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SET TO JAB

Registered nurse Robyn Darling gives Dr Joe Romeo the first injection of the AstraZeneca vaccine at the Narrandera Medical Centre – Riverina GP Super Clinic during the rollout in regional NSW. Read the story on page 5. Photo: Kim Woods.

Health services in spotlight

Kim Woods

UNEQUIPPED and unsafe health facilities in the Murrumbidgee region, lack of funding and available services and minimal staffing leading to burnout have all been the focus of regional submissions to a NSW Upper House inquiry.

The inquiry got underway in Sydney on Monday and will consider 700 submissions, including those from Narrandera, Leeton, Murrumbidgee, Hay and Temora shire councils, and Can Assist Coleambally.

Narrandera Shire stated voluntary drivers were keeping the local health system ticking over by providing 4993 return trips to medical specialists for Narrandera and

Leeton residents in the last financial year.

The trips to Wagga Wagga, Griffith, Canberra and Albury were for specialist services, dialysis, oncology, imaging, GP and surgical procedures.

Of the trips, 223 were for oncology only while 556 return trips were for rehabilitation services.

In a submission to the Inquiry into Health Outcomes and access to health and hospital services in rural, regional and remote NSW, Narrandera Shire general manager George Cowan said the community transport service compensated for a lack of ambulance services.

Mr Cowan said the response times for

ambulances varied significantly and could be quite some time.

“If a patient lives in Narrandera and the responding ambulance has to come from an adjoining town, the patient may be better off transporting themselves to hospital via a family member rather than waiting for an ambulance,” he said.

“Local ambulances are spending considerable time transporting folk to Wagga as the local hospital becomes more and more a transfer station.”

Patient wait times and quality of care, staffing challenges, ambulance services and access to palliative care were all identified as core concerns in the submission.

Mr Cowan said many residents had raised concerns around access to health and hospital services.

“In Narrandera we are fortunate we have a local medical practice run by an experienced and competent GP who has been able to support the town by recruiting overseas trained doctors who are able to respond in the emergency department of the hospital to minor issues, under his guidance.

“The reality is however, throughout rural NSW hospital operating theatres stand unused, no babies are being delivered and regularly there is no doctor available to attend emergency wards.”

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Cory McKenzie has been teaching Aboriginal culture for more than 20 years and will run two workshops in Narrandera. Photos supplied.

Create cultural works

WIRADJURI artist Cory McKenzie will conduct two workshops on art skills for young people and spirituality in art at Narrandera this month.

The first workshop on Saturday, March 27 from 10am to 2pm on art skills for young people, followed by the Spirituality to Art on Sunday, March 28 from 10am to 2pm.

In each of these workshops, participants will explore spirituality and creativity, learn the fundamentals of creating artworks, explore techniques and blending of colours, and create an artwork piece to take home.

The workshops are hosted by Narrandera Arts and Creative Network, with indigenous and non-Indigenous people of all ages are welcome.

Cory is a proud Wiradjuri man who has been teaching Aboriginal Culture for over 20 years.

He is a professional artist and creator of artefacts who has spent the majority of his childhood in the bush with his father learning and practicing culture.

Cory draws his inspiration from the lands he has walked and from the animals he has seen.

He has a great passion for teaching creativity to people of all ages, saying “creativity is a necessary tool to problem solve which is greatly needed in all aspects of life.”

Bookings and further information is available on Eventbrite.

Rod Run tickets

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

With well over 300 rods entered and only 3000 tickets available it is essential to register as soon as possible.

Mr Alldrick said there were just over 1000 people registered and he was certain there would be more people who wanted to attend.

“They need to register now, it’s free, but registrations are necessary because there is a definite limit of 3000,” he said.

“No tickets will be available at the gate.”



Hutchins Bros will contribute to the construction of Concord Oval which will house the Centre of Excellence for West Tigers. Photo supplied.

Local contract win

HUTCHINS Bros Engineering at Narrandera has been awarded the contract to provide structural steel for the redevelopment of the Concord Oval project.

This historical site housed the convicts who broke the first stones for the Great North Road.

It was also the site of the Wallabies’ heartbreaking Rugby World Cup semi-final loss to France and is now set to be transformed into a thriving recreation facility for Western Sydney.

It will house the new Centre of Excellence for the West Tigers Football Club.

Hutchins Bros is one of Narrandera’s powerhouse industries that is making a name for itself Australia-wide.

Only last month it was announced that Joss Construction had awarded the contract to supply Structural Steel for the new Circular Plastic Recycling Facility in Albury to Hutchins Bros.

The new facility will be the largest PET recycling facility in Australia.

It will increase the amount of locally sourced and recycled PET produced in Australia by two thirds – from around 30,000 tonnes currently to over 50,000 tonnes and will create 300 jobs.

Last year Hutchins Bros was awarded the contract to supply and erect the structural steel for Qantas Airlines new Group Training Facility at Mascot, contracted by ADCO Constructions.

The centre will house 14 flight simulators, 10 static cockpit devices, an emergency procedures hall with a pool of water for training, aircraft cabin mock-ups and classrooms.

The facility provides training resources for 2000 pilots and 3600 cabin crew.

Service plans for Anzac Day

THE Narrandera RSL Sub-branch has confirmed ANZAC Day commemorations will be going ahead this year, but taking into account that COVID-19 is still about.

Sub-branch secretary Neville Wortlehook said the Sub-branch would be holding its Dawn Service in the Memorial Gardens and was looking at a Gun Fire Breakfast in the Blue Apron Steakhouse at the Ex-servicemen’s Club.

A service at the War Graves will be held at 9am, followed by the form-up of veterans at 10.30am to move at 10.45am to the Memorial Gardens for the ANZAC Day Commemorative Service at 11am.

Mr Wortlehook said there would hopefully be an RAAF fly over during the service as 100 years of RAAF service to Australia is being celebrated this year.

For RSL Sub Branch members and invited guests a luncheon will be held in the Ex-servicemen’s Club, and two-up will be played later on.

All COVID-19 practices will be in place with electronic registration and manual sign in to those who are marching and those at all of the services.

Venue sought for D&D Club

LOCAL teens Chris and Noah Forbes and Janessa and Bailey Wilson are excited to be starting a local Dungeons and Dragons Club in Narrandera.

The game, which gained popularity in the ’80s, has made a resurgence amongst teens and young adults alike with many new clubs springing up around the local areas in places such as Wagga Wagga and Canberra.

The teenagers hope to find a place to hold regular games at, such as a youth centre in town, which would also facilitate support for teens in other areas such as a safe place to hang out after school and engage in social and community interactions.

‘I really enjoy board games, reading and computer games and I feel like there isn’t much in town that caters to my needs, and would really like to meet some like-minded people my own age’, Chris said.

Janessa and Bailey’s mother, Julie Birrer, has been promoting the social group the ‘Hang Out,’ and is looking for community support to help find a building for its activities.

Some of the benefits of D and D, apart from the social interaction, are the game teaches team building skills, quick thinking, problem solving skills and builds math skills.

The teenagers are hoping to build their club and are looking for other teens who are interested in playing. No experience is required. New or seasoned players are welcome to join.

Please contact Laurelle Lewis on 0437 234 893 if you are interested or join Riverina D and D on Facebook.

Check your lost super

THERE are a total of 505 lost and unclaimed superannuation accounts in the Narrandera Shire totalling \$1.4 million.

There are 67 lost accounts valued at \$1.172 million and 438 unclaimed accounts worth \$244,116.

In the Coolamon shire, there are 165 lost and unclaimed accounts valued at \$1.069 million while in the Lockhart shire there are 106 lost and unclaimed accounts worth \$226,072.

Workers may have lost or unclaimed super if you have changed your name, moved jobs or changed address, or forgotten to update details with a super fund in the last few years

Farrer MP Sussan Ley says if you think you may have money to be claimed, you can log into MyGov and check for lost super with the Australian taxation Office (ATO).

“Local numbers indicate there are 505 lost and unclaimed super accounts from the Hay area, totalling over \$1.4 million,” Ms Ley said.

“In just a few clicks you could be boosting your super balance.”

1. Login to MyGov.
2. Link the ATO portal to your MyGov account.
3. Click the ‘Manage My Super’ button in the ATO portal.

Further information about lost and unclaimed superannuation is available via the ATO website.

Correction

A STORY headlined “Janelle loves the sense of community” appeared in the *Argus* on March 18, 2021. The subject was incorrectly called Janelle Broadbent when in fact her surname is Broadhead.



Member for Murray Helen Dalton is not happy the Narrandera-Tocumwal rail line study is not to be made public. Photo supplied.

Volunteers fill the void

from front page

Mr Cowan said residents raised difficulties around accessing mental health services.

"These services are typically provided by specialists operating out of Albury or Wagga Wagga and or therapists located elsewhere across the Murrumbidgee Health District (but not based in Narrandera) usually via some form of mental health line," he said.

"Most residents believe a locally based service would be more effective and more likely to be accessed by a person in need."

Mr Cowan also raised the issue of access to quality therapy services for young people locally, particularly speech therapy.

He said the typical wait time was between 12 and 18 months after diagnosis.

Mr Cowan said the focus in Narrandera had moved from delivering babies to providing post-natal care for mother and baby at the hospital.

"Higher level health services provided in hospitals are based on the presence of a doctor and despite reassurances to the contrary, it is still virtually impossible to recruit Australian trained doctors into rural GP clinics and hospitals.

"Without the overseas trained doctors western NSW would have no doctors.

"Murrumbidgee Health received Federal Government approval

for a trial involving the placement of registrar doctors in some of the region's smaller hospitals, but we have not seen anything of that here in Narrandera."

Another concern raised by residents was the waiting time to access home care after qualifying.

Submissions to the inquiry closed on January 15 with a public hearing planned for southern NSW at Deniliquin on April 29.

Mr Cowan said the submission was available for viewing on the parliamentary website.

"There was a consistent theme of disappointment throughout the submissions I read."

In their submission, Coleambally Can Assist stated there was a need for a mental health nurse/practitioner to help with anxiety and poor health diagnoses concerns of patients.

"Mental health services at regional hospitals along with drug and alcohol services is paramount."

The organisation said an extra community nurse care and support in palliative care for weekdays and weekends for patients at home was an "extreme need".

"We are heavily reliant on volunteer services, which are limited and unable to cater for the amount of health needs in these areas.

"There is a need for a more comprehensive role for the

ambulance in rural and regional areas administering of medications to home palliative care patients."

Can Assist also pointed to a lack of incentives to attract GPs into the rural and remote areas.

Leeton Shire Council reiterated the lack of doctor coverage in the emergency department and the inability to use the operating theatre at Leeton Hospital as significant concern.

"Unreliable access to ambulance services is an increasing concern," the submission said.

The lack of readily accessible drug and alcohol and mental health services along with physiotherapy services, and wait times to access GP services were also listed.

Shadow Minister for Rural Health Kate Washington said too many people in the regions had been let down by the health system.

"We have heard about towns without doctors, hospitals without bandages and people who haven't been able to get the care they need," Ms Washington said.

"Families have lost ones because they were failed by a health system that is simply too sick to cope.

"Communities across NSW deserve answers and a plan to fix this broken system so this crisis never happens again."

Rail roaded on secrecy

Kim Woods

MEMBER for Murray Helen Dalton will launch a legal challenge to have the secrecy around the Narrandera-Tocumwal rail line study overturned.

The study was due to be made public on March 17 but was instead released under a parliamentary privilege Standing Order 52 due to its confidential nature, according to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

The taxpayer funded \$500,000 study was the subject of an order through Parliament by Member for Murray Helen Dalton to have it made public.

An executive summary of the study is publicly available.

A Transport for NSW spokesman said there were no plans to demolish the Narrandera-Tocumwal branch line.

"When the NSW Government makes a document 'privileged', it means they're keeping it secret from the public," Mrs Dalton said.

"There is absolutely no justification for this at all.

"A feasibility report doesn't contain

top secret material."

Mrs Dalton said taxpayers had funded the report and they should be able to read it.

"I'm not giving up. We will mount a legal challenge to have the privileged status revoked," she said.

Narrandera Shire Council has declined to comment on the issue.

Member for Cootamundra Stephen Cooke said Fixing Country Rail feasibility studies are confidential due to the commercial in-confidence information they contain.

"In order to assess a project's viability and true potential, highly sensitive commercial information may be provided by stakeholders, including their growth forecasts and potential expansion plans," Ms Cooke said.

"We want stakeholders to be open with us about their plans to give us the best possible understanding of these lines' potential."

"Transport for NSW released an Executive Summary of the Narrandera-Tocumwal study on the website in 2019."

Site snapped up

Kim Woods

A LOCAL buyer has snapped up the large vacant commercial site on Irrigation Way, with a machinery repair business due to move in.

QPL Rural agent Andrew Pellow confirmed the old Hutcheon and Pearce site was bought by a local buyer for \$370,000 plus GST.

The property has sat vacant for an extended period despite it having frontage to the main access road between Narrandera, Leeton, Wagga, Griffith.

According to QPL Rural, the property features a concrete and road base hardstand area at the front and rear gate, a large office block with partial existing fit-out, large shed with concrete flooring, and open bay sheds.

A development application to have the property sub divided has been granted.

