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# Health turmoil in MIA

**Nicholas Rupolo**

HEALTH Services Union paramedics across the Riverina will only attend to serious emergencies today following NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet's wage increase offer the union describes as "humiliating and insulting".

A 24-hour strike today (June 10) will see paramedics only treat "the most urgent, life threatening emergencies" in an attempt to force the hand of the government.

This industrial action has been taken by workers and the union after they were offered a 0.3 per cent pay increase in 2020 and a 1.5 per cent increase in 2021.

The union says it is a low-ball offer considering the government's budget accounts for inflation at 2.2 per cent.

Following the freezing of public sector wages, the union says paramedics deserve better than what is being offered.

Health Services Union Riverina

organiser Mick Grayson said regional paramedics were at a significant disadvantage from lower pay and costly work practices.

Mr Grayson said regional staff had paid for their own professional development, registration fees and working with children checks.

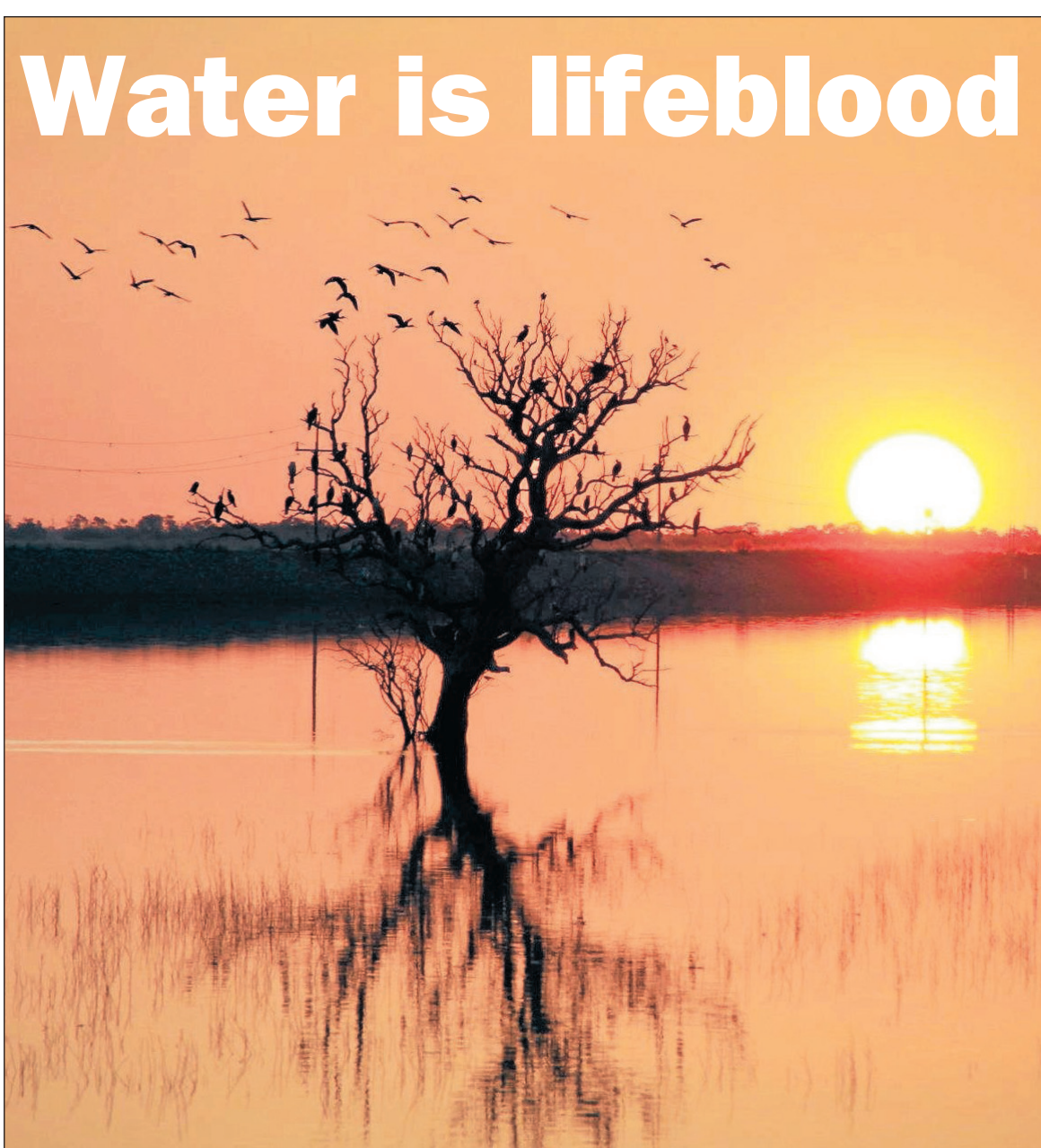
"And the government basically refuses to pass on meagre 2.5 per cent pay rise," he said. "Queensland and ACT paramedics are approximately \$200 a week better off than NSW paramedics. Specifically in the Riverina, paramedic numbers are the lowest of the major states, the Riverina has the lowest paramedic to community ratios, they work harder for less."

A major concern for paramedics and the HSU is the low wage offers paired with rising average increases in the cost of living.

The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics cost of living analysis from 2009 to 2019 showed the "overall

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**Water is lifeblood**



Murrumbidgee Irrigation staff member Bryan Salvestro captured wildlife on Brays Dam near Darlington Point. Murrumbidgee Irrigation's "What water means to the MIA" photography competition drew nearly 100 entrants and celebrated the value of water in all its forms around the region.

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# Patients benefit from equipment

NARRANDERA Hospital has received valuable patient care equipment generously donated by the Narrandera Hospital Auxiliary.

The hard-working Hospital Auxiliary committee fundraise throughout the year and pass on all donations gifted to them to buy equipment for Narrandera Hospital, so any money raised locally or donated in and around the town stays local.

The Auxiliary took some time out from fundraising last week to present the Hospital with their latest piece of equipment.

“The Auxiliary has donated a patient transfer board with inbuilt scales to weigh patients and measure their height whilst they are bed bound, a valuable tool when some medications are administered depending on



weight,” acting facility manager Kate Williams said.

“This is a valuable tool as some medications are administered depending on the patients weight.”

The auxiliary also provided the hospital with Equagel pressure relieving cushions for pressure area care and a one handed Wheelie Walker for patients who have had upper limb surgery or

**Auxiliary members hand over the new patient transfer board at Narrandera Hospital. Photo supplied.**

lack the ability to use both arms for a usual Walker.

Leanne Ivanoff, Sewfab, donated labels to be applied to mark the goods as property of Narrandera Hospital.

“Our staff always have a wish list of items we’d like to purchase that will make our jobs easier or safer or will make our patients more comfortable,” Ms Williams said.

“Donations allow us to purchase things off our wish list sooner than we would have otherwise.”

## Happy ending for Luna and Asith

*Rusty Lake-Connolly*

JUST recently a friend of mine called Asith Pieris arrived at his Sturt Street home in Narrandera to find his best friend and companion, Luna, was nowhere to be seen.

Luna is a female Neopolitan Mastiff cross who was gifted to Asith by some kind people in Sydney as a loyal friend to share his new life within rural Australia.

Asith is a refugee from Sri Lanka and Luna meant everything to him.

When he rang me, he was devastated but I knew with the help of the good people in this town we had hope.

Firstly, we talked to the neighbours and looked for home security cameras in the immediate vicinity.

We gave all Luna’s details to the ranger and we put a carefully worded post on the I live in Narrandera social media page. This is how it panned out.

Day one and no news about Luna.

There were plenty of well wishers and shares but no sightings. In my post I mentioned she was booked in for surgery, hoping the thought of a vet bill would make anyone who had her think twice and bring Luna home.

It was now 24 hours since she disappeared and I knew she wasn’t running the streets as I would have had a phone call by now.

I decided to post a different photo of Luna and this time the response was amazing.

Day two and my phone started to ring hot. The best lead we got was from a couple who had been walking past a local dwelling and saw a dog who looked the same.

The local police were helpful after seeing the post themselves. They accompanied us to the address but it turned out to be a false



**Luna with her owner Asith Pieris at home in Narrandera. Photo: Rusty Lake-Connolly**

alarm. The dog was a male and the owner was nice about the whole situation.

We put up another post using the words “stolen and reward”. On day three we heard about a local lady who was suspicious of a person seen with a belt around a dog’s neck.

We now had an area in town where Luna could possibly be. Later that day we received an address and the police were willing to check this new information.

Two hours later we receive a phone call from the police to say Luna was safe and well, ready to return to her relieved owner.

The response to Luna’s abduction has been incredible and many thanks to the local people who helped get Luna home.

A special thanks to the local police officers who were only too willing to help us recover Luna and give this story a happy ending.

## New choir aims to be biggest in area

THE nation’s first regional With One Voice choir at Narrandera will have a practice session on Tuesday, June 15 at the CRC Church from 6.30pm.

With One Choir Riverina coordinator Tracey Lewis said the choir catered for people aged nine to 109 and was conducted by Liz Walsh.

“We have received grant funding for the first year of operation and it will hopefully continue on with donations and the aim to hold community concerts,” Ms Lewis said.

“Last week we had about 10 people, which was a really good start and we would like to grow it to be the biggest choir in the Riverina.

“We would like people from all over the Riverina to join us.

“I’m hoping it can become a place where people can support each other and make connections, and to give the community another outlet.

“With One Voice has about 30 choirs all over Australia and this is a first for the regional areas.”

## Tips on platypus and tree planting

PRACTICAL tips on how to improve local creeks to encourage platypus will be held at the Palladium Theatre, Morundah, on June 16.

The talk from 6pm will be hosted by Murrumbidgee Landcare, YACTAC, NSW Local Land Services and Sustainable Farms.

Geoff Williams, Australian Platypus Conservancy, is a guest speaker and the key findings of Yanco Creek and Tributaries Advisory Council’s recent platypus report will be outlined.

Kathie Le Busque, ANU Sustainable Farms, will speak on enhancing farm dams with plantings. This will be followed by a sunrise walk around “Tarabah”, Morundah, at 7.15am on June 17 for a chance to spot the elusive platypus followed by breakfast. Plant identification and tree planting will be held along the creek from 11am at “Yarrabee”, Morundah.

For more information and to make a booking contact Andrea (YACTAC) on 0419 841 834 or Kathy (Murrumbidgee Landcare) on 0428 396 826.



# Paramedics to strike over pay

from front page  
level of prices has increased 23.4 per cent” which was “slightly lower than wage growth, which increased 30.5 per cent.”

However, the analysis also concluded “certain households will feel the impact more strongly than others, particularly in the context of low wage growth”.

With the annual income of a NSW paramedic at approximately \$76,000, Mr Grayson believes the wages policy of the government squeezes paramedics even more.

“Paramedics are withheld from holding professional wage claims,” Mr Grayson said.

“Professional wages claim is about scope of practice, it gives the government opportunity to look at skills to provide to a community.

