundell, Rodney Vincent and Emma Jene.

Sunday will see the weekend wrap up with the best of the talent quest contestants taking the stage as well as headline artists with more than \$3000 in prizes being awarded to the Talent Quest winners.

Campsites, weekend passes and single day tickets are available via pre-booked entry only, with visitors asked to contact Janet 0427 782 550 or email ardlethancountrymusic@gmail.com to secure your spot or for more information.

Visitors can also purchase tickets at [www.ardlethancountrymusicfestival.com](http://www.ardlethancountrymusicfestival.com) or by using the QR code located in shops in Ardlethan.



Dylan Norris and Emma Jene will be among the guest artists to take the stage at the Ardlethan Country Music Festival. Photo supplied.

## Vaccine rollout in region

MURRUMBIDGEE Primary Health Network has confirmed Phase 1b of the COVID-19 vaccination rollout began in general practice across the Murrumbidgee region last week.

MPHN Acting chief executive officer Julie Redway said as part of the Australian Government COVID-19 Vaccination program, there are 14 general practices and five GP Vaccination Hubs initially coming on-line to administer the vaccine.

"When the Australian Government first called for interest from the nation's general practices to administer the COVID-19 vaccine, it was pleasing to have more than 90 percent of eligible GPs across the Murrumbidgee want to be involved," Ms Redway said.

"Most of which will be administering vaccines, but this initial rollout will see the communities of Wagga Wagga, Cootamundra, Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera, Barham, Temora, West Wyalong, and Young being able to access the vaccine in a local general practice.

"In addition to these general

practices, the GP Respiratory Clinics in Wagga Wagga, Gundagai, Young, Deniliquin and Griffith will include GP Vaccination Hubs.

"Over the coming weeks, more of our general practices will commence vaccinations, and we will keep you informed of these.

"If you're not living in these first communities or neighbouring townships, I would encourage you to contact your local GP to discuss when and how you might be able to receive the vaccine."

Those eligible for the vaccination under Phase 1b include health-care workers employed and not included under Phase 1a; critical and high risk workers employed; people over 70 years of age; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over 55 years and people over 18 with an underlying medical condition, including disability.

MPHN's COVID-19 Pandemic Leader Dr Alison Koschel said people should be aware of the need to wait two weeks between COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations.

"There is a requirement for all vaccinations, including COVID-19 and Influenza, to be given at least 14 days apart, so people can expect to confirm they haven't received any vaccinations in the two weeks prior," Dr Koschel said.

Federal Member for Farrer Sussan Ley said the best line of defence against COVID-19 is getting vaccinated.

"It is great to see the vaccine being rolled out more widely, and I know many of our older citizens across Farrer, indeed all those who can now receive the dose, are keen to roll up their sleeve," Ms Ley said.

"I really want to encourage everyone eligible to book your appointment, and if you have any questions please give my office a call, or go to the official information website [www.health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines](http://www.health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines)."

To check your eligibility for a vaccine visit [covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility](http://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility). If you are eligible for the vaccine you will be redirected to book or find a service near you.

## We're not sheep says Bugge

MOMENTUM is building in a political movement that wants change to "take back control of our great nation".

Don't Vote Major is an initiative of Mark and Shane Bugge, along with Paul Wyhoon of Cobram, who say they want to "stop the destruction of our rivers, our farmers and our communities".

"We feel cheated and deceived by the Australian political system and the major political parties," Mark said.

"It doesn't matter whether it is the Liberal/National Party Coalition or Labor and the Greens, they are all treating Australian voters like sheep. All they want to do is look after themselves and their mates at any cost," he said.

Mark and Shane started their movement primarily out of frustration with the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and what it is doing to the Murray River communities where they have lived all their lives.

"We're not farmers, we're not irrigators, we're not greenies and we're definitely not politicians... we are just concerned Aussies who want to stop the destruction of our rivers, our farmers and communities," Mark said.

"The time for talking to the politicians who are behind the Basin Plan, which is causing so much pain, is well and truly over.

"Don't Vote Major wants to shine a light on the need for minor parties and independents to represent us in Parliament, instead of those from major parties who prefer to take huge amounts of money off corporations and foreign entities, then buy votes with smoke and mirrors and false promises

through coloured pamphlets and expensive advertising campaigns.

"Our goal is to give hope and choice to Australians who think politicians are 'all the same' and 'nothing will ever change'. It is time to take back some control, and through our campaign we believe we can make a difference," Shane said.

"It is time to vote out the major parties,

"There is no one party solution and each electorate is different, but the end goal is the same: To stop the damage being caused to our nation by self-interested major parties, and to give our nation some hope.

"We have to do something to bring about change, and this is one way we believe it can be achieved."



From left Mark and Shane Bugge, and Paul Wyhoon on the banks on the Murray River in Cobram Vic. Photo supplied.

## More picnic than party style

### GRIFFITH

THE Griffith Vintage Festival will be back this Easter Saturday April 3, kicking off at 12pm at the Old Miranda Wines site, thanks to the Riverina Winemakers Association.

Event Organiser Carrah Lymer is looking forward to showcasing local wine, food and music.

Attendees are reminded to be aware the format of the event has been adapted and attendees should be aware it will operate differently from previous years.

The Vintage Festival will be more picnic than party style. There will be more seating, tables and shade so arrive early and find your spot for the day to chill and enjoy a wine with friends.

An age limit will apply – 18 years over only. If you have

already bought children's tickets and have not been refunded for them yet, please contact the organisers.

Reduced capacity means there are fewer tickets available. Crowd numbers are reduced to comply with the new format – book early to avoid disappointment.

The Festival is limited to five hours and will start at 12pm and finish at 5pm.

Regular NSW Regional COVID rules apply and note they can change – checking in on the app; maintaining distance; not mingling; sitting down whilst eating are some of the common rules which we will adhere to.

Restrictions on dancing at events have been eased and Festival organisers are able to release more tickets as a result.

"Reduced capacity means less tickets – the Festival has sold out each year so make sure you head to our website at [unwinedriverina.com](http://unwinedriverina.com) and secure your tickets before they're all gone," Mrs Lymer said.

Alaina's Kitchen will have gourmet picnic boxes as well as traditional pasta dishes, while Cocoa and Bean will be putting together decadent dessert boxes for those who want a special treat.

It is recommended to pre-order these online via the ticket link. You can also skip the queues and pre-order some drink tokens as well.

You can find out more about the Griffith Vintage Festival and book your tickets online at [unwinedriverina.com](http://unwinedriverina.com)



# Triumph over adversity

THE following story came from an editorial comment featured in *Barnabasaid*, March 2021: One of the most remarkable aspects of human life is how an individual can triumph over adversity, bringing good out of the most difficult situations.

An English pioneer missionary, John Williams, who was used by God to help establish the church in the Pacific Islands (eventually being killed and eaten by the inhabitants of Erramango Island, part of modern Vanuatu) wrote of a cheerful and persevering believer he met on Rarotonga (one of the Cook Islands).

The man's name was Buteve and he had neither hands nor feet but still managed to cultivate his patch of land and grow plenty of food for his wife and children.

He could not walk with the other people to church to hear John Williams preach on a Sunday but he would sit by the road when the people returned after the service and "beg a bit of the Word" from each one as they passed by.

He would receive a variety of brief answers, some remembering one point in the sermon and others another.

Buteve would store up in his heart all the answers and prayerfully meditate on them until he understood

them. In this way he became a staunch and faithful Christian. Three times a day he would pray:

"O Lord, I am a great sinner, may Jesus take my sins away by his good blood. Give me the righteousness of Jesus to adorn me, and give me the good Spirit of Jesus to instruct me, and make my heart good, to make me a man of Jesus, and take me to heaven when I die."

Buteve shows us the triumph of hope over despair, of light over darkness. This is the message of the Christian faith at Easter, when Jesus burst from the grave and rose victorious from the dead.

The Bible figure, Job, endured intense suffering. In the midst of his agony of sickness, pain, loss, bereavement, rejection and dishonour he cried out, "I know that my Redeemer lives." When all seemed hopeless, then came the vision of the Redeemer.

Christians hold on to the knowledge they have a Redeemer, a deliverer. He is our blessed Lord, on Whom we have set our hope.

If you haven't yet set your hope on Him, take the opportunity this day to turn to Him and make Him your Redeemer.

— Pine Hill Fellowship

**The Pine Hill Fellowship will be hosting a dawn service on Easter Sunday, starting 6.10am at the top of Pine Hill Road, (343 Pine Hill Road)**

## Greatest sacrifice of all

A FEW years ago there was a dreadful fire in a forest at the Yellowstone National Park in the US.

After the fire, some of the forest rangers began to trek up the mountain to assess the damage. One ranger found a dead bird in the ashes, perched like a statue on the ground at the base of a tree.

Sickened by the eerie sight, he gently poked the bird with a stick. When he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings.

The loving mother, keenly aware of the impending disaster the fire would have on her babies, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing the toxic smoke would rise.

She could have flown away to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. Then the blaze had arrived

and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast; she had been willing to die, so her babies, under the cover of her wings, would live.

At Easter we celebrate the greatest Feast in the Christian calendar: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The mother bird in that story laid down her life for her baby chicks so that they may be saved from a fire.

Jesus Christ laid down His life to save mankind from the Devil and our sins. It is at Easter when we come with joy to Church to give thanks to Jesus: we should be in awe of His love for us.

So, as we celebrate this great Feast of Jesus rising from the dead let us also be mindful of the love of Jesus Christ who, like that mother bird, laid down His life for us.

— Fr. Bradley Rafter  
St. Mel's Catholic Church



Narrandera Vintage Restorers and Collectors Club recently donated \$500 to the Narrandera Hospital Auxiliary. Pictured are Julian Hyde, Sue Coates, Chris Duncan, Irene Whillans, Allen Law, Col Pettigrew and Ross Weatherburn. Photos supplied.

**The Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting a fashion parade, featuring fashions from Country Flair, on April 17 at the Narrandera Bowling Club at 2pm. Afternoon tea will be supplied and tickets are available at \$20 per person from Angela O'Mahoney, Country Flair.**

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www.narranderaargus.com.au



## The true meaning of Easter

WHAT is the meaning of Easter?

Easter is the day when we celebrate Jesus Christ rising from the dead. Jesus is the Son of God and He gave His life to die for our sins.

On the third day after He died... the day we now celebrate as Easter Sunday. His friends went to His grave and found He had risen from the dead.

They saw an angel who told them, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead, just as He said it would happen." Matthew 28:5-6

Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday: now He offers to you the gift of eternal life and forgiveness of sins. This is the true story of Easter and how it can change your life.

Here are four principles that tell how you can receive the gift of God for your life.

**God loves you.**

"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall

not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

The problem is that all of us have done, said or thought things that are wrong. This is called sin and our sins have separated us from God.