"A local bought the building as an investment and a tenant is going into the building within the next month to have the site revived and going again.

"The business is a mechanical operation repairing boats and motorbikes," Mr Pellow said.

"There will still be a couple of spare sheds at the back we will lease out down the track."

Mr Pellow said the commercial market had been lacking stock with a few businesses in the main street changing hands.

He said there was a general shortage of industrial blocks on the market.

The Grong Grong Motor Inn is still available for sale at \$365,000 freehold on a walk in-walk basis out, along with the freehold at 57-59 East Street, Narrandera, for \$225,000.

The central residence and commercial premises at 78-80 East Street is listed at \$450,000.

"We've had a heap of inquiries (on the Grong Grong Motor Inn) but no one has bitten the bullet just yet," Mr Pellow said.

"It would be one of the cheapest motels for sale in NSW, if not Australia, especially being a freehold."

Mr Pellow said the residential market in the Narrandera Shire was particularly strong with prices shifting north.

"This is due to supply and demand – there is not much out there at the moment. There are plenty of blocks being sold for new builds coming on in the next six to 12 months," he said.

"There will be a demand for more land to be opened in the near future as there are not a lot of blocks available at the moment.

"The days on market have really dropped back from what it was 18 months ago. Most places are on the market for a couple of weeks to a month at the most – if the price is right they are moving on."

Mr Pellow said rural lifestyle properties were sought after and difficult to find.

"I had one at Leeton recently with 12 groups through the open house and it was on the market for less than 24 hours, so the demand is fairly strong.

"There is a fair chunk of tree changers due to COVID, those with family in the area and have been talking about moving for a while and others who decided Narrandera is the place they want to go to.

"Things are going really well and this rain will give a boost of confidence to the cropping season."

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Kelsey Tobin, Clare Hoogers, Gopi Patel and Phoebe Duncan at Therapies for Kids in Narrandera. Photo: Kim Woods.

More faces on the team

PARENTS and carers from throughout southern NSW have made a bee-line for Narrandera to take advantage of the one-stop specialist clinic for children aged zero to 18 years.

Therapies for Kids opened in Larmer Street last year during COVID and has recently expanded the team of specialists to include physiotherapists and a dietician.

Physiotherapist and team leader Clare Hoogers said opening the clinic during the pandemic was a challenging time but the business had grown rapidly.

A year on and the clinic is seeking specialists in occupational therapy and speech pathology to further enhance the services.

"In terms of the clientele, we didn't expect as much interest as we have got and there is so much potential for growth," Ms Hoogers said.

"We want the community to know we are here and are expanding with two new therapists, two physiotherapists, a dietician and administration assistant starting next month."

Ms Hoogers opened the clinic on her own, offering a telehealth service during April and May before

the official opening last June.

"It has grown from there as there is such a need with about 10 clients coming from Deniliquin plus Lake Cargelligo, Griffith, Wagga Wagga, Forbes, Parkes and Condobolin," she said.

"We are trying so hard to get more staff so we can eventually do outreach services in those communities rather than them travelling to us."

Gopi Patel graduated last year to pursue a career in paediatric physiotherapy at Narrandera in January.

Gopi relocated from Sydney and it is her first time living out in regional NSW.

She was amazed at how far patients have to travel to see a therapist.

"It's a nice town, I do quite like it here, it's a much more relaxed lifestyle," she said.

Ms Hoogers said the clinic catered for newborn babies with head, neck or hip issues.

"We do see NDIS funded and privately funded clients, and also treat sports injuries," she said.

"In April we will be offering a paediatric dietician and occupational therapy aid with support

from our occupational therapist in Sydney.

"There is a massive need for occupational therapy out here – we are doing what we can to provide that service and eventually we will have our own occupational therapist and speech pathologist in the clinic."

Paediatric dietician Kelsey Tobin has relocated from Newcastle to Leeton, and now works at Therapies for Kids.

"I've always wanted to work in the regional areas and I have loved it," she said.

Phoebe Duncan is a fourth year Charles Sturt University physiotherapy student completing practical work at Therapies for Kids.

"We have had four fourth-year CSU students so far and that is to get young physios interested in paediatrics in the rural areas," Ms Hoogers said.

The Larmer Street building will be undergoing some refurbishment to cater for the expanding team.

"We have had a great response from the community and there is a lovely hype in town with so many new businesses opening."

Dolly gave a life time of joy

Rustty Lake-Connolly

TIME does work in mysterious ways.

I remember the first time I met Dolly at the Narrandera Nursing Home about 15 years ago.

I was so impressed with her devotion to duty and caring for residents, that I decided to take the time and put pen to paper, and tell Dolly's amazing story to the wider community.

Fast forward 15 years and to my surprise I learnt Dolly was still with us, aged 20 years and in semi-retirement.

I decided now was the time to visit Dolly at her home with adopted parents Paul and Lynn Maloney and talk about her life since we last met in 2006.

Her focus was very much with Paul and spending quality time with him which I found quite moving.

Eventually, I put Dolly's story into the *Argus* and at the exact time the paper was being printed I received a message from Lynn that Dolly had passed away peacefully – was this timing on Dolly's behalf? Who knows?

Time was very important to Dolly. Her regime at the nursing home was ruled by



Dolly devoted her life to caring for the elderly or infirm and passed away last week. Photo: Rustty Lake-Connolly.

the time of day or night. This is how she lived her life.

Thanks to the MiVet staff who took care of Dolly until the very end. Dolly was cremated and her ashes returned to Paul and Lynn.

On a happy note, the Maloneys adopted another fox terrier named Brooke a few months ago.

Dolly taught her the dos and don'ts of course, and now Brooke has taken over the seat on Paul's mobility scooter.

Vale Dolly.

Organics idea dumped

NARRANDERA Shire residents have voted against a kerbside organics collection but Council will call for expressions of interest from waste management operators for the removal of green waste.

An organic options study by Robert Bailey Consulting was placed on public exhibition and Council surveyed residents on their wish for an organics collection service, and their willingness to cover the cost for the service.

There were no specific submissions on the study but 337 out of 1500 properties replied to the survey with 16 per cent in favour of the service and 90 per cent reluctant to pay the cost.

Council recommended the new kerbside waste and recycling tender to be called shortly be done without the inclusion of organics.

The options for treatment of self-haul green waste at the landfill site includes open windrow composting, mulched and used as part of final capping in surface stabilisation, a mobile aerated floor composting system or

an inoculated static pile system.

Deputy mayor David Fahey expressed disappointment at residents not wanting a kerbside organics collection service.

"I fully understand why and the economics of it," Cr Fahey said.

"Moving forward, I hope in our waste management strategy we at least deal with our green waste a bit more economically and return something back to the community.

"We need to continue to investigate using our green organics somewhere within the region, if not in Narrandera."

Deputy general manager infrastructure Shane Wilson said Council sought to work collaboratively with regional businesses dealing in bulk organics to handle the Narrandera's waste or provide guidance on the issue.

"Before we start composting ourselves and start setting up major facilities is to explore those options first," Mr Wilson said.



Award for Gabbie

ON FEBRUARY 24 Narrandera Rotary held a successful welcome to new citizens to the Shire.

The dinner was held at the Golf Club hosted by president Robert Norrie where 44 new citizens enjoyed a good social evening, each giving a report of where they had come from and the reason.

Some had come to Narrandera for employment eg agriculture, education also our two new doctors at the Medical Centre and their two children and Father Tony coming from Leeton to the Narrandera Catholic Parish. Some others had come simply for a tree or country change.

Narrandera Mayor Neville Kschenka welcomed the new citizens giving an extensive overview of the Shire facilities including schools, hospital and medical services and some of the best recreational facilities in the Riverina, going on to say Narrandera was declared a town in 1863 making it one of the oldest in the Riverina.

A local young lady, 19-year-old Gabrielle Forest, daughter of Andrew and Sue Forrest from Corobimilla was named the Lil Mills Scholarship recipient for 2021.

Gabbie completed her Higher School Certificate Year 12 at St Francis de Sales Regional College, Leeton in 2020 with subjects chosen Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Advanced English, Mathematics and Studies of Religion.

Gabbie is aiming to do Agriculture Science at CSU but if not Veterinary Science at CSU, Wagga.

Her choice of subjects came about with her love of animals, particularly large animals such as cattle and sheep, due to her growing up

on the family farm.

During year 10 she carried out her work experience with the local veterinarian and she instantly fell in love with the profession, loving the opportunity to work with livestock and meeting new people every day.

This provided her with the grounding for studying either agriculture or veterinary science.

After she completed Year 12 she took on part time work doing harvest work at Grain Flow in addition to helping out on the family farm.

This year Gabbie plans to find part time work in Wagga that will fit around her university studies.

Because Gabbie enjoys the outdoors she also takes to the sporting field with the Narrandera football and netball club, also coaching younger age groups of children.

Another one of her activities is being a member of the Corobimilla branch of the Rural Fire Service often attending fires and truck accidents on the highway. She finds volunteering her time to the RFS to help out her local community most rewarding.

At a recent Rotary meeting Gabbie came to speak to the members thanking them for giving her a chance to go for the scholarship. In turn the club wished her all the best in her future endeavours.

March on the Rotary Calendar is Water and Sanitation month. Clean water, sanitation and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and productive life.

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, water borne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping the families.

In the Philippines, the Rotary Clubs built 222 toilets and sewer, communal hand washing stations and 20 bio sand filters. This project provided more than 1000 people with proper toilet facilities and almost 600 with a regular supply of clean water.

Another example, all 24 of Lebanon's Rotary Clubs came together – overcoming religious, cultural and political divisions – to form partnerships with the Government, World Vision, UNICEF and the Red Cross.

Together the groups developed a program that developed clean water to every public school in the country.

– Jenny Clarke
Public Image



Gabbie Forest receives the Lil Mills Scholarship for 2021 by president Robert Norrie. Photo supplied

University medal for Jessica

Nicholas Rupolo

WHEN Jessica Buchanan graduated from Narrandera High in 2015, she would never have thought she'd be the recipient of a Sydney University Medal and be starting her PhD after a global pandemic.

Ms Buchanan was a diligent student at Narrandera High, a place she says taught her how to be self-sufficient and prepare her to tackle her studies.

She excelled in her interests in pharmacology and molecular biology leading to her receiving an RTP Stipend – a government funded research incentive – to allow her to study full-time on her PhD in screenings on peptide targets.

"I've always loved science," Ms Buchanan said.

"Myself 10 years ago would be so excited to see me working in a lab everyday now.

"The work I'm doing now is in a molecular biology lab and it's a pharmacology-based project.

"At the end of my honours year I was waiting for my results and it was

about two months before I found out I received the university medal, it was very surprising.

"I went with it and ended up doing better than I thought. I didn't expect to get to a PhD and it's a big commitment.

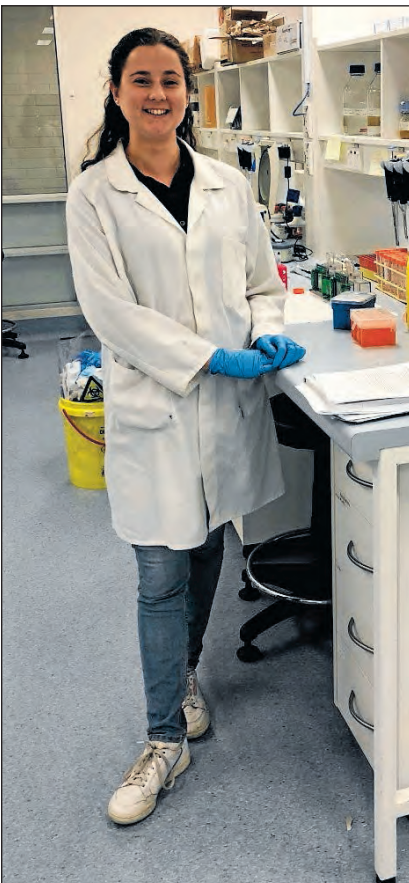
"The medal is awarded based on your honours mark and your undergraduate, and comparing that to the rest of your cohort."

Ms Buchanan's triumph is one that can be admired by many, but without a gap year after finishing school in Narrandera, she had to shape up for life in the big city.

"I learned how to be more self-sufficient and being from Narrandera High taught me that as well you've really got to be able to focus and be able to put yourself out there," she said.

"It was quite an adjustment moving up to Sydney it's a different system and different style.

"I've learned so much in these last five or six years and it's set me up so well."



Former Narrandera High student Jessica Buchanan received a Sydney University Medal. Photo supplied.

Local doctor first to receive vaccine

Kim Woods

THE rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine has begun across the Narrandera Shire with the local GP Dr Joe Romeo lining up to have the first vaccination on Tuesday.

Narrandera Medical Centre – Riverina GP Super Clinic executive director Liz Romeo said stocks of the AstraZeneca vaccine arrived in Narrandera this week in time for the Phase 1a of the rollout.

Mrs Romeo said the clinic had been fielding inquiries from patients with people placed on a waiting list.

Phase 1a encompasses doctors, health care workers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders over 55 years, people with underlying medical conditions including disabilities, critical and high-risk workers such as defence, fire, police and emergency services and meat processing.

"We are happy for people, whether eligible now or later, to put their name on the waiting list and we will contact when they become a priority," Mrs Romeo said.

