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# LIZ'S LEGACY

FEW journalists can boast five decades in the industry and even fewer in the same town but Liz Lawrence has been the beating heart of Narrandera's iconic masthead for 55 years.

Liz attributes this longevity in the industry to a love of the written word and a passion for country newspapers and the vital role they play in rural towns.

Born in Narrandera, she is managing editor of *The Narrandera Argus*, which celebrated its 140th birthday in 2020.

Liz started her career working on the social pages – a female cadet journalist who some wrongly believed couldn't be trusted or considered skilled enough to cover the "meaty" issues involving law enforcement, local government and farming issues.

However, she was determined to succeed at a career she pursued since high school years, gaining the trust of local farming identities while reporting on agricultural issues.

Changes beyond their control have had a major impact on Narrandera and its newspaper, including declining rural population, loss of employment opportunities and young people heading to larger centres for lifestyle and careers.

These came with declining advertising and readership for the

**Narrandera Argus  
managing editor  
Liz Lawrence  
reflects on the  
changes in the  
newspaper  
industry across  
55 years.**



*Argus*, like many other rural and regional newspapers. But Liz hopes that the town's newspaper can be part of a revival.

The *Narrandera Argus* is now a weekly newspaper instead of a bi-weekly but has adapted to the modern world including changes in technology such as introducing its website and Facebook page, relevant rural pages and rebranding the masthead. The newspaper is

now a regional masthead covering issues in the neighbouring shires of Coolamon, Lockhart, Murrumbidgee and Leeton.

Liz has seen massive changes in the newspaper over the past half-century, originally bashing out stories on a trusty old Remington typewriter then handing them to the typesetters and compositors to prepare for the old printing press.

While she wasn't there to see the

*Argus* change from a broadsheet to a tabloid in the 1960s, she was there for all the rapid changes in technology which have come since.

As a journalist she was a major contributor to the June 1981 *Narrandera Argus* Centenary publication and the August 11 1985 Centenary of Local Government in Narrandera publication, researching and writing a substantial part of the content.

But the special publications she was most proud of were the ones she initiated as managing editor in 2013 (Narrandera Sesquicentenary) and 'Narrandera Remembers ANZAC 100 Years' in 2015.

"Every journalist has a favourite and I think the ANZAC edition was one of the best tributes to local soldiers that you would ever see – it was a highlight of my career to give recognition to these wonderful men and women," she said.

"This is why I love country journalism – it's the chance to tell the stories past and present of the wonderful people who live in these communities who would otherwise go unrecognised.

"I also love the diversity of country journalism – you can be telling a profound story about people suffering at the hands of higher authorities who would otherwise never get their stories out there

and also becoming a trusted part of the community that people want to share their stories with. Mind you there are some stories that can never be shared or the *Argus* would be out of business and money! But it's not all serious stuff and there's been some funny stories to tell that are unique to country newspapers."

Liz's advice to young people seeking a career in journalism is to begin their careers with a country newspaper.

"They will get a great grounding and can then decide if there's a particular area they are keen to specialise in," she said.

"Working for a rural newspaper can be tough but it can also be very challenging and rewarding as it has been for me.

"I believe country newspapers like the *Argus* play a vital role in rural towns and are the mouthpieces of their communities – they cover topics that are unique to country living and give country people a chance to have a say in their community.

"Don't count us out yet – if we remain relevant and true to our cause of reporting local issues we will survive – we just need the support of our local communities and that includes reading the paper because that makes us attractive to advertisers."

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# Narrandera backs medical training

A UNIQUE national GP training program that enables doctors to gain their specialist qualification in General Practice – while living and working as a doctor in a rural or remote community – will benefit dozens of communities across Australia, including Narrandera.

Other Riverina communities to benefit are Junee, Adelong, Barham, Deniliquin and Tumbarumba.

Dr Shasheeka Rajapaksha Mudiyansele (Narrandera), Dr Amgad Roman (Adelong), Dr Chameera Akurugoda (Barham), Dr Madushani Silva (Deniliquin), Dr Amal Boshra (Junee), and Dr Agga Nabukeera (Tumbarumba) are among 32 doctors who will be training with the Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS) this year.

Funded by the Australian Government, RVTS delivers General Practice and Rural Generalist training for medical practitioners in First Nations, rural and remote communities throughout Australia.

Narrandera Medical Centre executive director Liz Romeo said the practice was happy that this program supported doctors in towns like Narrandera.

“The fact that numbers are very limited is the only downfall,” Mrs Romeo said.

Each of the Riverina doctors will be working at their town’s local medical practice while continuing their training under RVTS’s Remote Stream.

“The beauty of the RVTS model is that our doctors don’t need to leave their communities to undertake their training” RVTS CEO, Dr Pat Giddings, said.

“This means they can continue to provide the essential, quality local medical care that their communities need, while still completing their specialist training and gaining access to the latest advances in rural General Practice. It really is a win-win situation for the doctors and their communities.”

RVTS has been training doctors for over 20 years, and in that time has supported more than 400 doctors who have delivered primary health care in over 300 rural, remote and First Nations communities.



**Dr Shasheeka Rajapaksha Mudiyansele is working in Narrandera. Photo supplied.**

Under the RVTS training model, doctors access the latest evidence-based learning via intensive workshops, online training, webinars, and regular interaction with experts in the field.

The doctors said the benefits of working and training as a doctor under the RVTS training model were significant.

Dr Shasheeka was delighted to be a member of the unique and highly reputed RVTS program.

“It will enable me to reach my career goals while also taking care of my remote Australian community and enjoying the blissful country life with my family,” she said.

Dr Nabukeera said nothing competes with adventure and opportunity in beautiful Tumbarumba.

“The great clinical mix that I have working as a doctor in the local community, and the beautiful outdoors here, makes each day inviting!”

“The support and training I am receiving through the RVTS remote training program – and the multiple professional connections I can access through its supportive medical community – makes the engagement for remote doctors like me very satisfying, and the results transforming. Thank you to RVTS for all that you offer rural and remote doctors.”

## Shopping campaign

NARRANDERA on Sale days and weekends is an idea mooted by Narrandera Business Group to encourage residents to shop local.

Group secretary Josie Marks said a promotion for local schools to encourage our children with the buy local/shop local messaging was also suggested.

“We are looking the creation of video for local businesses to use for social media,” she said.

“At this stage it will be 30 second videos for individual businesses to purchase and

share widely. A membership package will be sent out early in June to allow all businesses to organise payment for membership with two new incentives – a membership sticker and advertising in a new Narrandera (and surrounds) Business listing flyer.

“The flyer will be distributed to the Visitor’s Centre, accommodation providers, shops and other public places to allow visitors to see the wonderful business we have in town.”

Miss Marks said the organisers of the Easter Rod Run thanked the Group’s efforts in communicating messages to businesses and organising the items for the attendee sample bags.

“We co-hosted (with BEC Business Advice Wagga) a successful Business Planning Social Media breakfast workshop with Casey Wilson from BEC as the presenter,” she said. “We have decided to hold social meetings on alternate months to business meetings for our group. We will have a guest speaker each social meeting – April’s guest speaker was Peter Dale, Narrandera Shire Council economic development manager, talking about the vibe survey taken at the end of 2020 to see how businesses were coping with COVID.”

If anyone would like to join the Narrandera Business Group they are welcome to get in touch with John Foster our chairperson (Second Chance), Lynnette Galvin our Treasurer (Galvin’s Discounts) or Josie Marks our Secretary (TAFE NSW Narrandera) to get a membership package sent to them.

Alternatively they can email narranderabusinessgroup@gmail.com

# Help wetlands with plantings

WHILE officially National Tree Day is August 1, Narrandera Landcare Group will be having a community planting morning at the Narrandera Wetlands on Sunday, May 30.

NLG’s activity manager Glenn Currie said members preferred to plant this time of year as it gave time for the seedlings to establish before the brunt of winter hits and achieve a better survival rate.

Narrandera Wetlands was established in 2005/06 to filter the town’s stormwater before it enters the river.

It has since become important habitat for a large range of birds, a popular walk for townspeople and a handy educational resource for the local schools.

“Our Landcare group first planted at these Wetlands around 15 years ago and we’ve been planting here on ad-hoc basis ever since,” Mr Currie said.

“What we are doing this year is adding to the under-storey by filling in a few gaps in the plantings with ground layer plants to add to the biodiversity of the site”.

NLG started planning for this day last September. They were awarded a grant through the Murrumbidgee Field Naturalist’s Environmental Grants Program and with the help of numerous volunteers have propagated over 1500 native seedling at their small nursery situated at the Narrandera Food Garden.

National Tree Day started in 1996 and is Australia’s largest community planting event. It’s a day where the community can get their hands dirty and be pro-active in caring for the environment.

“Three local schools are helping plant in the week leading up to the day, and we hope the community will come down on Sunday and give a hand,” Mr Currie said.

“We’ll be starting at 9am and have trowels and gloves for our volunteers. Leeton Toyota is providing tremendous support for the day, and Narrandera Pizzeria will be opening up specially to make us pizza for lunch as a thank you to all the volunteers.”

# Water quality at top of list

WATER quality and maintaining local streets and roads are at the top of the list of priorities for shire residents according to the 2021 community survey.

A total of 68 per cent of respondents called for more investment from Council in the town’s water supply.

This was closely followed by greater investment in unsealed roads with 63 per cent and youth services at 55 per cent.

A total of 31 per cent of residents rated the small town feel of Narrandera as its most valued aspect, followed by 16 per cent enjoying the natural environment, 14 per cent the lifestyle, and 13 per cent valuing the peaceful atmosphere.

Forty per cent of respondents believed key priorities were attracting business and employment to the area.,

A total of 39 per cent of residents wanted an improved water supply, 27 per cent called for more youth services, and 24 per cent improved road maintenance.

Just 17 per cent wanted the crime rate addressed.

Councillors heard five areas where Council is encouraged to consider more investment include the Narrandera town water supply, local unsealed roads and services, and activities for older residents and those with a disability.

Five areas where Council could improve levels of satisfaction include transparency, support and promotion of business establishment and growth, water supply, provision of information to the community, and ease of engaging with councillors and staff. Overall, 77 per cent of residents are at least somewhat satisfied with the performance of Council over the last 12 months.

General manager George Cowan said residents could analyse the survey outcomes on the Council website.

“Without surprise, the important issues to the community have been those important to the Council for a long time – the number one priority is to continue to improve the water supply and we have programs in place to achieve that,” Mr Cowan said.

“We also take on board the improvement and further work on business support and attraction, and communication and engagement with the community.”

The top high satisfaction areas were swimming pools, library services, and the Narrandera sports stadium.

The low importance areas were supporting cultural opportunities, bike paths and community buildings.

Cr Barbara Bryon said the survey was a huge ask of the respondents.

“I did find it interesting community events received a low satisfaction result yet these depend on the community helping to organise, supporting and participating in them,” Cr Bryon said.

“We do have to take some responsibility and not leave it all up to Council.”





The Narrandera Volunteer Rescue Squad members and Steph Cooke MP with their new light rigid rescue truck. Photo: Kim Woods

# Squad's joy at new VRA truck

Kim Woods

NARRANDERA'S Volunteer Rescue Association squad was handed the keys to their new \$380,000 rescue truck on Thursday by NSW Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott.

Attending the event were VRA representatives from Leeton, Coleambally, Corowa, Taree and Albury, along with Narrandera Shire Council staff and councillors.

Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke joined the Minister for the vehicle handover.

Ms Cooke said the new Isuzu light rigid rescue vehicle was an investment in the community's safety.

"The VRA do an amazing job servicing our community in times of crisis and it's vital they have the tools they need," Ms Cooke said. "While emergencies are unfortunately always going to occur, we can invest in the rapid response and the equipment groups like the VRA deserve. I know this vehicle will be well-used and well-loved by the Narrandera VRA Unit."

"I also want to celebrate Wal Lingen who marks 50 years of



Receiving their citations from the Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott were volunteers Tammy Riddell and Wayne Heidtmann, Narrandera, Tarryn and Robert Slot, Corowa, and Jim Wallace (standing in for Craig Munro). Photo: Kim Woods

service with the VRA. This is a remarkable achievement and is an incredible milestone, Mr Lingen has given so much time and energy to the community over the past five decades with the VRA."

Minister Elliott also undertook an official handover of a new Light Rigid Rescue Vehicle to the Wagga Wagga VRA Squad.

"These vehicles are part of the NSW Government's \$18.3 million investment into the VRA over four years," Mr Elliott said.

"The purpose-built rescue

vehicles will be an asset to their communities and the volunteers that use them."

VRA Commissioner Mark Gibson welcomed the NSW Government's investment.

"The Narrandera and Wagga Wagga squads will use these vehicles to respond to road incidents, rescues and assist other agencies during times of disaster," Mr Gibson said.

The new vehicle was blessed by VRA state chaplain Ray Lott, of Thornton followed by the presentation of citations to Tammy Riddell, Wayne Heidtmann, Narrandera, Tarryn

and Robert Slot, Corowa, and Craig Munro, Corowa.

Narrandera VRA training officer Alastair Macdonald said the new truck replaced a 1975 Acco rescue truck.

"Eventually we will retire the old truck but at the moment we are still running both trucks," Mr Macdonald said.