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

**God is perfect and holy and our sins separate us from God forever, and the wages of sin is death.**

The good news is that about 2000 years ago God sent His only Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins.

**Jesus is the son of God. He lived a sinless life and then died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins.**

"God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

**Jesus rose from the dead and now He lives in heaven with God His Father.**

He offers us the gift of eternal life...of living forever with Him in heaven if we accept Him as our

Lord and Saviour.

Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except by Me." John 14:6

God reaches out in love to you and wants you to be His child.

"As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe on His name." John 1:12

You can choose to ask Jesus Christ to forgive your sins and come into your life as Lord and Saviour.

If you want to accept Christ as your Saviour and turn from your sins, you can ask Him to be your Saviour and Lord by praying a prayer like this:

Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. I ask you into my life and in my heart to be my Lord and Saviour. I want to serve you always. Amen

— St John's Uniting Church, Narrandera

## From joy to sadness

and evil and provided a way back to God our Heavenly Father.

But why do we make this journey from Christmas to Easter, a journey that goes from joy to sadness and then back to joy. And why did Jesus have to suffer such a cruel execution.

Jesus died because mankind, womankind, all of humanity has been disobedient to the ways of God since the time of Adam and Eve when they both failed to stick to God's instruction and allowed sin and evil to enter the world.

Today humanity still misses the point, ignoring the message of Easter and turning it into a commercial opportunity, for no sooner had the 12 days of Christmas past, then Easter Eggs and Hot Cross buns appeared in the stores.

Since the time of our fall from God's grace, we see through

scripture that God, by his mercy, has been trying to reconnect with humanity but we continue to remain in that state of disobedience and continue to allow sin, sickness and evil into our lives, for this situation to be reversed an atoning sacrifice was required and so Jesus, God's only Son, became that sacrifice on our behalf.

Thus Jesus died in place of you and me so that our relationship with God could be restored and all we have to do is look at the cross of Calvary, repent of our disobedience and then celebrate in the joy of a resurrected and restored life.

The choice is yours alone to make, but it is a choice that has eternal consequences.

— Rev Mike Perrott  
Priest-in-Charge  
Anglican Parish of Narrandera



Col Pettigrew presents Narrandera CanAssist's Neta Close with a cheque for \$500, proceeds from fundraising efforts by the Narrandera Vintage Restorers and Collectors Club.





THURSDAY APRIL 1



**10:00** Australian Story [s] **10:30** Anh's Brush With Fame (PG) [s] **11:00** The Truth About Improving Your Mental Health (PG) [s] **12:00** ABC News [s] **1:00** Hard Quiz (PG) [s] **1:30** The Weekly (PG) [s] **2:00** Shakespeare And Hathaway (PG) [s] **3:00** ABC News [s] **4:10** Antiques Roadshow [s] **5:10** Grand Designs (PG) [s] **6:00** The Drum [s] **6:55** Sammy J [s] **7:00** ABC News [s] **7:30** 7.30 (PG) [s] **8:00** Australian Story (M) [s] **8:30** Extinction With David Attenborough (PG) [s] **9:30** Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One [s]

**7TWO** **2:30** Million Dollar Minute **3:30** Creek To Coast **4:00** Better Homes And Gardens **5:30** Escape To The Country **6:30** Bargain Hunt (PG) **7:30** Father Brown (PG) **8:30** Murdoch Mysteries (MA15+) **11:30** Andrew Denton's Interview (MA15+) **12:30** The Fine Art Auction (M) **3:30** My Road To Adventure **4:00** Harry's Practice

**ME** **2:55** Wow That's Amazing **3:30** Horrible Histories **4:05** Little Lunch **4:30** Odd Squad **4:55** Hank Zipzer **5:20** Lost In Oz **6:00** Spirit Riding Free (PG) **6:30** Operation Ouch! **7:00** Deadly Dinosaurs **7:30** Shaun The Sheep **8:00** Thunderbirds Are Go **8:35** Wishfart! (PG) **8:55** Moka's Fabulous Adventures! **9:10** All Hail King Julien (PG)



**6:00** Sunrise [s] **9:00** The Morning Show [s] **11:30** Seven Morning News [s] **12:00** **Movie:** "The Boy Next Door" (MA15+) ('15) Stars: Jennifer Lopez **2:00** Criminal Confessions (M) [s] **3:00** The Chase UK [s] **4:00** Seven News At 4 [s] **5:00** The Chase Australia [s] **6:00** Seven News [s] **7:00** Home And Away (PG) [s] **7:30** Mighty Trains (PG) [s] **8:30** **Movie:** "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" (M) ('11) Stars: Judi Dench **10:00** What The Killer Did Next (M v) [s] **11:00** The Latest Seven News [s] **11:30** Police: Hour Of Duty (M v,l)

**7mate** **2:00** So You Think You'd Survive? (PG) **3:00** The Simpsons (PG) **4:00** Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates (PG) **4:30** American Restoration (PG) **5:30** Storage Wars (PG) **6:00** American Pickers (PG) **7:00** AFL: Round 3: Brisbane v Collingwood "Live" **10:30** **Movie:** "Pain & Gain" (MA15+) ('13) Stars: Anthony Mackie

**ABC** **6:30** Kiri And Lou **7:00** Dino Dana **7:30** Football: W-League: Semi Final "Replay" **9:30** Penn And Teller: Fool Us (M l) **10:15** Doctor Who (PG) **10:55** Hard Quiz (PG) **11:25** The Weekly With Charlie Pickering (M) **11:55** You Can't Ask That (M) **12:30** Earth's Tropical Islands **1:30** Parks And Recreation (M l,s) **1:50** Reno 91!! (M l,d)



**5:30** Today [s] **9:00** Today Extra [s] **11:30** NINE's Morning News [s] **12:00** Ellen (PG) [s] **1:00** Getaway [s] **1:30** Married At First Sight (M) [s] **3:00** Tipping Point [s] **4:00** NINE's Afternoon News [s] **5:00** Millionaire Hot Seat [s] **6:00** NINE News [s] **7:00** A Current Affair (PG) [s] **7:30** NRL: Manly Sea Eagles v Penrith Panthers "Live" From Lottoland Stadium [s] **9:55** NRL: Knock Off [s] **10:40** NINE News Late [s] **11:10** Manifest (M) [s] **12:00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent (M v) [s] **1:00** A Current Affair (PG) [s]

**7flix** **2:00** Modern Family (PG) **3:00** The Goldbergs (PG) **3:30** How I Met Your Mother (PG) **4:30** Futurama (PG) **5:00** The Simpsons (PG) **6:00** Futurama (PG) **6:30** The Simpsons (PG) **7:30** Cold Case (M) **9:30** Without A Trace (M d,v) **10:30** Numb3rs (M d) **11:30** Bones (M v) **3:30** How I Met Your Mother (PG) **4:00** 9-1-1 (M v)

**ABC NEWS** **12:00** ABC News At Noon **3:00** ABC News Afternoons **4:00** Afternoon Briefing **5:00** ABC News Hour **6:00** ABC Evening News **7:00** ABC National News **8:00** ABC News Tonight **8:45** The Business **9:00** ABC Nightly News **9:30** 7.30 **10:00** The World **11:00** The Drum **12:00** ABC Late News **12:30** Back Roads



**6:00** Headline News [s] **8:30** Studio 10 (PG) [s] **12:00** Dr Phil (PG) [s] **1:00** The Living Room [s] **2:00** Entertainment Tonight [s] **2:30** Everyday Gourmet [s] **3:00** Judge Judy (PG) [s] **3:30** Farm To Fork [s] **4:00** Good Chef Bad Chef [s] **4:30** The Bold And The Beautiful (PG) [s] **5:00** 10 News First [s] **6:30** The Project (PG) [s] **7:30** Bondi Rescue (PG) [s] **8:00** Territory Cops (PG) [s] **8:30** Gogglebox (M) [s] **9:30** Law & Order: SVU (M) [s] **10:30** This Is Us (M) [s] **11:30** WIN's All Australian News [s]

**WIN BOLD** **2:00** Elementary (M v) **3:00** Diagnosis Murder (PG) **5:00** JAG (PG) **7:00** Bondi Rescue (PG) **7:30** NCIS (M v) **8:30** Hawaii Five-O (M v) **9:30** LA's Finest (M v,s) **10:30** NCIS: Los Angeles (M v) **11:30** Elementary (M) **12:30** Home Shopping **2:00** MacGyver (PG) **3:00** Diagnosis Murder (PG) **4:00** JAG (PG) **5:00** Star Trek: Voyager (PG)

**Gem** **2:50** Antiques Roadshow **3:20** **Movie:** "Mr Denning Drives North" (PG) ('51) Stars: John Mills **5:20** Heartbeat (PG) **6:30** Antiques Roadshow: Polesden Lacey 2 **7:30** Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo (PG) **8:30** Emergency (M) **9:30** Call The Midwife (M) **10:40** The Equalizer (M) **11:40** See No Evil (M v)



**5:30** Worldwatch **1:00** PBS Newshour **2:00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize **2:05** Watergate (M s) **2:55** One Giant Leap **3:00** Who Do You Think You Are? (PG) **4:05** Invisible Cities (PG) **5:05** Jeopardy! (PG) **5:30** Letters And Numbers **6:00** Mastermind Australia **6:30** SBS World News **7:30** The World's Busiest Stations (PG) **8:30** Michael Mosley: What's My Diagnosis (M) **9:40** Shadowplay (M) (In English/ German) **10:40** SBS World News Late **11:10** 24 Hours In Police Custody (M) **12:05** The Good Fight

**WIN Peach** **11:00** Cheers (PG) **12:00** WIN's All Australian News **1:00** Judging Amy (PG) **2:00** Medium (M) **3:00** Everybody Loves Raymond (PG) **4:00** Becker (PG) **5:00** Frasier (PG) **6:00** Friends (PG) **6:30** Neighbours (PG) **7:00** Friends (PG) **8:00** The Big Bang Theory (PG) **9:30** Friends (PG) **12:00** Home Shopping

**VICELAND** **4:15** PBS Newshour **5:15** Basketball: NBL Overtime **5:45** Shortland Street (PG) **6:15** Taskmaster (PG) (In Norwegian) **7:05** Jeopardy! (PG) **7:30** NITV News Update **7:35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (PG) **8:30** The Curse Of Oak Island (PG) **9:20** American Runestone: A Viking Mystery

FRIDAY APRIL 2



**12:00** ABC News On Good Friday [s] **12:30** Easter In Australia [s] **1:30** Back Roads (PG) [s] **2:00** Shakespeare And Hathaway (PG) [s] **3:00** ABC News On Good Friday [s] **3:40** The Cook And The Chef [s] **4:05** Devil's Advocate [s] **4:10** Think Tank (PG) [s] **5:10** Grand Designs (PG) [s] **6:05** Jesus: Countdown To Calvary (PG) [s] **7:00** ABC News [s] **7:30** Gardening Australia [s] **8:30** Vera: Dark Angel (M v) [s] **10:00** Keeping Faith (M l) [s] **11:05** ABC Late News [s] **11:20** The Weekly (PG) [s] **11:50** Fisk (M) [s] **12:20** rage (MA15+) [s]