"The vaccine is bulk billed so there is no cost.

"The second shot is 12 weeks afterwards – as part of your consent to getting the first one you agree to a second one.

"The idea it is a two vaccination program."

Mrs Romeo said patients are observed for 15-30 minutes post-

vaccination before leaving the clinic.

She said the staged rollout would take a long time to get through the entire shire population.

"We will start with what we can do and ramp it up whenever we possibly can. We will include vaccinations in our day-to-day work as much as we can as we are still obliged to abide by social distancing, and we need the space for people to be observed afterwards.

"We are still working on options so we can have a greater through-put within the normal hours of the practice, and the option of having a Saturday clinic."

Before vaccination, each patient is required to undergo an appointment with the doctor and they are provided with an information sheet on the vaccination.

"Before the patient leaves the clinic, they will be asked if they have any symptoms arising, and symptoms arising within 48 hours need to be reported to the clinic," Mrs Romeo said.

She said any other vaccination, including influenza, needed to be more than 14 days apart from the COVID-19 vaccine.

Phase 2a includes adults 50-70 years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 18-54 years, and other critical and high-risk workers.

Phase 2b is the balance of the adult population aged 18 to 50 years and later, if recommended, under 18 years.

Beware Telstra email scam

Liz Lawrence

NARRANDERA resident Jim Howard has warned residents to be on the lookout for Telstra email scams following an attempt to access details on this email account this week.

Mr Howard said the fake email read that his Telstra account would be cancelled if he did not log in within 24 hours.

"No doubt it would have asked for account details etc if I had logged in," he said.

Luckily, he had heard of these scams and phoned Telstra direct only to find out it was a hoax, but warned there might be others in the community not so fortunate if they provided information to these hackers.

Telstra has issued a warning to be on the lookout for unaddressed or generically addressed emails, such as "Dear Customer", badly written emails with broken sentences, spelling mistakes, grammatical errors and words in a foreign language as well as emails that show account information that doesn't match your Telstra account details.

Customers can refer to Telstra 24x7 My Account for accurate account information.

Other warning signs are:

- Requests for your credit card, passwords, account details or personal information – either by replying to the email, or by asking you to "click a link" and fill in a web form.
- Suspicious looking URLs, or ones that don't directly point back to the Telstra website.
- Emails that include a zip file, an .exe or other suspicious attachment.

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"They may try to switch you to another phone company, or in some cases attempt to obtain personal information so they can access bank accounts.


"These people may quote fake Telstra Employee (ID) Numbers or Customer Account numbers, or describe themselves as 'Telstra

technicians'.

"They may say there's a fault with your computer and that you need to pay for technical support or software, or that your internet will soon be disconnected unless you give them remote access to your computer."


Phishing scams are the most common form of scam.

Scammers pretend to be from government departments and businesses, like the ATO, myGov, Telstra or the NBN, to gain bank account details and other information about a person that can be used to impersonate them.



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A message from

Steph Cooke MP

MEMBER FOR COOTAMUNDRA

2021 marks my fourth year as the Member for Cootamundra and is the halfway point of this term in Government.

In this time I have clocked up more than 220,000 kilometres in the car, visited 74 of our local schools, attended community events, meetings and heard the concerns and experiences of thousands of you.

I am extremely proud to serve the 'Seat of Small Communities' as your local member.

I continue to fight hard for every town, village and locality to receive your fair share of funding from the many fantastic NSW Government programs on offer, ensuring you have the services and infrastructure needed to thrive.

We have seen unprecedented investment in our road and rail network, funding upgrades to improve safety, freight capacity and ensuring our communities are connected.


Our rural, regional and remote communities have never seen such investment.




I am incredibly proud to see much loved tennis courts, sporting ovals, netball courts, pools and rodeo grounds gain new amenities, canteens, lighting and grandstands. Such upgrades are reviving these facilities for the next generation, for those who have not been able to previously participate, and removing the stress of fundraising from smaller communities.

For the first time in decades, sustained investment is bringing our showgrounds and community halls in to the 21st century, breathing new life in to these fantastic community spaces.

We are fighting hard to give our young people a future in our communities, enabling them to stay at home to study courses never offered at local TAFE campuses through connected learning centres, upgrading libraries to give them places to learn, and funding youth-focused projects through the Stronger Country Communities Fund.

My work as your local member is focused on building a safer, stronger regional NSW and I look forward to seeing you again soon.



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Silt removed in clean up

GRIFFITH

MURRUMBIDGEE Irrigation have helped Griffith City Council in cleaning out the raw water dam at the top of Scenic Hill.

The raw water dam supplies recreation facilities across Griffith and is an important part of maintaining the community's green-space, including parks and sports ovals.

Murrumbidgee Irrigation general manager

operations Alan Shea said this was a great example of MI and Council working together for the benefit of our community.

"We were happy to be able to assist, and certainly appreciate the benefits of doing this more often in the future," he said.

The MI Longreach was used to desilt the dam, with GCC preparing the site and removing the silt.



An excavator cleans out the raw water dam at Griffith. Photo supplied.

Eye catching artwork

MURRUMBIDGEE

FRESH new artworks and sculptural pieces are popping up throughout Coleambally, Jerilderie and Darlington Point, as part of Murrumbidgee Council's vision to showcase the unique aspects of each of the three towns.

Murrumbidgee Council Mayor Ruth McRae said the enhancements all build on the community's diverse range of natural and built attractions, which all contribute to making the area such an interesting place to live and visit.

Cr McRae said two Government funding programs were used undertake these works.

"New sculptural entrance statements are already in place in Darlington Point and will soon be installed in Coleambally and Jerilderie," she said.

"They are certainly eye catching and proudly announce you've arrived at each of the towns."

The entrance statements are part of the Wiradjuri Walk project, funded with a \$460,000 grant through the NSW Government's Shared Spaces Program, which aims to activate public spaces by encouraging walking and cycling, particularly through public art.

Cr McRae said the Wiradjuri Walk project celebrates Aboriginal culture, which was one

of the main guidelines for the project.

Murrumbidgee Council's Planning and Environment Manager Kelly Tyson said the Wiradjuri Walk project paid homage to the area's history and also builds a stronger connection between the Murrumbidgee River, Figtree Park and the business district.

"Residents and visitors will already have seen changes in Figtree Park, with the old fence replaced, new ochre red footpaths, improved parking, and screening around the unsightly vent at the entrance to the park," she said.

"This screen will also have colourful artwork added, which has been prepared by the Waddi art group."

Mrs Tyson said the best of the artistic elements are yet to come, with two striking murals prepared by local artist Kerri Weymouth in partnership with regional artist, Bohie Palacek to be located in the Park precinct.

Also part of the project, are historical photos, interpretive signs telling the history of the area, rendering of the toilet block, resealing of Stock Street, new bins, seating and street banners.

The Wiradjuri Walk project will be completed in September this year.



Kelly Tyson and Kerri Weymouth work on the Darlington Point mural. Photo supplied.

Widgieewa raises funds

Claire Williams

WAYNE and Betsy Durnan had accumulated a shipping container of household and farm items over the years.

Upon deciding to sell them, the couple generously offered to donate the proceeds to the Urana Hospital Auxiliary.

The clearing sale was held on February 27 at Widgieewa Station, Morundah, and raised \$5000.

Urana Hospital Auxiliary president Kim Pawson was pleased with the success of the day and grateful for the community support.

"It was a great day and Widgieewa was such a lovely environment for the sale," Mrs Pawson.

"Everyone seemed to come away from the day happy and we nearly sold everything with only two items being passed in.

"Wayne and Betsy did an amazing job getting everything ready and we are very grateful for their donation.

"There were people coming and going throughout the day as the items they wanted sold.

"A local lady purchased a beautiful Wedgwood china dinner set, which are highly sought after.

"All of the locals were very generous and keen to support the community."

The Urana Aquatic Centre provided a barbeque and the Federation Shire Council lent their portaloos for the day.

The Morundah Community Committee generously donated a cheque for \$1000 on the day, presented by representatives of the group, Peter Trengrove and Katie Urquhart.

"We also received smaller donations from members of the public who just wanted to make donation to our organisation," Mrs Pawson said.

There were three auctioneers from

J.M. Smith and Co Urana and the sale attracted a large crowd of people from all over New South Wales.

The Urana Hospital Auxiliary will use the money to improve facilities at the Urana Hospital and the Urana Multi Purpose Service Residential Aged Care.

"When we receive substantial donations we like to make sure they go toward something major for the hospital or aged care home," Mrs Pawson said.

"We often take requests from the hospital manager and the ladies who run activities in both of our facilities as to what we should spend the money on."

The Urana Hospital Auxiliary are active in the community and have funded the purchase of many resources.

"A few years ago, we received a major donation of \$11,500, which was used to purchase the hospital a new emergency department bed," Mrs Pawson said.

"We have recently funded the purchase of new kitchen supplies for cooking activities with our residents.

"Some other items purchased for the hospital include supplies for art and craft activities, new curtains for resident's rooms and a comfort chair, which gives mobility to immobile patients.

"When our organisation purchases something major, we get brass plaques made so people buying raffle tickets can see where their money goes.

"We have also recently received a grant to build a palliative care rooms at the hospital."

Meanwhile, June Gash has resigned from the Morundah Community Committee after serving in volunteer roles within the community for 50 years.

President Peter Trengrove paid tribute to June's efforts and hard work over the decades.

Boy dies after ATV rollover

WEST WYALONG

A BOY has died after an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) rolled on a private property at West Wyalong.

About 6pm on Saturday, March 20, emergency services were called to Railway Street, West Wyalong, following reports a young boy had been injured in a crash involving an all-terrain vehicle.

Police have been told the ATV was being driven by a 12-year-old boy, when it lost control and flipped, trapping

the boy underneath.

Witnesses were able to free the 12-year-old boy and treat him until the arrival of paramedics. He was taken to west Wyalong hospital however, he died on arrival.

Officers from Murrumbidgee Police District attended and established a crime scene.

The Crash Investigation Unit will continue inquiries into the events leading up to the crash.

A report will be prepared for the information of the Coroner.

One man's dream realised at Pioneer Park Museum

GRIFFITH

ON APRIL 12, 1971, the gates of Griffith Pioneer Park Museum opened, realising the dream of founder Charles Sharam, who, along with other volunteers, worked for several years to make his dream a reality.

Fifty years on, the Museum continues to live 'One Man's Dream', preserving and sharing the region's history.

To mark this milestone, Pioneer Park Museum is embarking on a program of activities throughout the year, kicking off this April long weekend.

Acting Griffith Regional Arts manager Margaret Andreazza said as history unfolds itself in front of us in the form of this pandemic, the Museum's annual Action Day usually held on Good Friday, will not be staged in 2021.

"However, we would like to invite the community to join in our year-long celebrations, with a range of workshops, exhibitions, tours, and displays on offer throughout 2021," Ms Andreazza said.

"Celebrations will begin on April 5, where memories of the past 50 years will be projected onto the water tower opposite the Museum during the evenings until April 12.

"People are invited to come and park in the Museum carpark and view the images which will highlight the many events and achievements of the Museum over the past 50 years," she said.

Museum Curator Bonnie Owen said Pioneer Park was the community's museum.

"The 50 year anniversary is a milestone that all residents – whether they be recent or longstanding – should be proud of. We are excited to bring this magical display to the community so all can join in the celebrations and appreciate the ongoing progress of such a fabulous facility," Ms Owen said.

The anniversary week will also feature an anniversary luncheon on April 10 for the volunteers of Pioneer Park and their families, and a new exhibition about Pioneer Park called 'One Man's Dream: Treasures of Pioneer Park Museum'.

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

To book a floor talk or for any enquiries about the Pioneer Park Museum 50th anniversary please visit the Museum's website www.griffithpioneerpark.com.au

Sports precinct is underway

GRIFFITH

GROUND was officially broken at Westend Stadium, marking the start of the upgrades as part of the Griffith Regional Sports Precinct.

The Westend complex will include seven indoor basketball courts with seating for over 1000 people, seven all weather netball courts, a new synthetic athletics track with new lighting, a new synthetic turf hockey pitch and a new grandstand.

Ms Steph Cooke, Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier, said the State Government has contributed \$10 million toward the Sports Precinct, which will see increased participation in a variety of sports including basketball, volleyball, badminton, netball and futsal, while the new kiosk and grandstand will make for an enjoyable experience for players and spectators, encouraging returning visitors.

"The new complex will be an asset to Griffith, attracting regional and state sport events to the city which will create jobs and lead to positive economic flow-on effects for the community, while increasing participation in sports and improving pathways for talent," Ms Cooke said.

"The NSW Nationals are building a safer, stronger regional NSW and this network of spaces and places will enable participation in sport and active

recreation at all levels".

Member for Farrer Sussan Ley said redeveloping facilities such as Westend Oval and the wider Sports Precinct is good for the whole community and sporting groups, helps us attract more visitors and a genuine boost for our local businesses.

"The Federal Government invested \$4.5 million into the sports precinct through the Building Better Regions Fund which is aimed at growing communities and driving economic development," Ms Ley said.

"The completion of the precinct will see a significant boost to sporting events in Griffith, attracting visitors from out of town who will spend their dollars locally on accommodation, food and entertainment – this is a win-win for the Griffith community."