"It is worth \$380,000 fully equipped and is set up for motor vehicle accidents and general land rescue. This vehicle can carry three operators – each side of the vehicle is set up for ease of access.

"We have hydraulics on the rear and Holmatro battery operated rescue equipment on the side – each new squad vehicle has an identical layout so members can find equipment if working with another squad.

"This light rigid vehicle is an auto and was fully equipped, registered, presented to us, and has been a long time coming.

"It will definitely improve our response times and our capability."

Mr Macdonald said the squad now had 15 active members and three trainees working through their accreditation program.



Bryan "Wal" Lingen is congratulated on his award for 50 years of service by Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke. Photo: Kim Woods

## Lingen honoured for tireless work

Kim Woods

NARRANDERA'S Bryan "Wal" Lingen was awarded for five decades of devotion to the Volunteer Rescue Association last week.

Wal joined the Narrandera squad in April 1970 when the building simply consisted of today's meeting room, with no roof or floor. He went on to help form and support squads at Leeton, Binalong, Corowa, Coleambally and Balranald.

Wal recalled one of his first call-outs was to recover the body of an Ardlethan doctor when his car was swept away by flash flooding.

Another incident involved recovering the body of a bank manager from the flooded Edward River at Deniliquin with the help of the army and rescue squads from Narrandera, Balranald and Deniliquin.

Wal said the 1974 flood reached a record height in Narrandera.

"It was a big learning curve – I learnt a hell of a lot very quickly and it proved very useful in years later," he said.

Wal was promoted to regional coordinator and also elected state secretary in 1995, serving until 2018, and is the VRA Patron.

VRA life member and past president Ray Gill said under Wal's leadership and

guidance, the Narrandera squad developed into one of the best equipped and trained rescue units in the state.

"Your untiring fund raising, coupled with your ability to not only stretch every dollar but also make it multiply, made it all possible," Mr Gill said.

"I recall the efforts you put into building the shed, fitting out the training room and acquisition of equipment.

"Your service to the VRA in various roles, including regional coordinator and secretary, exhibited the same dedication, commitment and loyalty.

"I greatly appreciated your commitment to the welfare of all the volunteers, and participation in major emergency operations such as the 1997 Thredbo landslip, 1999 Newcastle disease virus outbreak and the 1999 Sydney hail storms."

Deputy regional coordinator Glen Hehir, of Leeton, paid tribute to Wal for the knowledge he had passed on to the region's squads.

"It doesn't matter if you have been there for 15 years or are fresh and new, there is always something to learn from listening to him talk about jobs, tools and equipment," he said.

"He leaves a long-lasting legacy."



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# Rail line to heaven

## Tim's train passion celebrated

FROM humble beginnings, to greatness was the way Boree Creek's favourite son, Tim Fischer, AC was remembered by the hundreds at the unveiling of his memorial sculpture on Sunday.

The sculpture of Tim, sporting his Akubra, sits astride an engine and its tender on a length of track, and takes pride of place in the Tim Fischer Community Park at Boree Creek.

Urana artist Andrew Whitehead used scrap metal to create the likeness of Mr Fischer, titled 'The Last Train from Boree', and it was completed in June 2020 to much online acclaim.

However, the planned installation and unveiling of the sculpture – scheduled to coincide with the first anniversary of Mr Fischer's death in August 2020 – was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Several notable Australian leaders joined Federation Council, Judy Brewer and the Fischer family at the event, including the NSW Governor Margaret Beazley, former Ambassador to the Holy See Melissa Hitchman, Member for Albury Justin Clancy, Member for Farrer Susan Ley, Major Sarah Winter and Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack.

Federation Council mayor Patrick Bourke said it was a great honour to host the memorial event and unveil the Tim Fischer Memorial Sculpture.

Cr Bourke said it was an amazing piece of artwork that will forever honour Mr Fischer's passion for both trains and that of Boree Creek.

"Tim is affectionately referred to as Boree Creek's favourite son," he said.

"This is where life started for Tim, and throughout his life, and his many achievements, somehow and some way he always found his way back here.

"That is why it brings me great pleasure, as the Mayor of Federation Council to have commissioned this statue to ensure that Tim's unwavering commitment and dedication to this community will forever stand the sands of time and be a constant reminder of his passion to our people, whether they had been the people of Boree Creek or that of our entire country."

NSW Governor Margaret Beazley spoke to the crowd about the sense of



Above, Urana sculptor Andrew Whitehead with his creation called "The Last Train from Boree": right, Tim Fischer's siblings Dr Tony Fischer, Vicki Baudry and Carol Coghill at the sculpture with his great nephew Finn Baudry. Photos: Simon Dallinger

belonging and pride that Tim had for the Boree Creek area, and the honour it was to be involved in the unveiling.

Political figures in the Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack, Member for Farrer Susan Ley and Member for Albury Justin Clancy all spoke to the impact Tim's life had on the democratic achievements of this country, and also the way in which he mentored political leaders – resulting in a highly respected and honourable legacy.

Cr Bourke said he knew Tim would be humbled by everyone's efforts to come together the way everyone had to honour his life.

"Tim is certainly missed beyond measure, and I hope this sculpture acts as a magnificent reminder of the great man that the honourable Tim Fischer was," he said.



## COVID-19



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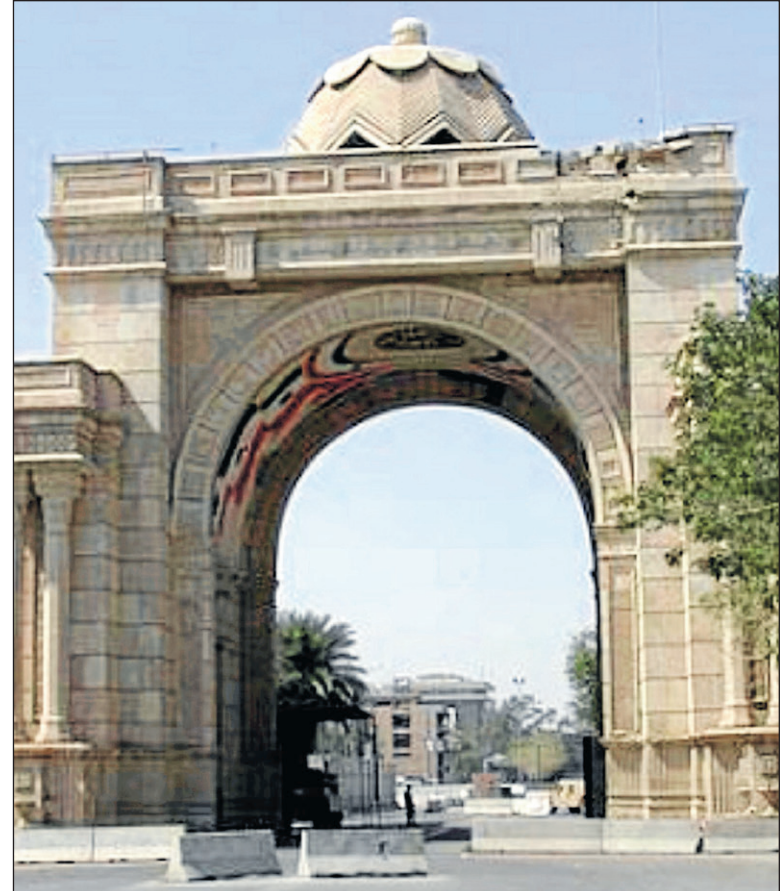
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Being lucky rather than good at Assassin's Gate in Baghdad proved vital for survival. Photos supplied.



# Under Assassin's Gate

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

AT the end of the US-led invasion in mid-2003, the US government classified Iraq as a 'permissive' environment.

This is corporate jargon and doublespeak for, 'Iraq is safe to work in but we're not going to use the word 'safe' unless something goes wrong'.

The 'permissive' classification had one main purpose, to reduce the bill from the US construction companies for their private security contractors in Iraq.

Hence, the reason we initially began ferrying US engineers around

Baghdad, and beyond, in non-armoured vehicles. At the same time, the US government was impatient to commence the reconstruction of Iraq and immediately began shovelling billions of dollars to these same construction contractors. On the ground the sudden ramp up in activity still caused serious manpower shortages for all the private security companies despite the 'permissive' classification.

Ex-military personnel on the close protection teams were calling old colleagues out of civilian life to come and join the financial bonanza at the time. And inter-company poaching of personnel was rife.

In the midst of the commercial difficulties of supplying manpower, the Iraqi insurgency, and the targeting of Iraqi civilians working

for CF (Coalition Forces), was rapidly moving to another level. January 18, 2004, marked the beginning of mass casualty attacks against civilians by the terror element of the Iraqi insurgency. That day our team proved the maxim, 'In this job, I'd rather be lucky than good.'

Two close protection teams were required for the reconstruction of a water treatment plant in Northern Baghdad. The plan was very simple. The first team would depart with the engineers.

The second team was to wait four minutes then leave and join us at the site. Two teams travelling together would have only doubled our value as a target. We were the first team. We left our fortified compound and drove through Assassin's Gate where hundreds of Iraqi workers were lined

up to enter the secured Green Zone. Outside the main checkpoint, facing the city, one US soldier stood guard over the whole entry process behind a pile of sandbags with a machine gun. I will never forget thinking, I wouldn't want his job, he was static, totally exposed, on the external side of the Green Zone and facing the public.

Back at base, the second team was preparing to leave. Greg was an ex-Brit Army grunt and the Team Leader for the second crew. He was walking toward his client and vehicles when he crossed an old Army mate he hadn't seen for years. Handshakes, 'How are you mate?', a brief chat, with a promise to catch up once the tasking to the treatment plant was finished.

'Have to go mate, got a job on, we're due to leave.' By this stage, our team was clear of Assassin's Gate and out

into Baghdad. Greg's team departed and drove toward the exit at Assassin's Gate. As they approached the massive gates 500kg of low velocity explosives ignited right in the middle of the Iraqi civilians lining up for that day's work.

Greg's team had just enough standoff to survive the blast. As he told us later that day, they were physically pushed back into their seats from the force of the blast. More importantly, if he hadn't stopped to briefly chat to his mate, the whole team, including the engineers, would have been evaporated in the middle of the blast.

Despite most media reporting an immediate death toll of 24, at least 80 Iraqis were killed by the explosion. Many died from their horrific wounds over the following days and weeks.

Lucky rather than good. That was us.

## Science ambassador role

A CHARLES Sturt University academic from Albury-Wodonga and former Narrandera Fisheries scientist has been selected for a prestigious program that aims to strengthen connections between policymakers and the science, technology, engineering and mathematics sector.

Fish and river management ecologist in the Institute for Land, Water and Society Professor Lee Baumgartner, a former scientist at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre, is one of 17 STEM Ambassadors for Science and Technology Australia (STA)'s 'STEM Ambassadors Program'.

Approximately 100 science and technology professionals applied for the program, which pairs the selected STEM Ambassadors with their local federal MPs and Senators.

The STEM Ambassadors will meet with their assigned Parliamentarian throughout the year to bring their scientific expertise and networks to assist evidence-based policymaking.

Professor Baumgartner has been paired with NSW Senator Perin Davey and plans to use his place in the program to address NSW's water issues and add his scientific expertise to the water debate.

"NSW is dealing with some significant water security challenges and is implementing a significant infrastructure program," Professor



Professor Lee Baumgartner

Baumgartner said. "It is important that the program and associated policy decisions are informed by best-available science – this is the main reason I decided to apply for the program. Scientists often get too caught up in reporting their results in a technical sense and don't take the time to discuss this with decision makers to ensure the results find their way into decision making."

Senator Davey said she was excited to have been connected with Professor Baumgartner and believes their interests are closely aligned.

"I am pleased to have been selected to participate in the STEM Ambassador Program as we know how important it is for science to inform policy in so many critical areas," Senator Davey said.

"Lee is based at a regional university and his expertise in fish ecology and natural resource

management is very much aligned with my background in water policy and my passion for regional education.

"I congratulate Science Technology Australia on developing a program that will improve the links between policy and STEM across a wide range of policy areas and across all parties."

Science and Technology Australia Chief Executive Officer Misha Schubert welcomed the new STEM Ambassadors and congratulated them on their selection from a highly-competitive field.

"Science has been Australia's salvation in tackling COVID-19. Australia needs to continue to build on that strong relationship between the STEM sector and Parliamentarians to prepare Australia to meet future challenges," she said.

"The STEM Ambassador program empowers experts to become effective advocates for science and the sector, and to use their expertise to inform policy to shape Australia's future."

The STEM Ambassadors selected for STA's 'STEM Ambassador program' are drawn from STA's member organisations and come from a diverse range of academic backgrounds and interests.

The STEM Ambassadors program has been running since 2019.

## Get your hands dirty for National Tree Day



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A 100-MEGAWATT battery to be built at Darlington Point will help to power schools, hospitals and Government buildings across NSW under the state's new electricity supply contract.

As part of the \$3.2 billion 10-year contract, awarded to Shell Energy and Edify, a 100-megawatt battery will be built alongside the Darlington Point Solar Farm, providing critical dispatchable electricity prior to the closure of the Liddell Power Station.

The battery, to be built by early 2023 and operated by Edify, will support up to 35 local jobs during the construction phase and will mitigate concerns around supply shortages related to the closure of the Liddell Power Station.