“While paramedics would receive higher wages, the community would also receive higher skilled workers.

“The government has wages regulation that prohibits pay rises above 2.5 per cent, we can’t run a pay claim while that regulation is there.

“Nurses, doctors, physios have a professional wage claims but paramedics haven’t been afforded to run that claim, unlike in Queensland and South Australia.”

HSU NSW Secretary Gerard Hayes said the action was necessary following their treatment from the government and has ensured that while the action it won’t have any impact on major health issues.

“NSW paramedics are at breaking point,” Mr Hayes said.

“They’re not trying to get rich. They just want a fair pay rise that recognises the cost of living and the intensity of their work.

“Our paramedics were required to transport COVID-positive patients, without adequate protective equipment.

“They were exposed to a

wild and deadly disease, yet they continued to serve the people of NSW and protect their health.

“To offer them a pay cut is humiliating and insulting. NSW paramedics are already the worst paid in the country and personally carry the cost of their professional registration and education. This pay cut will set them further behind.

“We are flagging this action well in advance and have designed it to avoid impacting life threatening emergencies.

“There will, however, be significant disruption on the day.”

A spokesman for the NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said prior to the hearings in the Industrial Relations Commission NSW the Government extended an offer of a \$1000 bonus to frontline workers and a job guarantee for 12 months.

They claim this would have seen non-executive frontline personnel such as nurses, police, paramedics and teachers receive a one-off payment of \$1,000.

The policy was defeated in the Upper House of the NSW Parliament.

“Last month the Full Bench of the Industrial Relations Commission of NSW reaffirmed the Government’s plan to prioritise job-creation to keep as many people in jobs as possible as we get our economy back on its feet,” a spokesman for the Treasurer told the *Argus*.

“Our paramedics, nurses, doctors and health professionals have done an outstanding job protecting our community and the Government thanks them for their extraordinary work.

“The Government is focused is on maintaining its first-class health response, which has allowed NSW to lead the nation’s economic recovery from the pandemic.”

# Water park is award winner

THE Riverina’s premier aquatic playground, Lake Talbot Water Park, has won a prestigious award.

Narrandera Shire Council has won the 2021 NSW Local Government Professionals Excellence Award, for ‘Asset and Project’ budget over \$1.5 million and population under 100,000 for the Lake Talbot Water Park redevelopment.

This award acknowledges the significant works carried out at the facility including the removal of two old slides, replaced with two racer slides and a twisting open slide each with exit flume; and the demolition of all previous pool areas including the 50-meter pool, Rampage pool, Island pool, toddler pool and slide pool.

Modifications included wet decking and the Island Pool splash park, a new pump house and filtration system, solar systems to heat the 50m pool and middle pools.

A toddler pool with zero entry and shade cover was built along with pool level, accessible changeroom, toilets and showers. A pram ramp from the top entry to pool level, a disability access ramp into the 50m pool, new shading areas and structures were made.

New shading areas and structures which also houses the solar panels.

This category included 10 finalists offering impressive and competitive



**Winning representatives of Narrandera Shire Council and Total Creations and Services, front row: George Cowan, General Manager; Fred Hammer, Manager Project and Assets, Mayor Neville Kschenka. Back row: Simon McLean, Total Creations; Ray McLean, Total Creations; Shane Wilson, Deputy General Manager Infrastructure, and Mark McLean Total Creations. Photo supplied.**

submissions from Albury City, Blayney Shire, Clarence Valley, Forbes Shire, Goulburn Mulwaree, Lane Cove City, Mid Coast, Norfolk Island Regional and Tamworth Regional Councils.

A Council spokesperson said: “Our Instructure team who worked closed with internal and external

stakeholders to ensure the project outcome delivered a facility of the highest quality which has exceeded all expectations and increased regional tourism to Narrandera through the facility’s open months, providing strong economic advantages to local businesses and accommodation providers.”

## Review into rural blackspots

**Nicholas Rupolo**

A FORMER Nationals MP has been hand-picked by the Morrison government to lead the regional telecommunications review.

The review – which is undertaken every three years – includes a team with a mix of government, businesses, agricultural, community and political experience.

The committee will pay close attention to the effectiveness of government policies and programs relating to regional telecommunications and issues relating to service reliability in regional areas.

Families and business owners in the Riverina can be forgiven for feeling as if government policy had not been effective with many families still struggling in

blackspots. In February the *Argus* published a story detailing the New South Wales Government at the time had only spent 10 per cent of a \$400 million fund to eliminate blackspots in NSW.

Meanwhile, the Federal government has progressed with a \$90 million Regional Connectivity Program which included funding for a \$720,823 wireless broadband fix in Leeton.

Many residents of towns such as Balranald, Grong-Grong and even Narrandera have been experiencing poor mobile coverage and internet speeds for years.

The review committee will be chaired by former Member for Cowper and Minister for Vocational Education under Malcolm Turnbull, Luke Hartsuyker.

The committee includes Ms

Kristy Sparrow, the head of the large Facebook advocacy group Better Internet for Rural, Regional and Remote Australia, and Ms Sue Middleton, chair of the National Farmers Federation Economics and Farm Business Community.

Professor Hugh Bradlow also is on the committee providing 22 years of experience in telecommunications having worked in senior roles for Telstra.

Finally, Michael Cosgrave completes the committee having worked for two decades at the competition watchdog, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, specialising in telecommunications regulation.

“I am pleased to have such a high-calibre panel looking at these important issues,” Federal Minister for Regional

Communications Mark Coulton said.

“The members have a broad-ranging knowledge of the telecommunications sector and of regional Australia, they appreciate the needs of regional communities, and they will undertake a thorough examination of regional telecommunication issues that will include an extensive public consultation process.”

The government’s response to the 2018 telecommunications review said “digital agriculture could increase the gross value of Australian agricultural production by \$20.3 billion”. Many studies have concluded that access to reliable broadband and internet improves health and safety for communities, education standards and business productivity.



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# Battle over Farrer

**Nicholas Rupolo**

CONSERVATIVES in the Liberal party are seeking to oust Member for Farrer Sussan Ley in a pre-selection battle for the Farrer electorate according to reports.

Guardian Australia has reported allegations of “toxic branch-stacking” in a factional right-wing push to remove the sitting member for Farrer ahead of the next election or to build up forces to take over once she retires.

Ms Ley has held the seat for two decades but suffered a near 10-point swing against her in the 2019 federal election.

Farrer is considered a safe seat but following a poor showing at the last election, conservative power-brokers are reportedly preparing a coup for the Environment Minister.

The news comes as numerous marginally-held Liberal seat holders, who are moderate or factional allies of the Prime Minister are being challenged in pre-selection by conservatives.

These include Northern, inner-west and Western Sydney members Trent Zimmerman, Fiona Martin, Alex Hawke and Melissa McIntosh.

Sources close to Ley told Guardian

Australia the Environment Minister would “stare down any challenge” with support from Morrison.

“There are certainly reports of what has previously been city-based factional branch stacking and yes, a toxic culture which isn’t about the policies or the candidate but about that factional branch stacking,” Ms Ley said,

“We’ve never seen that west of the Great Divide. We’re not used to that in rural and regional Australia.

“I do hope that it’s not happening but I will stare down any challenge that comes my way as someone who

has worked hard for the people of Farrer over many years.

“It is the people of Farrer who should have the choice to back who their candidate is at the next election, not operatives behind closed doors.”

The Prime Minister also has the ability to intervene in pre-selection fights and hand-pick a candidate if needed to ensure a sitting member runs.

Ley has come under fire with her performance in her environment portfolio from activist groups and must protect young people from climate harm.

The landmark court ruling said Ms Ley as Environment Minister has a ‘duty of care’ to young Australians who are harmed by the impacts of climate change.

She has also come under fire from researchers in a peer-reviewed study from the Australian National University.

The study criticised the federal and state management of wetlands such as the Narran Lakes, Condamine-Balonne System and the Murray-Darling Basin which they say will cause many bird and fish species to stare down extinction in the coming decades.



Dr Treahna Hamm Possum Skin Cloak in memory of World War I servicemen and women, Open House: 3rd Tamworth Textile Triennial. Photo: Jules Boag

## Creative local support

APPLICATIONS are now open for the Joyce Spencer Textiles Fellowship worth \$4000 courtesy of the Cad Factory, Western Riverina Arts and the Spencer family.

Regional NSW based artists or artist-led groups who are seeking financial support for textile-based projects with a public outcome in 2022 and 2023 are encouraged to apply.

Joyce Spencer (1928–2019) was an active artist and craft practitioner throughout her lifetime, creating a large body of artwork, teaching hundreds of workshops, and writing five bestselling books.

This initiative is aimed at supporting textile artists based in regional NSW to develop and present new work.

The fellowship is in honour of Joyce’s lifelong connection to regional living and regional making in both the Southern Highlands and Narrandera. Applications are open from now until midnight on July 18 2021. Head to [www.cadfactory.com.au](http://www.cadfactory.com.au) to start an application.

Llewellyn Tuckett, Joyce Spencer’s daughter, said the family were pleased to support the Joyce Spencer Textiles Fellowship

again in this second and final year. “Mum would have been so proud to know her name is living on and supporting people to make excellent art; something she was absolutely passionate about,” Ms Tuckett said.

In 2020, the inaugural receipt of the Fellowship was Dr Treahna Hamm, whose artworks are composed with multiple layers of storytelling garnered from her Yorta Yorta upbringing by the Murray River in Northern Victoria and Southern NSW.

Dr Hamm said Joyce’s giving through knowledge, art and caring for community was exceptional in her life. “It is a gift beyond words,” she said. “In talking to people who knew Joyce, I see the meaning and guidance she gave to people through her creativity. Through conversations with Llewellyn, I thought about my own mother and family and the support I’ve been given. For me, receiving the Fellowship reinforces family within my creative life, which carries through every day of being an artist.”

Dr Hamm will be presenting a solo exhibition at Griffith Regional Art Gallery in 2022 that will travel to the Narrandera Arts Centre as an outcome of her Fellowship.



Year 9 student Tahlia Gilbert. Photo supplied.

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## Culture through dancing

NARRANDERA High School Year 9 student Tahlia Gilbert has been selected in the 2021 NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company.

The NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company is one of The Arts Unit’s specialist programs.

It is a highly motivational, elite program that will build dance and choreographic skills, knowledge and cultural awareness. The audition process is highly competitive and places in the Company are highly sought after.

Tahlia will be performing at a number of significant Department of Education events in 2021.

Tahlia submitted an outstanding audition tape that showed not only exceptional dance skills but a strong connection to Country, specifically to Wiradjuri land and culture.

Tahlia has started rehearsals online, with the support of NHS PDHPE Teacher, Beth Chappell and was recognised for her selection as part of the Riverina Dance Festival in Albury on June 4. “I am very proud of Tahlia’s selection and that Tahlia has the opportunity to dance at this elite level with her city peers,” NHS principal Marni Milne said. “Even more pleasing is that Tahlia is able to showcase her Aboriginal culture through dance.”