Mayor John Dal Broi said it was full steam ahead for this important sporting infrastructure.

"Our vision is becoming a reality. These developments will allow Griffith to become a major sporting City, helping us develop a wide variety of sport programs and competitions that will benefit the entire region," Cr Dal Broi said.

"A lot of work has gone on behind the scenes and could not have been achieved without the support from our State and Federal Governments."

Major overhaul at ground

LOCKHART

EXCITING progress has been made at the Lockhart recreation facility, the Blue Harper Pavilion, and the committee is hoping there will be even more in 2021.

The Lockhart Recreation Ground Management Committee decided in late 2019 that a major overhaul was necessary to bring the pavilion in line with today's more modern standards.

The vision is to provide a place where all community members, community groups and sporting organisations feel welcome to use for various sporting and community functions and provide a facility that offered the opportunity for a private function.

Lockhart Recreation Ground president John Fox said the

design was a four staged approach:

- Stage 1 provides new unisex changerooms for both Lockhart men's and women's football as well as netball facilities for Lockhart and visitors, a First Aid room and a medical room. This stage is now complete ready for the 2021 season.

- Stage 2 is an extension and full refurbishment of the pavilion's kitchen.

- Stage 3 will see the auditorium transformed into a modern community facility for all residents to use. An entry portico off Day Street, an extension of the room, along with a new ceiling, new windows and doors, external cladding, a barbecue and barbeque undercover area.

- Stage 4 will be the final

stage which includes a refurbishment to the old Lockhart changerooms which will become the new visitor's rooms.

The Committee is still working hard to secure more funding for the final stages 3 and 4 to complete the project in a timely manner.

"We have been humbled by the extremely generous pledge of \$100,000 by the local Community Bendigo Bank Branch at Lockhart, along with a generous donation of \$9000 by the Rotary Club of Lockhart," said Mr Fox.

"Several people and businesses have expressed their desire to be involved in the donation process of this wonderful new facility."

Donors names will be acknowledged at the front of the new facility.

Caution in speed zone

COOLAMON

MOTORISTS are advised to slow down on Canola Way in Coolamon as the 50 km/h speed limit will be extended later this month.

Transport for NSW Regional Director South Sam Knight said Transport for NSW carried out a speed limit review, at the request of Coolamon Shire Council, which assessed a number of factors including road geometry and traffic mix.

"The review recommended extending the existing 50 km/h speed zone on Canola Way from Wallace Street South to Maloney Street and into the 100km/h speed zone for a distance of 650 metres," Ms Knight said.

"The extension of the speed limit will provide a safer road for all road users, reducing the likelihood of crashes and with a minimal increase to journey times.

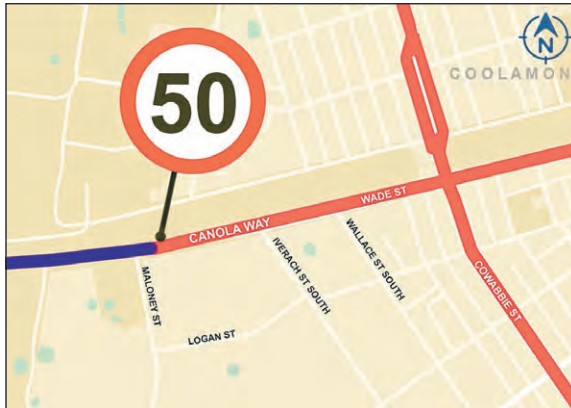
"A number of other factors were assessed including crash history, road usage, adjacent development, traffic volumes and the number of access points."

Signs to mark the area of the new 50km/h speed zone will be installed on March 29, weather permitting.

Road users are asked to keep an eye out for

the changed traffic conditions and follow the directions of signs.

Members of the community can sign up at the Safer Roads NSW website to receive updates about changes to permanent speed limits in their nominated area and to have a say on speed limits. For more information, visit <https://www.saferroadsnsw.com.au>.



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Grace Rowe, Rebecca Kingston and Annabelle Kingston at The One To Watch Award ceremony. Photo contributed.

Annabelle is one to watch

LOCKHART

Claire Williams

LOCKHART Shire Council 2021 Young Person of the Year, Annabelle Kingston was a finalist for the Women New South Wales, The One To Watch Award.

Ms Kingston was nominated and selected as one of the top nine finalists in the award category.

"The whole thing was so amazing and it is such an exciting time to be a rural woman," Ms Kingston said.

The One To Watch Award is a new category recognising young women aged between seven and 17 who display acts of kindness, strength, courage and determination.

Ms Kingston was nominated because of her campaign, Fetch It For a Farmer, a not-for-profit project raising money and providing grocery vouchers for families struggling in drought conditions.

"We were invited to attend a luncheon for The One To Watch finalists, followed by a speaker session at the State Library and the announcement of the winner," Ms Kingston said.

"It was such a good atmosphere and there were such amazing girls in the category."

The One To Watch Award was presented to Dubbo local, Molly Croft

who has shown bravery in her journey with cancer and has been active with fundraising, mentoring and sporting initiatives.

"The second day was the award ceremony held at the International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour," Ms Kingston said.

"I got to meet some amazing people, including our premier Gladys Berejiklian."


Through this experience, Ms Kingston has found a mentor figure with The Rock local and Pointer Remote business owner, Jo Palmer.

"Jo has become my unofficial mentor and she helping me a lot," Ms Kingston said.

"The whole experience was really eye opening and I began to realise there is a whole other world out there and it is very inspiring."

Ms Kingston is working on a project to collaborate with the owners of the rural story book character, George The Farmer and to integrate the books into urban schools.

"There's so much more out there. I've started this project and now I know I can make so much more of it," Ms Kingston said.



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Gem 1:00 Days Of Our Lives (M v) 1:55 The Young And The Restless (M) 2:50 Antiques Roadshow 3:20 **Movie:** "The Last Days Of Dolwyn" (G) ('49) Stars: Edith Evans 5:20 Heartbeat (PG) 6:30 Antiques Roadshow 7:30 NRL: Penrith Panthers v Melbourne Storm "Live" 10:40 See No Evil (M v) 11:40 Miracle Hospital (M)



5:30 Worldwatch 1:00 PBS Newshour 2:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize 2:05 The Clinton Affair (M s) 2:55 **Movie:** "Ralph" (PG) ('08) Stars: Ralph Laurila 3:05 Who Do You Think You Are? (PG) 4:10 Mythical Beasts Unearthed (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia 6:30 SBS World News 7:35 The World's Busiest Stations (PG) 8:30 Michael Mosley: What's My Diagnosis (M) 9:35 Shadowplay (M) (In English/ German) 10:40 SBS World News Late

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

VICELAND 4:10 PBS Newshour 5:10 Basketball: NBL Overtime 5:40 Shortland Street (PG) 6:10 Taskmaster (PG) (In Norwegian) 7:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 7:30 NITV News Update 7:35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (PG) 8:30 The Curse Of Oak Island (PG) 9:20 American Runestone: A Viking Mystery



6:00 News Breakfast [s] 9:00 ABC News [s] 10:00 Q&A [s] 11:00 Aussie Inventions That Changed The World (PG) [s] 12:00 ABC News [s] 1:00 Back Roads (PG) [s] 1:30 Outback Ringer (PG) [s] 2:00 Poldark (M v) [s] 3:00 ABC News [s] 4:10 Antiques Roadshow [s] 5:10 Grand Designs (PG) [s] 6:00 The Drum [s] 7:00 ABC News [s] 7:30 Gardening Australia [s] 8:30 Vera (M v) [s] 10:00 Keeping Faith (M) [s] 11:05 ABC Late News [s] 11:20 The Vaccine [s] 11:35 The Weekly (PG) [s] 12:05 Fisk (M) [s]

7TWO 2:30 Million Dollar Minute 3:30 Weekender 4:00 Better Homes And Gardens 5:30 Escape To The Country 6:30 Bargain Hunt 7:30 Better Homes And Gardens 8:30 Escape To The Country (PG) 9:30 Selling Houses Australia (PG) 10:30 Property Ladder UK (PG) 12:45 The Fine Art Auction (M) 4:00 My Road To Adventure

ME 2:55 Wow That's Amazing 3:30 Horrible Histories: Sports Special 4:00 Step Up To The Plate 4:35 Odd Squad 4:55 Hank Zipzer 5:20 Lost In Oz 6:00 Spirit Riding Free (PG) 6:30 Operation Ouch! 7:00 The Legend Of The Five 8:30 Good Game Spawn Point 8:50 Fruits Basket 9:15 Boruto: Naruto Next Generations (PG)



6:00 Sunrise [s] 9:00 The Morning Show [s] 11:30 Seven Morning News [s] 12:00 **Movie:** "Indiscretion" (M s,v,l) ('16) Stars: Mira Sorvino 2:00 House Of Wellness [s] 3:00 The Chase UK [s] 4:00 Seven News At 4 [s] 5:00 The Chase Australia [s] 6:00 Seven News [s] 7:00 Better Homes And Gardens [s] 8:30 **Movie:** "Geostorm" (M v) ('17) Stars: Gerard Butler 10:45 **Movie:** "Eraser" (MA15+) ('96) Stars: Arnold Schwarzenegger 1:00 Home Shopping

7mate 3:30 The Food Dude (PG) 4:00 STIHL Timbersports (PG) 4:30 American Restoration (PG) 5:30 Storage Wars (PG) 6:00 American Pickers (PG) 7:00 Friday Night Countdown (PG) 7:30 **Movie:** "The Proposal" (PG) ('15) Stars: Betty White 9:50 **Movie:** "Cobra" (M l) ('86) Stars: Andrew Robinson

TV 6:30 Kiri And Lou 7:00 Dino Dana 7:30 Spicks And Specks (PG) 8:00 Doctor Who (PG) 9:05 Michael Gow's Away (M l,s) 10:55 Anh's Brush With Fame (PG) 11:25 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 12:15 Catalyst 1:10 Parks And Recreation (M l,s) 1:35 Reno 911! (M l,d) 1:55 Man Like Mobeen (M l,s)



6:00 Today [s] 9:00 Today Extra [s] 11:30 NINE's Morning News [s] 12:00 Ellen (PG) [s] 1:00 Amazing Grace (M) [s] 2:00 Desperate Housewives (M s,d) [s] 3:00 Tipping Point [s] 4:00 NINE's Afternoon News [s] 5:00 Millionaire Hot Seat [s] 6:00 NINE News [s] 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) [s] 7:30 NRL: South Sydney Rabbitohs v Sydney Roosters "Live" From [s] 9:55 NRL: Golden Point [s] 10:40 **Movie:** "Collateral" (MA15+) ('04) Stars: Tom Cruise 12:40 New Amsterdam (M d,mp) [s] 1:00 Surfing Australia TV [s]

7flix 2:00 The Real O'Neals (M s) 3:00 The Simpsons (PG) 3:50 Jabba's School Holiday Movie Special 4 (PG) 4:15 **Movie:** "Teen Beach 2" (G) ('15) Stars: Ross Lynch 6:15 **Movie:** "Ferdinand" (G) ('17) Stars: John Cena 8:30 **Movie:** "Red Sparrow" (M) ('18) Stars: Jennifer Lawrence 11:20 **Movie:** "The Boy Next Door" (M) ('15)

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WIN BOLD 2:00 L.A.'s Finest (M v,l) 3:00 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 5:00 JAG (PG) 7:00 Bondi Rescue (PG) 7:30 NCIS: Dead Reckoning (M) 8:30 Law & Order: SVU (M v) 10:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (M v) 12:30 Home Shopping 2:00 Nash Bridges (PG) 3:00 JAG (PG) 4:00 Diagnosis Murder (PG) 5:00 MacGyver: Improve (PG)

Gem 2:50 Antiques Roadshow: Sainsbury Centre Norwich 1 (Part 2) 3:20 **Movie:** "Carry On Cowboy" (PG) ('65) Stars: Charles Hawtrey 5:20 Heartbeat (PG) 6:30 Antiques Roadshow 7:30 NRL: South Sydney Rabbitohs v Sydney Roosters "Live" 9:55 **Movie:** "Collateral" (MA15+) ('04) Stars: Tom Cruise 12:20 My Favourite Martian



5:30 Worldwatch 1:00 PBS Newshour 2:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize 2:10 The Clinton Affair (M s) 3:00 NITV News: Nula 3:30 Great British Railway Journeys (PG) 4:05 Mythical Beasts Unearthed (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Gangs Of Pompeii (M v) 8:30 The Royals In Wartime (PG) 9:25 The Blitz: Britain On Fire (PG) 10:15 Going Places With Ernie Dingo (PG) 10:45 SBS World News Late 11:15 Elvis Presley: The Searcher (M l)

WIN Peach 11:00 Cheers (PG) 12:00 WIN's All Australian News 1:00 Judging Amy (PG) 2:00 Medium (M) 3:00 Everybody Loves Raymond (PG) 4:00 Becker (PG) 5:00 Frasier (PG) 6:00 Friends (PG) 6:30 Neighbours (PG) 7:00 Friends (PG) 8:00 The Big Bang Theory (PG) 9:30 The Conners (PG) 10:30 Charmed (PG)