Energy Minister Matt Kean said the deal delivers great value for money and electricity security for the people of NSW.

"The NSW Government is the second biggest energy customer in the state and we are using our purchasing power to leverage new dispatchable capacity to help power our schools, hospitals, traffic lights and tunnels," Mr Kean said. "This battery will help to keep the lights on and keep costs down during peak energy periods, and support more renewable energy to come online."

Shell Energy CEO Greg Joiner



**Located in the Murrumbidgee Shire, the Riverina Energy Storage System is to be a 100MW / 200MWh lithium-ion battery that will connect into TransGrid's network at the Darlington Point Substation. (An artist's impression)**

said the NSW Government has been a longstanding and valued customer and is proud to be partnering with them and Edify to bring this energy solution to the market.

"Partnerships are key to delivering solutions in a complex energy transition and we're pleased to be delivering innovative power solutions that bring investment and contribute to a cleaner and more resilient power system in NSW," Mr Joiner said.

"Providing products and services that help large energy users decarbonise and meet their emissions goals is a key focus for us in assembling the building blocks of

a cleaner energy system in Australia."

Edify CEO John Cole said batteries were earning their place as a valued capacity solution to secure dispatchable renewable energy for consumers, businesses and Government. "With our successful track record in forming partnerships to deliver storage projects, we are excited to head back into the Riverina community and continue our work with Shell Energy and the NSW Government to make this innovative project a reality," Mr Cole said.

The new contract will start from July 2022, when existing contracts expire.

# Musician in Paradise

## Ivy Longmire

MOOMBOOLDPOOL musician Jazlyn Barnes is offering beginner guitar lessons for students, ages six to 14-years-old.

Ms Barnes has learnt and been playing the guitar from ages six to 23, from her past teachers, who have all contributed to her learning and love for music.

She is also a part of an all-girls band, "Living in Paradise", since she was 17, with an EP available called, "The Girl Painted Blue."

Ms Barnes has worked in schools in the local area and has supported students of all ages and abilities.

"I believe music is an important aspect to our culture," she said.

"It helps children build their confidence and inspires creativity, throughout their growth."

Ms Barnes is available weekdays, 3.30pm to 7.30pm, and all lessons will be 30 minutes.

The costs are \$25 per student session, or \$20 each for a group session of up to three students. Students must have their own guitar, and no previous experience is required.

They will learn music knowledge, chords, positioning, songs in different genres, and pick work.

The lessons will occur at her home



**Jazlyn Barnes is part of an all-girls band, "Living in Paradise", since she was 17, with an EP available called, "The Girl Painted Blue". Photo supplied.**

in Moombooldpool. Yet if interest occurs in surrounding areas, Ms Barnes is more than happy to consider expanding her reach to be more accessible to those students.

"Music has always been a passion of mine, and I can't wait to share this experience with the next generation," Ms Barnes said.

For more information, contact Jazlyn Barnes on 0436 460 073.

# Step up in emergency response with truck

## GRIFFITH

FIRE protection and emergency response in the Griffith community will be enhanced with the handover of a new \$530,000 pumper to Griffith Fire Station.

The new appliance has a pump that supplies up to 3000 litres of water a minute for firefighting operations and a Compressed Air Foam (CAFs) system to fight chemical, petrol and bush fires. It is fitted with a GPS navigation unit and an electronic message board on the back to warn motorists of emergency operations. The engine meets stringent emission standards.

Minister for Emergency Services David Elliott said this new vehicle would serve to improve emergency response

in the Griffith area, providing even greater protection for local residents.

"FRNSW do a great job in responding to a variety of emergencies across NSW so it is pleasing that the NSW Government has recognised the wonderful work they do by providing new vehicles to improve emergency response," Mr Elliott said.

"Griffith firefighters responded to 451 fire and emergency calls in 2019/20 so this new pumper will be well utilised for the protection of the Griffith community."

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) Deputy Commissioner Field Operations Jeremy Fewtrell said FRNSW continued to provide its firefighters with

modern vehicles with top-of-the-line capabilities to protect NSW families. "This new pumper will give our firefighters the edge when responding to various emergencies," Deputy Commissioner Fewtrell said.

"An upgrade such as this ensures that our firefighters have the best equipment and the latest technology to ensure the safety and protection of themselves and the people they protect. Now we have these vehicles in our fleet, we are even better prepared to protect the irreplaceable, which is our loved ones and community assets."

FRNSW replaces on average up to 40 vehicles each year with brand new and modern vehicles as part of a \$17 million annual program.



**Minister for Police and Community Services David Elliott hands over the keys to the new pumper at the Griffith station. Photo supplied.**

# NARRANDERA VIADUCT COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

The Narrandera Viaduct forms part of the Country Regional Network (CRN) non-operational lines. This bridge is heritage listed and in poor condition, causing clearance issues, and risks to public safety and the environment. John Holland and Transport for NSW are considering options to repair the bridge in future, and are seeking community feedback about the possibilities. John Holland on behalf of Transport for NSW intends to engage the public to determine community sentiment about the bridge, potential repair options, and heritage management requirements. For this purpose, the local community and project stakeholders are invited to a community information session.



**When:** Wednesday, 16 June, 2021  
**Venue:** Narrandera Ex-Servicemen's Cub  
**Time:** 5pm - 6.30pm

Registrations for the session are essential. To register or for more information please contact **Jamie Seaton** of Element Environment on **jamie@elementenvironment.com.au** or **0466 413 645**. Contact our Community Relations team on **1300 661 390** or email **crn.enquiry@jhg.com.au** for any enquiries. Further information about the CRN is available on our website at **www.jhrcrn.com.au**





Ariaiah 62 will host a monthly open mic session organised by the Ardlethan Country Music Club. Photo supplied.

## Step up to the mic

### ARDLETHAN

Ivy Longmire

THE Ardlethan Country Music Club will be hosting an Open Mic Music Muster on June 20 at the Ariaiah 62 Coffee Shop.

"It will be a great afternoon of live music for talented local musicians," Ardlethan Country Music Club treasurer Renee Osborne said.

The club supports amateur artists of all ages by providing opportunities to perform in front of an encouraging crowd.

"Most Open Mic nights are generally held in pubs,

and this limits younger musicians from having access to a live performance space," Mrs Osborne said.

"By taking our monthly Open Mic Music Muster to Ariaiah 62 Coffee Shop, we can now offer this opportunity to all musicians from six to 86-years-old."

Ariaiah 62 coffee shop business owners, Kerri Neyenhuis and Michelle Seymour, purchased the café in May, creating an eclectic homely atmosphere that lends itself perfectly to live music.

A roast lunch will be available from noon, followed by the ACMC AGM meeting at 2pm.

"New members are always welcome to come along," Mrs Osborne said.

The afternoon will have local artists performing at the front of the shop, where cake and coffee will be served.

If anyone is interested in an open mic spot, attend the show, and add your name to the list.

"Artists of all music styles and ability are welcome," Mrs Osborne said. "So come out to Ardlethan, and join us for a great meal, delicious cake and coffee, and have a relaxing afternoon of live music."

## Sealing our local roads

### LOCKHART

LOCKHART Shire Council has won grant funding under the Fixing Local Roads Program to seal a 400m section of Prichard Place, Lockhart.

Sealing of an additional 230m to Green Street West is estimated to cost \$142,520.

Lockhart Council won funding under the Fixing Local Roads Program to seal Prichard Place, Lockhart. The project includes sealing 400m of the current gravel section of Prichard Place at a cost of \$206,550 comprising a grant of \$103,275 from the Fixing Local Roads Program and \$103,275 from Council. The road reserve between Prichard Place and Green Street is currently unconstructed. No funding was allocated in the 2020-21 draft budget to seal the additional section from Prichard Place to Green Street West.

## Council pushes heavy rail

### LOCKHART

LOCKHART Shire Council is still working on a proposal to upgrade The Rock to Boree Creek rail line under the Inland Rail Interface Improvement Program.

For years the Council has advocated for the upgrade of The Rock to Boree Creek rail line to the same standard (axle loading) as the main Sydney to Melbourne rail line.

The branch line is described as "light rail" meaning that wagons cannot be loaded to their maximum axle weight.

Lockhart Council fully supports the upgrading of line to heavy rail to enable the more efficient and cost effective use of rail infrastructure. An application for funding under the Fixing Country Rail Program was submitted by Council but was unsuccessful. With the advent of the Inland Rail project the opportunity was taken to once again make representations regarding

this project through the Inland Rail Interface Improvement Program (II Program), which aims to assist in the development of project ideas that have the potential to boost the benefits that flow from the Inland Rail project.

The Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications advised council the Department and its Independent Assurance and Technical Adviser had assessed the proposal to determine whether it met the requirements for eligibility for the II Program, including alignment with the Country Lines Improvement Program (CLIP) principles and confirmed the proposal had been assessed as eligible for the II Program. The proposal was included in a list of 15 project proposals announced by the Australian Government to receive support under the II Program.

The Department allocated Council's

proposal to its specialist business case adviser, Ernst and Young, who will work with Council to develop the proposal.

The first step will be to arrange an inception meeting with the Department and Ernst and Young to discuss the working arrangements under the program and enable work to begin on the development of a project plan.

The Australian Government has committed \$44 million to the II Program to assist in the development of project ideas. The II Program supports the development of ideas for more productive rail-based supply chains and improvements to capacity on key country rail lines that intersect with Inland Rail. These ideas can come from industry, local operators, governments and the community, or others that are interested in taking advantage of the long-term benefits of Inland Rail.

The business case adviser is provided at no cost to Council.

## Museum footpath upgrade

### LOCKHART

PAVING works in front of the Green Gunyah museum on the corner of Green and Urana Streets Lockhart and The Rock Avenue of Honour have been allocated a further \$61,732 under the Drought Communities Your High Street program.

Funding under the Unspent Drought Communities Program Extension program was made available to undertake these footpath improvement works on the corner of Green and Urana Streets, Lockhart and The Rock. An amount of \$200,000 was allocated to projects to improve footpaths and disability access.

A report presented to the Council meeting in February 2020 included a range of sub-projects to improve footpaths and disability access.

Lockhart Council resolved late last year to submit applications under the "Your High Street" grant program for The Rock Avenue of Honour Masterplan and a component of the Lockhart Central Business Area Masterplan, involving the improvements on the north west corner of Green and Urana Streets including the extension of the heritage pavers in front of the Greens Gunyah Museum.

The application extended the paving and kerb works to include the section from the old Gunyah Hotel to past the museum and linking with the existing footpath along Green Street West. The total estimated cost of the works was \$111,320. This submission was not successful as according to DPIE the \$15 million grant program was significantly over-subscribed and the quality of proposals was high, with many worthy projects not receiving funding as a result. All footpath projects in Lockhart Shire under the Drought Communities Program Extension were completed except for the section in front of the museum in Lockhart. The Drought Communities Program Extension funding spent on footpaths in The Rock was \$105,980 and \$122,288 was spent on footpaths in Lockhart.

Of this program funding allocated to footpaths, \$61,732 remained unspent and Council has now resolved to spend it on the museum footpath.

## Burning Seed Festival snuffed out for 2021

### MATONG

THE Burning Seed Festival 2021 normally held at Matong State Forest will not be going ahead this year.

After many meetings and discussions, the decision was made by the event's Town Council.

Reasons given for the cancellation included the ongoing uncertainty around COVID-19 and the desire to protect the local communities

around Matong from a large number of people, as well as the inability to obtain cancellation insurance.

A spokesperson for the organising committee said they were aware that many other events and festivals were being planned in 2021, but an event of the Burning Seed size was just too risky.

"Unfortunately, it's not as simple as reducing the participant numbers

because a large amount of money is spent on infrastructure and services prior to the event - the majority of which would be non-refundable," a spokesperson said.

"On top of this, we also have a lack of volunteers in the organisation. We had many people step away for personal reasons during 2020 (it was a tough year for us all) and we also had a large number of key people

resign from key positions within Seed, as well as from groups such as the restructure committee.

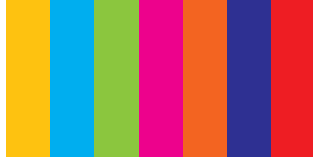
"These people took a wealth of knowledge with them. We will be addressing this and answering questions around the future of Burning Seed over the coming weeks."

Options being considered for this year include a digital burn as done in 2020 and it is likely that micro burns

will be organised by various local burner groups. The Town Council will be discussing these options with theme camp leads, entities and other members of the community.

"The one thing everyone agrees upon is when the Burning Seed gathering happens again, the community will be there - stronger and more determined than ever before," the spokesperson said.





THURSDAY, MAY 27

**ABC TV**

**6.00** News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Australian Story. **10.30** Anh's Brush With Fame. **11.00** The Pool. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Hard Quiz. **1.30** Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **3.15** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** Think Tank. **4.55** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **5.25** Hard Quiz. **6.00** The Drum. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** 7.30. **8.00** Back Roads. Final. **8.30** Q+A. **9.35** A Life In Ten Pictures. **10.30** ABC Late News. **11.00** Employable Me Australia. **12.05** Louis Theroux: Shooting Joe Exotic. **1.55** Rage. **4.25** The Drum. **5.25** 7.30.