COVID-19



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# Old taxis and Iraqi hoojoom

The *Argus* continues the serialisation of Matt Quade's new book *Mindless Thug Iraq-Haiti-Libya* this week with Chapter Six.

THERE were several London-based private security companies operating in Baghdad in 2003 and 2004.

The company we worked for separated into two divisions. One division continued to supply the all-western (British, Australian, NZ) close protection personnel to American engineers in charge of the reconstruction of Iraq. The second division was headed by a 22-year SAS veteran, 'Frank', who had spent most of his career in the Middle East.

While our teams sped around Baghdad in Toyota Land Cruisers with helmets, body armour, 'machine pistols' (MP5s) and AK-47s (assault rifles), 'Frank' crept around the city in beaten up old Iraqi taxis with one driver and nobody else.

Frank had a few British ex-pats working for him but each of those commanded close protection teams made up of entirely Iraqi personnel.

To the vast majority of 'bodyguard' ex-pats, working in the same team as armed Iraqis was unthinkable. This attitude did change to a degree in the coming years, but only when the ex-pats were given the choice; join a mixed westerner/Iraqi team or leave the country as we don't need you anymore, you cost too much.

I requested a move to the Iraqi division of the company in early 2004. The rest of the guys thought I was certifiably insane. I thought they were blind to the writing on the wall. Better to jump early than to be shoved later.

The interview with Frank and his second-in-charge to join the Iraqi division was brief. Once the preliminaries were dealt with,



Kirkuk – one city, nine billion barrels of oil. Photo supplied.

background etc., he cut to the chase.

'I'm told you've been learning Arabic.'

'I can't speak Arabic properly, I've just been learning an operational vocabulary at this stage. Words like attack, explosion, car, bomb, etc. Just so I can understand the local Iraqi reports better.'

'What is the Arabic word for 'attack'?'

'Hoojoom.'

'Ah.'

The second-in-charge just grinned.

Interview over.

Frank continued, 'We have a project up North in Kirkuk. We think you'll like it. Over 100 Iraqis on the team and a very mixed crew, Arabs, Kurds, Turkmen, and a Sunni-Shia mix as well. Might be just up your alley. We can't transfer you across just yet though. The teams are still short in Baghdad.'

'Understood.'

The next four weeks in Baghdad flew by. What was reported in the western media however had little to do with the day-to-day reality.

Despite the impression people have been given, not every Iraqi was a terrorist looking to kill westerners by blowing himself up.

And strangely, not every US soldier finished his coffee and then started his day by killing Iraqi schoolchildren. Because of the rubbish being screened on television, I began writing 'descriptive' emails to friends and family back home without divulging anything confidential. I flippantly used 'The Baghdad Bugle' as the subject heading. Today, 'The Bugle' is still running. It is however in a more serious monthly edition, with an ex-British Army commando also involved.

In late February 2004, I moved to Kirkuk onto one of Frank's Iraqi-staffed projects. Greg, who had escaped the January 18 mass-casualty bombing, had been assigned to the same project for the ex-pat division of the company.

He ran the western teams based inside the camp. I ran the all-Iraqi team of static guards and mobile patrols protecting the camp perimeter.

In addition, the local sheikhs, political parties, Iraqi Police and Army, and most importantly, coordinating with US Army patrols in the area was my baby. Happy Days, at least that's what I thought when I first went to Kirkuk.

# Seatbelt ready?

Child restraints, correctly installed and used, keep our children safe. All children must be safely fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size. A child who is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be injured or killed in a car crash than one who is not.

Child restraint use is often focused on infants, toddlers and younger children, by law children under seven must use dedicated child restraints. For those aged seven and older, parents must decide if their child needs a booster seat or can use an adult seatbelt – this is where there can be some confusion.

To be safest in a crash a child aged over seven needs to be in a booster seat until they are at least 145cm tall and can pass the five-step safety test. On average, Australian children will not reach a height of 145cm until about 11 years of age.

The five-step test can help assess whether a child is big enough to be safely restrained by a seatbelt. Answering 'yes' to each step means the child is ready for a seatbelt. The child should be able to:

1. Sit all the way back against the seat back.
2. Bend their knees comfortably over the front edge of the vehicle seat.
3. Sit with the sash belt across their mid-shoulder.
4. Sit with the lap belt across the top of their thighs.
5. Stay seated in this position for the whole trip.

Often parents move children out of their booster seat as soon as possible (when they turn seven) but it is important not to move a child into a seatbelt until they can achieve a good seatbelt fit. When they should move to a seatbelt depends on the size of the child and the car in which they are travelling. The simplest way to check is to use the five-step test.

A seatbelt must be properly adjusted and fastened when used by a child seven years or over. It is critical that children wearing a seatbelt do not lie horizontal across the car but rather sit upright so the seatbelt is positioned over the mid-shoulder to provide the best level of crash protection.

Although a child can legally sit in the front seat of a vehicle at seven years it is recommended children sit in the back seat until they are older than 12 years, as it is safer and offers more protection to passengers than the front seat.

Across all ages, two in three child restraints are not being used correctly. Mistakes commonly occur in three ways:

- When the child restraint is installed or moved between vehicles.
- When a carer puts a child into the restraint.
- Errors caused by a child, such as taking an arm out of the restraint.

Narrandera Shire Council is encouraging residents to take advantage of a free child restraint check to ensure their child restraints are correctly fitted. For a free restraint check, contact Council's Road Safety Officer on 02 6959 5510. Numbers are limited.



Apiarist David Mumford says the decision to audit lands for use will revitalise their work. Photo: Kim Woods

after drought, bushfires and the pandemic have brought the industry down to the bare bones.

"The bushfires impacted us greatly," Mr Mumford said.

"We either go out west or into the hills after Christmas but after the fires last year we couldn't do that. We can't go out west every year because the trees butt up and so we go to the mountains in the cycle. Not having the mountains and losing a lot of country up there impacted us. Some of my sites that I've been using for 30 or 40 years I will not see flowering again in my lifetime.

"Hopefully this audit will bring out the fact that I've lost national

parks and forestry sites and it opens other lands and gives us other alternatives.

"We haven't produced the amount of honey we should be and prices have gone up."

Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales Adam Marshall is supporting apiaries across the state after 9,800 hives were destroyed and another 88,000 significantly impacted due to heat and smoke during the bushfires.

"To ensure industry can recover as quickly as possible, we're supporting a number of projects designed to boost confidence in the sector, as well

as increase the resilience and sustainability of the industry," Mr Marshall said.

"We will also lead the development of a 'honey library' to help identify the unique profile of NSW honey to ensure provenance as well as protect the high-quality reputation of the State's industry.

"The NSW Government will also offer subsidised commercial beekeeper training through Tocal College to give aspiring apiarists the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in the industry, with a focus on honeybee biosecurity and queen bee breeding."

# Sweetener for our beekeepers

Nicholas Rupolo

KING Bee Honey owner David Mumford says a long-awaited \$2 million support package for the apiary industry is a sign the state government has opened its eyes to the potential of honey.

In a move the government says will future-proof the industry, the program – worth \$1.9 million – is headlined by a decision to audit NSW government-owned lands for suitability as bee sites.

It will also seek to establish pollinator-friendly plants in rural NSW, a honey library and research new honey markets to promote it as a health food.

Mr Mumford, of Narrandera, believes it is an "opening-of-the-gate" moment for beekeepers and the government and says the decision to audit lands for use will revitalise their work.

"I think this is a big opening to realise the importance of the bee industry in New South Wales," he said.

"We are an industry that hasn't been given a lot of money in the past we are a silent industry.

"Finally, the government is going to audit the lands for the suitability of bee sites it's the big one for me which I've been on about for years. I've always made the point that we've been locked out of Kosciuszko National Park since the 1970s. Hopefully the areas that haven't been burnt we will be allowed back in to."

The audit of lands will allow beekeepers the opportunity to expand their operations



## Rethink a Riverina winter

**GRIFFITH**  
GRIFFITH Regional Art Gallery is calling for local artists and craft people to be part of Rethinking the Winter Solstice – their community art exhibition for 2021.  
The exhibition will showcase local artists, who are asked to reflect upon what it's like to experience the Riverina winter and what makes our winter like no other time of the year.  
Entry is open to all artists aged 15 and over living or working in the Griffith, Leeton, Murrumbidgee, Hay, Carrathool or Narrandera Local Government Areas.  
Griffith Regional Art Gallery Coordinator

Ray Wholohan said the theme for the community exhibition will be based around the Winter Solstice.  
“We are calling on local artists of all levels of experience, working in any media, to contribute to this exhibition,” Mr Wholohan said.  
“Everyone’s experience of winter in the region is different and can encompass a wide range of expressions.”  
Acting Regional Arts and Museum Manager Margaret Andreazza said community art exhibitions were an important part of the annual program.  
“They give Griffith’s numerous talented

artists and craftspeople the opportunity to regularly exhibit in our regional gallery,” she said.  
“We all can’t wait to see what our local creatives come up with.”  
Entry is \$5 per artwork. Entry forms and terms and conditions are available from the Gallery.  
Entries for Rethinking the Winter Solstice close 5pm Friday, June 25.  
To find out more about the Rethinking the Winter Solstice community art exhibition contact the Gallery on 6962 8338 or visit in person at 167 Banna Avenue, Griffith, Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 5pm.

## Radio station for community

**ARIAH PARK**  
AFTER a prolonged delay in getting the frequency approved by the Licensing Authority, the transmission of the TEM-FM Community Radio to Ariah Park and district on new frequency 106.9 FM has finally started.  
Ever since the TEM-FM started in Temora, the Temora signal has been blocked from reaching Ariah Park by the Ingalba State Forest. The only solution was to establish a new transmitter in Ariah Park to relay the signal to the western half of the Temora Shire.  
With the recent 2017-19 drought, Temora Shire qualified for Federal Government Drought Communities Funding and the Temora Council supported the application by the TEM-FM Committee, with funding allocated to establish the transmitter in Ariah Park.  
The Committee worked with the Ariah Park Memorial Hall Committee to use the old Projector Room upstairs at the Hall.  
Part of the funding included building a special air-conditioned room for the equipment, while a new spiral staircase was installed to allow safe access to the upstairs room.  
The Ariah Park Sub-committee of Kevin Colwill (Chairman), Toni Leiper (Secretary) and Gayl Wilson, Cheryl Goff and Nigel Judd assisted the Temora Committee in establishing the new transmitter.  
Mr Colwill said the Committee was ecstatic with the quality of the reception and looked forward to the next stage of establishing community radio in Ariah Park and district.  
The Committee is now seeking expressions of interest from anyone in the community who wants to be involved in putting together an Ariah Park segment on the radio so locals will have an interest on what is being broadcast.  
It will also be looking for sponsors from Ariah Park and district to support the running costs of the Community Radio.  
A special meeting will be called in the near future to continue the project.



## OUR ECONOMY IS ON TRACK TO COME BACK

Australia’s economy is on track to come back. In fact, our economy outperformed all major advanced economies in 2020. In the second half of 2020, it grew at the fastest pace on record and there are now more people in work than before the pandemic.