VICELAND 4:05 PBS Newshour 5:05 The Joy Of Painting (PG) 5:35 Shortland Street (PG) 6:05 If You Are The One (PG) (In Mandarin) 7:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 7:30 NITV News Update 7:35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (PG) 8:30 Sex Trafficking In America (M) 9:30 How Sex Changed The World (M) 10:20 Sex In The World's Cities (M)



6:00 rage (PG) [s] 7:00 Weekend Breakfast [s] 10:00 rage (PG) [s] 11:00 rage Guest Programmer (PG) [s] 12:00 ABC News [s] 12:30 Spartacus [s] 2:25 Old People's Home For 4 Year Olds [s] 3:30 Prince, Son And Heir: Charles At 70 (PG) [s] 4:30 Landline [s] 5:00 Football: A-League: Brisbane Roar v Western United "Live" [s] 7:00 ABC News [s] 7:30 Death In Paradise (PG) [s] 8:30 Call The Midwife (PG) [s] 9:30 Harrow (M v) [s] 10:25 A Very English Scandal (M d,s) [s] 11:25 Press (M) [s] 12:25 rage Guest Programmer

7TWO 2:30 The Great Australian Doorstep (PG) 3:15 RSPCA Animal Rescue 3:45 Property Ladder UK 5:00 Seven's Horse Racing 5:30 The Great Outdoors (PG) 6:30 The Yorkshire Vet (PG) 8:30 Escape To The Country 11:30 The Great Outdoors (PG) 12:30 The Fine Art Auction (PG) 3:30 Weekender 4:00 Creek To Coast

ME 3:10 Sailor Moon Crystal (PG) 3:35 Dragon Ball Super 4:00 Step Up To The Plate 4:35 Odd Squad 4:55 Hank Zipzer 5:20 Lost In Oz 6:00 Spirit Riding Free (PG) 6:30 Play Your Pets Right 6:55 The Zoo 7:30 Shaun The Sheep 8:00 Thunderbirds Are Go 8:35 Wishfart! 9:00 The Rubbish World Of Dave Spud 9:10 All Hail King Julien (PG)



6:00 Home Shopping 7:00 Weekend Sunrise [s] 10:00 The Morning Show - Weekend [s] 12:00 Seven's Horse Racing [s] 5:00 Seven News At 5 [s] 5:30 Border Security - Australia's Front Line (PG) [s] 6:00 Seven News [s] 7:00 **Movie:** "A Dog's Way Home" (PG) ('19) Stars: Ashley Judd 9:00 **Movie:** "Kong: Skull Island" (M) ('17) Stars: Tom Hiddleston 11:20 Ivan Milat Buried Secrets (M) [s] 1:30 Home Shopping

7mate 1:00 AFL Women's: Round 9: North Melbourne v Fremantle "Live" 3:00 AFL Women's: Round 9: Melbourne v Brisbane Lions "Live" 5:30 Megastructures (PG) 6:30 AFL Pre-Game 7:00 TBA 9:05 **Movie:** "Kong: Skull Island" (M) ('17) Stars: Tom Hiddleston 11:30 America's Hardest Prisons (M)

TV 6:30 Kiri And Lou 7:00 Catie's Amazing Machines 7:30 Spicks And Specks (PG) 8:00 Q (M l,s) 8:30 Live At The Apollo (M l,s) 9:15 Ross Noble Stand Up Series (M l) 9:40 Sammy J 9:45 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 10:15 Staged (M l) 10:40 High Fidelity (MA15+) 11:10 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 11:55 Escape From The City



10:00 Today Extra - Saturday [s] 12:00 Award Winning Tasmania [s] 12:30 Destination WA (PG) [s] 1:00 My Way [s] 1:30 Explore [s] 1:45 **Movie:** "Three Wishes" (G) ('95) Stars: Patrick Swayze 4:00 The Pet Rescuers (PG) [s] 4:30 The Garden Gurus [s] 5:00 NINE News: First At Five [s] 5:30 Getaway (PG) [s] 6:00 NINE News Saturday [s] 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) [s] 7:30 Space Invaders (PG) [s] 8:30 **Movie:** "The Bourne Ultimatum" (M v) ('07) Stars: Albert Finney 10:40 **Movie:** "Out Of Time" (M v,l) ('03)

7flix 2:00 Bride & Prejudice - The Forbidden Wedding (PG) 4:45 **Movie:** "Grumpy Old Men" (PG) ('93) Stars: Jack Lemmon 7:00 **Movie:** "Charlie's Angels" (PG) ('00) Stars: Naomi Scott 9:00 **Movie:** "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" (PG) ('03) Stars: Cameron Diaz 11:10 **Movie:** "This Is Where I Leave You" (M d,l,s) ('14)

ABC NEWS 1:00 ABC News 1:05 Planet America 2:00 ABC News 2:30 The Vaccine 2:45 Drum Beat 3:00 ABC News 3:30 Q&A Highlights 4:00 ABC News 4:30 The Mix 5:00 ABC News 5:05 Planet America 6:00 ABC Evening News 6:30 Australian Story 7:00 ABC National News 7:30 Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One



12:00 Good Chef Bad Chef [s] 12:30 Luca's Key Ingredient [s] 1:00 10 Minute Kitchen [s] 1:30 Buy To Build [s] 2:00 Three Blue Ducks [s] 2:30 Everyday Gourmet [s] 3:00 TBA 4:00 Freshly Picked [s] 4:30 Farm To Fork [s] 5:00 10 News First [s] 6:00 Advancing Australia [s] 6:30 Easter With The Australian Women's Weekly [s] 7:30 Ambulance UK (M) [s] 9:50 TBA 10:20 999: What's Your Emergency? (M) [s] 11:20 NCIS (M v) [s] 12:20 Inside The Children's Hospital (PG) [s] 1:00 Home Shopping 5:00 Religious Programs

WIN BOLD 2:00 Jake And The Fatman 4:00 I Fish 4:30 Mighty Machines 5:00 Escape Fishing With ET (PG) 5:30 Scorpion (M v) 7:30 NCIS (M v) 8:30 NCIS: New Orleans (M v) 10:20 FBI: Most Wanted (M) 11:20 LA's Finest (M) 12:15 Hawaii Five-O (M v) 1:10 48 Hours (M v) 2:10 Elementary (PG) 3:10 The Doctors (PG)

Gem 1:40 **Movie:** "The City Under The Sea" (PG) ('65) Stars: Vincent Price 3:30 **Movie:** "Apache" (G) ('54) Stars: Burt Lancaster 5:20 **Movie:** "The Bridges At Toko-Ri" (G) ('54) Stars: William Holden 7:30 Rugby Union: Super Rugby: NSW Waratahs v QLD Reds "Live" 10:00 **Movie:** "The Mechanic" (M v) ('72) Stars: Charles Bronson



5:30 Worldwatch 1:00 PBS Newshour 2:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize 2:05 Avalanche (PG) 3:15 March Of The Penguins 4:35 Morgan Freeman - The Story Of God (PG) 5:35 The Secret History Of World War II (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:35 World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys (M) 8:30 **Movie:** "The Big Short" (M l,n) ('15) Stars: Christian Bale 10:50 **Movie:** "A United Kingdom" (PG) ('16) Stars: David Oyelowo 12:50 **Movie:** "Eager Bodies" (MA15+) ('03) Stars: Laura Smet (In French)

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VICELAND 4:00 PBS Newshour 5:00 ABC America: World News Tonight 5:30 Basketball: NBL: Brisbane v New Zealand "Live" 7:30 Australia In Colour (PG) 8:30 The X-Files (M h,v) 9:20 Romulus (MA15+) (In Old Latin) 11:25 Dateline: The People Versus Agent Orange 11:55 Insight 12:55 **Movie:** "My Brother Is A Mermaid" (MA15+) ('19)

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2021 Calendar of Events

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Narrandera's Farmers Market

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Easter long weekend Friday 2 – Monday 5 April

School Holidays Friday 2 April – Sunday 18 April

Narrandera Good Friday Farmers Markets

Stallholders bring produce and craft from around the Riverina with the promise of "always homegrown, home cooked and homemade with love". Come for brekkie, coffee and something unique! Lions Train shuttle on the hour.

When: 10am – 2pm, Friday 2 April
Location: The Shady Gum Nursery, Hartnett Road, Pine Hill, Narrandera
Contact: Annie on 6959 1780

Daylight Savings ends Turn your clocks back at 3am on Sunday April 4

Narrandera Rod Run Show n' Shine

Held every Easter Weekend this fantastic family-oriented fun event, showcasing an amazing array of beautifully restored vintage cars, amid a festival atmosphere abounding with live music, market stalls, rides and activities for children, and much more. Tickets will not be available on the gate for pedestrians. Anyone wishing to bring a hot rod car and enter on the day will NOT be admitted – you MUST become an entrant prior to the event. To become an entrant email narranderarodrun@outlook.com. The event has a maximum capacity of 3000.

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

Please note all details are subject to the change due to COVID-19 restrictions and requirements.

Cost: FREE (tickets must be "purchased" through Eventbrite prior to entry)
www.eventbrite.com.au/e/140945831777

When: from 11am, Sunday 4 April
Location: Narrandera Sportsground
Contact: Narrandera Visitors Information Centre on 6959 5545

Ardlethan Country Music Festival and Talent Quest

A three day country music festival with live artist including Rodney Vincent, Gayle O'Neil & Owen Blundell. Live music from 10am to late every day. Disabled access and facilities available. Enter our Talent Quest to win great prizes. Caravans and campers welcome. A COVID safe festival held outdoors with strict guidelines in place.

Cost: varies (camping fees apply)
When: 9, 10 & 11 April
Location: Ardethan Showground
Contact: Janet Popple 0427 782 550 or ardlethanmusic@gmail.com

Coolamon Swap Meet, Market & Community Day

The 14th annual Swap Meet and Market Day is on at the Coolamon Showground and will feature a variety of stalls that will keep bargain hunters busy throughout the morning with market and collectable stalls, canteen facilities, harness racing trials, a vintage car display, mobility scooter racing and for the dog enthusiasts – dog jumping, canine dash race, various categories of best dressed pooch and a special blessing of dogs. There is something for everyone!

Cost: gold coin donation, children free (stallholders \$10)
When: Sunday 11 April
Location: Coolamon Showground
Contact: Helen Turner 0427 200 873 or coolamonharnessracing@gmail.com

Tiny Tots & Little Booris Playgroups

Tiny Tots playgroup is back at the Schools as Community Centre (SaCC) after the school holidays. The SaCC, along with the Aboriginal education team at Narrandera Public, is also excited to offer a Playgroup for Aboriginal kids (0-5) and their families, Little Booris, on Thursdays. Playgroup is free and it's a great fun way to connect with other families. For more details check out the Schools as Community Centre's Facebook page.

When: Tiny Tots, 9.30am – 11.30am Mondays
Little Booris, 9.30am – 11.30am Thursdays
Location: SaCC Building, Narrandera Public School
Contact: SaCC or Aboriginal Education team on 6959 2144

Henry V at the Roxy

The King Is Coming! The Roxy Theatre and Kensington House Entertainment are proud to present this ground-breaking professionally-led production of one of Shakespeare's most beloved plays – Henry V. This ambitious production about brotherhood, courage and conquest will mark the theatrical directorial debut of Leeton's own Jake Speer and his return to play the title role of King Henry V.

Featuring a region-wide cast and a production team comprised of both local and national acclaim, Henry V seeks to bring the whole community together in what will mark a pivotal moment in the Roxy Theatre's history before undergoing significant refurbishment.

Cost: \$35 adult, \$25 concession
When: 7pm, 21 – 24 April
Location: Roxy Community Theatre, Leeton
Contact: Roxy Theatre on 6953 2074

Bidgee Boxing Town2Beach Run, Walk & Ride

It's on again! Narrandera's answer to the City2Surf complete with beautiful beaches, picturesque scenery and even our own Heartbreak Hill! Staggered starts with a variety of distances to suit every level of enthusiast. Check in from 7am, first race starts 9am. Lunch will be available from 12noon with pulled pork rolls and loaded spuds on the menu. Bring a chair and stay for local entertainment. Entry is online – see the Facebook page for details.

Cost: \$50 21.1km, \$35 13km, \$20 6km & \$5 kids 1km races
When: Sunday 18 April
Location: The Shack, Narrandera Showgrounds
Contact: Narrandera Bidgee Boxing on Facebook

Festival of Small Halls – Ganmain

Presented by veteran festival producers Woodfordia Inc, the Festival of Small Halls have announced that feel-good ukulele strummer and drummer Bobby Alu and two-piece indie pop-rock band This Way North will feature on their upcoming Autumn Tour 2021, rolling into Ganmain on Friday 23 April.

Cost: \$20 adult, \$5 child, under 5 free
When: from 6.30pm, Friday 23 April
Location: Ganmain Hall, Ford Street, Ganmain
Contact: Bron Hatty, 0418 114 750 or bron_rava@hotmail.com

ANZAC Day Sunday 25 April

Memorial services will be held throughout the region pending COVID restrictions – check with local organisers closer to the date.

Narrandera

Dawn Service at 6am at Memorial Gardens. War Graves Service 9am at Narrandera Cemetery. Main March at 10.45am. Main service at Memorial Gardens at 11am.

Grong Grong

7.30am Service followed by a cuppa at Grong Grong War Memorial Commemoration Hall.