**two** **6.00** Home Shopping. **6.30** All The Things. **7.00** Property Ladder UK. **9.30** NBC Today. **12.00** House Of Wellness. **1.00** Robbie Coltrane's Critical Evidence. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** Creek To Coast. **3.00** Mighty Rivers. **4.00** M\*A\*S\*H. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Father Brown. **8.30** Inspector Morse. **10.50** Murdoch Mysteries. **11.50** Late Programs.

**ME** **6.00** Kids' Programs. **3.35** Junior Vets. **4.00** The Dengineers. **4.35** 100 Things To Do Before High School. **5.00** So Awkward. **5.25** Miraculous. Final. **6.00** The Deep. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Deadly Pole To Pole. **7.35** Adv Of Puss In Boots. **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.20** Sadie Sparks. **9.05** Dragons: Defenders Of Berk. **9.25** Cleopatra In Space. **9.50** Rage. **10.50** Close. **5.30** Dragons: Race To The Edge.

**PRIME 7**

**6.00** Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00** **MOVIE:** With This Ring. (2015) Regina Hall, Jill Scott. **2.00** Autopsy USA. **3.00** The Chase. **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia. **6.00** **PRIME7 News**. **6.30** **PRIME7 News @ 6:30**. **7.00** Home And Away. **8.30** 10 Years Younger In 10 Days. **9.30** How To Look Good Naked. **10.30** The Latest: Seven News. **11.00** The Front Bar. **12.00** Zumbo's Just Desserts. **1.30** Home Shopping. **5.00** Seven Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

**mate** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Carter's W.A.R. **2.00** Storage Wars Canada. **3.00** Mark Berg's Fishing Addiction. **4.00** Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. **4.30** Canadian Pickers. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers: Best Of. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Towies. **8.30** **MOVIE:** Dawn Of The Planet Of The Apes. (2014) **11.05** **MOVIE:** Mortal Kombat: Annihilation. (1997) **12.50** Late Programs.

**ABC TV Plus** **6.00** Kids' Programs. **5.55** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.25** Peter Rabbit. **6.45** Andy's Wild Adventures. **7.00** Grace's Amazing Machines. **7.15** Odd Squad. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.30** Would I Lie To You? **9.00** Mock The Week. **9.30** Hard Quiz. **10.00** Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. **10.30** Doctor Who. **11.50** That Pacific Sports Show. **12.20** You Can't Ask That. **12.50** Late Programs.

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**6.00** Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** Morning News. **12.00** The Ellen DeGeneres Show. **1.00** Doctor Doctor. **2.00** Desperate Housewives. **3.00** Tipping Point. **4.00** Afternoon News. **4.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. **5.30** Nine News Local. **6.00** Nine News. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** Rugby League. NRL. Round 12. Brisbane Broncos v Melbourne Storm. **9.45** Thursday Night Knock Off. **10.30** Nine News Late. **11.00** Manifest. **11.50** The First 48. **12.40** Tipping Point. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **2.30** Global Shop. **3.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **5.00** News Early Edition. **5.30** Today.

**fliX** **6.00** It's Academic. **7.00** Match It. **8.00** Flushed. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.30** Bride And Prejudice: The Forbidden Weddings. **12.00** How To Get Away With Murder. **1.00** Blindspot. **2.30** How I Met Your Mother. **4.30** Futurama. **5.00** The Simpsons. **6.00** Futurama. **6.30** The Simpsons. **7.30** Cold Case. **9.30** Without A Trace. **10.30** Numb3rs. **3.30** Bones. **5.30** Black-ish.

**ABC NEWS** **6.00** Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.40** Capital Hill. **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **3.15** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** Afternoon Briefing. **5.00** ABC News Hour. **6.00** ABC Evening News. **7.00** ABC National News. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.45** The Business. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.30** 7.30. **10.00** The World. **11.00** The Drum. **12.00** Late Programs.

**WIN**

**6.00** Headline News. **8.30** Studio 10. **12.00** Dr Phil. **1.00** MasterChef Australia. **2.10** Entertainment Tonight. **2.30** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **3.00** Judge Judy. **3.30** My Market Kitchen. **4.00** Good Chef Bad Chef. **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **5.00** 10 News First. **6.30** The Project. **7.30** MasterChef Australia. **8.40** Law & Order: SVU. **10.30** This Is Us. Final. **11.30** WIN's All Australian News. **12.30** The Project. **1.30** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.30** Home Shopping. **4.30** CBS This Morning.

**WIN BOLD** **6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** JAG. **9.00** Diagnosis Murder. **10.00** Star Trek: Voyager. **11.00** Star Trek: Enterprise. **12.00** Walker, Texas Ranger. **1.00** WIN's All Australian News. **2.00** NCIS: Los Angeles. **3.00** Diagnosis Murder. **5.00** JAG. **7.00** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. **8.30** Hawaii Five-0. **10.30** SEAL Team. **11.30** Late Programs.

**Gem** **6.00** Morning Programs. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **12.00** The Gulf. **1.00** Days Of Our Lives. **1.55** The Young And The Restless. **2.50** Antiques Roadshow. **3.20** **MOVIE:** The Small Back Room. (1949) **5.30** The Secret Life Of The Zoo. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Kings Cross ER. **8.30** Paramedics. **9.30** The Equalizer. **10.30** Law & Order. **11.30** Late Programs.

**SBS**

**6.00** WorldWatch. **7.00** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Canazei to Sega di Ala. H'lights. **8.00** WorldWatch. **2.05** Michael Portillo's Abandoned Britain. **3.00** The Perfect Serve. **3.30** The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. **4.05** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Canazei to Sega di Ala. H'lights. **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. **6.00** Mastermind Aust. **6.30** News. **7.35** Secrets Of The Tower Of London. **8.30** Michael Mosley: Trust Me, I'm A Doctor. **9.30** The Handmaid's Tale. **10.25** SBS News. **10.55** The Sleepers. **12.05** Dublin Murders. **2.15** Cruising With Jane McDonald. **3.05** Late Programs.

**WIN Peach** **6.00** Morning Programs. **9.00** Becker. **10.00** Frasier. **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. **12.00** WIN's All Australian News. **1.00** 2 Broke Girls. **3.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **4.00** Becker. **5.00** Frasier. **6.00** Friends. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **9.30** Seinfeld. **11.00** The Unicorn. **11.30** Late Programs.

**VICELAND** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.40** The Last Man On Earth. **3.00** Huang's World. **3.50** America: News. **4.15** PBS News. **5.15** NBL: Overtime. **5.45** Shortland Street. **6.15** Forged In Fire. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** The Curse Of Oak Island. **9.20** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 18. Rovereto to Stradella. **1.35** Late Programs.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

**ABC TV**

**6.00** News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Q+A. **11.05** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Back Roads. Final. **1.30** That Pacific Sports Show. **2.00** Smother. **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** Think Tank. **4.55** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **5.25** Hard Quiz. **6.00** The Drum. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** Gardening Australia. **8.30** Vera. **10.00** Doc Martin. **10.50** ABC Late News. **11.05** The Vaccine. **11.20** Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL. **11.50** You Can't Ask That. **12.25** Rage.

**two** **6.00** Morning Programs. **9.30** NBC Today. **12.00** House Of Wellness. **1.00** Bright Futures. **2.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **3.30** Crash Investigation Unit. **4.00** **MOVIE:** M\*A\*S\*H: Goodbye, Farewell And Amen. (1983) **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Mysteries Of The Abandoned. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **9.30** Selling Houses Australia. **10.30** Property Ladder. **11.45** Late Programs.

**ME** **6.00** Kids' Programs. **3.15** Matilda And The Ramsay Bunch. **3.35** Junior Vets. **4.00** The Dengineers. **4.35** 100 Things To Do Before High School. **5.00** So Awkward. **5.25** Dogstar. **6.00** The Deep. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** **MOVIE:** Shaun The Sheep: The Movie. (2015) **8.30** Good Game Spawn Point. **8.50** Fruits Basket. **9.15** Boruto: Naruto Next Generations. **9.35** Radiant. **10.00** Close. **5.30** Dragons: Race To The Edge.

**PRIME 7**

**6.00** Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00** **MOVIE:** Jesse Stone: Innocents Lost. (2011) Tom Selleck, William Devane, Kathy Baker. **2.00** House Of Wellness. **3.00** The Chase. **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia. **6.00** **PRIME7 News**. **6.30** **PRIME7 News @ 6:30**. **7.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **8.30** **MOVIE:** Glass. (2019) Bruce Willis, Samuel L Jackson, James McAvoy. **11.10** 7NEWS Spotlight: Martin Bryant's Dark Secrets. **12.30** Home Shopping.

**mate** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Carter's W.A.R. **2.00** Storage Wars Canada. **3.00** Bull Riding. PBR Aust. **3.30** Rodeo. Coonamble Rodeo. H'lights. **4.00** Timbersports. **4.30** Canadian Pickers. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers: Best Of. **7.00** Friday Night Countdown. **7.30** Football. AFL. Round 11. Western Bulldogs v Melbourne. **10.30** Late Programs.

**ABC TV Plus** **6.00** Kids' Programs. **5.55** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.25** Peter Rabbit. **6.45** Andy's Wild Adventures. **7.00** Grace's Amazing Machines. **7.15** Odd Squad. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Hard Quiz. **8.30** Miniseries: The Hollow Crown. **10.50** Doctor Who. **11.35** Art Works. **12.10** Anh's Brush With Fame. **12.35** Insert Name Here. **1.10** Catalyst. **2.10** Parks And Recreation. **2.30** Late Programs.

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**6.00** Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** Morning News. **12.00** The Ellen DeGeneres Show. **1.00** The Weakest Link. **2.00** Desperate Housewives. **3.00** Tipping Point. **4.00** Afternoon News. **4.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. **5.30** Nine News Local. **6.00** Nine News. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** Rugby League. NRL. Round 12. Wests Tigers v St George Illawarra Dragons. **9.50** Golden Point. **10.35** **MOVIE:** Tracers. (2015) Taylor Lautner, Marie Avgeropoulos, Adam Rayner. **12.30** Tipping Point. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **4.00** Global Shop. **4.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **5.30** A Current Affair.

**fliX** **6.00** Morning Programs. **12.00** How To Get Away With Murder. **1.00** Blindspot. **3.00** How I Met Your Mother. **3.45** Futurama. **4.15** **MOVIE:** Step Up All In. (2014) **6.30** **MOVIE:** The Jungle Book. (2016) **8.30** **MOVIE:** The Amazing Spider-Man 2. (2014) Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Jamie Foxx. **11.20** **MOVIE:** The Hate U Give. (2018) **2.10** Late Programs.

**ABC NEWS** **6.00** News. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** Afternoon Briefing. **4.30** Friday Briefing. **5.00** ABC News Hour. **6.00** ABC Evening News. **7.00** ABC National News. **7.45** The Vaccine. **8.00** Planet America. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.30** Close Of Business. **10.00** The World. **11.00** The Drum. **12.00** ABC Late News. **12.15** Late Programs.

**WIN**

**6.00** Headline News. **8.30** Studio 10. **12.00** Dr Phil. **1.00** The Living Room. **2.00** Entertainment Tonight. **2.30** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **3.00** Judge Judy. **3.30** My Market Kitchen. **4.00** Good Chef Bad Chef. **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **5.00** 10 News First. **6.30** The Project. **7.30** The Living Room. **8.30** The Graham Norton Show. **9.25** To Be Advised. **10.55** The Project. **11.55** WIN's All Australian News. **1.00** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.00** Home Shopping.

**WIN BOLD** **6.00** Morning Programs. **9.00** Diagnosis Murder. **10.00** Star Trek: Voyager. **11.00** Star Trek: Enterprise. **12.00** Walker, Texas Ranger. **1.00** WIN's All Australian News. **2.00** Blue Bloods. **3.00** Diagnosis Murder. **5.00** JAG. **7.00** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. **8.30** Law & Order: SVU. **11.30** Late Programs.

**Gem** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Days Of Our Lives. **1.55** The Young And The Restless. **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. **3.30** **MOVIE:** Geordie. (1955) **5.30** The Secret Life Of The Zoo. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** David Attenborough's Blue Planet II. **8.40** **MOVIE:** Knight And Day. (2010) Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz. **10.55** **MOVIE:** No Escape. (2015) **1.00** Late Programs.

**SBS**

**6.00** WorldWatch. **7.00** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Abbiategrosso to Alpe di Mera. H'lights. **8.00** WorldWatch. **2.05** Michael Portillo's Abandoned Britain. **3.00** NITV News: Nula. **3.30** The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. **4.05** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. H'lights. **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. **6.00** Mastermind Aust. **6.30** News. **7.30** Heliopolis: The City Of The Sun. **8.30** World's Most Beautiful Railway. **9.25** The Windsors' Lost Letters. **10.20** SBS News. **10.50** Beforeigners. **11.45** Luther. **3.55** Alex Polizzi: Chef For Hire. **5.00** France 24 Feature. **5.15** NHK World English News. **5.30** Deutsche Welle English News.

**WIN Peach** **6.00** Morning Programs. **9.00** Becker. **10.00** Frasier. **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. **12.00** WIN's All Australian News. **1.00** Charmed. **2.00** Seinfeld. **3.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **4.00** Becker. **5.00** Frasier. **6.00** Friends. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **9.30** The Conners. **10.30** Charmed. **11.30** Late Programs.