### CONTINUING OUR COMEBACK

To build upon the progress we’ve made, the next steps in the plan provide more support for individuals, families and businesses to help secure the economy and create more jobs.

### JOB CREATION IS ON TRACK

Over the next 10 years, many more local jobs will be created and secured through investment in roads, rail and community infrastructure.  
More homes will be built in more communities thanks to HomeBuilder and the New Home Guarantee.  
More training will be available through JobTrainer. And there’ll be new apprenticeships, traineeships and more places in higher education.

And there’ll be more opportunities for families to access work with more affordable childcare.

### SMALL BUSINESSES ARE ON TRACK

We’re supporting hard hit industries such as aviation, tourism and international education.  
And continuing tax incentives, such as the Instant Asset Write-off, to encourage

businesses to invest, to grow and to create more jobs.

We’re improving employment services so that employers and job seekers are more easily matched.

And our \$1.2 billion investment in digital infrastructure, skills, and incentives means that more businesses in communities right across Australia can be part of the thriving digital economy.

### LOWER TAXES & GREATER SUPPORT FOR MORE AUSTRALIANS

Tax cuts for 10 million low and middle income earners will put more money in their pockets to spend at local businesses, creating more economic activity and more jobs.

It’s a plan that will not only help Australia come back, but come back better than ever.



Melissa Douglas and Gareth Hadden.

## Reception at Wagga winery

**YERONG CREEK**  
MELISSA Douglas and Gareth Hadden were married recently in the bride’s parents picturesque garden at “Franklyn”, Yerong Creek.  
Mel is the youngest daughter of Derek and Joan Douglas and Gareth is the only son of John and Sandra Hadden of West Pennant Hills, Sydney.  
The ceremony was conducted by Mel’s brother-in-law from the Orange Presbyterian Church. She was attended by her friend Francis Jackson and her two sisters Alaine Cole and Steph Gibb, who wore elegant full-length dresses of forest green.  
Gareth was attended by friends John and Will Carr and Tim Starr.  
Mel wore a custom-made gown of tulle featuring intricate French lace, made by designer and friend Holly Butler. Music and vocals were provided by their friends.  
After the ceremony, a sumptuous afternoon tea was provided by the women of the Osborne Football/Netball Club auxiliary. Guests then travelled to Cottontail Winery, Oura, for the wedding reception where Mel’s brother Mal was the MC.  
A delicious three-tiered wedding cake was made by family friend Tracey Smith.  
Mel and Gareth spent their honeymoon touring Tasmania and have made their home in Camberwell, Melbourne.



## On the right page

### COLEAMBALLY

**Nicholas Rupolo**

COLEAMBALLY teenager Paige Goudie will use her time at Youth Parliament in July to advocate for better mental health services for young people in the Riverina.

The region has been rocked by the deaths of Lauren Rafferty, 12, a 14-year old boy and 17-year old girl in May by suicide.

Local communities, local MP's, public figures and charities have all raised their voice to address the issue with fervour in the last few weeks.

Among the most vocal is passionate 17-year-old St Francis De Sales Regional College student Paige Goudie.

Paige will be given an opportunity to make her voice heard in the halls of power on Macquarie Street.

Her preferred approaches to tackling the mental health crisis in the regions revolve around bolstering support for kids at school.

"I would introduce a peer mentoring scheme in which multiple students are partnered with a counsellor/psychologist," she said.

"I know this to be effective in most cases as my school just finished a wellbeing week in which I participated in an idea like this.

"We focused on "being your own friend" and it appeared to be highly



**Paige Goudie is passionate about tackling the mental health crisis in rural areas, and has been working with Helen Dalton MP. Photo supplied.**

effective to talk and learn about this subject with the guidance and support of a friend and counsellor.

"Another idea would be to have better access to mental health services, especially in public schools.

"Italked to my school's psychologist about his experience in the public school sector and he explained the limited services and times provided to students.

"I believe better funding is needed as students that are not in the right mindset will not learn efficiently."

Paige's ideas resonate quite well with the NSW Teachers Federation. Urgent increases in school counsellors state wide was a key recommendation in the Gallop report, a NSW Teachers Federation inquiry into the public school sector led by former Western Australian Premier Geoff Gallop in

2020. "An urgent increase in school counsellors is recommended to overcome shortages and address the significant rise in student mental health issues," the report said.

"Counsellors should be provided on the basis of at least one for every 500 students by 2023."

Member for Murray Helen Dalton has taken Paige under her wing over the last few months and has been hot on the tail of the NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard and Mental Health Minister Bronwyn Taylor.

Ms Dalton addressed questions to the Murrumbidgee Local Health District this month. She asked how many specialist mental health nurses are employed and how many acute mental health inpatient beds there are in their regional hospitals including Narrandera, Deniliquin, Leeton and Griffith Hospital.

The MLHD responded saying: "Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and number to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time, so these numbers fluctuate. Referring to bed numbers is an outdated approach and does not reflect the innovative models of care NSW Health provides through integrated care outside of the hospital."

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## Budget now on display

### MURRUMBIDGEE

MURRUMBIDGEE Council's spending for the coming year will continue to focus on roads and capital projects, with the draft budget now on display for public comment.

The combined draft Operational Plan for 2021-22, containing proposed rates, fees and charges, and the draft Delivery Program for 2021-25 have been endorsed by Council.

Murrumbidgee Council Mayor Ruth McRae said formulating the budget was always difficult due to many competing demands.

The budget outlines Council's spending in the 2021-22 financial year, which will include capital expenditure of \$15 million.

Big ticket capital items include \$3.2 million for water supply upgrades and renewals (subject to grant funding), \$3 million for the Darlington Point subdivision development, \$2 million for roads reconstruction and a further \$2.4 million for renewal works, including resealing roads, gravel resheeting, footpaths, culverts and kerbs and gutter renewals.

Cr McRae said Council would continue to focus on the needs of the community and facilitate initiatives to make the towns great places to live, work and raise a family.

"One such initiative is free pool entry and this has been so successful that we will offer this again across our three pools," Cr McRae said.

To fund these significant projects, Council will use anticipated revenue of \$17 million, including rates, annual charges, user charges and fees.

A further \$7 million of capital grants will also be an important source of income for Council.

Contained within the draft budget is an overall rate increase of 2.0 per cent, which is the increase available to local councils as set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.

Additionally, water usage charges and garbage and recycling fees will increase by 3 per cent for all residents.

Ratepayers can expect some changes to the rating structure as Council starts the Rate Harmonisation Project to more closely align the different areas within the Local Government Area.

This is a mandatory NSW Government requirement for merged Councils and will be implemented over the next five years.

Council will be working closely with the community to make sure everyone understands these changes.

The proposed 2021-22 Statement of Financial Performance provides for a surplus of \$5,069,441.

This includes a deficit of \$2,043,000 from ordinary activities before the \$7 million of capital grants. The anticipated cash flow provides for a decrease of funds of \$429,930 over the financial year.

The documents are available for viewing on Council's website, at each of the Council offices and the Jerilderie Library until Monday, June 28. Submissions in writing will be received until 5 pm on June 28.

Council will consider all submissions from the public and will then adopt the Operational Plan and Delivery Program at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 29.

## Enhancing vital community spaces

TWO local libraries will soon benefit from the NSW Government's Public Library Infrastructure Grant program.

Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke has announced funding for the Junee Library and Temora Library from the program:

- \$26,630 to upgrade shelving at **Junee Library**, adding castors so shelving is moveable. This will allow the library spaces to be reconfigured providing more flexible use of spaces for library programs and events.

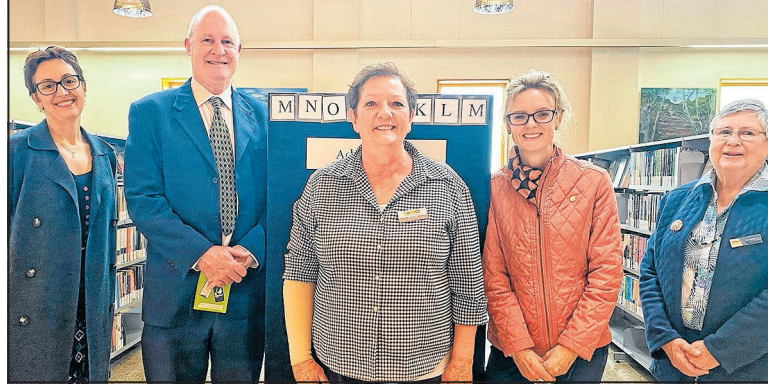
- \$194,000 to improve the amenity of **Temora Library** with the introduction of contemporary stylish furniture, new carpet and signage.

Ms Cooke said the improvements would help enhance these vital community spaces.

"Modern libraries offer so much to people of all ages; places to learn, study, access technology, hold meetings and events, socialise and of course borrow everything from books, films and games," she said.

"It's so important we support them to ensure they continue to be fit-for-purpose for the community and meet modern needs.

"This funding will help both the Temora and Junee Libraries to



**Stacey Moses, Luke Taberney, Margaret Kanaley, Steph Cooke MP and Pam Halliburton at Junee. Photo supplied.**

continue to be important community spaces for everyone."

Junee Shire Council's Director Planning and Community Development Stacy Moses said the funding would help transform the Junee Library.

"We're reconfiguring all of our shelving and putting them on casters making them more durable so we can actually move the library around substantially and have more engagement with the community with events," Ms Moses said.

"We're really excited with all the

changes that will bring to us. The Junee Library is very important to the local community and we are hoping this will make it more of a community hub."

"We are very thankful for the grant and are looking forward to getting those casters on."

Previous support for local libraries from the NSW Government's Public Library Infrastructure Grant program include:

- \$189,014 for **Temora Library** building a new outdoor reading and activity space, new accessible toilet

facilities, and wheelchair accessible ramps.

- \$200,000 for the **Bland Shire Library** to create a dedicated young adult space, mobile shelving and furniture, improved display and a range of seating options.

- \$200,000 on a youth space at **Narrandera Library** incorporating areas for collaborative study, meeting, socialising and being connected, accessible toilet and entrance.

- \$44,727 for **Grenfell Library** for a microform reader/printer, furniture and shelving.

NSW State Librarian Dr John Vallance is pleased that the funds will enable councils to develop or improve library buildings and mobile library services.

"In my role visiting libraries across NSW, wherever I go I see the importance of quality library infrastructure, and the great community need for books, information and safe, welcoming public space. NSW public libraries are open to everyone, and the State Library is proud of its long partnership with these crucial institutions."

The Public Library Infrastructure Grants program is administered by the State Library of NSW on behalf of the Library Council of NSW.

## Native fish given a boost by shrubs

### LAKE ALBERT

A NEW stock of native grasses and shrubs are set to hit the banks of Lake Albert as volunteers from the OzFish Wagga Chapter and Murrumbidgee Landcare come together for a community planting day on June 19.