Barellan

Form up at Barellan Community Hall at 2.30pm to march to the Cenotaph for the ANZAC service at 3pm.

Coolamon

Dawn Service at 6am at Cenotaph. Main March at 10.30am with Main Service at Cenotaph at 11am.

Lockhart

Form up for Main March at 10.15am with main service at Cenotaph at 11am.

The Rock

Dawn Service at the Cenotaph. Form up for Main March at 10.15am with main service at Cenotaph at 10.30am.

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One of the vintage tractors on display at the Ganmain museum on Saturday. Photo: Robyn Sneddon.

Old trades display

GANMAIN

A GOOD crowd of people of all ages enjoyed the array of exhibits and old trades at the Ganmain Historical Society open day on March 20.

President Will Kember said the event drew visitors from Griffith, Leeton and Wagga Wagga.

"We had a lot more vintage tractors and stationary engines going this year," Mr Kember said.

"We displayed them in a better area to impress people. The ladies had done a great job redesigning the old café to give visitors something different.

"Guy Purcell presented a talk on

the Warren family who established a skin shop near the railway yards, and the history of the brothers moving to where the museum is today.

"One brother set up a café and the other a butcher shop. He interviewed a descendant Ken Warren and he gave his stories on the butcher shop and the family."

Mr Kember said the open day was complemented by a mini market and book collection at the post office for visitors.

He said the museum would be open every Sunday from 11am-2pm, including over Easter, to visitors and those researching family history.

Improved mobile coverage

MURRUMBIDGEE

TELSTRA has switched on a new mobile base station in Bundure, part of the Murrumbidgee Shire, to help provide new and improved 4G mobile network coverage along the Kidman Way.

The project will also mean more consistent data speeds for rural residents and visitors.

The new tower is jointly funded by Telstra and Murrumbidgee Council and has been undergoing testing and checking in recent weeks, so residents and commuters may have already begun experiencing the

benefits from the new coverage.

The improved coverage is important to the Rural Fire Service and other emergency services to allow them to respond to emergencies.

Murrumbidgee Shire Council Mayor Cr Ruth McRae thanked Telstra for supporting the project, as well as the combined advocacy efforts of local Members for Parliament and the Rural Fire Service. Council's General Manager, John Scarce, also worked tirelessly in collaboration with Chris Taylor from Telstra to make this happen.



Artist Darren Cooper works on the mural at the Lockhart Central School and inset, the completed water tank depicting the local landscape. Photos supplied.



Watershed moment for Henry

LEETON

LEETON Roxy Theatre and Kensington House Entertainment have announced tickets for Shakespeare's Henry V are now on sale.

Leeton actor Jake Speer is playing King Henry V and is thrilled the project has reached such a watershed moment.

Living back in his hometown now, it has been particularly moving for the show's director to feel the bubbling of excitement and support on the ground.

"It's been incredible to see how many people have thrown up their hands to be involved. The enthusiasm and excitement are infectious and so inspiring for me," Speer said.

"Over the past five weeks of rehearsals not only have we seen people's confidence grow and new friendships form but every member of the Henry V company, both on stage and behind it, have risen to every challenge put

before them."

Henry V boasts an impressive line-up of both professional expertise from Sydney as well as emerging local talent; Set and Costumes designed by Simon Greer of The Ensemble Theatre, Kirribilli and lighting design by established Sydney designer Jasmine Rizk.

Griffith local Bonnie Owen is the production's associate director along with a cast, led by Speer, from Leeton, Griffith, Wagga, Temora, Ganmain and Darlington Point.

With more than 100 volunteers contributing to every department, Henry V is truly a regional production.

"This production has really proven to me the overwhelming desire and enthusiasm from the community for high quality local entertainment," Speer said.

"We could not do this without the commitment from all the volunteers who are constantly pushing the boundaries to deliver

this ambitious production.

"I'm incredibly proud to have so many people from communities from across the region, from different backgrounds and industries involved in this production.

Henry V will be an event for people from all across the Riverina, and beyond, to enjoy the magnificent Roxy Theatre in one final show before her big facelift.

'Shakespeare maybe isn't for me', I dare you to come along. You will find yourself moved, transported, and entertained – I guarantee," Speer said.

Henry V will be performed at the Leeton Roxy Community Theatre from April 21-24.

Book your tickets now at www.roxyleeton.com.au, or visit the Roxy Box Office, which is open Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-1pm, or call Production and Roxy Theatre Manager Sam Webber for more information on (02) 6953 2074.

Big craft, cookery feat for branch

COLEAMBALLY

COLEAMBALLY-Argoon CWA won the Cookery award at Jerilderie at the Group Land Cookery and Handicraft day with the most points on the day for Land Cookery – no mean feat for such a small club.

Sue's handmade crochet bag was pick on the day to be one of the seven items that will be going to State for judging with the group effect of four aprons getting a second place.

Members were all happy with these results, congratulations to those members who put in the effort.

This year's study is the possum – did you know a male possum is called a jack a female a jill and a baby possum is called a joey?

They generally have babies in spring and are independent by late summer and breed after one year.

Males can live about five years and the female can live up to 13 years. They are cute creatures as long as they are not in your roof!

The country of study is Ecuador and the recent segment was on what a tourist could do.

By the end of the International report members could see themselves lazing on a beach, exploring a volcano of ice, walking in a rain forest and viewing the beauty of this land as it is a

beautiful country.

The club started the cultural segment with a joke and a quiz on Oz words and advised members of coming cultural events surrounding the community.

Members shared their history of their favourite scarves, with silks, a variety of wools, and ones that were soft and light as feathers all beautiful and special to members.

Branch members spoke of their concern on the Shire Council office opening time as Coleambally office is opening for only three

days a week and their concerns for Community Transport in Coleambally.

These are regarded as two issues that need attention and the Club will follow them up.

The branch is a small but a strong group interested in the town and residents' concerns.

CWA does have a voice and the branch encourages support from people in the community. It meets every second Friday at 1.30pm at the Youth Hall so come along join the fun, interesting segments and friendship.



Margaret Sheppard looking at awards and handicraft that was taken to Group Handicraft and Land Cookery Day. Photo supplied.

Wiradjuri mural for school's tank

LOCKHART

TALENTED Wiradjuri artist Darren Cooper has completed an Aboriginal mural on the water tank at Lockhart Central School.

Students at the school selected the design from four canvasses presented by Darren and took a vote to come up with their most favoured design.

It was the first work of this scale undertaken by Darren, who has made quite a name for himself in the art world, and he completed the art work in a week.

A proud Wiradjuri man, he lives in West Wyalong.

In 2003 he opened his Redfern Art Studio and three years later his artistic contributions and involvement within the Redfern

communities was acknowledged by the Koori Mail and national newspapers.

The year 2007 was a busy time as he was commissioned for artwork highlighting the Beyond Blue agency in a national publication initiative. He also met Ken Done (a great Australian artist/designer) who took on his mentorship for the commercialisation of Darren's own art work.

In November that year he closed the doors of his Redfern Studio in Sydney making himself available to the general public and government agencies as a freelance artist.

In 2008, Darren accepted a scholarship to study for a Visual Arts Degree at Deakin University in Geelong, Victoria, where he was invited to show his artwork along

with higher level students in a graduation day exhibition in 2009

In a letter in 2004, Jeff McMullen, the then Director of the Ian Thorpe Fountain for Youth Trust, commended Darren for his contribution of murals on George Street, Redfern, as these became an important place for mentoring young inner-city Aboriginal artists.

Mr McMullen also mentioned Darren's contribution to an exhibition in Wattens, Austria, saying that Darren's multi-media creation put the colours and landscapes of NSW onto the walls of the Swarovski Crystal Exhibition, seen by hundreds of thousands of Europeans.

His work has been commissioned by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council. His website is Koori Creations.

Perfect start to autumn sowing

Kim Woods

ANOTHER record winter crop has been tipped to be sown this autumn in the region following the perfect start to the season.

Widespread rain in the Riverina has topped up subsoils but growers are also fearing some paddocks may take a while to dry out in time for sowing.

Narrandera has received 82.4mm since Friday to bring the total for 2021 to 213.4mm, with our wettest day being March 21 with 40.2mm.

The total for March is 93.2mm compared to the long-term average of 31.7mm.

Lockhart has received 77.4mm since Friday bringing the total for the year to 216.4mm while West Wyalong has recorded 139mm since Friday, and a total of 379.8mm for 2021.

As a result, the Bland shire has a raft of road closures including the Quandialla Road, Goldfields Way to Temora, Tallimba Road, and the Newell Highway from Back Creek to Forbes.

McDonald Farming at Barellan measured 115mm in the gauge and expect the Mirrool Creek to flood in coming days.

A 24-hour weather station was installed on the Mirrool Creek after the 2016 floods enabling farmers to tap into the creek height and a 24 hour rain gauge via a mobile app.

Scott McDonald said a water-way from Colinroobie was running across the property for the first time since 2016.

Scott and his father Doug will start sowing early oats or early grazing

wheat varieties following the rain.

"We are lambing at the moment and the sheep are ploughing through the self-sown oats," Scott said.

The pair are also keen to sow milling oats for the Whispering Pines mill at Barellan.

"We have been weed spraying for the past month and this will be good for subsoil moisture," Scott said.

"We already had a fair bit of moisture deep down – we don't start on canola until mid to late April but if we get another rain mid-April we will start cracking a bit of canola in."

Scott said mice were not at problem levels on the farm but were for businesses storing canola seed in town.

"I'm worried about them getting in the machinery as we had a rat cause up to \$20,000 worth of damage to electrical wiring in the header and tractor."

Like many growers, the McDonalds invested in new tillage machinery following the bumper 2020 harvest.

They had planned to invest in a new air seeder but were told the wait list is the end of May for delivery.

"We ended up getting a new tractor but it won't arrive for another few weeks," Scott said.

"There is a bit more money turning over and that is good for the towns."

Barellan grower David Irvin measured 100mm and tipped the 2021 winter crop would be "huge" in the district.

But, he feared some of the lower lying country may take a long time to dry out.



Doug McDonald with the flood marker on the Mirrool Creek at his Barellan property. The creek was in minor flood on Wednesday but was expected to rise in coming days. Photo: Kim Woods.

Restockers busy on ewe lambs

GNADBRO Pastoral, Collingullie, offered 2000 first-cross ewe lambs for sale on line on Tuesday with the lots making \$350-\$352.

The April-May 2020 drop ewes were depastured to Barwon Poll Dorset rams, mulesed, Gudair vaccinated and bare shorn.

Future breeder ewe lambs made \$427 when they were sold by a West Wyalong vendor on Auctions-Plus this week.

D & K Lee sold the Australian White ewes, August/September 2020 drop and weighing 56kg. The seconds weighing 42kg made \$366.

A draft of 480 Merino ewe lambs, May-June drop and weighing 41kg, were sold by B Mahy, Euroley, for \$250 while C and S Furphy, Aria Park, sold Border Leicester/Merino ewe lambs, 58kg, May-June drop, for \$290.

B and H McKelvie, Marrar, sold a draft of 1000 Australian White ewe lambs, September-October drop, and 44kg, for \$513, and B and S Morris, Narrandera, sold Merino store wether lambs, 42kg, for \$160 or 851c/kg dressed.

Waihemo Holdings, Morundah, sold a run of 265 mixed sex store lambs, Dorset/Merino cross and 32kg, for \$147 and the seconds for \$123.

Biraci Pty Ltd, Jerilderie, sold a run of 130 first-cross ewes, 45kg, July-August 2020 drop, for \$267 and a run of 380 ewe lambs, 43kg, for \$221.

In cattle results, Duffty Farms, Leeton, sold a draft of 52 Angus cows, 638kg and four to seven years, with calves for \$3600, Maxhaven Pty Ltd, The Rock, sold Charbray heifers, station mated and 428kg, with calves, for \$2730, and the Hamblin Family Trust, Matong, sold 352kg Angus heifers to Tamworth for \$1725 or 490c/kg.

The Hamblin's seconds, 341kg, made \$1585. TJ Henwood Family Trust, Hay, sold Angus heifers, 483kg, for \$2030 or 419c/kg.

Riverina Field Days to go ahead



A farmers health hub will be a new feature of the 2021 Riverina Field Days in May. Photo supplied.

THE 2021 Riverina Field Days will be on again at the Griffith Showgrounds on May 14-15.

Event organiser Roly Zappacosta said it will be the committee's third attempt to hold the annual event which was forced to cancel twice last year due to the COVID pandemic.

"However, we've seen loads of exhibitors support the event," he said.

Organisers are confident they can host a COVID safe event for everyone to enjoy.

"If everyone can do their part – it'll be a great and safe event for everyone to enjoy," Mr Zappacosta said.

"We're lucky as we're an outdoor event in a very large arena. We are registered as a COVID safe business and will have QR check ins at every entry point.

"We will be asking all exhibitors to have sanitiser available and have signage to remind patrons of social distancing.

"We'll manage numbers in our only indoor space – The Woodside

Hall."

The Riverina Field Days strength has relied on the diversity and variety of agricultural machinery and products/services on show.

They feel it's important to support, encourage and lift the profile of our ag industries.

Along with a combination of family and kids attractions, entertainment, food and demonstrations, it's an event not to be missed.