**7TWO** **2:30** Million Dollar Minute **3:30** Weekend 4:00 Better Homes And Gardens **5:30** Escape To The Country **6:30** Bargain Hunt **7:30** Border Patrol (PG) **8:30** Escape To The Country **9:30** World's Most Secret Homes (PG) **10:30** Charlie Luxton's Homes By The Sea (PG) **11:30** Property Ladder UK (PG)

**ME** **2:50** The Fairly OddParents **3:30** Are You Tougher Than Your Ancestors? **4:05** Little Lunch **4:30** Odd Squad **4:55** Hank Zipzer **5:20** Lost In Oz **5:45** Oddbods **6:00** Spirit Riding Free (PG) **6:30** Wallace And Gromit **7:00** TBA **8:25** Good Game Spawn Point **8:45** Fruits Basket **9:10** Boruto: Naruto Next Generations (PG) **9:35** Radiant (PG)



**6:00** Sunrise [s] **9:00** The Morning Show [s] **11:30** Seven Morning News [s] **12:00** **Movie:** "Jailhouse Rock" (PG) ('57) Stars: Elvis Presley **2:00** House Of Wellness [s] **3:00** The Chase UK [s] **4:00** Seven News At 4 [s] **5:00** The Chase Australia [s] **6:00** Seven News [s] **7:00** Better Homes And Gardens [s] **8:30** **Movie:** "The Dressmaker" (M v,l,s) ('15) Stars: Kate Winslet **11:00** Sun, Sea And Surgery (M) [s] **12:00** **Movie:** "Loss Of Faith" (M v,l) ('97) Stars: Daphne Zuniga **2:00** Home Shopping

**7mate** **2:30** Equestrian In The Park 2021 **3:30** The Food Dude (PG) **4:00** STIHL Timbersports (PG) **4:30** American Restoration (PG) **5:30** Storage Wars (PG) **6:00** American Pickers (PG) **7:00** Pawn Stars (PG) **7:30** **Movie:** "Sniper" (M v,l) ('93) Stars: Tom Berenger **9:35** **Movie:** "We Were Soldiers" (MA15+) ('02) Stars: Mel Gibson

**ABC** **6:30** Kiri And Lou **7:00** Dino Dana **7:30** Spicks And Specks (PG) **8:00** Doctor Who (PG) **8:50** My Brilliant Career (PG) **10:30** Anh's Brush With Fame (PG) **11:00** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces **11:50** The Great Australian Bee Challenge **12:50** Parks And Recreation (M l,s) **1:10** Reno 91!! (M l,d) **1:35** Man Like Mobeen (M)



**6:00** Today [s] **9:00** Today Extra [s] **11:30** NINE's Morning News [s] **12:00** Ellen (PG) [s] **1:00** World's Greatest Islands (PG) [s] **2:00** Tipping Point [s] **3:00** NRL: Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs v South Sydney Rabbitohs "Live" From ANZ Stadium [s] **6:00** NINE News [s] **7:00** A Current Affair (PG) [s] **7:30** NRL: Melbourne Storm v Brisbane Broncos "Live" From AAMI Park, Melbourne [s] **9:55** NRL: Golden Point [s] **10:40** **Movie:** "The Gambler" (MA15+) ('14) Stars: Mark Wahlberg **12:45** New Amsterdam (M d,mp)

**7flix** **2:30** How I Met Your Mother (PG) **3:00** The Goldbergs (PG) **3:30** Futurama (PG) **4:00** The Simpsons (PG) **4:50** **Movie:** "The Wild" (G) ('06) Stars: Jack De Sena **6:30** **Movie:** "The Karate Kid II" (PG) ('86) Stars: Danny Kamekona **9:00** **Movie:** "Wild Wild West" (PG) ('99) Stars: Will Smith **11:15** **Movie:** "Planet Of The Apes" (PG) ('68)

**ABC NEWS** **1:00** ABC News **1:30** The World This Week **2:00** ABC News **2:30** The Mix **3:00** ABC News **4:00** To The Stars: 100 Years Of The RAAF **5:00** ABC News **6:00** ABC Evening News **6:30** The Breakfast Couch **7:00** ABC News **7:30** Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One **8:00** ABC News **8:30** The World This Week **9:00** ABC News **9:30** 7.30



**6:00** Headline News [s] **8:30** Studio 10 (PG) [s] **12:00** Dr Phil (PG) [s] **1:00** The Living Room [s] **2:00** Entertainment Tonight [s] **2:30** Everyday Gourmet [s] **3:00** Judge Judy (PG) [s] **3:30** Farm To Fork [s] **4:00** Good Chef Bad Chef [s] **4:30** The Bold And The Beautiful (PG) [s] **5:00** 10 News First [s] **6:00** WIN News [s] **6:30** The Project (PG) [s] **7:30** The Living Room [s] **8:30** The Graham Norton Show (M) [s] **9:30** TBA **10:30** Just For Laughs (M) [s] **11:00** The Project (PG) [s] **12:00** The Late Show (PG) [s]

**WIN BOLD** **2:00** Star Trek: Voyager (PG) **3:00** Diagnosis Murder (PG) **5:00** JAG (PG) **7:00** Bondi Rescue (PG) **7:30** NCIS: Codes Of Conduct (M) **8:30** Law & Order: SVU (M v) **10:30** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (M v) **12:30** Home Shopping **2:00** Elementary (PG) **3:00** JAG (PG) **4:00** Diagnosis Murder (PG) **5:00** MacGyver (PG)

**Gem** **2:50** Antiques Roadshow **3:20** **Movie:** "A Passionate Stranger" (PG) ('57) Stars: Ralph Richardson **5:20** Heartbeat (PG) **6:30** Antiques Roadshow **7:30** David Attenborough Seven Worlds, One Planet (PG) **8:40** **Movie:** "Charlie And The Chocolate Factory" (PG) ('05) Stars: Johnny Depp



**5:30** Worldwatch **1:00** PBS Newshour **2:00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize **2:10** Watergate (M s) **3:00** NITV News: Nula **3:30** Celtic Woman **4:35** Andrea Bocelli: Music For Hope (In Italian) **5:05** Jeopardy! (PG) **5:30** Letters And Numbers **6:00** Mastermind Australia **6:30** SBS World News **7:35** Tutankhamun's Last Mission (M) **8:30** Secrets Of The Royal Wardrobe **8:45** The Blitz - Britain On Fire (PG) **10:40** Going Places With Ernie Dingo (PG) **11:10** I Am Johnny Cash (PG)

**WIN Peach** **11:00** Cheers (PG) **12:00** WIN's All Australian News **1:00** Happy Together (PG) **2:00** TBA **3:00** Everybody Loves Raymond (PG) **4:00** Becker (PG) **5:00** Frasier (PG) **6:00** Friends (PG) **8:00** The Big Bang Theory (PG) **9:30** The Conners (PG) **10:30** Charmed (PG) **11:30** The Big Bang Theory (PG) **12:00** Home Shopping

**VICELAND** **4:00** PBS Newshour **5:00** The Joy Of Painting (PG) **5:30** Basketball: NBL: Melbourne United v Cairns Taipans "Live" **7:30** **Movie:** "Brother" (PG) ('99) **7:40** Jeopardy! (PG) **8:10** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (PG) **9:05** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (M) **9:35** How Sex Changed The World (M s) **10:25** Sex In The World's Cities (MA15+)

SATURDAY APRIL 3



**6:00** rage (PG) [s] **7:00** Weekend Breakfast [s] **10:00** rage (PG) [s] **11:00** rage Guest Programmer (PG) [s] **12:00** ABC News [s] **12:30** Scotland The Brave [s] **2:00** Old People's Home For 4 Year Olds [s] **3:00** Miriam's Big American Adventure (PG) [s] **4:00** Ask The Doctor (PG) [s] **4:30** Landline [s] **5:00** Football: W-League: Semi Final: Teams TBA "Live" [s] **7:00** ABC News [s] **7:30** The Durrells (PG) [s] **8:20** Finding Alice (M l) [s] **9:10** Harrow (M v) [s] **10:05** A Very English Scandal (M d,s) [s] **11:00** Doctor Foster (M)

**7TWO** **12:00** House Of Wellness **1:00** AFL Women's: Finals Week: Week 1: Game 1 "Live" **2:00** AFL Women's: Finals Week: Week 1: Game 2 "Live" **5:00** Seven's Horse Racing **6:00** TBA **6:30** The Yorkshire Vet (PG) **8:30** Escape To The Country **11:30** The Great Outdoors (PG) **12:30** The Fine Art Auction (PG)

**ME** **2:45** Radiant **3:10** Sailor Moon Crystal (PG) **3:35** Dragon Ball Super **4:00** Out Loud **4:30** Odd Squad **4:55** Hank Zipzer **5:20** Lost In Oz **6:00** Spirit Riding Free (PG) **6:30** Wallace And Gromit **7:00** **Movie:** "Adventures Of Rufus: The Fantastic Pet" (G) ('20) Stars: Kyler Charles Beck **8:25** Wishfart! Wishpower! **8:35** Mighty Mike



**6:00** Home Shopping **7:00** Weekend Sunrise [s] **10:00** The Morning Show - Weekend [s] **12:00** Seven's Horse Racing [s] **5:00** Seven News At 5 [s] **5:30** Border Security - Australia's Front Line (PG) [s] **6:00** Seven News [s] **7:00** **Movie:** "Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory" (G) ('71) Stars: Gene Wilder **9:05** **Movie:** "Storm Boy" (PG) ('76) Stars: Finn Little **11:10** Ambulance: Code Red (M v,l) [s] **12:30** Home Shopping

**7mate** **1:30** AFL: Round 3: Richmond v Sydney "Live" **4:30** Rides Down Under (PG) **5:30** American Restoration (PG) **6:00** Megastructures (PG) **7:00** **Movie:** "Lost In Space" (PG) ('98) Stars: Jared Harris **9:35** **Movie:** "Kickboxer" (M) ('89) Stars: Jean-Claude Van Damme **11:40** Tattoo Nightmares (M l,s) **12:35** American Restoration (PG)

**ABC** **6:30** Kiri And Lou **7:00** Catie's Amazing Machines **7:30** Spicks And Specks (PG) **8:00** QI: Jobs (M l,s) **8:30** Melbourne Comedy Festival 2021: The Gala (M) **10:30** Sammy J **10:35** Ross Noble Stand Up Series (M l,s) **11:05** Would I Lie To You? (PG) **11:35** Staged (M l) **12:00** High Fidelity (MA15+) **12:35** Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG)