The restoration will give the native fish a boost, improving water quality in Lake Albert. Volunteers will be meeting at Lake Street boat ramp at 9am at Lake Albert and planting 600 native vegetation where Crooked Creek meets the lake.

Braeden Lampard, OzFish Project Manager for the Murray-Darling Basin, said by planting native

grasses and shrubs in the catchment, native fish have a better chance to flourish and thrive.

"Native vegetation plays an important role in maintaining water quality as it helps filter sediments, nutrients, and pollutants from run-off before they enter our waterways," Braeden said. "The plantings will also reduce algal blooms which can be detrimental for fish and other aquatic species."

Projects like these are just one of the many ways OzFish is counteracting years of degradation in Australian waterways.

Local OzFish chapters partner with fishing bodies and the broader community to invest time

and money into protecting and restoring vital fish habitat. The OzFish Wagga Chapter is always looking for new and passionate anglers to help improve fish habitat in the local area.

The project has received funding from the Australian Government's Community Environment Program, the OzFish-Landcare NSW partnership with support from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts and BCF – Boating, Camping, Fishing.

*To learn more about the project or to get involved with the OzFish Wagga Chapter, please visit [www.ozfish.org.au](http://www.ozfish.org.au) or call 1800 431 308*





THURSDAY, JUNE 10

**6.00** News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Australian Story. **10.30** Anh's Brush With Fame. **11.00** Can We Save The Reef? **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Hard Quiz. **1.30** Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. **2.00** Pine Gap. **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** Think Tank. **5.00** Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One. **5.30** Hard Quiz. **6.00** The Drum. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** 7.30. **8.00** Foreign Correspondent. **8.30** Q+A. **9.35** A Life In Ten Pictures. **10.30** ABC Late News. **11.00** **MOVIE:** A Royal Night Out. (2015) **12.35** No Offence. **1.25** Back Roads. **1.55** Late Programs.

**6.00** Home Shopping. **7.00** Property Ladder. **8.15** Property Ladder UK. **9.30** NBC Today. **12.00** House Of Wellness. **1.00** Robbie Coltrane's Critical Evidence. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** Creek To Coast. **3.00** The Zoo. **3.30** Mighty Rivers. **4.30** M\*A\*S\*H. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Father Brown. **8.30** Inspector Morse. **10.50** Murdoch Mysteries. **11.50** Late Programs.

**6.00** Kids' Programs. **2.55** The Next Step. **3.20** Matilda And The Ramsay Bunch. **3.35** Gym Stars. **4.00** The Dengineers. **4.30** The Investigators. **5.00** So Awkward. **5.25** Dogstar. **6.00** The Deep. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Deadly 60. **7.35** Kung Fu Panda. **8.00** TMNT. **8.45** The Bagel And Becky Show. **9.05** Dragons: Race To The Edge. **9.30** Lost In Oz. **9.50** Rage. **10.50** Close. **5.30** Dragons: Race To The Edge.







# SERVICE GUIDE

## MEDICAL CENTRE

**Narrandera Medical Centre**  
**Victoria Square, Narrandera** **Ph 6958 1000**  
Open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Closed for lunch 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Closed Saturday, Sundays and public holidays. Emergencies call 000. For Health advice call Health Direct 1800 022 222.

## DENTAL SERVICE

**Narrandera Dental Centre**  
**46-48 East Street, Narrandera** **Ph 6959 3055**

## PHARMACY

**Close Narrandera Pharmacy**  
**125 East Street, Narrandera** **Ph 6959 2091**  
Open 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm Saturday, 7pm to 7.30 pm Saturday and Sunday.

**Terry White Chemmart Chemist**  
**58 East Street, Narrandera** **Ph 6959 1099**

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## HEALTH SERVICES

District Hospital Accident & Emergency, Maternity Services, Aged Activity Centre, Aged Care Assessment Nurse, Asthma Educator, Audiometrist, Childbirth Classes, Child & Family Health Nurse, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Worker, Community Dietician, Community Nursing, Alcohol & Other Drugs Liaison Worker, Generalist Counsellor, Health Promotion Officer, Mental Health Team, Speech Pathologist, Women's Health Nurse, Immunisation Clinic, Aboriginal Health Worker, Aboriginal Mothers & Babies Service, Occupational Therapist, Diabetics Educator, Physiotherapist.

For these services phone 6951 0200 or call at Narrandera Health Service, cnr Douglas & Adams Streets, Narrandera.

## AUSTRALIAN UNITY HOME CARE & DISABILITY SERVICE

**Narrandera-Leeton Branch**  
**15 Kurrajong Avenue, Leeton** **Ph 1300 296 835**  
Domestic assistance, personal care and respite, home care packages & NDIS

## COUNSELLING

Free counselling service available at Narrandera Community Health Centre on Tuesdays and Fridays 9am and 4pm. Assistance with grief and loss, domestic violence, anxiety, depression, building self esteem, family, personal and relationship issues. For appointments phone Leeton Community Health Centre on 6953 1205.

## NARRANDERA/LEETON COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

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## POLICE

**Narrandera Police Station Larmer Street** **Ph 6959 5999**

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## COUNCIL

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## Narrandera Waste Depot

**Ph 6959 3531**  
Opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 5pm (closed noon to 1pm); Saturday & Sunday 10am to 5pm; Closed Monday & Thursday

**Narrandera Library** **Ph 6959 5585**  
Open 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

**NARRANDERA DISTRICT COMMUNITY RADIO** **91.1 FM**  
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PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY



# Heed warnings on reduced basin inflows

THE Federal Government is being urged to heed warnings about reduced Murray-Darling Basin inflows.

“We continue calling for government action and it continues to be ignored. What is it going to take for politicians to appreciate the urgency and do something about it?” Speak Up chair Lachlan Marshall said.

His calls follow the latest data from the CSIRO which shows there have been huge falls in inflows across the Basin in the past 20 years.

Dr Francis Chiew, a research group leader in water resources assessment

and prediction at the CSIRO, said long-term rain trends suggested a significant reduction in water availability in the Murray-Darling.

And he says “it is only going to get worse”.

“We cannot continue along the current path, with reduced inflows and bleak climate change predictions for the Basin, without acknowledging the need for changes to the Basin Plan,” Mr Marshall said. “Quite simply, in the future we cannot afford to send such massive quantities of water down the system to keep the Lower

Lakes full of fresh water. We need to look at alternatives that will protect the Basin’s environment, as well as our regional communities.”

Mr Marshall said it was also important to develop government policy that protects staple food supplies for all Australians.

“We do not want to get ourselves into a position where staple foods such as dairy, rice and wheat products are not readily available in Australian supermarkets,” he said.

“We have already had warning signs, with shortages of domestically

grown rice during the pandemic due to record low rice crops in recent years.

“Further, many dairy farmers have walked off the land because their businesses have become unviable.

“The problems around water management appear to have been put in the ‘too hard basket’ by Prime Minister Morrison and his Government. Perhaps they are trying to kick this issue down the road and leave it for a future Government to address.

“But the sooner we acknowledge the need to take action, the sooner we

can work towards solutions. These solutions exist, and it is so unfortunate that our Government will not accept that some tough decisions may be required to implement them.

“We implore governments to prioritise the future of our nation, not their next election cycle.”

Dr Chiew has said Murray-Darling communities need to think about how they manage and value water.

“The issue is not with our communities, it is with a Government that will not accept the need for change,” Mr Marshall said.

## Buy-up creates park in outback

THE second largest land acquisition for national parks in the last 10 years has occurred with the purchase of the neighbouring Lanigdoon and Metford stations, 65km east of Broken Hill.

The plan for the two properties, totaling 60,468 hectares, is to create a new outback reserve conserving significant biodiversity and Aboriginal heritage in the region.

“Land to the west of the Great Dividing Range supports a great diversity of wildlife, unique natural heritage and culturally important places, worthy of protection,” Environment Minister Matt Kean said. “This new park will be an important refuge for wildlife including at least 14 threatened animal species including habitat for the Australian bustard, white fronted chat and the pink cockatoo.”

Once this addition is formally reserved, the national parks system will have increased by more 350,000 hectares since August 2019, well on the way to meet the target of an additional 400,000 hectares by the end of 2022.

The purchase follows on from the recent creation of another outback reserve – Narriearra Caryapundy Swamp National Park which was the largest purchase of private land for the national parks estate.

In time, it is expected visitors will be able to explore sandplains and stony desert, gibber chenopod shrublands, floodplain woodland along watercourses and a lake system that provides habitat for a range of migratory bird species.

The properties contain important Aboriginal heritage including artefacts such as grinding plates and stones.

# Filling a gap in tillage market

**Kim Woods**

A SHORTAGE of new and second-hand tillage machinery has played into the hands of a Barellan farmer who imports used air seeders.

David Irvin has six second hand 18.3m John Deere 1830 No-Till Air Drill and air carts up to 15,000 litres awaiting delivery to Australia for the next sowing season.

On his own property, Barralong, David uses a John Deere 9410 R tractor to pull a tow-between 15,000 litre air cart and 18.3m, 72 tyne JD 1830 bar.

He uses zero till across the farm with a seeding depth of 30mm on a 25cm row spacing.

“A few years ago, we set up a double cart configuration and we were able to put Urea, fertiliser and wheat out at the same time using two carts,” he said.

“We will do that again next season as we have a few extra carts coming in.”

Mr Irvin has the second-hand implements disassembled in Canada and reassembled at Barellan once they arrive.

“There are a lot of characteristics I like on the JD 1830 – we use a knife edge point and also mid row-skip row urea.

“It puts urea out on the ground prior to the tynes going through the ground, keeping it away from the seed.

“We are on a 25cm row spacing so the Urea goes out every 50cm and allows the dirt to be thrown over the top of the Urea, then later on the rain pushes it down into the seed profile.



**David Irvin has been buying, breaking down and importing second hand air seeders from Canada for the past seven years. Photo: Kim Woods**

“Not many people have gone down this track – I’ve been keen on it and about three years ago we set it up.”

Mr Irvin said soil throw is about 7.5cm, with 20mm soil coverage over the urea at a sowing speed of 9-10km/hr.

The bars are configured with 7.5cm x 52.5cm, semi pneumatic packer wheels on behind.

They are positioned between the rows of knife edge points to allow a smoother seed bed after seeding to enable pulse crops to be harvested without clods.

“The packer wheels work well to smooth out the clods and leave a little valley to catch the water,” Mr Irvin said.

“Some of the carts come with conveyors and others with augers, and different configurations of duals and singles.”

Mr Irvin has imported seven units into Australia, ranging from 12m to 18m in width.

“It fills the gap between new and second-hand machines in Australia – they have done in the vicinity of 6072 ha (15,000 acres) to 16,194ha (40,000

acres),” he said. “Some farmers in Australia do 40,000 acres in one year so it is fairly minimal. They come off small farms of 809ha to 1214ha where they have to seed fast in a small sowing window.

“Their ability to get over the country quickly is important whereas in Australia we really only started to move into the 60 footers (18m) a few years ago.”