**VICELAND** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.40** The Last Man On Earth. **3.00** Huang's World. **3.50** America: News. **4.15** PBS News. **5.15** Joy Of Painting. **5.45** Shortland Street. **6.15** Forged In Fire. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Dynamo: Magician Impossible. **9.20** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 19. Abbiategrosso to Alpe di Mera. **1.35** Late Programs.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

**ABC TV**

**6.00** Rage. **7.00** Weekend Breakfast. **10.00** Rage. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. **1.20** David Stratton's Stories Of Australian Cinema. **2.20** Love On The Spectrum. **3.30** Anh's Brush With Fame. **4.00** Ask The Doctor. Final. **4.30** Landline. **5.00** Soccer. A-League. Round 23. Melbourne City v Newcastle Jets. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** The Durrells. **8.20** Sanditon. **9.05** Wakefield. **10.10** MotherFatherSon. **11.10** Miniseries: Dark Money. **12.05** Rage.

**two** **6.00** Morning Programs. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. **12.00** The Great Australian Doorstep. **12.30** Weekender. **1.00** House Of Wellness. **2.00** Creek To Coast. **2.30** Sydney Weekender. **3.00** Property Ladder. **4.15** Property Ladder UK. **5.30** Charlie Luxton's Homes By The Sea. **6.30** Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. **7.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **11.30** Late Programs.

**ME** **6.00** Kids' Programs. **2.45** Radiant. **3.10** Sailor Moon Crystal. **3.35** Volttron: Legendary Defender. **4.00** The Dengineers. **4.35** 100 Things To Do Before High School. **5.00** So Awkward. **5.25** Dogstar. **6.00** The Deep. **6.30** The Wonderful World Of Kittens. **7.35** Adv Of Puss In Boots. **8.00** TMNT. **8.20** Sadie Sparks. **9.05** Dragons: Defenders Of Berk. **9.25** Cleopatra In Space. **9.50** Close. **5.30** Dragons: Race To The Edge.

**PRIME 7**

**6.00** Home Shopping. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **10.00** The Morning Show: Weekend. **12.00** Horse Racing. Sporting Chance Cancer Foundation Day. Derby Day and Caulfield Race Day. **5.00** Seven News At 5. **5.30** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **6.00** Seven News. **7.00** Surveillance Oz. **7.30** **MOVIE:** Captain America: The First Avenger. (2011) **10.00** **MOVIE:** Wind River. (2017) **12.15** Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 5. Winton SuperSprint. Highlights. **1.30** Home Shopping.

**mate** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Bokesworld. **1.30** Storage Wars. **2.00** Football. AFL. Brisbane Lions v GWS Giants. **5.00** Picked Off. **6.00** American Restoration. **7.00** AFL Pre-Game Show. **7.30** Football. AFL. Round 11. Gold Coast Suns v Hawthorn. **10.30** AFL Post-Game Show. **11.00** Late Programs.

**ABC TV Plus** **6.00** Kids' Programs. **5.55** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.35** Rusty's Mobile Repair Lab. **7.00** Grace's Amazing Machines. **7.15** Sir Mouse. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** The Set. **8.30** Unprotected Sets. **9.30** Black Mirror. **10.25** Live From The BBC. **11.15** Insert Name Here. **11.45** The Moaning Of Life. **12.30** The Stand Up Sketch Show. **12.55** Mock The Week. **1.25** Late Programs.

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**6.00** Easy Eats. **7.00** Weekend Today. **10.00** Today Extra: Saturday. **12.00** Ready 4 Adventure. **12.30** Animal Embassy. **1.00** Reel Destinations. **1.30** Celebrity Apprentice Australia. **3.00** Netball. Super Netball. Round 5. Queensland Firebirds v Melbourne Vixens. **5.00** News: First At Five. **5.30** Getaway. **6.00** Nine News Saturday. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** David Attenborough's A Perfect Planet. New. **8.40** **MOVIE:** Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom. (2018) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Rafe Spall. **11.10** The Weakest Link. **12.10** **MOVIE:** Get Out. (2017) **2.00** Late Programs.

**fliX** **6.00** Morning Programs. **11.30** Sydney Weekender. **12.00** How I Met Your Mother. **12.30** God Friended Me. **3.30** Billion Pound Cruises: All At Sea. **4.30** Modern Family. **5.00** **MOVIE:** Adventures In Babysitting. (2016) **7.00** **MOVIE:** Ice Age: Collision Course. (2016) **8.50** **MOVIE:** Fool's Gold. (2008) Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson. **11.10** **MOVIE:** 28 Days. (2000) **1.30** Late Programs.

**ABC NEWS** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.05** Planet America. **2.00** News. **2.30** The Vaccine. **2.45** Drum Beat. **3.00** News. **3.30** The Breakfast Couch. **4.00** News. **4.30** Q+A Highlights. **5.05** Planet America. **6.00** Evening News. **6.30** Australian Story. **7.00** National News. **7.30** Stan Grant's One Plus One. **8.10** Four Corners. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.30** Back Roads. Final. **10.00** Late Programs.

**WIN**

**6.00** WhichCar. **6.30** Entertainment Tonight. **7.00** Escape Fishing With ET. **7.30** The Offroad Adventure Show. **8.30** All 4 Adventure. **9.30** Studio 10: Saturday. **12.00** Good Chef Bad Chef. **12.30** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **1.00** My Market Kitchen. **1.30** Healthy Homes Australia. **2.00** The Dog House. **3.00** What's Up Down Under. **3.30** The Living Room. **4.30** Farm To Fork. **5.00** 10 News First. **6.00** Advancing Australia. **6.30** Bondi Rescue. **7.00** The Dog House. **8.00** **MOVIE:** A Quiet Place. (2018) John Krasinski, Emily Blunt. **9.50** 999: What's Your Emergency? **10.50** NCIS. **11.50** Late Programs.

**WIN BOLD** **6.00** Home Shopping. **9.00** Star Trek: Voyager. **10.00** Diagnosis Murder. **12.00** JAG. **2.00** The Doctors. **3.00** Diagnosis Murder. **4.00** Bondi Rescue. **4.30** iFish. **5.00** Escape Fishing With ET. **5.30** Scorpion. **7.30** NCIS. **8.30** NCIS: New Orleans. Final. **10.20** FBI: Most Wanted. **11.2**







# Sculptor's paradise



In total there will be over \$20,000 in prizemoney given and a National Farm Art Sculpture Award prize of \$10,000. Photo: Kim Woods

**LOCKHART** *Nicholas Rupolo*  
OVER 4000 spectators are set to visit The Spirit of the Land Festival as Lockhart gears up for its 2021 return.

Some of the best fine art and sculptures will be on display in another highly anticipated exhibition in the second week of October.

Last year Lockhart Shire Council had to cancel the festival as a result of complications with COVID-19.

This year fingers are crossed a blockbuster event can welcome thousands of spectators to the town.

"Last year it would have been around this time and maybe a bit earlier but we pulled the pin while we were a few months out planning for it," Lockhart general manager and organiser Peter Veneris said.

"This is the signature festival for our local government area and we hope to expect several thousand people over the Saturday and Sunday

in October. The two things that underpin the festival are the farm arts sculpture and fine arts and photography exhibitions, we close the main street and get a number of market stalls too.

"It's the farm arts sculptures we are probably best known for and they are quite amazing to see and we get a good range each year."

This year the prizemoney is back on the table. In total there will be over \$20,000 in prizemoney given and a National Farm Art Sculpture Award prize of \$10,000.

The prizes are an indication of how important the festival has become and the quality of the work that has been on display for decades.

"The idea for it began following one of the worst droughts in district history," Mr Veneris said.

"It was a way of giving some of our farmers on the land something to do

with their skills turning scrap metal and various pieces into art work and a way of keeping them mentally active and occupied time.

"In time it came to symbolise the resilience of people living and working on the land and over a period of time probably the people that make the art sculptures and submit them have become more professional. The farm arts sculptures in particular are the highest quality and its unique. It's a form of artwork you really can't see in many other places in one whole exhibition and it's the uniqueness of it and it attracts people. Having the added attractions of stalls, music and fireworks display on the Saturday evening, particularly for families there will be something for everyone."

Organisers are calling for anyone who wishes to volunteer at the exhibitions to get in contact with them.

## Namatjira wows regional critics

**GRIFFITH**

THE Archibald Prize 2020 opened at Griffith Regional Art Gallery to much acclaim and will be on display until June 27.

This was the 99th incarnation of The Archibald Prize since the Prize's inception in 1921 by monies left to the Art Gallery of NSW by the estate of Jules Francisco Archibald. The Archibald Prize 2020 is the first time an artist of Aboriginal heritage won the prestigious award.

Great grandson of acclaimed Australian Painter Albert Namatjira, Vincent Namatjira won with his portrait of Adam Goodes 'Stand Strong for Who You Are'. The sold-out opening event saw guests arrive in bow ties and evening gowns – mystery ensued when they were directed to the Griffith War Museum rather than the Gallery.

Formal proceedings kicked off at 6.15pm; Gallery Curator, Ray Wholohan was the MC, Acting Regional Arts and Museums Manager, Margaret Andreazza recounted interesting facts and statistics about the prize, Wendy Sharpe, seven times Archibald Prize

finalist and winner of the Prize in 1996 described her experiences as both a winner and finalist and finally, Councillor Dino Zappacosta opened the exhibition on behalf of the City.

The Gallery doors finally opened and patrons were invited to view the exhibition. Gallery staff noted comments of wonder and parse for some portraits and other patrons casting disdain on others.

Vincent Namatjira's winning portrait was noted as being particularly divisive for critique and criticism.

One particular comment which summed up the atmosphere was "...Usually you need to travel to Sydney and pay to see the Archibald Prize but, to see it for free on one's home town is a real privilege for the community."

The Archibald Prize will be at the Gallery until Sunday, June 27 and is not to be missed.

Several tours are being conducted, including a Kids Archies Trail which runs weekends at 11.30am and 2.30pm. Each child will receive their own workbook full of fun and creative projects.



2019 Henty Natural Fibre Fashion Award winning entries modelled by Erin Hogan, The Rock, Maggie Jamieson, Holbrook, Maddie Mohr, Holbrook, Taylor Roulston, Henty and Tahlia Francis, Holbrook. Photo supplied.

## Aspiring designers wanted

**HENTY**

AN award to encourage designers with business aspirations to produce garments made with natural fibres will be a new feature of this year's Henty Natural Fibre Fashion Awards.

The Business Development Award: Australian Made Fibre is a new award already creating excitement among designers and will be showcased at the 18th annual Henty Natural Fibre Awards at the 2021 Henty Machinery Field Days.

Boasting prizes valued at around \$5500, the fashion awards have grown into a prestigious event attracting high profile designers, with the 2021 entries to be paraded in the Country Lifestyle pavilion on September 21-23 at 1pm each day.

Awards convenor Lyn Jacobsen said the Business Development Award was

creating excitement among designers with new entrants planning on participating.

The new award has been sponsored by JMP Developments, Wodonga, for \$500.

"Since the field days are located within a major wool and fibre producing region, it was important an event be carried on to encourage designers to showcase their creativity using the fibres allowed," Mrs Jacobsen said. "This competition is free and open to all designers, but the fabric in the garment must be at least 70 per cent natural fibre, which can be wool, cotton, alpaca, silk, linen or combinations. Garments are judged on visual appeal, creativity and innovation."

To be announced on the final day, the winner of the supreme garment made with natural fibres will receive \$1000 in prize money plus a Bernina 325 sewing machine

valued at \$1599, courtesy of Bernina Australia and Sew Fab, Narrandera.

The winners of the best knitted or crocheted garment, millinery and accessory will receive \$500 each. Bernina Australia and Sew Fab are donating a Bernina Overlocker L450 valued at \$1099 as an encouragement award for the best garment by a student designer.

"Designers may supply their own models, however, we do have Year 10 students from Billabong High School who are given modelling tuition leading up to this event," Mrs Jacobsen said.

People interested in entering the awards can contact **Lyn Jacobsen** on **0428 690 222**, email **naturalfibre@hmfd.com.au** or phone the HMFD office on **(02) 6929 3305**

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

## Ambulance station gets a makeover

**LOCKHART**

LOCKHART Ambulance Station will get a refurbishment under the NSW Government's \$232 million Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration (RAIR) program, delivering a better work environment for local paramedics. Health Minister Brad Hazzard

announced work is expected to commence later this year following a competitive tender process. The refurbishments will include alterations and additions to staff amenities, plant room improvements, and an internal and external upgrade such as new carpets and repainting.



# Demons in contention despite loss to the Tigers

**HUME FNL** *Nicholas Rupolo*

LOCKHART Demons had their five-game winning streak broken on the weekend courtesy of a 44-point beatdown by top-of-the-table Osborne Tigers in the Hume League.

The 84-40 loss prevented Lockhart from entering the top four but they still remain in contention.

The Demons had a positive start

leading by five points at the end of the first quarter.

Osborne responded by kicking into gear scoring five goals in the second quarter and stretching the lead to 26.

Lockhart were scoreless in the last quarter as the Tigers shrugged off their slow start to power home to a ruthless finish.

The result keeps the Tigers on top

of the Hume League by four points.

Lockhart head coach Mitch Carroll lamented his side running out of puff at the end of the match allowing Osborne to finish them off.