**12:00** Award Winning Tasmania [s] **12:30** Destination WA (PG) [s] **1:00** My Way [s] **1:30** Animal Embassy [s] **2:00** **Movie:** "Runaway Vacation" (PG) ('06) Stars: Robin Williams **4:00** The Pet Rescuers (PG) [s] **4:30** The Garden Gurus [s] **5:00** NINE News: First At Five [s] **5:30** Getaway (PG) [s] **6:00** NINE News Saturday [s] **7:00** A Current Affair (PG) [s] **7:30** Space Invaders (PG) [s] **8:30** **Movie:** "The Bourne Legacy" (M v) ('12) Stars: Jeremy Renner **11:15** **Movie:** "Empire" (MA15+) ('02) Stars: John Leguizamo

**7flix** **1:00** The Mentor (PG) **3:30** Bride & Prejudice - The Forbidden Wedding (PG) **4:45** **Movie:** "Grumpier Old Men" (PG) ('95) Stars: Walter Matthau **7:00** **Movie:** "Parental Guidance" (M) ('12) Stars: Billy Crystal **9:00** **Movie:** "Tammy" (M v,l,s) ('14) Stars: Melissa McCarthy **11:00** **Movie:** "Endless Love" (M l) ('14)

**ABC NEWS** **2:00** ABC News **2:30** Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One **3:00** ABC News **3:30** The Breakfast Couch **4:00** ABC News **4:30** 7.30: The Interviews **5:00** ABC News **5:30** ABC News Regional **6:00** ABC Evening News **6:30** Australian Story **7:00** ABC National News **7:30** Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One **8:00** ABC News Tonight



**9:30** Studio 10 Saturday (PG) [s] **12:00** Good Chef Bad Chef [s] **12:30** Luca's Key Ingredient [s] **1:00** My Market Kitchen [s] **1:30** Buy To Build [s] **2:00** Everyday Gourmet [s] **2:30** Easter With The Australian Women's Weekly [s] **3:30** TBA **4:30** Farm To Fork [s] **5:00** 10 News First [s] **6:00** Advancing Australia [s] **6:30** Bondi Rescue (PG) [s] **7:00** Territory Cops (PG) [s] **7:30** Ambulance UK (M) [s] **9:50** 999: What's Your Emergency? (M) [s] **10:50** TBA **11:50** Inside The Children's Hospital (PG) [s] **12:30** Home Shopping

**WIN BOLD** **2:00** Jake And The Fatman **4:00** I Fish **4:30** Mighty Machines **5:00** Escape Fishing With ET (PG) **5:30** Scorpion (M v) **7:30** NCIS (M v) **8:30** NCIS: New Orleans: Stashed/ Crab Mentality (M v) **10:25** TBA **11:20** LA's Finest: For Life (M) **12:15** Hawaii Five-O (M v) **1:10** MotoGP 2021: Race 10 Qatar Grand Prix **2:40** 48 Hours (M)

**Gem** **3:05** **Movie:** "Run For The Sun" (PG) ('56) Stars: Richard Widmark **5:05** **Movie:** "The Bridge At Remagen" (PG) ('69) Stars: George Segal **7:30** Rugby Union: Preview **8:00** Rugby Union: Melbourne Rebels v QLD Reds "Live" **9:45** Rugby Union: Post-Match **10:00** **Movie:** "Barquero" (PG) ('70) Stars: Marie Gomez



**5:30** Worldwatch **1:00** PBS Newshour **2:00** London's Super Tunnel **4:05** FIFA World Cup 2022 Magazine **4:35** My Second Restaurant In India **5:35** The Secret History Of World War II (PG) **6:30** SBS World News **7:30** World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys (M) **8:25** **Movie:** "Molly's Game" (PG) ('17) Stars: Jessica Chastain **10:55** **Movie:** "The Workshop" (M l,s) ('17) Stars: Nakhane Touré (In French) **12:55** White Right (MA15+) **2:00** United States Of Conspiracy (M v) **3:00** Charlottesville (M l)

**WIN Peach** **12:30** The Amazing Race Australia (PG) **2:00** Friends (PG) **6:00** The Big Bang Theory (PG) **10:30** The Middle: A Birthday Story/ Errand Boy/ Thanksgiving II (PG) **12:00** Home Shopping **1:30** 2 Broke Girls (M v) **2:30** Charmed (PG) **3:00** TBA **3:30** 2 Broke Girls (M s) **4:30** Home Shopping

**VICELAND** **4:00** PBS Newshour **5:00** ABC America: World News Tonight **5:30** Basketball: NBL: Sydney Kings v Perth Wildcats "Live" **7:30** Australia In Colour (PG) **8:30** The X-Files (M h,v) **9:20** Romulus (MA15+) (In Old Latin) **11:15** Dateline **11:45** Insight **12:45** F-ck, That's Delicious (MA15+) **1:45** France 24 News In English From Paris







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## No misuse of power says ACCC report

THE report into the Murray-Darling Basin Water Markets released on Friday highlights the need for improvement in market information and transparency across all jurisdictions according to NSW Nationals Senator Perin Davey.

"This report to Government highlights the complexity of the water market across multiple jurisdictions and operating under various reporting and accounting regimes," Senator Davey said.

Senator Davey said, while the report did not find any evidence of market manipulation or misuse of market power by investors or large corporate agriculture, it suggested the opaqueness of the available data led to distrust and lack of confidence in the water market.

The report, prepared by the ACCC, makes 29 recommendations under four themes covering governance, processes and information, conduct and integrity and market structure.

"This is a comprehensive report that will take time to digest and evaluate," Senator Davey said.

"On the surface, there are some key issues that need to be addressed including market operability and transparency and accountability for water market intermediaries, like water brokers and exchanges.

"There are some strong recommendations in the report, but the key is collaboration between the different jurisdictions that make up the Murray-Darling Basin.

"What this report makes clear is that no one jurisdiction can go it alone. It has to be one-in-all-in," Senator Davey said.

The Deniliquin based Senator who lives in the centre of the southern connected water market said it was important to understand changes to market rules leads to changes in water user behaviour and consideration must be given to the impacts of policy change.

"Our government, in considering our response to this report must consider the impact on water users

and their communities. That is more important than the impact on a market," she said.

Senator Davey said the government will now consider the report and consult with state jurisdictions and water users, to respond to the recommendations.

Meanwhile, the Speak Up Campaign is calling for swift and decisive action on its recommendations.

"We've had more than 100 reports on water management in less than a decade, but most sit on a shelf gathering dust. Anything calling for serious reform has been ignored," Speak Up chair Lachlan Marshall said.

"We cannot allow that to happen with the ACCC report into the water market," Mr Marshall said.

He said it was obvious from the ACCC report there are serious problems in the water market that need to be addressed with genuine reform, not another political or band-aid solution.

"It is obvious from the report that market manipulation exists, but it is not illegal and with the present system cannot be clearly identified. As the report shows, for too long the water market has been allowed to evolve without the regulation necessary, and this has been to the detriment of food producers."

Mr Marshall said while there is merit in a new entity to oversee water markets, for it to be effective there needs to be a major overhaul of market design with government resources and commitment to ensure there is real reform.

He said the report touched on capacity issues within the system, though this complex problem for the government and water managers has again not been adequately addressed, with the impression that the response to constraints is to create more markets.

"The last thing we need is more markets for speculators to manipulate at the expense of food production," Mr Marshall said.



The green Kamut Khorasan head next to the brown grain (inset), grown on Whispering Pines. The Walkers are encouraging local growers to sow oats after the widespread break. Photo supplied.

## Grain export interest

**Kim Woods**

A DELUGE of more than 140mm has failed to put a dampener on a bumper harvest and export orders flooding in from overseas for Barellan's Whispering Pines Organic Flour Mill.

A swollen Sandy Creek topped the levy bank and completely flooded Whispering Pines, owned by Rob and Betina Walker, when 145mm fell last month, but the house, mill and machinery sheds were spared.

"You wouldn't dare put a tractor on any of our paddocks at the moment," Mrs Walker said.

"The mill was fine but the water level wouldn't want to have gone any higher."

Up until COVID, the mill had been supplying flour to Singapore but the pandemic resulted in those markets closing.

In February, the Walkers formed a business partnership

with companies in South Korea, US and a Thai bakery to import organic Kamut khorasan wheat and flour.

Mrs Walker said Kamut samples have been sent to South Korea and Thailand.

In the meantime, Whispering Pines unbleached white baker's flour has been nominated by chef Luke Piccolo for the *Delicious* magazine produce awards from the earth.

Mrs Walker said the strong COVID demand for baker's flour had been maintained into 2021.

"The ancient grains yielded quite well at harvest – we were really impressed with the Kamut Khorasan," she said.

"It is a big fat grain like rice – we will be putting in more this year as it is the flavour of the month in America.

"It's not well known in Australia at the moment but we are

still getting people asking for the grain and the flour.

"It has to be conditioned in water for at least 24 hours as it is harder to mill than normal wheat."

Mrs Walker is trying to source Purple wheat seed for this year's sowing.

Another feather in the mill's cap is Whispering Pines rolled oats are being made to produce the craft hazy beer.

"I hope a lot of people around here will be growing oats this year with contracts at \$350/tonne on farm while on-farm contracts for organic spelt are \$1400/tonne," Mrs Walker said.

She was impressed with the early vigour and competitive nature of the Egyptian Gold Kamut last year.

"The Kamut is not an easy grain to get hold of – we only produced 5-10 tonnes – but it competes with the weeds really well."

## Crossbred ewes to \$230

CROSSBRED future breeder ewe lambs made up to \$214 a head for a regional grower on AuctionsPlus on Tuesday.

Allambie Farming, Aria Park, offered and sold 800 White Suffolk/Merino cross ewe lambs, averaging 52.3kg and May-June 2020 drop.

The lots of 200 sold from \$212 to \$214 or 405-409c/kg dressed.

T and D Walker, Aria Park, sold 148 White Suffolk/Merino cross ewe lambs, July/August drop and 48kg live, for \$230 while C and S Male, Yerong Creek, sold 420 mixed store lambs, 38kg, August/September drop, for \$188.

In the cattle prices, M and Marmanini, Hilton Pastoral Company, Murrumbidgee,

sold weaned Angus steers, 285kg, for \$1710 or 598c/kg.

D and S Turner, Ivanhoe, sold weaned Angus steers, 360kg, for \$2000 or 554c/kg while TJ Henwood Family Trust, Hay, sold 96 Angus feeder steers, 368kg, for \$2025 or 549c/kg.

In goat prices, Milroy Pastoral, Hay, sold rangeland bucks, 19kg live, for \$91 and rangeland does, 18.1kg live, for \$119.

FG and JL Cuteri, "Alabama", sold an outstanding run of Merino wether lambs to Southern Meats Goulburn for \$230. The lambs were bred by WK Langley and Co and were purchased in spring 2020 to grow out, shorn and fattened.

## AMMO sale postponed

THE Australian Mohair Marketing Organisation (AMMO) sale scheduled for April 9 has been moved to Friday April 23 due to a clash with a large South African sale of 180,000kgs.