The importation business started when David bought several antique John Deere tractors from the US.

“Then I started looking on the internet for air seeders when we needed to go to a 60 foot bar, and ended up buying one in Canada.”

Up until COVID, David was regularly taking groups of farmers to Canada on machinery buying tours.

He said the Federal Government tax incentive on machinery had activated many inquiries.

“There is not enough new and second-hand machinery in Australia, especially tractors, so we have had a reasonable amount of interest in our air seeders.

“They are selling into Victoria and NSW, including the local region. I do all the finding, buying and importing.”

The 23 day buying trips in 2014 and 2016 involved intensive searches for the right machines mixed with sight-seeing.

“I used to break the machines down myself in Canada with a couple of workers but cannot do that now due to COVID,” Mr Irvin said.

“The sheer satisfaction of doing it myself is huge – I cannot measure it.”

# Mass uncertainty over floodplain harvest

MEMBER for Murray Helen Dalton has vowed to fight NSW Government plans to allow unsustainable floodplain harvesting in the Northern Basin.

“Floodplain harvesting is when irrigators divert rainwater into their private dams before it reaches the river,” Mrs Dalton said

“Over the past two decades, Northern Basin irrigators have massively increased their water storage capacity, enabling them to take more water through floodplain harvesting.

“This means less water flows downstream to the Lower Darling.

“It also means reduced water allocations for Murray and Murrumbidgee River farmers, because the Government takes their water to meet South Australian targets.”

Mrs Dalton said the NSW Government claimed they have been trying to regulate and reduce floodplain harvesting.

“However, what they’re actually doing is locking in an unsustainable level of water take for Northern Basin irrigators,” she said. “Their modelling is not verified independently; and they have not incorporated downstream water flow targets into law.”

Mrs Dalton said the NSW Water Minister and state water regulator must clarify whether floodplain harvesting is currently a criminal offence.

“In June last year, the NSW Water Minister told me in NSW Parliament that floodplain harvesting was ‘completely legal,’” Mrs Dalton said.

“However, water sharing plans clearly state floodplain harvesting is illegal.

“They’ve created mass uncertainty for irrigators and downstream communities, and undermined community trust in their own push to legalise floodplain harvesting.

“The state water police – the Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR) – have asked irrigators to seek their own legal advice before they harvest water.

“That’s like NSW Police telling drivers to seek legal advice before they speed.

“As the regulator, NRAR need to end the uncertainty and tell us what’s legal and what is not.”

Minister for Water, Property and Housing Melinda Pavey said three amendments made to the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 in April would allow for the licensing and measurement

of floodplain harvesting, making the country’s most robust floodplain harvesting rules enforceable by law.

The regulations:

- Set out the process for determining license entitlements and provide consistency in this process across the state;

- Specify how floodplain harvesting will be measured and monitored and sets out metering requirements for water users;

- Provide an exemption for rainfall runoff into an irrigation tailwater drain in certain locations, during specified times.



# Bomber on track to tackle gun

**FFL** *Nicholas Rupolo*  
MARRAR Bombers forward James Lawton is on track to match one of the greatest goalscoring feats in Farrer history.

Lawton – who leads the goal scoring tally in the league with 54 – is travelling at virtually the same goals per game rate as the incredible scorer Marc Geppert in 2015.

Geppert scored 121 goals in 18 games for East Wagga in the 2015 Farrer season with an average of 6.72 goals per game.

Lawton, who following seven goals against Barellan on Saturday, has 54 goals in eight games with an average of 6.75 goals per game.

Although marginal, Lawton says it is an honour to be compared to someone of the calibre as Geppert.

“When you put it like that it’s pretty humbling,” Lawton told The Argus.

“I watched Marc play a bit of footy and he was a gun. I guess I didn’t expect to kick so many coming into this season.

“I think Marc Geppert was a phenomenal player. To be in terms of stats to be at this stage of the season to be at the same category of him is pretty awesome.

“I’m not thinking about it as an individual, I’m trying to keep my head down and do the team thing and focus on what we need to do as a unit.”

Lawton has the uncanny ability to smell danger and to pounce on it to score incredible goals. He has caught the headlines with the Bombers undefeated season so far with incredible returns like 12 goals against Coleambally and 10 against a strong Charles Sturt University. He harks back to his childhood and playing days in Victoria and the VFL to find the recipe for his success.

“I think it’s mostly the coaching but I’ve always been kicking a footy around since I was really young,” he said.

“Growing up out of Ganmain, we were always playing footy, all seasons all year long. I feel like a natural forward. I’ve had a lot of good coaching over my career, I was lucky enough to play some cup footy in Victoria.

“I went to Assumption College for year 11 and 12 and had great coaching and went to VFL system for two years after that. The coaches at those levels were extraordinary, the stuff I was able to learn in those 5 or 6 years turned me from a good player to an above average player.”

But as with all great players, the team comes first in their mind. With the Bombers on top of the league, Lawton is prepared to keep his form going as long as Marrar hoist the flag at the end of the season. The system their coach Shane

Lenon has drilled into the players is paying dividends.

“It’s been a positive start to the year, I’m loving playing football at Marrar, it’s a great club,” he said.

“It’s only early but we are trying to build something special, I think the feeling we are getting is that it is great to be a part of.

“The way our coach has us drilled we are playing a fast brand of footy I think there is a handful of players who are leading from the front in midfield and half-back.

“Jack Reynolds, Rhys Mooney and the younger players are performing and in the grand scheme, we lead from the front and we play the type of footy Shane has drilled us for. We like to feed the ball to the outside that’s when we get the game going. Rebound footy has allowed me to get in space and have one-on-one contests.

“There is a good chemistry and Shane being the calibre of coach he is he knows what our best footy is like.

“I’m finding the ball and teammates are coming in quickly and players getting their hands on the ball kicking it to dangerous spots. Every week I’m building more and more chemistry with our midfielders. Myself and the forward group we are linking up really well and there is a good understanding.”

## Lions double celebrations

**FFL** *Nicholas Rupolo*  
GANMAIN Grong-Grong Matong Lions have bolstered their top two aspirations for the Farrer League after thrashing Coolamon Rovers by 11 goals on a day they celebrated championship reunions.

Flag winners for the Lions in 1991/92 and 2010/11 reunited to watch their side score a 97-31 victory over 1992 Lions flag winner Mark Carroll’s hapless Rovers.

Nothing could go wrong for the Lions as Coolamon mustered only two goals in either half. Jeremiah Maslin was kept quiet for the Rovers while Riley Corbett, George Alexander and Jack McCaig led the scoring.

The result keeps the Lions in touching distance of MCUE Goannas in first place.

It also puts more distance between them and Coolamon in third place who now have much more ground to cover to launch above the Lions.

Lions coach Sam Martyn was taking inspiration from the former flag winners and was pleased to give them a win they deserved.

“Coming from Canberra football you don’t get the environment we had on Saturday,” Martyn said. “We made the day for them, some past captains and coaches had a chat to us before the game, how they prepare and it’s not too dissimilar from how we go about things now.

“For our team to have some of the local legends cheer us on gave us so much pride.”

Martyn was happy to bounce back to winning ways and make a statement against Coolamon.

“It was not a reality check but a great test

against Goannas and a line in the sand moment,” he said. “I think our pressure is the trademark of how we want to play, if that’s up in the last few weeks, we can suffocate those sides and force them into turnovers.

“If we apply the pressure in the forward half, it makes it so easy. Last couple of weeks we had lots of avenues to goal.”

Coolamon coach Mark Carroll re-lived some memories from Narrandera Sportsground in 1992 as he scored four goals for the Lions in the Grand Final against Turvey Park.

“I played in Ganmain my whole life and grew up there my whole life, it was my home town, it was a bit strange to have some of those boys watching our game,” Carroll said. “I’m a Coolamon lad and bleed green and white now. It was great to catch up with some of those boys and create some great memories.”

Coach and captain of the 1992 flag winning side Tony Hughes gave rousing speeches and quarter-time pep talks.

His grunt and tenacity led the team to a triumphant win by just one point.

“It was one of the best days, that’s why we play football, 1992 it could have gone either way,” Carroll said.

“When you lose a close one it hurts but when you win a close one it is one of the best feelings, I can’t describe the feeling. Now is now, I’ve got a fantastic group at Coolamon and they remind me of my days at Ganmain.

“We had a bit of a hiccup against the Lions on Saturday that’s true but we move forward. It’s a privilege to coach this team.”

## Blues nip at top five

**FFL** *Carl Chirgwin*  
THE Coleambally Blues reserve grade team head into the bye nipping at the heels of a real top five threat after a solid win last Saturday at Ardlethan.

Led by the dynamic duo of Shane and Tony Pound, the Blues took a little time to settle against a gallant home team but led at every change to set up a great confidence building win.

Jake Curphey continues to improve each week and the return of Joshua Shaw is a real shining light for the club’s depth going into the second half of the season after the upcoming June long weekend.

**RESERVES**  
12.4.76 defeated Northern Jets 3.10.28  
**Goals:** J. Weymouth-Smith 4, J. Shaw 2, D. Collier, D. Pound, S. Pound, L. Schulz, L. Evans, J. Curphey  
**Best:** T. Pound, J. Weymouth-Smith, N. Graham, S. Pound, L. Schulz, J. Shaw

**Awards**  
**DeMamiel Bros BP Card:** Tony Pound  
**Tim’s Meats:** Jack Weymouth-Smith  
**Coleambally Community Club:** Shane Pound  
**Coffee Nest 1<sup>st</sup>er:** Jake Curphey  
**MAS Ag Work Player’s Player Mug:** Luke Schulz

THE first-graders cannot seem to catch a break losing 11.6.72 to a hard-running Northern Jets side 17.11.132.

Jets’ Mitch Wallis proved the main difference between the sides by kicking 6 goals against a defence badly missing Tom Morton (broken leg).

The Blues’ boys were gallant, but the Jets showed their home ground strength to blow the game out of the water leading 57 points at half time. To the Blues’ credit they won the last half by kicking eight major to two, but the side will welcome the June long weekend to reassess their season’s chances.



Cilia Bellato in action during the C-Grade game. Photo: Nickolle Cullen

## Hat-trick for C-Grade

**NETBALL**  
COLEAMBALLY’S C-Grade Netballers picked up their third win for the season with a strong 32-17 win against The Northern Jets.

Cilia Bellato worked hard through mid-court to help Players Player Nickolle Cullen work around the shooting ring to push the sides claim for a top five spot.