"I think the community and businesses are looking forward to this event, we've missed so much and it's a great feeling knowing we can start enjoying events again.

"Now more than ever, there needs to be a big focus on mental health and well-being.

"We have created a 'Farmers Health Hub, but it is not just for farmers. Everyone can seek help, learn, and connect with a variety of organisations and professionals in a casual environment.

"We will have free health

checks from to eye checks, skin checks, blood pressure and blood glucose monitoring and well as many support groups.

"It's important we support not only our farmers, but individuals and businesses who may be still feeling the effects of the past drought or COVID impacts."

This year you'll find everything from a spanner to a header, giftware to trucks, craft to confectionary.

"We've got your favourite attractions back this year like the Snake Pit, cooking demonstrations, entertainment, whip cracking, Beer Tent and this year we'll be hosting the Yard Dog Trials on Saturday," Mr Zappacosta said.

"The kids are also entertained with rides, petting zoo! It really is a field day for everyone."

Any last minute exhibitors can contact Riverina Field Days on 02 6962 1180, visit the website www.riverinafielddays.com, email info@rfd.net.au

www.narranderaargus.com.au

Rate relief granted

THE NSW Government has provided another \$50 million in relief to the State's farmers by waiving Local Land Services (LLS) rates for the third year.

Minister for Agriculture Adam Marshall said the NSW Government was conscious that while many farmers are experiencing bumper seasons, drought recovery is an ongoing process.

"While much of the State has received widespread and welcomed rain, the drought is not over. Its effects will be felt for many years to come and so continued support like this is critical for recovery efforts," Mr Marshall said.

"Our primary producers have shown unparalleled resilience in the face of extraordinary challenges, and waiving LLS rates is just one thing we can do to help them.

"The NSW Government has now waived LLS rates for the last three

years running.

"This means farmers across the State would be able to collectively save \$50 million in rates to capitalise on the best seasonal conditions seen in many years, pay down debt, invest in new equipment and ensure they are well prepared for whatever comes next.

Mr Marshall said while rates would return to normal next year, relief over the last three years had provided critical support for farmers.

"Ratepayers will receive their notices over the coming weeks, informing them that their rates have once again been waived this calendar year," Mr Marshall said.

For more information on available assistance measures and eligibility criteria, visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/droughthub or phone the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593.

Mildew resistance concern

RIVERINA grain growers are urged to be on alert following confirmation that difficulties experienced in 2020 controlling wheat powdery mildew are linked to resistance of the pathogen to demethylase inhibitor (DMI, Group 3) fungicides.

Fungicide resistance was detected at frequencies ranging from 50 to 100 per cent in samples collected from paddocks around Albury, Rennie, Balldale, Deniliquin and Jerilderie.

Further sampling revealed a wider NSW distribution, from around Hillston and Yenda.

This marks the first time that resistance in wheat powdery mildew to DMIs has been detected in Australia.

Researchers from the Fungicide Resistance Group at the Centre for Crop and Disease Management (CCDM) – a co-investment by the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) and Curtin University – confirmed the presence of DMI resistance in a range of samples sent by agronomists who

were concerned about disease levels in their clients' wheat crops during the 2020 season.

The wheat samples from across NSW were from predominantly Vixen and Scepter bread wheat varieties, and a lower number of durum wheat varieties.

NSW Department of Primary Industries cereal pathologist Steven Simpfendorfer said he was not entirely surprised some level of resistance was detected, but is surprised by the high frequency of the detections. He describes the detections as alarming and a wake-up call for industry.

"These detections have occurred predominantly in high-value, irrigated cropping regions, which create ideal conditions for wheat powdery mildew disease development," Dr Simpfendorfer said.

He said the reliance on DMI fungicides by many growers in the region over many years contributed to selecting for the fungicide resistance detected during this past season.

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An "aged person" means a person who has attained the age of sixty years. For couples, one of the tenants must be an aged person.

Further information together with an official Application Form may be obtained from the Council Office, 55 Cowabbie Street, Coolamon during normal working hours or on Council's website www.coolamon.nsw.gov.au

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Tony Donoghue
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SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

Narrandera Shire Council Spring Garden Competition is going ahead this year and will take place from **Monday 27 September** for three weeks, closing on Sunday 17 October 2021.

Judging is viewed from the street, based on the vista of the front garden only.

Further information on how to register your garden(s) and category, will be provided following the Parks and Gardens June 3 meeting.

Categories for 2021 are:

Narrandera

1. Champion Garden
2. Best Neighbour Gardens (side by side)
3. Best Triple Neighbour Gardens (3 in a row)
4. Best Street

Outlining Villages (Grong Grong, Barellan and Binya)

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SPORT

Sporting prowess runs in the family

Kim Woods

WHEN it comes to sport, it is definitely in the genes of the McDonald family.

Barellan farmer Scott McDonald and his three boys are dominating regional cricket, basketball and rugby union.

Scott teamed up with teenage son Blake, 15, to take to the pitch for L&D Cricket Club in the A grade one day T20 grand final on the weekend at Yanco sportsground, coming away with a 15 run victory against LSC Colts.

Blake had an outstanding year in A grade for the Ferrets, winning runner-up in Cricketer of the Year and taking 23 wickets for the bowling aggregate in A grade.

He also won C grade Cricketer of the Year with 545 runs, a batting average of 109.00 and most catches.

A Year 10 student at Leeton High School, Blake played with the Coleambally T20 premiership side and will back up to play in the second grade one day grand final on Saturday against Corio Club.

"He has had an outstanding year and is just ticking on 1000 runs for the year and was picked in the Combined High Schools rugby union team last week to play at Kiama in May," Scott said.

Blake will also line up in the Under 16s for the Leeton Greens rugby league side this year.

Scott coached the L&D Junior Ferrets to the C grade cricket premiership over Yanco Agricultural High School last week, with Blake and Ethan taking to the pitch.

Ethan, 12, made it into the Southern Sports Academy basketball team to play at the Academy games at Lithgow this weekend.

Younger brother and Year 4 student, Braxton, is playing in the Under 12s at Lithgow and was also selected in the PSSA Under 11s rugby league team.

One year the three boys all received best and fairest in their respective grades for the Leeton Junior Phantoms.

Scott had filled in at a few A grade cricket matches this year but hadn't picked the bat up since a B grade grand final three years ago playing alongside Blake then aged 12.

He combined with Ashley Fraser in a batting partnership to post another 40 runs after Tyler O'Connell was dismissed by Reece Maguire.

"The Soldiers Club were short their Captain but they had a pretty handy batting and bowling line up," Scott said.

"It was a bit of sticky wicket – we batted first and our young fellas Harry Steele and Blake were put out a bit cheaply and then the old fella saved the day making 28 handy runs to get us to 80.

"Our bowlers did the work, Blake and Noah Maybon got some crucial wickets at the right time, and young Maclean Crompton played well."

The Colts were bowled out for 66 with the Ferrets taking the title with a 15-run win.

L&D Ferrets were declared Leeton and District Cricket Association champion club winning all three grades.

Scott and wife Aleisha concede they are wearing out vehicles trying to keep up with the boy's sporting commitments.

But the apple doesn't fall far from the tree as in his younger days Scott played cricket, football, lawn bowls, badminton, golf and Aussie Rules while Aleisha was a basketball.



Blake and Ethan McDonald with the C grade cricket trophy. Photo supplied.

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SPORT

Auto Wreckers victory

GOLF

THE Summer teams competition has now ended with the presentation night held on Sunday, March 21 and was well attended by many of the players.

Once again past President Jeff Osmond was invited to present the winners of the 2019/2020 (having been postponed due to COVID-19) and also the 2020/21 season.

The most successful team, taking out the honours in Division One for the two years in a row was Narrandera Auto Wreckers.

A good achievement as some team members were new to competition golf. In second place for 2019/20 were East Street Pizza and in third place We are Family.

In the 2020/21 competition, second to Narrandera Auto Wreckers in Division One was Gee Gee's 1 and in third place Dimpled Balls filled the spot.

Prior to the presentations, Chip and Putt events were held with a gold coin donation for Kurrajong.

The winner of the Chip was John Schofield and the Putt was won jointly by Linda McGilvray and Mark Babbs and after this a BBQ tea was provided and enjoyed by all.

At the conclusion of the formalities past President Jeff, on behalf of the Golf Club, thanked Chris Moore for the tremendous time and effort he has put into the co-ordination of the Summer Teams competition over the last couple of years.

Steve Gehringer and Lindsay Hughes also added their thank you to him as well, on behalf of the teams and players.

The Narrandera Golf Club will host a Charity day on Saturday, March 27 and proceeds will go to Kurrajong for upgrading their lawn mowing equipment.

The format is 3 Holes in every green, and is an Individual Stroke game.

There will be Shotgun starts with one at 8.30am and another at 12.30pm and it is open to all members and social golfers to participate.

A BBQ catered for by Kurrajong, Rotary and Lions will be provided and this will be included in the entry fee of \$40.

There will be lots of prizes and raffles on the day and this event has always proved to be most enjoyable when previously held. Bookings should be in by March 25 (for catering) and also please advise if you will be walking, using own cart or looking to hire one.

In the Ladies competition, the Ladies Annual Gala Day Tournament held on March 18, 68 players from 12 Clubs in the district took part.

The major prizes were sponsored by Grant's Sawmilling Co, and raffle prizes were donated by Whitby's Beta Electrical and Ann Black.

The Narrandera Ladies donated several of the novelty prizes. The winners of the day were Lynette Potter and Leanne Hanlon from Weethalle, runners-up were Margaret Naseby and Debbie Heath from Coleambally, and third place went to Lorna Metcalf and Sylvia Stevens from Narrandera.

Thanks must go to all the Narrandera Ladies who helped make the day successful.

In the Men's competition held on Wednesday, March 17, the Stableford was won by Ray Buchanan with a 37 pts narrowly defeating Col Mahoney with 36pts. Balls went to 33pts.

Saturday, March 20 was a Four Ball Multiplier Stableford and the winners were Bruce Russell and Greg Davis on 72nett, and the runners-up were Barry Taylor and Wal Mulholland with 63 nett.

The "Chook Run" was won by Greg Lawrence with 27 nett and Bob Hyde runner-up with 28 nett.

Win for 5+ Nifty

BOWLS – NARRANDERA

WEDNESDAY Social Bowls attracted 18 bowlers out to take part in the weekly game with Roundy Flack, Desi Christian and Keith Haywood taking home the win.

The progressive jackpot was not won and now sits at \$102. A Wrong Bias fine was recorded from Dexter Briggs.

Summer Teams Quarter Finals Results from last Friday, March 19 were: NFS def PCR, Lizards1 def Temprite, 5 Good Men & Nifty def TLE and Mitchell's Pest Control def Cadtech.

The next round will be played on Friday, March 26.

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

Pennant Updates: There were no results for Round 5 from Sunday, March 21 as no games were played due to the heavy rainfall overnight. So all games washed out and move on to Round 6.

Grades 6 and 7 play back-to-back Rounds on March 27 and 28. Most games are now starting at 1pm and any changes are advised below.

Pennant Draw for Round 6 Saturday, March 27 is:

Grade 6 Home vs Coleambally at 9am – Neville Limbrick, Shane Jacob John Riddell and Dave Robinson; Barry Rankin (TM), Shane Longmore, Terry Walsh and Vicki Maher; John Wilde, Jimmy Durnan, Geoff Angove and Desi Christian.

Grade 7 Home vs Darlington Point at 1pm – Colin Rankin, Wayne Norden, Harry Hoffmann and Sid Beal; Dave Price (TM), Wayne Rowley, Dexter Briggs and Derek Makeham; Cody O'Keeffe, Garry O'Keeffe, Rod O'Brien and Ashley Reavley.

Pennant Draw for Round 6 Sunday, March 28 is:

Grade 3 Home vs Narrandera 4s at 10am – Matt Thornton, Christian

Morgan, Neville Bamblett and Joe Gibson; Ian Black, Peter Durnan, Richard Durnan and John Ingram; Lincoln Gooley, Jack Harrison (TM), Graeme McComber and Wes Kiley.

Grade 4 Home vs Narrandera 3s at 10am – Bruce Russell, Shane Dunnett, Gary Ingram and Eddie Spencer; Ron Donohoe, Shane Rowlands, Tom Ryan and Lenny Clark; Dave Hoffmann, Lou Alchin, Kyle Spencer and Mark Duncan.

Grade 5 Away vs Leeton & District at 1pm – Steve Zak, Peter Sheather, Mark Anderson and Kevin Thomson; Phill Miller, Roundy Flack, Mark Higgins and Ian Rankin; Matt Grant, Mark Thornton, Kevin English and George Shadbolt.

Round 7 Sunday, March 28 is:

Grade 6 Away vs Griffith Exies at 1pm – Neville Limbrick, Shane Jacob John Riddell and Dave Robinson; Barry Rankin (TM), Shane Longmore, Terry Walsh and Vicki Maher; John Wilde, Jimmy Durnan, Geoff Angove and Desi Christian.

Grade 7 Away vs Leeton & District at 1pm – Colin Rankin, Wayne Norden, Sid Beal and Daryl Crawford; Dave Price (TM), Wayne Rowley, Dexter Briggs and Derek Makeham; Cody O'Keeffe, Garry O'Keeffe, Rod O'Brien and Ashley Reavley.