“They just kept running and kept working, their younger guys still had a bit more fitness, we had some guys coming off with some injuries when the game was away,” Carroll said.

“It was close early we were in front at quarter time and they got back and got in front, we kicked pretty bad in the third quarter had plenty of opportunities.

“The message at half-time was that we had to play our best footy to get back in and we played good early. We can’t have a lapse against a team like them.”

Despite the loss Carroll took

some positives from the match and is prepared to come back stronger after the upcoming two-week break.

“The main message is to keep chipping,” he said.

“We’re still happy with how we were in patches and we took a lot away from the game, we are still improving each week and that’s the main thing. We are keen to get the win again after the bye.”

# Olsson leads from front

**RFL** *Nicholas Rupolo*

HE has GGGM Lions in his blood, and last weekend Jacob Olsson pulled on the colours for the 150th time.

A three-time Premiership winner and four-time Best and Fairest player, Jacob Olsson has spent more than a decade in service to the Lions.

It wasn’t a fairy tale ending with GGGM Lions going down in a top-of-the-table clash on May 15 against MCUE Goannas 91-42, but Olsson was over the moon to reach the prestigious milestone.

“It’s amazing,” Olsson told the Argus. “I’ve always been loyal to the Lions because I was a teenager coming over and they looked after me.

“I came from Yanco and they paid for fuel to travel otherwise I couldn’t come to play.

“It’s a very family orientated club and it doesn’t matter if it’s personal, the club is always there for you.

“Every time there is something that needs to be done someone goes around and most of the time you’ve got people going around whether it be mowing the lawns pre-season or just anything.

“A recent one was when an ex-footy player had an unfortunate accident with a baler and there was a massive help out to his aid and the club was there for him.”

When asked about Olsson’s favourite memories in the Lions tricolour he needs no hesitation to think of the ‘three-peat’ almost a decade ago.



**Three-time premiership player Jacob Olsson reached the prestigious milestone of 150 games for the Lions.**

“You can’t go passed being chair lifted in the 2009, 2010 and 2011 Grand Finals,” Olsson said.

“I was only a teenager but it was a great club culture and an awesome local side we didn’t have very many external players. The majority of the team were locals and it felt good as a youngster to be lifted to those wins.”

For all the fanfare of bringing up the his 150th, Olsson was focused on last weekend’s task but they fell short of kicking MCUE Goannas out of first place.

“It was just another game for me, it was a big one for the club, a top of the table clash and

see where we’d settle,” he said.

“It was a bit of a wake-up call as well, we didn’t come out and give them enough respect in that first quarter and it showed that a good quality side can tear you apart if you don’t turn up on the day.

“We fought back in the last half but it was too little too late, but, they’re not unbeatable.”

Olsson and the Lions whipped themselves back into shape for their return match against Wagga Tigers on Sunday, beating them 111-49.

“To the Tigers credit they had a couple of players out in key positions,” Olsson said.

“I don’t think the game on the weekend reflects them very well.

“It’s good to be back on the winners side. We knew it was a big week to turn around and be able to turn around a bad week into a good week.

“Sam (Martyn) got the boys up during the week and his leadership is well respected. A massive 17 goals were racked up by 10 different goal scorers showing many Lions players were keen to rectify their loss to the Goannas.

“It’s massive to not rely on a couple of players to carry the goals,” he said.

“Throughout the season, match-ups might not suit each player but when you’ve got 10 players contributing on the scorecard it makes it tough for the defence to match-up.”

The Lions face Griffith Swans this week who narrowly lost to third placed Coolamon Rovers in the last round.

## EWK Hawks cannot be held



**Barellan player Sam Foley tackles an EWK Hawks player in the senior’s match on the weekend when the Two Blues went down 10.8 (68) to the Hawks 17.19 (121). Sam Foley kicked two goals and was among the best on ground. James McCabe kicked four goals, with singles to Tim Sidebottom, Matt Wells, Darcy McDermott and Jack Hillman.**

**Photo: Jodi Evans**

## Grintell best on court

**NETBALL**

IN an extremely tough game, the Eagles A grade netball team went down in a convincing loss 21-81. However, the score did not reflect the Eagles game with some great passages of play and aspects of their game were impressive.

Playing an extremely well trained and strong team like Mangoplah gave the Eagles an insight on their strengths and what can be worked on.

Best on court this week went to Marnie Grintell as she gives 100 per cent effort every week and plays a versatile game.

Second best of this week went to Katelyn Johnson who fought hard in the shooting circle.

A reserve had anticipated a tough game on Saturday coming up against the ladder leaders MCUE Goanna’s.

They definitely proved they were just too good. The Eagles kept their composure, focused on personal goals and welcomed two under 15s players for their senior netball debut, Mackenzie Brooker and Lilly Sergeant who held their own against strong Goanna defenders. Best on court went to Molly Darlington and Aj McInerney. The girls will be hopeful coming up against Wagga Tigers this week with Tigers only having one win in their pocket.

Eagles B-grade had a strong start against Mangoplah Goanna’s winning the first quarter. However, Mangoplah proved too strong winning 44-23.

There were strong performances by

Kathryn Campbell, Mahlei Gilmour and junior Narrandera Eagles player Ellie Hall.

The Eagles Under 17s turned the tables on the Goannas winning 38-9.

The first quarter was closely contested and fast paced with both defensive players having to work hard to contest for the ball, while shooters also having to work hard for every goal. The quarter time score was Narrandera 6 to MCUE 7.

In the second quarter the girls really picked up the pace with some excellent passing and combinations all the way up the court.

Zoe Absolom and Mikayla Towers providing some great feeds into shooters Pippa Smith and Katelyn Johnson. The girls entered half time leading 16 goals to 12.

The third quarter saw the girls come out firing with some awesome defence from Zoe Hutchinson, Bessie Taipaleti and Brooke Hall, forcing several turn overs which our attacking players converted off resulting in a 15 goal lead at three quarter time.

In the fourth quarter the girls remained strong with consistent and steady play throughout. The attack continued to capitalise off the defence players work with Cyd Ryan proving some strong passes out of the defence into the centre third.

The girls defeated MCUE 38 to 19.

**Murrumbidgee Hotel Award:** Zoe Hutchinson

**Original Skin Award:** Zoe Absolom

**The Body Shop Award:** Pippa Smith

# Funds to boost female participation rates

LOCKHART Shire Council has been allocated \$769,390 under the fourth round of the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF).

The Council will apply under the community amenity and community service infrastructure stream for the redevelopment of the former GrainCorp property in Lockhart and the Yerong Creek cricket ground irrigation system.

It is yet to determine priorities for the ‘female participation in sport and enhance female sporting facilities’ funding stream from projects relating to the Lockhart, Osborne and The Rock recreation grounds at a workshop to be held before the Council’s June meeting.

All of the funds allocated to Lockhart Shire under Round 1 of the

SCCF program and 50 per cent of the Round 2 funding was allocated to the upgrade of the Lockhart and The Rock swimming pools. The balance of Round 2 and Round 3 funding was allocated to various sporting, recreational and community projects.

Round 3 funding guidelines required 50 per cent of the funding to be allocated to projects that benefitted youth.

Round 4 funding guidelines require 50 per cent of the funding to be allocated to projects that increase female participation in sport and enhance female sporting facilities with the other 50 per cent earmarked for community amenity and community service infrastructure. Whereas only Councils were eligible to apply under Rounds 1

and 2, other community organisations and incorporated bodies were eligible to apply under Round 3.

This is also the case under Round 4. The minimum grant under the Round 4 guidelines is \$50,000.

Council General Manager Peter Veneris said earmarking 50 per cent of the funding to enhancing female sporting facilities limited eligible projects within Lockhart Shire to the main recreation grounds and sporting ovals.

“Consultation has commenced with the management committees of the main recreation grounds with a view to identifying projects which would meet the criteria of increasing female participation in sport and enhance female sporting facilities,” he said. As a result of this consultation

the following projects were identified:

- Lockhart Recreation Ground: AFLW visitors changerooms (\$130,000), AFL umpire amenities (\$55,000). (Lockhart Recreation Ground hosts AFLW games played by the Riverina Bluebells women’s team).

- Osborne Recreation Ground: Upgrade and installation of two new netball courts (\$205,120), Upgrade of netball court lighting (\$46,850).

- The Rock Recreation Ground: Renovate netball changerooms (\$50,000), re-develop AFL umpire amenities (\$55,000), new lights for the netball courts (\$40,000).

With respect to the 50 per cent of grant funding that can be used for community amenity and community services infrastructure,

Council previously resolved to submit applications for two specific projects when the next grant funding opportunity arose.

These were the installation of an irrigation system at the Yerong Creek Recreation Ground as a priority project and the refurbishment of the property at 109 Green St Lockhart (former GrainCorp building) including construction of public toilets, establishment of the Men’s Shed and creation of a community space. These projects totalled \$636,970 which exceeds the minimum 50% threshold for the female sporting funding stream of \$384,695.

The closing date for applications is June 25 2021. A co-contribution is not required for applications submitted under the SCCF Program.



# Sam slams Crows for poor form

**Nicholas Rupolo**

LEETON-Whitton Crows head coach Sam Darley has slammed his team's inconsistencies after they missed an opportunity to lift themselves off the bottom of the table losing 102-37 to Turvey Park Bulldogs.

The Crows are bottom with just one win this season and are averaging just 43 points per match. They've conceded 516 points – the second most in the competition – as well as conceding over 100 points in two separate games.

The head coach was disappointed in what he thought was a considerable lack of effort and passion and gave his team an almighty spray in the half-time break.

"It was a combination of a lack of quality and us dropping the ball," Darley said.

"In the last half we did improve but it shouldn't take a

spray from me to get that effort, our year has been up against it. We were up against Wagga and really poor the next week, a win against Narrandera Eagles and poor again the next week.

"The inability to continue to show good effort is what's not good enough.

"The thing that was frustrating was a lack of effort, I don't know whether it's a culture sort of thing about the club or they don't have the passion in the performance as I have. I spoke to some of the Turvey players at the end of the game and even they admitted they didn't perform as well as they should have."

The Bulldogs outscored the Crows 15 goals to five with Mitchell Ward leading the scoring with five. The Crows were behind but not out at half-time with a gap of just over 20 points to climb

before they could think about clinching points. However, the gap widened to 50 points within 20 minutes. The Crows limped over the finish line scoring just one point in the final quarter as the Bulldogs nudged themselves over the 100-point mark.

Darley lamented injuries the Crows had faced and laid out what needs to be done to arrest their poor form.

"Attention to detail and effort, if we bring that we can compete," Darley said. "There's heaps of work to be done, it does make it hard because the one thing we couldn't afford was injuries because of numbers at the club. I looked at the weekend, Matt Rainbird and six others were out, and the next seven in aren't ready for senior footy. If they bring effort I'm OK and we lose on ability tip the hat to the opposition."

## Local horses in final

### HARNESS RACING

NARRANDERA trainer Ellen Bartley was in the placings at the TAB Regional Championships at Wagga's Riverina Paceway on May 23.

Blake Jones drove Just Ralph to second place for Bartley in the Mark Thomas Pace with the bay gelding by Changeover NZ edged out by the Leeton owned Ronaldo, driven by Jackson Painting.

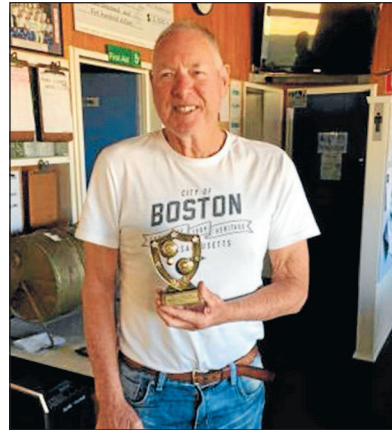
Bartley's Baker Creek was driven to third place by Jones in the Club Menangle Country Series Heat behind Virginia Cool and Yum Cha.

Bartley's Forever Yin went out favourite in the TAB Regional Championship – Riverina Final (Group 1) but was edged out by Father Bob driven by Will Rixon. Forever Yin's stablemate Nomorelying was driven to third place by Rebecca Bartley and both horses will line up to contest the TAB Regional Championships State Final over 2300m at Tabcorp Park on May 29.

Bartley's Nowhere Creek was driven by Blake Jones to third behind Jemsons Pet and Young Rooster in the Southwest Stockfeeds/Hygain Wagga Pacers Cup.



Left, Col Schirmer, sponsor for the Roy and Lil Schirmer Day with winners Steve Johnstone and Helen West. Right, Max Montgomery, winner of best pennant bowler. Photos supplied.



## Steve and Helen's victory

### BOWLS

THE Roy and Lil Schirmer Day was held last week with Steve Johnstone and Helen West winning the day. Runners-up were Jean Gooden and Keith Smallwood.

A barbecue lunch followed presentations.

Last Sunday, Steve Johnstone, Max Montgomery, Graham Johnstone and Jason Healy travelled to The Rock for their medley

day which they won last time around and came home winners.

Lockhart had its pennant vote count the previous week. This followed a game of bowls and brbecue lunch.

In a close finish, Max Montgomery was the best bowler on 18 ½ votes closely followed by Duncan Lamont in his first year on 17 votes. Steve Johnstone was third with 16 votes.