**C-GRADE**  
Coly 32 def Jets 17  
**Coly Servo Coaches Award:** Cilia Bellato  
**Yenda Prods Grain Player’s Player Glass:** Nickolle Cullen  
**Coly Community Club:** Nickolle Cullen

**B-GRADE**  
Coly 15 def by Jets 62  
**Coly Servo Coaches Award:** Charlotte Morton  
**CIA Tyres Player’s Player Glass:** Annie Painting and Grace Lyell  
**Coly Community Club:** Grace Lyell and Annie Panting

**SENIORS**  
11.6.72 lost to Northern Jets 17.11.132  
**Goals:** J. Hodge 2, Theo.Valeri 2, C. Steele 2, L. Baker, C. Hayes, S. Light, L. Hillier, J. Buchanan  
**Best:** C. Steele, T. Clark, S. Light, J. Spencer, J. Clarke, T. Groves  
**Awards**  
**DeMamiel Bros BP Card:** Curtis Steele  
**Tim’s Meats:** Todd Clark  
**Coleambally Community Club:** Tom Groves  
**Coffee Nest 1<sup>st</sup>er:** James Clarke  
**Hutcheon & Pearce Player’s Player Mug:** Tom Groves

**UNDER-17**  
Three Blues 4.11.35 lost 14.7.91  
**Goals:** J. Clarke, Z. Twomey, J. Coelli, L. Horton  
**Best:** N. Graham, C. Neutze, B. Schmetzer, X. Chirgwin, R. Smith, H. White  
**Awards**  
**CFNC Canteen Award:** Tomas Munn  
**Nutrient Ag:** Xavier Chirgwin  
**Coly Demo Farm:** Jack Coelli  
**Barellan Golden Grain:** Chase Neutz

**UNDER-11**  
Coly 2.1.13 def by Jets 11.11.77  
**Goals:** Brock Shields 2  
**Best:** H. Pound, B. Shields, A. Fattore, T. DeMamiel, R. Wilson, C. Rowan  
**Awards:** Harvey Pound and Lachlan Hardy

**UNDER-13**  
Coly 12.13.85 def Jets 2.6.18  
**Goals:** J. Mahy 4, A. Boag 2, D. Hickey 2, D. Pound, R. Boag  
**Best:** R. Perkins, A. Boag, A. Pound, R. Boag, J. Mahy, D. Pound

**A-RES GRADE**  
Coly 18 def by Jets 62  
**Coly Servo Coaches Award:** Laura Mannes  
**Michell Wool Player’s Player Glass:** Jane Perkins  
**Coly Community Club:** Jane Perkins

**A GRADE**  
Coly 53 def Jets 45  
**Coly Servo Umpires Award:** Brianna Clark  
**Coly Irrigation Player’s Player Glass:** Jemma Pound  
**Coly Community Club:** Jemma Pound

**JUNIORS**  
**Under-11:** Coly 12 def Jets 5  
**Hi Trac Awards:** Gabrielle Perkins, Lily Shields  
**Under-13:** Coly 20 def by Jets 21  
**Hi Trac Award:** Erica Clarke  
**Coffee Nest Award - Grace Muir**  
**Under-15:** Coly 45 def Jets 24

The CFNC sends all their wishes to Jackson Painting and Prue Walsh on their upcoming wedding this weekend.



### PUBLIC NOTICES



#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Contract term Events Co-ordinator for the Narrungdera Earth Fest

Expressions of Interest are invited and will be received up to **4pm Friday 2 July 2021**.

Council is currently seeking proposals from suitably accredited and experienced individuals interested in co-ordinating the "Narrungdera Earth Fest" event on 12-month fixed contract term.

This event is part of the Creative Economy Project through the Building Better Regions Grant Fund.

The Request for Proposal can be downloaded from Council's website under Business – Expressions of Interest at [www.narrandera.nsw.gov.au](http://www.narrandera.nsw.gov.au) or requested from Council Chambers.

A completed proposal and supporting documentation can be sent to the General Manager, Narrandera Shire Council, 141 East Street, Narrandera NSW 2700 or emailed to [quotes@narrandera.nsw.gov.au](mailto:quotes@narrandera.nsw.gov.au)

All enquiries are to be directed to Toneale O'Connell, Tourism and Economic Development Coordinator on 02 6959 5510.

**George Cowan**  
General Manager



#### PUBLIC FORUM and ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING *Live Streaming*

The next Public Forum and Ordinary Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 15 June, 2021** in the Narrandera Shire Council Chambers.

Community members wishing to speak at the **1.30pm Public Forum** on up to two items listed on the day's Agenda are required to lodge an Application Form to Council by COB Monday before the meeting. Forms are available from Council's front counter or the 'Business Papers and Minutes' section of Council's website.

Known listings on the day are: *Museum Advisor Kim Biggs presenting an Update on Parkside Cottage Museum.*

All are welcome to attend in the Gallery or log onto the Council's website to watch the proceedings live. The Council Meeting will commence at **2pm**.

**George Cowan**  
General Manager



#### Local Land Services office renovations

Please note that the Narrandera Local Land Services office will be temporarily closed due to renovations from **17 May to 18 June 2021**.

Staff are working from alternative locations during this period and are available to support you on the details below.

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#### DEATH AND FUNERAL NOTICE

#### DOYLE Carol Jane (née Devlin)

Died at Wingham on May 24 after a battle with melanoma cancer. Carol is survived by her husband Damien, son Sean, daughter Jacqueline, sisters Pam Beazley and husband Bob of Narrandera, Lucy Kurtz of Old Bar and formally Lithgow and Brian (dec), and Nola Williamson and Brian (dec) of Castle Hill.

Also grandchildren Liliana, Lauren, Jet and Sam Doyle.

Brothers and sisters-in-law Ann and Mike Doyle, Annemarie Doyle, Peter Doyle, nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

A funeral service for Carol took place on May 27 at the Manning Great Lakes Memorial Gardens Chapel Taree.



#### POSITION VACANT

##### Costing Officer

(vacant due to internal promotion)

**Full Time**

**Grade 10**

\$1087.33-  
\$1217.82/wk

**Closing Date:**  
21 June 2021

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#### MEMORIAM

##### Pat (Patricia Frances) TOLSHER

Born April 11, 1928 and passed away peacefully on June 14, 2020 at 92 years old.

Remembered with love and happiness by Stephen and Dawn, Jimmy and Sharron, Sue, Peter and Karen, her grandchildren, great grandchildren and her extended family.

Mum was one in a million.

### POSITIONS VACANT

#### NARRANDERA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

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Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package, contact the Acting CEO Michelle Mondo, by email: [narranderallc@gmail.com](mailto:narranderallc@gmail.com) or on **02 6959 1823**.

Applications can be forwarded to [narranderallc@gmail.com](mailto:narranderallc@gmail.com) or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

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##### Council Administration Assistant (advertised)

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\$1056.10-  
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##### Visitor Services Officer

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**Full Time**

**Grade 7**

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# SPORT

## Mark singles champ

### BOWLS

SOCIAL Bowls was well attended on Wednesday afternoon and again on Sunday morning.

Kevin English and Dexter Briggs were the happy winning team on Wednesday and Ron Donohoe, Shane Jacob and George Shadbolt taking home the win on Sunday.

The progressive jackpot was not won either day and now sits at \$94. Wrong Bias fines were recorded from Dexter Briggs, Richard Durnan and Keith Hayward.

In the Club C grade singles quarter final, Mark Duncan defeated Sid Beal.

In the Semi Finals: Matt Grant defeated Mark Duncan 31-19 and Kevin Thomson def Bob Lawrence 31-12. The Final between Matt and Kevin will be played at the first available opportunity.

Next weekend the Club gears up for three huge days of bowling with the



**Matt Grant**



**Kevin Thomson**

running of the Bidgee Classic Invitational Fours.

On June 19-20, Zone 8 Pennant Finals will be played with Narrandera Grade 3s playing at Young and Grade 5s play at Narrandera.

Nominations for Club Pairs close Monday, July 5 and play starts on July 10-11. See the noticeboard for more details and entry sheet.

## McHale wins Medal

### GOLF

NARRANDERA Golf Club are holding a 50th anniversary function on Saturday, June 12.

This is a 50 years anniversary of the opening of the newly erected Golf Clubhouse after the previous one was completely destroyed by fire and those attending will get to see the newly laid dance floor which has also been a long time coming.

Sameera Bashir will be providing the music for those wishing to try "treading the boards" for a dance or two.

A roast dinner, commencing at 6pm for 6.30 pm will be provided at a small cost and all members are invited to attend and contact can be made with either Gary Shanley at the Golf Club or President Garry Hoskinson as to numbers attending.

Monday of the long weekend, there will be a Two Person Ambrose game to play and this will be at 11.30 am for 12noon Shotgun start.

A BBQ will follow and all members, regardless of handicaps are most welcome to play.

In general golf news, last Wednesday's

Men's Stableford saw Barry Smith the winner of the 13 players with a score of 38pts and the runner-up was Col Burrell with 35pts. Balls went to 34pts.

The Ladies Stableford Aggregate winners of the 10 players were Lyn Martin/Karen Grant with 73pts and runners-up were Marg Prior/Jan Hoare with 66pts. Drive and Chip winner was Karen Grant.

Saturday's Monthly Medal for the men, sponsored by Yamaha Golf Carts/Eurells, saw Jock McHale the winner of the 30 players with a 71 nett and runner-up was Scotty Robertson with a 73 nett. Balls went to 75 nett.

The Ladies Monthly Medal Lyn Martin was the winner with a 75 nett and runner-up was Lorna Metcalf with a 76 nett.

The "Chook Run" was won by John Tuckett (another long standing player for many years) with a score of 23 nett and runner-up was Shirley Murphy with a 25 nett out of the 16 players taking to the course.

Somememberstravelled to Coolamon at the weekend to play in the Jolly Cup but unfortunately did not come away with a win.

## Just Ralph in form

### HARNESS RACING

NARRANDERA trainer Ellen Bartley was just shy of the placings in the TAB regional championships state final (Group 1) at Tab Corp Park Menangle on May 29.

Blake Jones drove the Bartley trained Forever Yin to fourth place behind the Brad Hewitt trained winner, Send It, with Keayang Kreuzer in second and the favourite, Iikemebettor, in third for trainer Belinda McCarthy.

At Leeton paceway on June 1, Bartley trained and drove Tygerphinn to second in the TAB App Pace behind Gerard Cooper's With Revenge. Mal Diebert was in third on the favourite Here's

Your Bonus. Blake Jones was in the seat behind the Bartley trained Rocky Anabran to place third in the TAB. com.au pace behind winner Ultimate Rocker and So Much Bettor in second.

At the Riverina Paceway at Wagga on Tuesday, Bartley and Jones combined to win the Sportsmen's Club Hotel Pace with four-year-old gelding Just Ralph, which went out as the \$1.60 favourite.

Bartley and Jones backed up the win with another in the Club Menangle Country Series heat with \$1.70 favourite and six-year-old mare, Baker Creek.