Advice from South African buyers was this may adversely affect the smaller Australian offering of 17,000kgs.

An AMMO spokesperson said it was understood this decision to delay the sale by two weeks may

place some pressure on growers, but it was believed to be in the best interests of Australian mohair producers not to compete with a large South African sale.

The April 23 auction will be held at 1pm at the Narrandera Ex-service-men's Club. Sale lots can be viewed at the AMMO warehouse from 10am on sale day.

The sale will also be livestreamed through the AMMO Facebook page.

## Water mantra needs to stop

A PROMINENT water policy advocate is calling for a start to difficult discussions around poor water management in the southern basin.

Griffith winemaker Darren De Bortoli, who has extensively investigated historic water use in the Coorong and Lower Lakes regions in South Australia, said there was a need to put parochialism and politics aside and determine what is best for everyone's long-term sustainable future.

He congratulated a group of South Australian producers who have united to try and achieve water security, and have highlighted the vast quantities of fresh water that are being wasted as they pour out to sea.

"We have this wastage at the end of the system, and along the Murray and its tributaries we have seen unnecessary flooding as authorities try to push too much water through a fragile river system," Mr De Bortoli said.

"This is causing unintended environmental damage and it needs to be addressed."

He added the refusal of successive federal governments, both Coalition and Labor, to effectively address inadequate water management was no longer acceptable.

"The ridiculous mantra of Water Minister Keith Pitt and his government of delivering the Basin Plan 'in full and on time' needs to stop," Mr De Bortoli said.

"What sort of plan do you have where flaws and shortcomings are so blatantly obvious, yet nothing is done to address them? Failing to address the problems at the end of the system is just one in a long line of issues that needs to be acknowledged so remedial action can be discussed.

"Stop spending millions upon millions on so-called independent reports that do nothing but

provide the answers the government and its bureaucracies are seeking.

"Acknowledge what history tells us... the Lower Lakes was once an estuarine system and forcing it by man-made infrastructure and flow regimes to be a freshwater system is causing incredible damage to people and environments.

"Throughout South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria we need to stand up to our inept governments and say 'enough is enough'. Stop pandering and start making strong decisions to give our nation the sustainable environment and food production industry that we all want."

He welcomed the fact communities around the south-east of South Australia are realising the damage being caused to production by sending 112 gigalitres a year out to sea (nearly a quarter of Sydney Harbour).

"This shows people with competing interests are capable of sitting down and having difficult discussions about what needs to be done for the overall good," Mr De Bortoli said.

"By working together and looking at long term sustainable options for managing the end of the system there can be wins for everyone – the Lower Lakes, the Coorong, the farmers around the lakes and the communities upstream."

He said recharging the aquifers around the Southern Lagoon of the Coorong was critical for its health and long-term survival, and a priority must be returning water to the Coorong.

"Producers in the Limestone Coast region have shown they have the maturity to put past differences aside and work towards a sustainable future. It's time the federal government and various state governments did likewise," Mr De Bortoli said.





# Step Back In Time

## River angling and its history

Liz Lawrence

IF YOU have ever doubted that Narrandera was a top place for fishing that boasts some well-known fishing spots, Narrandera resident and keen fisherman the late Jim Bailey could attest to this.

So too could some of the pioneers of angling in this area who are quoted in this article.

Jim and some pioneer anglers well before his time recounted their early angling experiences in the publication *True Tales of the Trout Cod* in January 2008. This publication revealed some very interesting facts about the history of angling in this area.

The publication gathered rare historical information and photographs on native fish and rivers and Jim was invited to have his input into it.

The experienced Narrandera fisherman said he had been fishing since he was 10-years-old.

His father was killed when he was four-years-old and he lived with his uncle Arthur Charles, who taught him how to fish. Back then there were miles of cod, yellowbelly, silver bream and once the Macquarie perch.

"We were fishing in the irrigation canal and we caught this bream, it had big white eyes. My uncle said 'that's a Macquarie perch'. We caught one another day in the Murrumbidgee itself. My uncle said they were plentiful in the river in the early days but I haven't seen one since, that was in the forties," he said in the publication.

In the early days below the regulator Jim caught Catfish with a Rangoon rod about 12 foot long, a bit of line that was half the length of the rod, a cork and some worms.

"We called ourselves 'Murrumbidgee Whalers'! The Catfish we got would have been three to four pounds on average, they were up to eight pounds and three foot long – big ones. The last ones I caught was about 1958, the year I got married," he said.

In 1959 he caught nine Catfish in the lagoon over in the common at Narrandera and he said there were a few there then – two to two-and-a-half pounds.

Together with his friend the late Percy Willis junior, whom he grew up with, they had homemade canoes before they could afford a boat.

"We put in heaps of time in the 'Bidgee. I got to know a bloke called Jack Collins, a pro, and I used to go out with him when he used to check his nets. He caught heaps of bream, miles of yellowbelly and cod.

"At one stage he told me that there was such a thing as a Trout cod, the old blokes had told him about them and that there had been some here. He might have got that from old Wally Hill down the river at Bringagee.

"Until they brought one down to the Narrandera Fisheries Station and put it in a tank I had never seen one, they are very distinctive. Never saw one in Jack's boat, I never caught one, nobody else I saw had caught one," he said.

In the fifties high rivers were experienced and the bream weighed up to five pounds – anglers called them 'grunters'.

At that time there were heaps of what he called "GT Monaro" green frogs, which were green with a yellow stripe down them.

"For every one you put on your line you got a big bream. But after that they started to deteriorate. The point is I think it has to do with the state of the river itself. When I was young there was plenty of them, I always came home with half a dozen, about two to three pounds," Jim said.

"We didn't have deep freezers to keep any more than that and we didn't need them, you could catch them anytime. There was plenty of yellowbelly around in years of flood or high rivers. The biggest one was eleven and-a-half pounds, the average would have been three to four.

There was never a time when Jim and his friends were out with a couple of lines each that they didn't come home with cod – around six to eight pounders. There were

plenty of bigger ones, but less in later years. Eighty-eight pound was the biggest he caught and its head weighed 13 and a half pounds.

"I caught that one on one of those old split cane rods on a green floppy. The best two baits were live carp and the bardy grubs out of the ground or the witchetties out of the trees," he said.

"The redfin, well we were fishing in the 'Bidgee near the common and we caught this fish. Old Percy Willis senior said he'd never seen one before, it was in the late forties. When we got home, he tried to scale it! He made a few enquiries and was told that it was an English perch.

"Next season after that – it would be after 1946 – we were at this beach and there was this line of fish a yard wide swimming in the shallows, thousands of little redfin, that's how thick they were. They became like a noxious weed.

"They started to deteriorate when the carp come in the area. My wife and kids reckoned they were the best fish of the lot to eat. Gradually they started to disappear. I reckon they ate themselves out as they ate everything that was moveable in the water."

Jim said one of the things he had noticed about the river at that time was that it was all silted up.

They used to go out spinning in the early days and once spun up 12 cod from eight to 20 pounds on a Saturday afternoon. The next Sunday morning they got ten.

He returned there heaps of times and it was all silted up.

"It started well before the carp got in, but they blame it on the carp. Back then in summer the river was beautiful, it felt like a warm bath, in summer it would run eight feet high, always lovely and warm.

"After the introduction of Blowering Dam it altered the 'Bidgee substantially. During the irrigation season the river would be running at 10 to 12 feet and was colder. It would give you goose bumps. The banks all started falling in, the trees too in places in summer where I used to be able to walk along. The river used to be only that high in flood times in winter, not in summer.

"There was a time when the fishing wasn't really good, but I was still capable of catching a cod most times. It would be in the mid-sixties to the seventies, but since then I think the fishing has improved. The cod have come back but not as good as when I was young," he said.

In the *Narrandera Argus* October 1 1920 edition some interesting points in connection with the habits of Murray fishes were mentioned by Mr J H Jarman of Narrandera.

The article stated while the trout cod, recognised in this locality as a distinct variety of sub-species of the Murray cod and always commanding high prices from those who know its merit as a table fish, were fairly common in the Murrumbidgee.

The Macquarie perch, while plentiful in the higher reaches of the Goodradigbee and in several other tributaries of the Murray, including the Goulburn, was never caught by rod or drum net in the Murrumbidgee near Narrandera.

His view, which was confirmed by the personal observations of professional fishermen was that the Murray catfish would, where the slope of the bank allowed, work its way right out of the water to take a bait on dry land.

During October 1914 some valuable work was performed in the transplantation of a consignment of Murrumbidgee crayfish (*Astacopsis spinifera*) from the Murrumbidgee River at Bringagee to the McIntyre River at Inverell. The crayfish were captured by Messrs W J Hill and F Archer, professional fishermen of Narrandera, and kept in wire-netting cages until ready for dispatch.

The consignment consisted of 161 mature crayfish, 8 to 18 inches in length, 51 being ovigerous females, whose eggs were at the time actually hatching, 47 females whose eggs had been hatched, and 63 males. They were freed in four different places near the town and none were lost in transit.

Mr Hill offered to place his horse and sulky at the disposal of the Department and to accompany the officer undertaking the work, piloting him through the district. This work took 21 days.

A number of large and permanent lagoons and waterholes in the anabranches of the Murrumbidgee were visited, also many smaller lagoons which were fast drying up, and in some of which thousands of fish – Murray cod, trout cod, Golden, Silver, and Macquarie perch and catfish – were already dead or dying, illustrating the appalling waste of valuable food perpetuated by nature in dry seasons.

This was an exceptionally dry year in the Riverina and many waterholes that have never been known to dry up were lower than the oldest residents had seen them before.

Reports from several places on the Murray River System indicated great mortality among fish.

A transcript of an interview with William Hill at Narrandera in July 1940 revealed that Narrandera medico Dr H O Lethbridge assisted Mr Hill in microscopic examination of the eggs and spermatozoa of the Murray Cod.

When interviewed at the Narrandera hospital, they said that the spermatozoa of Murray cod were actively mobile and that they remained alive in a dish of water at room temperature for seven hours. The fertilized eggs could be kept without damage for about 48 hours in a can placed under a dripping tap or agitated to ensure sufficient supply of oxygen.

As soon as possible after fertilisation they were placed in the hatching cages, which consisted of a cubical wooden frame covered by galvanized wire gauze of 14 meshes to the inch.

Each of the cages were capable of hatching about 12, 000 eggs and eight of them are fitted into a large rectangular cage, which was also covered with wire gauze of 14 meshes to the inch, on each side of the wooden frame.

These hatching cages were moored in the stream and the natural run of the current ensured a continuous supply of fresh water. In water with a temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit the fry hatched out in 120 hours (five days). When the fry hatched out the egg membranes had to be removed expeditiously otherwise they quickly developed fungus. In order to accomplish this the cage was raised and lowered quickly; the fry remained at or near the surface; in this position they could be quickly removed by means of a small net.