## A Grade take down Marrar

### FARRER FNL

COLEAMBALLY A Grade Netballers brought the Marrar Bombers down last Saturday at Marrar winning 52-36.

Maddie Hillier and Emma Woolnough combined well through the centre court to feed Best on Court Grace Tooth with plenty of goal shooting opportunities. The girls are looking strong for the year by winning their third game in a row to build some real belief.

#### A GRADE

Coly 52 def Marrar 36

**Coleambally Community Club:**

Emma Woolnough

**Coleambally Irrigation Player's Player**

**Glass:** Grace Tooth

**Coly Servo Voucher:** Grace Tooth

#### A RES GRADE

Coly 21 lost to Marrar 48

**Coleambally Community Club:** Jane Perkins

**Michell Wool Player's Player Glass:**

Jac Marks

**Coly Servo Voucher:** Jac Marks

#### B GRADE

Coly 19 lost to Marrar 43

**Coleambally Community Club:** Tess Mader

**CIA Tyres Player's Player Glass:**

Haidee Studholme

**Coly Servo Voucher:** Haidee Studholme

#### C GRADE

Coly 20 lost to Marrar 31

**Coleambally Community Club:**



Grace Tooth in action for Coleambally Blues A Grade against Marrar. Photo: Nickolle Cullen

Angel Zappacosta

**Yenda Prods Grain Player's Player Glass:**

Tess Mader

**Coly Servo Voucher:** Tess Mader

#### Junior Results vs Leeton/Whitton Crows

**Netball:**

**Under-11:** Coly 7 def by L/W 17

**Under-13:** Coly 13 def by L/W 38

**Under-15:** Coly 20 def by L/W 49

## No match for Bombers

### FARRER FNL

**Carl Chirgwin**

THE Coleambally Blues first grade game was dominated by Marrar's James Lawton bagging 12 goals to blow the Blues away with pure skill and agility in a best in ground performance.

Jess Spencer, Tom Groves and Shaun Light tried hard all game. Special mention to young James Clarke on kicking his first goal in the senior jumper.

The final score was 3.6 (24) to 17.12 (114).

**Goals:** James Clarke, Thomas Morton and Jacob Breed.

**Best:** Jess Spencer, Shaun Light, Christopher Hayes, Jacob Breed, Thomas Groves and James Clarke.

#### Awards

**DeMamiel Bros BP Card:**

Jess Spencer

**Tim's Meats:** Shaun Light

**Coleambally Community Club:** Chris Hayes

**Coffee Nest 1%er:**

Jake Breed

**Hutcheon & Pearce**

**Player's Player Mug:** Tom Groves

#### Reserves AFL

1.2.8 lost 23.19.157

**Goals:** Nicholas Graham

**Best:** Daniel Brain, Adam Hardy, Kai Schmetzer,

Lachlan Evans, Nicholas Graham, and Daniel Collier

#### Awards

**DeMamiel Bros BP Card:**

Danny Brain

**Tim's Meats:** Adam Hardy

**Coleambally Community Club:** Kai Schmetzer



James Clarke (right) with his first goal in the senior Coly Blues jumper. Photo Nickolle Cullen

#### Coffee Nest 1%er:

Dan Collier

**MAS Ag Work Player's**

**Player Mug:** Kai Schmetzer

and Lachlan Evans

#### Under-17 Three Blues

2.1.13 lost 22.14.146

**Goals:** K. Ballintine, L. Horton

**Best:** Daniel Collier, Braith Schmetzer, Liam Horton,

Nicholas Graham, Kurt Hickey and Chase Neutze

#### Awards

**CFNC Canteen Award:**

Nick Graham

**Nutrient Ag Coly:** Dan Collier

**Coly Demo Farm:**

Braith Schmetzer

#### Junior AFL

**Under11:** Coly 1.0.6 def by

L/W 10.9.69

#### Goals:

H. Pound

**Best:** B Shields, H Pound,

T DeMamiel, A Fattore, A Muir

and Y Nemenio.

#### Under-13:

Coly 4.3.27 def by

L/W 6.4.40

**Goals:** A. Boag 2, A. Graham,

J. Mahy

**Best:** A Pound, M Patterson,

D Hickey, R Boag, N. Vearing

and J Mahy

On May 29, the same Netball/

Football vs Barellan as part of

Indigenous Round. Tirkandi

Inaburra are to perform before

the first grade AFL. All awards

and the auctioning of jumpers

will occur after the game with

a smorgasbord for dinner to be

enjoyed on a big day of sport

in Coleambally.

## Golden Boots gets green light

AFTER a monumental 12 months in which fire and floods devastated many communities in the region, organisers of the 2021 Golden Boot at Narrandera have decided the beneficiaries of this year's fundraising will be the local Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Service.

In addition to this, team entry fees will be donated to the three PCYC NSW clubs in the area.

Teams will be limited to one team only

unless bringing more than 24 players. This may be subject to change. (Local teams are exempt from this)

Last year's event was cancelled due to COVID-19 so this year's event will be a popular turn to normality for participants and the organisations who benefit from their generosity.

The Golden Boot will be held at the Narrandera Sportsground on November 10.



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## PUBLIC NOTICES



### DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL ADVERTISED DEVELOPMENT

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Consent Authority: Narrandera Shire Council

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<b>Address</b>	4/-/DP701269 C/-/DP315385 B/-/DP315385 A/-/DP315385 4-6 Elwin St NARRANDERA
<b>Description</b>	Administration Building
<b>Applicant</b>	Kurrajong Waratah

The Council has received a Development Application for the above proposal. The documentation may be viewed at [www.narrandera.nsw.gov.au](http://www.narrandera.nsw.gov.au) until **10 June 2021** or Council Offices, 141 East Street, Narrandera.

Any interested person may, within the aforementioned period, lodge a written submission to the Council with respect to the proposed development. If the submission is an objection, the grounds of the objection must be specified.

Persons making submissions should be aware that their submissions may be the subject of an information request under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 – the GIPA Act. The Council will treat each request according to the provisions of the Act and Regulation. A submitter may request that the Council redact any identifying details from their submission before releasing that submission.

All submissions should be addressed to George Cowan, General Manager, Narrandera Shire Council, 141 East Street, Narrandera NSW 2700 or emailed to [council@narrandera.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@narrandera.nsw.gov.au)



## OPEN TENDER

### LEASE FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE LAKE TALBOT WATER PARK

Council is seeking tenders from suitable companies for the Lease for Management of the Lake Talbot Water Park area for a period of five years, with an option of a further five years.

Tenders will be received up to end of business **2pm Thursday 24 June 2021**.

Tender documents may be obtained from VenderPanel at [www.vendorpanel.com.au/narrandera/tenders](http://www.vendorpanel.com.au/narrandera/tenders)

All tenders must be submitted electronically via VendorPanel only. Electronic lodgement to [www.vendorpanel.com.au/narrandera/tenders](http://www.vendorpanel.com.au/narrandera/tenders)

All enquiries are to be directed to Emily Currie, Senior Project and Asset Engineer on 02 6959 5510.

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## DEATH AND FUNERAL NOTICE

### McNALLY

**Sylvia (nee  
Assunta Buffon)**

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Sylvia McNally, who passed away peacefully on 12 June, 2020, aged 93. She was loved and cherished by many people. Mother of Michael, Julie, Linda, Maureen and Paul; dearly loved mother-in-law of Neal, Patrick and Gaye; treasured grandmother of Jaime (dec.) Zara, Maximilian (dec.), Melanie, Payden, Zachary, Angus, Samuel, Rosie and Brodie and cherished great grandmother of Grace and Matilda.

A celebration of life will be held in Wagga Wagga on **12 June, 2021** in accordance with her wishes.

Due to COVID-19, we ask that you RSVP to Julie Durnan on 0458 711 034.

## BIRTHDAY NOTICE



### SPARKS

**Beryl**

Beryl Sparks, formerly of Narrandera, now a resident of Pioneers Lodge Griffith, is now 103 (Tuesday 25th May). Beryl is the wife of Cliff Sparks, formerly of Berrembed and Narrandera (dec 2014). She is mother of Michael (dec 2017) and Peter, daughter in law of Lyn both of Griffith and grandmother to Rebecca and Adrian and Sue, Megan, Tim and Michael.

Family members wished Beryl a lovely 103rd birthday on Tuesday.

## RELIGIOUS NOTICES

### NARRANDERA ANGLICAN CHURCH

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# SPORT



The 2021 RDBA Triples runners-up were Wayne Norden, Derek Makeham and missing from photo, Garry O'Keeffe. Photo supplied.

## Bowlers look to Bidgee Classic

### BOWLS

THE Narrandera Bowling Club's 2021 Bidgee Classic Invitational Fours Bowls Tournament will be held on the June long weekend.

After the 2020 tournament was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions, there is an extra air of excitement among the teams for this year.

The Queen's Birthday Long Weekend in June is a huge three days for the Bidgee Classic Committee, Club Staff and a band of exceptional member volunteers who together, spend their time ensuring the bowlers, their families and spectators are provided the finest, most enjoyable tournament possible.

Nominations by 36 teams have been received with 144 eager bowlers soon to fill the three greens, which are in immaculate condition thanks to the dedicated, also volunteer, greens team.

Sponsorship is critical in putting a tournament like the Bidgee Classic together and we can't thank our sponsors enough for their generosity and continued support.

Social Bowls kicked back into gear this week where last Wednesday 12 bowlers were out for a game and Sunday saw 10 bowlers out to enjoy the sunshine.

Jim McGraw, Kevin Thomson and Dave Robinson were the happy winners on Wednesday and Daryl Crawford and John Ingram took home the win on Sunday. The Progressive Jackpot was not won on either day and now sits at \$42. Wrong Bias fines were recorded from Dave Robinson x 2 and Bruce Waters.

The draw for the Club C Grade Singles is on the notice board and play starts on May 29-30.

Round 1 on Saturday sees Dave Sheather versus Vicki Maher.

Round 2 will see Matt Grant vs Ashley Reavley, Sid Beal vs Mark Duncan, Bob Lawrence vs Keith Hayward and Kevin Thomson vs either Dave or Vicki.

Time to organise a bowling partner as nominations for the Club Pairs are now being called. Closing on Monday, July 5, play will start on July 10-11 with the entry sheet on the notice board.

A reminder to all bowlers a General Meeting is being held at the club on Saturday, May 29 at 11am. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on resolutions passed by Bowls NSW and Women's Bowls NSW boards on the amalgamation of both associations.

## Orr and Davis win

### GOLF

THE second round of the Mixed Foursomes Championship, sponsored by J and M Prior, was held on May 22 and the Scratch champions were Karen Grant and John Schofield with 171 Strokes.

The champions of the Handicap were Rosemary Orr and Greg Davis with a 149.5 nett.

The Men's Stableford on May 19 was won by Ray Buchanan with 34pts and the runner-up was Col Burrell with 34pts on count back. Balls went to 32pts.

In the Ladies Wednesday Stroke event the winner was Jan McGilvray with a 69 nett and runner-up was Karen Grant with a 72 nett.

The Women's Pennants team are progressing well in their competition and remain undefeated.

The "Chook Run" was won by Judy Heckendorf with a 25 nett and the Vets winner was the ever persistent Larry Steele with a 31 nett.



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## Nimmo plays for flag

### FOOTBALL

ST JOSEPH'S Narrandera School student Darcy Nimmo was a member of the victorious NSW PSSA AFL State Championship Team, MacKillop, which took out the State title at Byron Bay recently.

Thirteen teams from across the state competed for the title.

Darcy was in the MacKillop team which was in Pool A and won all three games. They then went onto play another two games to position themselves in the grand final.

MacKillop played Sydney North in the grand final and won 59 - 15 making them the State champions.

The team was made up of boys from Bateman's Bay to Cronulla including local players from Wagga, Coleambally, Albury and Ganmain.

To gain selection they had to trial and be selected for their local Diocesan team and then those teams played each other at a carnival in Wagga, where the selectors chose the MacKillop representative team.

Darcy plays locally with the Narrandera Eagles in the South West Junior Football League.



Darcy Nimmo

A multi-talented sportsman, the week before the NSW State Championships Darcy also played for the MacKillop basketball team at the NSW PSSA State Basketball Championships in Terrigal where his team finished sixth overall.

## Flynn shows his class in match

### Nicholas Rupolo

MATT Flynn and fellow junior Zach Sproule scored two goals each to give GWS Giants a 93-77 win over West Coast Eagles.

In a performance hailed as the best in the first team for both Narrandera-born players, Flynn rucked alongside veteran and mentor Shane Mumford for the first time.

The 24-year-old kicked his first career goal and with his second put his team ahead in the second term.

Recalled midfielder Sproule impressed in the match showing composure and skill to net two goals. Flynn on the other hand has potentially done enough to cement himself a regular spot in the Giants line-up.

The result catapults GWS into the top eight for the first time this season but Flynn's good performances poses a selection headache for coach Leon Cameron.

Mumford and Flynn performed well but Braydon Preuss is primed to return from injury in the ruck position.

However, Hawthorn legend Jason Dunstall said Flynn and Mumford could be the way to go for GWS. "I think the Giants have done particularly well (in the ruck)," Jason Dunstall told Fox Footy at half-time.

"We've seen Flynn performing admirably pushing forward and kicking

a couple of goals and taking marks up on the wing.