The stable has Tygerphinn, Rocky Branach and Wildestreams entered at Leeton on Friday.

| RELIGIOUS NOTICES   |  |   |
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| <p><b>NARRANDERA ANGLICAN CHURCH</b><br/><b>Friday, June 11</b><br/>8.00am Morning Prayer<br/>10.30am Holy Communion<br/><b>Saturday, June 12</b><br/>5pm Holy Communion<br/>1st Saturday of month<br/>Family/Children's Service<br/>Rev Michael Perrott<br/>Phone 6959 2089</p> <p><b>BAHA'I FAITH</b><br/>Devotional and information evenings<br/>For details call 0418 672 789</p> | <p><b>CRC CHURCHES INTERNATIONAL</b><br/>CRC Plaza Theatre<br/>Contemporary Family Service<br/>10am Sunday<br/>Phone 6959 1332</p> <p><b>CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br/>St Mel's Parish, Narrandera<br/><b>Saturday, June 12</b><br/>6pm Vigil Mass<br/><b>Sunday, June 13</b><br/>8am Galore<br/>9.30am Narrandera<br/>Fr Bradley Rafter<br/>Phone 6959 2080</p> | <p><b>SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</b><br/>34 William Street<br/>Pr Adam Tonkin 0413 538 514</p> <p><b>ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br/>Phone Roxy Heckendorf on 6959 3190</p> <p><b>ST JOHN'S UNITING CHURCH</b><br/>Cnr Cadell &amp; Douglas St<br/>0477 202 141</p> |



# Luke lifts Eagles to a victory

RFL Robert McLay

NARRANDERA Eagles first grade have spread their wings, coming up trumps with their first win for the season against Griffith Swans on Saturday.

The win came off the back of two disappointing losses to Leeton Whitton Crows and Wagga Tigers.

The boys got off to a flyer in the first half putting the pressure on Griffith at half time.

Luke McKay was outstanding giving lots of running at half back and kicking just a lazy four goals.

The inclusion of Angus Durnan was another welcome addition after missing last week, giving the team a great target at centre half forward.

Griffith came hard in the second half however and only some desperate defence by Connor Vearing and Luke Paterson held Griffith in the dying minutes.

The boys coming out on top 14.6 (90) to 12.11 (83).

Best Players were Luke McKay, Kane Williams, Luke Paterson, Connor Vearing, Tom Van Buuren and Angus Durnan

Unfortunately, Eagles reserve grade came up against a handy Griffith side on Saturday.

A few boys had to pull out from Thursday nights selected side due to work commitments which did not help.

They had a slow start, however were able to play some good passages of footy



Ryan Price in action for the seniors, who have overcome two tough drubbings to notch up a win. Photo supplied.

as the game went on.

Joel Maniscalco and Michael Mellon never gave up in the midfield.

Drew Matthews had his best game for the season and is a handy inclusion up forwards, whilst Tyla Rose provided good run from the backline.

The final Score was Narrandera 2.2 (14) to Griffith 20.12 (132).

Saturday was again a tough one for the Under 17s, as they came up against an undefeated

Griffith side holding the number one position on the ladder.

From start to finish, the Eagles found it tough, in what would be the side's biggest loss of the year.

Lachlan Kerr was again everywhere for the Eagles as was Ky Bloomfield and Dylan Johnson. The under 17's now set their sights on Coolamon in two weeks in what shapes up as a winnable game for the young Eagles.

# Seidel helps to boost confidence

NETBALL

NARRANDERA Eagles A-Grade netballers went down 46-74 against Griffith on the weekend.

This week was a really great game between Narrandera and Griffith, the girls definitely came out fighting and played their strongest netball in the season so far.

The first half both teams showed great attacking skills and scored off each centre pass, it was a goal for goal game.

Having Kelly Seidel back in the team gave the Eagles some experience in the attack end and boosted the girl's confidence.

Ultimately Griffith got away in the second half while the Eagles worked hard in defence they were unable to get back.

Best on court this week went to goal attack Jacinta Smith.

Eagles A-Reserve defeated Griffith 48-25.

Another great game for the Eagles, despite being beaten the girls demonstrated some great attack plays in the first half of the game easily

working the ball into the circle. However, Griffith's strong defence and set plays got the better of Eagles in the end.

A-Reserve had three 15s players step up and fill in for the squad this week, Mikayla Bloomfield, Imogen Bloomfield and Makenzie Brooker were great assets across the court. Best on court this week went to goal defence Molly Darrington.

Eagles B-Grade had a tough fight against Griffith Swans, however, they proved too strong winning 66-25.

There were strong performances by Kathryn Campbell, Lauren Pryde and Naomi Williams

Eagles C-Grade girls had a great game this week, but went down 28-49 after giving their all on court. The awards went to Zoe Yalouris and Ella Wicks.

In the Under-17s, the first quarter was closely contested with both teams producing some lovely passing and great pressure.

The combination of Mikayla Towers in centre and Liz Smith in wing attack provided some strong feeds and lobs into

shooters Pippa Smith and Katelyn Johnson, going into quarter time 12-12.

The second quarter saw the defence really step up with some strong intercepts and turn overs from Zoe Hutchinson and Brooke Hall, while some lovely shooting from Katelyn Johnson and Pippa Smith saw the girls go to half time with a seven goal lead – 25 to 18.

In the third quarter, Griffith came out firing and scored the first three goals.

The centre court worked hard in both attack and defence with some great pressure from Mikayla Towers, Liz Smith and Cyd Ryan forcing a number of turn-overs.

The girls maintained their lead 33 goals to 27 at three quarter time.

The last quarter remained tight. Lauren Wickes and Katelyn Johnson produced some good goals off Lily Sergeant's feeds, while Mikayla Bloomfield worked tirelessly in the centre court to help seal another great win 41 to 35.

Original Skin Award – Cyd Ryan

# Reds on the back foot

RFL

THE Under-13s Narrandera Eagles recorded their fourth win of the season with a 53-point victory over Griffith Red at the Narrandera Sports Ground.

Goalkickers were Lilly Irons (2), Jack Castle, Blake Lawrence, Darcy Mimmo, Jim Pendergast, Myles Rankin and Felix Warren-Porteous.

Awards this week went to Lilly Irons, Jim Pendergast, Riley Parslow Gibson, Kelsi Mohr and Jaxon Curry.

The final score was Eagles

8.7 (55) defeated Griffith Red 0.2 (2).

Narrandera started strongly in the Under-15s and had Griffith on the back foot early.

The young Eagles dominated the centre bounce clearances and the contested footy around the ground.

They played an exciting brand of football which led to their first win over Griffith Red as a group, and their style of play suggests it will not be their last.

The best on ground included Ky Bloomfield, Harvey Odgers,

David Beard, Ryan Hugo, Sam Williamson and Daniel Harrison. The final score was Narrandera 18.12 (120) defeated Griffith Red 1.3 (2).

In the Under-11s, Narrandera 6.3 (39) defeated Griffith Swans Red 0.4 (4).

Goals for Narrandera Eagles were kicked by Jed Scott 2, Max Smith 1, Emmett Smith 1, Judd Powell 1, and Andrew Bonnett 1. Best for the Eagles were Emmett Smith, Tom Pendergast, Liam Tait, Ross Durnan, Braxton Ivanoff, and Hugo Vardell.

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| Round 8 RESULTS      |            |        |                 |            |
|----------------------|------------|--------|-----------------|------------|
| C'gullie GP Demons   | 7.8 (50)   | def by | MCUE Goannas    | 10.17 (77) |
| Turvey Park Bulldogs | 11.5 (71)  | def by | Wagga Tigers    | 11.14 (80) |
| Narrandera Eagles    | 14.6 (90)  | def    | Griffith Swans  | 12.11 (83) |
| GGGM Lions           | 13.19 (97) | def    | Coolamon Rovers | 4.7 (31)   |

| Round 9 19 June 2021 |   |                      |                        |
|----------------------|---|----------------------|------------------------|
| MCUE Goannas         | v | Leeton Whitton Crows | Mangoplah Sportsground |
| Wagga Tigers         | v | C'gullie GP Demons   | Robertson Oval, Wagga  |
| Turvey Park Bulldogs | v | Griffith Swans       | Maher Oval, Wagga      |
| Coolamon Rovers      | v | Narrandera Eagles    | Kindra Park, Coolamon  |
| BYE GGGM Lions       |   |                      |                        |







Barellan players Albert Gibson, Noah Forbutt and Beigh Hillier in the fray during the game against Ivanhoe. Photo: Jodi Evans

# RAMS IN THE RACE

**Kim Woods**

BARELLAN Rams are on a roll, notching up their second win for the season in the ProTen Community Cup rugby league at Goolgowi on June 5.

At half-time, Barellan were 10 to Ivanhoe 6 and the full-time score was 14-10.

Nick Ohlsen, Reece Wilson and Noah Forbutt all scored for Barellan while Forbutt made the conversion.

For Ivanhoe, try scorers were Mark Huntly and Leon Carmichael (and a goal).

It has been a dream run for the Rams when the Club almost didn't field a team for 2021.

Coach Ben Evans said the year got off to a bad start when Barellan failed to put a point on the scoreboard

during the pre-season knockout carnival. He also tore a hamstring during the carnival and was forced to miss round one.

"We were struggling for numbers at the start of the year with only eight blokes coming to training each week," Evans said.

"We put the message out and a few boys came back to help out."

This will be the fourth season of coaching the senior side for Evans.

He said the team had also struggled for numbers in 2019, and failed to get a win on the board.

"There were four or five blokes who played AFL as well but they play league instead of rules now," he said.

"With the short 15 minute halves at the pre-season knockout we struggled

to get in the rhythm. It was the first time we had all played together so it was about everyone getting to know each other. There's five or six young fellas who haven't played for Barellan before including Noah Forbutt at hooker, and Beigh Hillier in the centre and he was the Player's Player last weekend."

Evans said the four hour trip to Ivanhoe in round one resulted in a gutsy win for the Rams.

"That was definitely a confidence booster especially for those boys who had played in 2019 when we didn't win a game – it put a spring in their step," he said.

"It was a tough match last weekend against Ivanhoe – they are a big side, we muscled up in the middle to try to

make them go around us instead of through us. We have been doing a lot of work at training and it is paying off."

Following a bye this weekend, Barellan will take on Narrandera Lizards at Barellan on June 19.

"Being a home ground close to Narrandera, the Lizards should have some good numbers and they have always been a tough side," Evans said. "Hopefully we will get a good crowd."

The Lizards went down to the Hillston Bluebirds last weekend 38-28.

Jock Potter scored four tries for Hillston, Nathan Brettschneider two and Tale Delai a single while Manase Panove kicked four goals.

Troy Prior led by example, scoring two tries for the Lizards, and one

each to Corey Prior, Malek Lyons, and Jamine Morgan, and Rowan Matthews kicked four goals.

In other games, Goolgowi Rabbiths steamrolled Rankins Springs 38-12. Scoring for Goolgowi were Ollie Taylor, 3, Vaughn Higgins, Mitch Cooper, Marty Brown, Tom Condon, and Jono Morris kick give goals. Brent Parsons and Josh Curphy scored for the Dragons and Damian Walker converted two goals.

The ladder stands at Goolgowi on top on four points, Barellan second place on four points, Hillston and Ivanhoe on two, and followed by Rankins Springs and Narrandera.

On June 19, Rankins Springs take on Hillston, and Goolgowi meet Ivanhoe.



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