Two or three times a day each small cage was lifted and shaken to liberate as much as possible of the sediment which was caught up in the meshes.

Mr Hill noted that since irrigation was extensively adopted a marked fall in the river frequently occurred in October owing to the heavy demands on the water at this time for irrigation purposes. It was at this time that the Murray cod spawned and the losses that occurred from this were considered to be an important factor in reducing the quantity of fish in the Murrumbidgee River.

He was emphatic he could catch more fish in open waters than in closed waters and his contention was supported by Mr F Archer, who had been fishing for Murray cod since 1891 (49 years).

As an example of the greater productiveness of open water, Mr Hill cited the Murrumbidgee at Bringagee which had been fished with nets unceasingly by a considerable number of



The late Jim Bailey's angling experience was noted far and wide, so much so that he was interviewed by experts for a publication called "True Tales of the Murray Cod" in 2008. Jim was a keen fisherman who lived in the Narrandera area all his life.

fishermen without any noticeable diminution of supplies.

In contrast with this, the examples of the closed waters adjacent to Narrandera and Wagga Wagga were cited; where Murray cod were notoriously scarce. In addition, closed waters afforded protection to English perch, which caused widespread destruction of young cod.

At the time Mr Hill strongly recommended that all closures against netting be lifted with the exception of those waters situated within one mile of each side of weirs.

He said English perch did damage in creeks and lagoons where it congregated in far greater quantities than in the main streams. The best way to reduce the numbers of English perch was to commercialise it and to this end every effort should be made to popularise it as food.

Mr Hill also said serious losses were caused by large numbers of Murray cod fry being carried along the irrigation channels to Leeton and other areas where irrigation was carried out.

When the fields were drained the fry died in large numbers. Prior to the construction of Burrinjuck Dam and the extensive adaptation of irrigation that followed, large numbers of lagoons retained water for years at a stretch, whereas now they went dry practically every year. Heavy mortalities of fish of all sizes regularly occurred as a result.

Although a small percentage of fishermen respected the closure during the months of September, October and November, the majority ignored it. Large numbers of amateurs also fished throughout the closed period.

These statements were endorsed by Mr Archer who said there was much illicit net fishing in closed waters. Although the Fisheries Regulations prohibited unlicensed fishermen from using more than one set line at any one time, breaches of the regulation were numerous.

When asked to account for statements so frequently made by amateurs that they cannot capture anything like so great a quantity of Murray cod as formerly, both Mr Hill and Mr Archer stated that the main reason for this was that the fish were now more "educated". In other words, they bit much more shyly than formerly, consequently much finer tackle must be used.



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#### Schedule 1:

- The proposed part road closure is located in the Locality of Landervale, the Parish of Bolaro in the County of Cooper. The proposed area is approximately 1,700m<sup>2</sup> of vacant land located south west of the intersection of Landervale Road and Glen Moor Road. The section of road reserve is located south of Lot 66 DP 751678, west of Lot 1 DP 1101132 and north of Lot 19 DP 751678.



Upon closure of the road, Council intends to retain ownership of the parcel of subdivided land with the land to be classified as operational land with the NSW Rural Fire Service to construct the proposed Landervale Bushfire Brigade shed at this location.

All interested persons are hereby invited to make submissions concerning the proposal to the General Manager, Narrandera Shire Council, 141 East Street, Narrandera NSW 2700 within twenty-eight (28) days of the date of this advertisement. Please note that under the provisions of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration.

Once the submission period is completed, Narrandera Shire Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the road closure proposal.

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Enquiries: Governance & Engagement Manager  
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**George Cowan**  
General Manager

## PUBLIC NOTICES



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Any interested person may lodge written submissions in response to the policies. A copy of the policies are available for viewing at the Council Chambers located at 141 East Street, Narrandera during ordinary office hours (9am and 4.30pm) until 26 April 2021.

The policy document is also available online at [www.narrandera.nsw.gov.au](http://www.narrandera.nsw.gov.au).

Closing date for submissions is **4pm, Monday 26 April 2021.**

**George Cowan**  
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# SPORT

## Riverina talent excels

**AFL** **Nick Rupolo**  
IT WAS a week of firsts for Riverina talent in the AFL with two debuts and a standout performance at the MCG.

Ganmain Grong Grong Matong Lions junior Nick Murray made his debut in the AFL for Adelaide Crows in the second round of the AFL.

He made a good account of himself at the Sydney Cricket Ground taking three marks and spending 85 per cent of his time on ground.

After joining the Crows 18 days ago, he became their third debutant for the season.

Senior Coach Matthew Nicks said Murray didn't hold back his excitement when he was told the news that he'd be making his debut.

"He's one that doesn't hide his emotion... he enjoyed it, the boys got around him," he said.

"Probably took him a bit by surprise straight after training. It's a good chance to get his family over and it's an exciting time for him."

Narrandera's Zac Williams put in a good shift for Carlton at the MCG last week with two goal assists, 20 disposals and 15 kicks against Collingwood.

His kicking game was on point early in the match receiving praise from pundits. Carlton went down 106-85.

Michael Gibbons also had a solid match for Carlton gaining 309 metres and 12 kicks.

Narrandera-born Matt Flynn had a debut to remember for GWS Giants but his side went down 87-56 to the Fremantle Dockers.

The ruckman waited 1944 days for his debut after a knee injury and made the most of his time on the ground with 34 hit-outs and 18 disposals.

He finished with a disposal rate of 75 per cent.

Jacob Hopper, a Leeton-Whitton junior, also played for the Giants but his impact wasn't felt as much as his counterpart, gaining 221 metres for his team.

GWS Giants are still without a win heading into round three next week against Melbourne Football Club.

Jacob Townsend was absent for Gold Coast Suns massive 98-39 thrashing of North Melbourne. The Leeton man was drafted at pick five into the squad in December last year in the NAB AFL Rookie Draft.

## Pennants near end

### BOWLS – COOLAMON

WAGGA and District Pennant Competition is now in its last stages. Last weekend Coolamon Grade Six played Yerong Creek on Coolamon's home ground.

Coolamon skipper Rick Whybro and his team played strongly and defeated Rob Worner 22/11.

Bill Nolan went down to N Manley 18/25 and the best performed team on Coolamon's side comprised John Franklin, Dennis Holden, Peter Lewis and Gavin Stephenson who defeated Dan Lloyd 27/13.

Coolamon won two rinks and the aggregate 67/49, claiming 9 points. This places Coolamon in second place behind Wagga Rules Club on the overall ladder.

After Easter, Pennants will resume and Coolamon Grade Six will meet Wagga RSL in the final round of the competition.

The Grade Seven side played Lockhart Bowling at Coolamon and experienced a very testing afternoon

against some very strong opposition.

Henk Hulsman went down against Jason Healy 11/25. Don Dyce had his hands full against S Johnstone, losing 5/32 and 'Puddles' Armstrong lost to Max Montgomery 12/28. Lockhart won the aggregate 88/28 and took home 10 points.

The next round of pennants will be played on April 10. This will be the final game for Coolamon Sevens as they are in fifth place on the overall ladder.

There are a couple of Thursday Social Bowls results. Last week best performed team comprised Wayne Pearse, Henk Hulsman and Vera McKelvie with two wins plus 11 points. Runners-up were Chris Fairweather, Ken Hussey and Andre DeHaan who managed a win and a draw. The Jackpot was not claimed.

The previous week the outstanding team comprised Bob Thompson and 'Puddles' Armstrong with two wins plus 27 from runners-up Bruce Wooten and Vera McKelvie with two wins plus 9.

## Easter events planned

### BOWLS – NARRANDERA

SUMMER Teams Semi- Finals Results from last Friday, March 26 were: 5 Good Men & Nifty def Mitchells Pest Control and Lizards1 def NFS.

We now have a break over the Easter weekend and the Grand Final is set to play on Friday, April 9. Match committee do duty.

The weekly round-up saw 18 contenders for the Wednesday Social Bowls with Daryl Crawford, Kevin Thomson and Richard Durnan taking home the win. The Progressive Jackpot was not won and now sits at \$92. Wrong Bias fines were recorded from George Shadbolt and Geoff Angove.

Notice board reminders – nominations for the Easter Triples and Pairs are still open and close (today) April 1. Also, B Grade singles are open and close Monday, April 5 with play starting on Saturday, April 10.

Still calling out for our bowlers to join in with visiting bowlers from Corowa for a game. It would be great if we can get 25 Narrandera bowlers to join in. Play is Saturday, April 10 at 1.30pm. Nomination sheet on the notice board to place your name.

Pennant Result for Round 6 played Saturday, March 27 were Grade 6 Win against Coleambally 9-1 and

Grade 7 Win against Darlington Point 8-2.

Pennant Result for Round 6 played Sunday, March 28 were Grade 3 Win against Narrandera 4s 10-0, 90-35 and Grade 5 Win against Leeton & District 9-1.

Pennant Result for Round 7 played Sunday, March 28 were Grade 6 Loss against Griffith Exies 9½ - ½ and Grade 7 Win against Leeton & District 5½ - 4½.

There are no Pennant rounds played over the Easter weekend with the next rounds being played on Sunday, April 11. Teams are mainly the standard bowlers with changes to be advised next week.

Reminder rounds 6-10 commence with a 1pm roll-up and 1.20pm start, unless otherwise arranged by team managers with opposing clubs.

Pennant Draw for Round 7 Sunday, April 11 is Grade 3 Home vs Darlington Point 3s, Grade 4 Away vs Hay 4s and Grade 5 Home vs Leeton Soldiers.

Pennant Draw for Round 8 Sunday, April 11 is Grade 6 Away vs Leeton Soldiers and Grade 7 Away vs Whitton.

Grade Contacts: 3s – Lincoln 0405 930 427, 4s – Jack 0499 804 922, 5s – Peter 0410 447 219, 6s – Barry 0406 027 720, 7s – Lenny 0431 436 951 and uniforms Vicki 0427 402 118.



# Day raises funds for Kurrajong

## GOLF

THE Charity Day held on behalf of Kurrajong on March 24 once again proved to be a success.

The fine weather encouraged 62 players to take to the course and all reported an enjoyable day.

The winners for the day were in Men's A division Ian Donaldson with a 66 nett and in B grade Tom Steele was winner with 63 nett.

The Ladies division winner was Karen Grant and the B grade winner was S. Woolly on countback.

The non-handicap winner was O. Mahoney on 66 nett.

The Pennants team travelled to Ganmain to play on Sunday and defeated the hometown 4/3. This now puts Narrandera on top of the leader board and with only one more round to play at Coolamon, a win could cement a finals home game.

The regular competition on Wednes-

day was a Stableford and Col Mahoney was winner with 37pts and runner-up was Bruce Russell with 35pts. Balls went to 33pts and 17 players competed.

Wednesday's Ladies competition Stableford was won by Jan Hoare with 32pts. The "Chook Run" was won by Bob Hyde with a 27 nett on count back.