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

Reminders: If you can't play a round during the Pennant season, add your name to the "Unavailable to Play" sheet on the notice board.

All bowlers must have their current Bowls NSW membership number for your team manager and Rounds 6-10 start with a 1pm roll-up and 1.20pm start, unless otherwise arranged.

Uniform update: Still waiting on the back order of shorts and pants.



Matt Flynn receives his jumper from Shane Mumford. Photo supplied.

Flynn flies on debut

AFL

NARRANDERA born GWS Giant Matt Flynn drew wide praise for his stunning debut against St Kilda on Saturday.

The ruckman excelled for the Giants, helping himself to 34 hit-outs, 18 disposals and two contested marks – the only player in AFL history to so on debut.

But Flynn sent a scare through the Giants' camp when he limped off in the third quarter, however he quickly returned to the fray.

Flynn was named among the best for Giants along with Taranto, Perryman and Coniglio.

Momentum ebbed and flowed during a hectic final quarter of the wet-weather contest, which the visitors won 13.8 (86) to 11.12 (78).

Four in a row for Coolamon

CRICKET

THIS week saw Kamarah take on Coolamon Crickets in the grand final at Barellan sportsground.

Kamarah won the toss and elected to field first. Emerson Cody (1/32) got the early break through dismissing Jake Neale for 3, with the score on 13.

Jason Malone (2/13) dismissed both Jeremy Robinson (10) and Sam Neale (2) in quick succession and then Kieran Hume (1/25) dismissed Josh Moncrieff for zero to have the Crickets at 4/52.

Rick Sloan (42no), has had more comebacks than John Farnham, joined his captain Sam Robinson (93no) together combined for 120 run partnership to amass 4/172 from the 45 overs.

In reply Kamarah made a strong start with Malone (26) and Noah Forburt

Flynn said he had waited to run out for the Giants for a long time.

"It would have been good to get the win," he said.

Flynn conceded he rolled his ankle in the soft ground but he had quickly recovered.

"I feel at home out there after such a long apprenticeship – I guess I'm a bit older than most debutantes and it's been a long journey here."

Veteran Shane Mumford presented Flynn with his jumper saying the 1944 days was "one hell of an apprenticeship".

"Your dedication to get yourself right after your knee injury, your drive, the way you have rocked up this pre-season and how you've gone about it has been second to none," Mumford told him.

(15) getting the score to 40 before Forburt was dismissed by Sam Neale (1/37).

Ben Dennis (2/19) picked up two quick wickets dismissing Mitch Hawker (8) and Albert Gorman (8). Kamarah were still in the hunt at 4/72, but when Moncrieff got the key wickets of Malone and Oliver Delves (9), there wasn't much resistance from the Kamarah tail other than Cody scoring 10. Moncrieff finished with figures of 5/14 from 8 overs to bowl Kamarah out for 89 to ensure his side won their fourth consecutive premiership.

Ryan Allen from the Coolamon Rovers was crowned cricketer of the year, with Anthony McDonald from Barellan winning the bowling and Jason Malone the batting averages respectively.



Eagles Lara DeMamiel, Lucy Hickinbotham and Daneka Hatty move to cover as the Lions make a break through the midfield; (inset below) Amber Golsby sends the ball down the ground for the Eagles. Photos: Fran Macdonald.

GGGM Lions on winning streak

SNSW WFL

THE Narrandera Eagles senior women were undone by a slick midfield and strong marking last Friday, going down to Ganmain-Grong Grong-Matong 11.15 (81) to 0.0 (0) at Narrandera Sportsground.

The Lions extended their winning streak to three games, playing a structured, well-drilled game to keep the Eagles winless after six rounds of the 2021 McDonald's Southern NSW Women's Competition.

As has happened in previous weeks, the opposition got away to a flying start, with GGGM kicking five goals in the first quarter.

Narrandera steadied after that to slow the Lions' scoring, as the

visitors added two goals in the second quarter and three in the third, only to be held to just one major in the final term.

Coach Danny Litchfield said the tackling by the Eagles as their defence strengthened, particularly in the second half, was promising.

Marnie Grintell and Lucy Litchfield led the resurgence through the midfield from the second quarter.

Lucy Hickinbotham continues to shine wherever she plays, while Alana Harrison's determination in the tough and often thankless fullback position continues to be an inspiration.

Amber Golsby and Jasmine Morrison rounded out the best six for the Eagles.

Narrandera has one more game of the regular season remaining, travelling to Lockhart to take on

the Brookdale Bluebells on Friday. The game starts at 7.30pm.

Next week is the round of finals, as each of the teams plays one last game – first vs second, third vs fourth, fifth vs sixth and seventh vs eighth.

Narrandera will play either Brookdale or Collingullie, depending on Round 7 results, on Thursday, April 1, at a location to be determined.

GGGM Lions will be at home to CGP Demons this week.

Brookdale Bluebells were defeated by the North Wagga Saints 0.0 (0) to 4.7 (31) while Griffith Swans 0.3 (3) went down to CSU Bushpigs on 9.6 (60).

North Wagga Saints sit on top of the ladder followed by CSU Bushpigs and GGGM Lions in third spot.



Martyn happy with game

RFL & FFL

THE GGGM Lions seniors kicked things off on March 19 in their first practice match of the year against Northern Jets.

The Lions new coach Sam Martyn was happy with what he saw.

"Overall it was a great first hit out," he said

"I thought our hunger at the contest and our ball movement were the highlights of the night.

"It was the first time a lot of guys have played together and we had a substantial amount of rotations, so our improvement

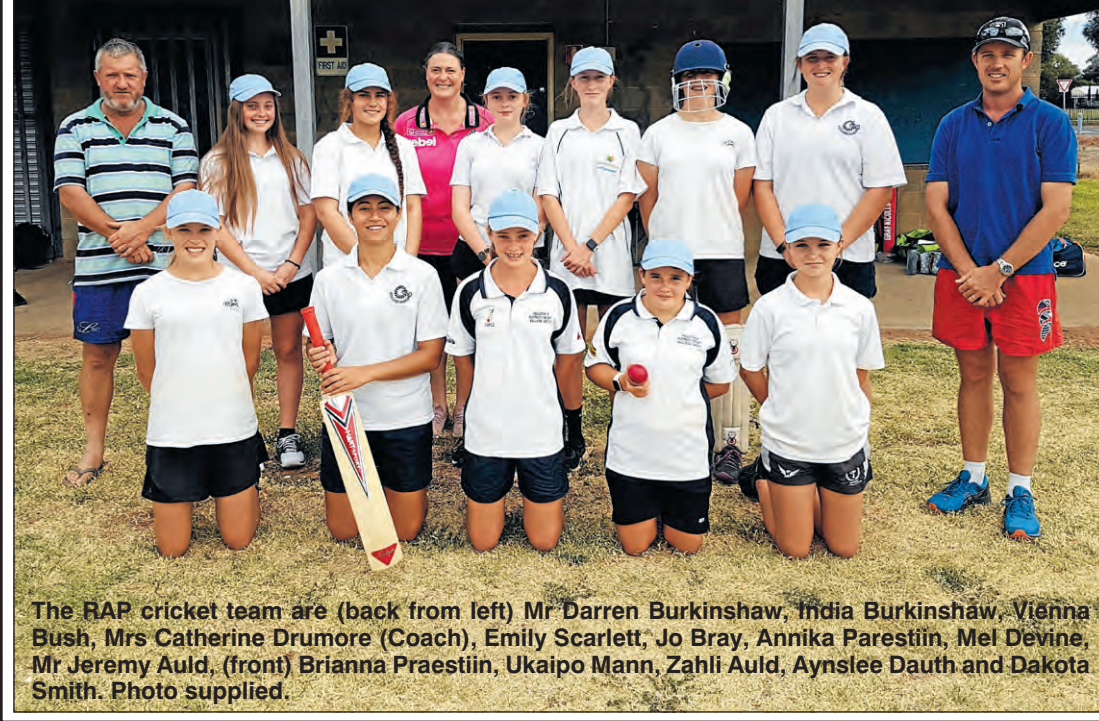
will come with more playing time."

Jack Sase had a great game in the midfield, Cam Linsell made the most of his opportunities in the forward line and Dan Foley led the way with a dominant game all over the ground.

"A big thank you to the Northern Jets for the game and we look forward to seeing them have a successful year in the Farrer competition," Martyn said.

The Lions will meet Osborne in a trial match at home on Saturday in a final hit-out before the season begins.

Lockhart girls score win over Murrumbidgee High team



The RAP cricket team are (back from left) Mr Darren Burkinshaw, India Burkinshaw, Vienna Bush, Mrs Catherine Drumore (Coach), Emily Scarlett, Jo Bray, Annika Praestiin, Mel Devine, Mr Jeremy Auld, (front) Brianna Praestiin, Ukaipo Mann, Zahli Auld, Aynslee Dauth and Dakota Smith. Photo supplied.

CRICKET

LOCKHART Central School students participated in the RAP Girls' Cricket team which played two games in the annual Cricket Gala Day at Leeton recently.

A little unexpectedly, the RAP team won their first match against Murrumbidgee Regional High School.

Thanks in a large part to Mel Devine's (Hillston Central School) stand of 25 runs, supported by a lengthy partnership with Aynslee Dauth (HCS), the team ended up losing only four wickets and setting a total of 78 that their opponents were unable to catch.

Aynslee also contributed two wickets in the second innings and was assisted by wickets from Jo Bray (Ardlethan Central School), Brianna Praestiin (Boree Creek School), Annika Praestiin (BCS), Dakota Smith (BCS) and Zahli Auld (HCS), including good catches by Jo Bray and India Burkinshaw (Lockhart Central School) and a fine run out by Mel Devine to confine

MRHS to 8/64.

In the second innings, India Burkinshaw and Vienna Bush (LCS) opened the batting and the team looked to be on track for another win as although they lost eight wickets and only set a total of 66.

Their opponents Narrandera High School were scoring slowly until the 14th over and the advent of one good batter.

Dakota Smith and Ukaipo Mann (HCS) took wickets in the second innings, with another good catch from Mel Devine, and some fine fielding from both Mel and Aynslee contributed to run-outs.

Emily Scarlett (ACS) shared the wicket-keeping role with Mel and Brianna.

The team extends thanks to Darren Burkinshaw and Jeremy Auld for transporting students and umpiring on what was quite a warm day.

The RAP girls team was coached by Mrs Catherine Drumore of Arian Park Central School.

BOURKE'S PICNIC

Kim Woods

LEETON jockey Breanna Bourke booted home the winner of the Nutrien Ag Solutions Ardlethan Cup, Let's Get Animal, for trainer Maddi Collins on Saturday.

This was her first ride back after 10 months on the sideline after having a fall.

She also steered home one of Riverina's favourite race horses Benno's Boy earlier in the day.

Breanna won the Samara Johnson Memorial Trophy for the winning jockey.

The five-year-old gelding Let's Get Animal carried 66kg and paid \$2.50 for the win.

He covered the 1600m in 1.35.38, with the last 600m in 37.95. It was a back-to-back win after storming home at Wagga over 1400m on March 9.

The Scott Spackman trained Cryfowl was ridden by Belinda Wright to second and three lengths away in third was Rheingau.

The dirt track was rated a firm 2 on the day.

Sun Master won the 1400m Three-Year-Old maiden plate in a time of 1.24.85 for Corowa trainer Rick Freyer and jockey R Blewitt.

Paying \$2.25, the four-year-old gelding scored four lengths from the Neil Osborne trained Gold Gasselle while five lengths away in third was Coyote Ugly.

The 1200m Class B handicap was won by Madison Point ridden by Anaelle Gangotena and trained by Rob Potter.

Paying \$1.40, the six-year-old gelding

covered the distance in 1.11.39 with the Scott Spackman trained Tate was two lengths away in second and Zenyasa in third for trainer Rodger Waters.

Trainer Michelle Borserio took out the 1200m open trophy race with nine-year-old gelding Benno's Boy ridden by Breanna Pitt and carrying 61.5kg.

Paying \$2.70, Benno's Boy covered the distance in 1.10.19 to beat Imitation Game, trained by Doug Gorrel, and five lengths away in third was Waldo Waldorf.

In the final race of the day, it was a tight finish for the Doug Gorrel trained Attuned to win the 1000m open trophy race with Zarsupreme second for trainer Ross Purcell and the John Tyack trained Sam half a length away in third.

Race club spokesperson Polly McDougall said more than 2000 racegoers attended the meeting to enjoy the racing and fashions on the field.

"We were lucky with the weather, just a bit of rain and wind but nothing too drastic," she said.

Larissa Violi won the Belle of the Mirrool Creek category in the fashions on the field while Jack Finch and Chloe Minchin won the best dressed couple.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: Breanna Bourke was awarded the Samara Johnson Memorial Trophy for her win in the Ardlethan Cup; Daisy Armstrong shows off her beautiful outfit before the Fashions on the Field; Larissa Violi winner of the Belle of Mirrool Creek category in Fashions on the Field; Young racegoers at the Ardlethan Picnic Races and Ellen Edis waits her turn in the Fashions on the Field. Photos: Liss Hillam Photography.



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