"Mumford hasn't had the mountain of possessions but has worked tirelessly around the stoppages to put body on Nic Naitanui."

Michael Gibbons and Zac Williams each put in a fantastic shift for Carlton as they got back into the winner's circle with a 86-63 win over Hawthorn.

Williams was in better form than he has been for the last month with 26 disposals and 20 kicks.

He gained almost a kilometre on ground in the match, with his engine bringing Carlton up 764 metres.

Gibbons also delivered a goal assist and was well accomplished in his disposals.

The win launches Carlton out of the bottom four. Murray Bushrangers junior Nick Murray had plenty of time on ground in defence as his Adelaide Crows scraped passed Melbourne FC by one point.

In cricket, Dan Christian is one of the many Australian cricketers who had to put the Indian Premier League cricket season on hold because of the coronavirus crisis gripping the country.

The 37-year old all-rounder could be featured on the crease soon as captain of Nottinghamshire in the English quick cricket competition – the t20 Blast – starting in early June.

## Selection for Hunt

### FOOTBALL

LOCKHART schoolboy Joshua Hunt was a member of the Riverina schoolboys football team that remained undefeated on its way to the NSW Combined High Schools AFL Championships in Coffs Harbour recently.

Joshua is the son of Ian and Sally Hunt.

The team reached finals in their group and played off against the finalists in other groups, with the final team selected from those boys. Joshua was delighted to be playing against stronger teams and learnt a great deal from his experience.

Riverina South West players and management were NSWCHS Champions for 2021 with a win over Sydney North 69-32. Members of the team came from a range of schools in the

Riverina: Broden Spencer and Bailey Morrissey (Murrumbidgee HS), Bayley Blackwell (Temora HS), Isaac Kschenka (Narrandera HS), Jarvis Pritchett and Lucas Hatty (Coolamon Central School), Hugh Williams (Ungarie Central School), Levi Milsom (West Wyalong HS), Josh Hunt (Yanco Agricultural HS), Hugh Bent, Caleb Walker, Lucas Brett and Crawford Wadley (all from Wagga Wagga HS), Cody McCallim (Leeton HS), Eli Boyd and Will Lake (Barham HS), Joseph Foley and Harvey Odgers (Narrandera HS), Jack Helgeland (Balranald HS), Alex Weightman (Koorringal HS), Harry Roscarel (Ungarie Central School) and Jim Houston (Hay War Memorial HS).

On weekends, Joshua plays in the Lockhart Under 17's team in the Hume League Football.



# Goannas keep Eagles at bay

**RFL** **Robert McLay**  
NARRANDERA Eagles first-grade side came up against a strong Mangoplah outfit on Saturday and were keen to put in a big effort after a disappointing loss to Leeton in the week before.

The boys started off competitively matching Mangoplah in the first 15 minutes of the first quarter.

Mangoplah, however, made Narrandera work hard to keep them at bay and took most of their opportunities. Brad Hutchinson was strong in the ruck once again and is starting to put together some impressive performances.

Cooper Irons was able to give the team some presence in the midfield and up forward. Whilst Kane William moved forward for the first time this year and was able to slot two goals in the final quarter.

The boy's effort cannot be questioned from the weekend, and will continue to improve every

week, they now look to a huge game against Wagga Tigers in Wagga.

The Best Players were Brad Hutchinson, Cooper Irons, Angus Durnan and Fergus Inglis.

The final score was Narrandera 10.7 (67) Mangoplah 23.9 (147).

After a good win last week against Leeton, the Eagles reserve grade were keen to keep that winning feeling.

On a beautiful day for football, reserve grade fought hard all throughout the game and were able to control the ball for long periods of time throughout the day.

Unfortunately, they could not convert this into a score.

Mangoplah were able to make the most of their opportunities and ran the game out well.

Best Players were Logan Smith, Andrew Beal, John Ingram and Taj Trengrove.

The final score was Narrandera 1.2 (8) Mangoplah 12.11 (83).

The Under 17.5's found it tough going from start to finish against MCUE as the away team kept Narrandera goalless in the first half.

Narrandera showed a lot more effort after half time which contributed to the team's first goal of the day off the boot of Heath Wasley-Reilly.

Narrandera's effort was once again on show come the fourth quarter as Cody Eade kicked his first of the game, and not long after Narrandera had kicked their third, as Heath Wasley-Reilly put through his second.

Lachlan Kerr was once again among Narrandera's best with Campbell Lyons and Tom Allen also working hard all day.

MCUE eventually running away winners 20.17 (137) to 3.3 (21).

Among the best for Narrandera were Lachlan Kerr, Campbell Lyons, Tom Allen, Louis Deen, Jarred Craze and Cody Eade.

# Late rally fails to dent Eagles

**RFL**

NARRANDERA Eagles Under 15 football side found another gear in the last quarter to score a victory over Griffith White on the weekend.

Narrandera started well firing many shots at goal, but inaccurate kicking saw them only up by six points at quarter time.

Griffith rallied hard and edged in front, starting the last quarter with a nine-point lead. The Eagles found another gear in the last and kicked the winning goal with one minute to go.

A suspenseful victory. Best on ground this week were Ky Bloomfield, Sam Williamson, Thomas McLellan, Austyn Rankin, William Paterson & Isaiah Hutchinson. The final score was Narrandera 6.12 (48) to Griffith White 6.8 (44).

The Eagles U11s team continued their good form to defeat Griffith White while the Under 13s also defeated Griffith.

The Under 13s played another great game but unfortunately could not take the win this week against a strong Griffith side.

In the netball, the Eagles Under 11s defeated Griffith White 48-1.

Award winners this week were Milla Rankin, Alexis Stone, Dezi Moran and Ella Richens.

Griffith White Under 13s defeated Narrandera 26-8.

Despite the score, the eagles played well. Passes, defence and footwork were all good, but they were not able to portray it on the scoreboard this week.

Narrandera Gold Under 15s defeated Griffith White 32-19.

The first quarter was dominated by the Eagle's defence giving the shooters extra shots from turnovers.

The Eagles led 11-3 at the first change. The second quarter was much the same with excellent teamwork displayed by the girls.

The Eagles train kept rolling in the second half with an excellent team effort resulting in a great win. Award winners were Lucy Hutchins, Milley Gooden, Huntah Brooker & Bessie Taipaleti.

Narrandera Blue Under 15s defeated Griffith 33-18 with award winners being Leah Smith, Ellie Hall, Imogen Bloomfield and Tegan Hatty.

# From a cheese factory to a MIA centenary

**TENNIS** **Oliver Jacques**  
ONE of the longest running sporting events in rural NSW will celebrate its 100th year in Griffith in June.

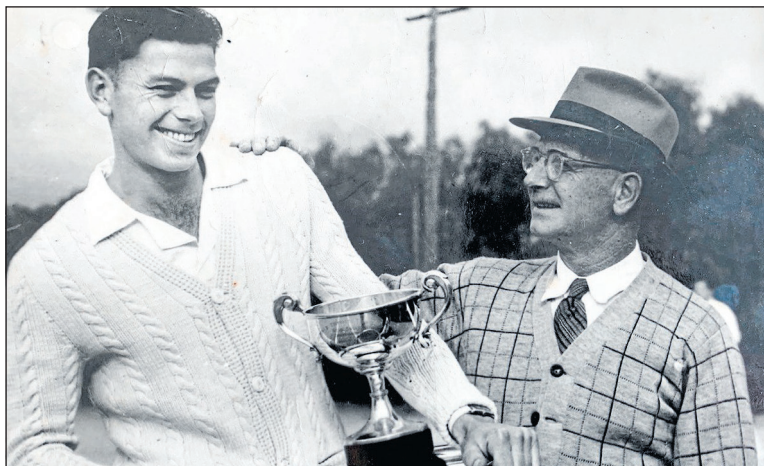
The Centenary MIA Open – an annual three-day tennis tournament – will be played over the Queen's Birthday weekend on June 12-14.

The tournament has survived droughts, floods and World Wars since its birth in 1920.

"Just after World War I, a group of well-heeled farmers met at a local cheese factory and decided to start an annual tennis tournament," Griffith tennis veteran Lorraine Maxwell said.

"The event was initially staged at various farms across the district, attracting residents from across regional NSW, who would travel to Griffith via horse and carriage."

"The tournament was actually played on Banna Avenue – where Zecca's Restaurant is now located



Bill Mackay wins the 1952 MIA Cup. Photo supplied.

– and various other courts before finding its current home at Jubilee Park in 1955."

These courts were built and named after Griffith tennis's most

iconic figure, Jack Shannon. "Jack was married to the Griffith Tennis Club," according to former MIA Open champion Barbara Dixon.

"The life-long bachelor won a

lottery, then dedicated his life to Griffith tennis.

"He would volunteer at the club every day and coached hundreds of children for free."

Griffith's most well-known family – the Mackays – also had a long association with town's tennis.

Don Mackay, a prominent businessman and politician who tragically became Australia's first political assassination, was a keen social player.

But it was his older brother Bill who excelled on the court – playing barefoot as he won six MIA Open titles between 1946 and 1954.

"The rain-soaked 1955 tournament was one to remember. Bill Mackay teamed up with Nev Boland," Mrs Maxwell said.

"Both men played shoeless against Temora opponents with the ball splashing muddy water into their

faces. A number of Griffith MIA Open participants have gone on to win national titles, including Des Tyson, Daryl Henderson, Lyn Andreaazza, Danny Dossetor and Margot Dixon."

This year, there will be 46 different events at the tournament, including Mother and Daughter and Father and Son doubles matches.

"The tournament caters to all ages, skill levels and is open to anyone in Australia," Mrs Maxwell said.

"In one special event for the centenary year, both doubles partners must have a combined age that adds up to 100. Last year's tournament was cancelled due to Covid, so we want our 100th tournament to be our biggest and best ever."

Players have until June 2 to

register for the MIA Open.

For more information, visit

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Round 6 RESULTS				
MCUE Goannas	23.9 (147)	def	Narrandera Eagles	10.7 (67)
Turvey Park Bulldogs	15.12 (102)	def	Leeton Whitton Crows	5.7 (37)
Coolamon Rovers	15.12 (102)	def	Griffith Swans	14.7 (91)
GGGM Lions	17.9 (111)	def	Wagga Tigers	7.7 (49)

Round 7		29-30 May 2021	
Leeton Whitton Crows	v	C'gullie GP Demons	Leeton Showground
Wagga Tigers	v	Narrandera Eagles	Robertson Oval, Wagga
Griffith Swans	v	GGGM Lions	Griffith Ex-Services Club
MCUE Goannas	v	Turvey Park Bulldogs	Mangoplah Sportsground
BYE Coolamon Rovers			







# ANGLING ON THE BIDGEE

Martin Asmus with his newly published Fishing Atlas for the Murrumbidgee at a favourite local spot at the Brewery Flats boat ramp. Photo: Kim Woods

**Kim Woods**

WITH recreational freshwater fishing worth \$300 million to the economy, a local author has launched a complete fishing guide to the Murrumbidgee for anglers.

Martin Asmus, NSW Department of Primary Industries, and Dr Jamin Forbes have published the Fishing Atlas for Murrumbidgee River – Gundagai to Balranald.

The full colour guide details the recreational opportunities along the length of the river and lists every public access point, the river conditions, fishing potential, boat launching facilities, campsite quality

and the availability of items such as toilets, barbecues, tables and seats.

GPS coordinates are supplied for the approach to every entrance to the reserves, parks and other river access points.

There are also plenty of fishing hints and fish identification and capture information to help make the stay in the area an enjoyable one.

The 15 detailed maps cover Gundagai, Wantabadgery, Oura, Wagga Wagga, Currawarna, Galore, Narrandera, Yanco, Darlington Point, Yarrada Benerembah, Carathool, Uardry, Hay, Maude and Balranald.

Mr Asmus said the first edition was published in 2006 and detailed

Gundagai to Narrandera, with the second edition covering Narrandera to Balranald.

“They were both revised and were one of the publisher’s biggest sellers,” he said.

“There have been changes in the Crown Lands along the river so it was a good opportunity to revise both books and combine them.

“The first book took us months while the second one took us a week of solid visiting each spot.

“This revision took us three trips visiting each of the 130 sites.”

Martin and Jamin have been friends for 25 years and have fished the entire length of the Murrumbidgee

with the Hay weir pool their favourite spot.

“It has good Murray cod fishing and is a really cool spot – around Gundagai is another lovely spot,” Martin said.

“Narrandera rates very good for fishing with mainly Murray cod and Golden Perch – people come here from interstate to fish for Murray Cod.

“There are boat ramps at Brewery Flat, Rocky Water Holes and Buckingbong. In terms of boating facilities and navigable water, Euroley has a boat ramp and Piper’s Reserve is planned for a boat ramp. The stocking programs enormously contributed to both Murray Cod, trout cod and Golden Perch.”

Mr Asmus said the stretch of the Murrumbidgee at Narrandera was healthy and contained platypus.

“We are not affected by blue green algal blooms like other areas and have lots of habitat structure,” he said.

“The idea of listing the camping sites wasn’t to take away from local caravan parks but give people another option.”

Copies of the Fishing Atlas for the Murrumbidgee are available at the John Lake Centre, Narrandera, online at the Australian Fishing Network and from all good tackle shops including BCF, Compleat Angler and Tackle World.

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