The next big event for the Golf Club will be held over the Anzac Day weekend. It will be a Pro Golf weekend organised by Ken Trimble and will have seven professionals attending.

They will hold a coaching clinic for one day and the next will be a Pro's versus Locals Challenge event. This should prove to be a most interesting weekend for the Club and further details of the program will follow.

As previously reported, Summer Teams have finished for 20/21. Following details already reported for Division one, Division Two saw Bidgee Burglars come from equal third to win this Division, Party Central

came second and Happy Gilmore's came in third place.

Steve Gehringer, continuing his wins in both Club Championships and team wins (Narrandera Auto Wreckers), had the best average score of Summer Teams with a 29.55.

He was closely followed by team mate John Schofield with 30.364 and Gary Shanley of "The Unknowns" came third with a score of 30.727.

Best player of the final round was Greg Lawrence of Narrandera Auto Wreckers on a count back from Graham Flynn of Bidgee Burglars both with a 28 nett.

The year saw some 2044 golfers play 2183 rounds with an overall attendance of 81 per cent.

The new season will be looking to restart on October 2, 2021 but will be confirmed in due time. When the new season does start again, organiser Chris Moore, will be only too glad to accept any offer of assistance anyone can spare.



Sameera Bashir, Narrandera, and Simone Pilotto, Wagga Wagga (left) and Deidre Ross and Viv Burton from Leeton (above) were among the 62 players who enjoyed the fine weather and hospitality at the Kurrajong Charity Golf Day at the Narrandera Golf Club on Saturday. Photos: Rusty Lake-Connolly.

# Native fish habitat installed

## FISHING

IN A first for Leeton, essential fish habitat in the Murrumbidgee River was installed providing vital habitat for native fish.

Volunteers from OzFish and Murrumbidgee Landcare worked together to raise funds and plan and install eight giant snags and several smaller ones.

OzFish Chapter president Paul Smith said over the past 20 years, there has been a great deal of restocking, but little has been done in the way of creating the necessary habitat for these fingerlings.

"We've got to do something to help restore the health of the river instead of simply putting in the fish and hope they will survive," Mr Smith said.

"We are excited to be undertaking important fish habitat restoration and glad we could provide new homes for native fish."

OzFish Manager for the Murray Darling Basin Braeden Lampard said the project would give native fish in the region a much-needed boost.

"Snags play a vital role in the life cycles of many native fish. They provide fish with places to find food, seek refuge from the current, shelter from the sun, hide from predators such as birds, and are a great place to hide in waiting to ambush their prey or find a new mate," he said.

"All good fishers know a snag is the perfect place to fish around because they know that's where the fish live."

"Murray cod in particular love to lay their eggs on the submerged woody debris. Less snags in the river have meant less places for these fish to deposit their eggs."

"Snags have an integral ecological and structural importance in our waterways. They play a key role in stabilising river-

banks and create the flow conditions that Australian fish prefer."

Unfortunately, millions of snags have been removed from rivers and waterways across the country leaving fish without the habitat they need to thrive.

Landcare NSW chief executive officer Dr Adrian Zammit said he was thrilled to see the partnership continuing to deliver successful on-ground results for the Landcare community.

"The fantastic work done by our Landcare NSW community in partnership with

OzFish is great to see," Dr Zammit said.

"The breadth of projects delivered and the results delivered so far are clear evidence that Natural Resource Management challenges require close collaboration and partnerships between like-minded organisations."

The project was made possible by the OzFish-Landcare NSW partnership, Driving Fish Habitat Action, with funding support from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts and OzFish's major partner BCF - Boating, Camping, Fishing.



Volunteers from OzFish and Murrumbidgee Landcare worked together to raise funds and plan and install eight giant snags and several smaller ones. Photo supplied.

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Lockhart Central School students enjoyed an AFL Auskick session last week. Representatives of the AFL also visited St Joseph's School at Lockhart and Boree Creek Public School. Photos supplied.

# New rules for footy

## AFL

Nicholas Rupolo

FANS of local AFL are about to see more goals and more excitement with new rules coming into the Farrer, Riverina FNL and Wagga, South West Junior Districts.

The changes for community football – which have already been introduced at the elite level – involve the 'standing on the mark' and '15 metre kick in' rules.

For marks, the defending player will be allowed no movement after the umpire calls "stand", with movement after the "play on" call penalised with a 50-metre penalty.

As well as that the mark shall be set at 15 metres from the centre of the top of the goal square towards the centre of the ground at Kick Ins.

This was previously set at 10 metres. Umpire co-ordinator in the ACT and Regional NSW Troy Mavroudis says this will make AFL footy in the region more exciting.

"It's going to be exciting for players, spectators and umpires," Mavroudis said.

"The reasoning behind the rules being introduced is to strike up a better balance between attack and defence."

"The intent in community football is to open it up more, make it a quicker game and also try and strike a better balance and let players be able to move, run and carry the ball a bit more rather than be stop and start."

"It gives them more attacking options rather than making the game more focussed on defence."

"We are opening up options for players with the ball after a free-kick and be able to move the ball on quicker and potentially counteract a defensive type-set up."

The rules will be applied to seniors, reserves and Under 17 competitions in the Farrer and Riverina FNL leagues for the 2021 season.

The 15 metre kick in rule will also be applied to age groups under 12s to 15s in the Wagga District and under 13s and 15s in the South West Juniors comp.

# Steve's screamer

## BOWLS – LOCKHART

LOCKHART Bowling Club played Rules 1 in pennants matches at the weekend, winning 77-49 which was a great win seeing it was played in Wagga.

S Johnstone won 25-15, M Montgomery won 27-13 and J Healy lost by 6 shots 21-15 after being well down earlier.

Lockhart went on their winning way against Coolamon at Coolamon which is a tricky green. Jason Healy won 25-11 over H Hulsman, Max Montgomery beat A Armstrong 28-12 while Steve Johnstone played some screamers to win over D Dye 32-5. Overall Lockhart won 88-28, which was a great effort.

As there is no bowls next week because of Easter, Lockhart will play their last game against Yerong Creek at home. Semi-finals will be played on April 17.

Thursday, April 1, 2021 — 19





# CHARITY GOLF DAY A HIT

Kurrajong client Nathan Collins had a wonderful game at the charity day on March 24. A total of 62 players enjoyed the day and raised much needed funds for the registered NDIS provider.  
Photo: Rusty Lake-Connolly.

## Eagles women break the drought

Rebecca Rowlings

THE Narrandera Eagles senior women's side broke their SNSW drought with a tense four-point win over the Brookdale Bluebells at Lockhart last Friday.

After completing their inaugural season in 2020 without a win, the Eagles had endured six straight losses in 2021.

A second-quarter goal and four quarters of determined defensive effort saw them finally get on the right side of the scoreboard as they held on through a Bluebells barrage in the fourth quarter for a 1.1.7 to 0.4.4 victory.

Brookdale had the weight of the possession in the opening quarter, but strong defence from the Eagles kept them to just a point.

In the second quarter possession flowed more evenly, and Narrandera were rewarded for their persistence when Lucy Litchfield broke clear in front of goal and kicked a six-pointer.

The Eagles led 1.1.7 to 0.1.1 at three quarter time, and the final term proved to be tense.

Unable to break out of the midfield successfully to add to their tally, the Eagles remained nonetheless solid in defence.

Brookdale were not giving up and kept pushing forward, creating several chances at goal, but the kicks failed to convert and they could only manage three behinds to

add to their total.

The final siren heralded a relieved celebration from the Eagles, who had held on for their maiden victory in the SNSW senior women's competition.

Molly Darrington stepped up at fullback to be best on ground for the Eagles, while Lucy Litchfield, Marnie Grintell, Lara DeMamiel and Amber Golsby were all strong contributors.

Coach Danny Litchfield has remained proud of his side's persistence this season, but was especially pleased that it had finally paid off.

"For the girls to keep turning up and putting in the hard yards after having some big scores go against them, it has been really impressive," he said.

However, Litchfield warned against complacency in the team's final game for 2021, against Collingullie-Glenfield Park.

"It might be tempting to think that we beat Brookdale and they beat Collingullie, so we should beat Collingullie, but that's not the attitude we need," he said.

"They had 12 scoring shots to our three when we played them in the first round, and we'll need to stay focused to turn that around this week."

The Eagles take on Collingullie-Glenfield Park in the SNSW Women's Competition Finals, starting at 7.30pm tonight at Narrandera Sportsground.

In other results, North Wagga Saints went down to CSU Bush Pigs 1.2 (8) to 5.3 (33), while GGGM Lions thrashed CGP Demons 14.13 (97) to 0.1 (1), and EWK Hawks 2.8 (20) defeated Griffith Swans 2.1 (13).

CSU Bushpigs remain on top of the

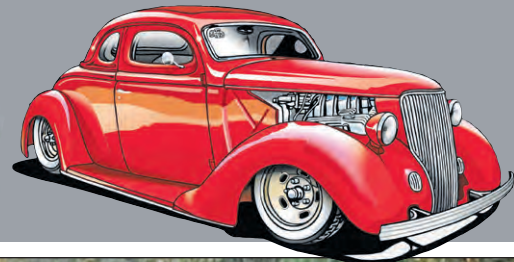
ladder followed by North Wagga Saints and GGM Lions.

Tonight (Thursday) the Brookdale Bluebells meet Griffith Swans at Lockhart, and GGGM Lions play East Wagga Koorringal Hawks at Gumly Oval.



The Narrandera Eagles senior women's side celebrate their first win for the season. Photo supplied.





## Capacity raised to 5000

NARRANDERA Shire Council is thrilled to welcome back the Hot Rodders for the Narrandera Show 'n' Shine event this Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 from 11am to 3pm.

Held at the new location – Narrandera Sportsground – this year's event is anticipated to be widely attended after everyone missed out last year.

The sportsground will host over 350 registered Hot Rod entrants, accompanied by live music, food and shopping stalls, plus amusement activities for the kids.

Mayor Cr Neville Kschenka is very pleased to see the Easter Rod Run event return.

"This is one of our biggest events on the calendar and is hugely popular, drawing in people from across the region," he said.

"I feel it is just what we need to

lift everyone's spirits following a year of lockdowns and no events to enjoy.

"While we are welcoming back the cars, please be mindful that things will look a little different this year, to ensure we have a successful COVID-Safe event for everyone's benefit."

With restrictions on events still in place, the event has been extended from a 3000 ticketed event to a capacity of 5000, meaning you can encourage all your friends and family to come along and enjoy the festivities.

If you are planning on attending be sure to get your ticket through Eventbrite beforehand as tickets will not be available on site.

For more information and to access Eventbrite visit [www.narrandera.nsw.gov.au](http://www.narrandera.nsw.gov.au) or call our Events Team on 02 6959 5545.



Troy Kinsmore's Slammed 1966 Chevy Impala. Photo supplied.

## Tree change to enjoy run

TROY Kinsmore is excited to be attending his first Narrandera Rod Run this year.

Troy will be taking his Slammed 1966 Chevy Impala (pictured above) and looks forward to coming to the town for the show.

"I have heard so much about the run and can't wait to experience it," he said.

"I've recently moved to the country and am looking forward to going to some new events out this way and meet some new people.

"I'm lucky enough to be working at a local rod shop and am looking forward to heading out and helping at the Narrandera Rod Run."



Narrandera Sportsground will host over 350 registered Hot Rod entrants in this year's Show n' Shine. Photo: Darryl Semmler.

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# Rod & Custom Run

EASTER LONG WEEKEND



Patrick Kenny and Stephen Holt star in the stage show to be hosted by the Narrandera Exies on Easter Saturday night. Photo supplied.

## Few quiet ales and a yarn

A FEW Quiet Ales... and the great Australian yarn is a new show developed in the Riverina and will be appearing at the Narrandera Ex-servicemen's Club on Easter Saturday night.

Director Don Hillam said the show would appeal to anyone who enjoys that "Australiana feel".

"There's a lot of Australian vernacular, it's set around the turn of the century when 'blokes were blokes'," he said.

"One bloke reckons he's an expert at everything, and the other guy loves having a dig at him.

"I've seen it with an audience and people just think it's hilarious... it's just good old-fashioned humour."

The show will star seasoned actors Patrick Kenny and Stephen Holt. It is full of tall stories, jokes and yarns.

The show introduces Fruitfly and Cactus, two friends at a bar waiting for Olemate. While waiting they reminisce about Olemate and his many crazy adventures and in turn compete to create the Great Australian Yarn.

The 90-minute show is centred around two blokes at a pub, telling each other stories

while they wait for their mate to arrive.

In classic fashion, it quickly becomes a competition, with both trying to out-do one another with the more outrageous story.

With some fun audience interaction (even a Chook Raffle) and chock full of wonderful Aussie humour and language, this is a performance that will engage all.

Its humour is just the right medicine for those in regional communities right now and it's free entry.



The first limited production build machines will be in-country mid-2021 and Hutcheon & Pearce will have access to one of those in August. Photo supplied.

## Weed revolution

IT MAY be a different type of machine to the type coming to Narrandera for Easter, but nonetheless it's a gamechanger, a phrase that is heard a lot these days. See & Spray Select technology really is about to shake up how farmers operate.

Developed by American company Blue River Technology, which John Deere acquired in 2017, See & Spray Select will be released for ordering across its self-propelled sprayer range.

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"We're beyond excited to share this with our customers because it will fundamentally change the way we do things," a company spokesperson said.

"People spend tens if not hundreds of thousands of dollars a year on chemical and if you can save 90 per cent of that cost, it pays for itself over and over again.

"The economic benefits for the farmer are huge, but it's also another step forward in full machine autonomy when operators will no longer be in the machine cabs."

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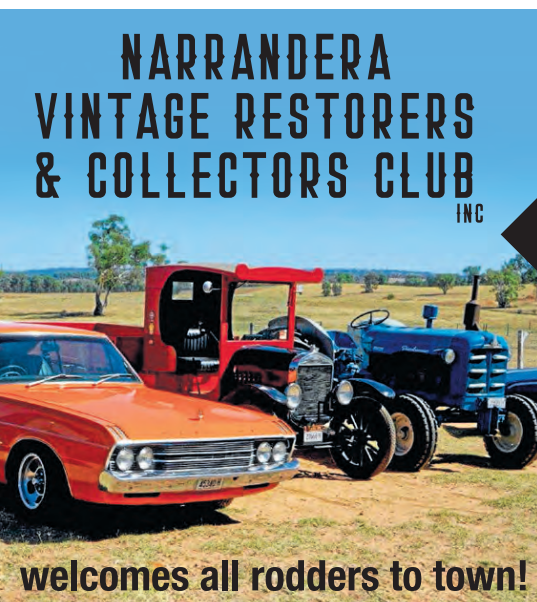
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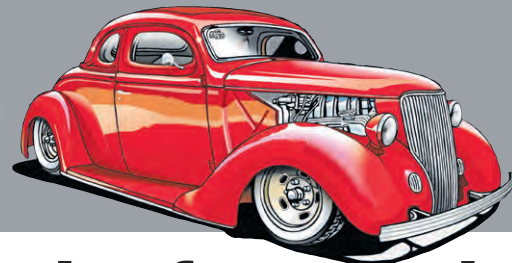
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NARRANDERA Auto Club member Mick Steele is really looking forward to the Earlies Easter Rod Run 2021.

His rod will be cruising around the town at the weekend and at Easter Sundays' Show and Shine with the other cars from the Narrandera Auto Club.

The Hot Rod (pictured above) is a 1929 Chev sedan, built in the late 1990s. It runs a 350 Chev engine Turbo 400 trans and a Jag rear end. Mick purchased the vehicle in June 2018 in Sydney from the guy who built it.

NARRANDERA Auto Club Ford enthusiast Gary Powell is one of many members showing his cars at the 2021 Show n' Shine at the Narrandera Sportsground this weekend.

A foundation member of the Narrandera Auto Club since it started around eight years ago, Gary enjoys the club because there is no pressure to attend.

"The club organises an event and you are invited to attend but it's up to the members, I like the comradeship of the club members," Gary said.

"It does not matter what sort of car you own, everyone with a love of cars is made most welcome."

Gary comes from a family of car lovers, he realises that whilst some car owners are in it for love of their machines he points out that some see buying cars as a great way of making a financial investment.

Visitors to the Easter Rod Run who are not car fanatics still know a good thing when they see it, he said.

"At the Show and Shine for example we have visitors who might not be car people but they can and do appreciate all of the blood, sweat and tears that have gone into building these machines," Gary said.

## Auto Club ready for rods

THE Narrandera Auto Club Incorporated is celebrating its eighth year of catering for people of all ages with a passion for cars, bikes and indeed anything with wheels.

The club currently has about 50 members. New members are always welcome at any time and the club offers a calendar of events they can participate in, which includes various bike and car shows in this area and a monthly cruise for coffee and a catch-up.

An open invitation is extended to members of the Narrandera community to come along to a meeting and see what the club has to offer.

NAC meetings are held at the Narrandera Golf Club and are open to all members of the community who would like to learn more about what the club offers.

The Narrandera Golf Club is a great supporter of the Narrandera Auto Club Incorporated and members are grateful for this ongoing support and for the support of Auto Club members who turn up for meetings and support events.

The Auto Club is especially

proud to be associated with the Earlies Rod and Custom Run which is by far one of the biggest events of the year for members and they are looking forward to its return for Easter 2021.

NAC meets with the Earlies several times throughout the year to discuss what they feel is working and what is not, as well as ways to improve on an already fantastic event for the town.

If you would like to be involved with the Auto Club email [narranderaautoclub@hotmail.com](mailto:narranderaautoclub@hotmail.com) or follow them on Facebook.



**RIGHT: The Close family with their 1970 Cadillac Coupe Deville outside Close Narrandera Pharmacy.**  
**BELOW: Gary Powell with a selection of his car collection.**



ADAM Close and his family take great pride in showing off their 1970 Cadillac Coupe Deville during the Easter Rod Runs in Narrandera as well as on the road.

While it is not the easiest vehicle to drive most enthusiasts are impressed by it not only its looks but also its size.

A big car generally comes with a big engine and this cruiser is no different, a stock 472 cubic inch V8 engine in the front with an automatic transmission. This vehicle was imported from America in its current styling and features.

Adam and fellow members of the Narrandera Auto Club are chomping at the bit for the Earlies Rod Run this weekend and taking part in the Show n' Shine at the Narrandera Sportsground on Sunday.

A full complement of Narrandera Auto Club members are expected at the show.

"Everyone is looking forward to the event in general. It is really important that we show the organisers of the 'Earlies' that we appreciate them coming back to Narrandera year after year to sample the best hospitality that Narrandera has to offer," he said.

"They are determined to spend money in Narrandera over the Easter weekend and this is a major occasion once again to showcase Narrandera to Australia."

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## Bee-ologist

RODDERS lost one of their much-loved Narrandera Rod Run family members to hot rod heaven last year.

Beverly Charlton was one of the Narrandera Rod Run's longest attendees, being only one of five people to enter and attend every run.

Husband Ray Charlton has entered this year's run and will continue his Narrandera Rod Run journey.

Rod Run regular Ray Charlton has recently rebuilt the vehicle he brought to Narrandera Rod Run for years.

Charlton has always built his rods to be driven and he has no qualms about driving them anywhere, on any road, no matter the weather and for whatever purpose.

While they've been built first and foremost as drivers, that doesn't mean his cars can't cut it at rod shows, they can and have won trophies, but shows have never been his focus.

"If there was a show and a rod run on the same weekend everyone knew where I'd be," he says.

It's been the same with all of his rods, and there have been lots of them over the years.

There have been '32 Fords, it's a model that has got his motor revving like no other. His passion for the '32, or B Model as it's sometimes referred to, is so well known that his mates describe him as a "Bee-ologist".

While '32s are now rare and highly prized there was plenty to choose from in the 1950s and '60s. The newspapers carried adver-



**Beverly Charlton's 1947 Ford Convertible.**

tisements for them almost every week and Ray recalls one dealer that could always be counted on to have at least one in stock.

Sedans and tourers were the most common, but they often ended up as parts cars as rodders preferred the sportier style of the roadsters and sport coupes.

Roadsters were the ones Charlton liked the most, but he also had a thing for the coupes he'd seen in the American rodding magazines.

Ray's first '32 was a good, straight, low-mileage roadster he bought for £30 (\$60) in the late-50s and rodded shortly after turning 18 and getting his driver's licence.

Like most young rodders then his car was his daily driver, he needed it to get to work, so modifications were mostly limited to what could be done at nights or over a weekend.

"We were just young kids, we didn't have much money, and we didn't have much in the way of tools to modify the cars with," he says.

"All I had was a basic set of spanners, a breast drill to drill small holes and a rattail file to open them up."

The work was done in the backyard at home and when it rained his mother's clothes-line became a temporary workshop.

"I'd throw a piece of tarp over the clothes-line, but I had to make sure I finished whatever it was I was working on when washing day came around."

## Vale Barry Caldwell

DEDICATED hot rodder Barry Caldwell entered hot rod heaven this year.

He and his late wife Barb loved attending the Rod Run Narrandera and many rodders and enthusiasts would have had a good yarn with him over the years.

He and his wife always had their

family attend the Narrandera Rod Run with them and son Andrew and his family will be up for this year's run.

They will undoubtedly be sharing some



**Barry Caldwell's rare 1942 Ford Businessmen's Coupe.**

great stories of both Barry and Barb. Barry was a Life member of SHRC and will be dearly missed by each and everyone.

Keep on cruising the heaven Highway Barry and Barb.

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